



Facility Inspection Report Issued By The Minnesota Department of Corrections Pursuant to MN Statute 241.021, Subdivision 1

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INSPECTION DETAILS FOR:

Midwest Challenge

Address: 3049 Columbus Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55407

MN Governing Rule: 2920 Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facility

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Lauren Bizzotto – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 05/19/2025

Inspection Method: Facility walk-through, staff interviews, staff and inmate file reviews, and facility documentation reviews.

Officials Present During Inspection: Operations Manager Eric Gustafson

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Operations Manager Eric Gustafson

Issued Inspection Report to: Operations Manager Eric Gustafson

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Recommendations	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2920	Mandatory	24	21	3	0	87.50%	Compliance rating of 100%
2920	Essential	79	75	4	0	94.94%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 08/01/2025 **Ends On:** 09/01/2025 **Facility Type:** Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facility

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 09/01/2025

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: no approval **Certificate Holder:** Midwest Challenge, Genesis Program

Special Conditions: None.

Approved Capacity Details **Operational Capacity is calculated as a percent of Approved Capacity beds.*

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	Effective Date	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facility	Male	24	6/18/2012	100	24.00	9 beds @ 3045 Columbus and 15 beds @ 3049 Columbus.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2920 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 3**

1. 2920.3800 TRAINING PROGRAM. Subpart 1. Orientation session for new employees.

It is mandatory that the facility provide an orientation session for new employees. There must be a minimum of 30 hours of training that is relevant to staff duties and the population served. The training must be documented.

Inspection Findings:

One personnel file reviewed did not contain documentation of completed orientation training. Upon further conversation, it was shared that all files likely did not contain orientation documentation.

Corrective Actions:

Within 30 days of receiving this report, the facility must ensure that all staff have completed and documented their orientation training. The inspector will review during a follow-up visit.

Response Needed By: 08/21/2025

2. 2920.3800 TRAINING PROGRAM. Subpart 2. In-service training program.

It is mandatory that the facility have a yearly training plan. The facility shall provide a minimum of 16 hours per year of training to help staff meet the individual and group needs of residents. The training must be relevant to the staff member's duties. The training must be documented.

Inspection Findings:

The facility did not have a yearly training plan for 2025 and is not documenting the completed in-service training for each employee.

Corrective Actions:

Within 30 days of receipt of this report, the facility must develop and submit a training plan for the remainder of 2025, until its planned closure date.

Response Needed By: 08/21/2025

3. 2920.5400 FOOD SERVICE. Subpart 3. Dietary standards.

It is mandatory that facility menus meet recognized dietary standards. A facility's menu content and cycle must be reviewed at least biennially by a registered dietitian or nutritionist to ensure compliance with the rules specified in subpart 2 unless there have been no changes to the menu. The review and findings must be documented and kept on file.

Inspection Findings:

Since the last inspection, a review of menu changes has not been completed by a dietitian or nutritionist.

Corrective Actions:

Within 30 days of receipt of this report, the facility must have a registered dietitian or nutritionist review and document their findings and submit to the Department of Corrections for review.

Response Needed By: 08/21/2025**Chapter 2920 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance****Total: 4**

1. 2920.4900 RESIDENT RECORDS. Subpart 10. Law enforcement.

The facility must inform residents what information collected and maintained by the facility is provided to law enforcement.

Inspection Findings:

The facility does not inform residents of what information is collected and able to be provided to law enforcement.

Corrective Actions:

Within 30 days of receipt of this report, the facility must notify all current residents the information identified above.

Response Needed By: 08/21/2025

2. 2920.4900 RESIDENT RECORDS. Subpart 3. Plan.

Facility staff and the resident shall develop a written service plan that specifies the needs of the resident; the expected goals and objectives of the individualized plan; the participation of the resident, staff, support services, and community resources in the attainment of these goals and objectives; and the resident's progress in meeting the goals.

Inspection Findings:

Service plans are completed on a form that residents fill out upon intake, which appears to have a goal/objective format; however, there is no continued documentation of progress.

Corrective Actions:

The license holder must immediately begin documenting the progress on the goals and objectives of the residents and be able to identify their progress prior to discharge of the program and program closure on September 1, 2025.

Response Needed By: 08/21/2025

3. 2920.5400 FOOD SERVICE. Subpart 7. Substitutions.

A facility must keep records of one menu rotation and substitutions actually served. Substitutions must be of equal nutritional value.

Inspection Findings:

The facility does not maintain a record of menu substitution.

Corrective Actions:

Immediately and on an ongoing basis, the facility must maintain records as required.

Response Needed By: 08/21/2025

4. 2920.6600 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. Subpart 1. General.

Building and grounds must be clean and in good repair. There must be a maintenance budget for ongoing repair and replacement of equipment for the facility.

Inspection Findings:

During the facility tour, the building appeared dirty and had many areas that did not appear to be in good repair, including the wall in the "ironing room." The vents were full of dust. In some areas, the carpets and floors were damaged and dirty.

Corrective Actions:

Immediately, and until closure, the facility must follow a written maintenance plan that addresses any emergent issues that need to be corrected. The facility must immediately be cleaned.

Response Needed By: 08/21/2025

INSPECTION COMMENTS

The facility is planning to closing the license on September 1, 2025.

JJDPA Compliance

NA.

Report completed By: Lauren Bizzotto – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:


