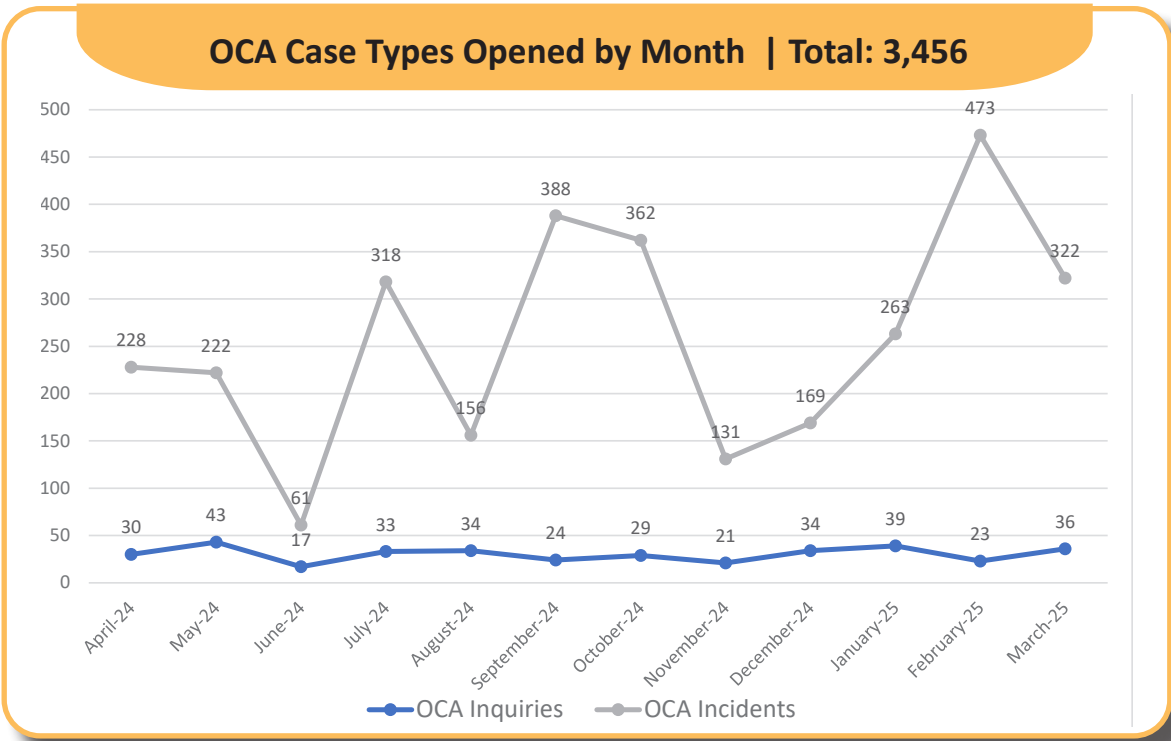


# Office of the Child Advocate

The Child Advocate, Cassandra Sanchez | April 18, 2025



## Oversight Commission on Children's Services Report

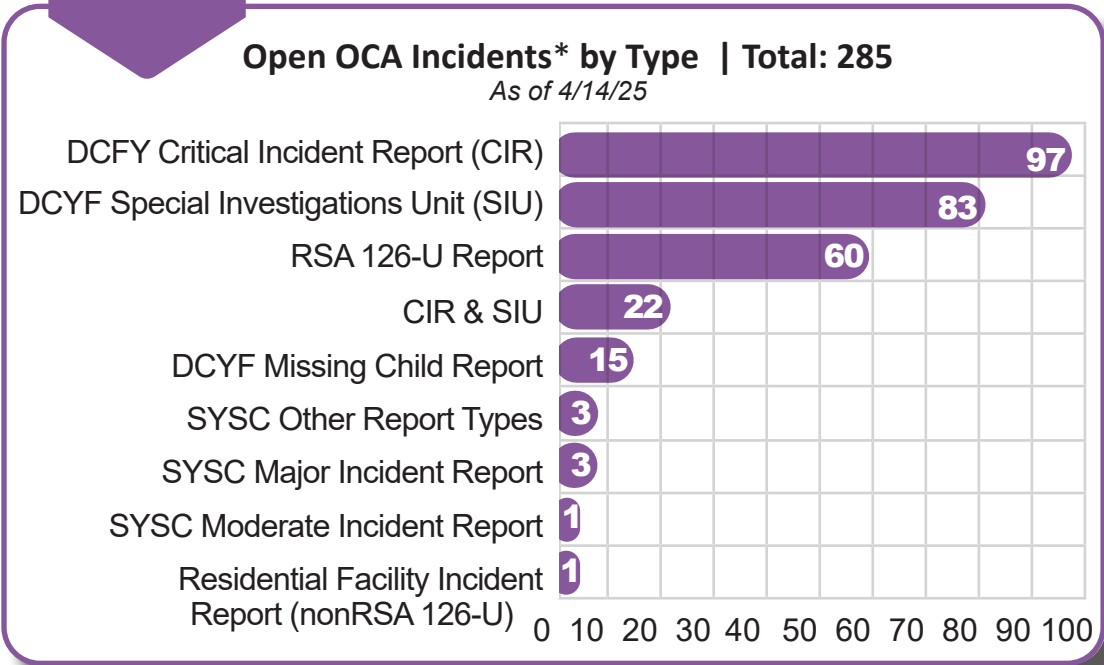


### Open Inquiries by OCA Staff

As of 4/14/25

**Total: 138**

- 44** Assistant Child Advocate 1
- 41** Assistant Child Advocate 2
- 47** Legal Aide
- 6** Child Advocate



\*Incidents include all critical incident reports from DCFY (serious injury to children, child fatalities, parent fatalities, media coverage of DCFY involvement, etc.), missing children, and incidents documented by residential programs and SYSC, including restraints and seclusion. | 1

## Facility/Child Visits

- 4/8/25 – Sandy Pines, Jupiter, FL
- 4/9/25 – Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center ER -visit with specific child
- 4/14/25 – SYSC – visit with specific child
- 4/11/25 – Nashua Children’s Home -visit with specific children
- 4/16/25 – Hampstead Hospital

## OCA Outreach/ DCYF District Office visits

- 3/27 & 4/3/25 – Permanency Planning Team (PPT) meetings @ Berlin District Office
- 3/28/25 – Laconia District office staff meeting
- 4/1/25 – Permanency Planning Team (PPT) meetings @ Littleton District Office
- 4/3/25 – Presented to the Nashua CAC
- 4/14/25 – Nashua CAC Open House & Ribbon Cutting
- 4/16/25 – meeting with DCYF Nursing Team

## Conferences/Events Attended

- 4/14 – 4/15/25 – Attended and Tabled at the DCYF Annual Conference, Manchester

## Upcoming Visits & Events

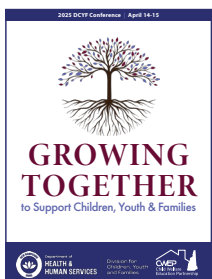
- 5/12/25 – NH Prevention Conference, Concord
- 5/17/25 – DCYF North Country Caregiver Summit, Whitefield
- 5/21/25 – Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest, Manchester

## Other Work

- 3/26/25 – SOC Tier 3 (Intensive Community Based Services) Work Group
- 3/28/25 – SOC Assessment Advisory Group

