

**Stanislaus County
Juvenile Justice Commission
May 28, 2015**

Members Present: Darin Gharat, Chair, Vicki Maldonado, Sharma Uma, Richard Breshears, Jesse De La Cruz, and Teresa Guerrero

Members Excused: Lt. Mike Dailey, Capt. Bill Duncan, and Steve Ashman

Members Absent: Pedro Sorio and Jorge Contreras

Probation Department Present: Jill Silva, Chief Probation Officer and Steve Jackson, Division Director, Institution Services

Superior Court Present: The Honorable Valli Israels, Juvenile Court Judge and Lindsay Hover, Superior Court Intern

Call to Order: Chair Darin Gharat called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Public Comment: No public individuals were present. The public comment period was dispensed with.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Vicki Maldonado. SECOND: Sharma Uma. The minutes of the March 18 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously.

Probation Department Report: Chief Jill Silva

Chief Silva updated the members on the status of the following subjects:

- The Probation Department has been hiring Probation Corrections Officers because of a five-year fiscal plan approved by the Board of Supervisors which included \$8 million of public safety restoration funding.
- A Probation Corrections Officer III is now assigned to working on programming at both juvenile facilities. Programs have been added, such as Planting Justice, who conducts a gardening program at both facilities. Other programming being considered includes subjects such as guitar lessons, photography classes, increased arts and crafts, a basketball program and track program. A Girl Scouts program and Council for Boys and Young Men are also being evaluated.
- A vocation module program, called Paxton Patterson, will be offered by the Stanislaus County Office of Education and includes modules addressing subjects such as plumbing, drywall installation and medical assisting. The culinary arts program is doing very well and, upon successful completion of the program, youth receive a food handling certification in order to help them obtain employment upon their release.

- A Crime Analyst/Researcher position has been added for the Juvenile Division. Hiring is under way for this position. They will be responsible for reporting on the outcomes of the various juvenile programs being conducted.
- Stanislaus County is part of a regional project concerning booking data on LGBT youth. A one-day snapshot of data from 56 counties statewide showed that the state matched national trends for lesbian/gay youth in the juvenile facilities; however, there is a higher population of female LGBT youth in the state as compared to national data. Central Region counties are involved in gathering six months of data which will be used to identify the next steps to work on. This could involve changing programming in the community or within the juvenile facilities.
- Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is working very closely with the mentally ill youth in the juvenile institutions. Chief Silva noted that statewide, a more acute population is being seen than in the past.

Juvenile Court Report: Judge Valli Israels

Judge Israels introduced Lindsay Hover, who is a law student intern from Santa Clara University Law School. Her duties will be focused on developing a protocol/procedure to work with youth who are not competent to stand trial. Judge Israels explained that youth must understand their charges and be able to assist their trial attorney. When an attorney has a doubt regarding the youth's competency, Judge Israels outlined the steps involved, which includes a psychiatric evaluation and recommendation, and a program established in order to assist in restoring their competency. A Restoration Committee has been established to work on this project. The Chief Probation Officer in Mono County has offered to assist with training on this subject at no cost. A curriculum has been established to assist youth with understanding the Court process. Chief Silva noted that Kern County has been using Probation Officers to assist with the restoration process. Therefore, Probation staff will be trained to work with youth in order to restore competency. Treatment will be provided by BHRS staff and a psychiatrist will be required to certify competency.

Judge Israels reported that Juvenile Drug Court had three graduates this month and 10 to 12 youth are presently participating in this program. A Delinquency Committee has been formed and includes representatives from the Probation Department, the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office. The Honor Roll is doing well with a large group earning honor roll this month.

PbS Report for Juvenile Institutions: Steve Jackson

Division Director Steve Jackson distributed an Outcome Measure Report for Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall (report attached to original copy of minutes). He explained that PbS (Performance-based Standards) is a national program designed for Juvenile Institutions to identify, monitor and improve treatment and conditions within the institutions.

