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DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Jim Pillen, Governor

April 28, 2026

Mr. Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509

Subject: Juvenile Room Confinement Report

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-4,134.01 requires Nebraska's juvenile facilities to report quarterly regarding the use of room confinement in Nebraska's juvenile facilities.

Attached you will find the room confinement usage data for the Whitehall Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in Lincoln, as well as the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC) in Hastings, Kearney, and Lincoln for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026. The YRTC system continues to use room confinement as a behavioral management tool for high-risk youth in our care. Efforts are continually made to guarantee youth are confined for the shortest time possible to ensure the safety of all parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alyssa L. Bish".

Alyssa Bish, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Children and Family Services

Attachment

Age at Incident	Sex	Race	Ethnicity	Date Time In	Date Time Out	Total Duration	Reason for Confinement	Confinement Details	# Direct Care Staff	Incidents of Self-Harm/Suicidal Behavior	Less Restrictive Means Unsuccessful (< 4 hours)	Barriers Preventing Return to Gen Pop (> 4 hours)	Corrective Action (for Staff)
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	1/1/2026 06:30	1/1/2026 08:26	1:56	Administrative	Refused to Comply	3	N/A	Continued Risk/Escalation	N/A	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/5/2026 18:48	1/8/2026 14:42	67:54	Administrative	Intake	3	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	1/10/2026 06:30	1/10/2026 07:37	1:07	Administrative	Refused to Comply	3	N/A	Continued Risk/Escalation	N/A	N/A
16	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	1/14/2026 09:26	1/15/2026 06:40	21:14	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/15/2026 11:09	1/15/2026 13:02	1:53	Administrative	Medical	2	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A	N/A
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	1/20/2026 11:49	1/20/2026 13:54	2:05	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A	N/A
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	1/21/2026 06:30	1/21/2026 11:10	4:40	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	1/21/2026 12:20	1/22/2026 11:19	22:59	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Recovery	N/A
16	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	1/21/2026 12:30	1/23/2026 14:12	49:42	Administrative	Intake	2	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/21/2026 13:15	1/23/2026 14:12	48:57	Administrative	Intake	2	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/21/2026 19:19	1/22/2026 20:17	24:58	Safety/Security	Danger to Others	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/22/2026 09:29	1/22/2026 11:02	1:33	Administrative	Refused to Comply	2	N/A	Continued Risk/Escalation	N/A	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/22/2026 14:34	1/23/2026 06:00	15:26	Safety/Security	Danger to Staff	3	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/28/2026 08:17	1/29/2026 08:12	23:55	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/29/2026 10:00	1/30/2026 08:07	22:07	Administrative	Medical	2	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/30/2026 07:43	1/31/2026 06:48	23:05	Administrative	Medical	2	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/30/2026 08:30	1/31/2026 06:48	22:18	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/30/2026 10:47	1/31/2026 06:00	19:13	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	3	Threatened/Attempted	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	1/30/2026 10:55	1/30/2026 12:31	1:36	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	3	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A	N/A
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	2/4/2026 13:15	2/6/2026 15:00	49:45	Administrative	Intake	4	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
16	Female	White	Hispanic	2/11/2026 07:50	2/12/2026 08:20	24:30	Administrative	Medical	4	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	2/11/2026 15:10	2/11/2026 18:50	3:40	Administrative	Investigation Status	3	N/A	Escape Risk	N/A	N/A
16	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	2/12/2026 09:46	2/12/2026 11:08	1:22	Administrative	Refused to Comply	4	N/A	Continued Risk/Escalation	N/A	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	2/16/2026 17:57	2/17/2026 18:06	24:09	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	3	N/A	N/A	Assaultive Behaviors	N/A
16	Female	White	Hispanic	2/17/2026 11:58	2/20/2026 13:56	73:58	Administrative	Intake	3	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	2/18/2026 15:39	2/19/2026 08:20	16:41	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	N/A	Assaultive Behaviors	N/A
18	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	2/20/2026 07:22	2/20/2026 08:30	1:08	Administrative	Investigation Status	3	N/A	Pending Investigation	N/A	N/A
16	Female	White	Hispanic	2/20/2026 07:23	2/20/2026 08:35	1:12	Administrative	Investigation Status	3	N/A	Pending Investigation	N/A	N/A
16	Female	White	Hispanic	2/20/2026 18:04	2/21/2026 10:24	16:20	Administrative	Danger to Staff	3	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A

