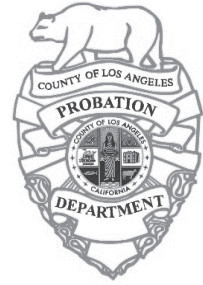




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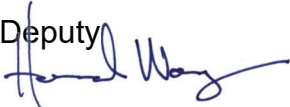
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SUBJECT: **PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE  
USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) SPRAY (14<sup>th</sup> MONTHLY  
REPORT)**

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 towards 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 58 cohort trainings conducted since September 21, 2021. The training completion has continued to be monitored and tracked to ensure full compliance. Employees are reporting to the Probation Training Center and participating in week two of the training.

Although training efforts have remained steady since September 21, 2021, the staffing patterns in DSB have continued to experience challenges. Staffing instabilities have caused a decline in attendance rates that impacted the Staff Training Office from running concurrent cohorts during this reporting period.

The Probation Department started a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) II re-assignment training that began on April 3, 2023. As of May 4, 2023, there are 96 DPO IIs who have

received 40 hours of training (week two). These employees also received 40 hours of on-site training upon arrival at Barry J. Nidorf (BJNJH) and Central Juvenile Hall (CJH).

The chart below illustrates the total number of DSB staff that reported to block week one training and week two by facility through May 3, 2023.

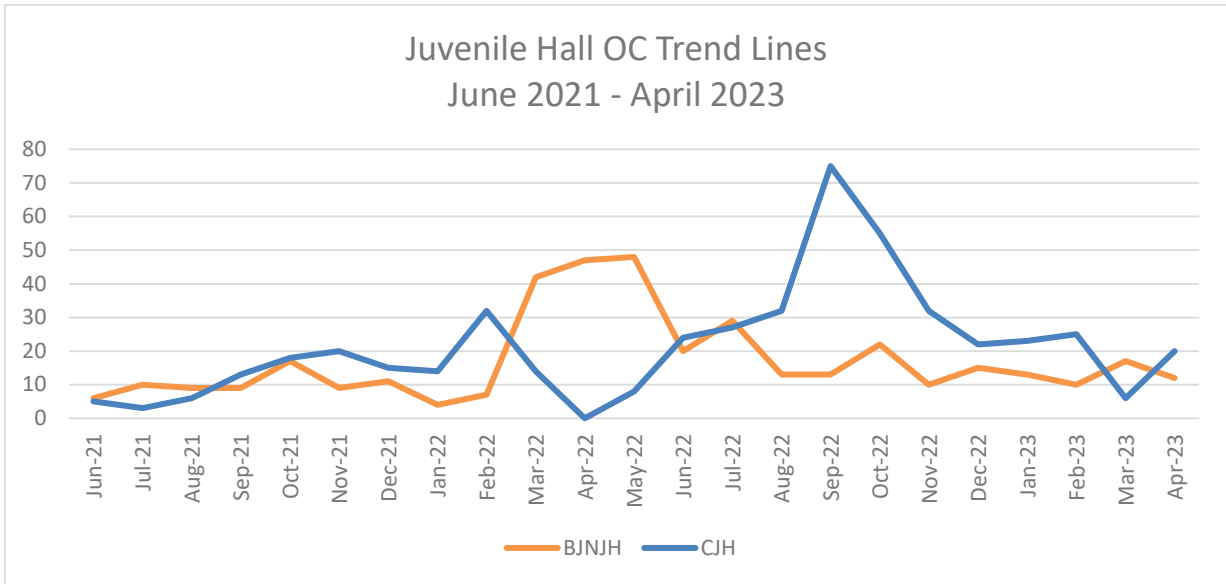
LOCATION	ACTIVE	INACTIVE	WEEK ONE	COMP. RATE	WEEK TWO	COMP. RATE
BJNJH	220	99	282	88%	176	55%
CJH	244	77	195	60%	134	41%
TRANSPORTATION	80	217	42	52%	45	56%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>65%</b>

As of May 4, 2023, there have been 685 DSB employees training in the Physical Intervention Policy Review training. There were 68 employees who received Basic Handcuffing training on-site at CJH. In addition, there were also 98 employees who received the Supervision of Developmentally Disabled Youth training at CJH. De-escalation training has been provided in Cohort week one and on-site at CJH. Department-wide, there have been 527 employees trained in De-escalation Institutions training.