Comparisons are made with other county facilities. He reviewed the report for Juvenile Hall and the Juvenile Commitment Facility highlighting the following:

- **Incidents of youth misconduct that result in injury, confinement, and/or restraint per 100 person-days of youth confinement:** Both facilities were below the national average. He discussed a spike that occurred in April 2015 and noted that staff utilizes this data to assess what conditions or issue might have caused a misconduct.
- **Physical restraint and chemical restraint use per 100 person-days of youth confinement:** Both facilities are under the national average for use of hands-on and above-average for the utilization of O.C. spray. As a result, O.C. use has been studied and evaluated.
- **Isolation, room confinement, segregation/special management unit use per 100 person-days of youth confinement:** This topic is being studied statewide and a Room-Rest Committee has been established to study this area. Isolation hours are studied and use of isolation should be reduced with the assistance of this committee. Treatment of youth must be fair and consistent and room rest must be appropriate to the behavior. Activities are still provided during a time of room rest.
- **Family:** Visiting numbers are low and family must be involved with treatment. Programming will be focused on engaging youth.
- **Living Conditions/Climate:** Surveys were distributed to youth at both facilities addressing issues such as clean facility, food quality, school program, recreational program, clothing, and use of lock down for misbehavior.

Division Director Jackson advised that the full PbS report is available and JJC members are welcome to view the full report.

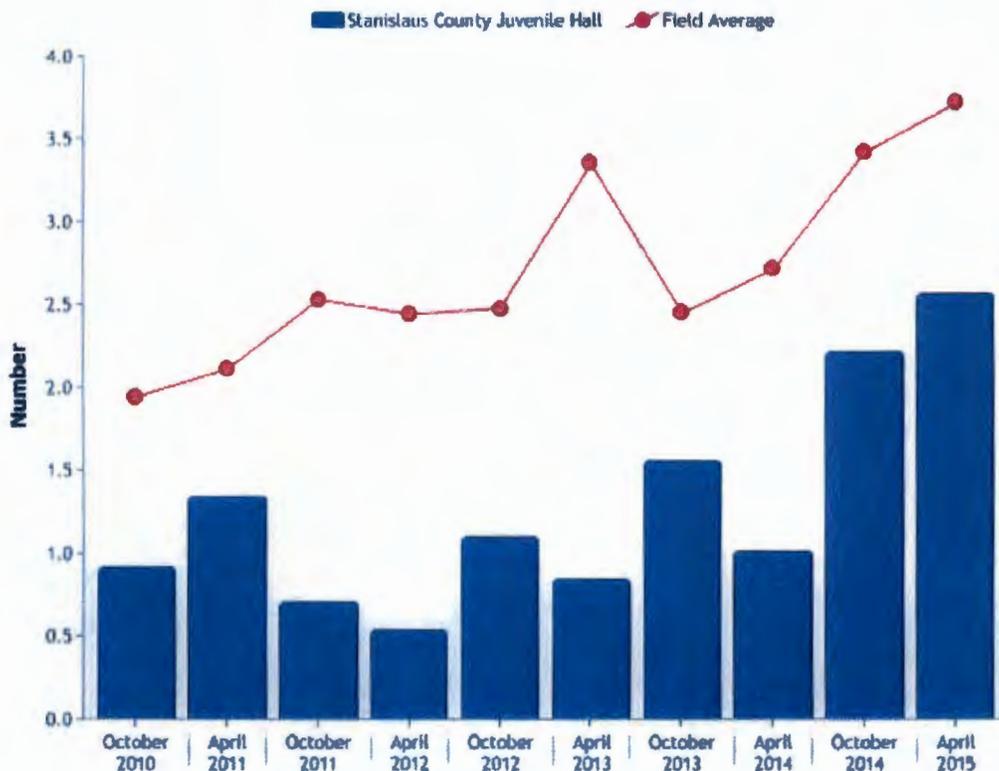
Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Outcome Measure Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall 10/01/2010 to 05/22/2015

