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I. Introduction

The annual inspection of the Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village, for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, was conducted on October 21th – 22nd 2014, by the following team: representing the IDOC, Division of Youth Services was Chance Sweat, Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections; Amy Karozos, Staff Attorney, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana; Kristin Herrmann, Staff Attorney, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana; and Ashley Barnett, JDAI Juvenile Justice Strategist.

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 18th annual inspection of the Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village. 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: 80

Actual Population: 15

Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 16.3

Average Length of Stay: 16.57 days

Full Time Staff: 61

Part- Time Staff: 0

Contracted Staff: 7

Counties served: Bartholomew, Benton, Boone, Brown, Clark, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Greene, Hamilton, Harrison, Jackson, Knox, Monroe, Orange, Owen, Parke, Pike, Posey, Ripley, Spencer, St. Joseph, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Union, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Washington, and Wayne

Data system: Rite Track

III. Facility Description

The Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village is located in the city of Vincennes, Indiana. The Center opened in May 1995. The Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village contains 80- secure detention beds and is located on the same grounds as the Residential Facility, which includes a Wellness Center, a Programs Building housing a school, food service department, recreation department, maintenance shops, warehouse and 3- Residential Treatment Cottages, all located outside the detention center’s perimeter fence.

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The rear outside perimeter of the facility is surrounded by a 14 ft. fence with numerous cameras and perimeter lighting surrounding the detention center and residential cottages. The entrance to the detention facility lobby and administrative offices is controlled by a delayed egress door.

The Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village is a privately operated secure detention facility and the Chief Operating Officer is Barb Tilly; Director of Detention Services is Terrie Decker. The Children and Family Services Corporation is the facility's governing authority.

IV. Facility Tour

The team toured the entire facility. Bobbie Stewart, Director of Detention Services and Fran Linkenhoker, Compliance Manager accompanied the team on the tour and both were more than willing to answer team's questions concerning facility operations. Sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above standard.

V. Conditions of Confinement

A. Security

Youth Detention staff at the center are trained to use the Handle with Care verbal program for de-escalation techniques and Handle with Care Techniques for defensive tactics with the youth. Staff are also trained in Trauma Informed Care. All isolation incidents are approved by an administrative designee and monitored visual by unit staff. The center does use the isolation cell and room restriction on short term basis for behavior violations, programming disruption, and / or out of control behavior.

B. Environmental Conditions

The detention center opened in May 1995 and offers a safe environment. In all areas of the detention center including the youth dorm areas were clean and organize. Sanitation in the facility was found to be above standard. The resident's furniture is functional and in good condition

Staff uniforms consist of short and long-sleeved red polo shirts, sweatshirts, khaki pants, black belt, black shoes, white socks, navy-colored coats.

Resident's at the detention center wear scrub style pants and tops, t-shirts with Bob Barker Velcro Shoes or Shower Shoes during winter months the youth are issued sweatshirts.

C. Food Service

The facility has a kitchen in which all meals are prepared by Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village kitchen staff. The kitchen staff were friendly and very knowledgably in food service preparation. The kitchen production area, freezers, refrigerators, and dry storage areas were very clean, and organized. The youth eat the dining hall area while being supervised by detention staff.

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The day of the tour the youth received Pork Tenderloins, wild rice, corn, applesauce, white bread, and milk for lunch. The serving trays appearance was clean and the food looked good.

D. Medical Services

The Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village contracts medical services with Dr. Dan Herman Jr. (Medical Director), with the assistance of Wellness Center Charge Nurse, Beth Meyers and 3-LPN nurses. Through the contract: a medical physician visits the center once a week for morning sick calls and evaluations and is on-call 24 hours per day.

The detention center mental health care services contract is with Dr. Princess Gaitawe- Johnson, of the Willows (Good Samaritan Hospital).

E. Educational Program

The education program is overseen by School Principal, Lori Graham. Education services are provided through the facility's accredited school, the Lakeview Jr.-Sr. High School. Each youth has an Individual Learning Plan based on the results of his/her reading and math assessments. The program is an open entry/open exit, self-paced competency-based program. The school program includes several computers for on-line TASK program. The detention center also uses a credit recovery program to assist youth.

The Youth attend school daily 12 months a year, Monday thru Friday, with 5 hours of instructional time per day and youth participate in 1 hour of physical education per day.

F. Visitation

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

VI. Interviews

Three male youth were interviewed by Michelle Mosier and Chance Sweat. Staff gave the interviewer's privacy and allowed access to all juveniles. The youth were open and seemed to feel comfortable talking to the Auditors. 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 and mental health care, and their attorney. The youth reported being served three meals a day (including two hot meals).

VII. Special Affiliations

Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village participates in Performance-based Standards (PbS), and the Juvenile Mental Health Screening, Assessment, and Treatment Project.

VIII. Inspection Findings

A. Review of Folders

- Folders were very organized and easy to read.

B. Non- applicable and Non- compliant Standards

Of the 275 recommended compliance standards, four (4) were identified as non-applicable and one (1) standards were found to be non-compliant. A list of these standards is attached to this Compliance Report.

C. Conclusion

The Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village was founded to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 99.63 % of the recommended standards. 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)**

1- Non-Compliant:

- 4.205- Written policy, procedure, and practice require that at least three meals, of which two are hot meals, are provided at regular meal times during each 24 hour period, with no more than 14 hours between the evening meal and breakfast. Provided basic nutritional goals are met, variations may be allowed based on weekend and holiday food service demands. Snacks and food will be available for special occasions such as late night admissions. (ACA-4A-13)

4-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)
- 1.36- Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that any financial transactions permitted between juveniles, juveniles and staff, and juveniles and volunteers be approved by designated staff. (ACA-1B-21)
- 4.235- When facilities do not have full-time, qualified, health-trained personnel, a health-trained staff member coordinates the health delivery services in the facility under the joint supervision of the responsible health authority and facility administrator. (ACA-4C-17)