

# AGENDA

## REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE



Thursday, September 2, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
Training Room 5  
1001 S. Grand Ave.  
Santa Ana, California

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## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: (Items 1 - 4)

*At this time, members of the public may ask the Subcommittee to be heard on the following items as those items are called.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Discussion of services and programs provided by member entities
3. Discussion of Subcommittee member group reports
4. Discussion and review of Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council SB 823 Subcommittee draft plan

## PUBLIC & SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS:

*At this time members of the public may address the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council SB 823 Subcommittee on any matter not on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee or Chair may limit the length of time each individual may have to address the Subcommittee.*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

## SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS:

## ADJOURNMENT

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Regular Meeting, 2:00 P.M.



COUNTY OF ORANGE  
JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT  
SENATE BILL (SB) 823  
ANNUAL PLAN

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## Introduction:

Senate Bill (SB) 823, also known as Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration, was chaptered on September 30, 2020. Amongst a number of statutory changes, Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 1990) was added to Division 2.5 of the Welfare & Institutions Code to establish a block grant program for the purpose of providing county based custody, care, and supervision of youth who were eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure. Additionally, Section 1995 set forth the guidelines for counties interested in becoming eligible for block grant funding.

As a result of SB 823, the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (OCJJCC), during its regularly scheduled meeting on February 25, 2021, approved changes to its bylaws to include the creation of the OCJJCC's SB 823 Subcommittee. Nominations for the new subcommittee were entertained by the OCJJCC Chair. Ultimately, the OCJJCC unanimously approved the following individuals to be part of its new SB 823 Subcommittee:

Steven J. Sentman (Chair) – Orange County Probation Department  
Kimberly Doyle – Orange County District Attorney  
Laura Jose – Offices of the Orange County Public Defender  
Ken Santini – Orange County Social Services Agency  
Dawn Smith – Orange County Health Care Agency  
Lynn Garrett – Orange County Department of Education  
Presiding Judge Joanne Motoike – Orange County Juvenile Court  
Community Members – Raymond Sanchez, Meghan Medlin, Steve Kim, and Nazly Restrepo

The new SB 823 subcommittee held its first public meeting on April 29, 2021. During a subsequent special meeting on May 17, 2021, the group voted to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month beginning June 3, 2021. This meeting schedule allowed subcommittee members enough time to perform the needed analyses, engage the public, and develop its local plan. The group presented its draft SB 823 plan during the regularly scheduled meeting of the OCJJCC on Thursday, October 21, 2021. The following plan is the culmination of the collective discussions and partnership between the juvenile court, community, and system stakeholders.

SB 823 Subcommittee Composition

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### Target Population

The County of Orange has not historically relied upon state system support to provide housing, in custody programming, or supervision of its youthful offenders. As a result, the Probation Department compiled a list of active youthful/young adult offenders that committed 707(b) related offenses for the purposes of establishing a profile of Orange County's SB 823 population. This group of youthful/young adult offenders included those individuals ordered to serve commitments with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and those individuals that remained adjudicated wards under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Juvenile Court as of June 2021. In total, 51 individuals were identified.

Within this cohort, a number of traits emerged that would greatly assist the SB 823 subcommittee with developing its local plan. To begin, 94% of those profiled identified themselves as male. In addition, 80% of the entire group indicated they were Hispanic. Finally, 85% of the individuals were between the ages of 18 and 22 while another 10% were 23 years of age or older.

In addition to demographic data, the subcommittee considered the criminogenic makeup of this offender population. It was determined that 41% of the group had drug/chemical abuse as a risk (to recidivate) factor. In addition, 77% of the group either identified as active gang members or gang member affiliates. Also, it was noted that, 67% of the group had a lack of parental control/influence as a risk factor. With the above in mind, it came as no surprise that 88% of the group were identified as HIGH risk to recidivate.

Coupling demographic data together with criminogenic factors, the SB 823 subcommittee determined Orange County's local plan would need to focus service delivery on the needs of older male youth. Given the fact that (due to the severity of offenses committed) the majority of youth served custodial commitments between 2 to 2.5 years, in reach and re-entry types of services (provided through community partnerships) would need to be at the core of Orange County's planning efforts.

### Programs and Services

In addition to having access to existing services, Orange County's Secure Track youth will be afforded the support services necessary to allow for a more seamless transition back into the community following a successful completion of a court-ordered custodial commitment. Soon after a youth's case is disposed of and s/he is accepted/ordered into Secure Track, an assessment of the youth's risk to recidivate and needs to reduce the likelihood of reoffending will be completed. Based on that assessment, a case plan, including the establishment of short term and long-term goals towards re-entry, will be developed between the youth, the youth's assigned case manager and other key system partners. Case plan goals may include, but not be limited to, attaining high school education or equivalent, participating in programming (i.e., college or trade school courses) to improve job readiness, and preparing for independent living.

While serving out the court-ordered commitment, a regularly scheduled review of the case plan will occur between the youth, his/her parents/guardians, assigned case manager, and other system/community partners. The youth's educational milestones/goals will be reviewed as well as all other re-entry goals (e.g., participation in court-ordered treatment, job readiness classes/training). Additionally, Secure Track youth will have access to mental health professionals to address any challenges that may hinder successful re-integration back into the community. Finally, the juvenile court will be provided progress review reports indicating the youth's development while in custody along with the youth's readiness for re-entry.

