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Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	991	178	193	259	630	-361
<b>Program Entries</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>-348</b>
Program Participants	950	302	321	396	1,019	69

Demographics of Participants at time of Program Entry							
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference	
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total		
Gender	Male	532*	75	106	135	316	-216
	Female	246*	25	46	64	135	-111
	Transgender/Non-binary	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	342*	30	70	110	210	-132
	White	239*	29	40	46	115	-124
	Black	19	<12	<12	<12	12	-7
	Asian/Pacific Islander	32	<12	<12	<12	29	-3
	Other	71	32	15	30	77	6
Age	11 years old or younger	90	<12	13	23	**	**
	12-15 years-old	413*	46	76	110	232	-181
	16-17 years-old	221*	26	62	59	147	-74
	18 years-old	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12
	19 years-old	<12	0	<12	0	<12	<12
	20-25 years-old	<12	0	<12	<12	<12	<12

\*The total reported may be slightly higher because entries marked “less than 12” were not included in the calculations. This means that numbers below 12 have been omitted, potentially increasing the overall total when considered.

\*\* Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes

Please note: Tier 1 of the Truancy Response Program is not included in youth enrollment. It is detailed within the program achievements section for the Truancy Response Program.

## JJCPA Prevention/Early Intervention Program Exits with Youth Demographics

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	FY Difference
Exits	612*	156	87	202	445	-167
<b>Completions</b>	381*	111	55	138	304	-77
<b>Not Successful</b>	231*	45	32	64	141	-90
Partial Completion of Program	20*	**	**	**	51	31
No Progress	90*	**	**	**	33	-57
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	121*	**	**	**	57	-64

Demographics of Participants who Completed the Program							
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25					
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	FY Difference	
Gender	Male	227*	65	44	98	207	-20
	Female	153	**	<12	38	78	-75
	Transgender/non-binary	<12	<12	0	<12	<12	<12
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	174*	21	27	60	108	-66
	White	99*	32	13	36	81	-18
	Black	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12
	Asian/Pacific Islander	13	<12	0	12	**	**
	Other	<12	32	12	27	71	**

Demographics of Participants who did not Successfully Complete the Program							
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25					
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	FY Difference	
Gender	Male	133*	<12	<12	<12	<12	**
	Female	98*	<12	<12	<12	<12	**
	Transgender/non-binary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	117*	0	<12	<12	<12	**
	White	63*	0	<12	<12	<12	**
	Black	<12	0	0	0	0	<12
	Asian/Pacific Islander	<12	0	0	0	0	<12
	Other	<12	<12	12	<12	<12	<12

\*The total reported may be slightly higher due to "less than 12" entries not being included in the calculation. Numbers below 12 have been omitted, potentially increasing the overall total when considered.

\*\*Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes

Please note: Truancy Response Program did not report demographic data in Q1, Q2 and Q3 for those participants who did not successfully complete the program.

## JJCPA Year to Date Prevention/Early Intervention City of Residence at time of Program Entry (FY 2024-25)

	Q1	Q2	Q3		Q1	Q2	Q3
Aliso Viejo	<12	<12	<12	Newport Beach	0	0	0
Anaheim	<12	12	15	North Tustin	0	0	0
Anaheim Island	0	0	0	Olive	0	0	0
Big Canyon	0	0	0	Orange	0	0	<12
Brea	0	0	0	Orange Hills	0	0	0
Buena Park	0	0	<12	Orange Park Acres	0	0	0
Costa Mesa	0	<12	<12	Placentia	0	<12	<12
Country Club Island	0	0	0	Portola Hills	0	0	0
Coto de Caza	<12	<12	<12	Rancho Mission Viejo	0	<12	<12
Covenant Hills	0	0	0	Rancho Santa Margarita	<12	14	16
Cypress	0	<12	<12	Robinson Ranch	0	0	0
Dana Point	<12	<12	<12	Rossmoor	0	0	0
Dove Canyon	0	0	0	San Clemente	15	<12	<12
East Irvine	0	0	0	San Juan Capistrano	<12	<12	<12
El Modena	0	0	0	San Juan Hot Springs	0	<12	0
Emerald Bay	0	0	0	Santa Ana	<12	<12	23
Fountain Valley	0	0	<12	Santa Ana Heights	0	0	0
Fullerton	<12	<12	<12	Santiago Canyon	0	0	0
Garden Grove	<12	<12	<12	Seal Beach	0	0	<12
Huntington Beach	0	0	<12	Shady Canyon	0	0	0
Irvine	<12	0	<12	Silverado	<12	0	0
La Habra	0	0	0	Stanton	0	<12	<12
La Palma	0	0	0	Stonecliffe	0	0	0
Ladera Ranch	<12	13	<12	Tonner Canyon	0	0	0
Las Flores	0	<12	0	Trabuco Highlands	0	0	<12
Laguna Beach	0	<12	0	Tustin	0	<12	<12
Laguna Hills	<12	<12	<12	Tustin Foothills	0	0	0
Laguna Niguel	<12	<12	<12	Villa Park	<12	0	0
Laguna Woods	<12	<12	0	Wagon Wheel	0	0	0
Lake Forest	<12	16	<12	Westminster	0	<12	<12
Los Alamitos	0	0	<12	Yorba Linda	<12	<12	0
Midway City	0	0	0	Out of County	0	0	<12
Mission Viejo	14	24	21	Out of State	0	0	0
Modjeska Canyon	0	0	0				

Please note: 1) Truancy Response Program did not report geographical information for Q1. 2) For program participants who are incarcerated, city of residence reflects last city of residence prior to incarceration.

## Prevention/Early Intervention Program Details & Achievements

### School Mobile Assessment & Resource Team

#### Program Goal

The School Mobile Assessment and Resource Team (SMART) is a program aimed at preventing school-based violence and delinquency by working closely with families and youth. The primary goal of SMART is to prevent violence through education, awareness, and rapid response to potential threats.

#### Lead Agency and Partners

**Sheriff-Coroner Department (OCSD)** – Conducts K-12 threat assessments and criminal investigations primarily for OCSD contracted cities and areas and responds day or night to calls from school and community personnel reporting violence or threats of violence.

**District Attorney (OCDA)** – Reviews and vertically prosecutes SMART cases and advises SMART investigators on legal issues.

