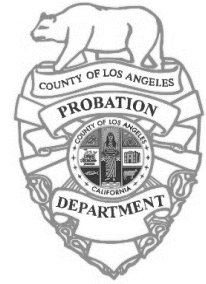




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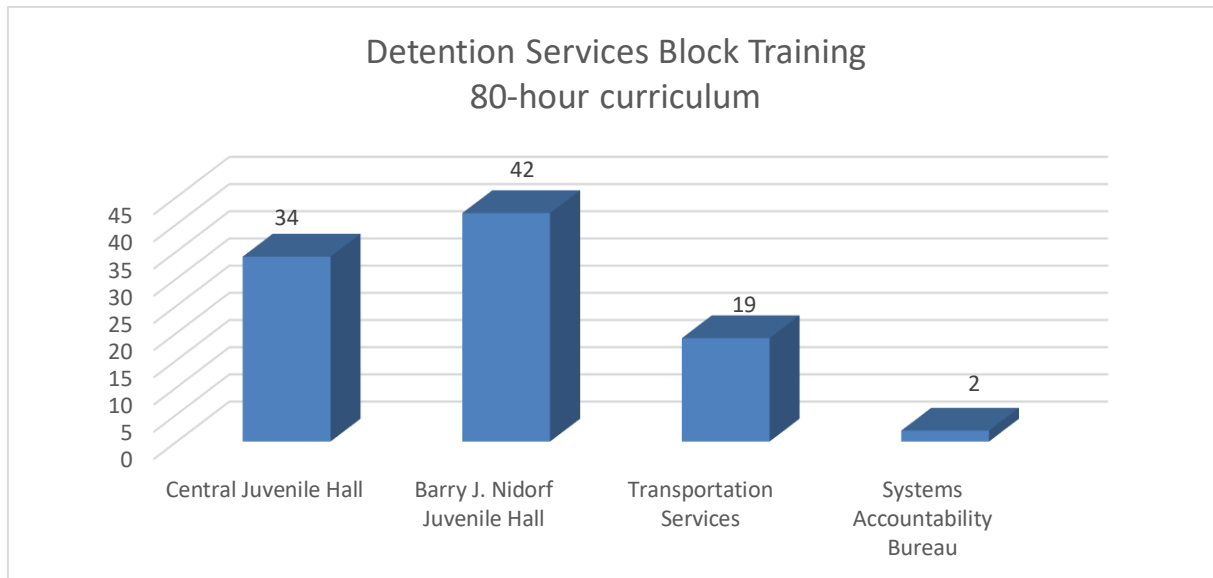
**SUBJECT: PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE
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REPORT)**

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TRAINING PLAN

The Probation Department continues to conduct block week in-person trainings for the employees of the Detention Services Bureau. On November 12, 2021, cohort 4 will commence and cohort 5 begins on November 15, 2021. The Staff Training Office will continue to host a new cohort every two weeks through completion and the training will be offered to the new Juvenile Corrections Officer Core in December 2021.

The chart below illustrates the total number of employees that have participated and received 80 hours of in-person training to support the implementation of the elimination of OC Spray. To date there are 97 employees who have received the training.



The last two months have been reviewed for any correlation between training and OC incidents. To date, 76 juvenile hall staff who carry OC Spray have completed the two-week block training. From September 15 to November 14, there has been a decrease of overall OC Deployment by 18% since training began. We will continue to monitor any trends that are identified as we move forward with training. We continue to gather data to highlight trends in the deployment of OC and will provide more detailed information in the December 16 report.

CONCLUSION

The Department continues to remain committed to partnering with our stakeholders to promote a culture that encourages employees and youth to develop their own strengths in a secure, stable, and healthy environment. In addition, the Department will continue to provide updates that highlight the overall progress of the training cohorts and the elimination of OC spray.

