

# PROBATION CONNECTION



*FOR THE HOLIDAYS*

## LA County Supervisor Solis Spreads Holiday Cheer at Los Padrinos



On December 15th, LA County Board of Supervisor Hilda Solis visited Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, spreading holiday cheer by delivering cards and sweet treats to the youth.

Probation Chief Viera Rosa, Chief Deputy Arcos, Manager Waters, and Superintendent Gastelum joined in the fun. Supervisor Solis connected with youth and staff in living units and classrooms, where several young people proudly shared their artwork and academic achievements.

[Watch a Holiday Message from Hilda Solis](#)

*JUST LIKE HOMEMADE*

## LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn Decorates Holiday Cookies with Youth at Los Padrinos



On December 12th, Supervisor Janice Hahn visited Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall Units R1 and R2 to spread holiday cheer. Youth decorated holiday cookies and enjoyed tamales and hot chocolate.

Each young person received a commemorative book highlighting the speakers and CBOs who visited both units over the past year.

Thank you to Department of Youth Development Director Carroll and Hoops 4 Justice for also joining in on the fun.



*GOING THROUGH HOOPS*

## Assemblyman Issac Bryan Participates in Hoops 4 Justice Program at Los Padrinos



On December 18th, Assemblyman Isaac Bryan spent time at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall with youth participating in the Hoops 4 Justice program. He shot some hoops with the youth, and everyone had a lot of fun.

Thank you, Assemblyman Bryan and the Hoops 4 Justice team!

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### EAGLES LAND AT CAMP ROCKEY

## Camp Rockey Youth and Chaplain Eagles Celebrate the Holidays



On December 17th, Camp Rockey youth took part in a Christmas celebration with Protestant Chaplain Eagles, featuring life experience testimonies and performances by Christian rappers, followed by a shared meal with volunteers that included tamales, rice, beans, hot chocolate, and pan dulce.

Chaplain Eagles also gifted each youth a Christmas bag filled with candy, notebooks, sketchbooks, Christmas cards, and toiletries. Thank you, Chaplain Eagles, for your continued care and support of our youth.

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### CAMP ROCKEY 2025 CHAMPS

## Camp Rockey Wins Affirmative Athletics Basketball Championship



Camp Rockey Sonics are the 2025 league champions!

On December 8th, Camp Rockey and Affirmative Athletics hosted an awards banquet for 19 youth who enjoyed a catered BBQ meal and received awards including Player of the Year and Most Improved, and celebrated the Camp Rockey Sonics league championship.

Working Wardrobes surprised the group by donating the outfits and shoes the youth selected for the night. It was a joyful evening supported by Probation, Department of Mental Health, Affirmative Athletics and Working Wardrobes, with each youth taking home awards and certificates to share with their families



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### LACP GIVING BACK

## Camp Rockey Adopt-A-Family



Camp Rockey proudly adopted a family through the DPSS program. Matched with a family of four, staff came together to share the spirit of the season and strengthen community connection.

The family received toys, clothing, and special requested items, along with a toiletry basket and a food basket. In a heartfelt surprise, the family shared a thoughtful Christmas card and a snowflake drawing from the children to express their gratitude.

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## Dorothy Kirby Center Adopt-A-Family



Dorothy Kirby Center also participated in the Adopt-a-Family Program through DPSS. The team came together to donate over \$800, allowing them to fulfill many items from the family's wish list. Essential items such as diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies, and a vacuum were provided. Other gifts included a ride-on Dora car, several age-appropriate sensory/learning toys, and an adorable baby Barbie Dreamhouse, as well as \$350 in gift cards to food and clothing stores to help meet the family's ongoing needs.

## Camp Afflerbaugh Toy Drive



Camp Afflerbaugh hosted a successful Toy Drive, providing unwrapped gifts to families during weekend visiting. Gifts will also be mailed to families unable to travel to camp.

Thank you to Sr. Director Novak, Probation staff, Partner Agencies, and the Probation Oversight Commission for their generosity. The holiday spirit made this Toy Drive a true success!

## Los Padrinos Bicycle Giveaway



Over the December 20th weekend, the Los Padrinos Behavior Management Program and Family Resource Center had the honor of serving their community during the holiday season. They were grateful to give away 100 toys and 4 bicycles to families of youth residing at Los Padrinos. Seeing the smiles made it all worthwhile!

## Camp Kilpatrick Adopt-A-Family



Campus Kilpatrick proudly adopted a family through the DPSS program. Staff came together to share the spirit of the season.

The family was gifted toys, clothing, and a thoughtfully prepared toiletry basket.

### FACILITY HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

## Los Padrinos Behavior Management Program and Probation Management Host Holiday Luncheon for Staff



On December 16th, the Los Padrinos Behavior Management Program Team hosted a holiday luncheon to thank staff working throughout the season. Management and the Department's Executive Leadership Team joined in to serve, showing appreciation and support for our dedicated team.



## Camp Kilpatrick Ugly Sweater Staff Luncheon



On December 23rd, Campus Kilpatrick spread holiday cheer with an Ugly Sweater staff luncheon and a Winter Wonderland celebration for youth. CVK Management brought staff and DMH providers together for a fun, festive luncheon that highlighted teamwork and connection. The joy continued with Winter Wonderland, hosted by the Behavior Management Program, DMH, and community partners, where youth enjoyed hands-on activities, sweet treats, and meaningful moments shared with staff and community organizations. It was a heartwarming celebration of the season for everyone involved.