#### Program Staffing

	Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)	
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
	Actuals	Requested
Sheriff	6.20	6.20
OCDA	1.00	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>7.20</b>

#### Financial Input

	Funding Allocation			
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals
Sheriff	\$ 2,771,226	\$ 3,191,776	\$ 3,191,776	\$ 1,489,604
OCDA	285,824	317,823	317,823	152,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,057,050</b>	<b>\$ 3,509,599</b>	<b>\$ 3,509,599</b>	<b>\$ 1,642,380</b>

## Objective & Program Details

Established to reduce crime and violence on or near school campuses, SMART collaborates with various partners including the District Attorney, Probation, OC Department of Education and the Health Care Agency (HCA). The team may also work closely with school districts, cultivating a direct relationship with district directors in order to discuss teaming and information gathering. This assists in addressing incidents involving violence, threats, weapons, unstable behaviors, and suicidal tendencies. The team responds to calls from school and community personnel at any time, conducting assessments and threat evaluations, and making referrals to law enforcement or other services as needed. SMART generally conducts one-time threat Comprehensive School Threat Assessment and sometimes manages cases requiring mental health or clinician involvement. An HCA clinician was assigned to the SMART team as an in-kind service as they were not being funded by funds from OCJJCC. In July of 2024, this was no longer the case as the clinician was re-assigned, leaving the position vacant. The overall approach of the SMART program is holistic, aiming to ensure safety and support youth progress.

## Program Achievements

### Program Output

Youth enrollment for this program is measured by youth assessments performed by the SMART team throughout the fiscal year. The SMART team has responded to school requests for threat assessments as displayed in the table below.

Youth Enrollment*						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	266	55	48	65	<b>168</b>	-98
Program Entries	266	55	48	65	<b>168</b>	-98
Program Participants**	266	55	48	65	<b>168</b>	-98

\*Youth Enrollment numbers represent the number of threat assessments conducted on youth

\*\*This row represents the number of youths assessed throughout the quarter for this program and may be duplicative as sometimes there is a need to assess the same youth, though repeat occurrences are generally rare.

## Truancy Response Program

### Program Goal

The Truancy Response Program (TRP) is a three-tier program designed to decrease the number of system-involved youth by returning students to the classroom, without formal court involvement, through early intervention and support.

### Lead Agency and Partners

**District Attorney (OCDA)** – The District Attorney’s Office coordinates the Truancy Response Program and educates parents and students about the importance of classroom engagement by attending DA Parent Meetings and School Attendance Review Board (SARB) hearings. Additionally, if students are unsuccessful in Tiers one and two, the Office reviews and files truancy petition requests that meet legal and TRP requirements. The District Attorney’s office also attends all TRP Staffing meetings to collaborate with various agencies and brainstorm solutions to improve attendance.

**Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) – Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG):** The BGCGG handles the truancy mediation at Tier 2 which seeks to prevent youth from entering the justice system (Tier 3) through various options relative to the specific needs of the student and their family, including the mandatory parent empowerment classes and Teen Group (for students 13 and older). In addition, BGCGG supports Tier 1 by attending the SARB panels and DA Meetings, when possible, and supports Tier 3 by continuing to provide support and resources to the students and families in truancy court. Refer to Appendix A.1 for additional information on the contract with Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove.

**Public Defender (PD)** – Represents student and/or family members who have been charged in violation of WIC Section 601(b) and/ or Education Code Section 48293. Attends all TRP Staffing meetings to collaborate with various agencies and brainstorm solutions to improve attendance.

### Program Staffing

	Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)	
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
	Actuals	Requested
OCDA	1.50	1.70
PD	0.03	0.25
<b>Total County</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.95</b>
BGCGG	5.95	5.95
<b>Total CBOs</b>	<b>5.95</b>	<b>5.95</b>

## Financial Input

	Funding Allocation			
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals
OCDE	\$ 47,536	\$ 40,670	\$ 40,670	\$ 23,476
BGCGG*	\$ 393,134	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 220,213
OCDA	320,349	411,212	411,212	159,355
PD	4,437	20,000	20,000	6,458
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 765,456</b>	<b>\$ 871,882</b>	<b>\$ 871,882</b>	<b>\$ 409,502</b>

\*Contracted services through OCDE

## Tier 1

### Objective & Program Details

Tier 1 aims to educate parents and students early about the importance of classroom engagement by attending DA Parent Meetings and SARB hearings. DA Parent Meetings are scheduled for most Orange County school districts, with an open invitation for other districts to participate (e.g., smaller districts), to inform families regarding:

- Truancy laws
- The direct relationship between school attendance and overall academic success; and
- The short-term and long-term effects of truancy on literacy, academic achievement, school discipline history, and increased risk of involvement with gangs, substance abuse and violence.

At SARBs, the program collaborates with the families, educators, administrators, and community resources, in order to encourage a connection between the families and appropriate school resources.

### Program Achievements

#### **Program Output**

Families attending DA Parent Meetings and SARB hearings tend to fluctuate across timeframes due to external factors and their circumstances. OCDA provides in-kind DA volunteers to attend SARB hearing and TRP DAs strive to replace DA volunteers in case of last-minute conflicts. Before inviting parents and students to a DA Parent Meeting, school districts implement a range of interventions aimed at addressing attendance issues. Additionally, certain legal requirements—

such as issuing truancy notification letters—must be fulfilled prior to convening a SARB (School Attendance Review Board). In the first quarter, low numbers are anticipated due to the start of the school year. However, an increase in cases is expected during the second and third quarters, as initial school-level interventions may not successfully improve attendance.

Involvement in Tier 1 Services						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Families Attending DA Parent Meetings	1,136	113	337	1,037	<b>1,487</b>	351
Families Attending School Attendance Review Board (SARB) Hearing	523	12	153	296	<b>461</b>	-62

## Tier 2

### Objective & Program Details

Tier 2 seeks to prevent youth from entering the justice system, or Tier 3, through various options relative to the specific needs of the student and their family. This tier offers a 5-series parent empowerment class, a focus on rebuilding relationships between students, families, and schools, and provides case management and community connections. Typically, Tier 2 involves 90 days of participation, though this can vary based on the specific needs of the youth and family.

### Program Achievements

#### **Program Output**

All youth that are referred to Tier 2 by the district are also referred into the Tier 2 program. However, if a student/ family chooses not to enroll in truancy mediation or the BGCGG is unable to make contact with the student/ family they will not be entered into the program.

Youth referred, program entries and program participants for Tier 2 tend to fluctuate across timeframes due to external factors and circumstances of each individual youth.

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	241	12	38	106	<b>156</b>	-85
Program Entries	181	<12	12	60	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>
Program Participants*	241	71	50	95	<b>216</b>	-25

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits	300	52	30	65	147	-153
Completions	119	<12	<12	<12	22	-97
Not Successful	181	**	**	55	125	-56
Partial	0	26	<12	<12	42	42
No Progress	82	<12	<12	**	29	-53
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	99	12	<12	**	54	-45
Avg. Stay (Days)		90	90			

\*Program participants carried over from the previous fiscal year.