Order 01

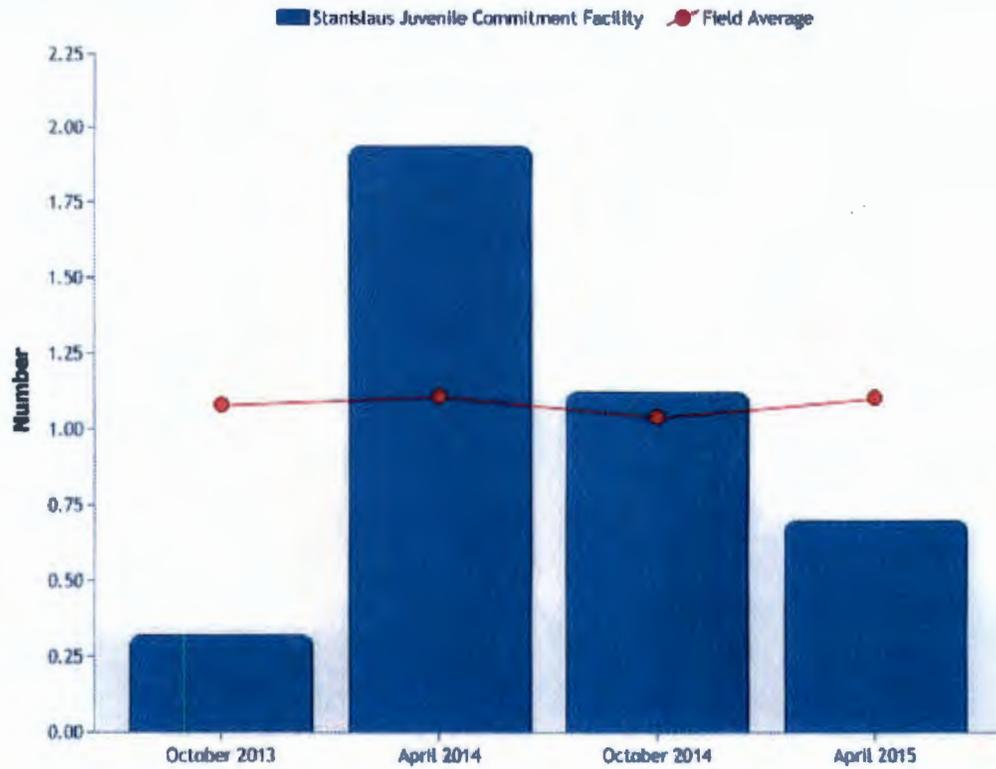
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Outcome Measure Stanislaus Juvenile Commitment Facility 10/01/2010 to 05/22/2015

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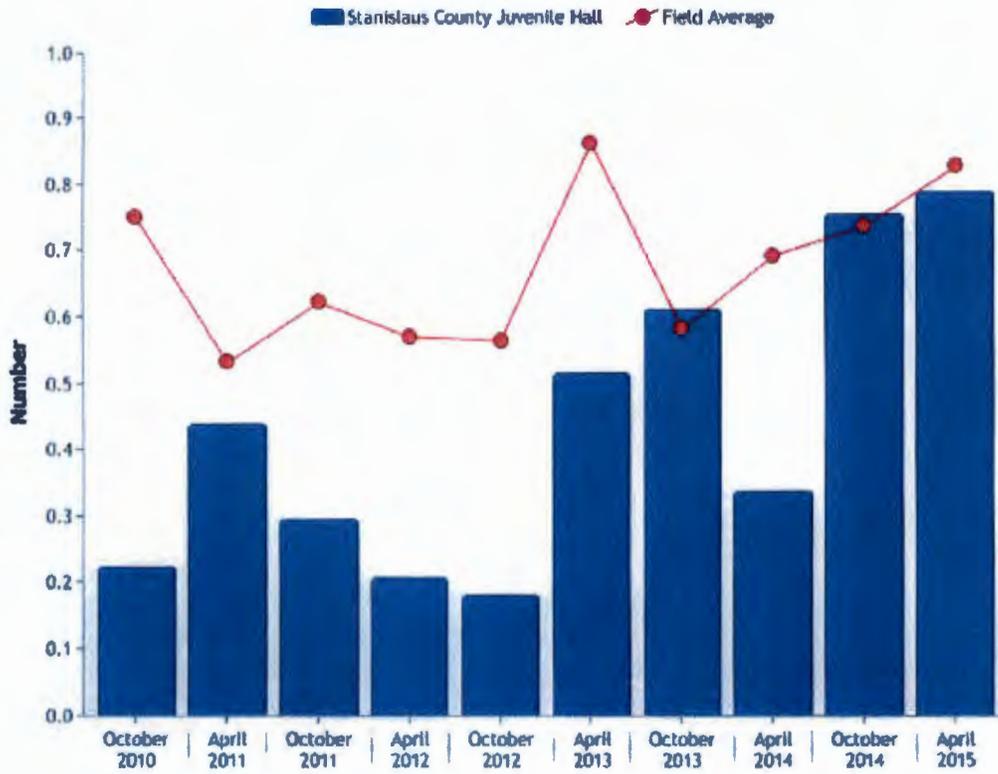
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Outcome Measure Stanislaus County Juvenile Hall 10/01/2010 to 05/22/2015

Order 03

Physical restraint use per 100 person-days of youth confinement.

