



Juvenile Services Center Safety Based Separation

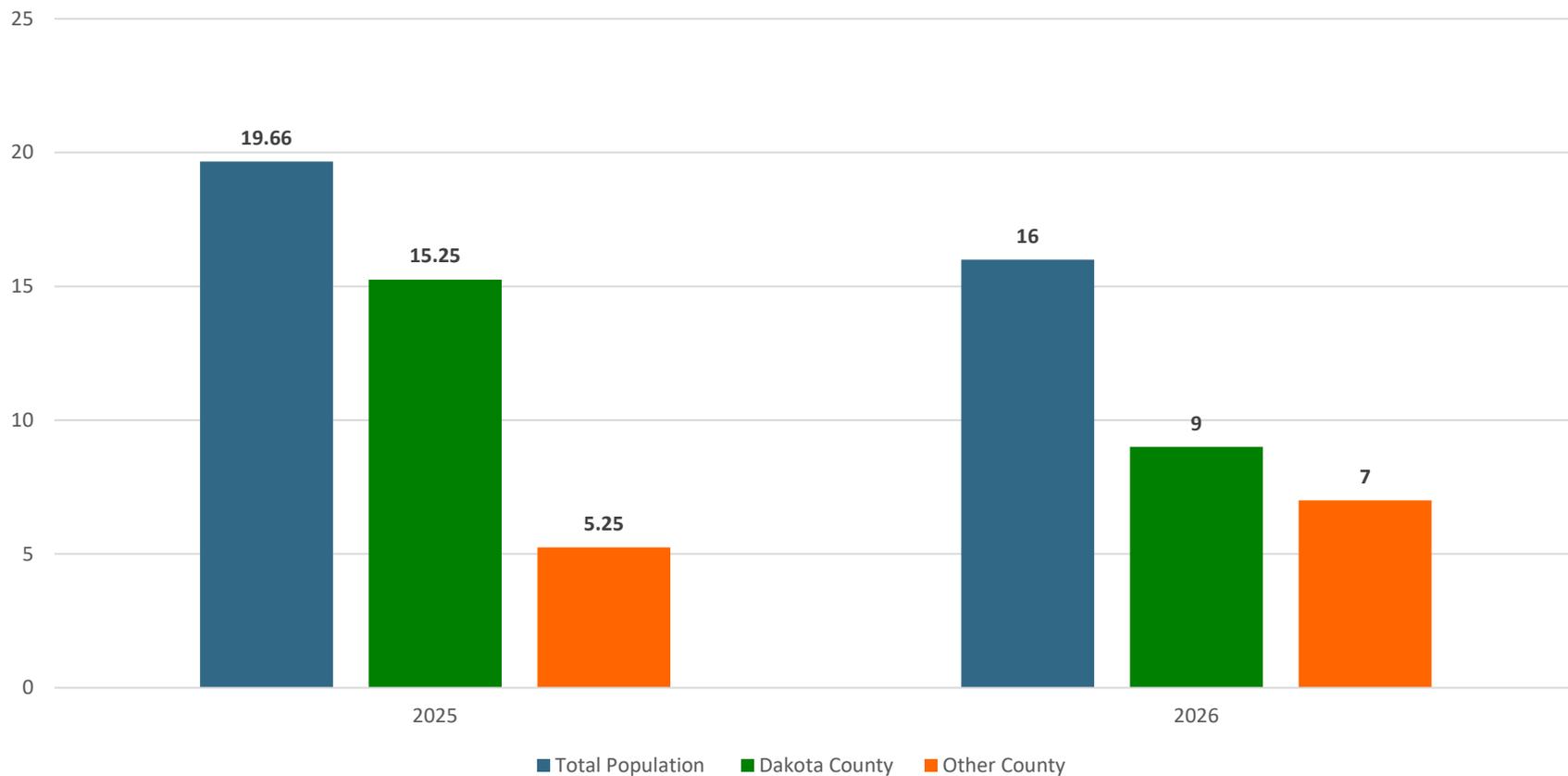
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Juvenile Service Center (JSC) Population

