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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

January 18, 2017

Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 2018  
P.O. Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Statute 83-4,134.01 requires Nebraska's juvenile facilities to report quarterly to the Legislature within two weeks after the end of each quarter, information regarding the use of room confinement in Nebraska's juvenile facilities.

Attached, please find the quarterly reports for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Kearney and Geneva.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas J. Weinberg".

Douglas J. Weinberg, Director  
Division of Children and Family Services  
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachments

Facility Name Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center - Kearney  
 Address 2802 30th Avenue  
 City, State Zip Code Kearney, NE, 68845

2nd Quarter 2016  
 Juvenile Room Confinement Reporting

October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

									More Than 4 Hours
	# Juveniles Placed in Room Confinement	Length of Time (in hours)	Race	Ethnicity	Age	Gender	Facility Staffing Levels	Reason for Room Confinement	Reasons Attempts to Return Unsuccessful
October	45 occurrences 27 unique youth	Aggregate: 2273.75 Average: 50.75	White: 18 Black or African American: 8 American Indian/Alaska Native: 1	Hisp./Latino: 5 Not Hispc./Latino: 22	14 yoa: 0 15 yoa: 7 16 yoa: 7 17 yoa: 8 18 yoa: 5	Male	1 staff: 8 youth	Behavioral infraction: 17 Escape risk: 4 Assault on youth: 13 Assault on staff: 8 Verbally abusive toward youth: 2 Verbally abusive toward staff: 1	Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 16 Danger to others: 25 Escape risk: 4
November	86 occurrences 40 unique youth	Aggregate: 4706.25 Average: 54.75	White: 26 Black or African American: 10 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4	Hisp./Latino: 3 Not Hispc./Latino: 37	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 6 16 yoa: 9 17 yoa: 13 18 yoa: 11	Male	1 staff: 8 youth	Behavioral infraction: 39 Escape risk: 2 Assault on youth: 22 Assault on staff: 16 Verbally abusive towards staff: 1 Property Damage: 3 Protective safekeeping: 1 Investigative safekeeping: 2	Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 41 Danger to self: 2 Danger to others: 39 Escape risk: 2 Regular Sleeping hours: 2
December	61 occurrences 37 unique youth	Aggregate: 3597.25 Average: 59.00	White: 23 Black or African American: 10 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4	Hisp./Latino: 7 Not Hispc./Latino: 30	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 5 16 yoa: 11 17 yoa: 8 18 yoa: 12	Male	1 staff: 9 youth	Behavioral infraction: 17 Escape risk: 3 Assault on youth: 16 Assault on staff: 12 Verbally abusive towards youth: 2 Verbally abusive towards staff: 2 Property Damage: 2 Danger to self: 2 Protective safekeeping: 1 Investigative safekeeping: 4	Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 17 Danger to self: 3 Danger to others: 32 Escape risk: 3 Regular sleeping hours: 5 Protective safekeeping: 1
<b>Total</b>		Aggregate: 10577.25 Average: 55.00	White: 67 Black or African American: 28 American Indian/Alaska Native: 9	Hisp./Latino: 15 Not Hispc./Latino: 89	14 yoa: 2 15 yoa: 18 16 yoa: 27 17 yoa: 29 18 yoa: 28	Male	N/A	Behavioral infraction: 73 Escape risk: 9 Assault on youth: 51 Assault on staff: 36 Verbally abusive towards youth: 4 Verbally abusive toward staff: 4 Property Damage: 5 Danger to self: 2 Protective safekeeping: 2 Investigative safekeeping: 6	Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 74 Danger to self: 5 Danger to others: 96 Escape risk: 9 Regular sleeping hours: 7 Protective safekeeping: 1

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\* Facility Staffing Levels do not reflect using mandatory overtime at the facility to have a minimum of 2 staff on per shift during normal waking hours. Facility staffing ratios are based off best case scenario and do not reflect staff performing other duties, such as transporting youth to doctor appointments, community service projects, court hearings, etc. These other assigned duties do affect facility staffing ratios throughout the day during any given shift.