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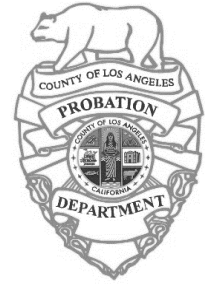
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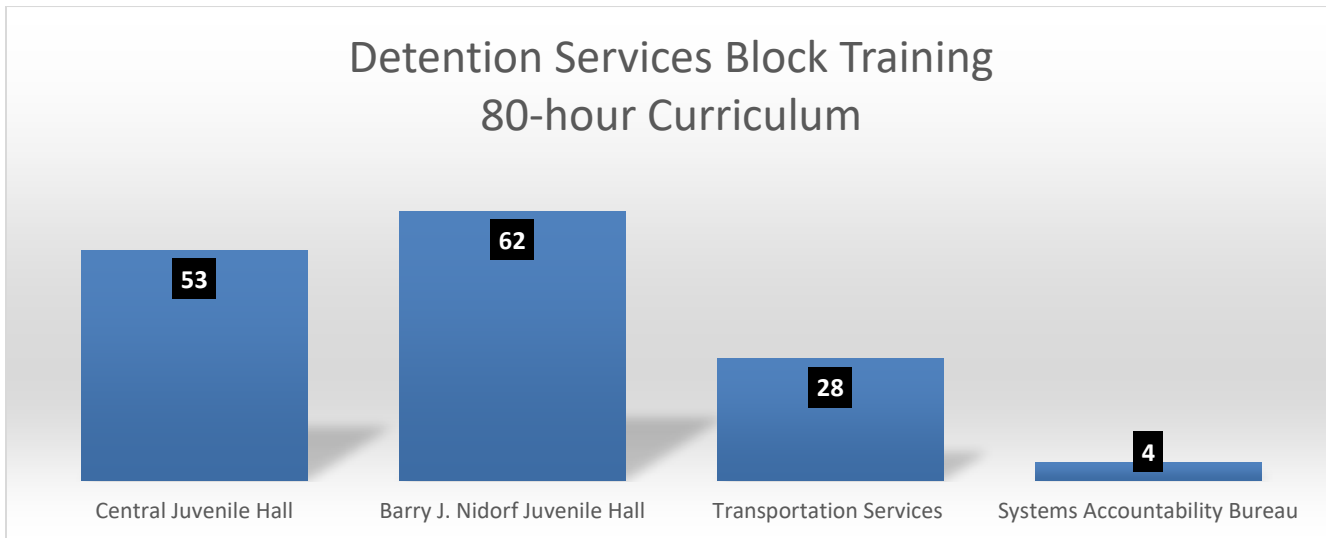
TRAINING PLAN

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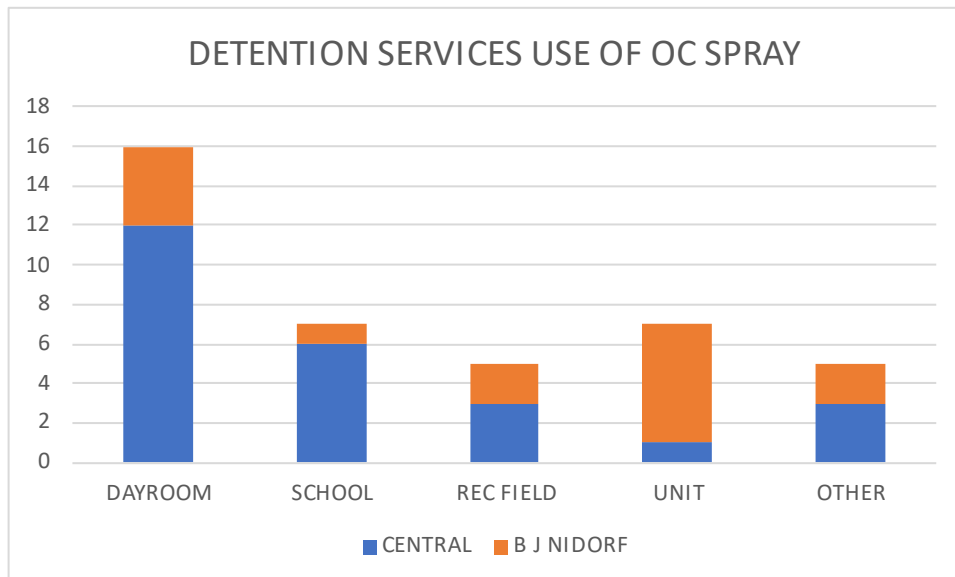
The juvenile institutions will be taking a short break from block training during the holidays due to staffing and scheduling challenges. Beginning January 10, 2022, the DSB block week training will resume with cohort 8.

