

# Milwaukee County Supervisor Martin: Supports plan to upgrade, repair youth facilities

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MILWAUKEE – In a statement, County Supervisor Felesia A. Martin expressed her support for a proposal from Department of Health and Human Services director Mary Jo Meyers to renovate existing youth facilities, rather than build a new secure facility.

*“It is important to have our kids close to home and close to their families while receiving culturally relevant treatment that meets their needs. These children are already a part of our community and with our correctional facilities here in Milwaukee we can monitor them more closely in a more effective manner. I strongly support updating the facilities we already have as a responsible solution and I encourage the community to get involved to help make this successful. Setting an example and providing guidance can make us all part of the solution towards progress,” said Supervisor Martin.*

Director Meyers has submitted an RFP to the state of Wisconsin requesting \$41.8 million to upgrade the Vel Phillips Youth Detention Center and several residential care facilities.