

- Does Sonoma juvenile hall permit the use of pepper spray? Sonoma County utilizes OC spray. Staff are trained annually in defensive tactics, scenarios, the use of OC, de-escalation tactics and all the associated policies.
- How does Sonoma use shackles within their facility? Mechanical leg restraints and other restraints are utilized pursuant to our policy and procedures regarding restraints, and in accordance with state law and Title 15. Generally, leg or waist restraints (in conjunction with handcuffs) are utilized for transportations outside of the facility. The type of, if any, mechanical restraints for transports requires authorization from a supervisor.
- How do case managers promote to JJC level 3? Any combination of education, training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities. Normally, this would include completion of twelve semester units at an accredited college in criminology, administration of justice, child development, sociology, behavioral and social psychology, social casework, social welfare, counseling and guidance; child psychology or a closely related field AND Six months experience as a group or youth counselor or other experience related to counseling or case management of trouble youth AND one year full-time experience in a position equivalent or closely related to Juvenile Correctional Counselor II with the County of Sonoma.
- Why did Sonoma de-occupy their camp? The Probation Camp was temporarily un-occupied due to a significant decline in the Juvenile delinquency population/referrals. It has been un-occupied since January 1, 2021.
- If Sonoma's camp is reopened, would Sonoma be open to accepting out of county kids? The short answer to your Camp questions is "yes" we would be open to re-establishing old contracts and working on new ones with other counties for youth to be committed to our Probation Camp. The only issue is population. It could take quite some time to reach a level where we could re-occupy. Most of our contracted counties only sent one or two youth a year. Combined with our own declining population, it was just not sustainable.
- Who provides food at the hall? Probation employs one Chef, four cooks, and two extra help staff. All food is freshly prepared in our kitchen. Youth receive at least two hot meals per day, and special meals on holidays.
- What is the expertise of the staff to support youth of color? What is ethnic breakdown of staff? We have a new focus on including in our hiring and promotional processes a person's preparation to understand, relate to and be effective with Black, Indigenous, LatinX and other marginalized populations. We have many staff (currently 20 in JH) that are bilingual in (English and Spanish) and we use an interpreter service for languages we do not have within our staff ranks, including sign language. Based on self-reported EEO categories, at the Individual Contributor level, our staff mirrors the racial demographics of Sonoma County (58% White, 29% Hispanic/Latin, 4% Black/African-American).
- What is the capacity to support gender non-conforming youth? The following is a summary and not an all-inclusive synopsis of how we support gender non-conforming youth: Gender non-conforming youth are not placed in particular housing units solely based on such identification or status, but rather, are placed on a case-by-case basis, considering whether a placement would ensure the residents health and safety and/or

present behavior management or security problems, and considering the residents expressed housing preference. Unit assignments consider vulnerability assessment results gathered during the intake process. In the case of a transgender youth being booked, intake staff assist the youth in completing the Transgender Preference Form, which is kept in the youth's file. The purpose of the Transgender Preference Form is to ascertain and document the youth's preferred name while in custody, and to document the preferred gender of staff that will conduct searches and/or urinalyses if and when necessary. Staff refer to the youth by the youth's preferred name and gender pronoun, regardless of the youth's legal name. Information obtained during the intake process is never shared with other residents. Barring any safety and security issues identified by staff during initial classification, transgender or intersex youth will be housed based on their gender identity, unless their preference is to be housed based on their biological sex, pending review by the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). Staff permit youth to dress and present themselves in a manner consistent with their gender identity, and provide youth with clothing and undergarment's consistent with their gender identity.

- What is the average length of stay for kids at Sonoma Juvenile Hall? For 2020 our average length of stay was 34 days.
- Is it possible to get a virtual tour or pictures of the current, most used rooms in the Sonoma Juvenile Hall? We can easily provide pictures of rooms and unit. We can also provide an in-person tour. Below is a link to our website with some photos. You can also find your way to the Probation Camp website through this link with additional photos. <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Probation/Juvenile-Hall/>