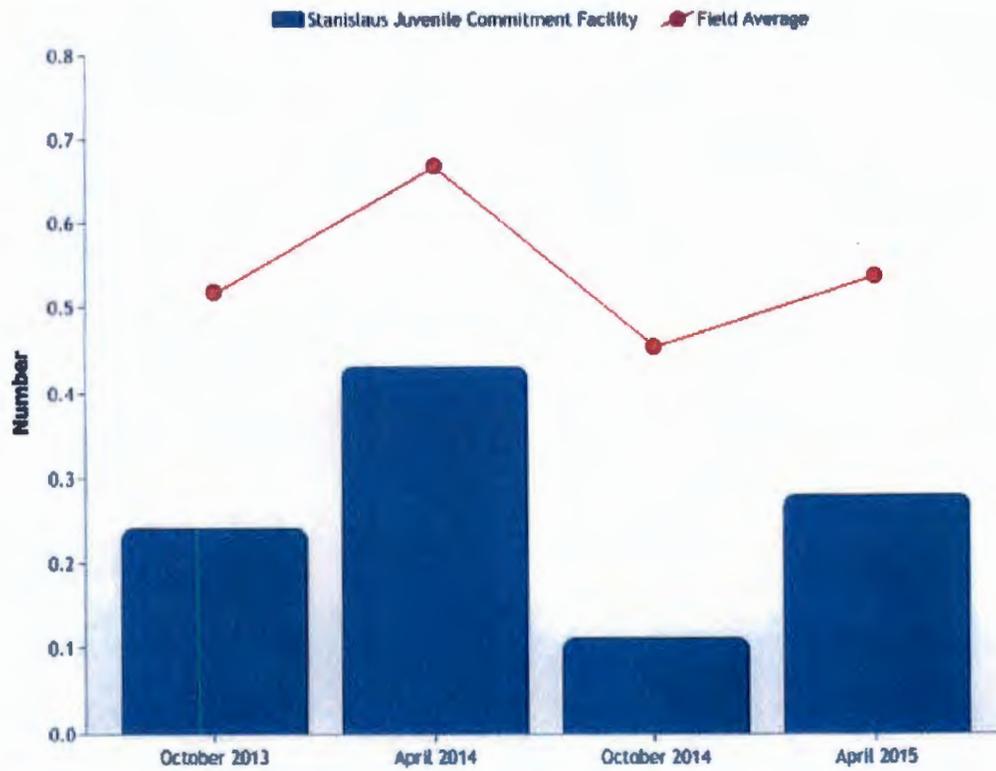


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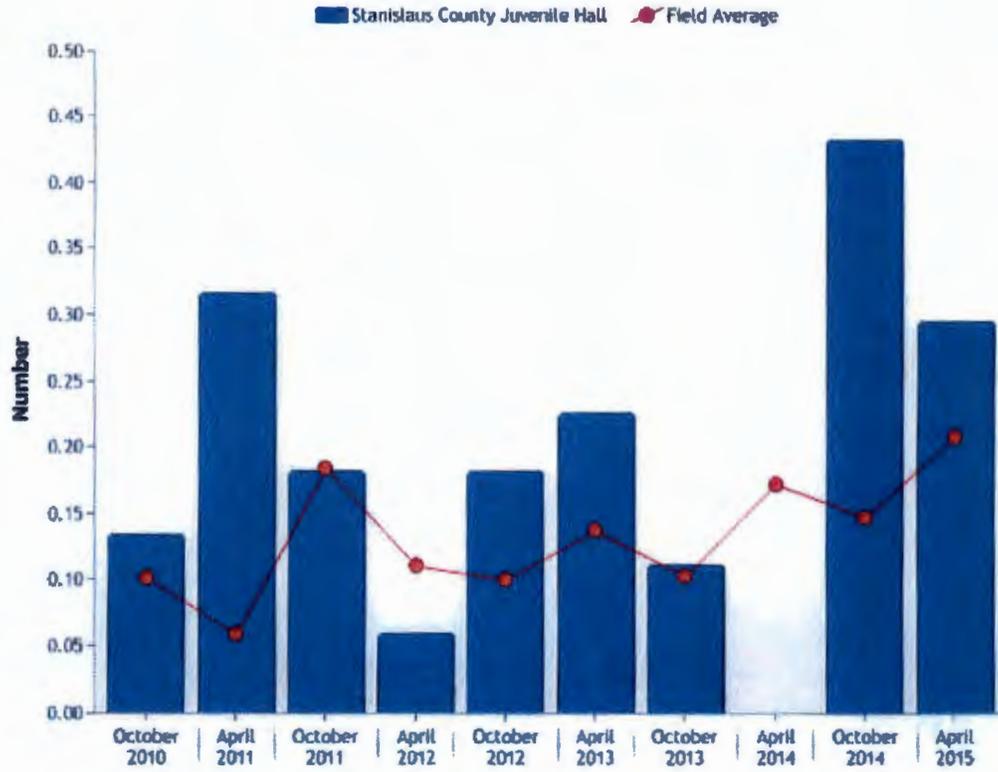