## Reentry Opportunity Center Christmas Luncheon



On December 18th, the Los Angeles County Probation Department Reentry Opportunity Center hosted its annual Christmas Luncheon, and the joy was truly in the air.

Staff enjoyed great food, fun games, and gift exchanges, while also coming together to collect toys for the annual toy drive, supporting clients and community members in need. A wonderful celebration of teamwork, giving, and holiday spirit.

## Dorothy Kirby Center Celebrations



Dorothy Kirby Center celebrated both staff and youth with Holiday celebrations. The DKC Social Committee beautifully decorated the lobby and conference room where they hosted the 12 Days of Christmas festivities to thank staff for their hard work and dedication.

While a storm rolled in on Christmas Day, the rain didn't dampen the spirit of the holiday season. Director Esqueda, AD Cobb, along with supervisors and other dedicated staff, including DPO Gonzalez dressed as Santa, went from cottage to cottage delivering pancake breakfasts to the youth and a sweet donut treat for staff. The day truly reflected the teamwork, flexibility, and commitment of staff to make the holiday special.

## Barry J. Nidorf Grinchmas



On December 23rd, Barry J. Nidorf hosted a festive Grinchmas luncheon for staff and partners, complete with delicious food and a special visit from the Grinch himself. Thank you to the DSS Coordinators, Managers, Unions, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Mr. Holguin for their contributions and for making it a fun-filled day for those serving through the holidays.

Merry Grinchmas!



Thank you to all Los Angeles County Probation Department officers and staff for helping to make this a fun and festive holiday season!

#### INSIDE THE HALLS

## Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall Library Host Bookmark Contest



In December, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall Library hosted its Annual Youth Bookmark Contest, celebrating creativity and self-expression. Youth residents submitted original designs, and the winning 2025 bookmarks were printed as physical bookmarks and on posters and displayed in libraries across Los Angeles County.

Join us in congratulating our Second, and Third Place winners, plus the First-Place physical bookmark winners shown above.

## Barry J. Nidorf hosts Paint & Sip Incident Free Month Event



Barry J. Nidorf hosted a paint and sip with apple cider for youth who had an incident free month. They were able to invite a family member or support person to share in the artistic experience. Thank you to the Probation Staff for making the event a success and thank you to the CBOs and POC Commissioners for your support.

## Barry J. Nidorf Anti-Recidivism Coalition Credible Messenger Program Graduation



On Dec. 22, young residents at Barry J. Nidorf SYTP graduated from the Anti-Recidivism Credible Messenger Program. The program included four courses over 8 to 12 weeks, with three sessions a week covering family relationships, anger management, emotional intelligence, and Criminal and Gang Anonymous (CGA), plus homework for reinforcement. Next, the youth will learn about triggers and healthy coping skills.

"Seeing the growth in the youth while participating in our program is satisfying and makes me feel good," shared Credible Messenger Brevard.

"I learned accountability from CGA and I am learning how to communicate better in my household," shared a youth said, "I tapped into my trauma and identified why I am the way I am today."

These classes are a steppingstone to reentering society in a productive way. Congratulations to these young men on their accomplishments.

#### NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER

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## NEW CAREER STARTERS

### JCOC Graduation Class of 2025-06



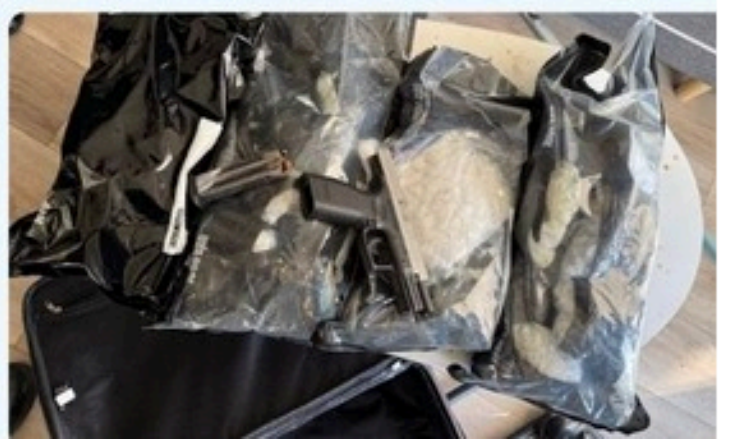
On December 18th the County of Los Angeles Probation Department welcomed the new graduating Juvenile Correction Officer Core Academy Class of 2025-06.

Congratulations Graduates, and welcome to the Probation family!



## ON THE STREET

### Probation Round Ups



Teamwork between L.A. County Probation and LAPD Olympic Division led to the arrest of an individual on active probation for narcotics sales. A follow-up compliance check uncovered large amounts of drugs and a loaded firearm. Additional charges were submitted.

Strong partnerships keep our communities safe.

## IN THE NEWS



[Los Angeles County Probation Department Completes Relocation of Los Padrinos Female and Gender-Expansive Youth to Campus Kilpatrick](#)

# Enjoy our 2025 LA County Probation Holiday Slide Show

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS*



*Los Angeles County Probation*

*“Cheers to a new year  
and another chance for us to get it right.”  
— Oprah Winfrey*



## Los Angeles County Probation Department

*The Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to rebuilding lives and providing for healthier and safer communities for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, the Probation Department's mission is to enhance public safety, ensure victims' rights and effect positive probationer behavioral change. The Probation Department comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an operational budget of \$1.14 billion for fiscal year 2024-2025.*

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