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Report Title: An Urgent Call for Change: Advancing Justice in the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center The 2023 Annual Report of the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board

Report Period: December 1, 2022 - November 30, 2023

Summary: The JTDC Advisory Board's 2023 annual report highlights significant ongoing and unaddressed concerns about the detention center's practices. Multiple reports issued by expert bodies and state agencies underscore the importance of reforming practices in the JTDC to prioritize rehabilitation and address the specific needs of detained youth. Unfortunately, these reports have not led to significant change at the JTDC. This year's report, once again, focuses on the much-needed areas of improvement critical to the rehabilitation and safety of the detained youth. We, the JTDC Advisory Board, call upon Cook County Commissioners, Judges, and community leaders to join us in our ongoing mission to transform the JTDC, thereby ensuring a safer, more rehabilitative, educationally focused, and developmentally informed environment for the youth of Cook County.