



Ministry of  
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Development

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN CARE - HOTEL PLACEMENTS**

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## Hotel Placements between January 13, 2016 and April 30, 2016

The Ministry issued a *Practice Directive: Hotel Placement for Children in Care* on January 13, 2016 which provided direction to social workers regarding hotel placements for children and youth in care. Between January 13, 2016 and April 30, 2016 there were 24 children and youth in care placed in hotels (one youth was placed twice in a hotel during that time period) resulting in 25 hotel placements. (See Table 1)

**Table 1 – Hotel Placements by Service Delivery Area and Delegated Aboriginal Agency, January 13 to April 30, 2016**

Service Delivery Area/Delegated Aboriginal Agencies	Hotel Placements	Children <sup>1</sup> Placed
North Central	2	2
North Fraser	1*	1*
North West	8	7
South Fraser	4	4
South Vancouver Island	2	2
Vancouver Richmond	7	7
Surrounded By Cedar	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>

**Note:**

- \*one stay started prior to January 13, 2016
- Data source: Provincial Director of Child Welfare Hotel Tracking System

Of the 24 children placed in a hotel:

- 19 children were female and 5 children were male
- 16 children were Aboriginal and 8 children were non-Aboriginal
- 5 children were between the ages of 1-5,
- 13 children were between the ages of 6-12
- 6 children were between the ages of 13-19

During this time period there were several sibling groups making up 17 of the 24 children or 70% of hotel placements.

Ten of the 25 hotel placements were 3 nights or longer and were reported to the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY) as stated in the Practice Directive.

Of the 25 hotel placements the average length of stay is 4 nights. The breakdown of the length of stay is:

- 8 children were placed for 1 night
- 7 children were placed for 2 nights

<sup>1</sup> Any reference to child(ren) in this document is inclusive of both children and youth in care.

- 6 children were placed for 6 nights
- 1 child was placed for 7 nights
- 1 child was placed for 16 nights
- 2 children were placed for 18 nights

The reasons for the hotel placements are as follows:

- Fire in residential resource (1 child).
- Emergency removal remote location (2 children).
- Large sibling group removed - no foster home immediately available (5 children).
- Sibling group placed with relative while awaiting access to relative's new home (2 children).
- Foster parent flight to pick up children was delayed due to bad weather (4 children).
- No foster home equipped to manage child's behaviour- specialized resource developed (3 children).
- Child a danger to self and others- no resource immediately available (1 child).
- Foster parent's safety threatened by another adult not known to the children; foster parent and children stayed in hotel with children (2 children).
- Children's safety at risk (4 children).
- Placement breakdown - no foster parents immediately available to accept child (1 child).

### Hotel Placements between November 01, 2015 and January 12, 2016

The following data on hotel placements was gathered prior to the implementation of the Practice Directive and a robust tracking system on January 13, 2016. Data for the November 01, 2015 to January 12, 2016 time period (See Table 2) may be less reliable. Information on hotel placements prior to this period was reported in the [Joint Ministry/RCY report, The Placement of Children and Youth in Care in Hotels in British Columbia](#).

**Table 2 – Hotel Placements by Service Delivery Area and Delegated Aboriginal Agency, November 01, 2015 to January 12, 2016**

Service Delivery Area/Delegated Aboriginal Agencies	Hotel Placements	Children Placed
North Fraser	4	4
North West	2	2
Okanagan	2	2
South Fraser	1	1
Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Service Society	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

**Note:**

- Data source: Provincial Director of Child Welfare Hotel Tracking System

Of the 12 placements there were no sibling groups placed and there were 7 female children placed and 5 male children. 7 children were Aboriginal and 5 were non-Aboriginal.

Of the 12 placements:

- 2 children were between the ages of 1-5,
- 3 children were between the ages of 6-12
- 7 children were between the ages of 13-19

Of the 12 placements the average length of stay was 3 nights:

- 6 children were for 1 night
- 2 children were for 3 nights
- 2 children were for 4 nights
- 1 child was for 5 nights
- 1 child was for 8 nights

The reasons for the hotel placements are as follows:

- High risk youth going to awaiting placement next day (1 Child).
- No foster home equipped to manage child's behaviour- specialized resource developed (1 child).
- Child moved from resource due to safety concerns (1 child).
- No available resources available (1 child).
- Emergency removal in the night no available resources (4 children).
- Child a danger to self and others- no resource immediately available (1 child).
- Youth asked to leave home no other resources available (1 child).
- Youth attended a hotel without ministry being aware due to violence in the home (1 child).
- No foster home equipped to manage child's behaviour- specialized resource developed (1 child).

Future reporting on hotel placements will be included in the Performance Management Report <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/data-monitoring-quality-assurance/reporting-monitoring>.