\*\* Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes

## Tier 3

### Objective & Program Details

TRP’s Tier 3 goal is to stabilize school attendance to enhance future academic success and reduce risks like criminal behavior and substance abuse. It involves reviewing and filing 100% of truancy petition requests that meet legal and TRP requirements as well as attending all TRP Staffing meetings to collaborate with various agencies and brainstorm solutions to improve attendance. Tier 3 deals with the most complex cases, requiring significant time, services, and inter-agency collaboration.

### Program Achievements

#### Program Output

Petitions will not be filed unless they meet the legal requirements set forth in WIC §601 and all intervention efforts at Tiers 1 and 2 have been exhausted. Petitions that are not filed are sent back to the district with an explanation as to what would be needed in order for it to be filed in court.

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	81	27	18	<12	**	**
Program Entries	33	16	14	12	42	9
Program Participants*	33	50	66	65	181	148

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits	19	<12	<12	<12	18	-1
Completions	17	<12	<12	<12	17	0
Not Successful	<12	0	0	<12	<12	<12
Partial	<12	0	0	0	<12	<12
No Progress	0	0	0	<12	<12	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	0	0	0	0	0	0
Avg. Stay (Days)						

\*Program participants carried over from the previous fiscal year.

\*\* Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes

Please note: Tier 3 does not provide length of participation information as scheduling and court factors may delay the process by several months, leading to difficulty in tracking participant progress.

## Sheriff’s Prevention Program

### Program Goal

The primary goal of the Sheriff’s Prevention Program is to reduce the number of at-risk youths that progress further in the juvenile justice system through prompt assessment and linkage to appropriate services such as individual/family counseling, drug and alcohol prevention class, and parenting class.

### Lead Agency and Partners

**Sheriff-Coroner Department (OCSD)** – Provides oversight of the contract with Pepperdine University to operate the Pepperdine Resource Youth Diversion Education (PRYDE) Program.

**Pepperdine University** – The PRYDE program is a prevention, intervention, and counseling program available for at-risk youth and their families. In collaboration with the OCSD, the program provides services and resources that help youth and their families make positive changes in their lives, as well as prevent first time youth offenders from entering the juvenile justice system. PRYDE emphasizes education, family involvement, and community support to give youth tools and opportunities to accomplish their goals. This program is available in the following Orange County cities:

Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Stanton, Villa Park and Yorba Linda. Services are also available to those living or attending school in the unincorporated areas of Orange County.

### Program Staffing

OCSD contracts with Pepperdine University to operate the PRYDE Program. The contract funding does not fully fund the program services. Refer to Appendix A.2 for additional information on the contract with Pepperdine University.

### Financial Input

	Funding Allocation			
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals
Pepperdine*	\$ 394,939	\$ 431,150	\$ 431,150	\$ 99,519
Probation	48,135	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 443,074</b>	<b>\$ 431,150</b>	<b>\$ 431,150</b>	<b>\$ 99,519</b>

\*Contracted services through OCSD

## Objective & Program Details

### **Sheriff’s Prevention Program – PRYDE**

The Sheriff’s Prevention Program is a partnership between the OCSD and PRYDE. The individualized program emphasizes education, family involvement, and community support. Services begin with a comprehensive intake assessment, leading to an individualized program that may include counseling, legal education, substance abuse education, conflict resolution, and more. Youth are in the program for an average of five months. A high ratio of staff-to-youth ensures tailored support for each youth’s unique needs with a strong emphasis on mental health. Youth are referred to PRYDE through various avenues, including school districts, direct referrals from educators, parents and even self-referrals.

## Program Achievements

### **Program Output**

#### **Sheriff’s Prevention Program – PRYDE**

Program participants are in the program for an average of four to five months. Details of the youth served are provided in the table below.

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	FY Difference
Youth Referred	304	84	89	81	254	-50
Program Entries	252	50	80	64	194	-58
Program Participants	311	126	157	171	454	143

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				
	FY Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	FY Difference
Exits	292	45	51	64	160	-132
Completions	245	44	45	56	145	-100
Not Successful	47	<12	<12	<12	15	-32
Partial	**	<12	<12	<12	<12	**
No Progress	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	**	0	<12	<12	<12	**
Avg. Stay (Days)	145	126	129	128		

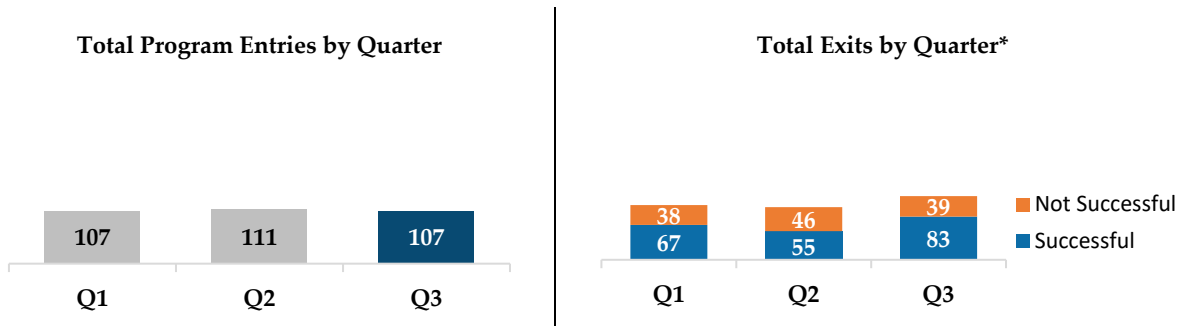
\*\*Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes

Please note: PRYDE overall enrollment numbers shown above may arise from sources outside the Orange County Sheriff’s Department.

## Intervention/Treatment Program Outputs & Participant Demographics

The following graphs represent the overall program participants and details of program participation for both Quarter 1, Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 for FY 2024-25.

### JJCPA Intervention/Treatment Unduplicated Entries and Exits by Quarter for FY 2024-25



\*The definition of program participant differs based on program. Program exits may not occur for all participants that entered programs within the quarter due to the length of the program.

Please note: Because HCA works with a sub-population of participants within these programs, HCA program participant enrollment and exiting information are not included in Q1, Q2 and Q3 totals. HCA participant information can be found within the relevant programs in the following pages.

The details for program outputs, participant demographics and city of residence are presented in tables within the following page. These tables provide an overview of program services provided to youth enrolling and exiting youth for all intervention/treatment programs. Participant demographics are presented for those enrolled in the program, and for those who successfully complete the program and those who did not successfully complete the program.

Per guidance from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and guidance of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR), the conservative suppression of counts less than 12 have been suppressed for intervention and treatment program details. For further details for suppression guidelines, links can be found in the Prevention/Early Intervention Program Outputs & Participant Demographics section of this report.

As with prevention and early intervention reporting, overall totals may include duplicated individuals based on services provided to those who re-enter a program during the fiscal year. Additionally, enrolled counts may not match exiting totals due to program length not aligning with fiscal year timeframes. City of residence is captured at time of enrollment.









