

**Attachment A:
PowerPoint
Presentation of Female
Specific Programming**



Santa Barbara County Probation

Female Specific Programming

Background



- August 23, 2016
 - Board presentation regarding the June 9, 2016 Grand Jury Report, Los Prietos Boys Camp – Effective But Underutilized
 - Finding 2, No similar camp program for female juveniles exist in Santa Barbara County
 - Recommendation 2, That the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors direct the Santa Barbara County Probation Department to evaluate including female juvenile offenders in this successful program

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- The recommendation requires further analysis and Probation also agrees, and a recent study noted, that a 'local option where girls could receive intensive mental health treatment would be preferable to out-of-county group homes.' Probation would like to further explore potential opportunities for in-county residential treatment and programming for female juvenile offenders, which could occur in a camp setting.

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- This subject has been discussed for several years, and warrants closer focus and discussion among stakeholders, such as the JJCC, JJDPC and other partners. The Probation Department will review options in addressing this issue over the next six months with stakeholders to determine the interest in developing a similar program for female offenders that the Camp offers male offenders.

Our Girls



- A total of 67 individuals were placed into non-relative foster care during the last five fiscal years.
- Majority of female youth are between 14 and 17 years old at the time of disposition
- 70% identify as Hispanic
- Major DSM Diagnoses: Drugs & Alcohol most common diagnosis for boys and girls

Our Girls



- The most serious charge has shifted over time with a decline in Property Offenses and an increase in Narcotic & Drug offenses
- Mental Health status was consistently found to be a risk factor for recidivism and unsuccessful probation completion
- Although girls' population is declining, the girls currently on probation are more at risk and have greater need for services

Outreach



- JJDPC: October 13, 2016
- Community and CBOs: October 24, 2016
- JJCC Workgroup: December 2, 2016

Services



■ Probation

- Females placed on probation receive terms and conditions of their probationary grant.
- Services are specific to the needs of the youth.
- Santa Barbara County has the resources to meet the needs of females on Probation, placed in local foster care and placed in relative foster care.

Group Homes



■ Group Homes

- Recommendations for out of home placements are staffed at the PRC.
- PRC is comprised of Probation, Behavior Wellness, DSS and SBCEO
- Recommendations for placement are brought to the Juvenile Court Judge and placement is at the discretion of the Courts.
- Group Homes are paid for by Federal, State and General Fund dollars through DSS

Options



- Daily Choices
 - 7 day a week program at SMJH
- Luz de Esperanza (Light of Hope)
 - 90-day commitment program at SMJH
- Girls Camp
 - 120-180 day commitment program at Camp

Thank You



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