# County of Santa Cruz



#### JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION AGENDA

Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting/Study Session

PVPSA Offices 411 E. Lake Avenue Watsonville, CA 95076

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, Deutron Kebebew (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Elaine Johnson (arrived at 5:41 p.m.), Elias Gonzales, Jasmine Najera, Maria Rodriguez, Reyna Ruiz

Absent: David Brody (excused)

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan (absent)

Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation: Sara Berman, Jennifer Martinez

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Vice-Chair Brook moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda and Minutes from December 14, 2023)

Motion Passed Aye: Brook, Druley, Najera, Rodriguez, Ruiz No: None Abstention: Gonzales

\*Kebebew and Johnson not present at time of vote

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Prospective JJDPC commissioners, Sierra Thompson, Paralegal with the Public Defender's Office, and Forrest Revere, Analyst for Supervisor Friend, introduced themselves.

New Juvenile Hall Asst. Division Director Jennifer Martinez introduced herself, she has been with Probation for over 15 years.

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- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Commissioner Ruiz shared that CASA will be holding their 20<sup>th</sup> annual For the Love of Children fundraising luncheon on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Seascape Golf Club. See attached flyer.
- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File):
  1. Grievances & Incidents reports

8 youth, all male, currently at Juvenile Hall. There were 3 instances of room confinement (25 mins, 26 mins, and 37 mins), and 3 grievances for the month of December.

The Grinch visited Juvenile Hall and the rest of Probation offices; the youth really enjoyed it! Staff came in overnight to set up for Christmas morning and some Providers came up to visit youth as well.

- VI. ACTION ITEMS:
  - 1. Review and Adopt JJDPC Mission: ITEM TABLED
  - 2. Retreat planning and ad hoc committee: Commissioner Kebebew motioned to approve the creation of the ad hoc Planning Committee; Commissioner Najera seconded.

#### Motion Passed

Aye: Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Johnson, Gonzales, Najera, Rodriguez, Ruiz No: None Abstention: None

Commissioners Najera, Kebebew, Johnson, and Druley volunteered to be in the committee.

- 3. Steering Sub-committee membership: ITEM TABLED
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Future leadership/officers of the JJDPC: Commissioners discussed the upcoming officer elections and encouraged newer members to run for officer positions.

2. New Commissioners and onboarding: Commissioners discussed ways to recruit and retain Commissioners, particularly, Youth At-Large Commissioners.

- VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES: None.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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For questions regarding the meeting process, please contact Gerardo Leon, staff for the JJDPC, at 831-454-3105 or <u>PRB1150@santacruzcounty.us</u>

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
- II. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2023
- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Any member of the public will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each to address the Commission on any item listed on today's Agenda and/or any other topic within the scope of the responsibility of the Commission. If the issue or matter is not listed on today's agenda, Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public comment, but may follow up later, either individually or at a subsequent meeting.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file)
- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION and JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File)
  1. Grievances & Incidents reports
- VI. GUEST AGENCY: None
- VII. ACTION ITEMS:
  - 1. Review and Adopt JJDPC Mission
  - 2. Retreat planning and ad hoc committee
  - 3. Steering Sub-committee membership

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- VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS:
  - 1. Future leadership/officers of the JJDPC
  - 2. New Commissioners and onboarding
- IX. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES: <u>Steering/Outreach:</u> Kelly – Chair, Brook, Druley, Brody, Rice <u>Juvenile Hall Inspection:</u> Druley – Chair, Kebebew, Kelly, Rice, Najera <u>SB190/SB823:</u> Brook – Chair, Gonzales, Reyes, Sandra Romero <u>Delinquency Prevention:</u> Kebebew – Chair, Brody, Rodrigues <u>By-Laws:</u> Rice – Chair, Druley, Brody
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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#### JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, December 14, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting Probation Offices 303 Water St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Santa Cruz, CA 95060

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m.

Present: David Brody, Ben Rice, Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, Deutron Kebebew, Elaine Johnson, Jasmine Najera, Maria Rodriguez, Reyna Ruiz

Absent: Elias Gonzales (excused)

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan

Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation: Sara Berman, Valerie Thompson

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Kebebew moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda and Minutes from November 2, 2023); Commissioner Rodriguez seconded.