## Objective & Program Details

Substance Use Programs provide intensive drug and alcohol use intervention for male and female youthful offenders who have custody commitments and a history of drug and/or alcohol use. Treatment is offered through YGC, where individualized treatment plans are geared towards a youth’s specific needs. Programs include Sobriety Through Education and Prevention (STEP) for female youth and Substance Abuse Education and Recognition Treatment (ASERT) for males.

HCA staff at the YGC provide co-occurring mental health treatment and substance use prevention to reduce mental health symptoms, increase coping skills and/or decrease substance use. An important component of these co-occurring services is to link youth to on-going community resources when they exit the YGC.

## Program Achievements

### Program Output

#### Probation

While youth are typically referred to YGC by a court order, youth can be referred by other means such as a DPO referral or a recommendation while in custody. Due to the varying referral pathways, it remains difficult to capture a true number of youths referred. While referral information is not captured, the Substance Use Program has remained consistent in program entries and participants compared to the previous year.

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	0	0	0	0	0	0
Program Entries	98	27	25	15	67	-31
Program Participants	117	40	49	41	130	13

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits	103	16	25	28	69	-34
Completions	41	<12	<12	15	32	-9
Not Successful	62	<12	**	13	37	-25
Partial	*	*	*	*	*	*
No Progress	15	<12	<12	<12	12	-3

Left Program for Unrelated Reason	47	<12	<12	<12	25	-22
Avg. Stay (Days)	110	123	111	116		

\*Probation does not track partial completion for this program. Success is gauged by the length of time in the program, requiring at least 72 days for females and 90 days for males. If participants remain in custody for less time, they are deemed unsuccessful and counted in the no progress or left program for reasons unrelated category.

\*\*Number was omitted for de-identification purposes

**HCA works with a sub-population of participants within this program.**

**Health Care Agency Output**

Oftentimes, youth are discharged prior to completion of treatment with HCA and therefore the majority of exit reasons were defined as unrelated to program in both Q1, Q2 and Q3. HCA defines successful completion as meeting treatment goals, transitioning to a lower level of care, no longer requiring services, or linkage to other community mental health or substance use providers.

Youth Enrollment for HCA Services in Substance Use Programming						
	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	74	<12	<12	<12	**	**
Program Entries	118	<12	<12	<12	**	**
Program Participants	103	48	43	39	130	27

Exiting Youth for HCA Services for those in Substance Use Programming						
	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits*	90	22	23	16	61	-29
Completions	59	0	0	0	0	-59
Not Successful	31	22	23	16	61	30
Partial	0	0	**	0	**	**
No Progress	0	0	**	0	**	**
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	31	22	**	16	**	**
Avg. Stay (Days)	169	N/A	N/A	N/A		

\*Completions were omitted from exit total for de-identification purposes

\*\*Number was omitted for de-identification purposes

Please note: Data for the final month of the latest quarter (Q3) may not be complete.

## Youth Reporting Centers

### Program Goal

The Youth Reporting Centers (YRCs) aim to minimize the reliance on secure detention by offering a well-structured, community-based alternative confinement option. Its goal is to encourage lawful and productive lifestyles among students and to link youth to on-going community resources when they exit the YRC.

### Lead Agency and Partners

**Probation** – Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' compliance and success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Board of Supervisors and collaborates between county partners and the OC Department of Education.

**Health Care Agency** – Provides services to youth with severe emotional disturbances and transitional-age youth with serious mental illness which includes case management, therapy, psychological testing, and medication support to children and adolescents, aiming to improve their skills for community functioning and manage the impact of disabilities.

### Program Staffing

	Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)	
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
	Actuals	Requested
<b>Probation</b>	13.9	23.8
<b>HCA</b>	7.0	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>31.8</b>

### Financial Input

	Funding Allocation			
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals
<b>Probation</b>	\$ 3,317,379	\$ 4,202,628	\$ 4,202,628	\$ 2,141,126
<b>HCA</b>	716,278	899,668	899,668	284,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,033,657</b>	<b>\$ 5,102,296</b>	<b>\$ 5,102,296</b>	<b>\$ 2,425,838</b>

## Objective & Program Details

Youth at the YRC attend a full academic program and participate in afternoon group counseling, individual counseling, and drug testing with an emphasis on obtaining and maintaining sobriety. On-site job coaches assist youth in seeking, obtaining, and maintaining employment and vocational training access.

Additionally, for those YRC youth serving a commitment, the Accountability Commitment Program which runs an average of 40 days in FY 2023-24, offers an alternative to traditional incarceration, allowing youth to complete custodial commitments while participating in educational and support services and being supervised via electronic monitoring.

HCA staff at the YRCs provide mental health and substance use services to reduce mental health symptoms, increase coping skills and/or decrease substance use. An important component of these time-limited services is to link youth to on-going community resources when they exit the YRC. Linking them to this on-going treatment supports their recovery.

## Program Achievements

### Program Output

#### Probation

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	318	53	67	69	189	-129
Program Entries	321	55	58	69	182	-139
Program Participants	363	89	79	86	254	-109

Youth Exits						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits	327	69	55	64	188	-139
Completions	222	48	30	41	119	-103
Not Successful	105	21	25	23	69	-36
Partial	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Progress	105*	21	**	**	63	-42
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	0	21	<12	<12	27	27
Avg. Stay (Days)	45	52	47	41		

\*This number was combined with the "Left Program for Unrelated Reason" total due to the value being less than 12

\*\*Number was omitted for de-identification purposes

## HCA works with a sub-population of participants within this program

### Health Care Agency Output

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	248	53	67	61	181	-67
Program Entries	309	55	58	63	176	-133
Program Participants	282	108	79	97	284	2

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits	267	87	49	59	195	-72
Completions	136	19	<12	14	**	**
Not Successful	131	68	**	45	**	**
Partial	0	0	**	0	**	**
No Progress	0	0	**	0	**	**
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	131	68	**	45	**	**
Avg. Stay (Days)	71	74	58	59		

\*\*Number was omitted for de-identification purposes

Please note: Data for the final month of the latest quarter (Q3) may not be complete.

HCA staff at the YRCs offer mental health and substance use services to all youth at the centers, aiming to alleviate mental health symptoms, enhance coping skills, and reduce substance use. A key aspect of these short-term services is connecting youth with ongoing community resources when they leave the YRC and therefore the definition for “Completions” and “Not Successful” may differ compared to Probation.

## Juvenile Recovery Court

### Program Goal

Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) is a court-based intervention program for youth with substance use issues who need specialized assistance and treatment services. The primary goals are to increase sobriety and reduce recidivism while reducing the reliance on incarceration.

