

**Sonoma County Juvenile Hall  
Inspection Report  
Site Inspection: November 17, 2022**

**Submitted by Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)**  
**Inspection conducted by Commissioners Marc Andrade, Jean Ure, and Greg Schmid**

**Lead Commissioner/Liaison: Greg Schmid**

**Los Guilicos Juvenile Justice Center  
Sonoma County Juvenile Hall  
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**Superintendent/Director: Kilee Wilson**  
**Assistant Director: Dan Flamson**  
**Presiding Judge: Hon. Judge Kenneth Gness**

**Introduction:**

This inspection was requested by Juvenile Hall Superintendent Kilee Wilson.

Due to Covid19 guidelines, and for the safety of Commissioners, staff and youth, this in-person inspection was completed with all necessary protocol and procedures in place.

**Inspection Report:**

**Inspection date: November 17, 2022**  
Last inspection date: December 28, 2021

**Occupancy:** 41 youth

**Facility capacity:** 147 youth

**The following was submitted by:** Commissioner Greg C. Schmid. Accompanied by Commissioners Marc Andrade and Jane Ure.

**Diversity of Staff:** Numerous staff personnel were observed during the inspection. There appeared to be an equal amount of male and female staff working various positions. Director Wilson stated that there are a number of bilingual personnel on staff as well.

**Staff to Youth Ratio:** Day 1:3 Night 1:5 - Well above the required 1:10 and 1:30 mandated by Title 15. Needs of the youth have changed with ongoing legislation. There is individualized case planning and educational goals, with staff being involved in rehabilitation in addition to general supervision needs.

**Conditions of the Grounds:** All outside areas are clean, well-maintained and attended to. The blacktop and covered recreation yards are also in excellent condition.

**Exterior of Building:** General conditions, paint, and roof: The exterior of the building is in good condition. There is some scarring still visible from the wildfire that occurred. No leakage has been reported from previous rains.

**Interior of Building:** Wall paints, floors, drains: The walls in the housing units are painted and murals are being slowly added. The hallways are highly polished and extremely clean and free from any and all rubbish. High-capacity filtration units are in all units and hallways.

**Cleaning products/Chemicals storage:** The kitchen and warehouse areas are off-limits to youth. The cleaning supplies are kept secure in the kitchen and warehouse area, accessible only to those adults assigned to those areas.

**Weapons Locker:** Weapons lockers are located outside the facility, available to law enforcement personnel. Lockers are also available to visitors for storage of valuables when visiting youth. An “armory” is located inside the control center, mostly containing restraints.

**Recreation/sports, Equipment:** Youth have access to recreational equipment – volleyball, basketball, soccer, badminton, etc. In the Boys and Girls Club area, there is access to weight machines, ping pong, and other activities.

**Other recreational activities:** Writing/drawing, card games/board games, television/movies, recreation yards, video games, phone use.

**Hallways and Doors:** Hallways are clean and clear of any clutter. The doors are opened and closed via central control through camera contact.

**Sleeping Quarters and Beds:** The rooms are simple, clean and there is an area provided for the residents personal items.

**Study Area:** Inside each unit there are separate areas that allow residents to sit comfortably and complete schoolwork and other activities.

**Temperature:** Due to Covid mitigation, fresh air is pulled in from outside. Although primarily cinderblock construction, the hallways and housing units were comfortable temperature-wise.

**Lighting:** All areas were adequately lit.

**Orientation:** Orientation of youth begins at intake, including Title 15 orientation criteria, facility rules/procedures. Inside the housing unit, the JCC (Juvenile Correctional Counselor) verifies the resident has received and understand the information provided in the handbook provided. Rules breakout into themes: Be Accountable, Be Respectful, and Be Safe.

**Rules and Grievances Posted:** Rules are explained in the handbook and discussed with the JCC. Weekly lesson plans occur on each unit at the start of the afternoon shift and focus on an area of the facility, specific rules, why they are important, and how abiding by these rules can assist when re-entering the community. There is a central bulletin board in each unit that has rules and how to dialogue grievances.

