


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: **Youth Justice Detention Data**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform counties and tribes of the release of a table and statewide map outlining Wisconsin counties' detention use and admission rates for SFY16.

BACKGROUND

As a part of its strategic plan, the Department inventoried its data systems and those of its system partners to identify currently available youth justice data. During this process, the Department requested and received detention data from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Juvenile Secure Detention Registry (JSDR) for SFY16. The JSDR is an electronically maintained system that allows law enforcement agencies and youth-holding facilities throughout the state to provide information to DOJ detailing the circumstances regarding youth held in the state's eleven detention facilities. The information submitted through the JSDR includes: authorizing county, identity of the facility, age of the youth at time of admission, race, sex, underlying statute that is the basis for the hold, reason code, admission date and time, release date and time and length of stay.

The JSDR data provide an overview of Wisconsin's statewide and county-by-county detention usage and reasons for detaining youth. DCF is committed to promoting best practices and effective programming. These data are intended to facilitate county-level understanding of practice variation and to encourage analysis of practices that ensure community safety while improving outcomes for youth.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The statewide map details the rates of detention admissions per 1,000 youth and groups the detention rates into 4 categories: rates less than 3.6, 3.6-7.9, 8-15.9 and above 16.0. The Detention Use by Admitting County table lists detention use for SFY16, including total admissions, rate per 1,000 youth, total number of unique youth admitted to detention, the rate of unique youth admitted per 1,000 youth, total punitive admissions (which includes 72-hour consequential holds and sanctions) and the rate of punitive admissions per 1,000 youth. The table is organized alphabetically by admitting county.

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Statewide Map
Detention Use by Admitting County Table