



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

News of the Month - December 2024

LA County Supervisors Visit Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall



On December 13th, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis spread holiday joy at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. She visited multiple units, engaging with the youth, sharing heartfelt holiday cards, and handing out sweet treats. The youth were excited to connect with her and her team. Thank you, Supervisor Solis, for your support and kindness this holiday season!



Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn visited Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall on December 12th to connect with the youth and staff, checking in to see how they're doing. Thank you, Supervisor Hahn, for your support!

Probation Staff Volunteer at Miracle On 1st Street Toy Giveaway



On December 14th, the 43rd Annual Miracle on 1st Street Toy Giveaway took place at Hollenbeck Youth Center in Boyle Heights. Over 3000 children and their families lined up to have a special moment and receive a gift from Santa Claus. Los Angeles County Probation staffers volunteered to help keep things moving while the LA County Probation Honor Guard assisted with escorting the many invited guests. Thank you to all who helped to share the holiday cheer!

Los Padrinos Community Advisory Group Tours Los Padrinos



On December 18th, the Los Padrinos Community Advisory Group toured the facility, exploring several units and gaining a deeper understanding of its current programming. During the visit, they engaged with staff and youth to discuss which programs are most impactful and identify opportunities for future enhancements.

The group collaborates closely with the Los Padrinos programming team, offering innovative recommendations to improve the quality and effectiveness of programs, services, and activities at Los Padrinos.

Dorothy Kirby Center, Camp Afflerbaugh, Camp Joseph Paige, and Barry J Nidorf SYTF Celebrate the Holidays



During the holidays, Dorothy Kirby Center hosted a joyful Breakfast with Santa for youth with children. Laughter filled the room as youth, their children, families, staff, and Santa enjoyed a delicious meal together. Thank you to the staff for coordinating this heartfelt holiday event and to the Department of Youth Development for donating gifts!



During the Holidays, Camp Afflerbaugh was bursting with Holiday cheer! The youth stayed busy decorating their dorm Christmas tree, crafting adorable snowman ornaments, hanging personalized stockings, creating miniature trees, and staying cozy with hot cocoa. Thank you to the staff at Camp Afflerbaugh!



Camp Joseph Paige was also filled with holiday cheer, celebrating the season with fun, creative, and uplifting activities. The youth enjoyed building gingerbread houses, decorating cookies, painting festive artwork, coloring ornaments, trimming the Christmas tree, and wrapping gifts. Warm holiday wishes from everyone at Camp Paige!



Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility hosted a beautiful Winter Wonderland for the youth and their families. Forty-five parents attended and ten children came to celebrate with their fathers. During the festive event families built gingerbread houses and shared a catered meal. Parents were gifted gas cards and children left with wrapped gifts and Build-A-Bear gift cards. Many memorable moments included a youth reuniting with his mom after 4 years, a youth meeting his new baby sister for the first time, and another holding his newborn child for the first time. Hearts were full of the holiday spirit. Thank you to the SYTF Officers who made this beautiful day possible!

Department's College Intern Program Receives Special Certificate



Congratulations to the Los Angeles County Probation Department's College Intern Program on receiving a Special Certificate from the Los Angeles County Productivity and Quality Commission.

[Watch The Video](#)

Supervisor Hahn, Department of Youth Development Director Carroll, and Probation Oversight Commissioner Canales visit Youth at Los Padrinos



On December 18th, Supervisor Janice Hahn, her team, Department of Youth Development Director Carroll, and Probation Oversight Commissioner Canales brought holiday cheer to Los Padrinos! They joined the youth in decorating festive cookies and enjoying delicious tamales. The youth were thrilled to participate, taking pride in their creative and tasty holiday treats. Moments like these remind us of the power of connection and joy this season brings!

Meet our Proactive Supervision Team



Meet our Proactive Supervision Officers! They train and mentor new Detention Service Officers (DSOs) and Group Supervisors Nights (GSNs), ensuring they're prepared for the critical responsibilities inside the facility.

From leading living units and supervising classrooms to managing daily routines, hall checks, and interventions, this team is about upholding the highest standards of safety and structure in the facility.

What is Proactive Supervision?

