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21st Instance of Safe Haven Law Occurred

Lincoln - Todd Landry, director of the Division of Children and Family Services for the Department of Health and Human Services, said an 11-year-old girl from Douglas County was left at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha through LB 157, Nebraska's "safe haven" law today, November 7.

Landry said the girl's mother left her at the hospital late this morning and the Department is in the process of gathering additional information.

This is the 21st instance of use of LB 157 and the 29th child left at a hospital under the law since September 13. LB 157 went into effect on July 18.

More information about Nebraska's safe haven law, as well as information about local resources for families, can be found on the Department's Website at

http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/Children_Family_Services/Pages/SafeHaven.aspx