

Residential Treatment Services Bureau

Parent Handbook



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Introduction

This handbook is intended to provide you with information regarding the court, camp process, and what occurs after your child's disposition hearing. This handbook will hopefully answer a variety of questions frequently asked by parents or guardians.

Your child has been ordered Camp Community Placement (CCP) ...what's next? Whom should I call? What should I do?

The Camp Process**Youth is assessed for camp**

Once your child has been ordered by the court to complete Camp Community Placement (CCP), the Camp Assessment Unit (CAU) will conduct an assessment to determine the appropriate placement. Your child will undergo an intensive, individualized assessment process to ensure they are placed in the camp that will best address their needs. They are assessed based on multiple criteria, including age, gender, camp program length, medical and mental health needs, educational services, substance recovery programs and services, and their interests. Camp program lengths are generally 5 to 7 months, 7 to 9 months or, for Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), between 6 to 9 months; all camp program lengths are dependent on the youth's progress and compliance with their program. After a thorough assessment is completed by the Assessment Deputy Probation Officer (DPO), the Assessment DPO identifies which Probation Residential Camp is best suited to address the identified needs of your child. Once the Assessment DPO determines the best residential camp for the youth, the youth must await clearance from Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) and Department of Mental Health (DMH). Both agencies review the youth's medical and mental health records and then determine whether the youth is cleared to move to the assigned camp. Once clearance is obtained, the youth is scheduled for movement to camp.

Youth's Camp Program

Upon arrival to camp, your child will meet with medical, mental health and school staff. The residential camps provide youth with education, medical, and mental health services. Youth will participate in skills building programs, such as, Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), that teaches skills to help the youth communicate and manage their emotions. Youth also have access to structured work experiences, vocational training, specialized tutoring, athletic activities, counseling services and various types of social enrichment programs. Additional programming is provided by Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and varies by camp as each camp is tailored to its population and purpose. The overall goal of the residential camp programs is to reunify the youth with their family, reintegrate the youth into the

community, stabilize behavior and assist the youth in developing the social skills and behavior management skills needed to successfully return home.

Each youth will be assigned a camp probation officer/caseworker, who will serve as a mentor to assist your child in meeting their goals. In addition, the youth will be assigned an aftercare/field probation officer who may visit your home and work with you prior to your child's return home. An Initial Multi-Disciplinary Team (IMDT) meeting will be conducted within 10 business days of the minor arriving to camp and will include the minor, their parents/guardians, the Camp DPO, Aftercare/Field DPO, Mental Health assigned clinician, Camp Medical staff, and the school counselor/liaison.

Youth Re-Assessment

Youth can be re-assessed at any point during the camp program. In some cases, during the Assessment of Clearance process, it may be determined that the youth is not currently suitable for the camp setting. In these cases, a DPO re-assesses the youth's needs and then petitions the Juvenile Delinquency Court for a Change of Plan on behalf of the youth. The DPO presents the Court with all relevant information obtained through the Multi-Disciplinary Assessment (MDA) and makes a recommendation for a disposition other than CCP. The Juvenile Delinquency Court considers the provided information and determines if an alternate disposition would better address the service needs of the youth.

Youth is Released from Camp

Prior to release from camp, the Aftercare/Field DPO assigned to your child will conduct a Home Evaluation to assist you with their community reintegration. A Transitional Multi-Disciplinary Team (TMDT) meeting will be held to discuss and finalize your child's transition from camp back to your home. The Camp DPO assigned to your child will also provide you with the time, date and location that you may pick up your child from camp.

If the youth does not have a home to return to, or if the youth's home is deemed unsuitable, the Probation Officer must find the youth a place to live after the completion of his/her camp program. If the youth is 17 ½ or younger, the youth is eligible to be placed in a suitable placement home. If the youth is older than 17 ½, the youth may be eligible for [Independent Living Services](#) and qualify for transitional housing.

Camp Staff

Probation Camps are staffed to ensure your child resides in a safe and secure environment. Youth will have interactions with the following staff during their camp program:

Group Supervisor Nights (GSN): This probation employee is assigned to work 10:00PM to 6:00AM. This employee cares for your child in the living unit during the night.

