

Davidson County Pre-Trial Housing
Rite of Passage
100 Woodland St
Nashville, TN 37213



To: Juvenile Court – Ms. Wade & Ms. Williams
Re: Metro Ordinance 4.12.240 Report
Date: 07/23/25

Please see the attached information as required by Metro Ordinance 4.12.240:

Total Current Population of incarcerated individuals with in the facility from 03/31-06/31/25: On June 31st, the population was thirty-five (35).

While the facility capacity is 86, the program operates with a guaranteed contract of 48 beds and averages very close to that number despite fluctuations ranging from the high 30's to 60. The contract enables ROP to maintain staffing ratios to accommodate the population fluctuations and to utilize overtime for additional staffing when the population increases past 48. During this quarter, a total of 3,761 "bed days" were utilized with an average daily population (ADP) of 41.3 for the three-month period.

What is the number of contract staff members serving the facility?

The facility employs sixty-two staff members. When vacancies exist, the facility is staffed by paying overtime to staff members.

Description of any incident at the facility in which an incarcerated individual's whereabouts could not be accounted for:

Since assuming operation of the facility almost three years ago, ROP staff have been successful in maintaining security procedures, which include regulated movement, interactive supervision, security checks and population counts. Adherence to these practices, has enabled ROP to experience zero incidents where a youth's whereabouts have been unaccounted for.

Any and all methods of discipline or punishment applied toward incarcerated individuals:

Davidson County Pre-trial Housing serves a population of youths detained for allegations of serious crimes, which often indicate high risk of aggression and assault. The facility also mixes co-conspirators as well as youth who have prior histories of aggression and alleged crimes against each other, family members and gang associates. Safely maintaining this population requires assessment and separation as well as constant supervision and occasional intervention.

As a State of Tennessee Department of Human Services licensed facility, Davidson Pre-trial Housing complies with the rules outlined within the "Minimum Standards for Juvenile Detention Centers and Temporary Holding Resources." The rules stipulate that the use of seclusion and physical management are utilized as interventions to maintain safety and never as a form of punishment/discipline. ROP staff do not utilize either of these practices as a measure of discipline or punishment.

Staff rely on incentivizing positive behavior and program participation to limit aggressive actions and non-participation. A "point System" is utilized to grade behaviors and enable youth to earn extra privileges, which usually include choice of extra snacks or scheduled use of video games. The methods of "discipline/punishment" available to staff to address violations such as assault, contraband and failure to follow program rules focus more on privileges loss than actual discipline. These methods include: Loss of points toward commissary, loss of extra incentive phone call, and early bedtime.

Rite of Passage, Davidson County does not have any actions pending in federal court, but does have one action pending in Wyoming, which does not impact Davidson County operations; ROP is not under any formal investigation by a state or federal agency that would impact performance of the Davidson County contract; does not employ government relations or a lobbying service and has not taken any effort to introduce/amend legislation regarding criminal offenses or penalties.

Respectfully submitted,

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