

Los Padrinos Depopulation Strategy

(Response to the Board Motion of May 13, 2025)



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Court Order (May 16, 2025)

Los Padrinos Depopulation Strategy: **Objectives**

Reduce Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall population to improve:

- BSCC/DOJ staffing ratio compliance (safety/security)*
- Access to clinical services
- Access to educational and programming services
- Delivery of trauma informed care within a therapeutic environment

* Facility staffing will actually be enhanced despite the population movements.



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Los Padrinos Depopulation Strategy: **Limitations**

- The court is the final decision maker on a youth's detention status.
- The current populations have charges that are outside Probation's discretion for release*. Probation can only make recommendations to the Court.
- Probation's role is to provide safe and secure housing with access to clinical, educational and programming services.

*Youth solely with a low-level charge do not enter juvenile hall.



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Los Padrinos Depopulation Strategy: **Partner Engagement**

A Workgroup of decision makers was established (March 24 , 2025) and regularly meets to:

- Engage in collaboration, dialogue, and the sharing of ideas
- Identify and resolve implementation challenges
- Facilitate logistics coordination





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Depopulation Strategy:

**Youth Focused
Concentrated
Service Delivery at
Each Facility**

- **Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall:**
Pre-disposition youth with anticipated short- stay
- **Barry J. Nidorf:**
Comprehensive SYTF program from pre- to post-disposition through to step-down preparation for return to the community
- **Campus Kilpatrick:**
Consolidated girls and gender expansive facility
- **Dorothy Kirby Center:**
Comprehensive mental health and complex care facility
- **Camp Paige:**
Prepare post-disposition youth pending camp / placement



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Youth Movement

To be completed within 30-days, by June 15, 2025*

* Timeline subject to BSCC approval, facility repairs/upgrades, and ability of partners and services providers to deliver services.

1. Camp Paige closure:

- Transfer youth to Camps Afflerbaugh and Rocky
- Facility to undergo structural repairs

2. Campus Kilpatrick closure:

- Assess youth eligibility for alternative placement and/or release**
- Transfer youth to BJN SYTF step-down
- Facility to undergo updates to meet requirement for consolidated female and gender expansive operations

** Requires a two-week advance notice to the court before relocation. Court approval is required.



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3. Barry J Nidorf :

- Establish SYTF step-down and transfer youth from Campus Kilpatrick**
- Transfer pre-disposition SYTF recommended youth from Los Padrinos

** Youth engagement: BJN housing location based on their recommendation



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4. Campus Kilpatrick:

- Establish gender responsive and trauma informed program within a therapeutic environment
- Transfer pre-disposition girls and gender expansive youth from Los Padrinos**
- Transfer post-disposition and SYTF girls and gender expansive youth from Dorothy Kirby Center

** Subject to BSCC approval to meet juvenile hall standards



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5. Dorothy Kirby Center:

- Transfer post-disposition youth pending camp / placement from Los Padrinos**

** Interim step while Camp Paige is undergoing structural repairs



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6. Camp Paige: (upon completion of repairs)

- Transfer post-disposition youth pending camp / placement from Dorothy Kirby

7. Dorothy Kirby:

- Transfer Regional Center diagnosed youth from Los Padrinos



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Family Engagement

Comprehensive Engagement and Communication Plan

- Facility based family liaisons
- Family townhalls (virtual/in-person)
- Formal notice of movement
- Website, social media, text alerts, and dedicated email support



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Los Padrinos Depopulation Strategy: **Youth Engagement**

- Family liaisons to conduct town halls with youth in their housing units
- DMH and DYD to provide supportive services to youth, as needed



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Community Engagement

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**DEPARTMENT OF
YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT**

- DYD hosted and moderated in-person community engagement events within each Supervisorial District
- Probation, DMH, and JCHS panel provided an overview of the depopulation strategy and responded to community member questions
- DYD facilitated small group discussions with community members



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**Continuation /
Expansion of
Services**

- Department of Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, and Youth Development, along with LACOE will continue their services
- At some facilities, there will be an expansion of services



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Challenges

- Staffing remains a challenge but all partners have affirmed staff coverage will be provided to implement the Los Padrinos Depopulation Strategy



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