
From: Sorokas, Eileen
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 1:34 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Staffing

Linda,

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Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 4:12 PM
To: Pedri, David
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Re: Number of individuals who received children and youth services in a recent 12 month period

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