### Lead Agency and Partners

**Probation** – Collaborates between county partners reporting to the Probation Officer for progress checks and monitors youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

**Health Care Agency (HCA) (Not funded by JJCPA)** – Provides various mental health services, including therapy, assessments, and medication support to children and adolescents, focusing on improving their community functioning and managing their disabilities.

**Public Defender (PD)** – Represents juveniles in the justice system who opt in to participate in this intensive supervision program and ensures that the juvenile’s needs are being met by collaborating with HCA, community partners, OCDA, Probation and the Juvenile Court to help the juvenile attain sobriety, stability, and support in the community and ultimately terminate wardship after successfully completing the program.

**District Attorney (OCDA)** – Manages caseloads and participates in the JRC.

**Waymakers** – Waymakers Collaborative Courts Full-Service Partnership (CCFSP) receives no funding from JJCPA but rather is funded by the Mental Health Services Act in collaboration with HCA. CCFSP provides culturally competent in-home and community-based services for youth ages 0-25 struggling with mental illness, truancy, and substance abuse issues.

### Program Staffing

	Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)	
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
	Actuals	Requested
<b>Probation</b>	1.2	4.0
<b>HCA</b>	1.3	0.0
<b>PD</b>	0.1	0.5
<b>OCDA</b>	0.4	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>

## Financial Input

	Funding Allocation			
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals
<b>Probation</b>	\$ 226,676	\$ 594,676	\$ 594,676	\$ 189,608
<b>HCA</b>	101,332	260,000	260,000	238,332
<b>PD</b>	26,594	75,000	75,000	12,626
<b>OCDA</b>	47,816	111,565	111,565	26,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 402,418</b>	<b>\$ 1,041,241</b>	<b>\$ 1,041,241</b>	<b>\$ 446,901</b>

## Objective & Program Details

JRC is a collaborative endeavor between the Juvenile Court, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office (and other defense counsel), Health Care Agency, and Waymakers. The JRC program uses a combination of substance use treatment; therapy (individual, group, and family); sanctions; and incentives to rehabilitate youth; empower their families; and prevent reoffending. Program length is dependent upon youth engagement with their services.

The role of the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) within the JRC collaboration is to monitor progress of the youth within the program, hold the youth accountable through incentives or informal sanctions as needed using an evidence-based approach, administer the drug testing regularly, and provide supervision of the youth in the community. Due to the rapport built with the youths, the DPO has a good understanding of the needs of the youths and can articulate them to the other collaborative partners to ensure the youth's needs are being met by having the right services in place.

HCA assigns a clinician to the JRC collaborative to coordinate all clinical services for youth during their time at JRC. This clinician attends all court sessions and provides updates on therapeutic services to the Court. The primary role of the HCA liaison is case management, ensuring youth are connected to community-based mental health and substance use treatment.

The Waymakers CCFSP offers in-home and community-based services for youth aged 0-25 facing mental illness, truancy, and substance abuse. The program provides comprehensive support through assessment, care planning, case management, and treatment interventions. CCFSP aims to empower youth and their families by promoting recovery, self-efficacy, and social competence across various life domains, ensuring safety and stability at home, school, work, and in the community.

## Program Achievements

### Program Output

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	26	<12	<12	<12	18	-8
Program Entries	17	<12	<12	<12	<12	**
Program Participants	29	17	19	18	54	25

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits	15	<12	<12	<12	<12	**
Completions	<12	<12	0	<12	<12	<12
Not Successful	<12	<12	<12	0	<12	<12
Partial	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Progress	<12	0	0	0	0	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	<12	<12	<12	0	<12	<12
Avg. Stay (Days)	279	347	N/A	410		

\*\*Number was omitted for de-identification purposes

## Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE)

### Program Goal

The goal of the Waymakers ARRIVE program is to provide restorative justice practices and intervention services that hold youth accountable for their behaviors while encouraging positive change.

### Lead Agency and Partners

**Probation** – Regular reporting and progress checks of youth at risk of reincarceration, attends pro-social activities and offers support for youth and family.

**Waymakers** – Waymakers provides comprehensive support for at-risk youth and their families to reduce recidivism and promote positive development. It offers administrative oversight, therapeutic interventions, and case management services. Refer to Appendix A.3 for additional information on the contract with Waymakers.

### Program Staffing

	Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)	
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
	Actuals	Requested
<b>Probation</b>	0.03	0.79
<b>Waymakers*</b>	3.50	3.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>4.29</b>

### Financial Input

	Funding Allocation			
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals
<b>Probation</b>	\$ 136,750	\$ 99,905	\$ 99,905	\$ 6,590
<b>Waymakers*</b>	311,784	329,882	329,882	83,580
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 448,534</b>	<b>\$ 429,787</b>	<b>\$ 429,787</b>	<b>\$ 90,170</b>

\*Contracted services through Probation

### Objective & Program Details

The six-month program aims to support the youth, their families, victims, and the community by addressing criminogenic needs and helping youth complete court-ordered sanctions. By focusing on maximizing strengths, the program seeks to reduce recidivism and promote long-term

positive outcomes. The main components of the program include clinical assessment, individual and family counseling, case management, career and educational support, community service support, and various specialized counseling services.

## Program Achievements

### Program Output

Youth Enrollment						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Youth Referred	128	32	47	15	94	-34
Program Entries	84	22	22	21	65	-19
Program Participants	117	52	57	57	166	49

Exiting Youth						
	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25				FY Difference
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total	
Exits	84	16	18	28	62	-22
Completions	57	<12	**	**	50	-7
Not Successful	27	<12	<12	<12	12	-15
Partial	<12	<12	<12	<12	12	<12
No Progress	0	0	0	0	0	0
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	17	0	0	0	0	-17
Avg. Stay (Days)	160	171	162	159		

\*\*Number was omitted for de-identification purposes

## 2024 JJCPA Funding Opportunity

On February 29, 2024, the OCJJCC directed the County Executive Office to develop a project proposal and approval process whereby community-based organizations may submit a request for funding for new juvenile-based prevention and intervention programs. On July 25, 2024, the OCJJCC approved the proposed process and allocated \$225,000 from JJCPA funds for FY 2024-25 to solicit proposals from community-based organizations. On August 1, 2024, the JJCPA Funding Opportunity was made publicly available for the submittal of applications for funding requests. The submission period closed on August 31, 2024, with nine project proposals received.

A working group consisting of one representative each from the Courts, District Attorney, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff-Coroner, reviewed the applications and provided recommendations to the OCJJCC at the October 24, 2024, Regular meeting. The OCJJCC approved an increase to the total funding from \$225,000 to \$1,134,498 and awarded funding to all nine proposals. On January 14, 2025, seven of the nine agreements were presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors. The agreements are effective through December 31, 2025. The remaining two agreements will be presented for Board approval at a later date.

