



**Initial Inspection Report
2023-2024 Biennial Inspection Cycle**

Date of Exit Briefing: 8/18/2023 **Inspection Type:** Targeted

County: Los Angeles

Facility Name(s): Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

BSCC #(s): 7201 **BSCC Type:** Juvenile Hall

Facility Representatives: Albert Banuelos, Steven Cuevas, Edie Thompson, several Directors

BSCC Field Representative: Lisa Southwell

Corrective Action Plan Required? YES **DATE CAP DUE TO BSCC:** 10/17/2023

Current Items of Noncompliance

Title 15. Section	Description
<p>§ 1321. Staffing.</p>	<p>Facility shift staffing forms were provided for the week of July 20-July 27, 2023. While on paper, staffing schedules appear to be adequate, we observed lack of staffing and staff who appear non-engaged with the youth. When asked, some line staff appear to be unaware of who is in charge of the shift or have clear direction during their shift. Staffing documents are unclear regarding supervisors present and onsite in the building and their hours.</p> <p>Staff are routinely held over without notice to cover shifts or to cover call outs; some report this occurs multiple times a week. Staff report that they are exhausted as a result. Most staff believe the unscheduled, mandatory holdovers negatively impact good attendance. Additionally, there is a significant number of 1:1's that impact staffing.</p> <p>Some youth also reported not feeling safe due to the lack of staff or more specifically due to the lack of "their staff." Those we spoke to spoke highly of most staff but noted "we need more staff" and we want "this staff" or "that staff." It was clear through our conversations that youth were more at ease on certain shifts. Most rooms are wet rooms at Los Padrinos; however, there were some youth who reported urinating in their room at night.</p>

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<p>§ 1322. Youth Supervision Staff Orientation and Training.</p>	<p>Training documentation provided for all new staff who have recently been assigned to the facility and are new to the agency.</p> <p>No training records were provided for staff who are currently assigned or who may be assigned to the facility; we are unable to confirm that they have been trained accordingly. Any staff member regardless of assignment or rank, if tasked with child supervision, must be trained accordingly.</p>
<p>§ 1324. Policy and Procedures Manual.</p>	<p>The Detention Services Bureau (DSB) Manual was provided as requested. The manual has not yet been updated to reflect the actual operations as Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. This includes Section 1327, Emergency Procedures.</p>
<p>§ 1325. Fire Safety Plan.</p>	<p>Current fire safety plan is not complete; facility managers are working on finalizing their fire safety plan, including manual updates, evacuation plans, emergency housing, and final fire suppression with Downey Fire.</p>
<p>§ 1328. Safety Checks.</p>	<p>A review of the Guard 1 system report indicates that safety checks regularly exceed 15 minutes.</p>
<p>§ 1354.5. Room Confinement.</p>	<p>At inspection, no documentation was provided as we were informed that room confinement was not occurring. Throughout the process of inspection, including during conversations with youth and staff, we became aware that room confinement is indeed occurring. We have no documentation to determine compliance with this section.</p>
<p>§ 1357. Use of Force.</p>	<p>The Use of Force directive/policy was implemented despite actual practices not being implemented. Staff have not been trained for Use of Force, including the use of OC; training requires initial training and an annual refresher. We are aware that training has been developed and scheduling is being planned.</p> <p>There were packets with several debriefs completed that only addressed injuries and trauma and lacked information regarding training.</p>
<p>§ 1358.5. Use of Restraint Devices for Movement and Transportation Within the Facility.</p>	<p>Several reports were reviewed that did not have required assessments prior to the utilization of restraints for movement within the facility.</p>
<p>§ 1360. Searches.</p>	<p>Room and facility searches are not being completed as required.</p>

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§ 1370. Education Program.	<p>BSCC receives daily attendance reports from LACOE. Youth are late to school. We also noted that several youth refuse school which requires more staff to remain in the unit with them. We noted some high school graduates do not attend college as space has still not been allocated but with the number of youth returning, there are no staff to supervise them.</p> <p>We will continue to review LACOE reports; if attendance improves this item will be removed from section 1370. It will, however, continue to be noted as contributing to noncompliance for 1321, Staffing.</p>
§ 1371. Programs, Recreation, and Exercise.	<p>Recreation: The facility does not provide youth with age-appropriate, stimulating recreational activities to engage in during recreation. Youth do not have access to television or age-appropriate movies or entertainment.</p> <p>Programs: Programs are not consistently being provided or in some cases at all. Staff are not provided with resources to provide programming.</p>
§ 1390. Discipline.	<p>The facility lacks a suitable discipline process. The facility must develop a suitable and age-appropriate incentive-based program to encourage positive behavior that includes disciplinary actions as appropriate.</p>