Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services

2022 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center

18106 Cumberland Road

Indianapolis, IN 46218

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Facility: Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center

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Noblesville, In 46060

On-Site Inspection Dates: April 6, 2022 and September 21, 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.

Hamilton 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. Hamilton 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:** | Hamilton |
| **Governing authority:** | Circuit Court |
| **Name of facility administrator:** | Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander |
| **Detention Director:** | Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander |
| **Detention facility’s mission:** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | To provide our youth with a safe, secure and healthy environment through positive reinforcement; and provide the youth with an opportunity for behavioral change through various programs. | | | |
| **Rated capacity:** | 26 |
| **Population during on-site visits:** | 10 and 8 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months:** | 8.71 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months:** | 18.85 days |
| **Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):** | Paint/touch-up throughout the facility and removal of three bunks due to damage. |
| **Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):** | Replaced air-handler |
| **De-escalation techniques training:** | Tools for de-escalation |
| **Physical force techniques training:** | Close Quarter Combat Protective Training |
| **Chemical agents permitted:** | Yes |
| **Name of food service provider:** | Hamilton Co Jail |
| **Name of food service supervisor:** | Cindy Girtman |
| **Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Advanced Correctional Healthcare |
| **Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Advanced Correctional Healthcare |
| **Education Services:** | Creating a classroom environment that fosters, promotes and develops an understanding of the relationship of healthy body function and exercise; that motivates each student to cultivate physical fitness, and appropriate social and emotional adjustment; that discovers and develop talents of students in physical achievement; and that develops strength, skill, agility and coordination in individual, dual and team physical activities and sports, in accordance with each student’s ability. |

**Hamilton County 2022 Audit**

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| **April 6, 2022** | **Hamilton County First Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone |
| **Facility Tour:** | A facility tour was conducted by director, Cap. Ireland and Ashley Horning. |
| **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:** | The two youth interviewed spoke highly of the education program and how they felt that any education needs they may have would be met. One youth stated that the facility was sometimes cold but otherwise there were no other concerns to bring 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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| **September 21, 2022** | **Hamilton County Second Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey and Kristin Herrmann |
| **Facility Tour:** | A facility tour was conducted by director, Cap. Ireland and Ashley Horning. |
| **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:** | The two youth interviewed felt that their medical and mental health needs were taken seriously and spoken to them in a way that they could understand. Both youth stated that they received all the necessary intake items, such as linens and hygiene items. |

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| **Auditor(s):**  **Kristin Herrmann** | **Hamilton County Standards Audit** |
| **Administration and Management**  **Standards** | * Sixty-Two Total Standards, 62 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 61 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 1 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Administration and Management Standards:* | *8-3-40: Noncompliant due to new employees not receiving physicals.* |
| **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: 18 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 |
| *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**

Hamilton 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 99.54% of the recommended standards.

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

Therefore, Hamilton 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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Indiana Department of Correction/Division of Youth Services

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Honorable Paul Felix, Circuit Court

Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander

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

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