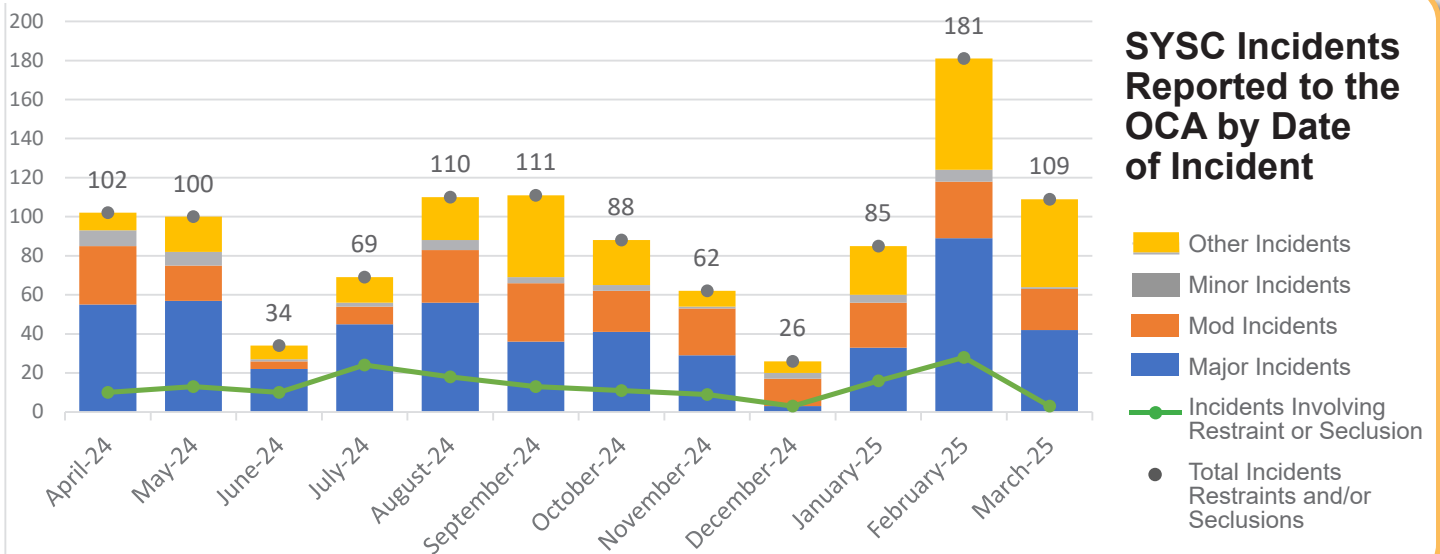
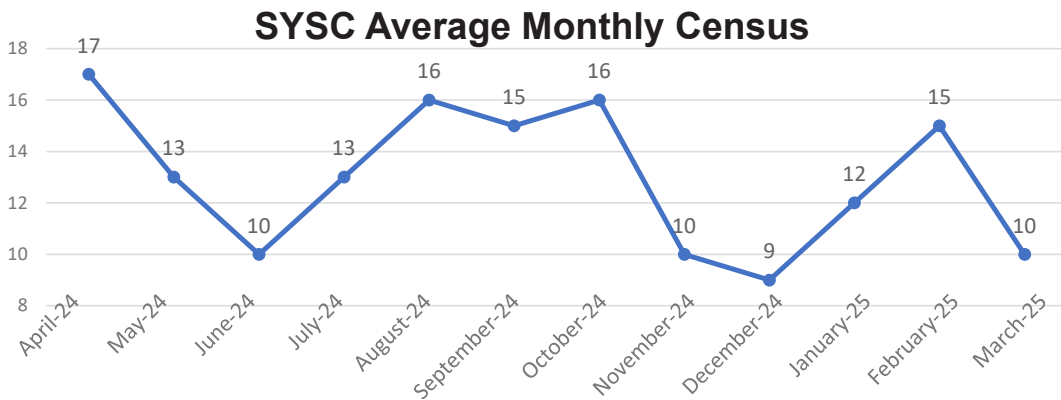
