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Anderson Justice Facility Achieves Workplace Safety Excellence *Madison County Community Justice Center Awarded in State Program*

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 10, 2020) – The Indiana Department of Labor announced today that Madison County Community Justice Center, in Anderson, Ind., has achieved STAR certification in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program for workplace health and safety. The government entity is the only public sector participant in the state of Indiana who has fulfilled the needed requirements for recognition for outstanding occupational safety and health.

“We commend the Madison County Community Justice Center in becoming our newest VPP participant,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “Their workplace safety and health culture is outstanding and an example, to other Hoosier government entities, that this level of excellence can be achieved.”

The STAR status is part of the Voluntary Protection Program, which provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement that identifies employers who serve as model worksites for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

The Madison County Community Justice Center is a work release and residential facility for criminal offenders within Madison County. The facility is operated with 56 employees.

The government facility has successfully limited injuries and workplace incidents for the past OSHA-recordable years. The most recent three-year average total case incidence rate is 1.8, which is 77 percent lower than the industry average of 7.9. Additionally, the facility has had zero days away, restricted, or transferred compared to the industry average of 4.1.

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