

SB 411: Montana Developmental Center Closure *Client Status as of Mid-August 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 Aug. 9, 2016.

MDC Population

Since the last report on the MDC census in early June, five clients have left the facility. The MDC census was 32 on Aug. 9, compared with 40 in late April and 52 at the start of the interim.

Three of the five clients who left MDC this summer moved into group homes operated by A.W.A.R.E., Inc., in Great Falls. The other two clients were placed with Flathead Industries in Kalispell.

Of the remaining 32 clients:

- 18 were at MDC because of a civil commitment and six had been sentenced to DPHHS custody after committing crimes;
- eight were at MDC voluntarily because their civil commitment orders had expired;
- 21 had been accepted by providers for future placement in community services; and
- 11 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 Aug. 9, 2016, by type of admission.

Snapshot of MDC Client Status as of Aug. 9

	Type of Admission		
	Civil	Voluntary	Criminal
Number of Clients	18	8	6
Port List*	7	0	4
Lowest Length of Stay (Days)	323	633	307
Highest Length of Stay (Days)	6,102	6,920	2,845
Average Length of Stay (Days)	1,869	2,175	1,255
Fewest Days on Port List*	192	--	85
Most Days on Port List*	261	--	108
Average Days on Port List*	204	--	164
Lowest Cost Plan	\$182,596	\$160,221	\$185,183
Highest Cost Plan	\$261,452	\$255,455	\$187,341
Average Cost Plan	\$210,718	\$207,732	\$186,776

* 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 Aug. 9.