- Preventing issues before they arise through engaged supervision.
- Setting clear, non-negotiable guidelines with fair consequences.
- Establishing consistent expectations for housing unit operations.

Together, Officers Baker, Brown, Fields, Williams, Romero, Abernathy, Henry, McGee, Ford, and Warren are aiming to create an environment of safety, stability, and fairness for both youth and staff.

Camp Paige Youth Tour Mount San Antonio College



Early in December, six youth from LA County Probation's Camp Joseph Paige toured Mt. San Antonio College with the Rising Scholars Program—an initiative supporting incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals in achieving academic success.

They attended a powerful panel where Rising Scholars shared their journeys from addiction and incarceration to sobriety and college success. The youth explored campus resources like the Basic Needs Center and Equity Center, learning about support for Native American, African American, Undocumented, and Foster Youth students. Empowered and inspired, the CJP youth left the campus motivated to pursue their own bright futures!

A Successful Books & Burgers Event at Los Padrinos



On December 19th, Cerritos College, in collaboration with Probation Education Services, hosted their first annual Books and Burgers event at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. This special celebration marked the end of the fall semester and the one-year anniversary of our partnership with Cerritos College. High school graduates enrolled in college courses enjoyed In-N-Out burgers, chips, and drinks as a well-deserved reward for their hard work.

Additionally, Cerritos College faculty organized a book drive, collecting more than fifty books to distribute to the youth at Los Padrinos, further fostering a love for learning. We're excited for many more celebrations like this in the future and extend our gratitude to Cerritos College for being a vital part of our college program's success!

State Senator and Assemblywoman Visit Barry J. Nidorf

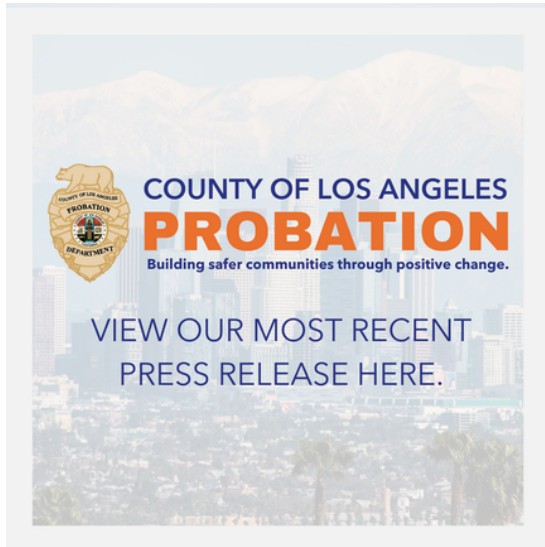


On December 22nd, California State Senator Menjivar and Assemblywoman Rodriguez visited Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility to visit with youth and engage with staff during the holiday season. Also pictured are partners from the Department of Youth Development, Department of Mental Health, Tarzana Treatment Center, and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, showing their continued support for our youth.

LACP is Hiring Now!

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is currently hiring for Deputy Probation Officer I.

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[Los Angeles County Probation Department's Statement on Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall Court Hearing](#)

[Statement From Chief Probation Officer on Emergency Proclamation by County Board of Supervisors](#)

[Statement on Chief of Probation's Decision to Continue Leadership](#)

Department's Pretrial Services Bureau Brings Holiday Joy to Families



On December 19th, the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Pretrial Services Bureau spread holiday cheer by delivering gifts to two deserving families. Each mother, with four children, received clothes, shoes, toys, hygiene products, and household essentials.

Seeing the children's pure excitement and their mothers' heartfelt gratitude was truly moving. Thank you to everyone who made this act of kindness possible—it's moments like these that remind us of the power of community and giving.

*"December: A month of lights, snow, coziness, and feasts; time to make amends and tie up loose ends; finish what you started and make your wishes come true."
- Anonymous*

Los Angeles County Probation Department

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to rebuilding lives and providing for healthier and safer communities for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, the Probation Department's mission is to enhance public safety, ensure victims' rights and effect positive probationer behavioral change. The Probation Department comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an operational budget of \$1.14 billion for fiscal year 2024-2025.