



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF NEBRASKA CHILD WELFARE

SUMMARY OF YRTC MONITORING REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The YRTC data reported to the OIG-CW in FY 25-26 reflected a continuation of the trends observed in the previous year.

- The most prevalent issues remained elevated facility censuses and relatively high rates of assaults, uses of mechanical restraints, and incidents of youth self-harm.

Overall, the number of assaults against staff decreased.

- Each YRTC reported a decrease in staff assaults, except for staff assaults committed by female youth at YRTC-Lincoln, which increased.

Overall, the number of youth-on-youth assaults increased slightly.

- Each YRTC reported an increase in youth-on-youth assaults, except for assaults committed by male youth at YRTC-Lincoln, which decreased.

The severity of injuries due to assaults decreased, except for the staff assaults at YRTC-Kearney.

- YRTC-Kearney reported that a larger number of assaults required staff to seek medical care off-campus compared to last year. At YRTC-Hastings and YRTC-Lincoln, fewer staff and youth assaults required the victim to seek off-campus medical care compared to last year.

There were no reported escapes from any of the YRTCs.

- YRTC-Kearney was the only facility to report off-campus elopements and a significant increase in attempted escapes.
- YRTC-Hastings was the only other facility to report an attempted escape.

There were again no reported suicide attempts at any facility, but there was an overall increase in self-harm incidents.

- All YRTCs reported an increase in self-harm except YRTC-Kearney, which saw a decrease.
- The female YRTC youth, especially those at YRTC-Hastings, continued to have the highest numbers of reported self-harm incidents.

There were fewer PREA investigations reported at YRTC-Lincoln and YRTC-Hastings than last year, but the number of PREA investigations at YRTC-Kearney increased significantly.

- The increase at YRTC-Kearney was related in large part to the many sexual abuse allegations against staff that were the subject of the OIG-CW's investigative report.
- YRTC-Lincoln and YRTC-Hastings reported a decrease in substantiated PREA allegations, and YRTC-Kearney reported a slight increase in substantiated allegations.

Other data that the YRTCs must report to the OIG-CW remained low or consistent compared to the previous year.

- There was an overall decrease in the use of mechanical restraints.
- There continued to be very few reported instances of both property damage and significant medical events.