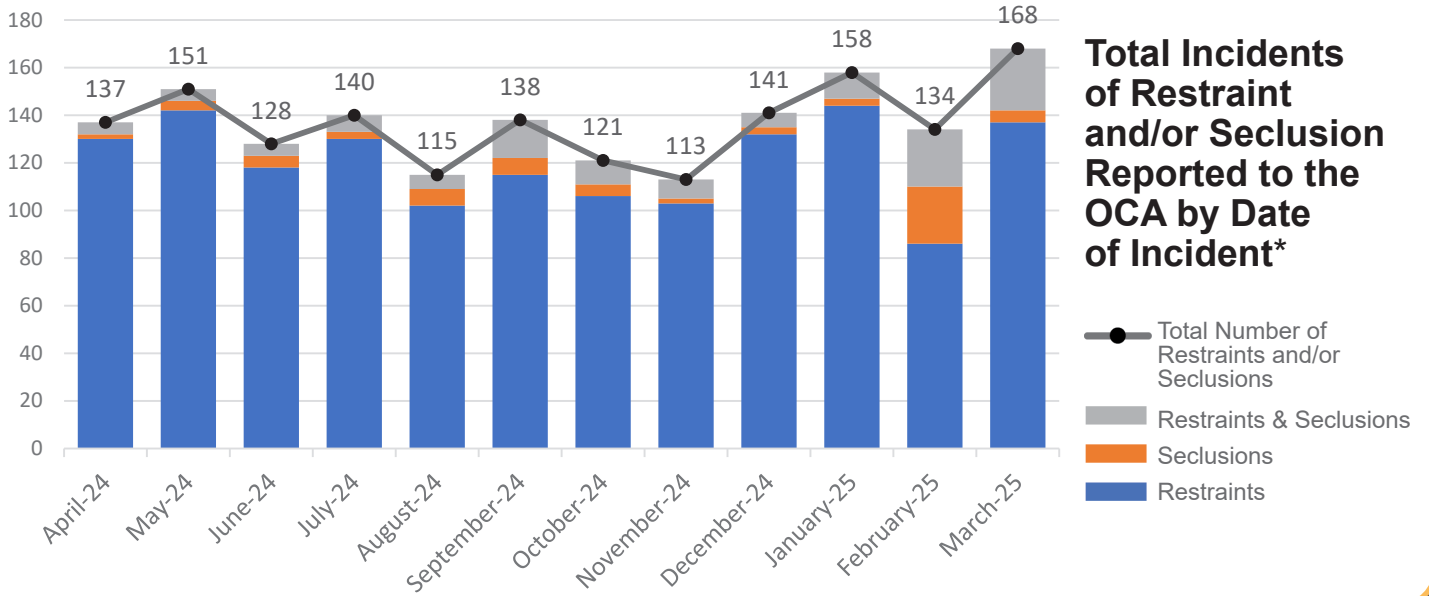
## Ongoing Work

