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TO: County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors
FROM: Cari J. Taylor, Administrator 
SUBJECT: Short Term Program Options Offered by the Division of Juvenile Corrections

As a follow up to Administrator's Memo #15-01 this document describes the Lincoln Hills School Short Term Reentry Program option for juvenile males being implemented March 1, 2015 in place of the PRIDE program. It also summarizes the other short term program options offered by the Division of Juvenile Corrections.

Lincoln Hills School Short Term Reentry Program

The Lincoln Hills School Short Term Reentry Program for juvenile males is targeted for certain lower risk youth who are identified by the court as benefiting from a maximum of a 120-day placement at Lincoln Hills School.

Program Components:

Preparation for community reintegration will begin during the initial reception process, with the goal of targeting and providing the skills each youth needs to survive and succeed upon reentry. Youth will begin active participation in targeted programming which may include Juvenile Cognitive Interventions Program (JCIP), Aggression Replacement Training (ART), and/or Victim Impact Programming (VIP), depending on the needs of the youth.

Academic programming will consist of instruction at either the Middle School or High School level, depending on youths age, in Mathematics, English, Social Studies, and Science. Lincoln Hills School's curriculum is closely aligned with the Common Core Academic Standards and Next Generation Science standards.

The community supervision aspect of the program will be designed so that upon leaving the institution, each youth will have a reintegration plan in place that focuses on developing links with community agencies including family, schools, health care providers, churches, recreation centers, and case specific service providers.

Entry into the Lincoln Hills School Short Term Reentry Program:

1. Male youth are selected through a referral process facilitated by the Office of Juvenile Offender Review (OJOR). OJOR representatives will provide the initial screening processes for direct commitments. The referring county should provide OJOR with information on youth's current

offense, offense and intervention history, educational status and proposed discharge plan. Eligible participants are to be lower risk youth the county department may normally consider placing in a secure correctional setting at Lincoln Hills School. The Lincoln Hills School Short Term Reentry Program will generally not admit youth with specialized AODA or sex offender treatment needs, or who have serious mental health needs.

2. If approved, the court order should provide as follows:

"[Name of youth] is committed to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for a period of [at least 6 months] for placement up to 120 days in the Lincoln Hills School Short Term Program. Upon completion of the Short Term Program, [youth] is placed under the supervision of [Wisconsin Department of Corrections OR _____ County, whichever provides aftercare in that county]. If [youth] fails to complete the Short Term Program, he will be placed in a Type 1 secured juvenile correctional facility, unless this court determines otherwise."

3. Youth placed in the Short Term Program will first have an abbreviated assessment and evaluation at LHS of up to 14 days, then be placed in programming. OJOR will schedule the first Joint Program Review Committee (JPRC) within 21 days of placement.

A county considering direct placement in the Lincoln Hills School Short Term Reentry Program for juvenile males should contact Kathie Ponzer with the Office of Juvenile Offender Review at (715) 536-8386 ext. 1192 for more information.

Copper Lake School Short Term Reentry Program

The similarly constituted Copper Lake School Short Term Reentry Program remains an option for juvenile females. A county considering direct placement in the Copper Lake School Short Term Reentry Program for juvenile females should contact Tonja Fischer with the Office of Juvenile Offender Review at (715) 536-8386 ext. 1165 for more information.

If you have any questions about Copper Lake or Lincoln Hills Schools' Short Term Reentry Programs please feel to contact Superintendent John Ourada at John.Ourada@wi.gov or Deputy Superintendent Wendy A. Peterson at WendyA.Peterson@wi.gov. Or contact Copper Lake and Lincoln Hills Schools by phone at (715) 536-8386.

Other Short Term Program Options Offered by the Division of Juvenile Corrections

In addition to the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools' Short Term Reentry Programs, the Division of Juvenile Corrections offers a variety of other short term program options aimed at meeting the specific needs of individual youth. Those programs include:

Corrective Sanctions Program

Corrective Sanctions Program (CSP) services have been provided by the Division of Juvenile Corrections since 1994. State field agents provide individualized case planning, electronic monitoring, treatment and counseling services, support for youth education and employment goals, community service and restitution, and an incremental level system to enhance community protection and gradual re-integration of CSP youth. A youth referred for direct CSP placement should be a person the county department would normally consider placing in a juvenile correctional institution, for whom community-based supervision provides adequate accountability for his/her offenses. CSP generally does not admit youth with specialized AODA or sex offender treatment needs, or who have

serious mental health needs.

A county considering direct placement in the Corrective Sanctions Program should contact the appropriate DJC regional office to begin the pre-screening process.

Abbreviated Reception AODA Treatment

The Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake School AODA/Substance Use Disorder treatment programs are based on the Seeking Safety curriculum. Under Abbreviated Reception AODA Treatment (ARAT), Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School shortens the length of the initial Assessment and Evaluation phase of programming to three days, on the consideration that the county provides recent AODA assessment and other required information regarding potential participants. The average length of the program is 16 weeks. It is specifically designed for youth who have been unsuccessful in treatment or have not been appropriate for treatment in a less restrictive setting. Youth in the program learn coping strategies without substance use, manage trauma symptoms, set boundaries and learn to recognize healthy, supportive relationships.

A county considering direct placement in Abbreviated Reception AODA Treatment should contact Tonja Fischer of the Office of Juvenile Offender Review at (715) 536-8386 ext. 1165 for more information.

The Grow Academy

The Grow Academy's residential program in Oregon, Wisconsin serves up to 12 male youth ages 14-18 in a 120-day program. Recognizing the expanding need for out of home placement for delinquent, high school credit deficient youth, the Division of Juvenile Corrections offers the Grow Academy; an evidence-based, correctional program consisting of an agriculturally-based educational curriculum, community partnerships, and cognitive-behavioral treatment aimed at reducing recidivism. As an alternative to juvenile incarceration, a direct county commitment, or for youth returning from a Juvenile Correctional placement, the Grow Academy teaches youth the skills to successfully reintegrate into and be productive members of their communities. Referrals to the Grow Academy may come as a result of:

- County placements via the Experiential Education Program, s. 938.34(7g)
- Stayed correctional court orders, s. 938.34(16)
- Direct placements, where youth are released to the Grow Academy after 21 days in reception at Lincoln Hills School
- A step-down from Lincoln Hills School

A county considering placing a youth at the Grow Academy should contact Grow Academy Director Nicki Laudloff at (608) 835-5701 or e-mail the Grow Academy at GrowAcademy@wi.gov for more information.

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