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# **Juvenile Justice Commission**

San Diego County

## **Annual Report**

Fiscal Year 2010-2011

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION MISSION AND MANDATE

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The legal authorization for the establishment and operation of the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) of San Diego County is set forth in the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 225 through 231. These policies are intended to supplement the governing provisions of State Law and aid the Commission in effectively fulfilling its statutory duties and responsibilities. The Welfare and Institutions Codes states that, "It shall be the duty of the Juvenile Justice Commission to inquire into the administration of Juvenile Court Law in the county or region in which the Commission serves."

The San Diego County JJC was created in 1965 through a mandate issued by the State of California. The Commission inquires into activities surrounding the administration of juvenile justice regarding children in both the delinquency and dependency systems. This includes conducting inspections of publicly administered institutions in which youth who are incarcerated or in foster care are housed. The Commission consists of between seven and fifteen Commissioners appointed by the presiding judge of the juvenile courts to a term of not more than four years.

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### 2010-11 OFFICERS

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Chair  
Kathleen Edwards

1st Vice Chair  
Kriste Draper

2nd Vice Chair  
Charlie Cleaves

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### 2011-12 OFFICERS

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1st Vice Chair  
Kimberly Allan

2nd Vice Chair  
Charlie Cleaves

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### COMMISSION MEMBERS as of June 30, 2011

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Richard Alderson  
Kimberly Allan  
Charlie Cleaves  
Melanie Delgado  
Kathleen Edwards  
Mitzi Gonzalez  
Marc Gotbaum  
Joan Hiser

James Howard  
Amy Lansing  
Nicole LoCoco  
Eileen Madigan  
Henry R. Mann  
Ryan Trabuco  
Arlene Young

**Rich Alderson**, appointed May 21, 2010, is a career educator who holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of San Francisco. He taught at the high school level for 18 years and recently completed an 18-year career as a school administrator. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with students with special needs. He taught in the various alternative programs and received an *Outstanding Teacher Award* for his work with special education students.

**Kimberly Allan**, appointed May 17, 2010, is an attorney and former San Diego federal prosecutor. Ms. Allan received her Bachelor's degree in economics with honors from UC Berkeley and her law degree from UC Davis. She was an attorney at the US Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. for over seven years and an Assistant US Attorney in San Diego for over nine years. Her interest in juvenile justice is based on her service as a Board Member and Site Coordinator for the San Diego Juvenile Court Book Club.

**Charlie Cleaves**, appointed February 10, 2009, has been with U.S. Marshals Service for 20 years as a Criminal Investigator and former long time member of the Violent Crimes Task Force Fugitive Group. A San Diego native, Mr. Cleaves has worked closely with at-risk kids in San Diego County for many years as a volunteer for STARPAL/Police Athletic League working as Camp Director for summer camp and Coordinator for their soccer camps.

**Melanie Delgado**, appointed May 17, 2011, is an attorney at the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University Of San Diego School Of Law. She is a graduate of the USD School of Law where she was a co-recipient of the James A. D'Angelo Outstanding Child Advocate Award in 2006. Ms. Delgado works on issues involving transition-age foster youth and she directs CAI's Homeless Youth Outreach Project.

**Kathleen Edwards**, appointed July 3, 2008, is an advocate for students with special education and mental health needs. She holds a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis in Special Education Administration. For the past 35 years, she has worked as a teacher, administrator and trainer dealing with special education and mental health issues. Her interest in the JJC is fueled by the high percentage of adjudicated youth with special education and mental health needs. Ms. Edwards is a former member of the Mental Health Association of San Diego County and was an Arizona Special Education Teacher of the Year.

**Mitzie Gonzalez**, appointed April 29, 2011, is a student at the University of Phoenix majoring in Criminal Justice with a concentration in management with hopes to continue towards a Master's degree in Psychology. She plans to pursue a career in probation, working with and assisting juveniles. Ms. Gonzalez is a youth leader for her community church where she works closely with the youth of the church, as well as with the community volunteering in improving and compelling individuals' lives as well as community.