The Staff Training Office has continued to provide course evaluations for the 80-hour curriculum. The employee evaluations received have been favorable. Employees have reported on the benefits of the trainings received.

The chart below illustrates the total number of employees that have participated and received 80 hours of in-person training to support the implementation of the elimination of OC Spray. To date there are 147 employees who have received the training.

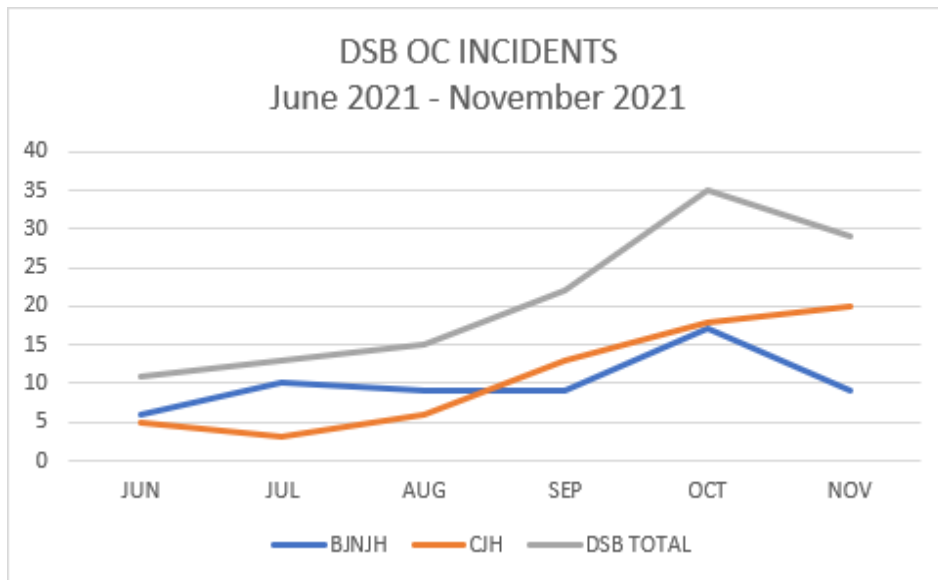


Moving forward the use of OC Spray will be tracked and reported by juvenile hall and location of incident. The chart below illustrates the juvenile hall and location of each incident where OC was used as an intervention. From November 15 to December 15, 2021 there was a total of 40 interventions where OC Spray was deployed. The location having the most incidents was the day room, with 16 incidents it represents 40% of the total number of incidents. The school and the living unit each had 7 incidents, representing 17.5% each of the total number of incidents. Central Juvenile hall notably had more uses of OC Spray, accounting for 62.5% of incidents involving OC Spray. Central Juvenile Hall also have fewer staff trained than those at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall.



The chart below illustrates the number of OC Spray incidents that occurred from June 1, 2021 through December 12, 2021 in each juvenile hall. The graph depicts the trend over the last six months.

DSB OC INCIDENTS June 1, 2021 - December 12, 2021			
MONTH	BJNJH	CJH	DSB TOTAL
JUN	6	5	11
JUL	10	3	13
AUG	9	6	15
SEP	9	13	22
OCT	17	18	35
NOV	9	20	29
DEC (up to 12/12/21)	5	7	12



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