

Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility

Established in 1965 as Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH), the facility housed pre-dispositioned youth and high-risk offenders in northeast Los Angeles County. On July 17, 2023, it transitioned to the Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility (BJN-SYTF) following Senate Bill 823, which closed the state's Division of Juvenile Justice. This shift allows high-risk youth to be rehabilitated locally under juvenile court jurisdiction. BJN-SYTF focuses on rehabilitation, offering programs to help youth develop skills, complete their treatment, and reintegrate into society successfully.



BJN-SYTF offers educational, therapeutic, and vocational programs to support youth rehabilitation, including:

- **Education:** High school and college courses
- **Arts & Culture:** Visual arts, music, and performance
- **Vocational Training:** Job preparation
- **Life Skills:** Essential skills for success
- **Mentorship:** ARC's Credible Messenger Program
- **Therapy:** ARC groups, drug treatment, HDA classes, DBT
- **Rehabilitation:** Homeboy Arts Academy, ICYOLA, Michael's Daughter Project
- **Religious Services:** Bible studies
- **Physical Activities:** Swans Within, outdoor exercise
- **Creative Programs:** Writing, Paws for Life, Boyle Heights Art
- **Community Events:** Holiday celebrations, graduations, milestones



The Developmental Stage System (DSS)

A core component of the BJN-SYTF's rehabilitation approach is the Developmental Stage System (DSS). The DSS is a task-based system guiding youth through skill-building, behavioral change, and progress tracking. Integrated with evidence-based programs like Interactive Journaling and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), it promotes self-reflection, positive habits, and coping strategies. The system adapts to individual needs, holding youth accountable while supporting lasting personal growth.

The **Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility** represents a significant evolution in the care and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders. By offering a holistic approach that combines education, therapy, vocational training, mentorship, and behavior management, BJN-SYTF is committed to preparing young adults for a successful transition back into society. With its comprehensive programs and evidence-based treatment, the facility continues to play a critical role in supporting the development of at-risk youth, helping them build a brighter future.



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