

# Report Highlights



Highlights of Legislative Auditor report on the Governmental and Private Facilities for Children – Inspections issued on April 15, 2026.

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## Background

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218G.570 through 218G.595 authorize the Legislative Auditor to conduct audits of governmental facilities for children and inspections, reviews, and surveys of governmental and private facilities for children.

As of June 30, 2025, we identified 108 governmental and private facilities that met the requirements of NRS 218G. In addition, 62 Nevada children were placed in 19 different out-of-state facilities across 8 different states as of June 30, 2025.

Statutes require facilities to forward to the Legislative Auditor copies of any complaint filed by a child under their custody or by any other person on behalf of such a child concerning the health, safety, welfare, and civil and other rights of the child. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, we received 1,547 complaints from 43 facilities in Nevada. Sixty-five Nevada facilities reported no complaints were filed.

## Purpose

Inspections were conducted pursuant to the provisions of NRS 218G.570 through 218G.595. This report includes the results of our inspections of 25 children's facilities. As inspections are not audits, these activities were not conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

The purpose of our inspections was to determine if the facilities adequately protected the health, safety, and welfare of the children in the facilities, and whether the facilities respected the civil and other rights of the children in their care.

Inspections included discussions with management, reviews of personnel and child files, and observations. Child and employee interviews occurred as applicable. Discussions with facility management included the following topics: medication administration, treatment plan process, abuse and neglect reporting, complaint process, employee background checks and training, Prison Rape Elimination Act, seclusion/corrective room restriction, restraints/use of force, and related policies and procedures as applicable. In addition, we judgmentally selected files to review which included: personnel files for evidence of background checks and required training as well as child files for evidence of children's or guardian's acknowledgment of their right to file a complaint, medication administered, and treatment plans as applicable.

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## Summary

In 16 of 25 children's facilities inspected, we did not note significant issues that would cause us to question the health, safety, welfare, or protection of the rights of the children. However, at nine facilities we identified multiple issues that caused us to question whether facility management and/or the licensing agency adequately protected the children in their care. Based on our observations, we contacted the facilities' licensing agencies and/or placement agencies and communicated our concerns.

### Sandria Foster Care Agency

We noted the following health, safety, welfare, and civil and other rights issues:

- **Health:** incomplete, inaccurate, and missing medication records; missing participation in treatment plans; untimely treatment plans; and unsecured records.
- **Safety:** unsecured, loaded firearm; unsecured medication; and missing documentation of mandatory reporting.
- **Welfare:** substance use paraphernalia, empty unsecured alcohol containers, and inappropriate content.
- **Civil and other rights:** missing documentation of complaint process acknowledgments, inaccurate fire drill records, incomplete personnel records, and insufficient policies and procedures. (page 5)

### Moriah Behavioral Health Facilities

We noted the following health, safety, welfare, and civil and other rights issues:

- **Health:** incomplete, inaccurate, and missing medication records; missing participation in treatment plans; and untimely treatment plans.
- **Safety:** missing background check records, lack of increased supervision after a suicide attempt, missing documentation of mandatory reporting, unsecured chemicals and laundry supplies, items posing self-harm and ligation risks, an unsecured pool, missing and improperly charged fire extinguishers, and missing fire drills.
- **Welfare:** damage to facilities, inappropriate content, and missing and stained bedding.
- **Civil and other rights:** missing denial of rights reporting documentation, missing complaint logs, child rights were not posted, incomplete personnel records, and insufficient policies and procedures. (page 9)

### Clark County Family Services Advanced Foster Care Homes

We noted the following health, safety, and civil and other rights issues:

- **Health:** incomplete, inaccurate, and missing medication records; foster parents' lack of familiarity with treatment plans; missing participation in treatment plans; and unsecured records.
- **Safety:** unsecured medication, alcohol, knives, tools, and chemicals; an unsecured pool; a missing fire escape ladder; missing fire drills; and missing electrical outlet covers.
- **Civil and other rights:** incomplete personnel records and insufficient policies and procedures. (page 15)

### Other General Concerns

During our inspections, we noted concerns at 9 facilities related to notification to physician for medication refusals, 15 facilities related to fire safety, 13 facilities related to person legally responsible consent documents, 7 facilities related to denial of rights reporting, 11 facilities related to fingerprint submission documentation, 7 facilities related to mandatory reporting requirements, and 5 facilities related to completion of medication administration records in real-time. The frequency of these concerns suggests more attention is needed to improve the care of children in select areas. (page 19)

### Areas for Legislative Consideration

During the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature, Assembly Bill 521 (2025) was passed requiring health facilities licensed by the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance to screen employees having direct contact with children for substantiations of child abuse or neglect. This was an area we identified for legislative consideration in our last report in 2024 (LA26-05).

Additionally, this report contains two prior report recommendations the Legislature may want to consider that would help certain facilities improve the health, safety, welfare, and protection of the rights of the children in their care. (page 25)