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2017 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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Inspection Date(s): May 11, 2017

August 10, 2017

November 7, 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.

Porter County Juvenile Center chose to be audited on the fifty-one (51) new juvenile detention facility standards in 2017, for their 21st 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**

The 2017 IDOC audit consisted of the review of fifty one of the proposed standards within the following nine categories.

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**

The 2017 IDOC audit consisted of three on-site visits for each detention center throughout the year.

**First Site Visit (May 11, 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 (August 10, 2017)**

**Standard Categories Reviewed:** Justice and Order, Medical, and Mental Health

**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:intake officer,

**Third Site Visit (November 7, 2017)**

**Standard Categories Reviewed:** Administration and Management, Food Services and Hygiene, Programs and Services, and Education

**Description of the visit:** Description of the visit: The third 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: intake officer, education director or representative, recreation leader, food service manager, line staff, and juveniles

**FACILITY INFORMATION**

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| --- | --- |
| **Facility county** | Porter |
| **Governing authority** | Circuit Court |
| **Name of facility administrator** | Alison Cox, Director |
| **Rated capacity** | 24 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months** | 14.6 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months** | 17.1 |
| **Notable building changes since the 2016 audit** | Juvenile showers were completed |
| **Notable administrative or staffing changes since the 2016 audit** | N/A |
| **Other notable changes since the 2016 audit** | N/A |

**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 required as a result of the audit? **No**

Recommendations: **See attachment**

**CONCLUSION**

Porter County Juvenile Detention 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) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

**A Sutton**

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Honorable Mary Harper, Circuit Court

Alison Cox, Facility Director, Porter County Juvenile Detention Center

File

**Recommendations:**

**Safety:**

8-4-2 - Update pictures (2011 fire extinguisher)

8-4-30 - a better proof of practice for handling requirement is training record that is

described in procedure

**Security:**

8-5-11- amend procedure to address transporting youth from one jurisdiction to

another

**Justice & Order:**

8-6-6 - Amend Contract for Program Participation to refer to the receipt of the

Resident Manual

8-6-22 - Amend procedure to authorize confidential contact beyond the legal

representative to include standard requirements and to explain how phone

and visit contacts are confidential; provide proof of confidential mail (proof

had contents of letter that was supposed to be confidential)

8-6-23 - Better proof of practice is showing all youth participating in programming

since equal access to programming is discussed in the procedure

8-6-27 - Include a grievance as proof procedure is followed (used grievance from

another file to close this file)

**Medical:**

8-8-12 - Address dental emergencies with proof of practice or director statement

8-8-17 - Provide actual dates of health care training (instead of "yes" for

completion)

8-8-18 - Provide health care training date for the staff completing the form

8-8-28 - The training curriculum signed off on by the HCA should list the training

topics of the standard that are listed in procedure and the training

curriculum should be provided

**Food Service & Hygiene:**

8-7-3 - Letter from dietician should be signed

8-7-8 - Need a policy statement for this file; Show sanitation inspections for two

consecutive weeks

8-7-14 - Amend procedure so it doesn't say both, a pillow case is given for issued

pillows and also pillows are integrated with the mattress