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INTRODUCTION

The 2018 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services consisted of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention 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 all of the current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and one (201) specifically selected proposed new juvenile detention facility standards.

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and one (201) new juvenile detention facility standards in 2018, for their 22nd annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and one (201) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining one hundred and eighty-five (185) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”. Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Porter
Governing authority:	Porter Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator:	Alison Cox
Detention Director:	Alison Cox
Detention facility's mission:	To provide safe, secure and temporary custody to juveniles who are accused or adjudicated of conduct subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, who require a physically restricting environment for their own or the community's protection.
Rated capacity:	24
Population on date of first audit:	16
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	13.6
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	16.4 days
Year the building was built:	1994
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	Resident showers painted
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	N/A
De-escalation techniques training:	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention-Crisis Prevention Institute (NCI CPI)
Physical force techniques training:	NCI-CPI
Chemical agents permitted:	No
Name of food service provider:	PCJDC kitchen staff
Name of food service supervisor:	Sharon Hall
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Dr. Eric Tchptchet, MD, Quality Correction Care (QCC)
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Aimee Christian, MSW, Porter-Starke Services (PRN), Family & Youth Service Bureau
Education Services:	<p>The detention center has a written agreement with the local school corporation. The center does receive Title 1 funds in the amount of \$58,004.20/year which are used to fund the tutor, technology, supplies and F & YSB counseling services.</p> <p>Education Program Description "Work on homework from home schools for those in school. TABE testing for all and then grade appropriate work for those not in school. TASC prep and testing</p>

	if no longer pursuing diploma. GRADPOINT for credit recovery and grade level work when appropriate.”
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INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 201 DETENTION STANDARDS

Standards:	<u>Safety; Security; and Food Service & Hygiene</u>
On-site Visit conducted 4-11-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty (60) Total Standards audited</u> • Nine (9) mandatory standards • Fifty-one (51) recommended standards • One (1) standard was identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) standards were left open.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	The tour was conducted by Facility Director Alison Cox and Assistant Director Becky Lutz. The center was clean, orderly, and well-maintained. The youth were in school during the time of the tour.
Youth Interviews:	<p>Two youth, one male and one female, were interviewed</p> <p>Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding facility safety and sanitation, living area temperatures, emergency and sick call procedures, staff supervision, restraint use, food allergies and food quality.</p>
Youth Responses:	<p>Both youth stated they felt safe at the facility, that the facility was clean and free of bugs, and the temperature was comfortable. Both youth stated that youth are given an extra blanket if they were cold while in their sleeping room. Both youth were also aware of the emergency procedures and had gone through a tornado drill, as well as a fire drill, recently. Both youth were aware of the procedures to obtain medical care. The youth reported that they receive 3 meals a day and stated the food is “ok”. Neither youth had been involved in a fight since being at the facility.</p> <p>Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</p>
Staff Interviews:	<p>Facility Administrator, Food Service Supervisor, Control room operator, 2 Line staff</p> <p>Line staff interviews consisted of questions regarding emergency and count procedures, handling toxic chemicals, sanitation procedures, log documentation, transportation procedures, restraint procedures and distribution of clean linen, clothing, and hygiene items.</p> <p>Food service staff interviews consisted of questions regarding menu</p>

	<p>substitutions, special diet requests (medical and religious), staff wellness checks (daily and annual), daily and sanitation checks, meal times, storage temps for dry, frozen and refrigerated food, and line staff supervision during meals.</p> <p>All staff answers were consistent with policy and procedure.</p>
Staff Responses:	<p>Line staff were knowledgeable on emergency procedures and both gave consistent answers. Staff reported that only the supervisor can approve the use of restraints and that they are removed once the youth calms down. Youth are assessed by medical once the restraints are removed.</p> <p>The food service supervisor was very knowledgeable about the food service operations. Food service staff are Serve Safe certified. She reported that when the facility has a special diet request, the communication goes through medical prior to dining hall receiving the request. The supervisor on duty completes a daily sanitation checklist, and the food service supervisor completes a weekly sanitation checklist as required by the standards.</p>
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards were found compliant.
Action Plan:	None at this time.

