

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

KATHERINE S. GORMAN
Chief Circuit Judge



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**PEORIA COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE**

(Peoria Illinois) - Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center has again earned accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care by demonstrating compliance with NCCHC's *Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities*. Accreditation recognizes Peoria County's dedication to compliance with the most respected standards in correctional health care.

Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center underwent a rigorous on-site survey in August of 2020. An experienced physician and other experts in juvenile health care surveyed the facility for compliance with standards on continuous quality improvement, patient safety, chronic disease management, personnel and training, medical and mental health care, health records, and legal issues. Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center was originally accredited in September of 2013 and has maintained its commitment to meeting the requirements described in NCCHC's standards for 8 years.

We are responsible for the health and safety of the youth in our care and are charged with providing appropriate health care services. Accreditation and compliance with NCCHC standards ensure that we do so with innovation, excellence, and efficiency not only on behalf of the juveniles we serve but also our community," says Superintendent Brian Brown. "Our staff work diligently to provide the highest level of service for the juveniles in our care, maintaining accreditation is a testament to their dedication."

NCCHC has surveyed and accredited jails, prisons and juvenile detention and confinement facilities for 40 years. The NCCHC standards used in accreditation are developed with input from the nation's experts in correctional juvenile health care.

"In achieving NCCHC accreditation, Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center has demonstrated its commitment to meeting constitutional requirements for incarcerated youth," said National Commission CEO Deborah Ross, CCHP. "Accreditation is a voluntary process and we commend Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center for successfully undertaking this challenge to provide quality health care for this population. Providing appropriate health care to youth can change the direction of their lives so they become productive adults." Chief Judge Katherine Gorman said of this accreditation, "I commend Brian Brown and his staff at the Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center. Their dedication to the juveniles and families they serve is an asset to the community." Parents and interested community members can learn more about NCCHC Accreditation at <https://www.ncchc.org/>.