#### Motion Passed

Aye: Brody, Rice, Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Johnson, Najera, Rice, Ruiz No: None Abstention: None

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Sierra Thompson, Paralegal at the Public Defender's Office, and Ariadna Renteria Torres, Investigator at the Public Defender's Office, introduced themselves and shared a bit of their backgrounds. They have applied to become commissioners for the JJDPC.

A Proclamation for Commissioner Rice was present by Sandy Brown, Analyst for Supervisor Justin Cummings. Commissioner Rice is resigning from the JJDPC on December 31, 2023, after serving on the Commission for 11 years.

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- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Vice-Chair Brook announced that there are two new regional representatives for the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR), Hilary and Anaya. Hilary will be joining the SB823 Sub-committee.
- V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File):
  1. Grievances & Incidents reports

9 young people at Juvenile Hall (JH); all males. Two young people in room confinements for 10 mins. No young people on separate programs. There were two grievances for the month of November.

One grievance involved two young people from opposite units who had court together and had an altercation – hostile tone, mad dogged, words exchanged. The incident was brought up in court and the young person was concerned it may affect his case.

The second "grievance" was not an actual grievance. A young person filled out a grievance as a joke for one of the JH Staff. She stated that she realized she is a potato, her pronouns are tater/tot, and she requested a potato sack to live in. JH Staff explained that the Grievance is an official court document, and even though it was a joke, it will be filed.

Two new programs are coming to JH early next year. The Health Services Agency (HSA) is bringing in Safety First which is a once a week curriculum relevant to young people using, at risk, or living in environments where there is drug use. The Walnut Ave Center Women's Center will offer Safe Dates. The program teaches about safety while on dates, healthy relationships, and physical, mental, and sexual abuse in relationships.

#### VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discuss and adopt 2024 activities: Retreat, Community Summit, Opportunities for Commissioner Relationship Building

Vice-Chair Brook moved to hold the JJDPC Retreat on March 23, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., cancel the March 14, 2023, regular meeting, as a Commission explore opportunities for relationship building, and as a Commission to support a summit or like activity supporting ideas earlier supported regarding Step Down facilities; Commissioner Brody seconded.

#### Motion Passed

Aye: Brody, Rice, Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Johnson, Najera, Rice, Ruiz No: None Abstention: None

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#### VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Final draft of JH Inspection Report and Probation Response (2 ATTACHMENTS) Board of Supervisors approved and filed JH Inspection Report at the December 12, 2023, Meeting.
- Format of Commission Meetings: Guest Speakers and Subcommittee Focus Discussed moving the Sub-Committee updates earlier in the agenda. Shared ideas regarding the format of future meetings. Assistant Chief Valerie Thompson will provide a training on Results Based Facilitation (RBF) as the guest speaker at the January JJDPC meeting.
- 3. Commission Officer Elections in April Commissioners encouraged each other to run for officer positions and to further discuss the roles of each officer.

#### VIII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- 1. <u>Steering/Outreach:</u> Brook Chair, Druley, Brody, Rice
- 2. Juvenile Hall Inspection: Druley Chair, Kebebew, Rice, Najera
- 3. <u>SB190/SB823:</u> Brook Chair, Gonzales, Ruiz
- 4. Delinquency Prevention: Kebebew Chair, Brody
- 5. <u>By-Laws:</u> Rice Chair, Druley, Brody
- IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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There was one firearm related booking in December: a 16-year-old Latino boy from Watsonville.

Youth on Probation by area of residence:

Count	ount Zip Code			
1	76208 Total			
1	92010 Total			
1	93630 Total			
1	93905 Total			
1	93907 Total			
1	94531 Total			
1	94565 Total			
5	95003 Total			
3	95005 Total			
5	95006 Total			
4	95010 Total			
1	95012 Total			
4	95018 Total			
3	95019 Total			
1	95023 Total			
12	95060 Total			
10	95062 Total			
3	95065 Total			
1	95066 Total			
65	95076 Total			
2	95126 Total			
1	95212 Total			
1	95682 Total			
1	95688 Total			
1	98387 Total			
130	Grand Total			