Deputy Probation Officers (DPO I and DPO II): This probation employee cares for your child in the living unit during the day and evening. Youth have assigned DPOs, who are responsible for submitting court reports, transitional paperwork and are also responsible for tracking and reporting the youth's progress to both the Probation Department and the parents. DPO IIs are assigned as the lead persons in the residential unit and provide guidance to the DPO I's.

Supervising Deputy Probation Officer (SDPO): This probation staff is assigned to supervise the GSNs, DPOs assigned to your child's living unit. SDPO's or their designees are always on duty and are the leading deputy at the camp; you can speak to them if you are unable to contact your child's Probation Officer/Caseworker.

Assistant Camp Director: This Probation staff is responsible for the safety and security of the facility and day-to-day operations of the Camp.

Camp Director: This probation staff is the manager responsible for the overall operation of the Camp.

Your Child's Admission into Camp

Upon arrival to a residential treatment camp, the Orientation Officer helps your child contact you, letting you know that they have arrived at camp. They also explain the camp process to your child and provide them with the orientation information. The youth is informed of how to receive services, the different programs offered at the camp, and what is expected of them. Your child is provided with a Rules and Rights Handbook and assigned to a Deputy Probation Officer. The camp's medical and mental health staff then complete their assessment of the youth. The camp school completes their assessment the following morning.

During the intake process your child will be asked to provide information regarding parents, grandparents and/or legal guardians. Information also will be obtained relative to your child's medical and mental health wellbeing, educational needs and/or special needs.

Camp Partner Agencies

Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS)

Each camp has medical professionals that are assigned to the Juvenile Court Health Services. Your child will be assessed by a medical professional upon their arrival to Camp. They will have received a full physical examination by a physician and will have begun to complete their immunizations during their stay at juvenile hall. Any pending immunizations, dentist appointments or medical appointments will be followed up and scheduled by the medical professionals at camp as necessary. If your child has been prescribed medication, he/she will be given access to their medication by the Camp medical staff. If you have any questions regarding your child's medical health, you may contact the Juvenile Court Health

Services Nurse on duty at the appropriate camp.

Campus Vernon Kilpatrick	818-889-1353
Camp Clinton Afflerbaugh	909-971-6320
Camp Glenn Rockey	909-929-6040
Camp Joseph Paige	909-971-6384
Dorothy Kirby Center/Camp Scott	323-981-4344

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Each camp has staff that are assigned by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to provide mental health services to your child while they are in camp. Services include family and individual therapy, screening, crisis intervention, brief treatment, psychotropic medication evaluation and treatment. Services are provided seven (7) days a week.

Your child will receive a mental health screening shortly after admission, to assess his/her needs and/or mental health symptoms. If the screening suggests that your child may have mental health service needs, a more extensive assessment and clinical interview will be conducted. Your child is then referred for individual and/or group counseling and a psychotropic medication evaluation, if appropriate. At any time, your child may self-refer or be referred by a family member, probation staff, teachers, judge and/or attorney.

Los Angeles Office of Education (LACOE)

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) operates fully accredited high schools in all camp settings. All teachers at LACOE hold a California teaching credential. LACOE focuses on improving at-risk youth literacy skills and academic achievement. Educational services are an integral part of the daily program in camp. Each child attends school year-round, Monday through Friday, with the exceptions of holidays.

All Schools are fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Credits and diplomas earned are accepted at all high schools, colleges and universities. Earned High School diplomas will be issued by LACOE. Academic goals are achieved by:

- Immediate and follow-up assessment of the student academic and special education needs.
- Engaging students in project-based learning focused on themes that address academic and mental health needs, incorporation of activities that promote self-esteem and empowering youth to make positive choices and behavior change.
- Designing and implementing Individualized Education Plans (IEP) for students with special needs and Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) for regular education students.
- Small classes-low teacher-student ratios.
- Intensive reading and math instruction supported by after-school tutoring.

- Support from a credentialed, skilled team of teachers, instructional aides, counselors, administrators and other staff who are dedicated to serving a challenging population of students.
- Integrating the latest computer technology and software into the curriculum.
- Transition counseling to promote a successful return to the community.
- Career/vocational training classes that vary by camp, including construction trades, culinary arts, electrical and auto repair.
- Offering testing for a high school equivalency certificate.
- Enrolling eligible students in college courses on site or through online learning opportunities.

