

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe the levels of intensive supervision for youth in juvenile facilities.

POLICY

JCHS staff (physicians or registered nurses) are authorized to place a youth on Level 3 Enhanced Supervision based on their assessment. Any youth placed on intensive supervision by Health Services for mental health reasons shall be referred to Mental Health immediately.

PROCEDURE

JCHS staff:

- Notifies the Mental Health Officer of the Day that a youth exhibits behavior that requires enhanced supervision.
- Notifies Probation that a youth was placed on Level 3 Enhanced Supervision.
- Documents in PEMRS the referral to Mental Health via the "Request for Mental Health Consultation" form.
- Documents their assessment in PEMRS.

DESCRIPTION

These descriptions are in accordance with the policies and procedures developed by Probation and the Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs.

Level 1 – Regular Supervision (L1): This level of supervision is the least intensive level of Enhanced Supervision and is afforded to all youth in the Probation Department’s care who are not at risk of suicide or self-injury. This level of supervision consists of staggered safety checks at intervals not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes between observations (at least four per hour), of all youth housed in any dormitory, individual room or dayroom area. Each of these staggered observations shall be recorded on the unit/dormitory *Safety Check Sheet*, with the actual time of observation documented.

Level 2 - Enhanced Supervision (L2): Level 2 Supervision is an increased level of supervision for youth who are not actively suicidal, but may experience persistent suicidal ideation, and/or have a recent prior history of serious self-injurious behavior or a prior history of a serious suicide attempt and appear to be at risk currently. Alternatively, this youth may present a constellation of

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risk factors that warrant an increased level of supervision. The placement of any youth on this level of supervision requires that the *Probation Detention System* and *Probation Caseload Management System* be updated with both a Level 2 and a "Suicide" ("S") code.

Level 3 - Enhanced Supervision (L3): Level 3 Supervision is reserved for youth in juvenile detention facilities that are at high risk of suicide, either by threatening suicide with a clearly articulated plan for achieving suicide and the means to carry the plan out, or has recently engaged in an act of attempted suicide or serious self-harming behavior, and whose current medical or mental state requires that they be separated from their regular living unit for a specified period. The placement of any youth on this level of supervision requires that the *Probation Caseload Management System (PCMS)* be updated with both a Level 3 and a "Suicide" ("S") code.

Level 4 - Enhanced Supervision (L4): Indicates that the youth has been determined to be either actively suicidal or has engaged in serious self-injurious behavior, and has been transferred from the facility to a higher level of care (psychiatric emergency care facility) for psychiatric assessment. The placement of any youth on this level of supervision requires that the PCMS be updated with both a Level 4 and a "Suicide" ("S") code and that the youth be supervised in accordance with Level 3 supervision requirements.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1437

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-E-09
Probation Department Directive #1188 – "ENHANCED AND SPECIALIZED SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS IN JUVENILE FACILITIES"
Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs Policy and Procedure Manual

REVIEW DATES

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