



State of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families

05/18/2023

St. Mary's Home for Children
c/o: Carlene Casciano-McCann, Executive Director
420 Fruit Hill Ave.
North Providence, RI 02911

Dear Ms. Casciano-McCann:

As discussed earlier today and as mutually agreed, this letter serves as official notice informing you that the Department has issued a hold for at least 30-days on all referral and intakes for the following programs: **St. Mary's Home for Children: ARTS, Hope, Horton, Hills and Mauran Units located at 420 Fruit Hill Ave. North Providence, RI 02911.**

At this time the census is as follows: ARTS/Harding (5), Hope (4), Horton, Hills and Mauran (6). As individual youth are discharged, those beds will remain vacant.

During the next 30-days the Department will be conducting an in-depth assessment as to the overall programming of the entire agency. We appreciate the full transparency by your agency to recognize that there are current areas of "limitations" and there is a need for immediate and ongoing improvement.

In closing, the Department will provide a formal update as to any/all next steps on or before 6/17/2023.

Sincerely,

Lori A. DAlessio
Administrator Family and Adult Services
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