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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 12<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Vigo County Juvenile Justice 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

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| <b>Facility county</b>                | Vigo  |
| <b>Governing authority</b>            | Vigo County Sheriff Department  |
| <b>Name of facility administrator</b> | James R. Jenkins  |
| <b>Detention facility’s mission</b>   | The Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center (VCJJC) is to provide a safe and secure environment for detainees and staff by abiding by all state laws, statutes, and the Department of Correction Standards pertaining to juveniles. |

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|  | The VCJJC will provide youth detained at the center with their basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing, and medical care. VCJJC will provide for physical, emotional, religious, educational and social needs of the youth detained. VCJJC strives to prevent to abridgment of a juvenile's legal rights during his/her at the facility. |
| <b>Rated capacity</b>  | 19   |
| <b>Population on date of audit</b>   | 7  |
| <b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>                                     | 11   |
| <b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>                                       | 2 days   |
| <b>Year the building was built</b>   | 2001   |
| <b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>     | Painted intake area  |
| <b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>        | Upgraded DVR and camera system, upgraded west shower stall, installed a new water heater and installed a new water softener  |
| <b>De-escalation techniques training</b>   | Handle with Care   |
| <b>Physical force techniques training</b>  | Handle with Care   |
| <b>Chemical agents permitted</b>   | Yes  |
| <b>Name of food service provider</b>   | Canteen Services   |
| <b>Name of food service supervisor</b>   | Bill Joy   |
| <b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>        | Quality Correctional Care  |
| <b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b> | Family Service Association   |

### INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

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| <b>Auditors</b>                                  | Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann   |
| <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>• Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Facility Tour</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The VCJJC was clean.</li> <li>• Juvenile sleeping rooms had profanity and graffiti on the walls and bed frames.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Youth Interviews</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four youth, two females and two males, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center.</li> <li>• All four youth reported feeling like they were kept in their rooms for too much of the day.</li> <li>• One youth reported dissatisfaction with the medical department due to medication doses and administration times being changed. The youth</li> </ul> |

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|                        | <p>reported taking more medication at one time, which caused drowsiness that impacted participation in the education program. The youth reported having a personal doctor who disagreed with the medication change and whose requests for communication left unaddressed by the facility's medical provider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One youth reported being threatened with physical force (hit in the head with a chair) by a male resident and not having staff respond appropriately. The youth was told not to talk to the male resident; the youth had wanted to see the resident disciplined.</li> <li>• The youth reports were addressed with VCJJC administrators.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Recommendations</b> | Have written documentation to show proof of practice of medical standards instead of relying on staff interviews.  |

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

On 8/26/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Vigo County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Jenkins. Youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility's population county was 17. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and sanitation was found to be satisfactory. Director Jenkins reported the facility received a total of \$486,000 dollars of Title 1 funds. This new source of funding has helped with obtaining certified teachers for full-day school, 2p-7p school, weekend school, and summer school for detention center youth.

### **PARTICIPATION IN NEW DETENTION CENTER STANDARDS TRAINING**

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| <u><b>Introduction to the new standards</b></u><br><u><b>Preparing for an Inspection</b></u><br><u><b>Administration and Management Standards</b></u><br><b>January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b> | Jim Jenkins, Facility Director<br>Cindy Hunter, Assistant Facility Director<br>Andrea Moeller, Office Manager<br>Lt. Tracy Kiefling, Senior Supervisor                                    |
| <u><b>Safety Standards</b></u><br><u><b>Security Standards</b></u><br><b>March 10, 2015</b>   | Jim Jenkins, Facility Director<br>Cindy Hunter, Assistant Facility Director<br>Andrea Moeller, Office Manager<br>Lt. Tracy Kiefling, Senior Supervisor<br>Bryan Pierick, Shift Supervisor |
| <u><b>Programs and Services Standards</b></u><br><u><b>Education Standards</b></u><br><b>June 2, 2015</b>   | Cindy Hunter, Assistant Facility Director<br>Andrea Moeller, Office Manager<br>Lt. Tracy Kiefling, Senior Supervisor  |
| <u><b>Medical Standards</b></u><br><u><b>Mental Health Care Standards</b></u><br><b>July 21, 2015</b>   | Cindy Hunter, Assistant Facility Director<br>Andrea Moeller, Office Manager<br>Lt. Tracy Kiefling, Senior Supervisor<br>Jason Shingleton, Shift Supervisor                                |
| <u><b>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</b></u><br><u><b>Justice and Order Standards</b></u><br><b>September 29, 2015</b>  | Cindy Hunter, Assistant Facility Director<br>Andrea Moeller, Office Manager<br>Lt. Tracy Kiefling, Senior Supervisor<br>Carolee Buis  |

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center's technical assistance visit occurred on November 13, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The facility was asked to prepare 10 standard files for review. The technical assistance provided included reviewing 10 of approximately 65 files presented and addressing the facility's plan to meet the education standards. Future technical assistance will be offered in 2016, or as requested by the facility.

## CONCLUSION

Vigo County Juvenile Justice 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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