



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO TO COUNTIES

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Date: December 10, 2021
To: Juvenile Justice Partners
From: Ron Hermes, Administrator 
Subject: Change of Placement to Type 1 Juvenile Correctional Facility

2017 Wis. Act 185, as amended by 2019 Wis. Act 8, has restructured the Wisconsin juvenile correctional system, including the provisions governing changes of placement and transfers of juveniles from secured residential care centers for children and youth (SRCCYs) to Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities. Under s. 938.357(3)(a), Wis. Stats., when a change placement from a SRCCY to a Type 1 juvenile correctional facility operated by the Department of Corrections (DOC) is proposed, the DOC must be afforded an opportunity to object to the change of placement. This memo provides the procedural process by which the DOC may be provided an opportunity to object to a change of placement from a SRCCY to a Type 1 juvenile correctional facility.

When a change of placement to a Type 1 juvenile correctional facility is proposed, the following information shall be sent to DOCDJCOJOR@wisconsin.gov:

- Information regarding the change of placement hearing (date of hearing or a statement that the hearing has been waived),
- The Change of Placement Petition, and
- A copy of the report submitted to the court under s. 938.33 or, if the report was presented orally, a transcript of the report and all other pertinent data from the county department.

As there are currently no operational SRCCYs, it is the intent of the DOC to not object to a change in placement to a Type 1 juvenile correctional facility unless there are extraordinary circumstances based on an individual youth's risks, needs, or mental health.

After receipt and review of the provided information, the DOC will respond with one of the following:

- A statement of no objection;
- A written objection and notification of the DOC's intent to attend the hearing; or-A written objection, along with a supporting statement if the change of placement hearing is waived.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Casey Gerber, Director, Office of Juvenile Offender Review at (608)240-5918 or Casey.Gerber@wisconsin.gov.

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