Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services

2022 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



Bartholomew County Youth Services Center

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Columbus, Indiana 47201

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On-Site Inspection Dates: April 20,2022 and October 12, 2022

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**INTRODUCTION**

The 2022 annual juvenile detention facility audits conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services included two on-site facility inspections, staff and youth interviews, and a file review of 2021 documents of the state detention standards.

Detention facilities were audited on the three hundred and one (301) enacted Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards.  Since new, proposed standards were in the process of being promulgated, detention facilities had the option of submitting documentation under the enacted citations for the three hundred and one (301) standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed standards.

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center chose to provide documentation corresponding to the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2022, for their 26th annual detention inspection.  Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards.  Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance.” Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Bartholomew County Youth Services Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements.  The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

**FACILITY INFORMATION**

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| **Facility county:** | Bartholomew |
| **Governing authority:** | Bartholomew County Circuit Court |
| **Name of facility administrator:** | Mariah Lucas-Georges |
| **Detention Director:** | Mariah Lucas-Georges |
| **Detention facility’s mission:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Our mission is to respond to the community’s needs with a continuum of care, programming, services, and advocacy for minors under the jurisdiction of the court in settings that are safe for both the community and youth.  We will treat each youth with respect and dignity, holding them to appropriate behavioral expectations through a system of rewards and consequences that are applied in a fair, firm, and consistent manner which is conducive to their personal growth and development. | | |
| **Rated capacity:** | 16 |
| **Population during on-site visits:** | 4 and 6 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months:** | 11 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months:** | 24 days |
| **Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):** | Courtroom re-designed to be a trauma sensitive counseling room for outside providers. |
| **Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):** | None |
| **De-escalation techniques training:** | The Mandt System |
| **Physical force techniques training:** | The Mandt System |
| **Chemical agents permitted:** | No |
| **Name of food service provider:** | Bartholomew County Youth Services Center |
| **Name of food service supervisor:** | Chelsy Carr |
| **Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Chelsy Carr, LPN – 40 Hours/Week |
| **Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Beth Maass BA Psychology |
| **Education Services:** | Detention education programming focuses on teaching young people about choices and consequences. Residents receive six hours of educational instruction at the Center year round, five days a week. The program of study is a general four core subject course – Language Arts including reading, writing and vocabulary; mathematics, science and social studies including current events. Students may and are encouraged to receive and complete the required work assignments from the school that they are currently enrolled. The program offers remedial review for individual student needs relating to ISTEP and/or TASC. The education program also uses the Indiana Department of Education state standards as guidelines for curriculum and daily lesson plans. |

**Bartholomew County 2022 Site Visits**

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| **April 20, 2022** | **Bartholomew County First Site Visit** |
| **Auditors:** | Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the facility director, Mariah Lucas-Georges. |
| **Youth Interviews:** | Two youth were interviewed.  Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding procedure about safety, medical, mental health, programming, education, kitchen, due process, and intake. |
| **Youth Responses:** | Both youth felt that they understood the facility rules and procedures and found them fair. Both youth felt safe and that their medical and mental health concerns, if any, were taken seriously and kept confidential. Neither youth, when asked had any concerns or suggestion we could pass along to the Director. |
| **Staff Interviews:** | Two line staff were interviewed.  Staff were interviewed over the proper procedures in areas such as safety, security, and intake process. |
| **Staff Responses:** | Both staff were well versed in proper emergency protocols and what actions to take in the event of a fire/need for a full evacuation. Both staff were versed in the intake process and talked about the required training they both received in all areas but focusing on suicide prevention and safety. |

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| **October 12, 2022** | **Bartholomew County Second Site Visit** |
| **Auditors:** | Rachel McCaffrey and Kristin Herrmann |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the facility director, Mariah Lucas-Georges. |
| **Youth Interviews:** | Two youth were interviewed.  Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding procedure about safety, medical, mental health, programming, education, kitchen, due process, and intake. |
| **Youth Responses:** | Both youths interviewed expressed that they felt safe and heard in the facility. Each youth was asked about the intake process and stated they received all the proper items (clothing, hygiene items, etc.). Both youth said they enjoyed the education program and were receiving help when needed. |

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| **Auditor(s):**  **Kristin Herrmann** | **Bartholomew County Standards Audit** |
| **Administration and Management**  **Standards** | * Sixty-Two Total Standards, 62 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 54 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 7 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Administration and Management Standards:* | *8-3-21: Provide Documentation as Proof of Practice*  *8-3-22: Provide Proof of Staff Participation*  *8-3-41: Provide Documentation of Annual Review*  *8-3-52: File Not Provided*  *8-3-57: Provide Documentation as Proof of Practice*  *8-3-71: Provide Documentation as Proof of Practice*  *8-3-73: Provide Documentation of Proof of Practice* |
| **Safety Standards** | * Thirty-Four Total Standards, 6 Mandatory and 28 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 29 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 4 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Safety Standards:* | *8-4-10: Noncompliant due to toilets not being in the room.*  *8-4-11: Noncompliant due to toilets not being in the room.*  *8-4-13: Noncompliant due to not enough toilets.*  *8-4-15: Noncompliant due to toilets not being in the room.* |
| **Security Standards** | * Twenty-Three Total Standards, 23 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 21 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 2 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Security Standards:* | *8-5-5: Provide Documentation as Proof of Practice*  *8-5-7: Noncompliant due to permanent log being kept.* |
| **Justice and Order Standards** | * Thirty-Seven Total Standards, 37 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 36 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 1 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Justice and Order Standards:* | *8-6-29: Noncompliant due to a mail log not being kept as proof of practice.* |
| **Food Service and Hygiene** | * Nineteen Total Standards, 3 Mandatory and 16 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 19 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Food Service and Hygiene Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Medical Standards** | * Twenty-Eight Total Standards, 7 Mandatory and 21 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 27 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 1 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Medical Standards:* | *8-8-14: Noncompliant; ensure documentation is provided at the time of transfer.* |
| **Mental Health Standards** | * Six Total Standards, 6 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 6 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Mental Health Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Programs and Services Standards** | * Twenty Total Standards, 20 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 19 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 1 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Programs and Services Standards:* | *8-10-13: Noncompliant due to not meeting time requirements.* |
| **Education Standards** | * Six Total Standards, 6 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 5 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 1 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Education Standards:* | *8-11-8: Requirement not conducted.* |

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

**CONCLUSION**

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 92.17% of the recommended standards.

**The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.**

Therefore, Bartholomew County Youth Services Center is in compliance with the 2022 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 (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections

Indiana Department of Correction/Division of Youth Services

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Honorable Kelly Benjamin, Circuit Court

Mariah Lucas-Georges, Director

pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)

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