**Marc Gotbaum**, appointed May 17, 2010, is currently the Director of Vista Hill's Juvenile Court Clinic which serves delinquent and dependent youth with psychiatric medication stabilization and counseling. He continues in private practice as a Critical Incident/Trauma Specialist, providing on-site disaster counseling and consulting, locally and around the globe. Mr. Gotbaum has served on the Child Sexual Abuse and Victim Assistance Coordination Councils. He has been an adjunct Professor/lecture at SDSU, USD, and National Universities.

**Joan Hiser**, appointed July 19, 2011, is currently a marketing consultant within the San Diego community. She has over 20 years experience in marketing for both media and non-profit organizations, as well as extensive experience with the production and analysis of focus group research data for various clientele. She serves as a board member for the San Diego Broadcasters Association, Mission Hills Heritage Association, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of San Diego, where she also sponsors a "little sister".

**James Howard**, appointed January 19, 2011, joins the Commission with several years of hands-on experience working with diverse children in juvenile detention facilities, including those with learning disabilities. He has worked at Mi Casa Group Homes as a Child Care Counselor and with juveniles through the Sarah Anthony Juvenile Court and Community Schools at the Kearny Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility, assisting teachers in the classroom. Mr. Howard recently graduated from San Diego State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, with a pre-major in Social Work, and a minor in Counseling and Social Change.

**Amy Lansing**, appointed September 23, 2009, is a member of the faculty at the University of California, San Diego, in the School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, and is also an adjunct professor in the Sociology Department, Division of Criminology, at San Diego State University. She holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, with specializations in Neuropsychology, Developmental Trauma and Forensic Epidemiology. In addition to the JJC, Ms. Lansing is an independent contractor for the State of California, providing assessments of mentally disordered adult offenders.

**Nicole LoCoco**, appointed March 7, 2011, is a recent graduate from San Diego State University where she graduated with honors and received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Economics. As a student, she volunteered as an Investigative Intern for the County of San Diego Office of the Alternate Public Defender where she worked closely with the Juvenile Delinquency division in the Kearny Mesa Courts and also the Adult Offices Downtown. Ms. LoCoCo plans to attend law school and work in the public sector as a prosecutor or public defender for the County of San Diego to continue to have an impact on many lives.

**Eileen Madigan**, appointed February 10, 2009, was the Coordinator for the Juvenile Justice Information System program for the State of Hawaii from 1990 to 2008. In that capacity, one of her primary responsibilities was the development of the first statewide information system to allow juvenile justice agencies to share information regarding juvenile offenders. All law enforcement, Family Court, and juvenile correction agencies participate in the program, tracking juvenile offenders through the justice system and making informed decisions that balance community safety with the objective of restoring as many juveniles as possible to productive citizenship. Ms. Madigan is retired in the San Diego area and continues to be active in the areas of law enforcement and juvenile justice.

**Henry R. Mann**, appointed April 24, 2009, is a retired probation officer, prosecutor, and priest. He joined the U. S. Coast Guard and served a four-year enlistment before he completed a Bachelor's Degree at San Diego State College. He worked as a Probation Officer for ten years before joining the Office of the District Attorney in 1968. Rev. Mann retired from the County in 1983 as Assistant Chief of the Appeals and Motions Division. He then received an Master's Degree from the Claremont School of Theology in 1988 and was ordained a Priest in The Episcopal Church. After serving in various churches, he was appointed Assistant to the Episcopal Bishop of San Diego, a position held until retirement in 2002.

**Ryan Trabuco**, appointed July 18, 2011, has dedicated countless hours to public and community service. Since 2009, he has served on the County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board where he provides oversight of the County's treatment and rehabilitation programs, and helps advise on alcohol and drug prevention policy matters. In 2010, he was elected to serve on the Clairemont Town Council which helps promote civic, commercial, educational and cultural activities within the community of Clairemont. Mr. Trabuco serves on the Board of Directors for several non-profit, community advocacy organizations and is completing his Bachelor's degree in Public Administration.

