

Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center
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I. Introduction

The annual inspection of the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center, for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, was conducted on September 30th – October 1th 2014, by the following team: representing the IDOC, Division of Youth Services was Chance Sweat, DYS, Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections; Kellie Whitcomb, DYS, Director of Re- Entry and External Relations; Amy Karozos, Staff Attorney, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana; Tashi Teuschler, JDAI Juvenile Justice Strategist, and Yul Lee, JDAI Juvenile Justice Strategist.

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 18th annual inspection of the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center. The inspection consisted of the facility tours, staff and youth interviews, and a review of policy, procedure, 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: 48

Actual Population: 8

Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 11.65

Average Length of Stay: 11.63 days

Full Time Staff: 43

Part- Time Staff: 5

Contracted Staff: 6

Counties served: Johnson, Morgan, Shelby, Decatur, Brown, Monroe and Ripley

Data system: Quest

III. Facility Description

The Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center is located in the city of Franklin, Indiana. The Center opened in March 1992. The Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center is a 48 bed secure facility located at the same location as the Johnson County Juvenile Probation Offices, the Juvenile Court, and the Juvenile Community Corrections program.

The Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center Facility Director is Kristi Bruther and the Assistant Director is Heather Titara. The Johnson County Circuit Court is the governing authority for the Center. The presiding Judge is the Honorable Mark K. Lloyd and Marla K. Clark is the Juvenile Court Magistrate.

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The Juvenile Detention Center has a capacity of 48, with 40 beds available for male youth and 8 beds available for female youth. Due to a reduction in the number of youth placed in secure detention, the Center has a self-imposed capacity limit of 24.

The Detention Center has a nice full-size gym with a variety of recreation equipment available to the residents. An out-door recreation area is also available.

IV. Facility Tour

The team toured the entire facility. Kristi Bruther, Facility Director and Heather Titara, Assistant Facility Director accompanied the team on the tour and more than willing to answer team's questions concerning facility operations. The detention center sanitation level was above standard.

V. Conditions of Confinement

A. Environmental Conditions:

The Juvenile Detention Center was opened in 1992, and is very well maintained, the Center still looks like a new facility. The Detention Center has one full-time maintenance position and utilizes Youth Care staff to help with the up-keep of the building. The individual cells, dayrooms, and showers all looked very clean and sanitary. All areas of the Detention Center were well-kept, clean, orderly, and sanitary.

The conditions of confinement throughout the building were safe, secure, and positive. Detention residents and staff have painted murals in the main hallway and in the dining hall. The murals were positive, uplifting, and youth focused.

Youth at the Detention Center are referred to as "residents" and wear uniforms consisting of T-shirts, grey sweat shirts, sweat pants, and shorts. The residents all were wearing clean, well-fitted clothing that looked new. The residents wear socks throughout the Center and are provided name-brand gym shoes for recreation. The youth looked clean, well-groomed, and happy.

B. Security

Youth Care Managers and Supervisors provide direct care to the residents. Staff use de-escalation techniques and are trained in Defensive Tactics skills by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

The Detention Center uses an automated Watch Tour System to ensure that visual checks on the residents are made timely by staff.

The Juvenile Detention Center policy allows for the use of chemical agents and staff receives training on the use of, storage, and accountability of the chemical agents; however it is reported that no chemical agents have been used in at least 10 years.

C. Food Service

The Juvenile Detention Center has a full kitchen and prepares meals for the detention residents. The Detention Center employs 3 cook positions for meal preparation. The dining hall was sanitary and orderly. The day of the tour the youth received Salisbury steak, diced fruit cocktail, salad, wheat bread, milk, and green beans for lunch. The serving trays appearance was clean and the food appearance looks good.

D. Medical Services

Medical staffing at the Juvenile Detention Center has recently changed to contracted care provided by Dr. Douglas Bullington and his nursing staff. The physician makes visits to the Detention Center twice a week, while nursing staff are at the Detention Center at least twice each day, for sick call and medication passes. Medical staff conduct all of the medical screenings with residents. The Juvenile Detention Center used the Johnson Memorial Hospital for emergency services. The hospital is located next door to the Detention Center.

The Juvenile Detention Center has a contract with Adult and Child Mental Health Center in Noblesville, for mental health services. The Detention Center also has access to mental health assessments through an emergency mobile mental health assessment program provided by Valle Vista Health System.

A detoxification program is also available, if necessary, at the Juvenile Detention Center. Dr. Bullington provides direct oversight of the program and the Center works with Franciscan Alliance on substance abuse related services.

E. Educational Program

The Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center's education program is delivered through 2-fulltime teaching positions. One teacher is responsible for the instruction of youth in grades 1 through 9 and the other teacher is responsible for the instruction of youth in grades 7 -12. One position is funded by the Detention Center and the other position is funded through Title 1 funding from the local school corporation. Title 1 funds are also used to purchase teaching supplies.

Detention residents have access to variety of "credit recovery" programs, specific to their home school corporation. Residents also have access to a GED preparation courses. The Juvenile Detention Center administers the TABE test with each youth upon intake and updates that testing every 90 days (the Center has shown a 60% increase in GED scores). Youth have the opportunity to take their GED test if eligible.

F. Visitation

The Detention Center provides visitation for youth and their parents or guardians at least once per week.

VI. Interviews

Three youth (2 male, 1 female) were interviewed using combined questions from the DOC detention youth inspections document and the Youth Law T.E.A.M. suggested questions. Interview questions covered: Intake and Admissions; Social Services; Academic, Vocational, and Work; Library; Recreation; Living and Sleeping Areas; and Discipline and Rule Violations; Access to Counsel; Medical Care; and Food Service.

Staff gave us privacy and allowed access to all juveniles. The youth were open, not hesitant, and seemed to feel comfortable about talking about the facility. Youth interviewed reported that they know the rules, felt safe and all were very positive about the staff. All youth were able to call a parent or guardian when they arrived at the center. All juveniles knew how to access medical, mental health care and attorney. The youth reported being served three meals a day (including two hot meals).

VII. Special Affiliations

The Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center is an active participant in both the Indiana Juvenile Detention Association (IJDA) and in the Indiana Mental Health Screening, Assessment, and Treatment Project.

Johnson County is one of the nineteen counties involved in the Indiana Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) – Statewide Expansion Initiative. The County has been involved in this nationally recognized juvenile justice system reform effort since 2009. One core strategy of JDAI is related to Conditions of Confinement in secure detention. As such, the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center was involved in a community-based self-assessment of their County Detention Center in 2012. Over 300 elements of the Detention Center were reviewed by members of the community. A self-assessment report was completed and a continuous improvement plan was implemented.

VIII. Inspection Findings

A. Review of Folders

- Folders were very organized and easy to read.

B. Recommendations

- Recommend that youth be provided some type of shoe to wear during the day to protect from injuries.

C. Non- applicable and Non- compliant Standards

Of the 275 recommended compliance standards, three (3) 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.

IX. Conclusion

The Johnson 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 was 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 Standards:**

0- Non-Compliant:

3 -Non-Applicable:

- 1.5- Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that if services for adult and juvenile offenders are provided for by the same agency, statements of philosophy, policy, program, and procedure distinguish between criminal codes and the statutes that establish and give direction to programs for juveniles. (ACA-1A-07)
- 1.34- If there is a commissary or canteen, strict controls are maintained over its operation and regular accounting procedures are followed: (ACA-1B-18)
- 5.304- Juvenile offenders shall be provided a copy of all specific release information received in writing at the facility, and the decision is recorded in the case record. (ACA-5H-03)