

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 3, 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 the Department of Corrections

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. 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.

New Commitments	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	3	6	3	6	4	1	8
February	8	5	5	1	6	5	9
March	6	3	3	4	2	3	5
April	4	9	3	2	0	3	6
May	7	4	3	3	3	2	0
June	4	5	1	8	7	2	
July	8	4	3	2	1	4	
August	4	6	5	5	2	3	
September	9	5	6	5	3	2	
October	12	4	8	2	4	2	
November	5	7	6	5	4	2	
December	3	13	6	4	4	3	
Total	73	71	52	47	40	32	28

The youth ordered to the DJC in February 2022 were one, 15-year-old Black male, five, 16-year-old Black males, and three, 17-year-old Black males, all on regular orders.

The youth ordered to the DJC in March 2022 were one, 13-year-old Black male, one, 15-year-old Black male, one, 16-year-old Black male, and one, 16-year-old Black female (all on regular orders); and one, 16-year-old Black male on a SJO order.

The youth ordered to the DJC in April 2022 were one, 15-year-old Black male, one, 15-year-old Black female, one, 16-year-old Black male, and three, 17-year-old Black males, all on regular orders.

Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections

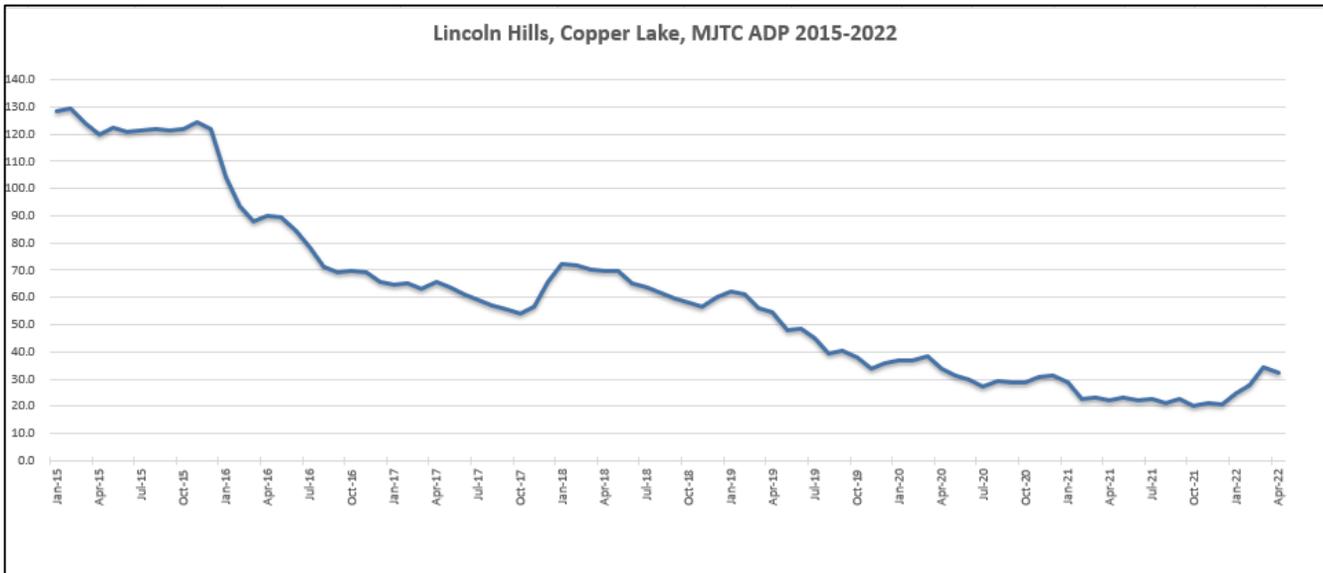
As of June 3, 2022, there are a total of 38 boys at Lincoln Hills (11 on SJO orders and 27 on regular DOC commitments). There are four girls at Copper Lake (all on regular DOC commitments). There were 16 youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (8 on SJO orders and 8 on regular DOC commitments).

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 June 2, 2022, there were five youth on Aftercare in the community. Of those youth, two were placed in-home, and one in Detention. As of the time of this report, two youth were

missing, and Capias/apprehension requests had been issued.

Over the last several years, the average daily population (ADP) of Milwaukee County youth in Lincoln Hills, Copper Lake Schools and Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center had been falling steadily since 2015. However, beginning in early 2022, the number of youth sentenced to corrections has started to rise. The ADP for April is 32.3 which represents an increase of 55% 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 initiatives 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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