

The Preventorium By the Numbers¹ . . .

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The combined number of days the nine children from the Allie family spent in The Preve between 1932 and 1949:

10,888

The number of days (over nine and a half years) that Ralph Callahan spent in The Preve from January 17, 1921 to July 7, 1930:

3,458

The total number of children admitted between 1915 and 1953:

956

The minimum number of Preve children who lost at least one parent to tuberculosis:

176

The number of children withdrawn by their parents for causes ranging from homesickness to parental dissatisfaction:

115

The number of families who sent three or more children to The Preve:

66

Spanish-surnamed children admitted between 1926 and 1953:

57

The minimum number of children's preventoriums that once operated in the United States:

45

The number of children who ran away (The oldest was Abe Gleeman, 13; the youngest, Lillian Heintz, 6):

13

The number of children dismissed for misbehavior:

9

The number of African American children admitted (one in 1915; three in 1950):

4

Age in months of the youngest child admitted (John Jared in 1922, during the brief time the Preventorium operated a nursery):

3

The number of resident directors (Margaret Weikert from 1916 to 1953):

1

NOTES

1. "Children's Preventorium Record of All Admissions and Discharges, 1915 to 1953," Ramsey County, Minnesota, from the personal collection of Jacci Krebsbach.