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Pete Ricketts, Governor

October 31, 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 a revised version of the quarterly report pertaining to the 1st quarter of FY 2016/2017. During a quality assurance check of this data, a few errors were found. These have since been corrected. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew T. Wallen".

Matthew T. Wallen, Director
Division of Children and Family Services
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachment

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

1st Quarter 2016
 Juvenile Room Confinement Reporting

July 1, 2016 through September 30, 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 / or Reasons they remained in their room longer than four hours |
| July | 38 occurrences 26 unique youth | Aggregate: 3034.75 Hrs. Average: 80.00 Hrs. | White: 14 Black or African American: 9 American Indian/Alaska Native: 2 Multi-Race: 1 | Hispc./Latino: 3 Not Hispc./Latino: 23 | 14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 4 16 yoa: 6 17 yoa: 8 18 yoa: 7 | Male | Day Shift 1 staff : 15 youth Night Shift 1 staff : 20 youth | Behavioral infraction: 16 Escape risk: 1 Assault on youth: 7 Assault on staff: 11 Safety and protection: 2 Self-harm: 1 | Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 18 Youth encouraged to resolve issues: 9 Self- Harming Behaviors: 1 Physical Aggression towards Others: 9 |
| August | 61 occurrences 34 unique youth | Aggregate: 2666.50 Hrs. Average: 43.75 Hrs. | White: 20 Black or African American: 11 American Indian/Alaska Native: 1 Multi-Race: 2 | Hispc./Latino: 9 Not Hispc./Latino: 25 | 14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 5 16 yoa: 9 17 yoa: 11 18 yoa: 8 | Male | Day Shift 1 staff : 14 youth Night Shift 1 staff : 14 youth | Behavioral infraction: 16 Escape risk: 3 Assault on youth: 19 Assault on staff: 13 Verbally abusive towards staff: 4 Verbally abusive toward youth: 1 Destruction of property: 3 Self-harm: 1 Safety and protection: 1 | Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 29 Youth encouraged to resolve issues: 21 Self- Harming Behaviors: 1 Physical Aggression towards Others: 7 |
| September | 57 occurrences 34 unique youth | Aggregate: 3604.00 Hrs. Average: 63.25 Hrs. | White: 17 Black or African American: 13 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4 | Hispc./Latino: 7 Not Hispc./Latino: 27 | 14 yoa: 0 15 yoa: 5 16 yoa: 7 17 yoa: 15 18 yoa: 7 | Male | Day Shift 1 staff : 8 youth Night Shift 1 staff : 15 youth | Behavioral infraction: 28 Escape risk: 2 Assault on youth: 7 Assault on staff: 17 Verbally abusive towards staff: 3 | Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 28 Youth encouraged to resolve issues: 13 Physical Aggression towards Others: 6 Investigation: 7 |
| Total | | Aggregate: 9305.25 Hrs. Average: 62.50 Hrs. | White: 51 Black or African American: 33 American Indian/Alaska Native: 7 Multi-Race : 3 | Hispc./Latino: 19 Not Hispc./Latino: 75 | 14 yoa: 2 15 yoa: 14 16 yoa: 22 17 yoa: 34 18 yoa: 22 | Male | N/A | Behavioral infraction: 60 Escape risk: 6 Assault on youth: 33 Assault on staff: 41 Verbally abusive towards staff: 7 Verbally abusive toward youth: 1 Destruction of property: 3 Self-harm: 2 Safety and protection: 3 | Youth received an indeterminate sanction: 75 Youth encouraged to resolve issues: 43 Self- Harming Behaviors: 2 Physical Aggression towards Others: 22 Investigation: 7 |

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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 ratio's are based off best case scenario and do not reflect staff performing other duties, such as transporting youth to medical appt.'s, community service projects, escorts, 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, mental health therapist, they have recreation/exercise opportunities, are permitted to shower, 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, can meet with the Pastor and based on their behavior can 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

1st Quarter 2017
Juvenile Room Confinement Reporting
 July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017

| | | | | | | | | | 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 |
| July | 61 occurrences 20 unique youth | Aggregate: 901.75 Average: 15.00 | White: 3 Black or African American: 5 American Indian/Alaska Native: 6 Multi-Race: 6 | Hispc./Latino: 4 Not Hispc./Latino: 16 | 14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 2 16 yoa: 9 17 yoa: 3 18 yoa: 5 | Female | 1 staff: 5 youth | Assaulted another youth: 1 Assaulted staff: 2 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 3 Verbally abusive towards staff: 6 Self-harming: 4 Threat of suicide: 2 Escape risk: 2 Destruction of property: 1 Other Administrative: 40 | Serious and immediate danger to others: 10 Self-harming: 2 Regular sleeping hours: 6 Other Administrative: 7 |
| August | 55 occurrences 23 unique youth | Aggregate: 786.50 Average: 14.50 | White: 3 Black or African American: 5 American Indian/Alaska Native: 6 Multi-Race: 9 | Hispc./Latino: 3 Not Hispc./Latino: 20 | 14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 2 16 yoa: 9 17 yoa: 5 18 yoa: 6 | Female | 1 staff: 5 youth | Assaulted another youth: 1 Assaulted staff: 4 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 2 Verbally abusive towards staff: 3 Self-harming: 2 Threat of suicide: 3 Suicide attempt: 4 Escape risk: 2 Destruction of property: 3 Other Administrative: 31 | Serious and immediate danger to others: 8 Regular sleeping hours: 14 Safety and protection from another: 1 Other Administrative: 8 Escape risk: 2 Failure to comply/program: 1 |
| September | 39 occurrences 19 unique youth | Aggregate: 808.00 Average: 20.75 | White: 2 Black or African American: 5 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4 Multi-Race: 8 | Hispc./Latino: 3 Not Hispc./Latino: 16 | 14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 2 16 yoa: 7 17 yoa: 4 18 yoa: 5 | Female | 1 staff: 4 youth | Assaulted another youth: 3 Assaulted staff: 4 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 1 Self-harming: 1 Suicide attempt: 2 Escape risk: 1 Other Administrative: 27 | Serious and immediate danger to others: 6 Regular sleeping hours: 7 Other Administrative: 10 |
| Total | | Aggregate: 2496.25 Average: 16.75 | White: 8 Black or African American: 15 American Indian/Alaska Native: 16 Multi-Race: 23 | Hispc./Latino: 10 Not Hispc./Latino: 52 | 14 yoa: 3 15 yoa: 6 16 yoa: 25 17 yoa: 12 18 yoa: 16 | Female | N/A | Assaulted another youth: 5 Assaulted staff: 10 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 6 Verbally abusive towards staff: 9 Self-harming: 7 Threat of suicide: 5 Suicide attempt: 6 Escape Risk: 5 Destruction of Property: 4 Other Administrative: 98 | Serious and Immediate danger to others: 24 Self-harming: 2 Regular sleeping hours: 27 Other Administrative: 25 Escape risk: 2 Failure to comply/program: 1 |

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