#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JUVENILE HALL

STATISTICS FOR PERIOD: December 2023

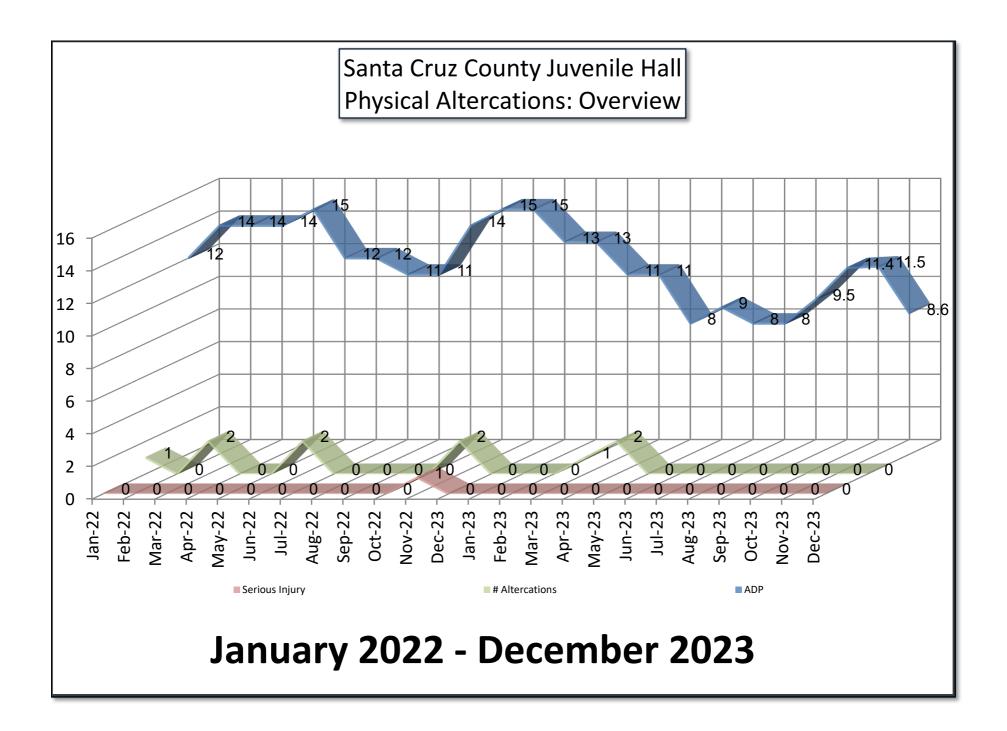
JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) <sup>1</sup>	8.4	0.2	8.6
Population in-custody at start of time period	13	0	13
Admitted during time period	17	5	22
Released during time period	21	5	26
Population in-custody at end of time period <sup>1</sup>	7	0	7
Average daily attendance	8.3	0.3	8.6
Average length of stay	8.7	2.8	7.5
Average length of stay without STYF youth	8.7	2.8	7.5
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	1.0	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 977	1 - 7	1 - 977
Range of age	13 - 19	13 - 17	13 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	17	5	22
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	0	0	0
Percentage from out-of-county	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total child care days	275	14	289
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total child care days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): December 2023	182	40	222
Total intake to date (prior year): December 2022	142	49	191

