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**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**



**Pete Ricketts, Governor**

April 9, 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 third quarter fiscal year 2017/2018 reports for the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers in Kearney and Geneva.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark LaBouchardiere", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark LaBouchardiere  
Director of Facilities  
Department of Health and Human Services

Attachment

**Facility Name** Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center - Geneva  
**Address** 855 North 1st Street  
 Geneva, NE 68561  
**City, State Zip Code**

**3rd Quarter 2018**  
**Juvenile Room Confinement Reporting**  
 January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

	# 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
<b>January</b>	71 occurrences 22 unique youth	Aggregate: 484.75 Average: 7.00	White: 7 Black or African American: 6 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4 Multi-Race: 5	Hispanic: 4 Non-Hispanic: 18	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 2 16 yoa: 7 17 yoa: 5 18 yoa: 7	Female	1 staff: 4 youth	Assaulted another youth: 2 Verbally abusive towards staff: 2 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 2 Self-harming: 4 Physical infraction/rule violation: 2 Escape risk: 2 Other Administrative: 52	Serious and immediate danger to others: 3 Regular sleeping hours: 11 Escape risk: 2
<b>February</b>	41 occurrences 20 unique youth	Aggregate: 407.50 Average: 10.00	White: 7 Black or African American: 5 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4 Multi-Race: 4	Hispanic: 5 Non-Hispanic: 15	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 2 16 yoa: 8 17 yoa: 4 18 yoa: 5	Female	1 staff: 4 youth	Assaulted another youth: 5 Assaulted staff: 3 Verbally abusive towards staff: 2 Behavioral infraction/rule violation: 1 Self-harming: 5 Threat of suicide: 3 Persecution of property: 2 Safety and protection from another: 1 Other Administrative: 19	Serious and immediate danger to others: 5 Self-harming: 4 Threat of suicide: 2 Regular sleeping hours: 4
<b>March</b>	86 occurrences 25 unique youth	Aggregate: 1229.25 Average: 14.50	White: 11 Black or African American: 5 American Indian/Alaska Native: 7 Multi-Race: 2	Hispanic: 5 Non-Hispanic: 20	14 yoa: 2 15 yoa: 4 16 yoa: 9 17 yoa: 4 18 yoa: 6	Female	1 staff: 4 youth	Assaulted another youth: 3 Assaulted staff: 4 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 1 Verbally abusive towards staff: 5 Behavioral infraction/rule violation: 14 Self-harming: 7 Threat of suicide: 2 Escape attempt: 3 Persecution of property: 5 Other Administrative: 36	Serious and immediate danger to others: 17 Self-harming: 3 Threat of suicide: 2 Escape attempt: 3 Regular sleeping hours: 6 Other Administrative: 1 Escape risk: 5 Failure to comply/program: 6
<b>Total</b>		Aggregate: 2121.50 Average: 10.50	White: 25 Black or African American: 16 American Indian/Alaska Native: 15 Multi-Race: 11	Hispanic: 14 Non-Hispanic: 53	14 yoa: 4 15 yoa: 8 16 yoa: 24 17 yoa: 13 18 yoa: 18	Female	N/A	Assaulted another youth: 10 Assaulted staff: 12 Verbally abusive towards staff: 9 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 3 Behavioral infraction/rule violation: 15 Self-harming: 16 Threat of suicide: 7 Escape attempt: 3 Persecution of property: 7 Safety and protection from another: 1 Other Administrative: 107	Serious and immediate danger to others: 25 Self-harming: 7 Threat of suicide: 4 Escape attempt: 3 Regular sleeping hours: 21 Other Administrative: 1 Escape risk: 9 Failure to comply/program: 6

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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 therapists. They have recreation/ exercise opportunities, are permitted to shower, have visitation with their family, phone calls to their family and DHHS hotline, and visits from their probation officer, phone calls and visits from their attorney, phone calls and visits from their DHHS CRS 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 - Kearney  
**Address** 2802 30th Avenue  
**City, State Zip Code** Kearney, NE 68845

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<b>January</b>	125 occurrences 46 unique youth	Aggregate: 2780.25 Average: 22.25	White: 30 Black or African American: 13 American Indian/Alaska Native: 3	Hispc./latino: 4 Not Hispc./latino: 42	14 yoa: 2 15 yoa: 4 16 yoa: 7 17 yoa: 24 18 yoa: 9	Male	1 staff: 8 youth	Medical: 1 Assaulted another youth: 26 Assaulted staff: 18 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 5 Verbally abusive towards staff: 17 Behavioral Infractor/rule violation: 28 Escape risk: 16 Destruction of Property: 2 Other Administrative: 14	Serious and immediate danger to others: 52 Regular sleeping hours: 40 Chief Administrative: 2 Escape risk: 14 Consequence for infractory/rule violation: 6
<b>February</b>	79 occurrences 35 unique youth	Aggregate: 2362.50 Average: 30.00	White: 23 Black or African American: 10 American Indian/Alaska Native: 2	Hispc./latino: 2 Not Hispc./latino: 33	14 yoa: 0 15 yoa: 3 16 yoa: 6 17 yoa: 19 18 yoa: 7	Male	1 staff: 9 youth	Assaulted another youth: 22 Assaulted staff: 15 Verbally abusive towards staff: 12 Sexually assaulted another youth: 1 Behavioral Infractor/rule violation: 18 Self-harming: 1 Suicide attempt: 1 Escape risk: 2 Destruction of Property: 1 Safety and protection from another: 2 Other Administrative: 4	Serious and immediate danger to others: 40 Regular sleeping hours: 30 Safety and protection from another: 2 Escape risk: 2
<b>March</b>	66 occurrences 33 unique youth	Aggregate: 1545.75 Average: 23.50	White: 22 Black or African American: 7 American Indian/Alaska Native: 4	Hispc./latino: 3 Not Hispc./latino: 30	14 yoa: 1 15 yoa: 3 16 yoa: 5 17 yoa: 14 18 yoa: 10	Male	1 staff: 9 youth	Medical: 1 Assaulted another youth: 30 Assaulted staff: 10 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 1 Verbally abusive towards staff: 7 Behavioral Infractor/rule violation: 10 Escape risk: 3 Safety and protection from another: 2 Other Administrative: 2	Serious and immediate danger to others: 34 Physical/medical clinical evaluation result: 1 Regular sleeping hours: 23 Safety and protection from another: 1 Escape risk: 2
<b>Total</b>		Aggregate: 6688.50 Average: 25.25	White: 75 Black or African American: 30 American Indian/Alaska Native: 9	Hispc./latino: 9 Not Hispc./latino: 105	14 yoa: 3 15 yoa: 10 16 yoa: 18 17 yoa: 57 18 yoa: 26	Male	N/A	Medical: 2 Assaulted another youth: 78 Assaulted staff: 43 Verbally abusive towards another youth: 6 Verbally abusive towards staff: 36 Sexually assaulted another youth: 1 Behavioral Infractor/rule violation: 54 Self-harming: 1 Suicide attempt: 1 Escape risk: 21 Destruction of Property: 3 Safety and protection from another: 4 Other Administrative: 20	Serious and immediate danger to others: 126 Physical/medical clinical evaluation result: 1 Regular sleeping hours: 95 Safety and protection from another: 3 Other Administrative: 2 Escape risk: 18 Consequence for infractory/rule violation: 6

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