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2014 Juvenile Detention Standards Compliance Report

Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center  
150 East State Road 250  
Brownstown, IN 47220  
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**I. Introduction**

The annual inspection for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, of the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center (JCJDC) was conducted on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The audit team consisted of the following four members: Chance Sweat, IDOC Division of Youth Services Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections, Kristin Herrmann, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana staff attorney, and Michelle Mosier, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana Compliance Monitor.

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 13<sup>th</sup> annual inspection of the JCJDC. The inspection consisted of the facility tours, staff dialog, youth interviews, and a review of policy, procedure, and demonstrated practice as related to the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and at least 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code.

**II. Facility Demographics**

Rated Capacity: 28

Actual Population: 16

Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 13

Average Length of Stay: 6.5 days

Full Time Staff: 14

Part- Time Staff: 3

Contracted Staff: 10

Counties served: Jackson, Jennings, Jefferson, Lawrence, Montgomery, Orange, Scott, Switzerland, Monroe, Ripley and Franklin

Data system: Informer

**III. Facility Description**

The JCJDC is located in the city of Brownstown, Indiana and opened in July 2000. The JCJDC contains 28 juvenile detention beds and is located on the same grounds as the Jackson County Jail.

The JCJDC Facility Director, Steve Redicker, oversees the detention operations along with Assistant Facility Director, Anne Scarlett. Judge Bruce MacTavish and the Jackson County Commissioners serve as the facility’s governing authority.

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The JCJDC consists of a main control station and 28 single bed rooms. Of the 28 beds, 20 are used for male youth, and eight are used for female youth. If needed, the facility can utilize two single bed rooms in the intake area as isolation rooms. Each living unit has a day room with game tables, a shower, and a storage closet. The facility is equipped with numerous surveillance cameras, an intake area, a medical office, and an on-site school. The living unit, B-Pod, has a dayroom with the capability to video-connect with the staff training area and a county court room.

The JCJDC secures its outside perimeter with surveillance cameras. The JCJDC does not utilize fencing or razor wire for perimeter control.

#### **IV. Facility Tour**

Facility Director Steve Redicker and Assistant Facility Director Anne Scarlett led auditors on a tour of the facility and were more than willing to answer questions concerning facility operations. The JCJDC was found to be clean and well organized. Auditors interacted with detention staff at various posts throughout the facility and found them to be friendly and knowledgeable about their positions. The medical department, located near main control, appeared neat and organized. The education department was equipped with a state of the art smart board and several computers for PLATO credit recovery, on-line home school programs, and GED preparation. The JCJDC has a nice, outside recreation area with a half-court basketball space. The indoor recreation area is centrally located in the middle of the facility, directly in front of the main control area. Juveniles were observed positively interacting with staff.

#### **V. Conditions of Confinement**

##### **A. Security**

JCJDC detention staff are trained to use verbal de-escalation techniques with the youth. Additionally, all staff are trained in defensive tactics through soft hand restraint techniques. The center does have a restraint chair, for suicidal precaution use only, but does not use OC spray or other immobilization devices. The center does use isolation/room restriction for suicidal precaution, behavior violations, and medical observation. All isolation incidents are approved by the Facility Director, or designee, and monitored visually by unit staff.

##### **B. Environmental Conditions**

The JCJDC was observed to offering a safe and relaxed environment. All areas of the detention center, including the youth dorm areas, were clean and organized. The facility's sanitation was satisfactory. The residents' furniture was functional and in good condition.

Staff uniforms are khaki pants or jeans, polo shirts with the staff name, and tennis shoes. No utility belts are required while on duty.

Youth uniforms are orange scrub-style pants, white scrub-style shirt with orange stripes, and orange slip-on shoes or tennis shoes. During the winter months, youth are issued orange sweat shirts.

### **C. Food Service**

The facility does not have a kitchen. All meals are prepared at the collocated Jackson County Sheriff Department and transported to the JCJDC by the jail's food service staff. Once the food arrived, detention staff recorded the food temperature. Youth received their meals on the unit and returned to their assigned room to eat. On the day of the tour, youth received a Salisbury steak with ketchup, diced pineapples, wheat bread, milk, and green beans for lunch. The serving trays appeared clean, and the food had a good appearance.

### **D. Medical Services**

The JCJDC contracts medical services through Advance Correctional Health Care. Medical staff are shared with the Jackson County Sheriff Department.

### **E. Educational Program**

The education program is overseen by Facility Director Steve Redicker and consists of one licensed teacher, Assistant Facility Director Anne Scarlett.

### **F. Visitation**

The JCJDC provides a visitation area for youth and their parents or guardians one day a week. The JCJDC does not have the capability to offer non-contact visits, if necessary.

## **VI. Interviews**

Three youth (2 male and 1 female) were interviewed about their experiences regarding the following topics: intake and admissions; social services; academic, vocational, and work; library services; recreation; living and sleeping areas; discipline and rule violations; access to counsel; medical care; and food service.

Youth were interviewed in a private setting and did not hesitate to answer questions. Youth reported knowing facility rules and feeling safe. All three youth were positive about their staff interactions and indicated being able to call a parent or guardian when they arrived at the center, knowing how to access medical services, and receiving three meals a day (including two hot meals).

Youth did share the following information of concern:

- Youth reported not receiving a dental screening or taking the MAYSI.
- Youth reported not receiving a copy of the signed personal property sheets.
- Youth reported not meeting with their court appointed attorney despite making numerous requests.

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**VII. Inspection Findings**

**A. Review of Folders**

- Information relevant to the standard needs to be highlighted.
- Only documentation from the current reporting period should be included.

**B. Non- applicable and Non- compliant Standards**

Of the 275 recommended compliance standards, two (2) standards were identified as non-applicable and zero (0) standards were found to be non-compliant. A list of these standards is attached to this Compliance Report.

**VIII. Conclusion**

The Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center was founded to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 100% of the recommended standards. The facility was well maintained and organized. The staff were very respectful, helpful and informative. A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Standards determined to be non- applicable and non- compliant from Total 301 Standards- 26  
Mandatory and 275 Recommended:**

**Standard # and Remarks;**

**2 -Non-Applicable:**

2.115- The food preparation area includes a space for food preparation based on population size,  
type of food preparation, and methods of meal service. (ACA-2E-07)

2.117- Toilet and wash basin facilities are available to food service personnel and juveniles in the  
vicinity of the food preparation area. (ACA-2E-09)