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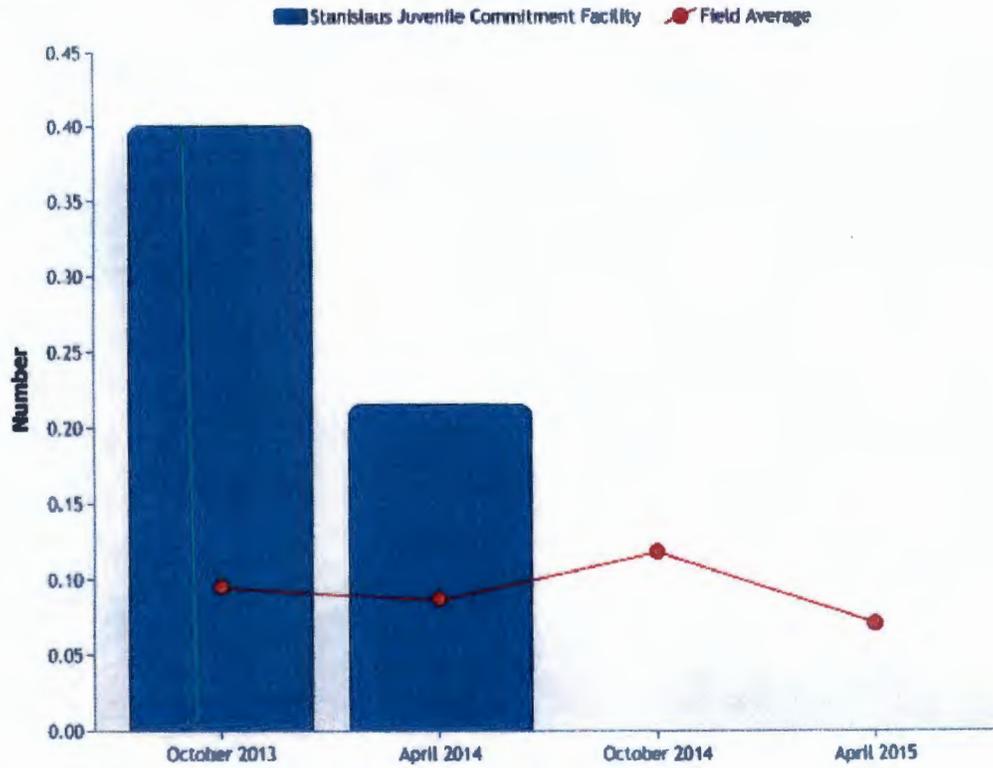
Chemical restraint use per 100 person-days of youth confinement.



