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KAY COUNTY JUSTICE FACILITY
Newkirk, Oklahoma

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted an inspection of the Kay County Justice Facility (KCJF) in Newkirk, Oklahoma, from August 4 to 6, 2026.[1] The facility opened in 2010 and is owned and operated by the Kay County Justice Authority. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at KCJF in 2019 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Chicago (ERO Chicago). The facility is a non-dedicated ICE detention facility and operates under National Detention Standards (NDS) 2025.

ERO has a supervisory detention and deportation officer, and deportation officers assigned full-time to the facility. They are on-site Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A KCJF director handles daily facility operations and manages (b)(7)(e) support personnel. Benchmark provides food services, Turn Key Medical provides medical care, and Tiger Correctional Services provides commissary services at the facility. In April 2025, KCJF was audited for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was found DHS PREA compliant.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity[2]	(b)(7)(e)
Average ICE Population[3]	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Male Population (as of August 4, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Female Population (as of August 4, 2026)	(b)

During its last inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, ODO found 5 deficiencies in the following areas: Environmental Health and Safety (2); Food Service (1); Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention (1); and Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention (1).

[1] This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.
[2] Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of July 30, 2026.
[3] *Ibid.*

INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts the following annual and biennial oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities to assess and rate each facility's compliance with their contractually obligated detention standards as noted in the Facility Overview section above.

- Dedicated facility: ODO conducts annual on-site inspections of dedicated inter-governmental service agreement (IGSA) facilities, contract detention facilities (CDF), family residential centers, and service processing centers.

- Non-dedicated IGSA facility:
  - For facilities with an average daily population (ADP) of 50 or more, ODO conducts biennial on-site inspections.
  - For facilities with an ADP of 50 or less,
    - If the facility has not previously had a rated ODO inspection, then ODO conducts an initial on-site inspection, and
    - If the facility has had an ODO inspection, then the facility completes a biennial ODO-assisted self-inspection process (OASIP).

- U.S. Marshals Service (USMS): USMS CDF and intergovernmental agreement facilities complete biennial OASIPs.

In FY 2025, ODO implemented OASIPs, which replaced the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low ADP and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operation demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standard requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being. Facilities have 30 calendar days to complete the OASIP inspection and ODO staff will go on-site for 1 day towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.[4]

ODO defines a "deficiency" as any violation of detention standards, policies, or operational procedures, as applicable. ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to the completion of the ODO inspection as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with a "C" in the *Inspection Findings* section of the report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. ODO shares a summary of these findings with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating uniform corrective action plans (UCAPs); and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO's findings inform ICE executive management in their decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency's entire detention inventory.

[4] When ODO conducts on-site inspections for non-OASIP facilities, the facility is notified 4 weeks before the inspection and ODO is on-site for 2-3 business days conducting the inspection.

FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2025 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2025 Standards Inspected[5]	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Environmental Health and Safety	1
Transportation by Land	0
Sub-Total	**1**
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Facility Security and Control	0
Funds and Personal Property	0
Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities	0
Post Orders	0
Searches of Detainees	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Special Management Units	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 3 - Order	
Disciplinary System	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Hunger Strikes	0
Medical Care	3
Personal Hygiene	0
Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
Terminal Illness and Death	0
Disability Identification, Assessment, and Accommodation	0
Sub-Total	**3**
Part 5 - Activities	
Correspondence and Other Mail	0
Recreation	0
Religious Practices	0
Telephone Access	0
Visitation	0
Voluntary Work Program	0

[5] For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Sub-Total	**0**
Part 6 - Justice	
Detainee Handbook	0
Grievance System	0
Law Libraries and Legal Material	0
Legal Rights Group Presentations	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 7 - Administration and Management	
Detention Files	0
Detainee Transfers	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Total Deficiencies	**4**

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed 29 detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

SAFETY

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (EHS)

ODO interviewed the health service administrator (HSA) and reviewed the facility's EHS policies and found the HSA nor a designee make daily visual inspections of the medical facility noting the condition of floors, walls, windows, horizontal surfaces, equipment, and furnishings. Specifically, the HSA stated medical staff conduct monthly visual inspections of the medical facility, but do not conduct daily inspections **(Deficiency EHS-67[6])**.

CARE

MEDICAL CARE (MC)

ODO reviewed 25 detainee medical files and found in 3 out of 25 files, medical staff did not conduct nor document a comprehensive health assessment, including a physical examination and mental health screening, within 14 days of the detainees' arrival at the facility. Specifically,

[6] "The HSA or equivalent, or designee, will make a daily visual inspection of the medical facility noting the condition of floors, walls, windows, horizontal surfaces, equipment, and furnishings." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Environmental Health and Safety, Section (II)(I)(2).

medical staff completed the comprehensive health assessments between 16 and 19 days after the detainee's arrival **(Deficiency MC-27[7]). This is a priority component**.

ODO reviewed 25 detainee medical files and found in 1 out of 25 files, medical staff did not obtain a specific signed and dated consent form from a detainee before any medical examination or treatment **(Deficiency MC-91[8]). This is a priority component**.

ODO reviewed 25 detainee medical files and found in 1 out of 25 files, medical staff did not obtain a separate documented informed consent form, to include a description of the medication's side effects prior to prescribing a detainee psychotropic medications on two separate occasions, once on April 15, 2026, and again on May 13, 2026 **(Deficiency MC-92[9]). This is a priority component**.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 33 standards under NDS 2025 and found the facility in compliance with 31 of those standards. ODO found four deficiencies in two standards. Although ODO conducted a prior inspection of KCJF, ODO cannot perform a trend analysis due to the change in detention standards from NDS 2019 to NDS 2025. ODO recommends ERO Chicago continue to work with the facility to resolve the deficiencies that remain outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations.

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2025 NDS 2019	FY 2026 NDS 2025
Standards Reviewed	21	33
Deficient Standards	4	2
Overall Number of Deficiencies	5	4
Priority Component Deficiencies	1	3
Repeat Deficiencies	0	0
Areas of Concern	1	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Good	Good

[7] "Facility will conduct and document a comprehensive health assessment, including a physical examination and mental health screening, on each detainee within 14 days of the detainee's arrival at the facility." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Medical Care, Section (II)(E).

[8] "The facility health care practitioner will obtain specific signed and dated consent forms from all detainees before any medical examination or treatment, except in emergency circumstances." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Medical Care, Section (II)(O).

[9] "Prior to the administration of psychotropic medications, a separate documented informed consent, that includes a description of the medications side effects, shall be obtained." *See* ICE NDS 2025, Standard, Medical Care, Section (II)(O).

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