



ANNUAL INSPECTION SUMMARY

LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL

The L.A. County Probation Oversight Commission inspected LPJH on May 4, 2026 — a facility the state has deemed **unsuitable for the confinement of youth** since December 2024, yet which remains open and full of youth detainees. Here is what inspectors found inside.

KEY FINDINGS

01

DECREASED REPORTS AND SIGNS OF VIOLENCE

Lower numbers of detained youth, the reassignment of seasoned field officers to the facility, extensive use of LACOE's Opportunity Room, and proactive steps by the superintendent to address physical-plant needs and reduce unnecessary uses of force may all have played a role in the improvement.

02

A PREVALENCE OF YOUTH WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

Many youth had developmental disabilities, mental-health issues, complex trauma, and other conditions exacerbated by detention. Despite care shown by many officers, numerous youth required heightened supervision — including 1:1 monitoring for suicidal ideation — and presented real challenges for supervision.

03

ELECTRONIC GRIEVANCE SYSTEM WAS BROKEN

The youth-facing links to the electronic grievance system were non-functional on every school computer. The inspection prompted a full review and fix.

04

YOUTH NEED MORE ACCESS TO GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE

The facility reported housing zero gender-expansive youth. Creating a separate site meant to house all the county's gender-expansive youth may foster a false sense that LPJH has little need to provide gender-affirming care — ignoring that some youth simply do not feel safe to disclose.



BY THE NUMBERS

A SNAPSHOT OF LPJH

49+

HOURS OF OBSERVATION AND INTERVIEWS BY
THE POC TEAM

4 Commissioners and 5 staff

234

YOUTH DETAINED THAT DAY — 59 OVER THE
DEPOPULATION PLAN'S PROMISE OF 175

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GENDER-EXPANSIVE YOUTH "COUNTED" AT THE
FACILITY

*Gender expansive includes all youth who may be questioning or exploring their gender
identity*

44%

HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN
INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PLAN (74 OF 168)

Dec. 2024

LP HAS REMAINED OPEN SINCE BEING FOUND
UNSUITABLE IN DECEMBER 2024

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YOUTH RECEIVING 1:1 SUPERVISION IN ONE
UNIT FOR SEVERE MENTAL-HEALTH CONDITIONS,
INCLUDING SUICIDAL IDEATION

many more throughout the facility



PERSPECTIVES FROM YOUTH

“ **They make us do practices with it, where they yell it at us and we have to get down.**

ON OC-SPRAY DRILLS

“ Staff just yell OC warning when anything starts up.

“ I feel less confident, I feel dirty in here when I can't have a haircut.

“ The dogs always sniff something on my dad's wheelchair or my mom, but they don't have anything, and they get turned away.

“ Being separated from my siblings is the hardest part about being locked up.

YOUTH REPEATEDLY ASKED PROBATION TO SUPPORT SIBLING CONTACT

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