

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services  
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Subsequent Visit Date: May 13, 2015

Technical Assistance Date: October 6, 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 18<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Lake County Juvenile 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**

<b>Facility county</b>	Lake
<b>Governing authority</b>	Lake Superior Court Juvenile Division

<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	Geraldine Giglio
<b>Detention facility's mission</b>	<p>The mission of the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide children and their families access to services designed to prevent and eliminate child abuse and neglect in Lake County;</li> <li>• To enhance the safety of our community by reducing and finally eliminating juvenile delinquency through prevention and intervention programs;</li> <li>• To secure a safe and permanent home for every child in need;</li> <li>• To assist families in providing stability and economic security for children born out of wedlock;</li> <li>• To secure an adoptive home for every child available for adoption;</li> <li>• To act in the best interest of all children appearing before the Court, balancing the child's needs with the family's rights and the community's interests and concerns.</li> </ul>
<b>Rated capacity</b>	144
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	36
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	43
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	13 days
<b>Year the building was built</b>	1977
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	Painting; smoked glass throughout the facility; lock system computers and security scanners replaced
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training</b>	Program developed by the Psychological Department
<b>Physical force techniques training</b>	Aikido Control Training
<b>Chemical agents permitted</b>	No
<b>Name of food service provider</b>	Lake County Juvenile Center
<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	Nancy Powell
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Diana Borom, RN
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Ronald Ruff, Ph.D.

### INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

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<b>File Review of the 26 mandatory standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant.</li> <li>• Lake County Juvenile Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Tour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and a safe and secure environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Youth Interviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four youth, two female and two male, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center.</li> <li>• All youth reported feeling safe at the facility.</li> <li>• None of the four youth knew how to access medical or mental health care or the process to contact their attorney.</li> <li>• Two youth did not know the fire drill procedures. One youth with three visits at the Center stated never having practiced a fire drill.</li> <li>• Two youth stated the sleeping areas are uncomfortably cold and that the extra blankets received during the winter months were not sufficient to keep them warm.</li> <li>• One youth reported not receiving shoes during the intake process and having to walk around in socks.</li> <li>• Youth comments were shared with administrators.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies need to be updated and approved, as deemed appropriate by the Judge.</li> <li>• Highlight relevant information in policy, procedure, and supporting documentation of proof of practice to show compliance with standard requirements.</li> <li>• Replace worn and thin blankets.</li> </ul>

**SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)**

On 5/13/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the visit at Lake County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Asst. Director Dan Arendas and the new custody supervisor. The youth appeared to be in good health, and the dayroom and shower areas were clean and well maintained.

**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>	Dr. Geraldine Giglio, Superintendent
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<b>January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>	
<b><u>Safety Standards</u></b> <b><u>Security Standards</u></b> <b>March 10, 2015</b>	Dr. Geraldine Giglio, Superintendent Brian Elkins, Senior Detention Officer Lisa Easterling, Resident Head Supervisor Tamika Jones, Security Department Head
<b><u>Programs and Services Standards</u></b> <b><u>Education Standards</u></b> <b>June 2, 2015</b>	Dr. Geraldine Giglio, Superintendent Julie Kelly-Lawless, Educator
<b><u>Medical Standards</u></b> <b><u>Mental Health Care Standards</u></b> <b>July 21, 2015</b>	Dr. Geraldine Giglio, Superintendent
<b><u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u></b> <b><u>Justice and Order Standards</u></b> <b>September 29, 2015</b>	Dr. Geraldine Giglio, Superintendent

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Lake County Juvenile Center's technical assistance visit occurred on October 6, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott. 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 include language reflected in the standards, and addressing the facility's plan to meet the education, medical, and mental health standards. Future technical assistance will be offered in 2016, or as requested by the facility.

## CONCLUSION

Lake County Juvenile 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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Honorable George C. Paras, Lake Circuit Court, pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5  
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