

## **SB 411: Montana Developmental Center Closure** ***Client Status as of June 2016***

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### Background

The 2015 Legislature passed Senate Bill 411, requiring the Department of Public Health and Human Services to develop and put into place a plan to close the Montana Developmental Center (MDC) by June 30, 2017. As part of that effort, the department is supposed to transition most of the residents out of the facility and into community services by Dec. 31, 2016.

This briefing paper discusses the number and status of MDC clients as of June 3, 2016.

### MDC Population

Since the last report on the MDC census in late April, three clients have left the facility. The MDC census was 37 on June 3, compared with 40 in late April and 52 at the start of the interim.

Two of the three clients who left MDC between late April and early June moved into group homes operated by A.W.A.R.E., Inc., in Great Falls. The third client was placed in community services in Indiana with Benchmark.

Of the remaining 37 clients:

- 20 were at MDC because of a civil commitment and nine had been sentenced to DPHHS custody after committing crimes;
- eight were at MDC voluntarily because their civil commitment orders had expired;
- 25 had been accepted by providers for future placement in community services; and
- 12 clients were not yet accepted into community services.

The table on the following page summarizes key information about the number of individuals who were at MDC as of June 3, 2016, by type of admission.

Snapshot of MDC Client Status as of June 3

	Type of Admission		
	Civil	Voluntary	Criminal
Number of Clients	20	8	9
Port List*	8	0	4
Lowest Length of Stay (Days)	256	567	241
Highest Length of Stay (Days)	6,036	6,854	2,779
Average Length of Stay (Days)	1,820	2,109	1,358
Fewest Days on Port List*	126	--	19
Most Days on Port List*	1,610	--	42
Average Days on Port List*	320	--	36
Lowest Cost Plan	\$182,596	\$160,221	\$182,511
Highest Cost Plan	\$261,452	\$255,455	\$187,341
Average Cost Plan	\$208,185	\$207,732	\$186,337

\* Individuals who have been accepted for community placements are not included in the Port List numbers, even though they were still at MDC as of June 3.