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**Vermont Protection & Advocacy, Inc. Releases Investigation into the Circumstances Surrounding the Injuries Sustained by a Youth While in the Detention Unit of the Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility in 2006**

Vermont Protection and Advocacy releases its investigation into the injuries sustained by a youth placed at the Woodside Juvenile Detention Center, Detention Wing, in the summer and fall of 2006. The youth involved was known to have significant educational and mental health-related disabilities which the VP&A investigative report identified as being inadequately addressed during his 109 day stay at the facility. One instance of restraint against this youth resulted in him sustaining a broken wrist. VP&A includes in this press release our report and the official response from the Department of Children and Families (DCF). VP&A, DCF, D-wing staff and administration continue to work collaboratively to improve conditions, services, and accommodations for children with disabilities detained at Woodside. A copy of the complete investigative report and the DCF response can be found on our website [www.vtpa.org](http://www.vtpa.org).