

Weekly Update: June 20, 2025

Probation Los Padrinos Transition Web Page

Launched on May 30, the Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to regularly updating the Los Padrinos web page.

This resource is designed to support parents, guardians, community members, and stakeholders in understanding the court-ordered plan, approved by Judge Micheal Espinoza on May 16, 2025, to depopulate Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall and relocate youth to alternative facilities better suited to their needs.

Chief Viera-Rosa and Department Leaders Meet with City of Downey Officials

This week, Los Angeles County Probation Chief Guillermo Viera-Rosa and members of the Department's executive team met with officials from the City of Downey to discuss the court-approved depopulation plan for Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LP).

The plan includes transferring youth to other existing facilities and enhancing the missions of select sites to better meet the needs of the youth in our care.

Located in the City of Downey, Los Padrinos is currently the County's only juvenile hall. As a temporary holding facility, not a long-term correctional center, Los Padrinos ensures that youth remain in custody only as necessary to protect public safety. While detained, youth receive access to education, rehabilitation programs, and structured activities, all under the supervision of probation officers and in accordance with County regulations. Upon admission, youth are required to appear before a judge who considers factors such as the seriousness of the offense, criminal history, risk to the community, and rehabilitation needs. Based on this assessment, the court determines whether continued detention is appropriate or if alternatives, such as probation supervision or community-based programs, are more suitable. Although the average stay ranges from 7 to 23 days, the length of time depends on each youth's individual legal circumstances.

Chief Viera-Rosa Host Staff Townhalls

This week, Chief Viera-Rosa met with Probation Officers and staff at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall to discuss the court-approved depopulation plan and its potential impact on personnel. During the townhall, he engaged directly with the LP team, addressed their questions, and emphasized how vital and valued they are to the department's mission. Staff were also provided with a Human Resources FAQ to help address concerns and offer additional guidance during this transition.

The Chief is scheduled to continue hosting additional Staff Townhalls throughout June and July to ensure open communication and ongoing support for all staff during this critical time.

Camps Rockey and Afflerbaugh Superintendent and Director met with staff on all three shifts including, AM, PM, and EM.

Youth and Parent Engagement

Over the past week, staff, partnering agencies, and community-based organizations at each facility have engaged directly with youth to provide updates on the ongoing transition of some young people into facilities better suited to meet their individual needs.

Each site also hosted meetings with parents and guardians, both in person and virtually, to answer questions and address any concerns. On June 15th and/or 16th, Probation Directors and staff held in-person town hall meetings during visiting hours at all facilities to ensure families remained informed and supported.

On June 18, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall and Barry J. Nidorf jointly hosted a virtual town hall for parents and guardians from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A Spanish interpreter was available to ensure full participation for Spanish-speaking families.

Later that day, Dorothy Kirby Center held a virtual parent/guardian town hall from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., where attendees engaged with staff, asked questions, and received updates related to the Los Padrinos youth transition.

Additionally, Camps Afflerbaugh and Rockey, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, hosted a virtual town hall at 6:00 p.m. Parents and guardians had the opportunity to speak with both educational and probation staff regarding their loved ones' schooling and whether the transition would have any impact on their education.

Parents and guardians were encouraged to stay up to date on the Los Padrinos transition by visiting the Los Padrinos Transition

Website: <https://probation.lacounty.gov/lospadrinostransition/>, where they can learn more about:

- The transition of youth from Los Padrinos
- What changing and why
- Resources for families and youth
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- News and updates

Parents/Guardians were also invited to subscribe to receive important updates and correspondence from the Probation Department via text.