



Eighth Special Master Report (Filed Feb. 17, 2009)

Area	Compliance	Source	Page
EDUCATION			
Education Policy	Substantial	"DJJ's education policies are fully adequate and up-to-date as of the end of the 2007-2008 school year."	2
Substitute Teachers	Partial	"DJJ now employs a sufficient number and type of substitute teachers at five of seven facilities."	3
Teacher Recruitment Program	Partial	"DJJ has established a teacher recruitment program and filled some vacant school psychologist positions."	3
Reviews	Partial	"Three schools made progress towards semi-annual reviews of high school graduation plans...at three facilities, site-based administrators consistently conduct quarterly teacher observations."	3
Training and Technical Assistance	Substantial	"Central office staff provided training and technical assistance to sites that need to provide educational services to restricted housing units."	3
Records	Substantial	"School sites have significantly improved their records of enrolling newly arriving students within four days and requesting their school records."	3
Special Education Staff Training	Yes	"Central office personnel have made exceptional efforts to provide special education training statewide and to maintain training records."	3
Exit Exam	Yes	"There has been progress in ensuring that eligible students are granted waivers from the California high school exit exam and in providing remedial services to students who fail any part of the exam."	4
School Attendance	Non	"The experts are not satisfied, however, with DJJ's progress to date in ensuring school attendance."	4
School Enrollment	Substantial	"Student enrollment in vocational classes continues to be very low."	6
Instructional Programs in Restricted Settings	Non	"Instructional programs for both regular and special education students in restricted settings continue to be inadequate. Segregated students are not offered access to full school day programming."	6
Special Education Services	Non	"... DJJ needs to improve the continuity of special education services as students enter DJJ and move between facilities."	7
ACCESS FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES			
Disabilities Remedial Plan	Substantial	"DJJ has maintained the level of compliance with the disabilities remedial plan that was documented last year..."	8
Staffing	Substantial	"the coordinators remain a consistent force for implementation of the [WDP-Wards with Disabilities Program]. Four facility-level WDP coordinators now have two or three years of experience, with concomitant gains in knowledge and effectiveness."	8-9
Staff Training in Disability Awareness	Partial	"The training content is reasonably appropriate, though the disability expert still sees a need for DJJ to consult outside experts and consider their recommendations to improve the training..."	9
Physical Facilities	Substantial	"DJJ continues to progress ahead of schedule in modifying its buildings to improve accessibility."	9
Policy and Procedures	Non	"...Facility medical, psychiatric, and education staff are not sufficiently guided by policies and procedures or other central direction..."	11
Accommodation	Partial	"Accommodations sometimes are delayed or not provided due to failure of other departments and staff to collaborate with WDP staff."	11

Screening and Assessment	Partial	"DJJ sometimes is slow to identify disabilities issues as they are presented and thus slow to consult the disabilities expert and/or DJJ WDP staff on issues of particular importance to youth with disabilities."	11
Interdisciplinary Group	Non	"DJJ has failed to convene an interdisciplinary group to study the need for a residential program for youth with developmental disabilities."	12
SEXUAL BEHAVIOR TREATMENT			
Standardized Treatment	Non	"Individual facilities and staff members currently apply varied and uncoordinated approaches to treatment."	13
Sexual Behavior Treatment Program (SBTP)	-	"However, beyond the institution of the healthy living curriculum, which is a relatively small segment of the overall treatment program, DJJ has not made significant progress toward the development of a standardized sexual behavior treatment program."	14
Physical Facilities and Resources	Partial	"Inadequate program space also continues to be a problem for youth in the SBTP in some facilities."	14
Program Implementation	Non	"Often, groups do not meet at fixed times and youth do not receive the required number of treatment hours each week."	14
Multi-disciplinary Reviews	Substantial	"Each facility's multi-disciplinary team conducts client treatment reviews each quarter."	15
SBTP Program Coordinator	Substantial	"DJJ clarified that the sexual behavior treatment program is a part of mental health services and that its coordinator reports to the top manager of DJJ mental health services."	16
Staff Supervision	Non	"At the facility level, no sexual behavior treatment program manager has the authority to direct both the clinical and non-clinical sexual behavior treatment staff."	17
Healthy Living Curriculum	Substantial	"DJJ's only SBTP curriculum is the healthy living curriculum..."	18
Policies and Procedures Program Manual	-	"A table of contents for the SBTP description and policies and procedures has been approved... but the content of the policies, procedures, and program description largely remains to be developed."	19
Staff Training	Non	"...the SBTP coordinator arranged for two on-line training courses... as of the end of 2008, however, none of the task force members had completed the trainings."	19
Sexual Behavior Treatment Consent	Non	"DJJ still lacks sufficient informed consent and confidentiality policies and procedures, which means that youth continue to receive sexual behavior treatment without meaningfully consenting to it and without fully understanding the potential legal repercussions of their disclosures during treatment."	20
Sexual Behavior Record Keeping	Non	"Through fiscal year 2007-2008, inconsistent, duplicative, and incomplete treatment-related record keeping continued to be a problem."	21
Screening & Assessment Tools	Non	"DJJ has not developed and implemented a standardized, evidence-based screening and assessment protocol."	22
Staff Qualifications	-	"DJJ and the union representing counseling staff have agreed at least temporarily to allow management more flexibility in making assignments to individual living/treatment units, which may result in more appropriate staff assignments to the SBTP."	23