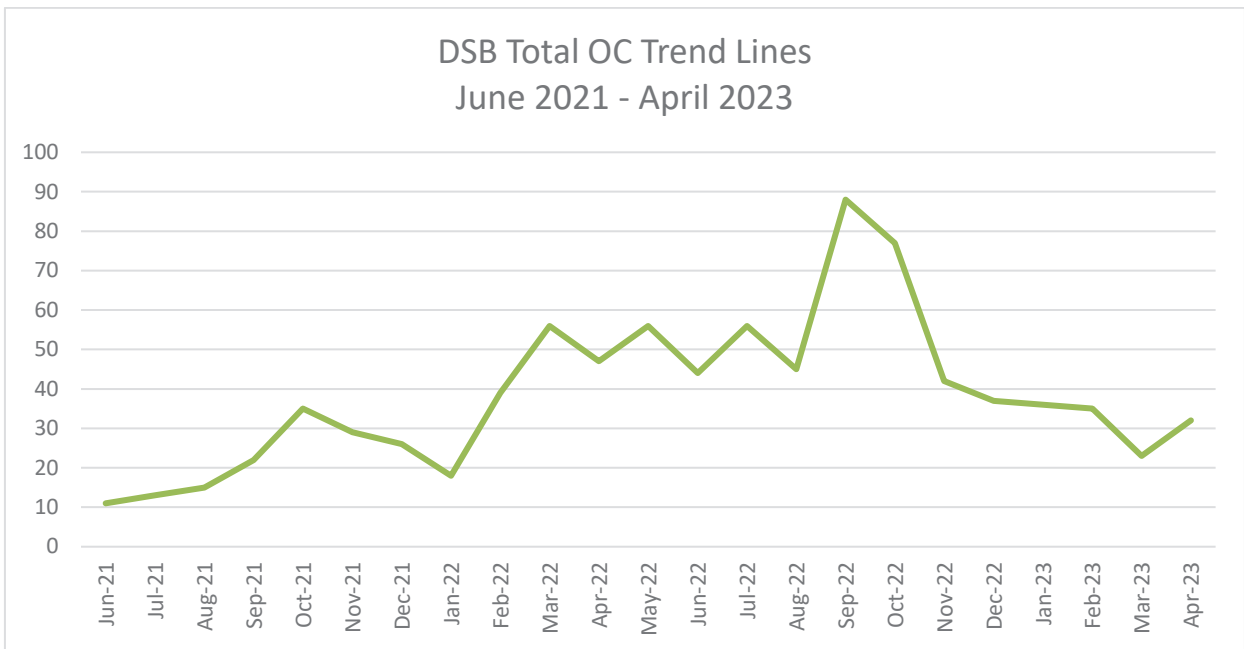
The chart below illustrates the DSB OC Spray Incident totals by month from June 2021 through April 2023.

2021 - 2023 DSB OC INCIDENT TOTALS			
JUNE 2021 - APRIL 2023			
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
Jan-23	13	23	36
Feb-23	9	24	33
Mar-23	17	6	23
Apr-23	12	20	32

The chart below illustrates the OC spray trend lines for both CJH and BJNJH since June 2021.



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



## TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR FUTURE UNITS

The Department will continue to train all staff in block weeks and work to continue to phase out OC Spray throughout both juvenile halls. As evident by some changes below, please note the following tentative timeline is subject to change based on facility population and renovations for Homelike Improvements, Closed-circuit Television (CCTV), and the Wi-Fi project.

### CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL

Housing Unit	Elimination Date
• MOU	June 30, 2023
• P/Q	June 30, 2023
• R/S	August 31, 2023
• KL security and MC	October 31, 2023

### BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL

Housing Unit	Elimination Date
• MOU	June 30, 2023
• L/M	June 30, 2023
• Q	June 30, 2023
• E/F	June 30, 2023
• J/K	July 31, 2023
• N/O	August 31, 2023
• A/B	September 30, 2023
• T/V	October 31, 2023
• Y	November 30, 2023
• W	December 31, 2023
• Z	January 31, 2024
• P	January 31, 2024
• Security/MC	January 31, 2024

## 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) 334-4221.

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