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ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION
of the
KARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER
Karnes City, Texas

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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 ODO assisted self-inspection process (OASIP) inspection of the Karnes County Correctional Center (KCCC) in Karnes City, Texas, from June 12 to July 11, 2025, which included a 1-day on-site visit on July 10, 2025..¹ The facility opened in 1996 and is owned by Karnes County and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at KCCC in 1998 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in San Antonio (ERO San Antonio). The facility is a United States Marshals Service (USMS) contracted facility where ICE is an authorized user and operates under the USMS Federal Performance Based Detention Standards (FPBDS) (May 2025)..²

A facility administrator handles daily facility operations and manages support personnel. GEO provides food services and medical care, and Keefe Commissary provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the American Correctional Association in August 2022 and Texas Commission on Jail Standards in March 2025. In August 2022, KCCC was audited for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was DOJ PREA certified.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity. ³	
Average ICE Population. ⁴	
Adult Male Population (as of July 10, 2025)	
Adult Female Population (as of July 10, 2025)	

This was ODO's first inspection of KCCC.

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 In June 2025, all USMS contracted facilities where ICE is an authorized user changed from NDS 2019 to USMS FPBDS (May 2025).

³ Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of July 7, 2025.

⁴ *Ibid.*

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION PROCESS

In FY 2025, ODO implemented an OASIP, which replaces the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low average daily population (ADP) and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operational demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with USMS FPBDS (May 2025) 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 towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.

ODO identifies violations of USMS FPBDS (May 2025) as "deficiencies." ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to completion of the ODO inspection as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with "C" under the *ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. A summary of these findings is shared with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final compliance inspection report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating corrective action plans; 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.

FINDINGS BY FEDERAL PERFORMANCE BASED DETENTION STANDARDS (MAY 2025) MAJOR CATEGORIES

USMS FPBDS (May 2025) Standards Inspected ⁵	Deficiencies
A. Administration and Management	
Quality Control	0
Facility Admission and Orientation Program	0
Detainee Transfers and Releases	0
Staffing	0
Staff Training	0
Emergency Plans	0
Sub-Total	0
B. Health Care	
Health Care Administration	0
Intake Health Screening	0
Medical, Mental Health, and Dental Appraisals	0
Access to Health Care	0
Provision of Health Care	0
Incident Health Care	0
Sub-Total	0
C. Security and Control	
Use of Force/Non-Routine Application of Restraints	0
Sub-Total	0
D. Food Service	
Food Service Administration	0
Food Storage and Preparation	0
Detainee Meals and Special Diets	0
Sub-Total	0
F. Safety and Sanitation	
Fire Safety and Chemical Control	0
Sanitation and Environmental Control	0
Clothing and Bedding	0
Sub-Total	0
G. Services and Programs	
Classification and Housing	0
Grievance Program	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	0

⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

The facility's ICE detainee population count was zero during the inspection; therefore, ODO did not conduct any detainee interviews. Despite the facility housing no detainees during the on-site inspection, the facility maintains an active contract to house ICE detainees and had an ADP of 1 ICE detainee for FY 2024.

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this OASIP, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 21 standards under USMS FPBDS (May 2025) and found the facility in compliance with all 21 standards. This inspection is the facility's first inspection. Prior inspection data does not exist for ODO to perform a trend analysis. ODO recommends ERO San Antonio continue to work with the facility in accordance with contractual obligations.

Inspection Results Compared	No Previous ODO Inspection	FY 2025 OASIP (FPBDS MAY 2025)
Standards Reviewed	N/A	21
Deficient Standards	N/A	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	N/A	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	N/A	N/A
Repeat Deficiencies	N/A	N/A
Areas Of Concern	N/A	0
Corrective Actions	N/A	0
Facility Rating	N/A	Superior



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