Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Juvenile Court Health Services



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FACILITY SPECIFIC MANUAL DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER

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Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC) is located at 1500 S. McDonnell Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90022. DKC is a Los Angles County Probation Facility for youth who are detained that have been identified for placement who may also have mental health needs addressed. Youth are housed in cottages that have a maximum census of 10. The cottages are where the youth eat, sleep, and tend to their activities of daily living. In addition, there is a Hope Center across from the Nursing Office to help deescalate youth with an acute behavioral issue.

The clinical area consists of the Nursing Office with an adjoining exam room. There are also separate offices for the facility Psychiatrists and other Mental Health Staff. Youth receive their medications in their cottages but receive other medical services in the Nursing Office.

Nursing Hours of Operation

There is a Registered Nurse on duty seven (7) days a week from 0600-2200. In the event the staff on duty is unable to resolve any incident, the Nurse Supervisor and/or the Nurse Manager can be reached via cellphone. See Nurse On-Call List.

Physician Hours of Operation

There is a Physician Clinic once a week. If a Physician consult is required outside of the clinic hours, the notification procedure below can be followed:

- During physician clinic hours: Notify the Physician on Duty at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.
- On weekends from 7:30 AM to 4 PM: Notify the Physician on Duty at Central Juvenile Hall.
- All other times: Contact the Physician On Call (refer to Physician Call schedule).

Dental Services

Youth requiring Dental Services are transported to Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall via Probation Transportation. Referral to Dental Services is initiated by physician or nursing staff. If no dentist is available at LPJH, a dentist may be consulted at CJH.

Pharmacy Services

Medication is routinely delivered via a Pharmacy Driver from Central Juvenile Hall (CJH) where the main pharmacy is located.

Optometry Services

Youth requiring Optometry Services are transported to Central Juvenile Hall to visit the Eye Clinic. Referral to Optometry Services is initiated by physician or nursing staff.

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Mental Health Services

Youth requiring Mental Health Services are seen at DKC by either the Department of Mental Health (DMH) or specifically identified and trained Probation staff. Referral to Mental Health Services is initiated by probation, physician or nursing staff.

Outside Medical Services

Youth requiring outside medical services and/or specialty appointments are typically transported by Probation to LAC+USC Healthcare Network located at 1200 North State Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

Medical Emergencies/First-Aid

Nursing staff is on-site and available 16 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide first aid and assist with medical emergencies. In the event of any medical emergency, any staff may access care by calling "911".

Management of Contagious Diseases

For any suspected or confirmed contagious diseases, notify the Infection Control Manager at (323) 839-6225 for direction and the physician on duty/on-call.

Health Information Management (HIM)

The HIM Department is located at the Barry J. Nidorf, Central, and Los Padrinos Juvenile Halls. The staff is on-site Monday to Friday. They are assigned to prepare charts for youth movement (transport), scan documents into the Probation Electronic Medical Record System (PEMRS) and handle the release of medical information.

Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)

In accordance with Section 889 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) of the state of California, the county superintendent of schools is directed to establish and maintain public schools at the elementary or secondary level with the primary purpose for education of youth

Probation Services

The Department of Probation is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system and is considered as the legal guardian (locus parentis) of the youth. Upon initial arrival at camp, the youth is orientated to procedures and protocols (e.g. Access to Care) by Probation staff.

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List of Important DKC Phone Numbers:

 Main number – Dorothy Kirby Center Nursing Mental Health DKC Camp Director Probation Officer of the Day LACOE 	(323) 981-4301 (323) 981-4344 (323) 981-4308 (323) 981-4313 (323) 981-4301 (323) 981-4301 X 3064
Poison Control Medical Emergency	(800) 222-1222 911
 Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall Dental Medical Records Mental Health Nursing/Physician 	(818) 364-2011 (818) 364-2073 (818) 364-2085 (818) 364-2155 (818) 364-2071
Central Juvenile Hall Dental Pharmacy Laboratory Optometry Medical Records Nursing/Physician 	(323) 226-8801 (323) 226-8861 (323) 226-8859 (323) 226-8809 (323) 226-8817 (323) 226-8852 (323) 226-8852
JCHS Administration JCHS Nursing Administration	(323) 226-8723/8724 (323) 226-8812
Department of Mental Health (Headquarters)	(213) 738-2078