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ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO TO COUNTIES

MEMO # 15-01

**DATE:** February 2, 2015  
**TO:** County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors  
**FROM:** Cari J. Taylor, Administrator   
**SUBJECT:** Short Term Programming at Lincoln Hills School

In an ongoing effort to provide effective evidence-based programming, the Division of Juvenile Corrections continues to discuss and review our current treatment programs. Part of this review process includes trying to leverage our resources to provide the needed services for delinquent youth. I am writing to inform you about a change in short term programming at Lincoln Hills School.

The research suggests and we continue to believe that short term cognitive-based programming can be effective for certain lower risk youth, but not for those with higher risk levels. We have concluded that it is not the most efficient use of our resources to continue to offer a defined short term option like PRIDE as most youth committed to us are medium to very high risk. As an alternative, LHS will offer a short term program similar to what is offered for girls at CLS; one that utilizes a more individualized approach on a case by case basis based on a pre-screening assessment and professional consultation. The newly opened Grow Academy remains a viable short term alternative for lower risk youth.

It is our intention to discontinue accepting new youth into PRIDE effective March 1, 2015. An Administrative Memorandum will be issued in February outlining the change in programming. If you have any questions or concerns please feel to contact Assistant Administrator, Paul Westerhaus at [Paul.Westerhaus@wi.gov](mailto:Paul.Westerhaus@wi.gov) or at (608) 240-5902. Thank you for all you do in caring for Wisconsin youth!

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