Credits earned by your child while in camp can be transferred to your child's Home District School. Partial credits earned by students while in camp are accepted by local school districts. When your child returns to the Home District School, you may obtain their student transcript or High School diploma by contacting the Student File Center at (562) 922-6322. Students meeting all the court school requirements may receive a High School Diploma. Your child may also take the High School Equivalency Test (HiSet) to earn their certificate. When your child is released from camp, you will be provided with an unofficial transcript prior to leaving camp which can be taken to your child's local school for admission. After signing a release for records, LACOE will mail you your child's official transcripts. If your child has trouble speaking, reading, or writing English, he/she will be assessed for proficiency and may be placed in an English Language Development class to assist in developing his/her English skills. If your child was in a Special Education class at his/her school, please contact the Special Education office at the appropriate camp:

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| • Afflerbaugh-Paige Camp School:
(909) 593-4926 | • Dorothy Kirby/Scott Camp School:
(323)263-5106 |
| • Glenn Rockey Camp School: (909)
599-8435 | • Campus Kilpatrick: (818) 879-6111 |

Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings (MDTs)

You, your child, and your child's entire team will meet to talk about what programs and services will be most helpful for your child, while they are in camp. This team will create a camp case plan. You and your child are the center of the plan and your team is responsible for assisting and supporting implementation of the plan. The people on your team are: the caseworker (Deputy Probation Officer in camp), mental health therapist, school, medical, the Aftercare Deputy (Deputy Probation Officer in the community), you, and your child. Depending on your child's individual circumstances, there might be other people on the team including but not limited to a social worker from the community or other partners. Whenever decisions are made about changes in your child's program, an MDT meeting takes place. At a minimum, your child will have an Initial MDT meeting in the first two weeks, mid-term and a Transitional MDT before your child goes home. Your child might also have an As-Needed MDT meeting to talk about any changes to your child's plan or address areas where your child might be experiencing challenges with reaching their case plan goals.

Visiting at Camp

The Los Angeles County Probation Department has established the following visiting requirements to support family reunification and ensure facility safety and security.

Designated relatives can visit youth at camp on Sundays between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The Saturday visiting hours vary by camp. Only those on the approved list to visit shall be allowed into the facility. These visits are limited to parents, legal guardians, grandparents, or the youth's child(ren) only. A legal guardian is any person who has been granted guardianship by order of the court. If you are a legal guardian, you must provide verification to the staff at the facility for visiting approval. If you would like to add a family member to the list, please contact your child's caseworker.

You will be subject to a search of your person prior to entering the facility and are prohibited from bringing personal items into the camp for your child. Prior to entering the camp, you will enter through a metal detector and or a wand/vapor tracer screening may be conducted. Visitors suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, vaping and/or a controlled substance will not be allowed entrance into the facility. Please ask for the Supervising Deputy Probation Officer (SDPO), Acting Director (AD) or Director on duty if you have questions regarding this process. Visits may be shortened or postponed based on the safety and security of the facility. A Probation Director, Acting Director (AD) and or Supervising Deputy Probation Officer (SDPO) or designee will make the final decision.

A. Special Visits

Visits by those who are not parents, guardians, grandparents or the youth's child(ren) are considered special visits. Such visits require prior permission that can be obtained through a court order, the camp caseworker, SDPO, or the Director. Special visits include supportive adults that are positive role models in the youth's life such as a coach or teacher. The purpose of special visits is to provide additional opportunities for family reunification.

Persons under the age of 21 are not allowed to visit unless authorized by court order, the camp caseworker, SDPO, Assistant Director, or the Director. The caseworker or designated deputy will be present for the duration of the visit. All other standard visiting rules and procedures apply to special visits.

B. Visiting Hours and Instructions

Visiting hours are final and shall not be changed unless ordered by the Court, Camp Director, or his/her designee. You are encouraged to call the camp facility prior to visiting to verify if your child is still housed at that camp. It is also recommended that prior childcare arrangements be considered, as children should not be left unattended in vehicles during

visiting.