Additional program information, including metrics, outcomes, and success stories will be incorporated into future OCJJCC Reports following the implementation of the programs. Presented below is a list of the seven programs set to launch in FY 2024-25 and the two pending programs. The submitted proposals are included in the OCJJCC Meeting Agenda packet for the October 24, 2024, meeting, which can be found online.

Award Recipient	Program	Award Amount	Q3 Actuals [3]
Carpenter Training Partners	Construction Training	\$ 137,524	\$ 11,838
Project Kinship	Kinship Center	225,000	-
The Prism Way	Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA), Whole Integration of Self Education (WISE) program	161,442	26,623
Project Youth OC	SHORTSTOP	50,000	8,332
Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove	Family and Youth Outreach Program	15,000	941
Human Works Foundation	RISEUP Pre-Vocational Training Program	225,000	21,174
H.I.R.E	TIME Mentoring	85,532	1,062
<b>Effective January 2025</b>		<b>\$ 899,498</b>	<b>\$ 69,970</b>
H.I.R.E <sup>[1]</sup>	Youth Resource Fair	10,000	
Waymakers <sup>[2]</sup>	OC GRIP Case Management	225,000	
<b>Deferred to FY 2025-26</b>		<b>\$ 235,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total 2024 JJCPA Funding Opportunity</b>		<b>\$ 1,134,498</b>	<b>\$ 69,970</b>

[1] One-time event anticipated to occur in FY 2025-26.

[2] The existing contract with HCA will expire on June 30, 2025. This request is to establish a new agreement, effective 7/1/25 - 6/30/25 when funding from MHSA ends.

[3] Invoices in progress.

## JJCPA Funding Opportunity Youth Enrollment with Demographics

The 2024 JJCPA funding opportunity became effective on January 1, 2025, supporting programs that will run through December 31, 2025. These newly funded programs are off cycle, reporting quarterly through the end of the calendar year. Additionally, given that programs may be starting at varying stages, participant numbers are anticipated to grow throughout the year. Detailed data on enrollment and youth exiting for each program is available in the Program Achievements section.

Youth Enrollment		FY 2024-25 Q3
	Youth Referred	154
	<b>Program Entries</b>	<b>170</b>
	Program Participants	302

Demographics of Participants at time of Program Entry			FY 2024-25 Q3
Gender	Male		145
	Female		25
	Transgender/Non-binary		0
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic		147
	White		12
	Black		<12
	Asian/Pacific Islander		<12
	Other		<12
Age	11 years old or younger		<12
	12-15 years-old		56
	16-17 years-old		53
	18 years-old		16
	19 years-old		<12
	20-25 years-old		26

Please note: The Prism Way and Project Youth OC were not able to capture demographics for all participants for Q3, though some demographic characteristics for participants that were able to be collected are represented in the table above.

## JJCPA Funding Opportunity Program Exits with Youth Demographics

Exiting Youth		
		FY 2024-25 Q3
Exits		139
<b>Completions</b>		101
<b>Not Successful</b>		38
Partial Completion of Program		25
No Progress		<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason		<12
Demographics of Participants who Completed the Program		
		FY 2024-25 Q3
Gender	Male	84
	Female	17
	Transgender/non-binary	0
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	82
	White	<12
	Black	<12
	Asian/Pacific Islander	<12
	Other	<12
Demographics of Participants who did not Successfully Complete the Program		
		FY 2024-25 Q3
Gender	Male	29
	Female	<12
	Transgender/non-binary	0
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	35
	White	<12
	Black	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0
	Other	<12

Please note: The Prism Way and Project Youth OC were not able to capture demographics for all participants for Q3, though some demographic characteristics for participants that were able to be collected are represented in the table above.

## JJCPA 2024 Funding Opportunity Programs Current City of Residence (FY 2024-25)

	Q3		Q3
Aliso Viejo	<12	Newport Beach	<12
Anaheim	24	North Tustin	0
Anaheim Island	0	Olive	0
Big Canyon	0	Orange	17
Brea	0	Orange Hills	0
Buena Park	<12	Orange Park Acres	0
Costa Mesa	<12	Placentia	<12
Country Club Island	0	Portola Hills	0
Coto de Caza	0	Rancho Mission Viejo	0
Covenant Hills	0	Rancho Santa Margarita	<12
Cypress	0	Robinson Ranch	0
Dana Point	0	Rossmoor	0
Dove Canyon	0	San Clemente	<12
East Irvine	0	San Juan Capistrano	<12
El Modena	0	San Juan Hot Springs	0
Emerald Bay	0	Santa Ana	46
Fountain Valley	0	Santa Ana Heights	0
Fullerton	<12	Santiago Canyon	0
Garden Grove	13	Seal Beach	0
Huntington Beach	<12	Shady Canyon	0
Irvine	<12	Silverado	0
La Habra	<12	Stanton	<12
La Palma	0	Stonecliffe	0
Ladera Ranch	0	Tonner Canyon	0
Las Flores	0	Trabuco Highlands	0
Laguna Beach	0	Tustin	<12
Laguna Hills	<12	Tustin Foothills	0
Laguna Niguel	<12	Villa Park	0
Laguna Woods	0	Wagon Wheel	0
Lake Forest	<12	Westminster	<12
Los Alamitos	0	Yorba Linda	<12
Midway City	0	Out of County	<12
Mission Viejo	<12	Out of State	<12
Modjeska Canyon	0		

Please note: The Prism Way was not able to capture city of residence for all participants for Q3.

## Program Achievements

### Program Output

#### Youth Enrollment

	Carpenter Training Partners	Project Kinship	The PRISM Way		Project Youth OC	Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove	Human Works Foundation	H.I.R.E.	Total
			WISE	CGA					
Youth Referred	<12	0	<12	<12	96	<12	31	<12	154
Program Entries	<12	0	<12	16	96	<12	31	<12	170
Program Participants	<12	0	<12	16	96	<12	31	<12	170

#### Exiting Youth

	Carpenter Training Partners	Project Kinship	The PRISM Way		Project Youth OC	Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove	Human Works Foundation	H.I.R.E.	Total
			WISE	CGA					
Exits	0	0	<12	16	96	<12	16	0	139
Completions	0	0	<12	<12	75	0	<12	0	101
Not Successful	0	0	<12	<12	21	<12	<12	0	38
Partial	0	0	<12	<12	**	0	<12	0	25
No Progress	0	0	0	0	0	0	<12	0	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	0	0	0	0	<12	<12	0	0	<12
Avg. Stay (Days)	N/A	N/A	84	84	30	N/A	90	N/A	

\*\*Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes

Please note: Project Kinship’s focus for Q3 was on build out of program infrastructure and capacity, therefore there was no data to report for youth enrollment or exiting youth.

