

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 15, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: An informational report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an update on correctional placements

File Type: Information

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**REQUEST**

The State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) – Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) is responsible for the operation of the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls as well as the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC). DHHS provides regular updates to the County Board on the number of youth committed to these facilities and the type of placement for youth.

**POLICY**

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Chapter 301
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**BACKGROUND**

***New commitments to Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake***

The chart below shows the number of youth who have been committed to the DJC per month. Please note that commitments can fluctuate daily and a final number of commitments in the most recent month may not be available until the next month's report.

<b>New Commitments</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
January	11	3	6	3	6	4	1	8
February	12	8	5	5	1	6	5	9
March	9	6	3	3	4	2	3	5
April	14	4	9	3	2	0	3	6
May	11	7	4	3	3	3	2	1
June	8	4	5	1	8	7	2	7
July	7	8	4	3	2	1	4	6
August	8	4	6	5	5	2	3	4
September	6	9	5	6	5	3	2	1
October	8	12	4	8	2	4	2	4
November	11	5	7	6	5	4	2	1
December	4	3	13	6	4	4	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>52</b>

The youth ordered to the DJC in September 2022 was a 16-year-old Black male on a regular order.

The youth ordered to the DJC in October 2022 were one 15-year-old Black male on a regular order; and one 15-year-old Black male, one 16-year-old Black male, and one 17-year-old Black male on Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) orders.

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**Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections**

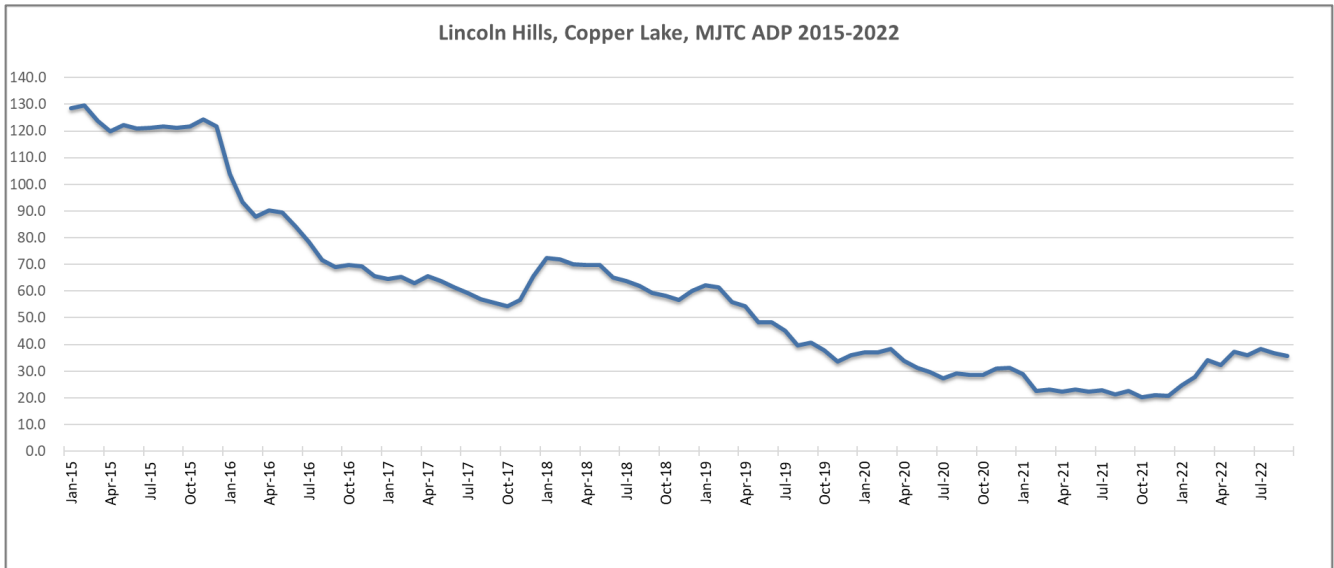
As of November 15, 2022, there are a total of 38 boys at Lincoln Hills (15 on SJO orders and 23 on regular DOC commitments). There are two girls at Copper Lake (both on regular DOC Commitments). There were eight youth at MJTC (four on SJO orders and four on regular DOC commitments).

Milwaukee County took over the Aftercare supervision from the State of Wisconsin effective July 1, 2017 for all non-SJO youth. All DOC-DJC youth placed in the community were assigned to a CYFS Human Service Worker who provides supervision and case management for the youth and their families. The youth are all receiving appropriate services in the community including, but not limited to, GPS monitoring for the initial 30 days or more in the community, intensive monitoring, clinical services, etc.

As of November 11, 2022, there were nine youth on Aftercare in the community. Of those youth, four were placed in-home, one in a group home, and two placed in CJF. As of the time of this

report, two youth were missing, and Capias/apprehension requests have been issued.

Over the last several years, the average daily population (ADP) of Milwaukee County youth in Lincoln Hills, Copper Lake Schools and MJTC had been falling steadily since 2015 and fell to its lowest level of 20 in December 2021. However, beginning in early 2022, the number of youth sentenced to corrections started to rise. The ADP for September is 35.6 which represents an increase of 71% compared to the ADP in December. Please see the chart below:



### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

DHHS continues to work toward transitioning youth out of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools. DYFS has been leveraging its resources toward the ongoing development of community-based programming for justice-involved youth and their families through three innovative initiatives, all of which support the zero-youth corrections plan. All of these initiatives are occurring in the Milwaukee community and are focused not only on the youth but also their families. This programming meets the youth where they are in unique ways that are individualized to their needs.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

This report is informational and there is no fiscal effect.

**TERMS**

N/A

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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Kelly Pethke, DYFS Interim Administrator

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Kelly Pethke, DYFS Administrator

**APPROVED BY:**

*Shakita LaGrant-McClain*

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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