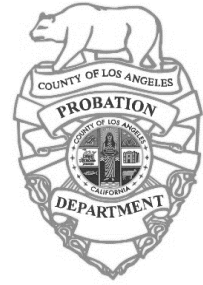




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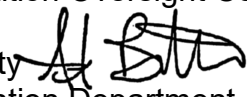
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TO: Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: **PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) SPRAY (TWELFTH MONTHLY REPORT)**

On July 8, 2021, the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) requested that the Probation Department provide a written report to the POC every 30 days to report on the progress on implementation of the elimination of the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray, including a timeline with dates for key interim benchmarks and steps toward elimination, including the specific target date when the use of OC spray will be eliminated.

TRAINING PLAN

The Probation Department continues to conduct block week in-person trainings for the employees of the Detention Services Bureau (DSB) at the Probation Training Center.

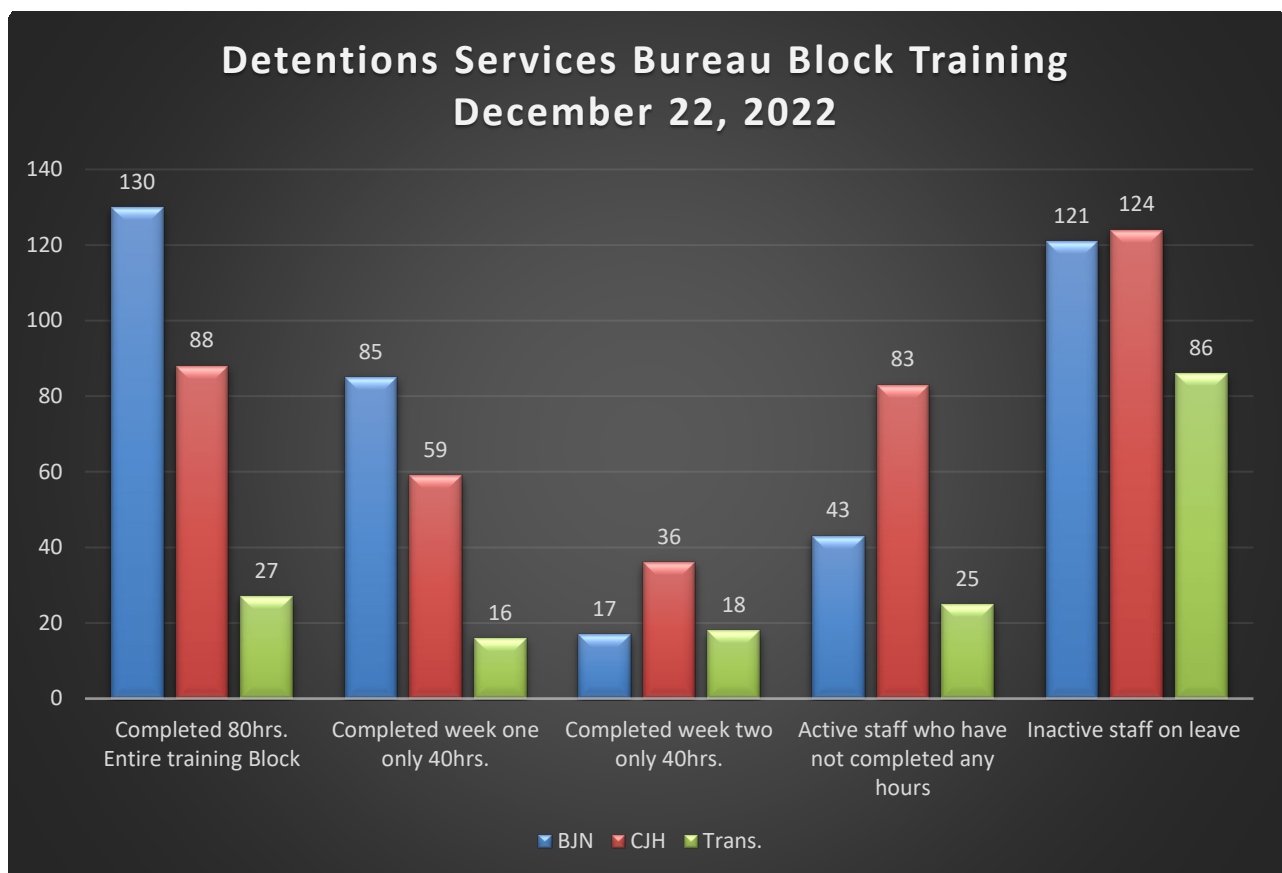
There has been a total of 38 cohort trainings conducted since September 21, 2021. The training completion has continued to be monitored and tracked to ensure full compliance. Cohort 40 ended on December 16, 2022. Employees reporting to cohort trainings are currently receiving week one curriculum. Due to the current staffing patterns, employees are not reporting to two-week training blocks currently. Although, a plan is currently being developed to resume week two of the training. The goal is to resume week two of the training in February of 2023. A holiday break from block training began on December 19, 2022, and will resume on January 9, 2023.

