

## Performance-based Standards (PbS) Report Information Sheet

*Information in the PbS reports is based on information collected from agency submitted event reports and are based on Performance-based Standards (PbS) category definitions. Data may have been extracted both from hard copy and electronic event report documents. Reporting formats may vary.*

*Note: Identified incidents are not mutually exclusive and may relate to or are part of the same reported event. For example, a single reported event can have several occurrences that may include multiple categories such as an assault, fight, contraband, disturbances, etc.*

### **A glossary of critical PbS terminology (limited):**

**Assault:** Any instance in which a youth or staff member is involved in a physical contact with another individual(s), even if no one is injured.

**Chemical Restraints:** The use of chemical devices (such as pepper spray, mace, etc.) to prevent an out-of-control youth from injuring him or herself or others.

**Confinement:** Any instance when a youth is separated from the youth population and placed in a room or cell alone for 15 minutes or longer. Youths are considered to be confined from the moment they are separated from others until they have rejoined the population. Youths may be transferred to a designated unit for confinement (e.g., a segregation dorm or program separation unit). Confinement may occur in locked or unlocked rooms but cannot occur in large dormitories. Any instance of confinement of 15 minutes or more is a reportable PbS incident event.

Confinement may be categorized as being used for the following purposes: Consequences, discipline or sanction for misbehavior; protective custody for the youth; youth self-requested; medical or mental health; etc. Also includes segregation, special housing, etc.

Usage of Isolation: The number of occurrences that a youth was placed in isolation.

Duration: The combined total hours that the youth spent in isolation.

**Contraband:** Any item(s) introduced or found in the facility, including improperly possessed drugs (whether illegal or legal) and weapons, that are expressly prohibited by those legally charged with the responsibility for the administration and/or operation of the facility.

**Escape/Walk-Away/AWOL:** To flee from custody or supervision of an institution, training school, detention center, from someone assigned to supervise the youth, and the unlawful departure of a youth from an institution or from custody while being transported, or failure to return to the facility while on leave.

**Fight:** Fight is a subcategory of youth on youth assault. A fight is defined as a mutual physical assault between two or more youths.

**Group Disturbance:** The disruption or interference of normal facility operations resulting from three or more offenders participating in actions, threats, demands, or suggestions to advocate disruption or disturbance, almost akin to a riot.

**Horseplay:** Wrestling, rough contact, or roughhousing between youths that rises to the level of an incident but is not considered assault by staff. For purposes of PbS data collection horseplay is reported and counted as an incident only when it results in injury, isolation/room confinement, or restraint.

**Inappropriate Sexual Behavior:** Inappropriate sexual behaviors include a continuum of activities, regardless of voluntariness that may include otherwise developmentally normative behaviors, norm-violating behaviors, sexual harassment, exploitation/taking unfair advantage of another, and sexual assault.

**Incident:** An event or crisis that may compromise the safety and security of staff and residents and requires staff response and written documentation.

**Injury:** Any instance in which a youth or staff member is hurt even if treatment is not provided. This includes minor injuries such as scratches or swellings, injuries from assaults/fights, accidental injuries from playing sports or other environmental hazards, cases where a youth or staff member is injured during the application of restraints.

**Isolation:** A sub-category of Confinement that occurs in a room or cell other than the one is assigned to for sleeping. See Confinement.

**Mechanical Restraints:** Mechanical devices used to prevent an uncontrollable youth from injuring him or herself or others.

**Minor Misconduct Leading to Restraint Use, Isolation Use, and/or Injury:** Institutional rule violations by youths or staff that are subject to disciplinary action but that are considered by the facility to be minor.

**Misconduct:** Institutional rule violations by youth or staff that are subject to disciplinary action. The disciplinary action taken against youth may be loss of privileges, room confinement or the filing of misconduct charges.

**Other Restraints:** Devices, other than physical, mechanical and chemical restraints, used to prevent an uncontrollable youth from injuring him or herself or others.

**Physical Restraints:** Facility authorized, and trained holds used by staff to subdue an otherwise uncontrollable youth in order to prevent the youth from injuring him or herself, or others.

**Self-Injurious Behavior/Self-Harm:** Youth engaged in behavior that causes harm and is indicative of a youth not effectively dealing or coping with the events and activities.

**Sexual Assault:** Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence or is unable to consent or refuse.

**Sexual Harassment:** Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by an inmate, detainee, or resident directed toward another.

**Suicidal Behavior:** Attempted suicides, suicidal gestures, self-mutilations, intentional injuries to self, and developing a plan or strategy for committing suicide.

**Suicidal Ideation:** Self-reported thoughts of engaging in suicide-related behavior. This means a youth verbally expresses thoughts or fantasies about committing suicide or verbally expresses a desire to kill him or herself.

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