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Inspection Date: April 23, 2015

Subsequent Visit Date: None

Technical Assistance Date: November 4, 2015

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INTRODUCTION

Due to new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards being promulgated with the intent to implement in 2016, the Facility Inspection will consist of a review of only the 26 mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code. The Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services provided five (5) Training Sessions and technical assistance to assist facilities coming into compliance with the new standards.

Therefore, the 19th annual evaluation of the LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center had three components: inspection for compliance with the 26 mandatory standards located in 210 IAC 6; participation in trainings on the new detention center standards to take effect in 2016; and participation in technical assistance offerings for compliance with the new detention center standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	LaPorte
Governing authority	LaPorte Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator	Erika C. Stallworth
Detention facility’s mission	The purpose of the LaPorte County Dorothy S. Crowley Juvenile Services Center (JSC) is to provide services and

	<p>programs to the juvenile Courts of LaPorte County. The primary goal is to effectively service the troubled and at-risk youth of the County by intervening in the least restrictive manner different than and separately from adults. The Facility is structured to provide services to juveniles as opposed to being punitive, and protects juveniles from abuses that might occur in adult institutions.</p> <p>All programs will meet applicable Constitutional, Federal, and State Laws, Local Ordinances, and standards and regulations set forth by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Indiana Department of Child Services, the Indiana Department of Correction, and the American Correctional Association.</p>
Rated capacity	12
Population on date of audit	2
Average daily population for the last 12 months	7.4
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	16.6 days
Year the building was built	1992
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	A new heater/warmer cart for meals and a new ice maker for the kitchen were purchased.
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	A DVR was replaced and the system was cleaned and checked.
De-escalation techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Physical force techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center
Name of food service supervisor	Kathleen Wilfong
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Michael Brown, MD
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Joseph Bunch, LCSW

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Michelle Mosier
File Review of the 26 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.

Facility Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center appeared clean, and the residents' furniture was functional and in good condition. • The following maintenance issues needed to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeping room shower areas were in need of fresh paint to cover graffiti; • The intake shower and unit showers were not working properly; • The intake shelves were rusty and needed to be replaced; • The medical area needed to be de-cluttered.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three youth (two male and one female), all with three or more previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • Youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth did not make complaints or provide recommendations.
Recommendations	Conduct safety and security inspections along with maintenance inspections on a regular basis. Repairs need to be completed.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 12/9/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the LaPorte County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Assistant Director Orr, and youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility population count was two. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well maintained, and sanitation was found to be satisfactory. The food service and medical departments were well maintained and organized. During the tour, Mr. Orr advised the sleeping rooms were in the process of being painted and facility door locks were scheduled for repair or replacement.

PARTICIPATION IN NEW DETENTION CENTER STANDARDS TRAINING

<u>Introduction to the new standards</u> <u>Preparing for an Inspection</u> <u>Administration and Management Standards</u> January 13th and 14th, 2015	Dennis Orr, Assistant Facility Director Kathy Cambe, Unit Leader Sherri Gaston, Shift Supervisor
<u>Safety Standards</u> <u>Security Standards</u> March 10, 2015	Dennis Orr, Assistant Facility Director Jackie Atwater, Assistant Shift Supervisor Rose Mullins, Shift Supervisor
<u>Programs and Services Standards</u> <u>Education Standards</u> June 2, 2015	Dennis Orr, Assistant Facility Director Joe Bunch, Secure Counselor Pat Jones, Teacher
<u>Medical Standards</u> <u>Mental Health Care Standards</u> July 21, 2015	Dennis Orr, Assistant Facility Director Chrissy Moss, Nurse Lynn Roe, Counselor
<u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u> <u>Justice and Order Standards</u> September 29, 2015	Dennis Orr, Assistant Facility Director Sherri Gaston, Shift Supervisor

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center's technical assistance visit occurred on November 4, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Michelle Mosier. The facility was asked to prepare 10 standard files for review. The technical assistance provided included reviewing the 10 files presented, discussing the need for policy to reflect the language in the standards, and addressing the facility's plan to maintain compliance with the education, medical, and mental health standards. Future technical assistance will be offered in 2016, or as requested by the facility.

CONCLUSION

LaPorte County Juvenile Services Center is in full compliance with the 2015 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) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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