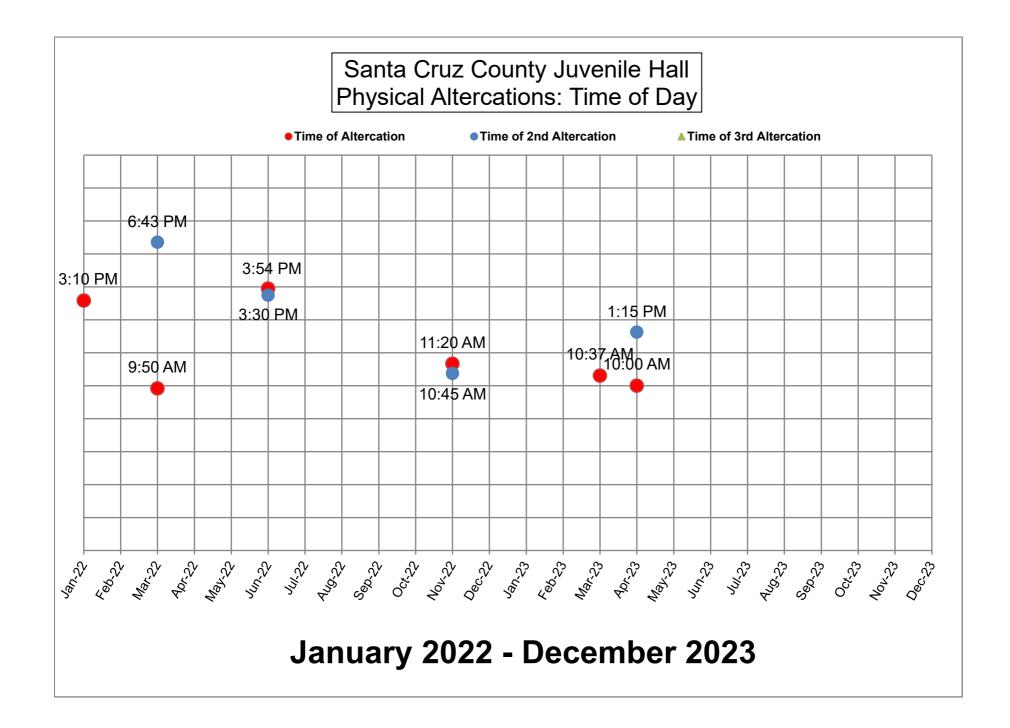
ETHNICITY - Overall Juv. Hall Population	POP. #	POP. %	AVG RAI <sup>2</sup>	AVG LOS <sup>3</sup>
Caucasian	10	30.3%	8.3	4.0
Latino	22	66.7%	7.9	9.1
African American	1	3.0%	17.0	4.0
Asian	0	0.0%	-	-
Other	0	0.0%	-	-
tota	n/ 33	100.0%		

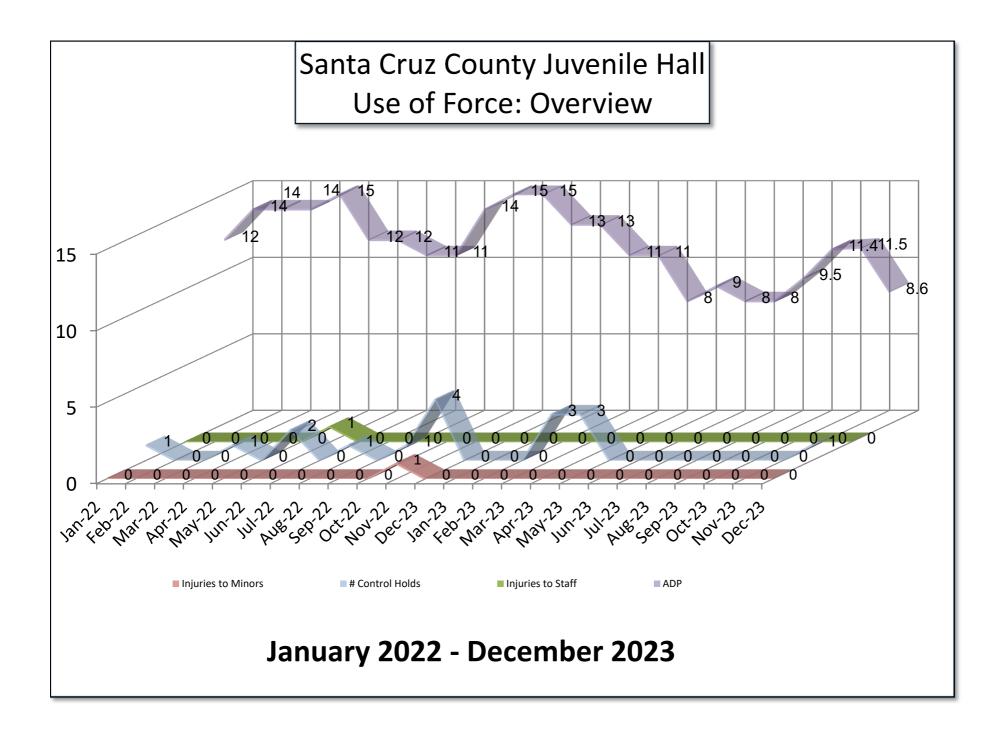
						OVERALL JH POP
		TOTAL				
		DAYS for				
		released	INTAKES	INTAKES	INTAKES	
ETHNICITY - Intakes only		intakes	(number)	(percent)	<u>AVG RAI<sup>2</sup></u>	AVG LENGTH OF STAY
Latino girls		6	3	13.6%	3.7	2.0
Latino boys		30	9	40.9%	5.5	10.5
Anglo girls		8	2	9.1%	3.5	4.0
Anglo boys		20	7	31.8%	9.3	4.0
African Am. girls		-	0	0.0%	-	-
African Am. boys		4	1	4.5%	17.0	4.0
Asian girls		-	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian boys		-	0	0.0%	-	-
Other		-	0	0.0%	-	-
	total	68	22	100.0%		