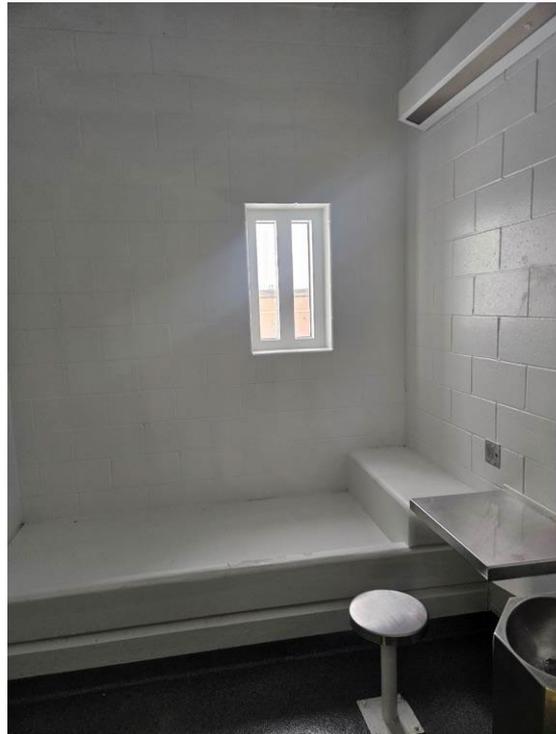


JSC Average Daily Population



History

- Room Time is defined as securing a resident in their room.
- Room Time should only be used in times when a resident is not safe to be outside their room.
- Room Time has been found to have negative impacts on a resident's mental health and development.
- Recent years, there has been significant reform around the use of room time in Minnesota



Transition From The Old Model



Prior MN Department of
Corrections licensing
rules



DRT resulted from rule
violations



Legislative testimony



MNJDA and Georgetown
University Capstone
Project Outcomes

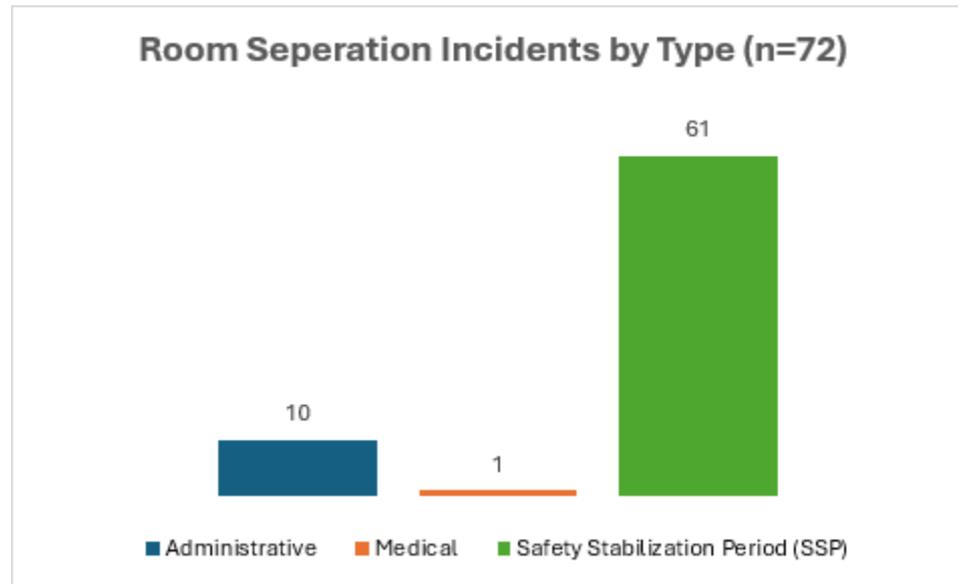
Safety Based Separation

- New rules became law effective January 1, 2025, emphasize only using room time for safety only and removing youth as soon as they are determined safe
- Includes increased notification, documentation, and approvals for use.
- Quarterly reports to the MN DOC



Three Types of Separation

- 1) Safety Stabilization Period (SSP)
- 2) Administrative Separation
- 3) Medical Separation