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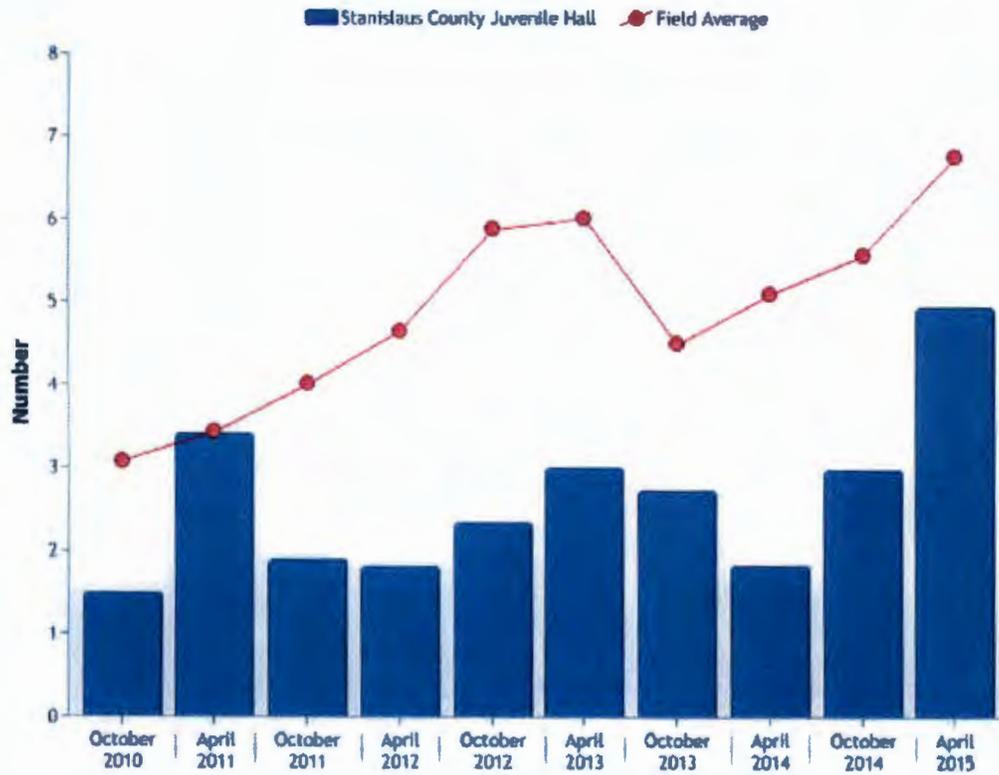
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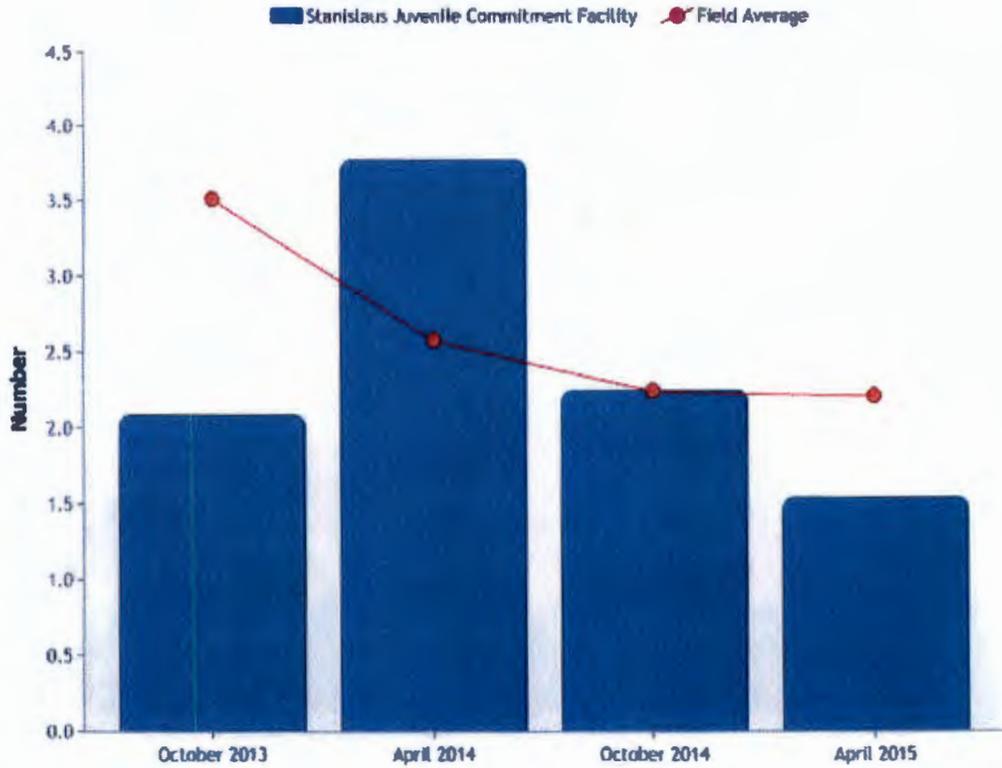
Isolation, room confinement, segregation/special management unit use per 100 person-days of youth confinement.



