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## Thorazine Use in Nevada's Children's Behavioral Health Facilities Reporting Seclusion/Restraint to the Division of Child and Family Services, Planning and Evaluation Unit, 2018–2019

The Planning and Evaluation Unit (PEU) has been tracking information on Seclusion/Restraint (S/R) forms since 2010, including chemical restraints. Beginning in 2018, as a result of concerns expressed by the Commission on Behavioral Health regarding the use of Thorazine in some of Nevada's children's behavioral health facilities, PEU began tracking the use of Thorazine that had been mentioned in notes but not documented as a chemical restraint on the S/R form. This report summarizes the data pertaining to four facilities (Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital, Seven Hills Behavioral Institute, West Hills Hospital, and Willow Springs Residential Treatment Center) that have indicated the use of Thorazine between 2018 and 2019. It should be noted that Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital only began sending S/R forms to PEU for incidents beginning in October of 2018, so they did not report for the full period indicated above. The other six facilities (Division of Child and Family Services residential facilities, Desert Parkway Behavioral Healthcare, Montevista Hospital, Never Given Up Treatment Center, Southern Hills Hospital Pavilion, and Spring Mountain Treatment Center) that also send S/R forms to PEU had not indicated any Thorazine use during this period.

**Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital** (Reno BHH) had 22 incidents of Thorazine use. In 20 cases, Thorazine use was documented as a chemical restraint. In 2 cases, Thorazine use was mentioned in notes but not documented as a chemical restraint. One youth was given Thorazine two different times. Two youth were given Thorazine both orally and by injection during the same incident. PEU received a total of 67 S/R forms from Reno BH for events during this period.

- Reno BHH has the highest rate (32.8%) of Thorazine use per incident of Seclusion/Restraint.

**Seven Hills Behavioral Institute** (Seven Hills BI) had one incident of Thorazine use, and this was documented as a chemical restraint. PEU received a total of 103 S/R forms from them for events during this period.

**West Hills Hospital** had 55 incidents of Thorazine use, involving 39 different youth. In 52 cases, Thorazine use was documented as a chemical restraint. In 3 cases, Thorazine use was mentioned in notes but not documented as a chemical restraint. West Hills had 4 youth who were given Thorazine 3 or more times, with 4 times being the most reported. PEU received a total of 288 S/R forms from West Hills Hospital for events during this period.

- West Hills Hospital uses Thorazine in 19.1% of Seclusion/Restraint incidents.

**Willow Springs Residential Treatment Center** (Willow Springs RTC) had 105 incidents of Thorazine use, involving 45 different youth. In 2 cases, Thorazine use was documented as a chemical restraint. In 103 cases, Thorazine use was mentioned in notes but not documented as a chemical restraint. Willow Springs had 9 youth who were given Thorazine 3 or more times, with 10 times being the most reported. PEU received a total of 1,609 S/R forms from them for events during this period.

- Thorazine use is usually not documented as a chemical restraint.
- While Willow Spring RTC has only a 6.5% rate of Thorazine use per incident of Seclusion/Restraint, it is used frequently on certain youth.
- In 17% of the incidents of Thorazine use, the youth was under the age of nine.

### Demographics of Youth per Incident of Thorazine Use

*(Some youth were given Thorazine more than once.)*

Facility	S/R Forms Received	Incidents of Thorazine use/ % of total S/R reported	Age Range/ % of incidents of Thorazine use		Gender/ % of incidents of Thorazine use	
			<9	9-18	Male	Female
Reno BHH	67	22 (32.8%)	0	22 (100%)	9 (40.9%)	13 (59.1%)
Seven Hills BI	103	1 (1.0%)	0	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	0
West Hills Hospital	288	55 (19.1%)	1 (1.8%)	54 (98.2%)	22 (40.0%)	33 (60.0%)
Willow Springs RTC	1,609	105 (6.5%)	18 (17.1%)	87 (82.9%)	59 (56.2%)	46 (43.8%)

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Facility	Race/ % of incidents of Thorazine use							Ethnicity/ % of incidents of Thorazine use
	African Am.	Am. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	White	Mixed	Other	Un-known	Hispanic Origins
Reno BHH	3 (13.6%)	1 (4.6%)	1 (4.6%)	15 (68.2%)	0	2 (9.1%)	0	1 (4.6%)
Seven Hills BI	0	0	0	1 (100%)	0	0	0	0
West Hills Hospital	3 (5.5%)	1 (1.8%)	0	47 (85.5%)	1 (1.8%)	3 (5.5%)	0	4 (7.3%)
Willow Springs RTC	13 (12.4%)	1 (1.0%)	3 (2.9%)	67 (63.8%)	7 (6.7%)	9 (8.6%)	5 (4.8%)	15 (14.3%)