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Transportation of Individuals in the Custody of the State

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Introduction

The Commissioner of the Department of Health is required to report to the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare data for the preceding year regarding the transportation of persons in accordance with **18 V.S.A. § 7511**.

18 V.S.A. § 7511 states:

The Commissioner of the Department of Health shall ensure that all reasonable and appropriate measures consistent with public safety are made to transport or escort a person subject to this chapter to and from any inpatient setting, including escorts within a designated hospital or the Vermont state hospital, or otherwise being transported under the jurisdiction of the commissioner in a manner which:

- 1. prevents physical and psychological trauma;*
- 2. respects the privacy of the individual; and*
- 3. represents the least restrictive means necessary for the safety of the patient.*

The commissioner shall have the authority to designate the professional who may authorize the method of transport of patients under the commissioner's care and custody.

When a professional decides an individual is in need of secure transport with mechanical restraints, the reasons for such determination shall be documented in writing.

It is the policy of the state of Vermont that mechanical restraints are not routinely used on persons subject to this chapter unless circumstances dictate that such methods are necessary.

The report that follows includes the number, method, and location of all adult and child transports.

OVERVIEW OF ADULT INVOLUNTARY TRANSPORTATION
322 Transportations of 171 People during April 18 - December 31, 2006

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Secure</u>		<u>Non-Secure</u>	
Total Transports:	322	162	50%	160	50%
Gender					
Male	183	92	50%	91	50%
Female	139	70	50%	69	50%
Age					
18 - 34	113	59	52%	54	48%
35 - 49	106	63	59%	43	41%
50 - 64	76	26	34%	50	66%
65+	27	14	52%	13	48%
Deciding Agency					
Vermont State Hospital	149	15	10%	134	90%
Community Agencies	133	111	83%	22	17%
Other Hospitals	40	36	90%	4	10%
<u>Community Agencies</u>					
WCMH - Washington	29	25	86%	4	14%
UCS - Bennington	18	5	28%	13	72%
HCRS - Southeast	17	16	94%	1	6%
NCSS - Northwest	16	15	94%	1	6%
NKHS - Northeast	17	16	94%	1	6%
HCHS - Chittenden	16	16	100%	0	0%
CSAC - Addison	7	6	86%	1	14%
CMC - Orange	5	5	100%	0	0%
RMHS - Rutland	4	3	75%	1	25%
LCMH - Lamoille	4	4	100%	0	0%
<u>Vermont State Hospital</u>					
	149	15	10%	134	90%
<u>Other Hospitals</u>					
Fletcher Allen Health Care	21	19	90%	2	10%
Central Vermont Medical Center	9	9	100%	0	0%
Brattleboro Retreat	6	4	67%	2	33%
Rutland Regional Medical Center	4	4	100%	0	0%

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Transportation From:					
Emergency Department	47	37	79%	10	21%
VSH	144	15	10%	129	90%
Other Hospital	92	74	80%	18	20%
Criminal Justice System	9	9	100%	0	0%
CMHC	11	10	91%	1	9%
Other	19	17	89%	2	11%
Transportation To:					
Other Hospital	118	63	53%	55	47%
VSH	103	86	83%	17	17%
Other	101	13	13%	88	87%
Reason:					
Emergency	155	132	85%	23	15%
PrePlacement Visit	66	10	15%	56	85%
Medical	41	4	10%	37	90%
Other	60	16	27%	44	73%
Number of Clients with:					
1 transportation	106				
2 transportations	27				
3 transportations	16				
4 transportations	10				
5 transportations	3				
6 transportations	5				
7 transportations	3				
8 transportations	1				
TOTAL CLIENTS	171				

Analysis is based on Involuntary Transportation data maintained by the Vermont Department of Health, Division of Mental Health.

OVERVIEW OF YOUTH INVOLUNTARY TRANSPORTATION
60 Transportations of 55 People during September 14, 2005 - January 31, 2007

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Secure</u>		<u>Non-Secure</u>	
Total Transports:	60	31	52%	29	48%
<u>Gender</u>					
Male	41	19	46%	22	54%
Female	19	12	63%	7	37%
<u>Age</u>					
5 - 9	12	2	17%	10	83%
10 - 14	12	7	58%	5	42%
15 - 17	36	22	61%	14	39%
<u>Community Agencies</u>					
CSAC -- Addison	3	3	100%	0	0%
NCSS -- Northwest	4	0	0%	4	100%
HCHS -- Chittenden	12	7	58%	5	42%
LCMH -- Lamoille	4	2	50%	2	50%
HCRS -- Southeast	6	3	50%	3	50%
NKHS -- Northeast	6	3	50%	3	50%
CMC -- Orange	2	2	100%	0	0%
RMHS -- Rutland	15	9	60%	6	40%
UCS -- Bennington	3	0	0%	3	100%
WCMH -- Washington	5	2	40%	3	60%
<u>Transportation From</u>					
Hospital	45	24	53%	21	47%
Other	15	7	47%	8	53%
<u>Transportation To</u>					
Brattleboro Retreat	60	31	52%	29	48%
<u>Number of Clients with:</u>					
1 transportation	55				
2 transportations	5				
TOTAL CLIENTS	60				

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