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Order 08

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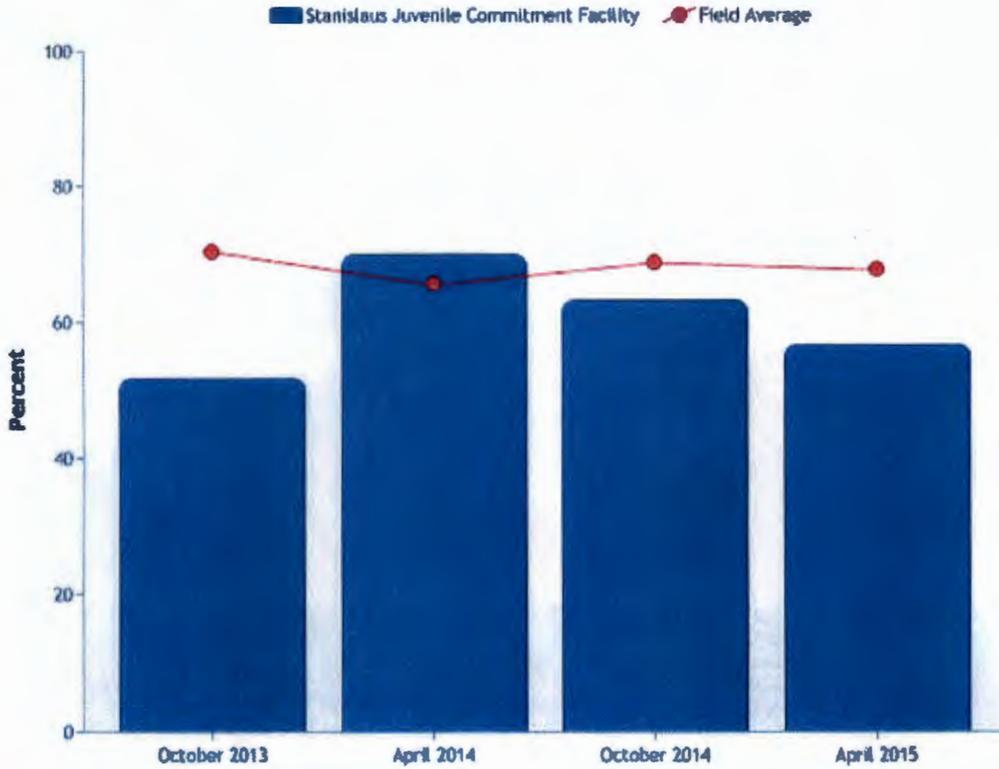


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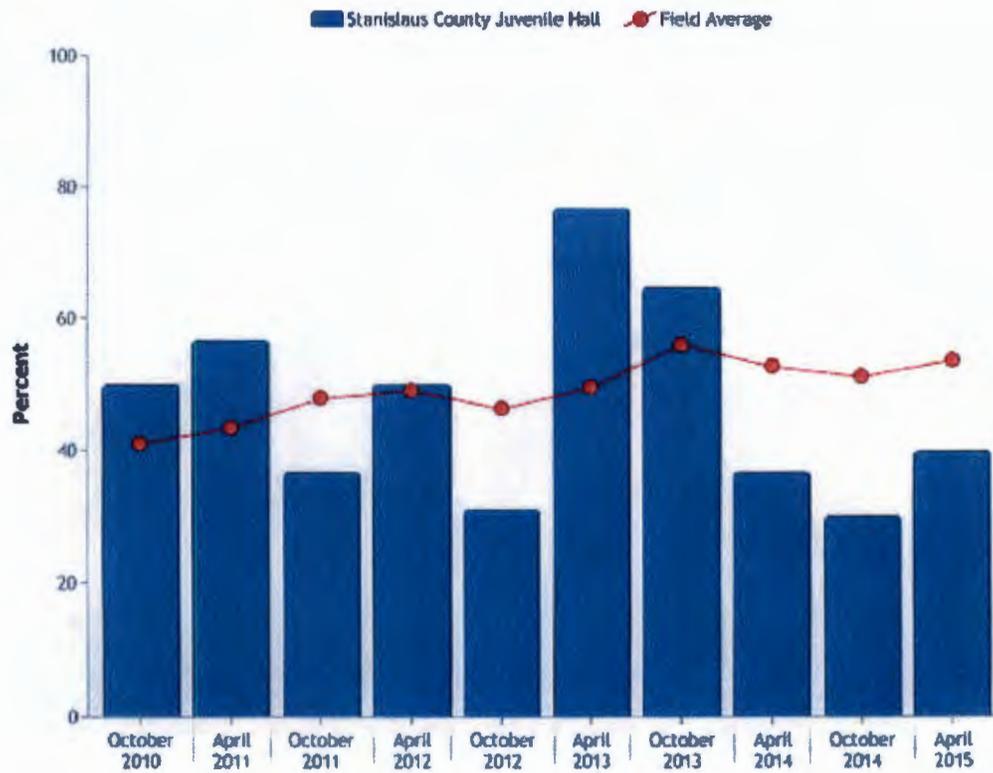
Percent of youths who have ever had visits with parents or guardians while in facility.



