



Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall Depopulation Strategy Update

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Introductory Remarks and Overview



Receivership Hearing (October 10, 2025)

Status of Receivership Proceedings

A. October 10, 2025

- The California Attorney General's (AG) Motion for Receivership was heard before the Honorable Peter Hernandez. Judge Hernandez heard arguments from both sides and afterwards adopted his tentative ruling denying the AG's motion without prejudice.
- Judge Hernandez did, however, set evidentiary hearings to learn more about that status of Probation's compliance with the Stipulated Judgement and its subsequent amendments. Hearings were set for October 24, 2025, and November 7, 2025. These hearings are to focus on (1) staffing; (2) data management; and (3) use of force.
- Another hearing was scheduled for November 21, 2025, and one originally set for December 12, 2025, but has since been removed by Judge Hernandez from the calendar. A new date in January will be determined later.



Court Order (May 16, 2025)

Los Padrinos
Depopulation Strategy:

Summary of Completed Youth Movement

- Camp Paige closure (May 28, 2025)
- Campus Kilpatrick closure and establishing Barry J Nidorf-SYTF Step-Down (July 1, 2025)
- Barry J Nidorf-SYTF Recommended Track (August 27, 2025)



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Depopulation Strategy:

In-Progress Youth Movement

Campus Kilpatrick

- Female and Gender Expansive Youth
- Thirty-three (33) pre-disposition youth from LPJH have been transferred to-date:
 - November 3, 2025, twelve (12) youth
 - November 5, 2025, four (4) youth
 - November 13, 2025, four (4) youth
 - November 19, 2025, six (6) youth
 - December 3, 2025, five (5) youth
 - December 10, 2025, two (2) youth
- Safe, secure, and incident-free small group transfers



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Depopulation Strategy:

Female and Gender Expansive Population Stats

(as of December 10, 2025)

Current population of 42 youth

Campus Kilpatrick

- The current population is eighteen (18) youth
 - Reflects the release and/or community placement of fifteen (15) youth since the transfers began

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

- Current population of six (6) pre-disposition youth
 - Includes two pregnant youth who are pending court dates to transfer them to home/community placement

Dorothy Kirby Center

- Current population of eighteen (18) post-disposition and/or SYTF youth



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Depopulation Strategy:

Campus Kilpatrick Status

- On November 8, 2025, CVK hosted a special Meet and Greet event bringing together our partner agencies and youth
- Over 12 CBOs have been placed on schedule
 - Monday through Friday, from 4-8 pm, and some weekends
- Additional CBOs have been engaged for near future program delivery
- Direct program services include
 - Credible messengers
 - Creative arts (crafting pillows, bracelets, purses and tennis shoes)
 - Visual arts (film, animation)
 - Performing arts (acting, singing, dancing, drumline, poetry, DJing)
 - Video game design, writing and journaling, yoga, gardening, training in cosmetology, esthetician (skincare), and conflict resolution



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Campus Kilpatrick Status

- Family visitation was initiated during the first weekend
- DYD and the Young Women's Freedom Center is facilitating family transportation from LPJH to Campus Kilpatrick
- Positive feedback from families on staff interaction and facility environment
- Virtual visits is pending implementation



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Campus Kilpatrick Status

LA Model+

- A consultant is providing technical assistance to develop the LA Model+
- Focus on enhanced gender responsive and trauma informed care through operations and training
- Holistic learning community with County partners through effective communication and content coordination. e.g. life skills, behavior management, and self-actualization



Ensuring Safe Living Conditions for Pregnant Youth

County Partner Resources and Services



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Ensuring Safe Living Conditions for Pregnant Youth

Juvenile Court Health Services

Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) provides care to the pregnant youth throughout the course of their pregnancy from pre-term care, peri-natal care, and postpartum care

Intake

- Youth are identified as pregnant upon arrival to the probation detention intake facility through both the youth's history and laboratory confirmation of their pregnancy status
- All female youth have a pregnancy test upon admission and at a time several weeks after admission depending on their history and/or possible symptoms



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Juvenile Court Health Services

Prenatal care

Referrals made

- OB clinic through a DHS Medical Center (usually LA General)
- Public Health for the Nurse Family Partnership program
- Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs
- Public Health – Substance Abuse and Prevention and Control program (SAPC) for those youth with a substance use history



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Juvenile Court Health Services

Prenatal care

Treatment plans with orders placed in the electronic medical record (PEMRS) as needed:

- Activity
- Nutrition
- Medications
- Housing/Safety precautions
- Guidelines provided from the Prenatal visits

Pregnancy options also discussed with the youth by JCHS and during their prenatal care visits with any necessary arrangements to support the youth based on their decision for the pregnancy.



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Juvenile Court Health Services

Perinatal care

Guidelines are provided to Probation for the possibility of youth going into labor and transport to an appropriate medical facility – ideally to ensure continuity of care

For high-risk pregnancies with complications, may involve admission into the Medical Housing Unit



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Juvenile Court Health Services

Postnatal care

- Post-partum care through the DHS facility, JCHS and JJMHP
- After delivery, admitted to the Medical Housing Unit for observation of any complications
- Activity clearance based on their medical condition after delivery



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Department of Mental Health

A thorough psychosocial assessment for all newly admitted youth, including an identification tool for risk of trafficking. The vast majority of youth are assigned to a treating clinician, and this clinician works with the client to establish an individualized treatment plan.

