Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services

2022 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



Youth Care Center

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Evansville, IN 47713

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On-Site Inspection Dates: May 17, 2022 and October 18, 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.

Youth Care 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. Youth Care 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:** | Vanderburgh |
| **Governing authority:** | Youth Care Center |
| **Name of facility administrator:** | Joshua Nichols |
| **Detention Director:** | Joshua Nichols |
| **Detention facility’s mission:** | A. To provide the highest quality of treatment and individual care to children who are in trouble with the law and to children in need of services  B. To always be family inclusive in our approach to helping children and to look beyond our current function to see what needs we might address through program diversification or expansion of our program  C. To include community experts and /or services in our attempt to resolve bio/psycho/socio/spiritual/medical needs of our at-risk youth. |
| **Rated capacity:** | 40 |
| **Population during on-site visits:** | 25 and 23 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months:** | 27 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months:** | 24 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:** | Non-violent physical crisis intervention |
| **Physical force techniques training:** | Non-violent physical crisis intervention |
| **Chemical agents permitted:** | No |
| **Name of food service provider:** | CRS One/Farm Boy |
| **Name of food service supervisor:** | David Wenning |
| **Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Michael Hodges, Physician  Kimi Sullenger, RN |
| **Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Dr. Cassandra Schmidt, Psychologist  Courtney Wimpelberg, SW |
| **Education Services:** | |  | | --- | | Residents are provided education in the common areas on both the male and female units. Monday- Friday from 8:15am-1:45pm with a break at 10:00am for staff and residents and lunch from 11:30am-12pm. Residents resume education at 12:15 pm. All residents complete the TABE assessment to determine where they are academically before they are assigned lesson plans by the teacher. We also provide a GED instructor that comes to the facility. | |

**Vanderburgh County 2022 Audit**

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| **April 20, 2022** | **Vanderburgh County First Site Visit** |
| **Auditors:** | Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the director, Joshua Nichols. |
| **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. |
| **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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| **October 18, 2022** | **Vanderburgh County Second Site Visit** |
| **Auditors:** | Rachel McCaffrey and Laurie Elliott |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the director, Joshua Nichols. |
| **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):**  **Kristin Herrmann** | **Vanderburgh 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: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 |
| *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**

Youth Care 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, Youth Care 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

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Honorable Brent Niemier, Circuit Court

Rian Kisner, Executive Director

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

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