Senator Jeff Bingaman, Rep. Tom Udall, and Rep. Waxman released a report revealing that hundreds of New Mexico youth suffering from mental health problems were incarcerated in juvenile detention centers because treatment spots were not available. The report finds that from January to December 2001, an estimated 718 youth were collectively incarcerated for 31.3 years even after being cleared to leave to obtain mental health services. Inadequate federal oversight of the state's Medicaid program is a key cause of this problem. **Documents and Links**

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