**Arlene Young**, appointed June 9, 2010, has worked with children and families for over 50 years. Her first career was in Early Childhood Education. She was a Center Director in Headstart Programs in Colorado and in San Diego, and started a school committed to Cultural Diversity after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King; it has recently celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. While earning her Master's and Doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology, she has conducted research in Child Development. She is currently in private practice with offices in Hillcrest and Chula Vista, where she treats children, adolescents, couples and families.

For more information on Active Commissioners, please visit us [online](#).

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## COMMITTEES

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The Juvenile Justice Commission has established several committees to focus and carry out the efforts of the Commission. Committees formed to date are described below.

- Inspection Committees/Teams. The JJC puts inspections teams in place during each institution inspection cycle. The composition of these teams vary from year to year.
- Critical Incident Committee. The JJC has formed a committee to review critical incident reports received from the Probation Department and Child Welfare Services.
- Court Observation Committee. This committee aims to observe juvenile court proceedings routinely. Observing court proceedings on a regular basis helps to ensure that the JJC has a comprehensive understanding of the needs of children affected by the juvenile court, as well as court procedures.
- Membership Committee. This ad-hoc committee discusses strategies for commissioner recruitment and reviews applications for commission membership.
- Awards Committee. This committee is responsible for planning the annual awards recognition event and reviewing award nominations.

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## JAIL AND LOCKUP INSPECTIONS

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Section 209 of the Welfare and Institutions Code contains several requirements for juvenile court judges and juvenile justice commissions. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) is responsible for inspecting all local detention facilities, juvenile halls and camps in California and is also responsible for monitoring jails and lockups that securely detain minors in California.

Pursuant to WIC Section 209(a), a judge of the juvenile court shall annually inspect each jail or juvenile hall in the county that held one or more minors for more than 24 hours during the preceding calendar year. Additionally, this code requires the judge to promptly notify the operator of the facility of any observed noncompliance with minimum standards for juvenile facilities adopted by the CSA (Title 15, California Code of Regulations).

WIC Section 209(b) requires the juvenile court judge or a delegated member of the juvenile justice commission to inspect each law enforcement facility that contains a jail or lockup for adults in which one or more minors was securely detained for any length of time.

As the designee to the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, the Juvenile Justice Commission of San Diego County inspected 20 jail and lockup facilities where minors are temporarily detained. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Police Departments:

Carlsbad  
Chula Vista  
Coronado  
El Cajon  
Escondido  
La Mesa  
National City  
Oceanside

Sheriff:

Alpine Substation  
Encinitas Station  
Fallbrook Substation  
Imperial Beach Station  
Julian Substation  
Lemon Grove Station  
Poway Station  
Ramona Substation  
San Marcos Station  
Santee Station  
Valley Center/Pauma Substation  
Vista Station

Excerpts from the 2011 lock-up facility reports are noted below. Additional inspection detail can be found in the complete reports on the JJC [website](#).

Carlsbad Police Department:

No concerns reported. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Chula Vista Police Department:

The inspecting Commissioner noted that the Lieutenant and his jail staff do a great job of organizing the log and record books. Signage regarding juvenile detainment requirements has been posted in all areas of detention; the inspecting Commissioner recommended that all facilities throughout the County use similar signage. The facility was very clean and maintained throughout. Yearly training for all officers is enforced. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Coronado Police Department:

No concerns. The report notes that this is a model facility. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

El Cajon Police Department:

The inspecting Commissioner noted that reports were well organized and consistent. There were occasional oversights (no age listed on daily log or incorrect date of birth) that were immediately corrected. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

Escondido Police Department:

The inspecting Commissioner reported that two minors in secure detention for 3.5 hours only had two 30-minute observations recorded; the Commissioner requested follow-up. Also noted was that the Secure and Non-Secure logs used are older versions, though there is a newer format available, but not yet approved for use at this facility. Protocol and policies for secure and non-secure detention were well written. The inspecting Commissioner recommended that minors be verbally advised and asked to provide written acknowledgement of being so advised. A posted policy for minors was suggested; there is a suggested format available from the JJC. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

