



Michigan Child Welfare Improvement Task Force

Improving the safe, fair, and equitable treatment of all Michigan's children and families.





Welcome

What to Expect
for 2024.....

Congregate Care Workgroup Meeting Date and Times

February 29th 10:00am-11:30am

March 25th 12:30pm-2:00pm

April 22nd 8:30am-10:00am

May 23rd 10:30am-12noon

June 26th 1:00pm-2:30pm

July 31st 10:00am-11:30am

August-Summer Break Meeting Cancelled

September 18th 1:30pm-3:00pm

October 30th 9:00am-10:30am

November 18th 12:30pm-2:00pm

December 16th Holiday Break Meeting Cancelled

Child Welfare Improvement Task Force

Charge Statement

Purpose: Time-limited task force to provide legislative, policy, and practice recommendations to MDHHS on:

- Redesigning a front-end response to allegations of abuse and neglect that is free from bias and distinguishes between crisis and a need for family services and support.
- Reducing racial disparities in child welfare outcomes by:
 - Increased use of supported, safe kinship care
 - Improved access to community mental health services
 - Elimination of improper placements in residential settings





CCI Placement Data

Living Arrangement

(from January Fact sheet, includes non-community settings)

Living Arrangement	Youth of Color	White	Grand Total
Child Caring Institution	179	180	359
Detention	21	10	31
Emergency Shelter	21	5	26
Hospital	15	21	36
Jail	5		5
MDHHS Training School	20	13	33
Out of State Child Caring Institution	1	4	5
Grand Total	262	233	495

PLACEMENT PRIOR TO CCI PLACEMENT

youth in CCI as of 2/10/24

Living Arrangement (does not include detention, jail, shelter, or hospital)	Youth of Color	White	Grand Total
AWOL	3	2	5
Child Caring Institution	216	183	399
Court Treatment Facility	1	2	3
MDHHS Training School	29	29	58
Out of State Child Caring Institution	2	3	5
Grand Total	251	219	470



PLACEMENT FOLLOWING CCI PLACEMENT

Youth who exited a CCI between 2/2023-1/2024 (does not include exits from detention, jail, shelter, or hospital)	Youth of Color	White	Grand Total
Next Placement Type			
Child Caring Institution	39	45	84
Licensed Unrelated Foster Home	32	31	63
Licensed/Unlicensed Relative Home	24	27	51
Parental Home	21	30	51
Detention	25	21	46
Hospital	15	28	43
Rental Home/Apartment	18	23	41
AWOL	11	7	18
Emergency Residential Shelter	10	6	16
Adult Foster Home	8	6	14
Jail	9	2	11
Unrelated Caregiver	4	3	7
Out of State Child Caring Institution	2	1	3
MDHHS Training School		3	3
Terminated Parental Home		2	2
Friend/Partner Home		2	2
Agency	1	1	2
Adoptive Home		1	1
Juvenile Guardianship Home		1	1
Court Treatment Facility		1	1
Grand Total	219	241	460

Foster Care Activities in FY23 and FY24

- **Assessment of rates paid to the facilities**
- **Implementation of intensive placement units**
- **Utilization of Power BI residential bed availability tracking, including accessing risk scores**
- **ILP contract enhancements**

Strategies undertaken to reduce CCI placements

Case Reads

Utilize escalation calls to divert youth from placement in congregate care settings

Case mining and review of placement/treatment history

Identifying unused supports for transition back to a community setting

Data Review

Youth under age 13

Youth in CCI placement over 1 year

Youth who have had multiple mental health hospitalizations

Target future prevention opportunities

Residential Review Teams

Monthly team meetings with CMH, ISD and CCCI staff to review target youth

Long term plans and support building part of each discussion

Training for team members

Identify and remedy exits in real time

Engage and educate staff with the “why” and “how”

DRAFT: CCI Action Plan

Problem Statement: Children of color are disproportionately placed in CCIs and have longer lengths of stay.
Recommendation: Implement appropriate services to reduce CCI placements and length of stay.

