Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services

2022 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center

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On-Site Inspection Dates: April 5, 2022 and September 28, 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.

Elkhart County Juvenile Detention 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. Elkhart County Juvenile Detention 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:** | Elkhart |
| **Governing authority:** | Elkhart Circuit Court |
| **Name of facility administrator:** | Kaestner Rickard |
| **Detention Director:** | Kaestner Rickard |
| **Detention facility’s mission:** | Ensure public safety by providing a safe, secure environment for lawfully detained juveniles. Provide for the juveniles’ basic needs, including: shelter, food, clothing, personal hygiene and medical care while in detention. Protect juveniles’ rights while detained in the Juvenile Detention Center. Provide continual improvement in programming and services in: education, visitation, counseling, supervision, medical, food, recreation, library materials, addictions and religious services. |
| **Rated capacity:** | 30 |
| **Population during on-site visits:** | 12 and 15 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months:** | 19 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months:** | 18.55 days |
| **Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):** | None |
| **Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):** | None |
| **De-escalation techniques training:** | Review, Staff Meetings, Conflict Resolution, Crisis Management, De-escalation is always the first step in all conflict |
| **Physical force techniques training:** | Safe Crisis Management |
| **Chemical agents permitted:** | No |
| **Name of food service provider:** | Summit Group |
| **Name of food service supervisor** | Kendra Haynes |
| **Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Dr. J. Foster, DO, Wellpath  RNs provided by Wellpath |
| **Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Elyssa Green-Oaklawn, MSW |
| **Education Services:** | Provides a constructive, proactive education system to meet the diverse needs of each resident. Students are able to earn high school credits. A variety of programs are offered: TASC preparation health and hygiene, therapeutic group learning options, career exploration and yoga. |

**Elkhart County 2022 Audit**

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| **April 5, 2022** | **Elkhart County First Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey, Danielle Zagone, and Laurie Elliott |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the facility director, Rickard Kaestner |
| **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 the food was okay and that the snacks that they received helped a lot. One youth with food restrictions said that their restriction was handled and the replacement was good. Any concerns that the youth had were handled and passed 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:** | All staff/personnel were knowledgeable about the areas which we covered. |

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| **September 28, 2022** | **Elkhart County Second Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey and Laurie Elliott |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the facility director, Rickard Kaestner |
| **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 their medical and mental health was taken seriously and kept confidential from staff and other youth. They, also, felt that any medical or mental health concerns were spoken about in a way that they could easily understand. |

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| **Auditor(s): Rachel McCaffrey** | **Elkhart County Standards Audit** |
| **Administration and Management**  **Standards** | * Sixty-Two Total Standards, 62 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 62 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Administration and Management Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Safety Standards** | * Thirty-Four Total Standards, 6 Mandatory and 28 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 34 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Safety Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Security Standards** | * Twenty-Three Total Standards, 23 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 23 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Security Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Justice and Order Standards** | * Thirty-Seven Total Standards, 37 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 37 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Justice and Order Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **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: 28 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Medical Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **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: 20 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Programs and Services Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Education 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 Education Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |

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

**CONCLUSION**

Elkhart County Juvenile Detention 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 100% of the recommended standards.

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

Therefore, Elkhart County Juvenile Detention 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 Michael Christofeno, Circuit Court

Rickard Kaestner, Director

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

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