



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

Ted Strickland, Governor • Thomas J. Stickrath, Director

July 28, 2008

Brian Patrick, Director
Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center
3389 CR 2425
Stryker, Ohio 43557

Re: 2008 Annual On-site Inspection

Dear Mr. Patrick:

Please find enclosed a copy of the report for the facility standards inspection completed at the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center on 06/23/08. Based on this report, the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center is in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 100% of the recommended standards for juvenile detention facilities as set forth in the Ohio Administrative Code 5139-37.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Doney".

Robert C. Doney
Community Facilities Liaison
Bureau of Community Facilities

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Ward".

John Ward
Bureau Chief
Bureau of Community Facilities



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Annual On-Site Inspection

Facility: The Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center is located in Stryker, Ohio. The facility provides security and control for both male and female residents. The facility was visited and audited for compliance with Ohio's standards for juvenile detention on 06/23/08. The facility capacity is 32.

Administration and Management: The facility Director is Brian Patrick. The facility has a policy and procedure manual that is available to all staff. This was verified by direct observation and staff interviews. The facility and its programs are managed by a single administrative officer to whom all employees or units of management are responsible. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-03.

Fiscal: The Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center does not collect or maintain any type of youth funds.

Personnel: A staff to youth ratio of at least 1:12 was observed with gender appropriate staffing for all youth. A pre-employment records check is required for any perspective employee of the facility. This information was verified by staff interview and records review. The following staff member was interviewed. Lt. Fontaine is a detention officer who has been employed at the facility for approximately 7 years. Lt. Fontaine stated he has received adequate training starting with approximately 80 hours of orientation with annual refresher training of approximately 40 hours. During his refresher training Fontaine stated that he received first aid/CPR training, technique training (i.e. handcuffing, etc.) and suicide prevention. Fontaine was able to explain the facility's emergency staffing plan, has access to his personnel file and receives an annual evaluation. Fontaine stated there is a staff grievance procedure and he feels the staffing levels are appropriate. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-05.

Training & Staff Development: A review of the personnel files revealed all direct care staff receive approximately 80 hours orientation and approximately 40 hours of annual in-service training. This exceeds the mandatory training of 24 hours for new hire direct care staff and 32 hours of annual refresher training. The documented training included: self defense, emergency response training, first aid/CPR, emergency medical procedures, suicide assessment and prevention and safe methods of response to resistance. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-06 regarding staff training and development.

Juvenile Records: The standard states an admittance detention record be completed on every youth who comes into the facility. The admittance record includes such information as: court/case number, date and time of admission and legal status. There is single master file identifying all children detained in the facility. This information was verified by a record review. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-07 which pertains to juvenile records.

Physical Plant: The Detention Center's fire safety equipment was in appropriate locations and properly marked exit signs were evident. Male and female children did not occupy the same sleeping rooms. Direct observation included the following: youth have access to a drinking fountain, there was space available for religious services, a heating/ventilation and acoustical system was in place to ensure healthful and comfortable living and working conditions. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-08 which pertains to the physical plant.

Security & Emergency: The facility had written policy/procedure that specified the facility's fire prevention regulations and practices to ensure the safety of staff, children and visitors. These include, but are not limited to: provisions for an adequate fire protection service, a system of fire inspection and testing of equipment at least annually, an annual inspection by local or state fire officials or other qualified persons and the availability of fire hoses or extinguishers at appropriate locations throughout the facility. This was verified by a records review and direct observation by this inspector. All required health, safety and sanitation reports are current and on file. There is a written policy and procedure that specified the means of prompt release of residents from locked areas in case of emergency. The policy also provided for a secondary release system. A records review verified that all facility personnel have been trained in the implementation of written emergency plans. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-10.

Security and Control: There is a written policy/procedure that limits the use of physical force to instances of self-protection, protection of the child, prevention of property damage and prevention of escapes. In no event is physical force justifiable as punishment. A written report is prepared following all uses of physical force and submitted to the facility administrator. Children involved in incidents of physical force receive an appropriate evaluation to determine the need for medical treatment. The facility maintains a control center. The facility is in compliance with OAC standard 5139-37-11 which pertains to security and control.