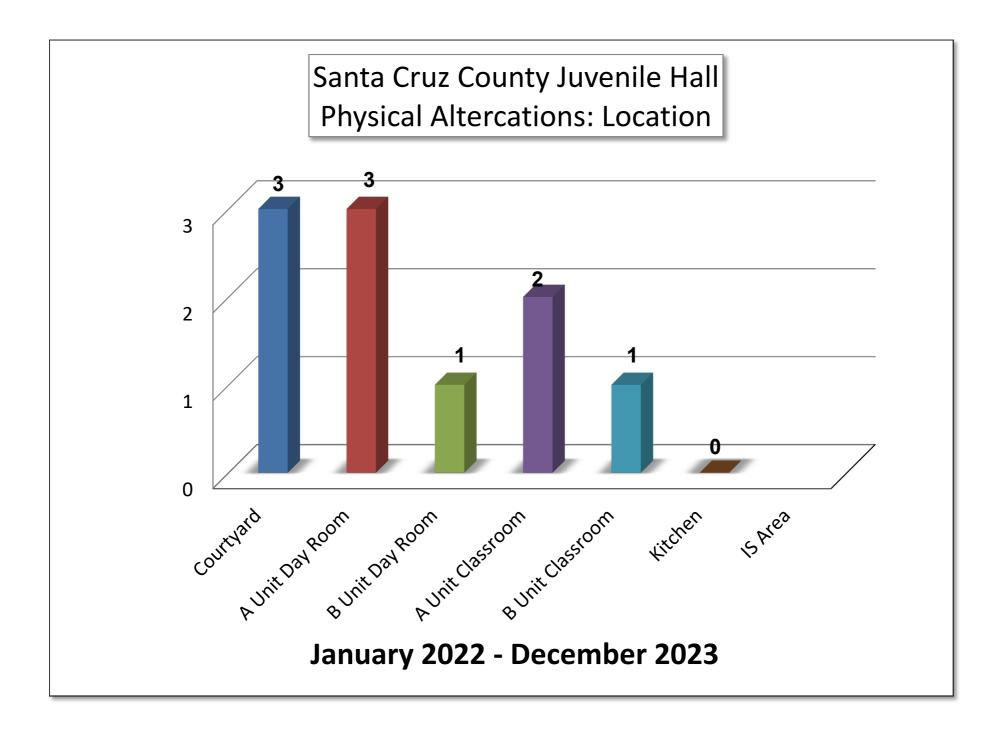
<sup>1</sup> 6 am count on last day of month. <sup>2</sup> Risk Assessment Instrument Score