#### Timeframes for programs with youth completing services:

**The PRISM Way:** WISE and CGA are 12-week programs.

**Project Youth OC:** SHORTSTOP sessions start each month and youth receive 9-21 hours of services.

**Human Works Foundation:** RISEUP is a 2–3-month program.

## Carpenter Training Partners

### Program Goal

Carpenter Training Partners (CTP) offers a construction training program for youth and adults, including justice involved individuals, who are interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry. The mission of CTP is to develop students into marketable, hard-working, driven, industry-ready carpenters who can apply for, and successfully obtain entry-level positions in the workforce.

### Financial Input

	FY 2024-25		
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals*
S&EB	\$ 79,737	\$ 79,737	\$ 8,139
S&S	\$ 57,787	\$ 57,787	\$ 3,699
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 137,524</b>	<b>\$ 137,524</b>	<b>\$11,838</b>

\*Invoice in progress

### Objective & Program Details

Designed to support students in becoming competitive and skilled carpenters, Carpenter Training Partners (CTP) staff dedicate at least 12 hours per week to building rapport with students, assessing their skills and goals and tailoring development strategies. The 20-week program emphasizes safety and safety certifications, tool identification and usage, and physical conditioning. In Orange County, training is conducted three days a week, with one day focused on virtual classes covering industry theory, financial literacy, soft skills and leadership development, while the other two days involve hands-on building sessions. The program fosters a safe and structured environment where students focus on immediate goals, such as class projects, while developing a long-term vision for sustained employment and career advancement. Alongside carpentry skills, participants build self-esteem, enhance their outlook, and learn to make thoughtful, long-term decisions.

## Project Kinship

### Program Goal

Kinship Center will provide a robust foundation of programming to maximize positive impact on youth in Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove and other areas of Orange County. Essential resources, skill-building, connections and trusted relationships will redirect behaviors and misguided decisions from the past and develop new pathways of hope that lead to positive, thriving futures.

### Financial Input

	FY 2024-25		
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals
S&EB	\$ 171,630	\$ 171,630	-
S&S	\$ 53,370	\$ 53,370	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 225,000</b>	<b>\$ 225,000</b>	<b>-</b>

### Objective & Program Details

Kinship Center will utilize mentorship and Positive Youth Development (PYD) based in Restorative Justice approaches to facilitate mentorship and relationship building, provide leadership opportunities, cultivate connection and a sense of community and provide preparation and growth with life skills and societal integration. This includes after-school and weekend programming providing extensive mentorship, life skill-building and connections during engagement in the program. Approximately, 8-20 participants will be served during after-school programming and 8-50 during weekend activities and special events. Participants will be referred by the juvenile justice networks and staff will have access to background information for each participant to ensure a trauma-informed, individualized approach to supportive services. Kinship Center will be opened 46 weeks of the year and staff will monitor the growth and outcomes of participants on an ongoing basis.

## The PRISM Way

### Program Goal

The Prism Way offers transformative programming designed to empower high-risk youth and young adults to break the cycle of criminal behavior and build meaningful, productive lives. Rooted in the principles of empathy, resilience and accountability, programs offer a comprehensive approach that addresses the underlying causes of criminal behavior and promotes long-term personal growth.

### Financial Input

	FY 2024-25		
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals*
S&EB	\$ 147,524	\$ 147,524	\$ 24,587
S&S	\$ 13,918	\$ 13,918	\$ 2,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 161,442</b>	<b>\$ 161,442</b>	<b>\$ 26,623</b>

\*Invoice in progress

### Objective & Program Details

The Prism Way offers the Whole Integration of Self Education (WISE) Curriculum and Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA) at the Youth Guidance Center (YGC) as well as at the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA). The WISE program emphasizes developing cognitive and emotional skills by fostering self-awareness. Participants explore the thought patterns and behaviors that have shaped their past choices, gaining insight into the root causes of criminality and addictions. This understanding helps them break negative cycles and work toward positive transformation. Criminal Gang Members Anonymous (CGA) serves as a restorative practice via a 12-step, 12-tradition program that treats criminal behavior as an addiction. It focuses on fostering personal responsibility and accountability, encouraging participants to examine and take ownership of their actions.

## Project Youth OC

### Program Goal

SHORTSTOP offers juvenile crime diversion services to at-risk youth, ages 10-18, and their family members. The goal is to reduce the number of juveniles that have contact with the juvenile justice system through early intervention services, strengthening family support, and providing community linkages.

### Financial Input

	FY 2024-25		
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals*
S&EB	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,332
S&S			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,332</b>

\*Invoice in progress

### Objective & Program Details

For 45 years, Project Youth OC has been a direct provider of youth diversion, behavioral health, and substance abuse services that are trauma-informed; recovery-oriented; equity-based; and culturally, linguistically and age appropriate for Latino youth and families. Held at courthouses and Project Youth OC offices, with additional sessions piloted at Hoag Hospital's Newport/Mesa campus and plans for expansion into the Anaheim community, SHORTSTOP sessions begin monthly and are offered in English and Spanish. While the program includes a comprehensive intake assessment and two 3.5-7-hour program sessions featuring a booking processes and trial simulation, a panel of incarcerated youth from OC Probation and extensive legal education, the majority of the time is spent participating in discussion groups and family-strengthening exercises. Participants also complete mandatory assignments at home, such as reading educational materials, writing reflective essays, setting goals, practicing family communication, exploring career options and navigating court processes. Each youth receives an individualized exit plan with referrals to partner agencies for behavioral health services and potential access to Project Self for educational and career support.

## Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove

### Program Goal

The Family and Youth Outreach Program (FYOP), a program of Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, operates in collaboration with Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD) and Garden Grove Unified School District to provide diversion programs for juvenile offenders in Central Orange County. FYOP aims to equip youth with essential life skills and redirect their behavior in positive ways, avoiding further involvement in the justice system.

### Financial Input

	FY 2024-25		
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals*
S&EB	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 941
S&S	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 941</b>

\*Invoice in progress

### Objective & Program Details

The program leverages the Boys & Girls Clubs’ community-based approach while enhancing its impact with Master’s level social workers and therapists who deliver intentional, evidence-based programming. Key programs include Anger Management, helping youth manage emotions constructively, and Juvenile Offender Education, aimed at preventing repeat offenses. The Alcohol, Marijuana & Other Drugs program educates on substance risks, while Parent Education supports families on topics like discipline and communication. Character Building equips youth with life skills like empathy and emotion regulation to guide better decisions. Collectively, these programs address underlying behavioral issues and foster positive outcomes for at-risk youth and their families.

## Human Works Foundation

### Program Goal

The RISEUP program is designed to assist justice-involved youth in exploring various vocational opportunities by helping them identify the fundamental skills required for success in the employment world. Through personalized guidance, RISEUP helps participants navigate employment and career opportunities while simultaneously identifying and addressing additional supportive services they may need.

