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Subsequent Visit Date(s): January 19, 2016  
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## INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 19<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Facility county</b>	St. Joseph
<b>Governing authority</b>	St. Joseph Probate Court
<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	Sean Coleman
<b>Detention facility’s mission</b>	The Detention Department and employees are dedicated in offering juveniles educational opportunities and providing safe shelter through professional supervision.

<b>Rated capacity</b>	90
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	25
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	39
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	24 days
<b>Year the building was built</b>	1997
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	None
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training</b>	Verbal Judo / CPI
<b>Physical force techniques training</b>	A.C.T. (Aikido Control Techniques)
<b>Chemical agents permitted</b>	Yes
<b>Name of food service provider</b>	St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center
<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	Trenton Sturdivant
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Sherri Fritter, RN
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	April Walker, MSW, LSCW

### INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

<b>Auditors</b>	Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott
<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>• St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Tour</b>	The Center is clean, orderly, and well-maintained.
<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, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility.</li> <li>• Youth comments were discussed with facility administrators.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number bullet points in documentation to prove standard requirements are being met.</li> </ul>

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

On 1/19/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the St. Joseph County Detention Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Detention Director VanGoey. The education department was not in session to allow lunch time for the youth. Youth were observed in the dayroom area and returning from the dining hall. The facility population count was 40. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level was above average.

On 4/18/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the St. Joseph County Detention Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Detention Director VanGoey. Youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility population count was 30. The staff morale was extremely high, and all youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level was above average.

On 7/22/2016, a third subsequent visit was conducted of the St. Joseph County Detention Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director VanGoey and Asst. Director Galloway the youth were observed returning to their units from education classes. The facility population count is 36 youth. All areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above average.

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)**

The St. Joseph County Juvenile Justice Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/19/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott. The education program follows the local school corporation's calendar. An instructional day is four hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher utilizing a curriculum created at the facility or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes three full-time teachers and two full-time aides.

The St. Joseph County Juvenile Justice Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 5/20/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

### **CONCLUSION**

St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center is in full compliance with the 2016 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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