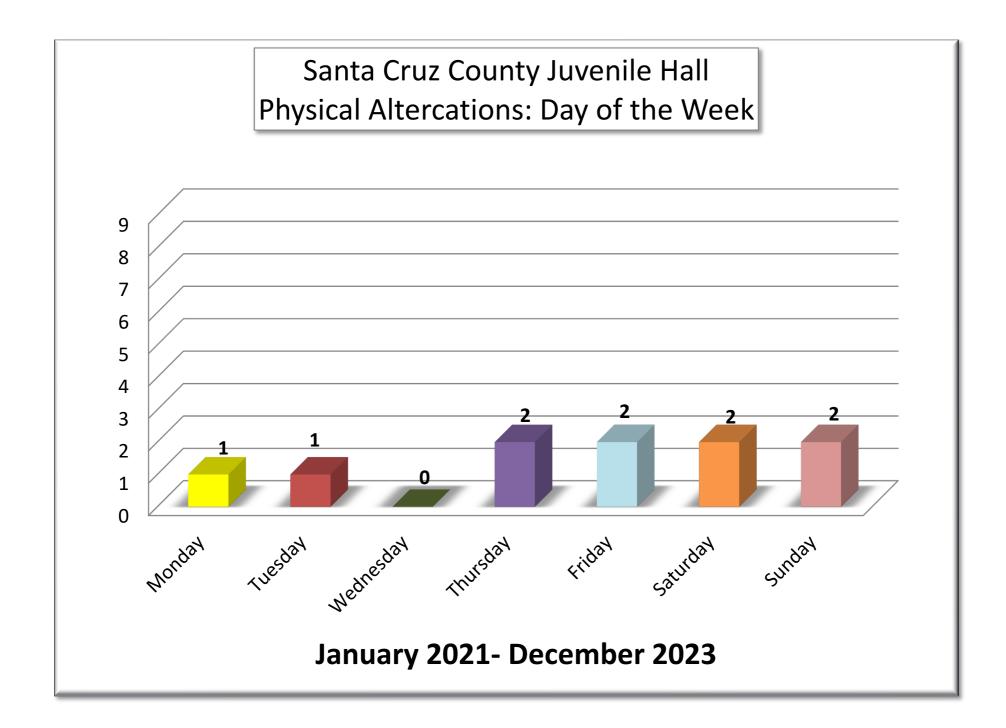
<sup>3</sup> Length of Stay for youth released



