

**441—105.18(232) Discharge.** Children in shelter care should be discharged to, preferably, a permanent placement, or, alternatively, a lower level of care in a familylike setting, at the earliest possible time, preferably within 14 days. The facility shall collaborate with referral workers to assess each child's need for ongoing placement, and the reasons for longer stays shall be documented in the child's case file. Children in detention shall be discharged as determined by the court.  
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