- YDC Steering Committee
- Routine meetings with DCYF Human & Sex Trafficking Specialist
- Monthly meeting with DCYF leadership
- Monthly meeting with Clinical Director at SYSC
- DCYF Systems Review meeting
- US Ombudsman Association (USOA), Children & Family Chapter meeting
- USOA Conference Planning Committee
- Magnifying Voices Planning Committee
- Model Court/CIP Executive Committee
- Family Treatment Court (FTC) Oversight Team meeting
- Child Fatality Review Committee
- Monthly meeting with management team at Hampstead Hospital
- Monthly meeting with BCBH leadership
- Children’s System of Care Advisory Committee
- Quarterly Community Collaboration Meetings regarding Justice-Involved LGBTQ2S+ Youth
- APPLA meetings



Picture on left:  
DCYF Annual Conference  
April 14-15, 2025  
Manchester, NH

# RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSIONS & SYSC



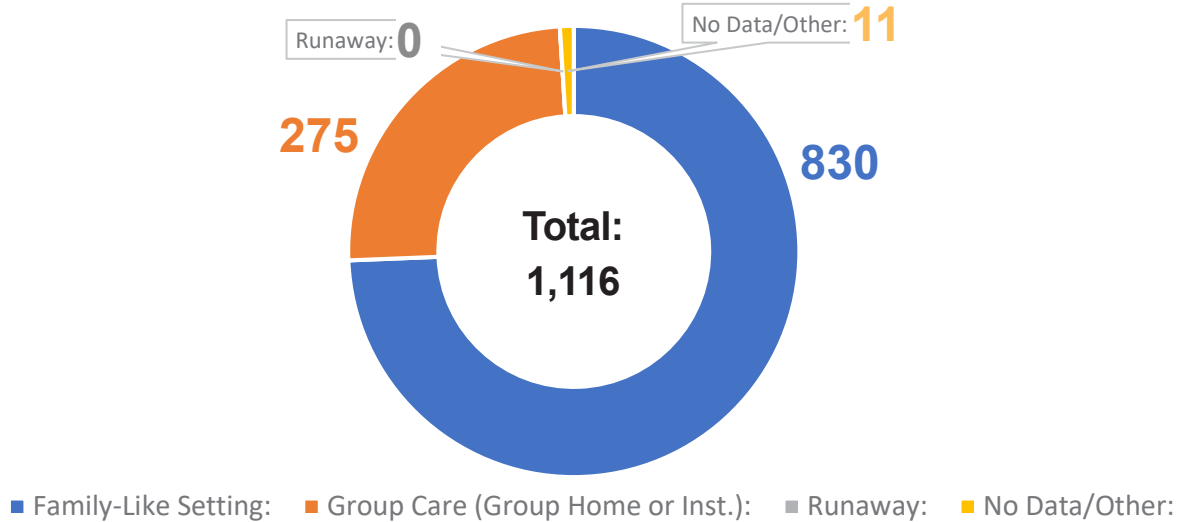
# CHILDREN IN CARE

## New Hampshire DCYF CPS/JJS Children In Care - March 2025

As of 03/31/25 Data source: NH DHHS

Placement Types	Total Children	%	Involvement Type		
			CPS	JJS	DUAL
Family-Like Setting:	830	74%	705	3	122
Group Care (Group Home or Inst.):	275	25%	116	33	126
Runaway:	0	0%	0	0	0
No Data/Other:	11	1%	3	1	7
<b>Total Children in Care:</b>	<b>1116</b>		<b>824</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>255</b>

### Placement Types for Children In Care



### Placement Type Breakdowns:

#### Family-Like Settings:

Type	Total Children	%
Foster Home:	421	51%
Relative Foster Home:	360	43%
Supervised Independent Living:	49	6%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>830</b>	

#### Group Care (Group Home or Institution) Locations:

Location	Total Children	%
New Hampshire:	220	80%
New England (Outside NH):	46	17%
Outside of New England:	9	3%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>275</b>	

#### Children Outside New England

Alabama	1
Florida	4
Louisiana	2
Virginia	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