As the youth's commitment comes to a close, a re-entry conference will be scheduled prior to release. At this case conference, the youth, the youth's parents, the youth's assigned case manager, assigned deputy probation officer and other system/community partners will review the youth's case plan progress. Additionally, transition planning (e.g., a review of parent/guardian readiness to receive youth back home or short-term housing options) will be discussed. Upon release, the youth and assigned deputy probation officer work towards completing final case plan goals until juvenile court jurisdiction terminates, or youth completes supervision satisfactorily whichever comes first.

### Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds

The County of Orange plans on using Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds to provide services/support to Secure Track youth both in and out of custody. In addition to setting aside monies to offset the costs of care and maintenance of youth serving custodial commitments, the County will also invest in those in custody services that have been proven successful in stabilizing youth and preparing them for life post custody. The Probation Department has established a long collaborative history with the Orange County Health Care Agency and Orange County Department of Education to ensure the behavioral/mental health well being as well as the educational progress of all youth serving custodial commitments are addressed.

Juvenile Justice Realignment funds will be used to leverage Probation's existing collaborative relationships for all Secure Track youth. Secure Track youth will have access to mental health professionals that can assist with crises experienced while in custody, including managing trauma. In addition, educational assessments will be administered to determine what educational support/training best meets the needs of Orange County's Secure Track youth. Realignment funds will be used to offset the costs of any educational assessment and/or classes/training needed to assist Secure Track youth with a more successful transition back into the community.

In addition to individual training, Secure Track youth will need access to temporary and long-term housing options. While there currently exists (through the Orange County Social Services Agency) housing options for current/former dependents/youthful offenders, realignment funds will also be used to ensure older Secure Track youth have access to independent living housing opportunities. For the County's younger Secure Track youth, including older youth returning home to their parents, the County will invest realignment funds to support local community groups that have strengthened parent/child relationships through their proven methods.



## Facility Plan

The County of Orange (through its probation department) operates one secure juvenile detention facility, Orange County Juvenile Hall (JH), and two juvenile camp facilities, Orange County's Youth Guidance Center (YGC) and Youth Leadership Academy (YLA). The Orange County Probation Department (Probation) employs a staffing pattern at each of the juvenile facilities that exceeds state/federal recommended minimum staff to youth ratios. In addition, Probation leverages its existing partnership with the Orange County Department of Education as well as the Orange County Health Care Agency to ensure all detain youths' educational, and behavioral/mental health needs are met. Finally, all sworn Probation staff are familiar/trained in corrections supervision strategies that have been proven effective including, but not limited to, trauma-informed interactions, cognitive behavioral strategies that influence behavior, and incentive-based interventions to name a few. The environment within Probation's facilities strikes the necessary balance between maintaining safe/secure juvenile facility operations while providing resources necessary to address the rehabilitative needs of all detained youth.

With the above in mind, Secure Track youth will be housed/supported in any unit at JH. The youth's prevailing needs will determine where in JH that youth may be placed. In addition to the above-described staffing/partnership structure, JH currently has specialized housing, programs and considerations based on youth gender identity, age, mental health needs, offense type and severity of the offense. Rather than assigning a youth to a "specific" Secure Track unit, Secure Track services/programs will follow the youth wherever s/he is housed w/in JH. This strategy will allow Probation the flexibility to house older male Secure Track youth together, while other Secure Track youth, including female and younger individuals may be housed in other areas of JH to better accommodate their specific needs and/or address the different stages of maturity, and program appropriateness.

As Secure Track youth progress through the JH facility program, they can be moved/housed within YGC, or YLA to continue their custodial commitment until they are released. Should the court order a Secure Track directly to YGC, or YLA, the committed youth will be integrated into the YGC/YLA populations, absent extenuating circumstances.

### Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

The County of Orange has long since recognized the power of incentive-based supervision in changing behavior amongst Probation's youthful clients. Probation has historically used monetary and non-monetary incentive strategies to encourage youth to participate with in-custody programming. For example, individual youth that achieved behavioral goals could achieve small monetary awards (e.g., small food items, gift cards for food), or temporary releases (from custody) to spend time with family or attend a special public outing/event. The same will hold true for Secure Track youth. While these youth will serve longer periods of custodial time, the plan will allow for monetary and non-monetary awards for achieving behavior goals as well as case plan milestones both in and out of custody.

### Regional Effort

While there does not currently exist a regional cooperative agreement between the County of Orange and neighboring jurisdictions, the County will invest in the statewide consortium that is currently being established. In the event the plan is unable to support a Secure Track youth, the County will leverage the consortium to provide services until an alternative arrangement (e.g., joint powers authority) is established.

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### Data

In addition to tracking “recidivism” related measurements such as number of arrests, sustained petitions and the like, Probation will also track the number of youth that satisfactorily complete supervision without a subsequent arrest/sustained petition. Most importantly, and based on the plan focus, the number of youths that become gainfully employed, or acquired and sustained permanent housing after a set period of time (e.g., 6-months following release from custody, 1-year following release from custody) will be tracked.

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