

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Chairman - Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **An informational report from the Interim 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, Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) 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. For the last several months, 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

The chart below shows the number of youth who have been committed to the Division of Juvenile Corrections per month since 2016:

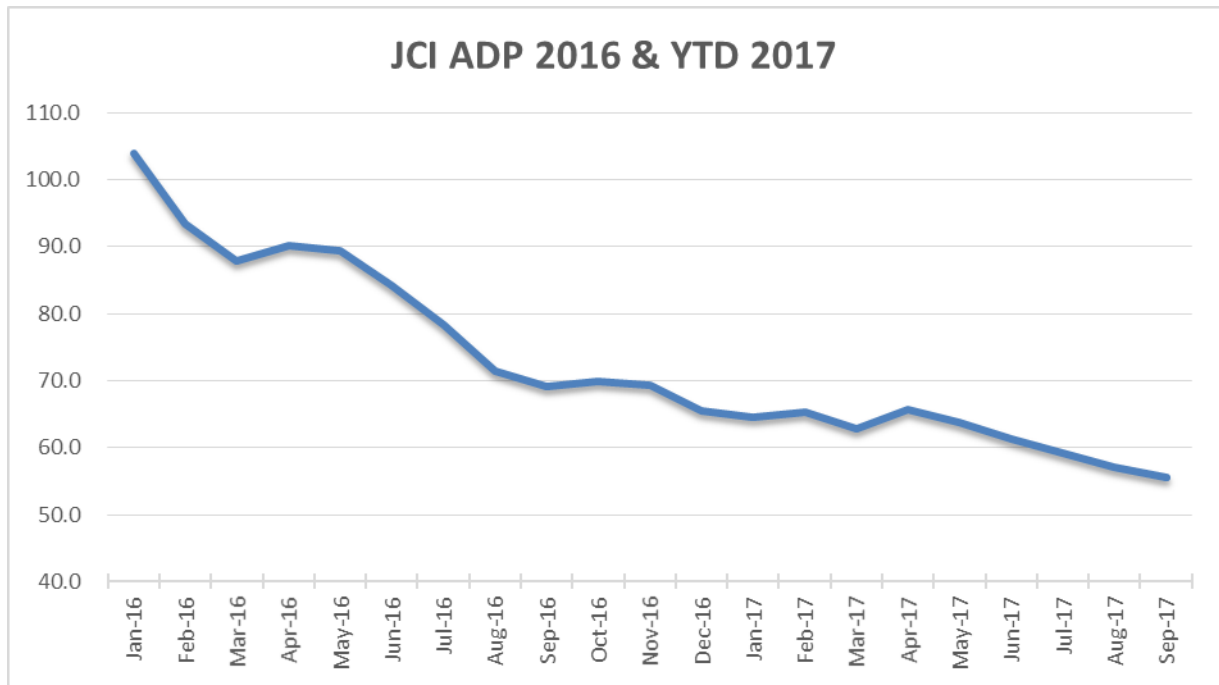
	2016 New Commitments	2017 New Commitments
January	3	6
February	8	5
March	6	3
April	4	9
May	7	4
June	4	5
July	8	4
August	4	6
September	9	5
October	12	4
November	5	
December	3	
Total	73	51

Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections

As of October 30, 2017, there were a total of 74 boys at Lincoln Hills (33 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 41 on regular DOC commitments). There were seven girls at Copper Lake (one on Serious Juvenile Offender Order and six on regular DOC commitments). There were 13 youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (five on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and eight 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. As a result, all DOC-DJC youth who were in the community are now assigned to a DCSD Human Service Worker who is providing supervision and case management for the kids and their families. The youth are 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, and clinical services, etc. As of August 25, there were 21 youth on aftercare in the community.

The 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 55 from January 2016 to September 2017. Please see the chart below:



Recommendation

This report is informational and no action is required.



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