

Indiana Department of Correction
2014-Juvenile Detention Standards- Compliance Report

Madison County Youth Center
3420 Mounds Road
Anderson, IN 46017
November 12th – 13th, 2014

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I. Introduction

The annual inspection of the Madison County Youth Center, for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, was conducted on November 12th – 13th 2014, by the following team: representing the IDOC, Division of Youth Services was Chance Sweat, Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections; Kellie Whitcomb, DYS Director of Reentry & External Relations; Laurie Elliott, Executive Director, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana; Michelle Mosier, Compliance Monitor, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana; and Yul Lee, JDAI Juvenile Justice Strategist.

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 17th annual inspection of the Madison County Youth 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: 32
Actual Population: 14
Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 12.27
Average Length of Stay: 16.94 days
Full Time Staff: 27
Part- Time Staff: 6
Contracted Staff: 5
Counties served: Madison
Data system: Quest

III. Facility Description

The Madison County Youth Center is located in the city of Anderson, Indiana. The Center opened in June 1994. The Madison County Juvenile Services Center consists of 32- bed detention center and is located on the same grounds as the Madison County Circuit Court #2.

The Madison County Youth Center Facility Director is Gary Williams and Director of Security is LeShea Cates. Judge G. George Pancol and the Madison County Circuit Court #2 is the facility’s governing authority.

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The 32 bed secure detention facility consists of Main control station, 5- resident ranges, classroom, kitchen, gym, dining hall, and medical room. Each unit/pod has 2- showers per resident range and storage closet with numerous surveillance cameras.

The rear outside perimeter of the facility is surrounded by fencing and numerous surveillance cameras.

IV. Facility Tour

The team toured the entire facility. LeShea Cates, Facility Secure Director accompanied the team on the tour and was more than willing to answer team's questions concerning facility operations. Sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above standard. The center staff interviewed was friendly and knowledgeable in policy and procedures.

Juveniles were observed to be positively interacting and watching Cherokee Indian Trail of Tears history TV program with detention staff. The center has 2- full- size outside recreation area with a half court basketball area with outside bathroom access for students. The indoor recreation area is located near education area.

V. Conditions of Confinement

A. Security

Detention staff are trained to use Handle with Care verbal program for de-escalation techniques and Handle with Care and Handle with Care Plus Techniques for defensive tactics with the youth. The center does use the isolation cell and room restriction for behavior violations, programming disruption, and / or out of control behavior.

B. Environmental Conditions

The center opened in June 1994 offers a safe environment. All areas of the detention center including the youth dorm areas were clean and well organized. Sanitation in the facility was found to be above standard. The resident's furniture is functional and in good condition

Staff uniforms consist of black pants or jeans and they wear polo shirts with the county-logo.

Resident's at the detention center wear grey color scrub style pants, t-shirts with grey color scrub style tops, and orange slip-on shoes or tennis shoes, and during winter months the youth are issued thermal tops.

C. Food Service

The facility has a kitchen in which all meals are prepared by Madison County Youth Center kitchen staff. The kitchen staff were friendly and very informative of food service preparation and were more than willing to provide documentation for review. The kitchen production area, freezers, refrigerators,

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dry storage areas were very clean, and organized. The youth eat the dining hall area while being supervised detention staff. When available, youth are allowed to have extra food. The day of the tour the youth received Steak beef bites, tater tots, sliced green beans, wheat bread, and milk for lunch.

D. Medical Services

The Madison County Youth Center contracts medical services through S & R Medical Services, including Dr. Scott Green and Nurse Practitioner, Shelly Sparks.

E. Educational Program

The education program is overseen by Jack Cunningham, Education Director. The center works closely with Ebbert Educational Center and Anderson Community Schools. The Youth resident's attend school daily 12 months a year, Monday thru Friday with 6 hours of instructional time per day.

F. Visitation

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

VI. Interviews

Three youth (3 male) were interviewed by Michelle Mosier and Chance Sweat. Staff gave us privacy and allowed access to all juveniles. The youth were open and seemed to feel comfortable answering questions 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 their attorney.

VII. Special Affiliations

Madison County Youth Center participates in the Indiana Juvenile Detention Association (IJDA), the Indiana Juvenile Mental Health Screening, Assessment, and Treatment Project, and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

VIII. Inspection Findings

A. Review of Folders

- Folders were very organized and easy to read.

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B. 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.

C. Conclusion

The Madison County Youth Center was founded to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 100.00% 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):**

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)
- 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)