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Family 03

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Youth Climate Survey (YCS)

Response count summary for the Youth Climate Survey.

Living Conditions/Climate

Notice: You should not fill out this interview unless a staff person has given you an assent form, the person has reviewed it with you, and you have checked a box indicating your willingness or unwillingness to participate. Once you have completed the survey, place both the last page of the assent form (that you have checked off) and the survey in the envelope provided to you. You may keep the first two pages of the assent form that has all of the information about doing this survey.

1. Which of the following statements are true about this facility?

1a. The facility is clean

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	15	71%
No	5	24%
Refuse to answer	1	5%

1b. The food is good

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	10	48%
Yes	9	43%
Refuse to answer	2	10%

1c. The facility has a good school program

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	17	81%
No	3	14%
Refuse to answer	1	5%

1d. The facility has a good recreational program

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	9	43%
Yes	9	43%
Refuse to answer	3	14%

1e. The rules here are fair

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	13	62%
Refuse to answer	5	24%
Yes	3	14%

1f. Everything is working in the unit I live in

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	13	62%
No	6	29%
Refuse to answer	2	10%

1g. I have been given the required clothing, shoes, sheets, towels and toiletries

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	18	86%
Refuse to answer	2	10%
No	1	5%

1h. The common areas are clean

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	15	71%
No	4	19%

Value	Count	Percent
Refuse to answer	2	10%

1i. I get the same answer to a question, no matter who I ask

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	9	43%
Yes	8	38%
Refuse to answer	4	19%

1j. I am confident private conversations cannot be overheard

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	9	43%
Yes	7	33%
Refuse to answer	5	24%

2. Since you have been in this facility, have you ever been locked down because of misbehavior?

Value	Count	Percent
No	11	52%
Yes	7	33%
Don't know	1	5%
Refuse to answer	1	5%
Not recorded	1	5%

2a. If yes, what was the longest time you were locked down alone, without being allowed to have contact with other youth who live here?

Value	Count	Percent
1 - 5 days	4	57%
11 days or more	2	29%
Less than one day	1	14%

or

Youth Climate Survey (JH)

Response count summary for the Youth Climate Survey.

Living Conditions/Climate

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No	7	35%

1b. The food is good

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	14	70%
Yes	6	30%

1c. The facility has a good school program

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	14	70%
No	5	25%
Refuse to answer	1	5%

1d. The facility has a good recreational program

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	12	60%

Value	Count	Percent
No	8	40%

1e. The rules here are fair

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	12	60%
Yes	8	40%

1f. Everything is working in the unit I live in

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
No	11	55%
Yes	9	45%

1g. I have been given the required clothing, shoes, sheets, towels and toiletries

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	18	90%
No	1	5%
Refuse to answer	1	5%

1h. The common areas are clean

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
Yes	14	70%
No	6	30%

1i. I get the same answer to a question, no matter who I ask

This statement is true

Value	Count	Percent
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No	12	60%
Yes	8	40%

1j. I am confident private conversations cannot be overheard

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Yes	4	20%
Refuse to answer	3	15%

2. Since you have been in this facility, have you ever been locked down because of misbehavior?

Value	Count	Percent
No	9	45%
Yes	8	40%
Not recorded	3	15%

2a. If yes, what was the longest time you were locked down alone, without being allowed to have contact with other youth who live here?

Value	Count	Percent
Less than one day	4	50%
1 - 5 days	3	38%
6 - 10 days	1	13%

or