

Los Angeles County Probation - Facilities Timeline 2020 - Present

- **Jan 2020** – Ray Leyva is appointed as the Probation Department’s Interim Chief Probation Officer after then-Chief Terri McDonald unexpectedly announced her retirement.
- **May 2020** – The Probation Department [closed Camp Joseph Scott](#) in Santa Clarita, the only probation facility exclusively designated for girls. Probation moved the remaining girls to Dorothy Kirby Center in Commerce where one cottage was operated as “Camp Scott.”
- **January 2021** - Los Angeles County Probation and the County Office of Education (LACOE) entered into [settlements](#) with the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to improve conditions and education services in the juvenile halls due to “deficiencies regarding the treatment and conditions of confinement of youth in juvenile detention in the county, as well as concerns regarding the inadequate provision of education services to justice-involved youth.”
- **May 2021** –The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) found Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall and Central Juvenile Hall non-compliant in several areas including: Room Confinement, Use of Restraint Devices for Movement, Programs and Recreational activities for youth¹
- **July 2021** – As a result of state realignment efforts pursuant to Senate Bill 823, Los Angeles County Probation became responsible for housing and serving youth previously confined at facilities run by the CA Department of Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Beginning in July 2021, DJJ stopped accepting the transfer of new youth. Youth began returning to LA County from DJJ and youth were newly dispositioned to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF).
 - **September 2021** – BSCC re-inspected both Barry J. Nidorf and Central Juvenile Halls and found they were still non-compliant.
- **October 2021** – BSCC issued an official notice of unsuitability for Barry J. Nidorf and Central Juvenile Halls, after determining that the halls were not suitable for

¹ For more information on the BSCC’s inspection process, visit <https://www.bscc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/inspectionprocess.pdf> and [Facility Inspection Responsibility and SB 519 Overview Nov 16, 2023 \(youtube.com\)](#)

the confinement of youth pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 209, subdivisions (a)(4) and (d).

- **March 2022** – Probation expeditiously moved all the youth housed at Central Juvenile Hall to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall [in order to avoid an anticipated BSCC inspection at Central Juvenile Hall.](#)
- **May 2022-** Central Juvenile Hall reopened and youth were returned to the facility.
- **June 2022** – BSCC found Barry J. Nidorf suitable and again found Central Juvenile Hall unsuitable for the confinement of youth after inspectors noted issues with documentation regarding safety checks.
- **August 2022** – BSCC found that Central Juvenile Hall had met the requirements of suitability with respect to safety checks, closing out the inspection cycle that first documented issues of noncompliance in February 2021. The BSCC stated in their letter verifying compliance that: “[f]or the past 17 months, the [BSCC] has grappled with the conditions at the Los Angeles County juvenile halls and whether to allow the halls to remain open to house youth.”
- **September 2022-** Campus Kilpatrick transitioned from a “camp” to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility.
- **December 2022** – Over 300 formerly incarcerated youth, primarily young women, sued Los Angeles County alleging decades-long sexual abuse at Probation detention facilities.
- **March 2023** – Probation Chief Adolfo Gonzales was terminated by the Board of Supervisors.
- **March 2023** – Karen Fletcher, who had been Chief Gonzales’ second-in-command, is named Interim Chief.
- **April 2023** – The California Attorney General’s Office [announced](#) that the DOJ [filed a motion to enforce](#) specific provisions of the 2021 [stipulated judgment](#) requiring Los Angeles County to remedy illegal and unsafe conditions of confinement at its two juvenile halls.

- **May 2023** – BSCC found Central Juvenile Hall and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile unsuitable, giving the Department 60 days to find alternate housing for nearly 300 youth. BSCC did not at this time have jurisdiction to make an unsuitability finding for the SYTF youth housed at Barry J. Nidorf.
- **May 2023** – Interim Chief Fletcher resigned amid the department’s ongoing crisis, Guillermo Viera Rosa appointed as Interim Chief.
- **July 2023** – DJJ officially closes.
- **July 2023** – The Governor’s budget-rider included a law change granting the BSCC authority to find SYTF facilities unsuitable as of July 1, 2023.
- **July 2023** – The Probation Department transferred all pre-adjudication youth from Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall and all youth from Central Juvenile Hall to Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in advance of the BSCC’s deadline for compliance at the two facilities. The SYTF youth remained at Barry J. Nidorf.
- **July 2023** – Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall reopened with a population of 274 youth and resumed operation as a juvenile hall. The hall had been [closed since 2019](#).
- **July 2023**- Barry J. Nidorf began operations strictly as a Secure Youth Treatment Facility for post-dispositioned youth.
- **September 2023** – BSCC reported that their inspections found 22 areas of non-compliance at Los Padrinos (12) and Barry J Nidorf (10).
- **January 2024** – Chief Guillermo Viera Rosa sworn in as Chief Probation Officer
- **January 2024** – Probation restructured and renamed Dorothy Kirby Center into several facilities that include a cottage for SYTF youth, and a “camp” cottage called “DKC Camp” formerly known as “Camp Scott.”
- **February 2024** – BSCC found Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall unsuitable in twelve areas including: staffing, youth supervision, and room confinement and Barry J Nidorf SYTF unsuitable in ten areas including: education programs, staffing and safety checks.