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JUVENILE JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT

**Texas Juvenile Justice Department  
Response to the Independent Ombudsman  
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The First Quarter report identified OIO activities for September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, with the main focus on summarizing OIO activities.

The overall population at state operated facilities is down another percentage at 6.5% under projections.

The State Programs and Facilities division experienced sharp downward trends in incidents in October and November of 2014 at Gainesville, Evins and Mart Long term, Mart RTC and the Phoenix Unit and the Ron Jackson long term unit housing female youth. We saw a modest downturn at the Ron Jackson O & A Unit and rates at Giddings held steady.

Ron Jackson continues participating in the roll out of Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions (PBIS) to the entire campus as Gainesville also begins implementation of PBIS. State Programs and Facilities partnered with the Office of Inspector General to re-assign positions and financial resources created Security Intelligence officer positions at each high restriction facility. These positions will assist with the identification of gang related youth, gang related behavior and work to improve internal intelligence and information sharing to decrease gang related activity and incidents in the facility.

As you are aware, our first facilities participating in PREA audits all passed successfully and were awarded certification in October 2014. The agency is moving forward with the next round of secure facilities and halfway houses with PREA audits scheduled in February 2015. Additionally, Garza County Juvenile Correctional Facility in Post, Texas contracted independently for their PREA audit and successfully passed their PREA Audit in late 2014. This is our first Contract vendor to obtain PREA certification.

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