The Staff Training Office is currently partnering with DSB to ensure that active employees who have not received training are scheduled to attend the training. In addition, inactive employees are monitored and will attend training upon their return to duty.

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Although training efforts have remained steady since September 21, 2021, the staffing patterns in DSB have continued to experience challenges. As of December 22, 2022, there were 251 of the 878 (28.5 %) employees in the bureau out on leave, who have not received the training to support OC phase out. A strong emphasis to train the 150 (17%) employees who have not received any portion of the block training will be made in the upcoming training months.

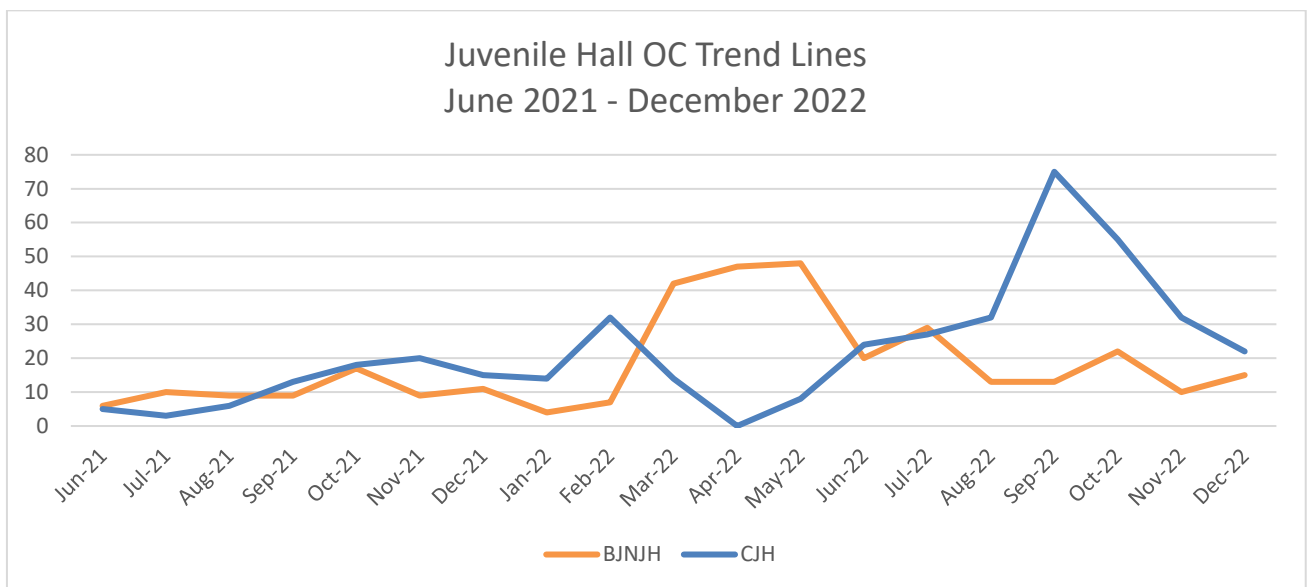
The chart below illustrates the total number of DSB staff that reported to block week training by facility through December 22, 2022.