Standards:	<u>Justice & Order; Medical: and Mental Health</u>
On-site Visit conducted 7-18-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Forty (50) Total Standards audited</u> • Eleven (11) mandatory standards • Forty-three (43) recommended standards • Zero (0) Standards were identified as non-applicable.
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Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Director Alison Cox and Assistant Director Becky Lutz.
Youth Interviews:	Two (2) youth were interviewed, one (1) male and one (1) female. The youth were asked questions regarding their intake/orientation process, rules, reward system, attorney contact, grievances, and mental health/medical responsiveness.
Youth Responses:	Both youth reported they were allowed to make a call to notify their parents upon arrival and that they also received an orientation in which they were informed of the programs, including the rules. The youth reported that they received a medical and mental health screening. One youth reported receiving a dental screening, but the other stated they did not. Both youth reported that how often you can write/send letters to

	<p>your family is determined by your phase, which is part of the facility’s incentive program. Both youth reported that they know how to contact their attorney and are allowed to do so if requested. One youth reported that they have filed a grievance and the outcome was that it was overturned. The other youth reported that they filed a grievance and no one ever followed up with the youth. Both youth reported that they knew how to contact mental health and medical, if necessary. One youth reported receiving mental health services while in the facility. One youth reported that they have never feared for their safety, and the other youth reported that they have feared for their safety while in the facility. The reason given was that “some youth don’t have any self-control.” Neither youth has never been in any fights while at the facility.</p> <p>Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</p>
Staff Interviews:	Administrator, line staff, visiting, intake, medical and mail room staff, were interviewed.
Staff Responses:	<p>All staff interviewed were knowledgeable about policy and procedure. There were no inconsistencies in responses.</p> <p>Mail room- All mail is treated the same, including legal mail. Mail is opened in front of the youth and checked for contraband. Envelopes and stamps are provided to youth.</p> <p>Intake Officer –Youth are provided a student handbook, and there is a manual in Spanish, as well as bilingual staff employed by the facility. Staff assist youth with literacy issues by reading the manual to the youth, if necessary. Youth who are under the influence of drugs are sent to the hospital for clearance before being accepted. The youth is then housed in the observation room, and the nurse is informed if the youth is still exhibiting symptoms. Medical, mental health and dental screenings are conducted by intake staff, and the staff are health care trained to conduct the screening.</p> <p>Medical- Standing orders are reviewed, as needed, by the health care authority. Medical, dental and mental health emergencies are sent to the local ER for treatment. There is medical staff on site Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and are on call after hours. There is a doctor on site once a week. Youth can submit a health care request for non-emergency issues. First aid kits are inspected monthly by medical staff.</p>
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards are compliant.
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Administration; Programs; and Education</u>
On-site Visit conducted 9-19-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty-one (51) Total Standards audited • Zero (0) mandatory standards • Fifty-one (51) recommended standards • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) recommended standards were left open for further action.
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Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Becky Lutz.
Youth Interviews:	Two (2) youth were interviewed during this visit, one (1) male and one (1) female. The youth were asked questions regarding intake, personal property, orientation materials, indoor/outdoor recreation, education, and leisure activities.
Youth Responses:	<p>Both youth reported that a same-sex search pat down search was performed upon admission. Both youth reported their personal property was stored in a box, though they weren't sure where it was stored, and that they signed an itemized property sheet. Both youth received a shower, were given clean clothing in their size, and were allowed to contact their guardian. Both youth reported that they receive an hour of large muscle movement every day. One youth reported that they go outside "when staff feels like it", and the other youth reported that they go outside "every Tuesday". Some activities that they perform are picking vegetables in the garden, basketball, volleyball, whiffle ball, soccer, and badminton. Both youth felt the facility meets their religious needs. Leisure activities include critical thinking and board games. Youth reported they are allowed to check out books from a book cart and the amount depends on their phase. One youth stated the education program is "decent," and the other stated they "love it". Both youth stated that staff are good role models and neither has ever feared for their safety while at the facility. When asked what could be done to improve the facility, one youth stated that the staff are doing everything right and the other stated it is a very good facility.</p> <p>Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</p>
Staff Interviews:	Administrator, training coordinator, Intake officer, education and recreation
Staff Responses:	Staff responses were consistent with facility policy.
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards are compliant.

Recommended Action:	None
Standards:	<u>Administration; Security; and Justice & Order</u>
File Review Only 10-25-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Forty (40) Total Standards audited</u> • Forty (40) recommended standards • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) recommended standards were left open for further action.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards are compliant.
Recommended Action:	None

TECHNICAL VISIT(S)

There were no technical visits conducted at the Porter County Juvenile Detention Center in 2018.

SUBSEQUENT UNNACCOUNCED VISIT(S)

There have been no unannounced visits.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) – Conditions of Confinement, Facility Self-Assessment- Ensuring safe and humane conditions of confinement for youth held in secure juvenile detention facilities is one of the Eight Core Strategies in JDAI.

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center participated in a Conditions of Confinement review during this audit cycle with representatives from Porter County.

CONCLUSION

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2018 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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