Camp Facilities Address	Visiting Hours		
	Phone Number	Saturday	Sunday
Afflerbaugh 6631 N. Stephens Ranch Rd. La Verne, CA 91750	(909) 971-6300	No visiting	1:00pm–4:00pm
Campus Kilpatrick 427 S. Encinal Cyn. Rd. Malibu, CA 90265	(818) 889-1353	No visiting	1:00pm–4:00pm
Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC)/ Camp Scott (CJS) 1500 S. Mc Donnell Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90022	(323) 981-4301	No visiting	1:00pm–4:00pm
Paige 6601 N. Stephen Ranch Rd. La Verne, CA 91750	(909) 971-6374	No visiting	1:00pm–4:00pm
Rockey 1900 N. Sycamore Cyn. Rd. San Dimas, CA 91773	(909) 599-2391	No visiting	1:00pm–4:00pm

Visiting Requirements

All visitors must bring current government-issued picture identification to be allowed entrance into the facility. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Valid driver's license with photo
- Valid state identification with photo
- Department of Justice Identification with photo
- Passport with photo
- Military identification with photo
- Photo identification card issued by Immigration and Naturalization Service
- Certificado de Matricula Consular identification cards (honored for only 60 days from the date of issuance)
- In the event an ID is questionable, it will be reviewed by the SDPO or Director. Photocopied, non-picture, altered, laminated, or expired identifications will not be accepted.

Additional Visiting Requirements

Visitors may only bring keys attached to a key ring along with photo identification into the facility. Keys must remain in the visitor's pocket or on his or her lap during visits. Keys may not be placed on the table or in the youth's hand.

Visitors with disabilities who have wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, or other medically necessary equipment will be escorted to an appropriate location for visiting.

Visitors with medical devices/implants shall be required to present a letter signed by their physician detailing the specific type of device and its location on the visitor.

Visitors with excessive tattooing that cannot be covered with clothing (e.g., on the face or neck) may be escorted to a designated visiting location.

Medication that is not a life-or-death necessity is not allowed into the camps facility. Probation Deputies will escort visitors to the entrance of the facility if medication needs to be taken. Nitroglycerin tablets and inhalers are exceptions and are allowed. Youth shall not handle or use the visitor's medication.

Visitors must remain in designated area during visiting.

Dress Code

Visitors must adhere to the following dress code:

Visitors must be appropriately attired. No tank tops, muscle shirts, short skirts, or other revealing attire is permitted. Clothing shall not display any gang affiliation, display sexual or lewd comments/pictures, or have the potential for being offensive to others. Closed-toe shoes must always be worn. Inappropriately dressed visitors can be provided the opportunity to conduct their visit on a future date; they will not be allowed to enter the facility.

Items Not Allowed During Visitation

For the safety, security, and well-being of your child and all staff, the following items are prohibited (not allowed) to be brought into the facility. Possession of any of the items listed below during your visit may result in the termination of your visit:

- Writing instruments (such as, pens, pencils, markers);
- Metal (such as, handcuffs, paperclips, staples, pointers, laser pointers);
- Sharp instruments (such as, knives, scissors, boxcutters, tweezers);
- Wood (such as, rulers);
- Glass;
- Accessories (such as, backpacks or fanny packs, purses, wallets);
- Money or prepaid phone cards;
- Electronic devices (such as, cellular phones, pagers, cameras, MP3/CD/DVD players/iPod);
- Smoking items (such as, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vape, lighters or matches);
- Beverages (such as, alcohol, water, soda);
- Snacks (such as, chewing gum, chips, candy);
- Controlled Substances (such as, unauthorized and/or illegal drugs);
- Hygiene (such as, mouthwash, toothpaste or toothbrushes);
- Firearms or any objects that can be used as a weapon; and
- Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (O.C. Spray)

Please be aware you may not provide your child with any personal items during visiting. Please contact your child's caseworker to make arrangements for the delivery of any approved items.

