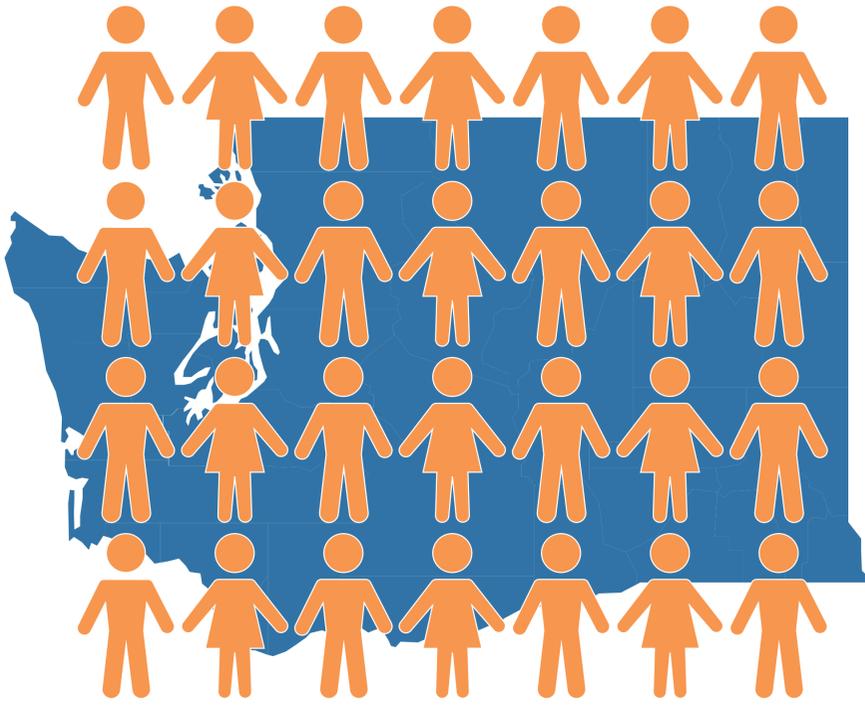


CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES IN FEDERAL DETENTION



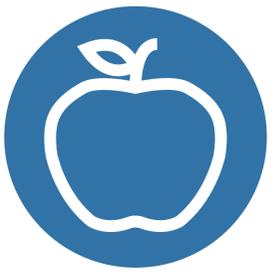
Licensors from the Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families - supported by AGO staff - **interviewed 28 immigrant children** who were transferred by federal officials to state-licensed facilities in Washington.*



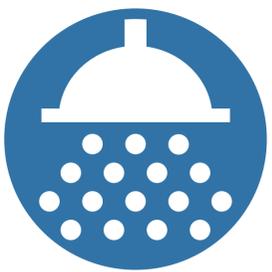
Lights were **kept on 24 hours** a day.



Freezing temperatures. Some children had **extra clothes confiscated** and were supplied only "aluminum" blankets.



Guards would throw food on the ground of the cell, and **fights would break out over the food because there was not enough** to go around.



Many reported they were **not given soap, towels, toothbrushes, adequate sanitary pads, or access to showers.**



Younger children were sometimes **put in small metal cages on their own** if they misbehaved.

*Of the 28 children interviewed, 22 were transferred to Washington within the last year and had experienced these border conditions.