

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

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**TO:** Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Mary Jo Meyers, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

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**SUBJECT: An informational report from the Acting Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an update on the Department of Corrections-Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) commitments.**

### **Background**

Since December 2015, key partners, including the County Executive, County Board of Supervisors, Chief Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, DHHS Director, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) Administrator, Wraparound Milwaukee Director and other involved parties have been meeting to formulate a plan to address the crisis at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake and ensure the safety of youth. DHHS has been providing regular updates on the status of the State-operated Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls. This report provides a follow up on the number of youth committed to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC)-Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) and the type of placement for the youth.

### **Discussion**

#### ***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 on a daily basis 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>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
January	3	6	3
February	8	5	5
March	6	3	3
April	4	9	3
May	7	4	2
June	4	5	
July	8	4	
August	4	6	
September	9	5	

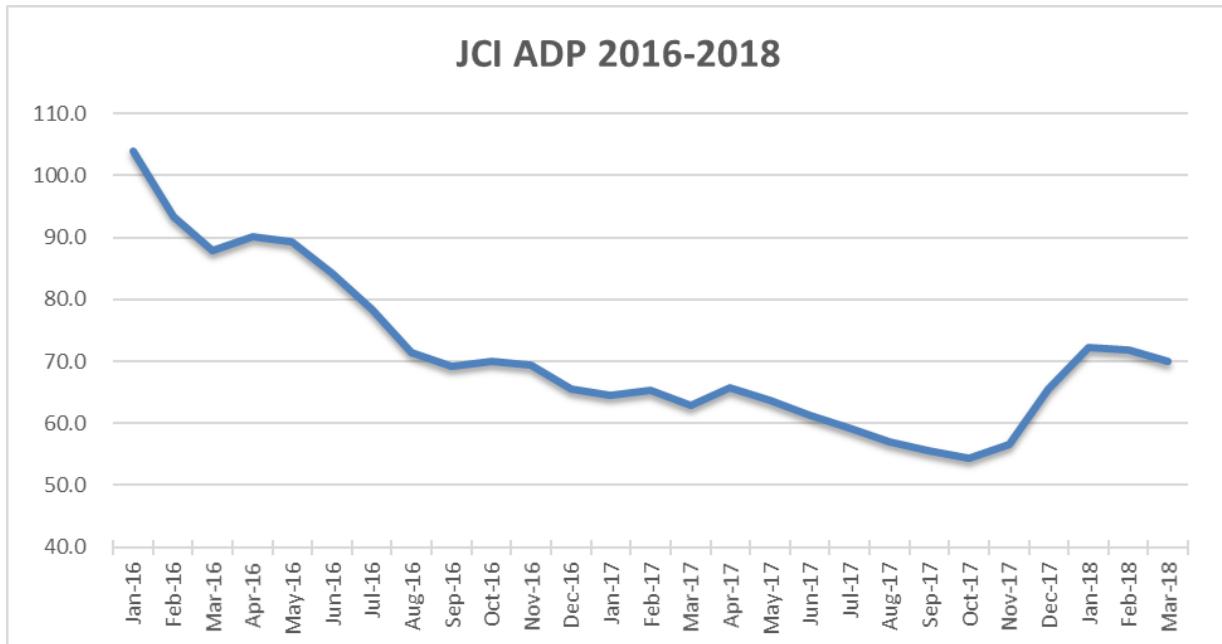
October	12	4	
November	5	7	
December	3	13	

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

As of June 4, 2018 there were a total of 79 boys at Lincoln Hills (19 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 60 on regular DOC commitments). There were 8 girls at Copper Lake (1 on Serious Juvenile Offender Order and 7 on regular DOC commitments). There were 9 youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (2 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 7 on regular DOC commitments).

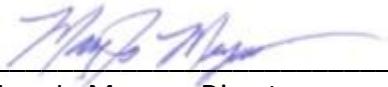
Milwaukee County took over the Aftercare supervision from the State of Wisconsin effective July 1, 2017 for all non-Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) youth. All Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Corrections youth that were in the community were assigned to a DYFS Human Service Worker who are providing supervision and case management for the kids and their families. The youth are all receiving appropriate services in the community, to include but not limited to GPS monitoring for the initial 30 days or more in the community, intensive monitoring, clinical services, etc. As of 6/4/2018, there are 9 youth who are on Aftercare in the community with 7 at home and 1 in County Jail pending adult charges.

The current average daily population (ADP) of Milwaukee County youth in Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools (excluding youth in the SJO Program under a state commitment) has fallen from 104 to 70 from January 2016 to March 2018. Please see the chart below:



**Recommendation**

This report is informational and no action is required.



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