La Mesa Police Department:

The inspecting Commissioner noted a few minor concerns regarding the classification of detained youth, which were occasionally incorrectly counted and logged. It was also recommended that daily logs be modified to allow for easy calculation of time held. There were no signs posted noting rights

and procedures for minors, and no explanation was provided to minors about secure detention. The new facility was clean and well lit. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

*National City Police Department:*

The facility was reported to be very clean there was good supervision of minors at all times. Staff makes great efforts to transfer minors to more juvenile-focused facilities as evidenced by National City's three-hour maximum hold time for minors. Minors are well attended to during their time at the station. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Oceanside Police Department:*

No concerns reported. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Alpine Substation:*

No concerns reported. Since the last inspection, a supply of snacks is now available on site at all times; bottled water is available on request. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Encinitas Station:*

No concerns reported. No minors were securely detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Fallbrook Substation:*

The inspecting Commissioner noted that Fallbrook has an excellent staff training program, with training occurring more often than the recommended minimum. Juveniles have access to informative brochures in the entry room. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Imperial Beach Station:*

No concerns were noted in the report other than the lack of signage regarding juvenile and adult detention rights; it was believed this was due to the facility being recently painted. The inspecting Commissioner noted that the JJC will follow-up to provide examples of appropriate signage. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Julian Substation:*

No concerns reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Lemon Grove Station:*

The inspecting Commissioner reported that the log and record books on Secured and Non-Secure sheets were well organized. Juvenile signage has been posted since the JJC's 2009 inspection. The station was very clean and well maintained, despite its age. Yearly training for all officers is enforced and all watch the California CSA's recently developed training video on minors in detention in adult facilities. It is recommended that the Sheriff begin using a Temporary Holding Cell checklist for juveniles. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Poway Station:*

No concerns reported. The facility was clean and all procedures were being followed. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - Ramona Substation:*

At the time of inspection a new supervisor was assigned to this area who had not participated in an inspection previously. The inspecting Commissioner reviewed and discussed all of the areas of the inspection report with the new supervisor. The new supervisor suggested that a space be provided on the Secure detention log form to write the reason for the secure detention. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

*Sheriff - San Marcos Station:*

No concerns reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.



Sheriff - Santee Station:

The inspecting Commissioner reported that log and record books were well organized; all were correctly completed, with CDC Monthly reports included. The Commissioner suggested the station print Secure logs on yellow paper to make them easier to distinguish. Juvenile signage was limited; the Commissioner later e-mailed examples of proper signage to the Sergeant. The Santee Station uses a telephone log for all juveniles; it is recommended that all Sheriff's facilities use this log. Yearly training is enforced for all officers. School Resource Officers play a vital role in releasing minors to parents quickly. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Valley Center/Pauma Substation:

No concerns reported. Staff is committed to getting minors back with parents as soon as possible. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

Sheriff - Vista Station:

No concerns reported. No minors were detained over the six-hour time limit.

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## JUVENILE INSTITUTION INSPECTIONS

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In 2010, the JJC inspected three juvenile detention facilities and two juvenile camps maintained by the County of San Diego Probation Department. In addition, the Commission inspected Polinsky Children's Center, a temporary housing facility for children who must be separated from their families for their own safety. The recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Commission for each facility are included below. Additional inspection detail can be found in the complete reports on the JJC [website](#).

**Facility Name:** CAMP BARRETT

**Inspection Date:** 10/19/2010

**Last Inspection Date:** 12/3/2009

**Superintendent:** James A. Seal

**Address:** 21077 Lyons Valley Road  
Alpine, CA 9190

**Telephone Number:** (619) 401-4900

**Fax:** (619) 401-4921

**Type of Facility:** Juvenile Camp

**Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**

Honorable Cynthia Bashant

**Commission Inspection Team:**

Andrew Haden  
Richard Alderson

**Facility Capacity:** 156

Average Daily Population: 135

**Current Recommendations:**

1. The introduction of electronic medical records would make a significant and positive impact on managing the wards' healthcare, especially considering their frequent transitions.
2. The Commission recommends that all efforts be made to ensure that standards-based instructional practices are used throughout the instructional program at Camp Barrett by all teachers. Working with instructors to ensure that each student is held to high standards of academic achievement by utilizing an outcomes-based instructional model can help achieve this goal.

