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On-Site Inspection Dates: May 25, 2022 and September 13, 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.

LaPorte County Juvenile 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. LaPorte County Juvenile 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:** | LaPorte |
| **Governing authority:** | LaPorte Circuit Court |
| **Name of facility administrator:** | Erika Stallworth |
| **Detention Director:** | Michael P. Callahan |
| **Detention facility’s mission:** | To provide services and programs to the juvenile courts of LaPorte County. The primary goal is to effectively service the troubled youth of the county by intervening in the least restrictive manner. LaPorte County recognizes that juveniles, being different from adults, shall be served in a manner different than and separately from adults. The facility is structured to provide services to juveniles as opposed to being punitive and protects juveniles from abuses that might occur in adult institutions. All programs will meet applicable Constitutional, Federal and State laws, local ordinances and standards and regulations set forth by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana Department of Correction and the American Correctional Association. This policy will be reviewed at least annually by the Director, the Judge of La Porte Circuit Court and or his/her designee and the Advisory Board and revised as needed. |
| **Rated capacity:** | 12 |
| **Population during on-site visits:** | 3 and 2 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months:** | 3.5 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months:** | 18.28 days |
| **Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):** | None |
| **Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):** | New camera system |
| **De-escalation techniques training:** | Handle with Care |
| **Physical force techniques training:** | Handle with Care |
| **Chemical agents permitted:** | No |
| **Name of food service provider:** | LaPorte County Juvenile Services |
| **Name of food service supervisor:** | Kathleen Wilfong |
| **Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Thomas Brown, MD  Isaac Zeckel, DDS |
| **Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Lynn Roe, LSW  Caroline Biernack, LSW  Joseph Bunch, LCSW |
| **Education Services:** | |  | | --- | | Education services are provided by La Porte County Juvenile Services. Youth attend school year-round and are eligible to earn credits towards their high school diploma if they are currently enrolled in school when they arrive at the detention center. | |

**LaPorte County 2022 Audit**

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| **May 25, 2022** | **LaPorte County First Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey, Laurie Elliott, and Danielle Zagone |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the assistant director, Michael Callahan. |
| **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 felt that if they had any medical needs that they were being addressed and handled in a way they could understand. |
| **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 able to give thorough answers regarding emergency protocols and proper storage/usage of chemicals. Both were able to explain the training they received throughout the year, including Suicide Prevention. |

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| **September 13, 2022** | **LaPorte County Second Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey and Laurie Elliott |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the assistant director, Michael Callahan. |
| **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 stated that they liked the education program but that the work is really easy. Both youth stated that the food was good but sometimes was cold. Any concerns were brought to the assistant director to be addressed. |

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| **Auditor(s): Kristin Herrmann**  **Rachel McCaffrey** | **LaPorte 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: 8 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Administration and Management Standards:* | *8-3-11: File Not Submitted*  *8-3-21: File Not Submitted*  *8-3-36: File Not Submitted*  *8-3-60: File Not Submitted*  *8-3-62: File Not Submitted*  *8-3-63: File Not Submitted*  *8-3-66: File Not Submitted*  *8-3-67: File Not Submitted* |
| **Safety Standards** | * Thirty-Four Total Standards, 6 Mandatory and 28 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 33 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Safety Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **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:* | *8-5-3: File Not Submitted*  *8-5-25: File Not Submitted* |
| **Justice and Order Standards** | * Thirty-Seven Total Standards, 37 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 35 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 2 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Justice and Order Standards:* | *8-6-2: Provide documentation as proof of practice*  *8-6-3: File Not Submitted* |
| **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: 26 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 2 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Medical Standards:* | *8-8-27: File Not Submitted*  *8-8-33: File Not Submitted* |
| **Mental Health Standards** | * Six Total Standards, 6 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 3 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 3 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Mental Health Standards:* | *8-9-1: File Not Submitted*  *8-9-4: File Not Submitted*  *8-9-6: File Not Submitted* |
| **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:* | *8-10-18: File Not Submitted* |
| **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**

LaPorte Juvenile 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 91.74% of the recommended standards.

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

Therefore, LaPorte Juvenile 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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Honorable Thomas Alevizos, Circuit Court

Erika Stallworth, Director

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

File