Programs/Activities

The Probation Department has many programs for your child while in camp. Programs and activities vary by camp and consist of helping your child work on their behavior and make progress in school. There is a library where they can choose and exchange books to read. Educational Services is an education and tutoring program that can assist them with reading or writing. Career education programs are available in the school, and there are programs to help your child earn school credits faster, if they qualify. Mental Health clinicians are also available to meet with them regularly to work on anger management, sadness, goal setting, impulse control, and substance abuse. Mental Health clinicians work with your family and provide family therapy sessions. Your child will also participate in skills-building group sessions and programs to work on becoming the person they want to be.

The Behavior Management Program (BMP) offers your child a structured program of activities, including incentives and consequences to support positive behavior change. The activities and programs in camp are intended to help your child develop better relationships with family and friends, while learning better ways of solving problems and resolving differences. The BMP framework helps motivate your child to be consistent in displaying good behavior by rewarding him/her when they follow the rules and providing consequences when they do not. The BMP uses a point system to reward your child for good behavior and the points earned can be traded to obtain items at the “BMP Store” used to buy snack items (such as, cookies, potato chips), personal items (such as, lotion, shampoo, writing paper), and/or activities (such as movie nights, time in the game room.)

Daily Schedule

Your child will be housed based on age, maturity level, and the seriousness of the crime he/she is being detained for. Additional determinations will be made for youth with disabilities, special needs, medical and mental health needs, and security concerns. Typically, your child will be housed in a dorm or cottage with other youth. Each camp utilizes a daily schedule similar to the following:

Monday through Friday		Weekend/Holiday	
6:15am	Wake Up	7:00am	Wake Up
7:00am	Breakfast, Clean-Up, and Nurse’s Clinic	8:00am	Breakfast, Clean-Up, and Nurse’s Clinic
8:30am – 11:50am	School	9:00am	Recreation/Religious Services
12:00pm	Lunch	12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:40pm	School	1:00pm	Visiting/Recreation/Programs
3:30pm	Recreation/Exercise/Programs	5:00pm	Dinner
5:00pm	Dinner	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Recreation/Exercise/Programs/Showers/ Nurse’s Clinic

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6:00pm –	Recreation/Exercise/Programs	8:30pm	Reading/Writing/Quiet Time
8:00pm	/ShowersNurse's Clinic		
8:30pm	Reading/Writing/Quiet Time	9:00pm	Lights Out
9:00pm	Lights Out		

This general schedule may change based on rainy weather, special programs or events scheduled for the youth, and may vary by camp.

The Court Process

Your child may be seen in court for the following reasons during their camp program. Each court may schedule a different hearing depending on the case. If you have any questions or concerns regarding court matters, please contact your child's Deputy Probation Officer/Case Worker or the Supervisor at your child's camp.

You will be informed when and where you need to attend each of your child's court hearings. Court starts at 8:30am and you are expected to arrive in plenty of time so that when your child's case is called, your child will have had time to speak with his/her attorney. Your child will be transported to Juvenile Hall first and then transported to the appropriate court. If you have any questions, you are more than welcome to contact the supervisor on duty at the camp. Some of these hearings may or may not require an appearance.

- Progress Hearing
- Judicial Review Hearing
- 30 Day Camp Progress Report
- 120 Day Camp Progress Report
- 210 Day Camp Progress Report
- 778 Change of Plan (if needed)
- 1111 Notice of Potential Violation to Court (if needed)
- 777 Notice of Violation Court Reports (if needed)
- 602 Petition Hearing (if needed)
- Psychotropic Medication Report (if needed)

Religious Services

Catholic and Protestant church services are held every Sunday morning. Your child may inform staff if he/she is of a different religion and staff will contact the assigned Protestant Chaplain at their assigned facility to get in touch with someone from your child's faith to assist him/her. If your child has any questions regarding religious programming, they can also contact the Chaplain.