For pregnant youth, issues related to pregnancy and parenting may be part of this treatment plan. DMH Psychiatrists (trained in General and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry) also evaluate youth when referred to by clinicians, nurses or other medical staff.



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Department of Mental Health

- The severity of symptoms is taken into consideration when determining if psychotropic medications are indicated.
- DMH also has a small clinical team that work with the STAR and DREAM courts for CSEC youth involved in the Probation or Delinquency systems. They attend any multidisciplinary teams related to these courts.
- DMH is not directly involved in the placement of youth but does provide support youth as they proceed through the placement process.



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Department of Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention & Control

- Contracted substance use disorder (SUD) providers are registered and/or certified SUD counselors with experience providing treatment services to youth and young adults who meet the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for either Early Intervention, Outpatient Counseling, or Intensive Outpatient services
- The objective is to provide the knowledge, tools, and resources to help youth make sound decisions while in-custody and upon their return to the community



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Department of Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention & Control

- Providers are located within the Probation Youth Facilities and offer a full range of SUD services to all youth:
 - Screening
 - Assessments
 - Early Intervention
 - SUD treatment services
 - Linkages to community services upon release from custody.



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Department of Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention & Control

- SUD counselors can provide linkages to SUD treatment providers in the community who provide additional services to pregnant youth, including priority admission, intervention services, outpatient services, and case management
- Pregnant youth who meet medical necessity for SUD residential services, upon court order, can be placed with a SAPC community-based provider



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Department of Children & Family Services

Expectant and Parenting Youth (EPY) conferences

- The fundamental goals are to provide support and services to promote safety and help break the intergenerational cycles of entering the child welfare system
- Conference for any expectant or parenting youth or non-minor dependent under DCFS supervision, including potential and recent fathers
- This is a voluntary youth-centered approach to identify and discuss needs in regard to pregnancy, early child rearing, childcare, education, and the needs of the baby/babies



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Department of Children & Family Services

- Participants include but are not limited:
 - The expectant/parenting youth and their partner
 - The assigned Children's Social Worker (CSW)
 - A Children's Law Center (CLC) representative
 - A Resource Specialists from the Alliance for Children's Rights, Public Counsel, CASA
 - Other support services representatives/supportive adult(s) as requested by the youth
- Youth can request follow-up conferences to continue to address their needs and links to appropriate resources while they have an open case



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Department of Children & Family Services

- The Resource Specialists can remain connected to the Expectant and Parenting Youth after their DCFS case is closed and provide ongoing assistance up to age 25
- Youth are connected to departmental, community, and fellow county programs such as the DCFS Independent Living Program (ILP), DCFS Housing Services and childcare options, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) including co-located Linkages Gain Worker, Department of Public Health (DPH) and community-based home visitation programs such as Nurse Family Partnership.



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Department of Children & Family Services

- Youth are linked to available funding such as the Expectant Parent Payment and Infant Supplement and/or public benefits
- Other topics discussed and referrals provided (as needed) include:
 - Custody/family law assistance
 - Supportive relationships/mentoring
 - Educational assistance
 - Medical/dental coverage for the youth and their children
 - Employment assistance
 - Mental health services
 - Reproductive health services



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Department of Youth Development

The Young Women's Freedom Center (YWFC) credible messengers (CM) currently provides direct support to pregnant youth at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH)

- One-on-one mentorship, group programming, and court advocacy.
- "My Life Chose Me" programming designed for pregnant youth and parents with practical, accessible information to assist in navigation of county social systems.
- "Young Mothers United" is a 12-week reentry and advocacy program for young moms, parents, and their children that focuses on system navigation and developing skills for low-income stability.



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Department of Youth Development

(YWFC cont'd)

- YWFC's Beloved program provides wraparound services, including family-finding, placement support, and continued holistic and familial support which creates a consistent throughline from detention to reentry and beyond.

Million Little provides strength-based therapeutic arts programming, and DYD is currently finalizing a contract to also provide these youth recreational programming.



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Department of Youth Development

The Reentry Action for Youth (RAY) program provides access to in-community mentorship, care coordination, and service linkage.

- Youth participants in the RAY program are paired with a mentor with lived experience for up to 12-18 months.
- Mentors support youth through system navigation and self-empowerment by connecting them to essential services and community-based resources, and advocacy and emotional support during court proceedings.
- Participating youth are eligible to receive monthly monetary incentives and other supports to cover basic living essentials and promote stability in their lives.



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Department of Youth Development

(RAY cont'd)

- The RAY Program partners with community-based organizations that offer curriculum and programming specifically tailored to this sensitive population's needs, including assisting recently released pregnant youth by connecting them to family care clinics, housing resources, and linkage to healthcare to ensure access to necessary prenatal and postnatal medical care and attention.



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Department of Youth Development

Safe Healing Centers (SHCs) are being developed to address alternative housing facilities/providers for youth, including expectant youth.

- SHCs are small residential placements that will offer diverse, trauma-informed programming that strengthens youth development and is grounded in research, is culturally affirming, and focuses on reunification, reentry, and aftercare from the first day of placement.
- Youth will be able to continue their educational goals and receive critical services including specialized programming for youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation, pregnant and parenting youth, and youth who have experienced extensive trauma.



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Los Angeles County Office of Education

Coordinates services with partner agencies to provide parenting support and services:

- Academic counseling and credit recovery options to help students graduate.
- Parenting Education & Mentoring through partner agencies.
- School-Based Community Access Points offering trauma-informed counseling and mental health services (i.e.; Amer-I-Can, Women's Freedom Center).



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