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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan State Senate  
Lansing, MI 48933

The Honorable David Agema, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan House of Representatives  
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative Agema:

Section 721 of 2010 Public Act 190 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report on the placement of juvenile offenders who need services in community-based or privately-operated facilities.

The DHS Bureau of Child Welfare Funding, Contracting, and Juvenile Programs, through the Operations, Interstate, and Assignment Unit, is responsible for the assessment and placement of youth adjudicated delinquent and referred to DHS for placement in private residential facilities for care and treatment. The unit does not typically place youth in community-based (i.e. non-secure) settings. Placements of these types are generally utilized by courts prior to commitment to the DHS for secure placement. At one time, Community Justice Centers (CJC's) were used as step-down treatment placements after secure residential treatment; however, those facilities were closed in 2010. The department currently collaborates in youth transition planning with the county juvenile justice specialists and the committing court, typically resulting in community-based placement. Data on community-based placements is tracked in court data systems not available to DHS.

During fiscal year 2010, the department's juvenile justice online technology system showed 342 youth placed in private residential placements and 107 youth placed in state agency facilities, excluding detention.

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If you have any questions about the information contained in this report, please contact John Evans, Director of the Bureau of Child Welfare Funding, Contracting, and Juvenile Programs, at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kangas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Kangas,  
Chief Financial Officer

**cc:** Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees  
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies  
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