Contact numbers for the Chaplains are as follows:

Protestant Services – Wendy Langhans, website chaplains-eagles.org; Director of Administration of the Chaplains Eagles; Chaplain Richard Padilla (562) 807-6464

Catholic Services – Thomas B. Bleich (213) 438-4820, Coordinator Office of Restorative Justice Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Ombudsman / Concerns by Parents and Legal Guardians

All youth in camp shall have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits. No one shall be subject to discrimination, harassment or placed in the Healing Opportunities and Positive Engagement (HOPE) Center on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin (country your family came from), color, religion, gender, sexual orientation (heterosexual, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered, and intersex), gender identity, gender expression, mental, physical disability, or HIV status. If you have concerns or prefer to speak with someone outside of camp, please fill out a “grievance” (complaint) form or call the Ombudsman at (877) 822-3222. The office of the Ombudsman was established by the Chief Probation Officer and has been directed to do the following:

- Ensure the voice of youth under the care and custody of the Probation Officer is heard and acts on their behalf.
- Create an avenue for youth to file complaints regarding their placement care and services without fear of retribution from those who provide their care and services.
- Document complaints
- Act as an independent forum for the investigation and resolution of complaints made on behalf of youth placed in probation care and make appropriate referrals.
- Ensure probation youth receive information on their rights when placed under probation supervision.
- Give feedback on actions and recommendations to every complainant as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) business days from the date of the initial complaint.
- Maintain a toll-free telephone number (877) 822-3222 your child may call from within California to express their concerns and complaints.

Federal Legislation: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

It is the mission of the Los Angeles County Probation Department to provide healthy, safe, and secure custodial care for the youth in camps. The Residential Treatment Services Bureau is compliant with the Federal mandate PREA and has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and staff sexual misconduct. The Department will not tolerate sexual abuse of any kind in its facilities. This includes any form of sexual activity between staff, community-based organizations, volunteers, and youth. Sexual misconduct is also prohibited between youth regardless of consensual status and is subject to administrative and criminal disciplinary sanctions.

All youth that come into custody will receive a PREA orientation and assessment.

If youth witness sexual abuse/harassment or experience sexual abuse/harassment, the youth can report the abuse to:

- A Deputy Probation Officer they trust
- A Supervising Deputy Probation Officer
- Fill out a grievance form or request to see the nurse
- Write a letter to the Director or the Senior Director over the camp
- Talk to the Chaplain, parents, teacher, attorney, or any trusted adult
- Call the Ombudsman at (877) 822-3222

How to Obtain Medical Services and Medications for Your Child Upon Camp Release

Prior to your child's release, a Discharge Summary will be completed which includes information about your child's medical and mental health services while they were residing in camp. If your child was taking medication while in camp and needs to continue to take that medication, a 30-day prescription will be provided prior to your child being released. In addition, you will be provided any follow-up appointment information. For additional assistance, you may contact the aftercare Probation Officer or seek assistance during the transitional MDT process:

If your child needs mental health services, you can receive assistance with locating a local service provider by contacting the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health:

Telephone Number: (800) 854-7771

This is a Hotline open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Website: <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/for-providers/>

This is an interactive map that list providers by service areas

If you would like to apply for Medi-Cal benefits for your child, you can contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services to find your local office to apply in person or to obtain an application to submit by mail.

Telephone Number: (877) 597-4777

Website: <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss/main/programs-and-services/health-care/>

From this website, you can print an application and mail it to the address below:

Northridge Regional Medi-Cal District #90
P.O. Box 10810
Canoga Park, CA 91309

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The following are commonly asked questions and are prepared for parents of children housed in the camps.

Question: What happens to my child during the intake process in camp?

Answer: Camps ensure your child's safety with 24 hours, 7 days a week supervision. Your child will be evaluated by medical services and mental health providers. When your child first arrived at a camp, he/she went through the intake procedure. During intake, your child was asked to provide additional information to the Intake Officer who uses this information to assist with determining what bed area your child will be placed in, when your child attends school, and understand any medical or other special needs your child may have.

Question: What if my child needs to take medication or has other medical needs? Answer:

While your child is in a camp, his/her medical needs will be taken care of by Juvenile Court Health Services staff. Each youth is screened for mental health, medical, and educational needs. If your child has been prescribed with medication, he/she will be provided with the medication by Juvenile Court Health Services staff. If there are special circumstances, you will be contacted by the Juvenile Court Health Services staff. If you need to make us aware of any medication(s) or any special needs your child may have, please contact Juvenile Court Health Services staff, Camp Supervisor on duty or Camp Director.