3. The Commission recommends that all teachers be provided in-service training on identification of students with possible learning disabilities, attention deficit problems, emotional issues and autism spectrum disorder. Statistics indicate that possibly 70% of students entering the juvenile justice system suffer from a learning or behavioral disorder. With such a small number of students receiving special education services within the camp seems to indicate that further assessment procedures may be needed.

**Progress Update from 2009 Recommendations:**

1. The Probation Department should explore whether there might be volunteer-based organizations that would be well-positioned to provide occasional transportation to parents with wards at Camp Barrett who do not have access to transportation.
  - Probation has not been able to find a volunteer group to provide occasional transportation for parents.
2. School counselor to assist wards in transitioning from school at Camp Barrett to school in the community.
  - The new Camp Barrett Transition Program specifically works on transition issues. A second "Aftercare Officer" is also about to start his employment at Camp Barrett.
3. Better salary for teacher's aides to incentivize people to work at Camp Barrett.
  - Although pay was not increased, all four TA positions have been filled. The impact of the additional help in the classroom was obvious during our inspection. The educational levels of the wards are often dramatically different, and the TA can conduct one-on-one assistance while the teacher can continue to guide the entire class.
4. More vocational training programs.
  - Graphic Arts was recently added (scheduled to begin 10/23/10)

**Facility Name:** EAST MESA JUVENILE  
DETENTION FACILITY

**Inspection date:** 11/22/2010  
**Last Inspection Date:** 11/23/2009

**Superintendent:** Dan DeLeon, Director  
**Address:** 446 Alta Road  
San Diego, CA 92154

**Telephone Number:** (619) 671-4418  
**Fax:** (619) 677-9482

**Type of Facility:** Detention Facility

**Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**  
Honorable Cynthia Bashant

**Commission Inspection Team:**  
Charlie Cleaves  
Kimberly Allan

**Facility Capacity:** 290  
**Average Daily Population:** 239

**Current Recommendations:**

1. Continue to build on strategic plan to use resources in the most efficient manner possible to fill all vacant positions, despite budgetary challenges.
2. Build and develop Mentoring Programs prior to Reentry to Community and or adulthood. Invite community mentoring programs into the facility to develop mentors and relationships prior to discharge and reintegration.

3. Build relationships with faith-based and other community organizations to start programs prior to discharge into community.
4. Increase parental involvement in programs when appropriate.
5. Stay more connected to the school of record. Possible mentorship with school staff or students to stay connected to keep bridge there.
6. Counseling and mentorship programs from facility staff, instead of Correctional Officer mentality.
7. Implementation of the Probation's Department After Care Program to begin six months prior to release to support successful transition into the community and completion of Probation.

**Facility Name:** GIRLS' REHABILITATION FACILITY      **Inspection Dates:** 10/28/2010 and 11/4/2010

**Superintendent:** Craig Stover, Probation Director  
Leann Kowalski, Supv. Prob. Officer  
**Address:** 2861 Meadow Lark Drive  
San Diego, CA 92123      **Last Inspection Date:** 11/23/2009  
**Telephone Number:** (858) 694-4510  
**Fax:** (858) 514-8488

**Type of Facility:** Juvenile Hall      **Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**  
Hon. Cynthia Bashant

