



ANNUAL INSPECTION SUMMARY

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The L.A. County Probation Oversight Commission inspected CVK on April 1, 2026. Now the county’s **sole site for all Girls and Gender Expansive youth**, the facility is being asked to do something it was never built to do.

KEY FINDINGS

01

ONE SITE, FOUR POPULATIONS

Built as an open campus for a single camp population, CVK now runs as a juvenile hall, camp, placement, and Secure Youth Treatment Facility at once — without full BSCC approval for use as a juvenile hall.

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GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH UNDERSERVED

Over a year ago, Probation announced the plan to make CVK the county’s only facility dedicated to Girls and Gender Expansive Youth. However, at the time of inspection Probation did not have specialized services emphasizing gender affirming care in place. A narrow definition of “gender expansive” has led to repeated undercounting.

03

ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL CARE

Youth with very different needs receive nearly identical services. Probation, DMH, and youth all reported the open dorm setting is a poor fit for those with serious mental health symptoms.

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STAFFING WOES STRAIN EVERYTHING

Officers reported working up to 20-hour days, some restricting their own food and water for lack of restroom relief. Short staffing disrupted therapy, school, meals, and showers.

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GRIEVANCES UNANSWERED

Reviewers found a five-day delay on a PREA grievance alleging inappropriate touching, illegible staff responses, and PREA grievances with no record of referral.

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LA MODEL ABANDONED

Once the pilot site for the county’s trauma-informed LA Model, CVK no longer trains staff in it or supports it. The officers still practicing it do so on their own, without leadership backing.



BY THE NUMBERS

A SNAPSHOT OF CVK

4

DISTINCT POPULATIONS ON A CAMPUS
BUILT FOR ONE

72→43

RATED CAPACITY VS. YOUTH PRESENT

20

HOURS SOME OFFICERS WORKED IN A
SINGLE SHIFT

on consecutive days

30

FIELD OFFICERS REASSIGNED TO CVK
AFTER THE INSPECTION

52%

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN IEP (22
OF 42)

2

OC SPRAY DEPLOYMENTS SINCE REOPENING

since Nov. 2025

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUTH

“ It’s hard to always be sharing a room if I am mad or need time for myself.

“ **Don’t feel safe.**

ON THE OPEN-DORM SETTING WITH NO PRIVACY

“ LP food was better.

“ Staff can calm me down... staff here try to de-escalate.

“ Some days there was no teacher.

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