+ Under the Length of Time category, the aggregate and average number of hours includes time when the youth is in confinement status (not participating in normal activities with their assigned living unit, for safety or behavioral concerns). During this time, youth have the opportunity to be visited by their immediate treatment team, medical staff, and mental health therapist. They have recreation/exercise opportunities, are permitted to shower, have visitation with their family, phone calls to their family and DHHS hotline, phone calls and visits from their probation officer, phone calls and visits from their attorney, phone calls and visits from their DHHS CFS worker, and can meet with the Pastor. Based on their behavior, youth may have additional reading materials, educational materials, and visits from youth in their living unit group. Strategies and change in protocols are currently underway through reintegration plans to further reduce confinement time.

Facility Name Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center - Geneva  
 Address 855 North 1st Street  
 City, State Zip Code Geneva, NE 68361

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October	24 occurrences 15 unique youth	Aggregate: 292.5 Average: 12.25	White: 4 Black or African American: 4 American Indian/Alaska Native: 1 Multi-Race: 6	Hisp./Latino: 3 Not Hispc./Latino: 12	15 yoa: 4 16 yoa: 2 17 yoa: 7 18 yoa: 2	Female	1 staff: 5 youth	Verbally abusive towards youth: 2 Assault on staff: 2 Administrative: 13 Self-harm: 2 Property Damage: 2 Verbally abusive towards staff: 3	Danger to others: 5 Danger to self: 1 Regular sleeping hours: 1	
November	15 occurrences 11 unique youth	Aggregate: 285.25 Average: 19.25	White: 4 Black or African American: 3 American Indian/Alaska Native: 1 Multi-Race: 3	Hisp./Latino: 2 Not Hispc./Latino: 9	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 1 16 yoa: 2 17 yoa: 6 18 yoa: 1	Female	1 staff: 5 youth	Escape risk: 2 Assault on youth: 3 Assault on staff: 2 Administrative: 2 Verbally abusive toward staff: 2 Verbally abusive toward youth: 3 Protective safekeeping: 1	Danger to others: 5 Regular sleeping hours: 2 Protective safekeeping: 1 Escape risk: 2	
December	37 occurrences 20 unique youth	Aggregate: 654 Average: 17.75	White: 8 Black or African American: 6 American Indian/Alaska Native: 2 Multi-Race: 4	Hisp./Latino: 4 Not Hispc./Latino: 16	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 4 16 yoa: 6 17 yoa: 9	Female	1 staff: 5 youth	Threat of suicide: 2 Escape risk: 2 Assault on youth: 9 Assault on staff: 1 Administrative: 12 Verbally abusive toward staff: 2 Verbally abusive toward youth: 3 Self-Harming: 3 Protective safekeeping: 1 Suicide Attempt: 2	Danger to others: 6 Danger to self: 4 Regular sleeping hours: 1 Protective safekeeping: 2 Escape risk: 2 Suicide attempt: 1 Investigative safekeeping: 1	
<b>Total</b>		Aggregate: 1231.75 Average: 16.5	White: 16 Black or African American: 13 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4 Multi-Race: 13	Hisp./Latino: 9 Not Hispc./Latino: 37	14 yoa: 2 15 yoa: 9 16 yoa: 10 17 yoa: 22 18 yoa: 3	Female	N/A	Threat of suicide: 2 Escape risk: 4 Assault on youth: 12 Assault on staff: 5 Administrative: 27 Verbally abusive toward staff: 7 Verbally abusive toward youth: 8 Self harm: 5 Property Damage: 2 Protective safekeeping: 2 Suicide Attempt: 2	Danger to others: 16 Danger to self: 5 Regular sleeping hours: 4 Protective safekeeping: 3 Escape risk: 4 Suicide attempt: 1 Investigative safekeeping: 1	

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