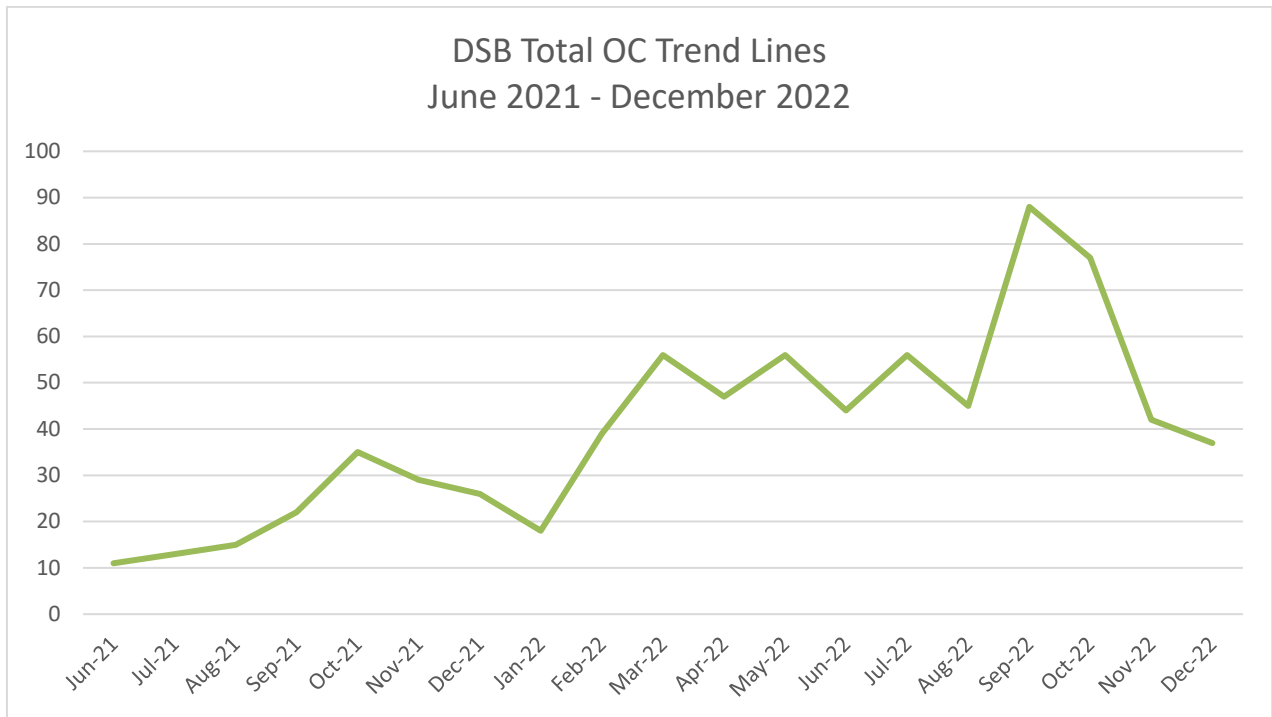
The chart below illustrates the DSB OC Spray Incident totals by month since June of 2021 through December of 2022.

2021 - 2022 DSB OC INCIDENT TOTALS			
JUNE 2021 - DECEMBER 2022			
MONTH	BJNJH	CJH	DSB TOTAL
Jun-21	6	5	11
Jul-21	10	3	13
Aug-21	9	6	15
Sep-21	9	13	22
Oct-21	17	18	35
Nov-21	9	20	29
Dec-21	11	15	26
Jan-22	4	14	18
Feb-22	7	32	39
Mar-22	42	14	56
Apr-22	47	0	47
May-22	48	8	56
Jun-22	20	24	44
Jul-22	29	27	56
Aug-22	13	32	45
Sep-22	13	75	88
Oct-22	22	55	77
Nov-22	10	32	42
Dec-22	15	22	37

The chart below illustrates the OC spray trend lines for both Central Juvenile Hall and Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall since June 2021.



The chart below illustrates the DSB combined total OC Spray trends for both juvenile halls since June 2021.



CONCLUSION

The Department continues to remain committed to partnering with our stakeholders to promote a safe culture that supports employees and youth in a secure, stable, and healthy environment. In addition, the Department will continue to provide updates that highlight the overall progress of the training cohorts and the elimination of OC spray. All cohort training is conducted with continued support for COVID-19 safety and precautions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (562) 940-3760.

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