



OFFICE OF GOVERNOR SCOTT WALKER
STATE OF WISCONSIN

2018 STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS: CORRECTIONS FACT SHEET

Over the past year, we worked with county officials, members of the judiciary, policy experts and lawmakers from both political parties.

We looked at best practices in states like Missouri and elsewhere to see how to reform the system here in Wisconsin.

Thank you to Secretary Jon Litscher and Secretary Linda Seemeyer for their work and that of their incredible teams.

Instead of one or two large facilities - which has been the model for decades- our reform plan would create six smaller facilities spread throughout the state.

The other facility would be at Mendota Mental Health Institute as part of the nationally recognized program for mental health treatment.

- “Governor Scott Walker today announced a plan to provide a long-term solution for Wisconsin’s juvenile corrections and treatment systems following extensive discussions with state and local officials, the judicial system, and stakeholders. The plan significantly reforms juvenile corrections by moving from a system of one facility to five smaller, regional facilities located across the state and expanding Wisconsin’s internationally recognized juvenile treatment program for offenders with mental health challenges at the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC) in Madison.” ([Office of Governor Scott Walker](#), “Governor Walker Announces Plan to Provide a Long-Term Solution for Wisconsin’s Juvenile Corrections and Treatment Systems,” 1/4/2018)
- “Comparing juveniles released from the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center in the first four years after their release to untreated juveniles, staff at the center found those released from Mendota were two times less likely to commit violent crimes. The same research showed that the untreated juveniles studied had been charged with homicide for 16 deaths after being released, while no one released from the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center faced a homicide charge.” (Rachael Vasquez, “Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center Shows Progress In Treating Child Psychopaths,” [Wisconsin Public Radio](#), 5/23/2017)