

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** September 8, 2020

**TO:** Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, 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**

**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	4
February	8	5	5	1	6
March	6	3	3	4	2
April	4	9	3	2	0
May	7	4	3	3	3
June	4	5	1	8	7
July	8	4	3	2	1
August	4	6	5	5	1
September	9	5	6	5	
October	12	4	8	2	
November	5	7	6	5	
December	3	13	6	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>

The youth that was ordered to the DJC in August 2020 is a 16-year-old Black male on a regular DJC court order.

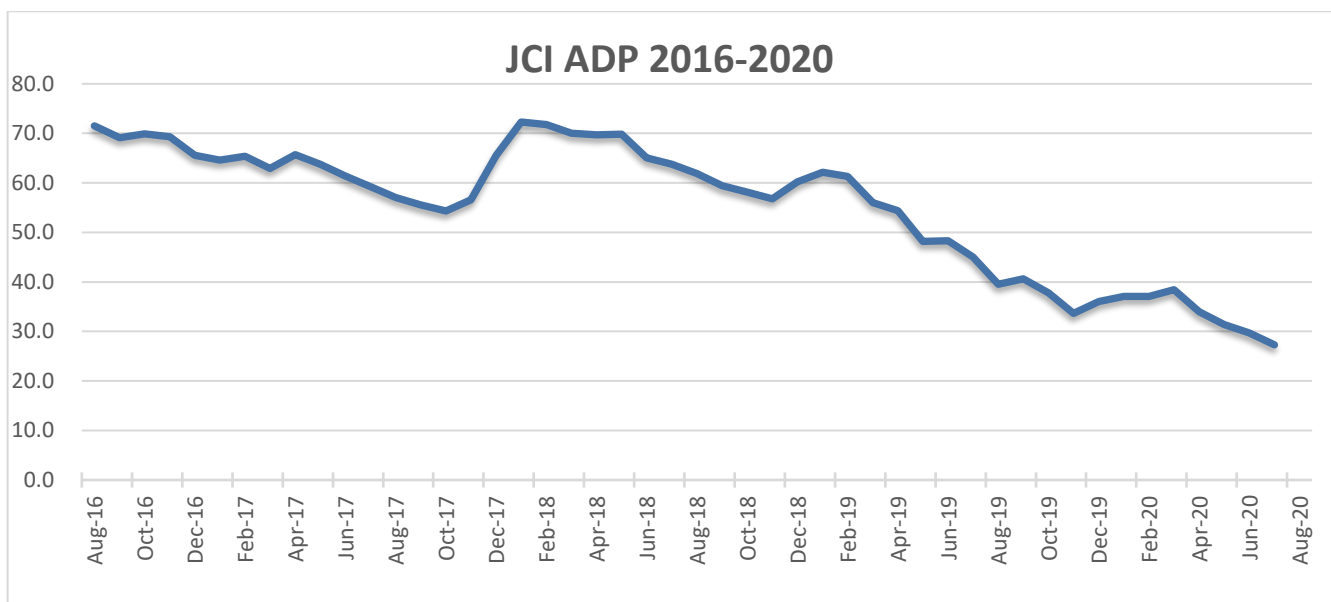
***Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections***

As of September 4, 2020, there were a total of 44 boys at Lincoln Hills (14 on SJO orders and 30 on regular DOC commitments). There were no girls at Copper Lake. There were five youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (two on SJO orders and three 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 DYFS 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.

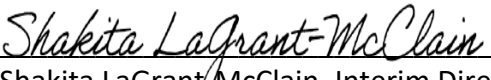
As of September 3, 2020, there were 11 youth on Aftercare in the community. Of those youth, three were placed in-home, three in Secure Detention, and one in Milwaukee County Jail (MCJ). As of the time of this report, four youth were currently missing, and Capias/apprehension requests had been issued.

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 steadily from 2016 to the current reporting period. The ADP for July is 27. Please see the chart below:



**Recommendation**

This report is informational, and no action is required.

  
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