Food Service: Written policy/procedure and youth interviews revealed that meals are not used in a punitive manner. Menus are reviewed by the health care authority and medically prescribed diets are available. The health care authority is Dr. Kraska. Dr. Kraska is in private practice and has a contract with the facility to provide medical oversight. Youths receive three meals and one snack daily. This information was verified by youth interviews and menu reviews. The facility complies with all food service guidelines as required by OAC 5139-37-12.

Sanitation and Hygiene: There is written policy/procedures in place to detect building and equipment deterioration, safety hazards and unsanitary conditions. Maintenance records are kept and were reviewed by this inspector regarding safety and hygiene procedures. Youth interviews stated that soap, washcloths, towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, hair and skin products and personal hygiene supplies are provided to each youth. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-14 regarding sanitation and hygiene procedures.

Medical & Health Care Services: Medical care and supervision is provided by Dr. Kraska. Dr. Kraska reviews and approves all policies/procedures that pertain to medical issues. The facility has a part-time nurse who is there during the week and is on call in the event of an emergency. In the absence of the nurse, supervisors who have been trained dispense the medication to the youth. There is written policy/procedure for post-admission verification of youth's prescriptive medication, dosage and time schedule. Security storage and periodic inventory of controlled substances, syringes and needles was verified by direct observation. A records review established that all staff members are certified in first aid and CPR. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-14 regarding medical and health care services.

Discipline, Control & Management: The facility has a policy/procedure in place to ensure that juvenile rights are protected for all residents as required by OAC 5139-37-16. There were two youth interviews conducted during this inspection. The first interview was with Harley, age 17. Harley has been at the facility for approximately 90 days. Harley states he gets three meals a day and one snack. Harley knows how to access medical personnel and is aware of the grievance procedure. Harley stated he gets a shower daily and has unrestricted bathroom access. Harley stated he has religious freedom, goes to school 5.5 hours a day and gets 1.0 hour of recreation time. Harley continued by saying that he attends group and has learned to think about making better choices and he misses being at home. The second youth interviewed was Adrian, age 17. Adrian has been at the facility for approximately 80 days. Adrian stated she did receive an orientation and a medical assessment when she arrived at the facility. She receives three meals and one snack daily. Adrian states she understands the grievance procedure, has religious freedom and goes to school 5.5 hours per day. The facility provides her with stamps and envelopes. Adrian states the staff is respectful and she is not afraid to be at the facility. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-16.

Admission and Release Procedures: In accordance with OAC 5139-37-17-A the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center has written policy/procedure that provides admission to detention and release in accordance with the applicable "Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure" and with sections of the Ohio Revised Code which relate to shelter care.

Program: The youth get 5.5 hours of academic classes plus 1.0 hour of recreation daily. Records review confirmed all teachers are certified by Ohio Department of Education. Mental health groups are provided by the Four County Family Center and there is a life skills program available to all youth. There is also a Girls Circle Program that lasts 12 weeks and is provided by the Vanderwall Center. There is a written grievance procedure in place according to the policy/procedure manual. Youth interviews confirmed that a grievance procedure is in existence. The facility is in compliance with OAC 5139-37-18.

It should be noted that OAC 5139-37-18 currently requires 2.5 hours of education. This standard is currently under review to mirror the Ohio Department of Educations requirement of 5.5 hours of education daily.

Visiting & Communications: Published visitation and communication polices are provided youth and their families. This information was verified by youth and staff interviews.

Facility Name: Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center
Capacity: 32 **Average Daily Population** 25
Director: Brian Patrick

Total Standards	Mandatory Standards	Recommended Standards	Total compliant	Total Non-compliant
197	50	147	197	0

Comments: The Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center is in compliance with Ohio's Standards for Juvenile Detention Centers, as found in OAC 5139-37. The facility is recommended for 2008 operational approval. I would like to thank Director Patrick and his staff for their cooperation and professionalism.

Ohio Department of Youth Services

Facility Approval Granted To:

Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center

For complying with all applicable standards, in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code prescribing minimum standards of operation for a juvenile Detention Center.




John R. Ward, Bureau Chief

7/29/08
Date


David Schroot, Deputy Director

7/31/09
Date

Expires June 23, 2009