



2024 ANNUAL INSPECTION SUMMARY: LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL

The L.A. County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) conducted the 2024 inspection of Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH) to assess conditions and provide feedback to the Probation Department and other stakeholders.

KEY FINDINGS:



OVERPOPULATION AND VIOLENCE

Units were overcrowded, with reports of racial tensions, violence, and use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray. Many youths displayed visible injuries, such as broken bones and facial bruising.



GIRLS UNMET NEEDS

Many detained girls suffer from mental health issues, trauma, and are victims of child sex trafficking. They require therapeutic environments, which are lacking at LPJH.



STAFFING INSTABILITY

Frequent substitute probation officers and teachers disrupt long-term relationships with the youth, fostering institutional instability. Lack of regular staff contributes to violence and confusion.



INCONSISTENT SUPERVISION

Supervision approaches vary across units, reflecting a need for a unified, trauma-informed practice model. Leadership has yet to implement a behavioral model, despite previous commitments.

IMPROVEMENTS:



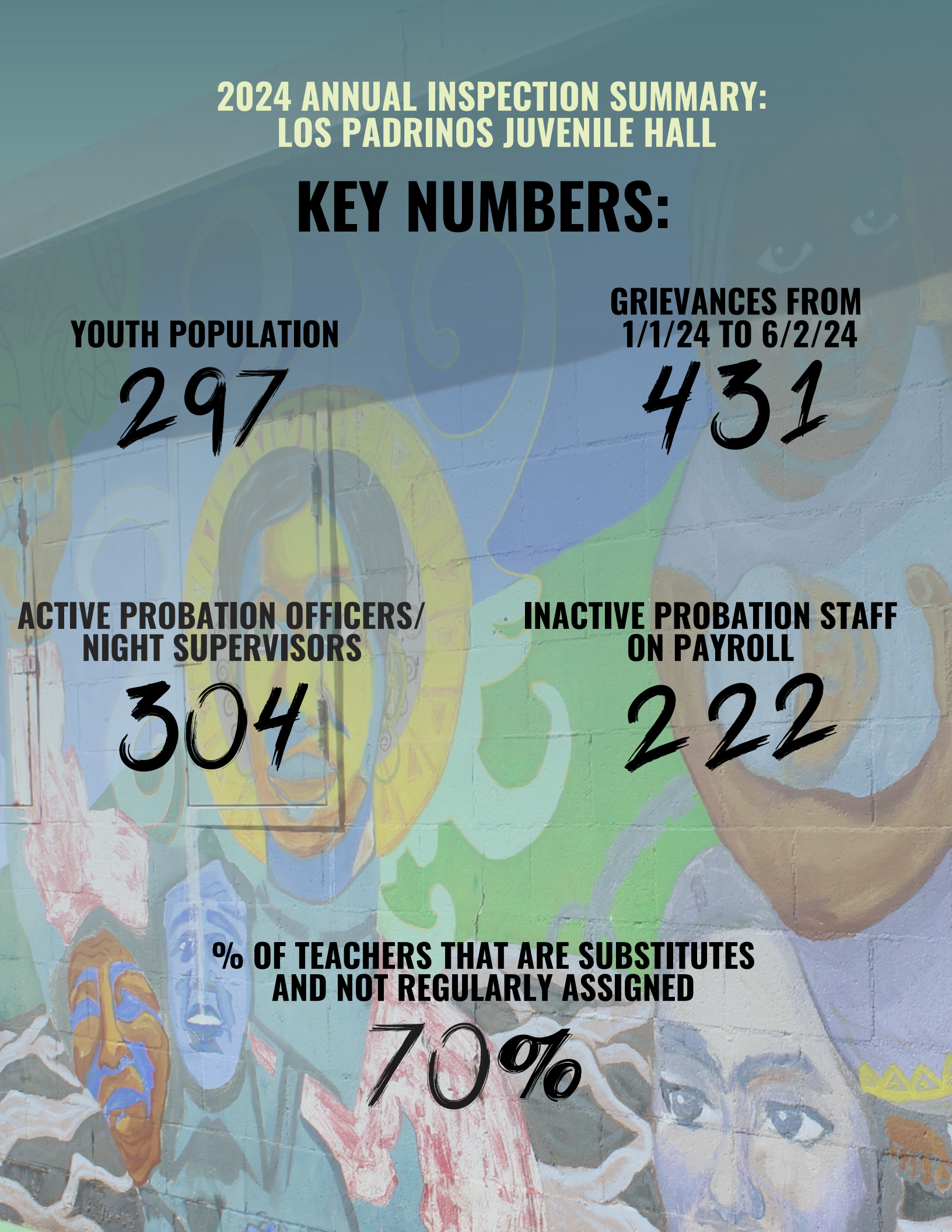
PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Increased collaboration between Probation and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has led to better mental health services. A new partnership with a substance abuse provider has also improved care.



STAFFING ENHANCEMENTS

There are more staff compared to previous inspections, but many officers are still working overtime or as substitutes, leading to inconsistent supervision and higher risks of violence.

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KEY NUMBERS:

YOUTH POPULATION

297

**GRIEVANCES FROM
1/1/24 TO 6/2/24**

431

**ACTIVE PROBATION OFFICERS/
NIGHT SUPERVISORS**

304

**INACTIVE PROBATION STAFF
ON PAYROLL**

222

**% OF TEACHERS THAT ARE SUBSTITUTES
AND NOT REGULARLY ASSIGNED**

70%

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PERSPECTIVES

From a Youth on the Facility's Purpose:

"To them, LPJH was a jail and that they were there to be punished for their mistakes. They did not think the institution was meant for rehabilitation and reflected that they accepted that punishment was the obvious purpose of the facility."

From a Youth on Violence and Racial Bias:

"One Black youth shared that he perceived staff as showing racial favoritism to Latino youth. He shared examples of times where his requests for something are denied, but the same requests are honored when made by Latino youth."

From Deployed Probation Officer:

"He shared that he knew neither the names of his colleagues nor youth on the unit but was willing to do what was possible to provide supervision under such circumstances."

On Staffing Instability:

"One deployed officer reported that he had some level of stability of working on the same unit nearly every day of the deployment and was able to form positive rapport with both the youth and colleagues on that unit."

Read full report at: bit.ly/lospadrinos24