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Pete Ricketts, Governor

January 10, 2018

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 second quarter fiscal year 2017/2018 reports for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Kearney and Geneva. We are pleased to report that the YRTC's in Kearney and Geneva continue to see a significant drop in confinement time. Due to the efforts of staff and administration, they have been able to cut the average confinement time by more than half. The implementation of evidence-based programming at both facilities continues to benefit the youth we serve.

Sincerely,

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

2nd Quarter 2017
 Juvenile Room Confinement Reporting

October 1, 2017 through December 31, 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
October	111 occurrences 40 unique youth	Aggregate: 4476.25 Average: 40.50	White: 19 Black or African American: 14 American Indian/Alaska Native: 2 Multi-Race: 5	Hisp./Latino: 6 Not Hispc./Latino: 34	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 3 16 yoa: 9 17 yoa: 19 18 yoa: 8	Male	1 staff: 9 youth	Assaulted another youth: 28 Assaulted staff: 18 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 1 Verbally abusive towards staff: 8 Behavioral Infraction/rule violation: 45 Escape risk: 3 Destruction of Property: 2 Safety and protection from another: 2 Other Administrative: 4	Serious and immediate danger to others: 56 Regular sleeping hours: 36 Safety and protection from another: 2 Other Administrative: 1 Consequence for infraction/rule violation: 10
November	117 occurrences 42 unique youth	Aggregate: 2524.00 Average: 21.75	White: 25 Black or African American: 14 American Indian/Alaska Native: 2 Multi-Race: 1	Hisp./Latino: 8 Not Hispc./Latino: 34	14 yoa: 2 15 yoa: 4 16 yoa: 10 17 yoa: 19 18 yoa: 7	Male	1 staff: 10 youth	Assaulted another youth: 36 Assaulted staff: 9 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 1 Verbally abusive towards staff: 5 Behavioral Infraction/rule violation: 30 Escape risk: 7 Destruction of property: 2 Safety and protection from another: 1 Other Administrative: 26	Serious and immediate danger to others: 55 Regular sleeping hours: 19 Other Administrative: 16 Escape risk: 7 Consequence for infraction/rule violation: 4
December	113 occurrences 45 unique youth	Aggregate: 2128.25 Average: 19.00	White: 30 Black or African American: 13 American Indian/Alaska Native: 2	Hisp./Latino: 7 Not Hispc./Latino: 38	14 yoa: 2 15 yoa: 4 16 yoa: 8 17 yoa: 23 18 yoa: 8	Male	1 staff: 9 youth	Assaulted another youth: 40 Assaulted staff: 6 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 4 Verbally abusive towards staff: 8 Behavioral Infraction/rule violation: 28 Escape risk: 8 Destruction of Property: 6 Other Administrative: 13	Serious and immediate danger to others: 53 Regular sleeping hours: 28 Other Administrative: 1 Escape risk: 6 Consequence for infraction/rule violation: 6
Total		Aggregate: 9128.50 Average: 27.25	White: 74 Black or African American: 41 American Indian/Alaska Native: 6 Multi-Race: 6	Hisp./Latino: 21 Not Hispc./Latino: 106	14 yoa: 5 15 yoa: 11 16 yoa: 27 17 yoa: 61 18 yoa: 23	Male	N/A	Assaulted another youth: 104 Assaulted staff: 33 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 6 Verbally abusive towards staff: 21 Behavioral Infraction/rule violation: 103 Escape risk: 18 Destruction of property: 10 Safety and protection from another: 3 Other Administrative: 43	Serious and immediate danger to others: 164 Regular sleeping hours: 83 Safety and protection from another: 2 Other Administrative: 18 Escape risk: 13 Consequence for infraction/rule violation: 20

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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 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 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

2nd Quarter 2017
 Juvenile Room Confinement Reporting

October 1, 2017 through December 31, 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
October	15 occurrences 6 unique youth	Aggregate: 275.75 Average: 18.50	White: 1 Black or African American: 2 American Indian/Alaska Native: 1 Multi-Race: 2	Hispc./Latino: 1 Not Hispc./Latino: 5	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 1 16 yoa: 2 17 yoa: 0 18 yoa: 2	Female	1 staff: 4 youth	Assaulted another youth: 2 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 2 Self-harming: 6 Destruction of Property: 2 Other Administrative: 3	Serious and immediate danger to others: 2 Regular sleeping hours: 11 Other Administrative: 1
November	56 occurrences 20 unique youth	Aggregate: 355.00 Average: 6.50	White: 6 Black or African American: 3 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4 Multi-Race: 7	Hispc./Latino: 4 Not Hispc./Latino: 16	14 yoa: 0 15 yoa: 2 16 yoa: 6 17 yoa: 5 18 yoa: 7	Female	1 staff: 4 youth	Assaulted another youth: 3 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 3 Verbally abusive towards staff: 1 Self-harming: 5 Suicide attempt: 4 Other Administrative: 40	Serious and immediate danger to other: 3 Self-harming: 1 Regular sleeping hours: 8 Other Administrative: 4
December	48 occurrences 18 unique youth	Aggregate: 526.00 Average: 11.00	White: 6 Black or African American: 5 American Indian/Alaska Native: 3 Multi-Race: 4	Hispc./Latino: 4 Not Hispc./Latino: 14	14 yoa: 0 15 yoa: 2 16 yoa: 6 17 yoa: 5 18 yoa: 5	Female	1 staff: 4 youth	Assaulted another youth: 3 Assaulted staff: 5 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 1 Verbally abusive towards staff: 2 Self-harming: 3 Suicide attempt: 4 Escape Risk: 3 Other Administrative: 27	Serious and immediate danger to others: 1 Self-harming: 3 Regular sleeping hours: 18 Other Administrative: 2 Escape risk: 2
Total		Aggregate: 1156.75 Average: 12.00	White: 13 Black or African American: 10 American Indian/Alaska Native: 8 Multi-Race: 13	Hispc./Latino: 9 Not Hispc./Latino: 35	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 5 16 yoa: 14 17 yoa: 10 18 yoa: 14	Female	N/A	Assaulted another youth: 8 Assaulted staff: 5 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 6 Verbally abusive towards staff: 3 Self-harming: 14 Suicide attempt: 8 Escape risk: 3 Destruction of property: 2 Other Administrative: 70	Serious and immediate danger to others: 6 Self-harming: 4 Regular sleeping hours: 37 Other Administrative: 7 Escape risk: 2

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