

**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 Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an update on the Department of Corrections-Division of Juvenile Corrections**

**Background**

Since December 2015, key partners, including the County Executive, County Board of Supervisors, Chief Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, Department of Health and Human Services (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 Schools 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 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>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
January	3	6	3	6	0
February	8	5	5	1	
March	6	3	3	4	
April	4	9	3	2	
May	7	4	3	3	
June	4	5	1	8	
July	8	4	3	2	
August	4	6	5	5	
September	9	5	6	5	
October	12	4	8	2	
November	5	7	6	5	
December	3	13	6	4	

Of the youth that were ordered to the DJC in December 2019, three were on regular orders and one was on an SJO order. Of the three youth on a regular DJC orders, two youth were 17-year-old Caucasian males and the other was a 15-year-old Hispanic male. The one youth on an SJO order is a 15-year-old African American male.

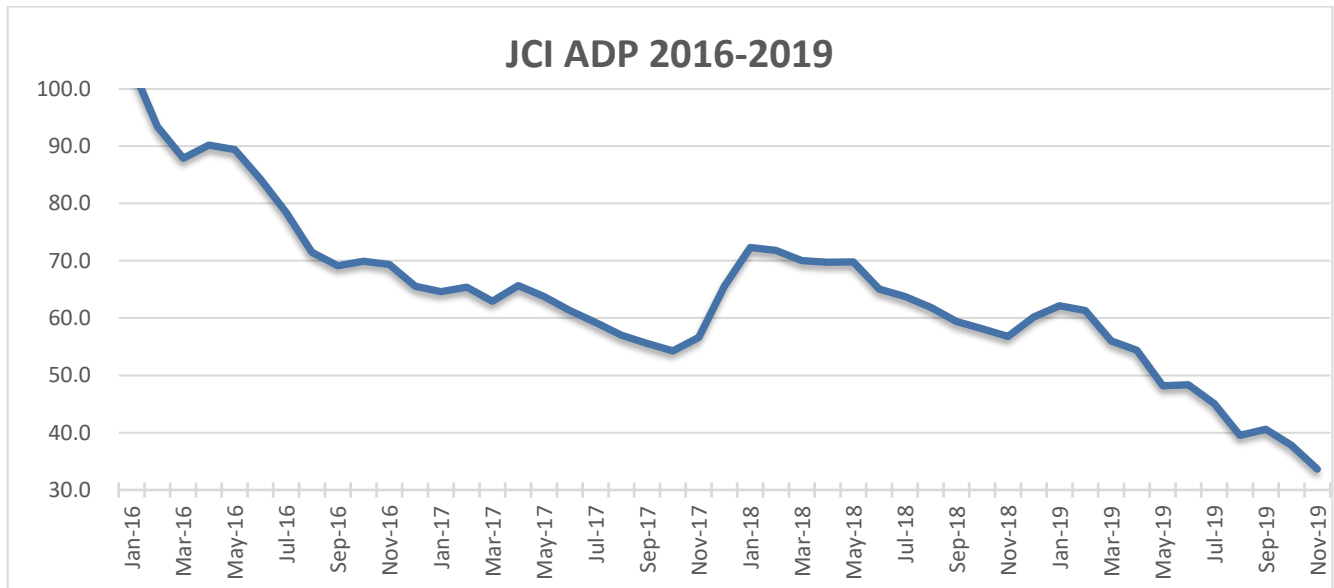
***Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections***

As of January 3, 2020, there were a total of 54 boys at Lincoln Hills (24 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 30 on regular DOC commitments). There were four girls at Copper Lake (one on Serious Juvenile Offender Order and three on regular DOC commitments). There were seven youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (three on a Serious Juvenile Offender Order 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-Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) youth. All DOC-DJC youth placed in the community were assigned to a DYFS Human Service Worker who is 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 January 3, 2020, there were 20 youth who were on Aftercare in the community. Of those youth, 15 are placed in-home, one in Secure Detention, one in the Criminal Justice Facility and three are placed out-of-home. As of the time of this report, four youth are currently missing, and Capias/apprehension requests have been issued for all.

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 33.6 from January 2016 to November 2019. Please see the chart below:



**Recommendation**

This report is informational, and no action is required.

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