**Commission Inspection Team:**  
Eileen Madigan      **Facility Capacity:** 50  
Average Daily Population: 46

**Current Recommendations:**

None

**Progress Update from 2009 Recommendations:**

1. Identify and provide specialized services for wards who have been exposed to sex work or human trafficking.
  - The Probation Department is collaborating with Dr. Amy Lansing for services. Dr. Lansing has obtained a National Institute of Child and Human Development grant to work with the wards in GRF. The funding allows for implementation of the "Seeking Safety" program to address PTSD and ETOH (ethyl alcohol) / Drug Use Disorders related to trauma issues.
2. Replace existing washer and dryers with industrial quality and capacity laundry facilities.
  - The Probation Department replaced an existing washer and dryer with commercial units on April 9, 2010.
3. Moving GRF may have a serious negative impact on the program due to the reliance on volunteer services. Decision makers should give strong consideration to the impact when weighing moving options.
  - At this time, GRF is expected to remain at its current location. Decision makers will consider the impact in relation to volunteer services in future discussions.

**Facility Name:** JUVENILE RANCH FACILITY  
**Superintendent:** Supt. Craig Stover  
**Address:** 957 Forrest Gate Rd.  
Campo, CA 91906

**Inspection Date:** 10/28/2010  
**Last Inspection Date:** 11/19/2009  
**Telephone:** 619-401-3500  
**Fax:** 619-401-3512

**Type of Facility:** Juvenile Camp

**Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**  
Hon. Cynthia Bashant

**Commission Inspection Team:**  
Kathleen Edwards  
Arlene Young

**Facility Capacity:** 135  
**Average Daily Population :** 135

**Current Recommendations:**

1. Escapes continue to be an issue at this unfenced facility. Because of the location and terrain, there are risks to minors who escape. Although it is impractical to fence the facility, perhaps a study of escape details could inform staff of time of day/day of week when escapes are occurring. This information could yield change in staffing patterns.
2. At the time of this inspection, there were 135 minors and approximately 35 minors with Individual Education Plans (IEPs). There is only one credentialed special educator on staff and one special education aide. This is inadequate to serve this population. This is the responsibility of the County Office of Education.
3. Minors are mostly grades nine through eleven. The coursework being taught was from one text. State requirements for a diploma require different core standards for each grade. The education being provided would not qualify for a diploma. A possible solution would be allowing students to access grade-level college prep classes via the internet. This would also allow easier transfer of credits to the next high school setting. This is the responsibility of the County Office of Education.
4. Occupational therapy and speech therapy are not being provided for students with this service on their IEPs. This is the responsibility of the County Office of Education.
5. School-based counseling is not provided by County Office of Education for students with this service on their IEPs.
6. The current research states that at least 60% of incarcerated minors have mental health needs. This would require more than the one psychologist currently provided by HHSA.
7. Privacy issues are of concern. There is no modesty when residents shower.
8. By residents' reports, when they sleep, they are required to face the wall at all times.
9. Residents report that while they sleep, supervisors are loud and awaken them during the night.
10. For some residents, family contact is nonexistent. Good family contact has been demonstrated to reduce recidivism. Some type of meeting sites should be arranged. One possibility is driving residents to convenient and appropriate sites to meet with family members.
11. A strong effort should be made to provide as consistent mentor and wrap-around services to facilitate healthy transition after release from Campo.

**Facility Name:** KEARNY MESA JUVENILE  
DETENTION FACILITY (KMJDF)

**Inspection Date:** 10/25-26/2010  
**Last Inspection Date:** 11/18/2009

**Superintendent:** Craig Stover, Probation Director  
**Address:** 2801 Meadow Lark Drive  
San Diego, CA 92123

**Telephone Number:** (858) 694-4500  
**Fax:** (858) 694-4333

**Type of Facility:** Juvenile Hall

**Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**  
Hon. Cynthia Bashant

**Commission Inspection Team:**  
Kriste Draper

**Facility Capacity:** 247  
Average Daily Population: 245

**Current Recommendations:**

1. Continue and complete the resurfacing of the hallways, as recommended in prior reports.
2. Continue and complete the replacement of beds, as recommended in prior reports