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16	Female	White	Hispanic	2/22/2026 20:45	2/24/2026 13:37	40:52	Safety/Security	Danger to Staff	4	Threatened/Attempted	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	2/23/2026 07:35	2/23/2026 09:53	2:18	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	2/26/2026 12:16	2/27/2026 12:16	24:00	Safety/Security	Danger to Staff	5	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
16	Female	White	Hispanic	2/26/2026 13:30	2/27/2026 07:30	18:00	Administrative	Investigation Status	3	N/A	N/A	Escape Risk	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/1/2026 22:13	3/4/2026 08:45	58:32	Safety/Security	Danger to Staff	2	N/A	N/A	Assaultive Behaviors	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/2/2026 18:30	3/3/2026 06:30	12:00	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/6/2026 16:48	3/7/2026 18:00	25:12	Safety/Security	Danger to Others	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/7/2026 22:20	3/9/2026 10:36	36:16	Safety/Security	Danger to Others	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/10/2026 12:18	3/12/2026 15:48	51:30	Administrative	Intake	4	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/10/2026 12:18	3/12/2026 16:01	51:43	Administrative	Intake	3	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
18	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/10/2026 15:23	3/11/2026 15:00	23:37	Administrative	Medical	2	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
15	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/11/2026 11:05	3/13/2026 15:15	52:10	Administrative	Intake	3	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
16	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/15/2026 14:44	3/16/2026 14:44	24:00	Administrative	Medical	3	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/16/2026 06:00	3/17/2026 06:00	24:00	Administrative	Medical	2	N/A	N/A	Medical Necessity: Illness	N/A
15	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/16/2026 18:40	3/17/2026 08:54	14:14	Administrative	Investigation Status	3	N/A	N/A	Escape Risk	N/A
17	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	3/18/2026 11:30	3/20/2026 13:30	50:00	Administrative	Intake	2	N/A	N/A	Intake Process	N/A
15	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/18/2026 16:40	3/19/2026 06:00	13:20	Administrative	Refused to Comply	3	N/A	N/A	Continued Risk/Escalation	N/A
16	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	3/22/2026 14:50	3/23/2026 06:00	15:10	Safety/Security	Property Destruction	2	N/A	N/A	Continued Risk/Escalation	N/A
15	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/22/2026 20:10	3/23/2026 20:00	23:50	Safety/Security	Danger to Staff	3	N/A	N/A	Assaultive Behaviors	N/A
16	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/23/2026 14:40	3/23/2026 16:11	1:31	Safety/Security	Safety Rotation	2	N/A	Continued Risk/Escalation	N/A	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/28/2026 13:06	3/29/2026 07:47	18:41	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
16	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	3/28/2026 19:25	3/28/2026 20:45	1:20	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A	N/A
18	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/29/2026 20:50	3/30/2026 15:20	18:30	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
15	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/29/2026 20:50	3/30/2026 09:11	12:21	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
16	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/30/2026 15:58	3/30/2026 17:35	1:37	Safety/Security	Danger to Staff	2	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A	N/A
15	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/31/2026 10:07	3/31/2026 23:59	13:52	Administrative	Investigation Status	3	N/A	N/A	Escape Risk	N/A
17	Female	Black	Non-Hispanic	3/31/2026 13:24	3/31/2026 23:59	10:35	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
16	Female	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-Hispanic	3/31/2026 13:31	3/31/2026 23:59	10:28	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A
17	Female	White	Non-Hispanic	3/31/2026 14:05	3/31/2026 23:59	9:54	Safety/Security	Danger to Youth	2	N/A	N/A	Verbally Abusive/Threatening	N/A