

2025 ANNUAL INSPECTION SUMMARY: LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL

The L.A. County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) conducted the 2025 inspection of Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH) to assess conditions and provide feedback to the Probation Department and other stakeholders.

KEY FINDINGS:



PERSISTENT VIOLENCE

Youth repeatedly cited fear for their physical and emotional safety, with grievances describing threats, "pack-outs," and a lack of protection during fights. One youth wrote he was fearful of sustaining further brain damage.



NO REHABILITATION

Two years after reopening, LPJH still lacks a functional rehabilitation framework or consistent youth-centered supervision strategies.



VISITATION BARRIERS

Multiple youth reported that visitation is difficult or inaccessible. Examples include a mother with a disability being turned away because she used a walker, and youth unable to see family due to conflicting sibling visitation schedules.



UNSAFE HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Youth raised concerns about being housed with significantly younger peers. Two 17-year-old girls reported that sharing space with 13-year-olds placed both groups at risk, adding that staff frequently threatened older youth with new charges if altercations occurred.



EDUCATION GAPS

College students faced limited course access, technological restrictions, limited access to laptops, hindering academic progress.



STAFFING SHORTAGES

With **187 STAFF ON LEAVE**, LPJH relies heavily on overtime and holdovers. Staff report burnout, turnover, and difficulty maintaining safe ratios. Many new hires leave within months.

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KEY NUMBERS:

APPROXIMATE
GRIEVANCES*

600

*Jan. to Aug. 2025

SUICIDE INCIDENTS

11

NARCAN DEPLOYMENTS*

16

*June to Sept. 2025

% OF MEDICAL
APPOINTMENTS MISSED*

35%

*Jan. to Aug. 2025

YOUTH WITH ACTIVE DCFS CASES
IN A HIGH VIOLENCE FACILITY

30

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PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUTH

"My mental health is way worse now than it was when I came in here."

"I don't get visits because my mom has a disability..."

"People are fighting all the time... there's nothing to do."

"There's one or two staff that just want to make life hard."

"What about this is supposed to help me?"

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