**Facility Name:** POLINSKY CHILDREN'S  
CENTER (PCC)

**Inspection date:** 11/12/2010  
**Last Inspection Date:** 11/6/2009

**Superintendent:** Cathi Palatella, Asst. Deputy Dir.  
**Address:** 9400 Ruffin Court  
San Diego, CA 92154

**Telephone Number:** (858) 514-4601  
**Fax:** (619) 514-4619

**Type of Facility:** Shelter Care

**Presiding Juvenile Court Judge:**  
Hon. Cynthia Bashant

**Commission Inspection Team:**  
Amy Lansing  
Marc Gotbaum

**Facility Capacity:** 204  
Average Daily Population: 59

**Current Recommendation:**

Continue efforts, including collaborating with Probation, Health & Human Services Behavior Health System to identify effective strategies in working with the "change-of-placement" youth, as recommended in prior reports.

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

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The San Diego County Juvenile Justice Commission is committed to ongoing training for its members. Commissioners strive to stay informed of current juvenile justice trends, programs, and practices. The JJC often invites speakers from County agencies, the academic world, and community organizations to share information and insights. During Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the JJC was pleased to welcome the following speakers to present during regular business meetings:

- Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins and Deputy Chief Probation Officer Yvette Klepin  
Chief Jenkins and Deputy Chief Klepin provided an update to the Commission on several risks to and initiatives underway in the Probation Department.
- Jan Joseph Bejar, Esq, Law Offices of Jan Joseph Bejar  
An attorney practicing immigration law in San Diego, Mr. Bejar spoke to the Commission about immigration law issues facing juveniles in the dependency system and in detention.

## ANNUAL AWARDS

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Each year, the JJC recognizes outstanding professionals and volunteers working within the juvenile justice community. Nominees and award recipients were honored during the public meeting held on July 20, 2011. Manny Castro was invited as the guest speaker. Mr. Castro leads the Gang Awareness through Mentoring and Education (G.A.M.E.) program at the Turning the Hearts Center in San Diego. The following individuals received awards from the Juvenile Justice Commission in 2011:

- Probation:** Alejandro Leos, Correctional Deputy Probation Officer  
Kendra Morris, Correctional Deputy Probation Officer
- Child Welfare Services:** Charisma De Los Reyes, Protective Services Worker
- Law Enforcement:** William Canet, Youth & Parent Services Officer  
Officer Colleen Stanich, National City Police Department
- Educator/Court Schools:** Bill McGrath  
Donald Jackson
- Volunteer:** Martin Buchanana, Teen Court  
Elaine Shaw, Monarch School Cyril
- Former Youth in Care or Probation:**  
Samuel Salazar, County Office of Education, STAR/PAL
- Judge:** Hon. Browder Willis III, Juvenile Court
- Outstanding Juvenile Program:** Junior Deputy Program, Sheriff's Vista Station  
Deputy Rodrigo Aristizabal, Deputy Jack Reed, Deputy Yvan Rogers, and Kristina Nehls



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## 2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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The JJC made progress in the following areas during the prior year:

- Completed all inspections in a timely manner.
- Tried newly revised Pre-Inspection form for all lock-up and detention facilities.
- Conducted a group exit interview with Deputy Chief Probation Officer Klepin and supervisors from each juvenile detention facility to discuss inspection findings.
- Amended and adopted Bylaws.
- Signed an agreement with the Probation Department on the reporting of Critical Incidents.
- Successfully enhanced recruitment efforts resulting in full membership of the Commission, including recruitment of two student Commissioners and alternates.
- Conducted Court observations by Commissioners.

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## 2011-12 GOALS

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The Commission identified the following goal areas for the upcoming fiscal year:

- Mental Health
- Education and Special Education
- Mentoring
- Family Involvement
- Court Diversion Program Observations

During the year, Commissioners will gather information and data on the objective goal areas in order to focus and define the goals for the upcoming year.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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For more information on the Juvenile Justice Commission, please visit our website at [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/jjc](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/jjc). Comments regarding the content of this report may be submitted via email to [jjcomm@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jjcomm@sdcounty.ca.gov).