**Discipline of Residents:** The Behavior Management System (BMS) is a facility-wide system of tools and strategies for defining, teaching and regarding appropriate pro-social behaviors, while establishing a system for correcting unwanted behavior. It is inspired by Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS). There are point values throughout the day which determine daily and weekly incentives. Restorative justice groups are also utilized.

**Kitchen and Meals:** Youth do not have access to knives or chemicals. Knives are only used in the kitchen (outside of the secure corridor, therefore not accessible to youth). Chemicals are secured in the warehouse or supply closet. Menus are posted on each unit’s bulletin board.

**Meals** are prepared on site and served inside the housing units using heated carts. They receive a minimum of 20 minutes to eat.

**Showers, Clothing:** Personal items are allowed in sleeping quarters. Those items allowed are based on behavior (behavior management system). There are four shower stalls in each unit. All stalls are private and can only see head and feet. Haircuts are offered to residents every 2 weeks.

**Graffiti Present:** Graffiti was not present.

**Programs available:** Family Reunification, Substance Abuse, Victim Awareness, Gang Awareness, Sexual Harassment, Parenting, Vocational, Community Service, Work Program. A full list of Sonoma County Juvenile Hall Programming 2022 is attached.

**Visiting procedures/guidelines, access to telephone, mail:** Part of the orientation process explains visitation, access to telephone and mail policy. All residents have the opportunity for visits. Youth and family (or professional visitors) are required to wear a surgical mask.

**Court holding areas:** Well-maintained with toilet facility.

**School:** Teachers, number attending: There are two teachers, one educational aid, and tutors as needed. Currently there are 12 high school graduates enrolled in Santa Rosa Junior College and/or working on career technical education. They are supervised by JCC staff. 29 youth are enrolled and working with SCOE. There is a classroom in each unit. Students who are taking SRJC classes have access to “cubicles” to do their work, away from other residents. Currently there is a small library on site offering books for residents in the Boys and Girls Club area.

**Health, Mental Health counseling, and Medical Services:** Youth receive regular medical, dental and mental health services. Covid vaccinations are available as well. There is a separate examination room where general physicals are completed, and an area where medications are stored and distributed by nurses. All youth are examined and interviewed upon admission to determine medical history and needs. The area is clean, organized, and in good repair.

**Housing Units:** There are currently 7 self-contained housing units, each with a capacity of 20 beds. Each unit has space for education, program and leisure as well as a small outdoor recreation area, and kitchen where meals are served. Housing Units 1 – 3 and 5 are male youth, with Housing Unit 4 for females. Housing Unit 6 is Maximum Security. The Boys and Girls Club is a dormitory unit that was converted where residents attend four days per week. There are three large covered outdoor gymnasium-sized courts for group sports in all weather conditions and an outdoor recreation field for soccer, running, and other active sports. There is also a garden and orchard area, and soon a greenhouse.

All youth were presently in class during the inspection. No youth were interviewed at this time due to time constraints.

## Sonoma County Juvenile Hall Programming 2022

A New Freedom  
Aggression Replacement Training\*  
Art Program\*  
Arts and Crafts  
Beat Within\*  
Boys and Girls Club\* / REACH (community transition)  
Boys Council  
Cognitive Behavioral Interventions - Core Youth (CBI-CY)  
Department of Rehabilitation  
Drug and Alcohol Education (AODS) Individual Counseling  
Drug and Alcohol Education (ATP) Group Counseling  
Fitness/Running Program  
Functional Family Therapy  
Girl Scouts\*  
Girls Circle  
Girls Moving On (GMO)  
Healthy Relationships/ Tolerance Diversity (Verity)\*  
Individual Trauma Counseling (Verity)  
Interactive Journaling Groups  
Mindfulness  
My Strength (Verity)\*  
Narcotics Anonymous  
Running/Workout Program  
Sonoma County Library Book Club  
Spiritual Advisors  
Teen Assault Prevention Presentation (Verity)\*

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