Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services

2017 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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LaPorte, Indiana 46350

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Inspection Date(s): April, 27, 2017

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**INTRODUCTION**

The 2017 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services consisted of on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of seventy-four (74) specifically selected, current Juvenile Detention Facility Standards.  The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being adopted.  Detention Facilities had the option to be audited utilizing the selected seventy-four (74) current detention standards or utilizing the corresponding fifty-one (51) new juvenile detention facility standards.

LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center chose to be audited on the fifty-one (51) new juvenile detention facility standards in 2017, for their 14th annual detention inspection.  Of the fifty-one (51) standards audited, seventeen (17) standards are mandatory compliance and the remaining thirty-four (34) are recommended standards.  Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

**STANDARDS REVIEWED**

Safety 6 Mandatory & 3 Recommended

Topics: fire safety codes; preventing fire and toxic smoke; facility capacity; facility lighting; heating and cooling systems; flammable, toxic, and caustic materials; alternative power source; fire and emergency evacuations; safety, sanitation and health codes

Security 0 Mandatory & 6 Recommended

Topics: detention staff log; security inspections; daily count; transportation procedures; mechanical restraints; facility vehicles

Justice and Order 0 Mandatory & 6 Recommended

Topics: facility handbook; confidential contact; discrimination; grievance process; correspondence for juveniles; juvenile visits

Medical 7 Mandatory & 3 Recommended

Topics: health care authority; services provided pursuant to written orders; emergency services, daily health care requests; intake health screening; informed consent; health-related situation response time; first aid kits; management of pharmaceuticals; medical experiments prohibited

Mental Health 1 Mandatory & 0 Recommended

Topic: written suicide prevention program

Administration and Management 0 Mandatory & 6 Recommended

Topics: employee background check; development and training program; orientation training; new employee training; direct care staff; part-time staff, volunteers, and contract personnel

Food Service and Hygiene 3 Mandatory & 3 Recommended

Topics: dietitian review of menu; therapeutic diets; sanitation inspection; employee sanitation; issuance of bedding and linens; clothing issuance

Programming and Services 0 Mandatory & 4 Recommended

Topics: recreation schedule; indoor and outdoor recreation; minimum recreation and leisure schedule

Education 0 Mandatory & 3 Recommended

Topics: comprehensive education program; remedial reading services; compliance with child labor laws

**METHODOLOGY**

**First Site Visit (April 27, 2017)**

Standard Categories Reviewed: Safety and Security

Description of visit: The first on-site visit consisted of a review of additional documentation and observations of the facility to verify the facility’s practice is ongoing and not limited to the information presented in the standard files. An evacuation drill was performed. The following interviews were conducted: facility administrator, control room officer, line staff, and juveniles.

**Second Site Visit (October 26, 2017)**

Standard Categories Reviewed: Justice and Order, Medical, Mental Health, Administration and Management, Food Services and Hygiene, Programs and Services, and Education

Description of the visit: The second on-site visit consisted of a review of additional documentation and observations of the facility to verify the facility’s practice is ongoing and not limited to the information presented in the standard files. The following interviews were conducted: facility administrator, line staff, mail room staff, intake officer, health care authority or representative, and juveniles.

**FACILITY INFORMATION**

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| **Facility county** | LaPorte |
| **Governing authority** | LaPorte Circuit Court |
| **Name of facility administrator** | Erika C. Stallworth |
| **Rated capacity** | 12 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months** | 5.4 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months** | 22.1 days |
| **Notable building changes since the 2016 audit** | Control room and secure room windows tinted  HVAC System upgraded |
| **Notable administrative or staffing changes since the 2016 audit** | N/A |
| **Other notable changes since the 2016 audit** | Main secure door frame replaced and all doors serviced |

**INSPECTION RESULTS**

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|  | **Mandatory** | **Recommended** |
| **Total Number of Standards** | 17 | 34 |
| **Number of Standards Not Applicable** | **0** | **0** |
| **Number of Standards in Non-Compliance** | **0** | **0** |
| **Number of Standards in Compliance** | **17** | **34** |
| **Total Percentage of Compliance** | **100%** | **100%** |

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **No**

Recommendations: **See attachment**

**CONCLUSION**

LaPorte County Juvenile Justice Center is in full compliance with the 2017 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 914-7347 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Recommendations**

**JUSTICE AND ORDER**

**8-6-6**

Provide additional proof of practice for:

(c) Documentation when a literacy problem exists, a staff member assists the juvenile; and documentation when a communication problem exists, a staff member assists the juvenile

**8-6-22**

(a) Procedure providing juveniles access to confidential contact

with:(1)Attorneys;(2)Authorized representatives; (3) Courts – Procedure needs to add

“confidential;” and authorized representatives and courts are not covered in procedure

(a) Documentation juvenile have access to confidential contact with (1) attorneys; (2)authorized representatives; (3) courts – Documentation provided addresses only attorneys.

(b) Documentation of confidential contact via;: (1) telephone; (2) uncensored correspondence; (3) visits – Documentation shows confidential contact only with attorneys.

Recommend changes to procedure to add procedure for ensuring confidentiality and add contact with authorized representatives, courts, and legal materials.

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

**8-10-1**

Recommend change in procedure to address (10) Assistance to juveniles in notifying their families of their admission and procedures for mail and visiting

**8-10-12**

Recommend providing log of when outdoor recreation occurs

**EDUCATION**

**8-11-2**

Meets current requirements - Recommendupdating Policy and Procedure to address new standards

**MEDICAL**

**8-8-10**

a signed order is provided and proof it’s being followed, but it’s not clear that it’s nursing staff (as opposed to detention staff) giving the meds. This needs to be clarified