Question: Can I call my child on the telephone or leave a message for them to call me?

Answer: For security reasons, your child is not able to receive incoming calls or messages. We have no way to verify who is calling and perhaps representing themselves as a child's parent or guardian. If you have an emergency that requires that you communicate with your child, you should call the camp, identify yourself as a parent/guardian, and ask to speak to the Supervisor on duty or Camp Director.

Question: Can my child call me?

Answer: Yes. Telephones are provided for outgoing calls that your child can use during casework time with the assigned Deputy Probation Officer. In order to allow time for all youth to make calls, the amount of time your child may speak with you may be limited.

Question: Who can I call if I am worried and want to make sure my child is okay “just because?”

Answer: If you have any concerns about your child, you can call the camp, ask for the Supervisor, identify yourself as a parent/guardian and the Supervisor will assist you.

Question: What are the visitation guidelines?

Answer: Visiting days and times are specifically scheduled for each camp. Visiting hours varies, but in most camps, it is on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please call the camp prior to visiting to ensure your child was not transferred to another facility. You can also arrange for special visitation, please contact your child’s caseworker or on duty supervisor.

Question: Can other family members visit, such as an uncle, brother, or sister?

Answer: Yes. Visits by supportive adults and persons other than those on the approved visiting list are referred to as “Special Visits.” Please contact your child’s caseworker to arrange for special visits.

Question: Can I bring my child things from home or other things like food or snacks when I visit?

Answer: Your child’s dietary needs will be assessed by a nutritionist and met by Food Service Staff at the camps. Camps are not allowed to accept outside food. You may contact your child’s caseworker to make arrangements for the delivery of any approved personal items.

Question: Can my child send and receive mail?

Answer: Yes. Parents are encouraged to send their children letters and photos from home. For security reasons, items are checked prior to being given to the youth. Items must be appropriate for youth (for example: sexually suggestive or explicit are not permitted). Your child can receive mail and send mail but is

not allowed to write to another juvenile hall, camp, or the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ.) Your child cannot write to anyone in jail or prison unless it is to their guardian or parent and approved by their caseworker.

Question: Can I send my child anything other than letters through the mail?

Answer: Please arrange with your child's caseworker for approved items.

Note: Remember that you cannot hand deliver anything for your child, even if it is something that would normally be allowed to be sent via the mail. This is for security reasons.

Question: I heard that my child will be attending school while he/she is detained. Is this correct?

Answer: Yes. Camps have year-round school. Your child will normally go to school five (5) days a week (Monday through Friday) except during school vacation or if your child already graduated. If your child is a High School graduate, he/she are eligible and highly encouraged to participate in college courses on site or through online learning opportunities.

Question: If I want to talk with someone about my child's schooling, whom do I call?

Answer: Call the camp directly and identify yourself as a parent/guardian and ask to be transferred to the school. You can also contact the Los Angeles County Office of Education regarding any questions you may have regarding your child's educational needs. If you have any other questions, please call the camp and ask to speak with the supervisor on duty.

Question: Are there religious services provided for my child?

Answer: Yes. Catholic and Protestant services are held every Sunday morning. If your child request services from a different religion, please contact his/her caseworker or ask to speak with the supervisor on duty.

Question: What will my child's daily schedule be like? Will he/she just be locked up all day along?

Answer: Your child will be attending school, provided meals and snacks, participate in recreation and other activities and provided medical/mental health services as needed (please also refer to the "daily schedule" section for specific activities.

Question: What if I have legal questions about my child's case?

Answer: For legal issues, you can contact your child's attorney (If your child does not have a private attorney, then he/she will be represented by a county appointed attorney called a public defender.)

Question: Can my child's juvenile records be sealed?

Answer: Sealing records will not happen automatically, and not all records may be sealed including some Department of Motor Vehicle convictions. Your child must file a petition to request this in court. Ask your child's attorney or caseworker for assistance.

Question: Can my child's juvenile court record be used against him or her as an adult?

Answer: Under the Three-Strikes Law, certain serious or violent felonies committed as a juvenile can be counted as strikes and given future consideration. This can happen even if your child's juvenile court record has been sealed. You can contact your child's attorney for further information.