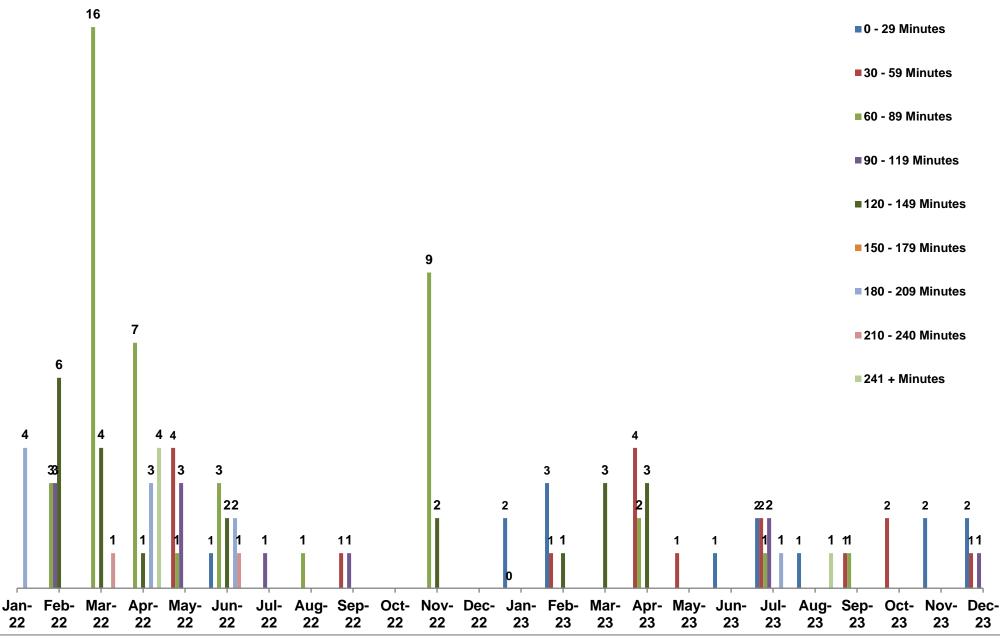


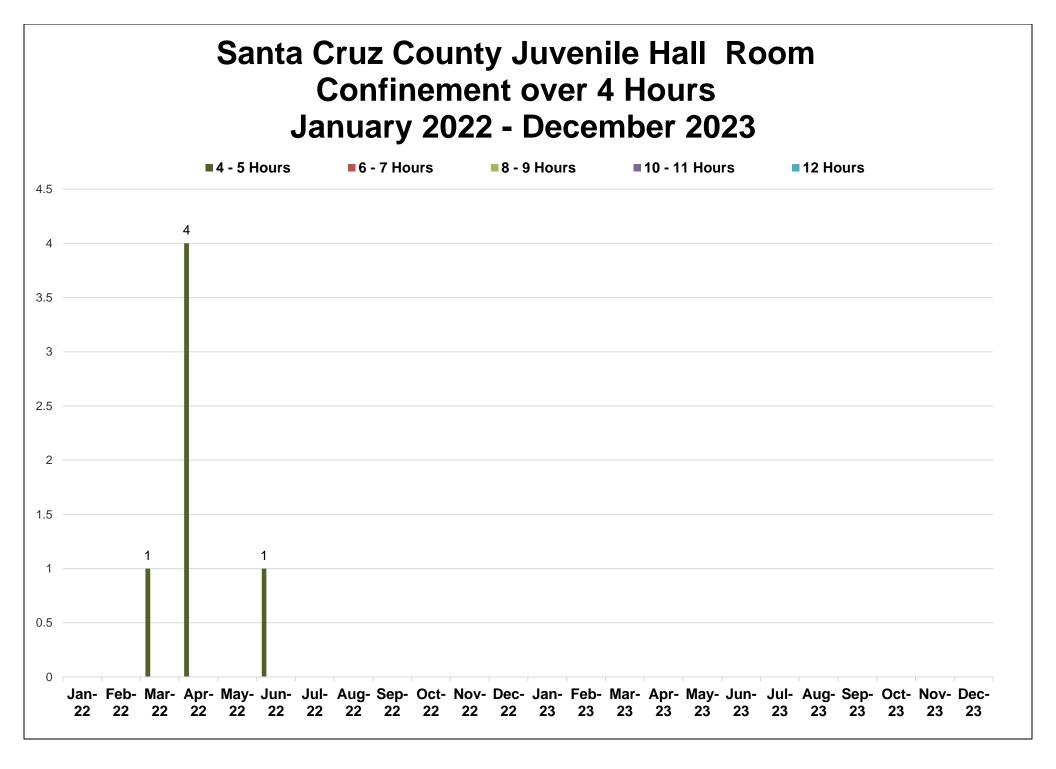


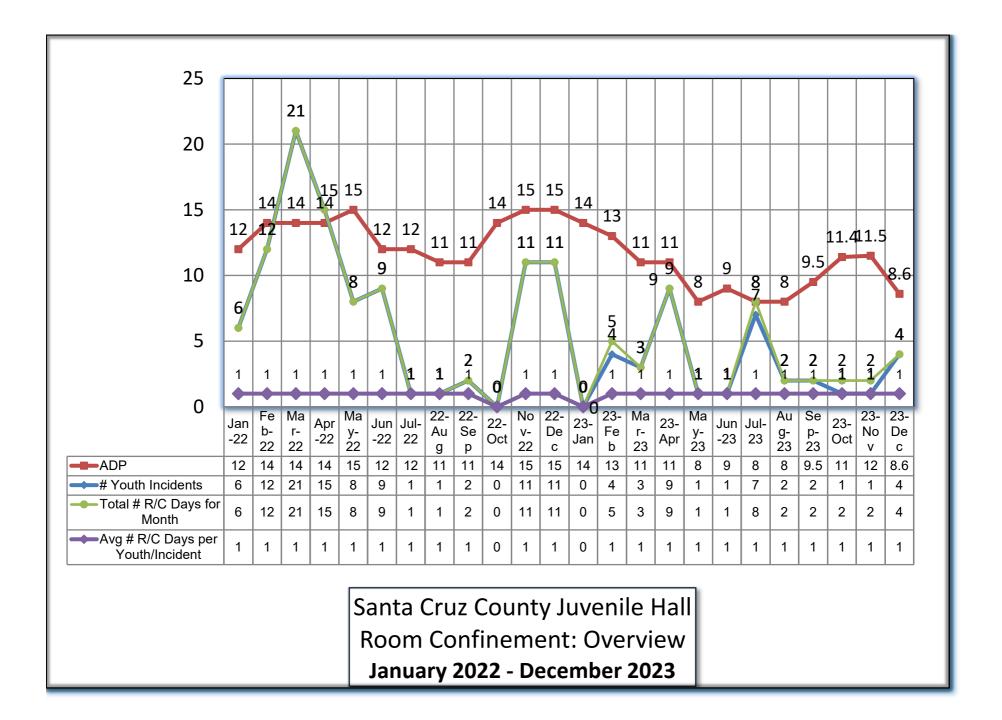


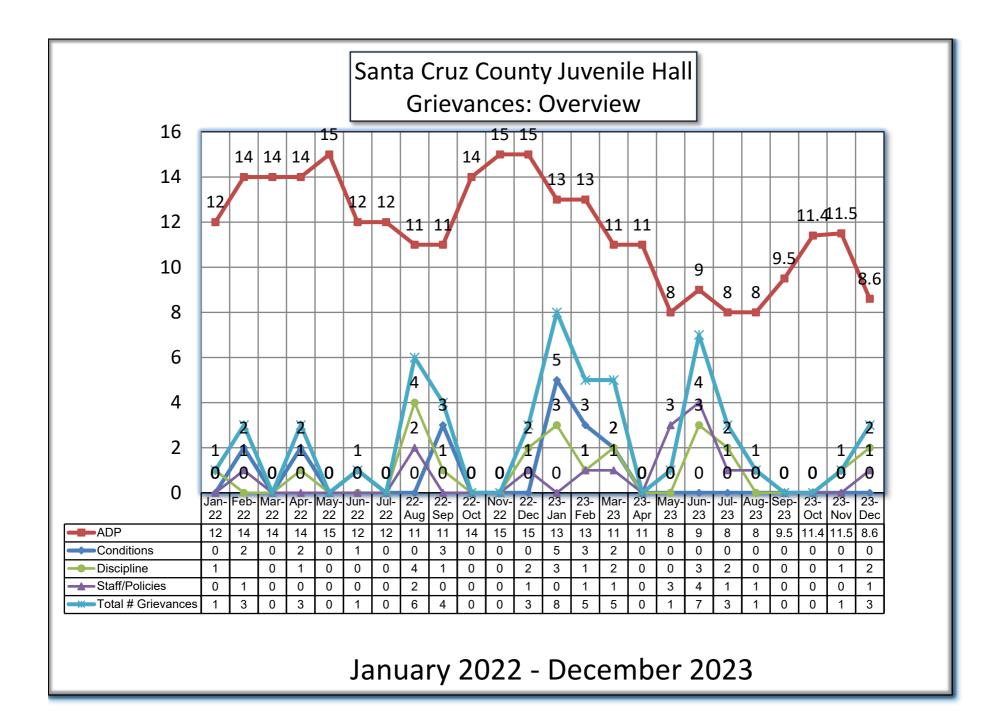


### Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement by Minute January 2022 - December 2023











### When is lunch worth \$100?

When it supports the CASA Children's Fund, created to enable CASA Advocates to purchase special or even essential items to enhance a child's life.

In 2023, we provided children and their families with both essential and special items as they heal and grow.

We helped purchase enrichment activities for the kids, such as music lessons, summer camps, sports team fees, theater classes, surf boards, bicycles, soccer cleats, and swimming lessons, so they could exercise and socialize with their peers.

We purchased school supplies and tutoring to help the youth we serve succeed in their education. We purchased new clothes, haircuts, and manicures, supporting a child's self-confidence.

We helped our older youth with car repairs, gas cards, driving lessons, clothes for job interviews, uniforms, and supplies for trade school as they develop into independent adults.

This year, more than any other year, we supplied essentials such as food, clothing, and dental care to our youth and families, in hopes of helping them stabilize and thrive.

Thank you for supporting our community's most vulnerable youth.



The Friends of CASA invite you and your friends to join us

### For the Love of Children Luncheon

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

11:30AM to 1:00PM Seascape Golf Club 610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

Learn more about CASA of Santa Cruz County and the CASA Children's Fund while enjoying a plated lunch.

Enjoy one of the following:

#### Southwest Veggie Salad

Mixed Greens, Corn, Black Beans, Tomatoes, Red Onions, Topped with Grilled Chicken, Tortilla Strips, and Ranch Dressing

#### **Chicken Castroville**

Breast of Chicken in a Cream Sauce with Artichoke Hearts, served with Rice Pilaf, and Fresh Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables

#### **Grilled Salmon Salad**

Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Mushrooms Red Onions, and Cucumbers Topped with Grilled Salmon, and Raspberry Vinaigrette

If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to this very important fund.



Reservation deadline is January 24, or when tickets are sold out. Please return the response card or reserve/make a donation online at www.casaofsantacruz.org/fortheloveofchildren or contact Magi Diego magi@casaofsantacruz.org 831-761-2956 x106