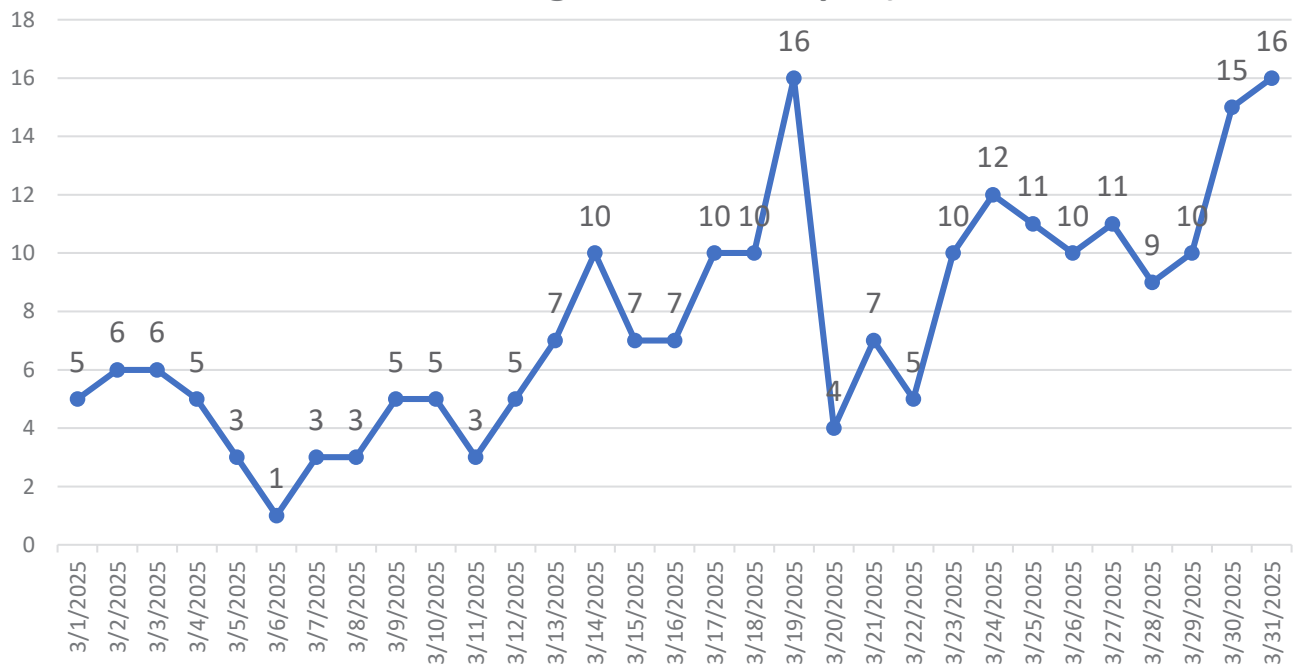
# Hampstead Hospital

## March 2025 Inpatient (HHRTF) Disposition Data for Hampstead Hospital (Minors)

Data source: Hampstead Hospital

Disposition	# of Dispositions	% of Total Dispositions	% of Accepted Dispositions
<b>Total Dispositions in March:</b>	<b>128</b>		
<b>Not Accepted</b> (went home before acceptance, placed elsewhere before acceptance, deferred/denied)	17	13%	
<b>Accepted:</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>87%</b>	
Accepted but went home before a bed opened	13	10%	12%
Accepted but placed elsewhere before a bed opened	22	17%	20%
Admitted	76	59%	68%

## Hampstead Hospital Inpatient HHRTF Waitlist for Minors March 2025 (Children who have been accepted but are waiting for a bed to open)



Data Source: Hampstead Hospital

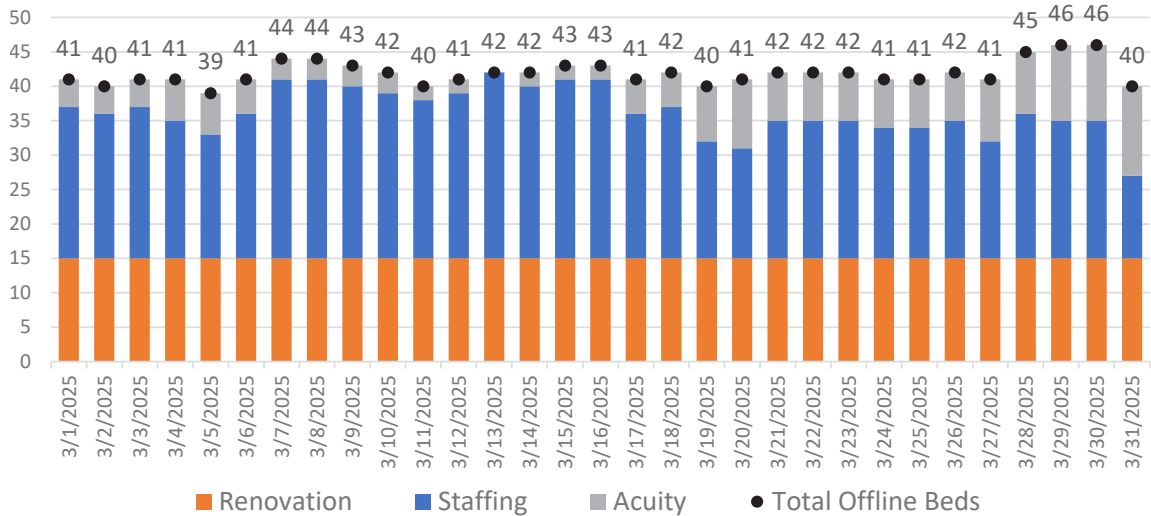
## AVERAGE MONTHLY

OFFLINE BEDS  
**42**

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BEDS OFFLINE  
**59%**

OCCUPIED BEDS  
**29**

Hampstead Hospital Inpatient HHRTF Offline Beds March 2025



Data Source: Hampstead Hospital



All available beds were occupied for the entirety of the month.