

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 16, 2024

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 youth ordered to correctional placements

File Type: Information

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 is providing an update to the County Board on the number of youth from Milwaukee that have been committed to these facilities via a court order and the type of placement for youth as they transition back home from the correctional facility.

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Chapter 301; Chapter 938
---------------------------	--------------------------

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.

New Commitments	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	11	3	6	3	6	4	1	8	2	1
February	12	8	5	5	1	6	5	9	5	3
March	9	6	3	3	4	2	3	5	2	6
April	14	4	9	3	2	0	3	5	2	5
May	11	7	4	3	3	3	2	1	3	0
June	8	4	5	1	8	7	2	8	7	
July	7	8	4	3	2	1	4	6	4	
August	8	4	6	5	5	2	3	4	2	
September	6	9	5	6	5	3	2	2	2	
October	8	12	4	8	2	4	2	3	3	
November	11	5	7	6	5	4	2	2	2	
December	4	3	13	6	4	4	3	4	4	
Total	109	73	71	52	47	40	32	57	38	15

Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections

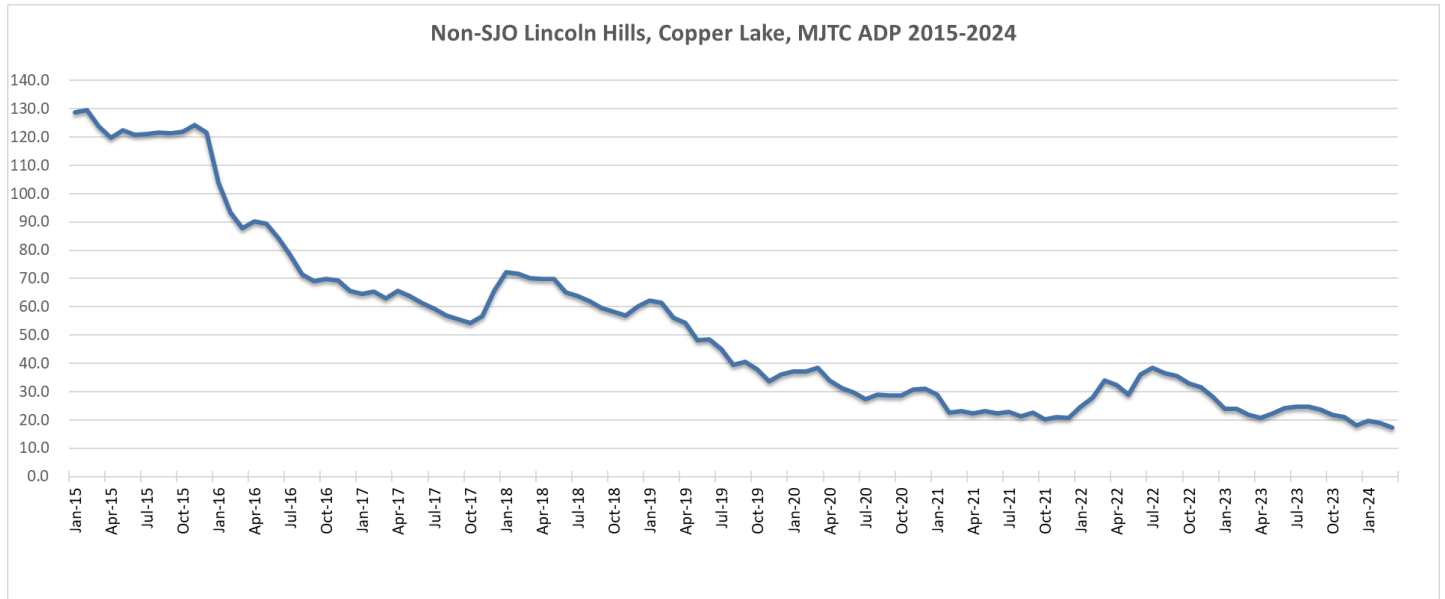
As of May 6, 2024, there are a total of 31 boys at Lincoln Hills School (10 youth who are placed on SJO orders and 21 youth who are placed on regular DOC commitments), five youth at Mendota (three youth who are on SJO orders and two youth who are on regular DOC commitment orders) and there are no girls at Copper Lake School.

Milwaukee County is responsible for the supervision and case management for all youth who are in Aftercare status and released from Corrections that are not in the Serious Juvenile Offender Program. All youth who are released from a correctional setting and placed in the community are assigned to a CYFS Human Service Worker who provides supervision and case management for the youth and their families. The youth are all receiving individualized services in the community including, but not limited to, GPS monitoring for the initial 30 days or more in the community, intensive monitoring and advocacy, restorative programming and clinical services.

As of May 6, there were 11 youth on Aftercare status back to the community. Of those youth, five kids were placed back home with their parents/guardians or with other relatives, and five youth were placed in out of home care, which includes group homes, residential care centers and adult jail systems. As of the time of this report, there was one youth who was in missing status.

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. The ADP for March is 17 which is the lowest ADP for

Milwaukee County on record. Please see the chart below:



ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

DHHS continues to work toward transitioning youth out of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools. CYFS has been leveraging its resources, including Opioid and ARPA funds, toward the ongoing development of community-based programming for justice-involved youth and their families through innovative initiatives. CYFS is also committed to building out a continuum of care to include targeted preventive and diversion services and initiatives. All these initiatives are occurring in the Milwaukee community and are focused not only on the youth but also their families and communities across Milwaukee County.

FISCAL EFFECT

This report is informational and there is no fiscal effect.

TERMS

N/A

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director
Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator

PREPARED BY:

Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Shakita LaGrant-McClain
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

cc: County Executive David Crowley
Hon. Karl Ashley, Chief Judge
Sup. Shawn Rolland, Chair, Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning Committee
Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County
Steve Cady, Research Director, Comptroller's Office
Lottie Maxwell-Mitchell, Sr. Budget and Management Analyst, DAS