Culture Changes



INCENTIVE BASED
PROGRAMMING



HOW TO ADDRESS
AND UNDERSTAND
BEHAVIORS



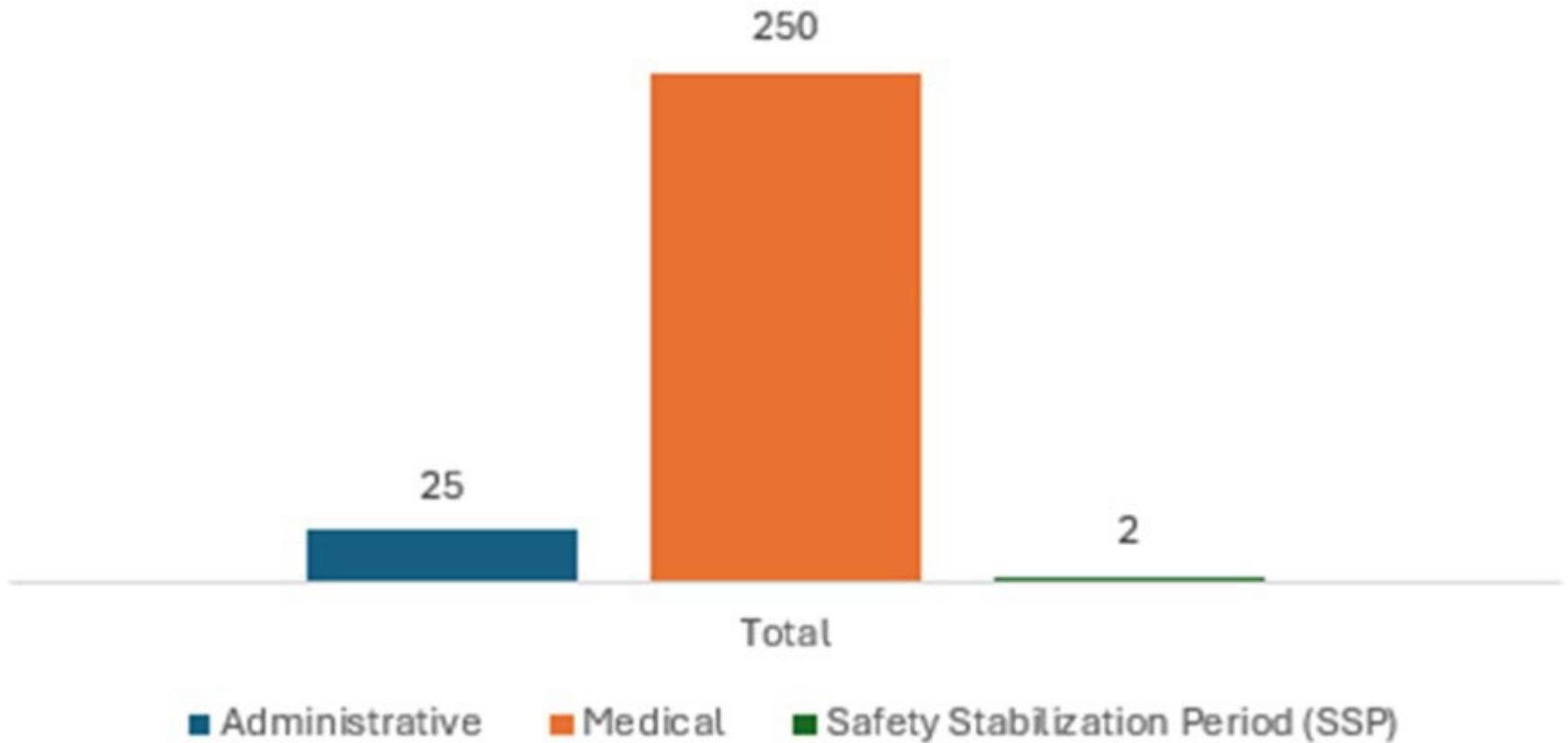
INCREASED STAFFING
AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES



THE BOARDING
CRISIS

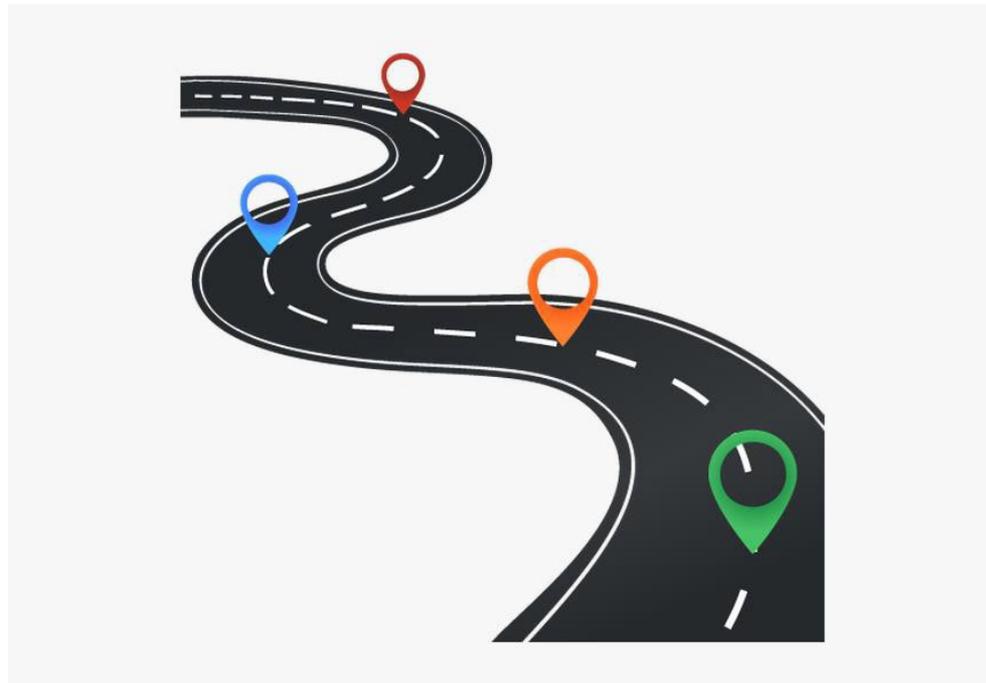
Results

Average Duration in Room (Hours)



Next Steps

- Crisis Stabilization Workers
- Probation Officers or Social Workers?



Questions?