### Financial Input

	FY 2024-25		
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals*
S&EB	\$ 189,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 18,635
S&S	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 2,539
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 225,000</b>	<b>\$ 225,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,174</b>

\*Invoice in progress

### Objective & Program Details

The RISEUP program is designed to assist justice-involved youth in exploring various vocational opportunities by helping them identify the fundamental skills required for success in the employment world. It takes a holistic approach, addressing the overall needs of the youth to ensure they can become self-sufficient. Comprehensive assessments evaluate participants' current skills, interests, and needs, creating a tailored plan for each individual. Participants receive training in essential employability skills, such as resume writing, interview techniques, and workplace etiquette, while engaging in pre-vocational training tailored to specific industries through hands-on workshops, online courses, or internships. Collaborative efforts with Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) ensure youth are connected to needed resources like educational programs, mental health services, and housing assistance, supporting their long-term success.

## Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment (H.I.R.E.)

### Program Goal

The Transforming Integration into Meaningful Experiences (T.I.M.E.) program is a holistic, community-driven initiative that aims to transform the lives of at-risk youth through positive mentorship, resource access, and skill development. By addressing the complex needs of these young individuals, the program seeks to reduce recidivism, foster personal growth and build a safer, more supportive community.

### Financial Input

	FY 2024-25		
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals*
S&EB	\$ 75,632	\$ 75,632	\$ 1,050
S&S	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	\$ 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 85,532</b>	<b>\$ 85,532</b>	<b>\$ 1,062</b>

\*Invoice in progress

### Objective & Program Details

The core focus of T.I.M.E. is to provide individuals with positive mentorship, guidance, and the necessary resources to successfully reintegrate into society, pursue educational and career goals, and reduce recidivism. T.I.M.E. is a strength-based mentorship program designed for youth aged 16+ who are currently in custody within the juvenile justice system, who are at risk of going into the system, or who have been recently released. The program specifically targets youth who have committed crimes and are either serving sentences or awaiting sentencing. The T.I.M.E. program empowers youth by offering mentorship from adults with firsthand experience in the justice system, fostering trust-based relationships through one-on-one and group settings. It connects participants to critical resources such as mental health services, educational support, vocational training and legal assistance while address underlying issues like trauma or addiction. Additionally, the program focuses on educational and career development with workshops on resume building, interview preparation and GED attainment, ensuring pathways for success. Creative outlets like writing and meditation are also incorporated, promoting self-expression and providing a constructive way to address and heal from past traumas.

## Appendix

### Appendix A – Community-Based Organizations Funded by JJCPA

#### A.1 Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove – Truancy Response Program

In January 2022, the Orange County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a Subrecipient Agreement with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) for the Truancy Response Program. The Truancy Response Program is a cooperative effort to address the problem of chronic truancy in Orange County schools, the primary goal of which is to reduce school truanies and absences in order to increase the change of youths’ future success. Through the Subrecipient Agreement, the County provides JJCPA grant funds, as approved annually by the OCJJCC for the OCDE to administer services for the Truancy Response Program.

In turn, the OCDE has contracted with the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG) to perform work described in Attachment A, Scope of Work, to Agreement Number 10000535 to administer the Truancy Response Program. The information below pertains to the agreement between the OCDE and BGCGG.

**JJCPA Program:** Truancy Response Program

**OCDE Contract With:** Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove

**Contract #:** OCDE Agreement # 10000535

**Contract Term:** 01/03/2022 – 06/30/2025

**JJCC Metrics Included in Contract?:** Yes

**Annual Amount:** \$400,000

**FY 2023-24 Actuals:** \$400,000

**FY 2024-25 Actuals\* as of 3/31/25:** \$220,213

\*Actuals reflect expenditures claimed to date, not expenditures incurred. Claims are submitted 45 days in arrears.

Boys & Girls Club Staffing	FTE
VP Community Impact	0.10
Program Director	1.00
Field Liaison	3.00
Parent Instructor	1.00
Clinical Supervisor	0.25
Intake Coordinator	0.50
Finance Manager	0.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.95</b>

FTE = Full Time Equivalent

## A.2 Pepperdine University, PRYDE

In June 2021, the BOS approved a contract between the Sheriff’s Department and Pepperdine University to operate the Youth Diversion & Education (PRYDE) program, a juvenile diversion and counseling program in collaboration with the Sheriff’s Department and Probation Department. The PRYDE program aligns with the Sheriff Department’s Juvenile Services Bureau approach, focusing on diverting juveniles from criminal behavior and substance abuse. The program emphasizes early intervention, evaluation, treatment and referral.

**JJCPA Program:** Sheriff’s Prevention Program

**Contracted with:** Sheriff’s Department

**Contract #:** MA-060-21011079

**Contract Term:** 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2025

**JJCC Metrics Included in Contract?:** Yes

**Annual Amount:** \$394,939

**FY 2023-24 Actuals:** \$394,939

**FY 2024-25 Actuals\* as of 3/31/25:** \$99,519

\*Actuals reflect expenditures claimed to date, not expenditures incurred. Claims are submitted 45 days in arrears.

PRYDE Staffing	FTE
Program Manager & Psychologist (50/50%)	1.00
Psychologist	0.10
Administrative Diversion Specialist	1.50
Senior Diversion Specialist	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.60</b>

FTE = Full Time Equivalent

## A.3 Waymakers

In April 2022, the BOS approved a contract between the Probation Department and Waymakers to provide services under the Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE) program to youth referred by Probation. The program aims at reducing the risk of youth reoffending or violating the terms and conditions of their probation by providing them with individual and group services such as parent empowerment/resilience training, substance abuse/relapse prevention and coping skills to support positive peer relationships.

**JJCPA Program:** Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE)

**Contracted with:** Probation

**Contract #:** MA-057-22011069

**Contract Term:** 05/01/2022 – 04/30/2025

**JJCC Metrics Included in Contract?:** Yes

**Annual Amount:** \$329,882

**FY 2023-24 Actuals:** \$311,784

**FY 2024-25 Actuals\* as of 3/31/25:** \$83,580

\*Actuals reflect expenditures claimed to date, not expenditures incurred. Claims are submitted 45 days in arrears.

Waymakers Staffing	FTE
Director of Youth Development	In Kind
Program Director	In Kind
Diversion Supervisor	0.50
Licensed Clinical Supervisor	In Kind
Diversion Counselor (Bilingual)	1.00
Diversion Specialist (Bilingual)	1.00
Youth Partner (Bilingual)	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.50</b>

FTE = Full Time Equivalent

## Appendix B – Links to Resources

### Council/Subcommittees:

- **Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council**  
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>
- **SB 823 Subcommittee of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council**  
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/page/sb-823-subcommittee-orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>

### SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment:

- **Senate Bill 823 - DJJ Realignment Implementation**  
[https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_djjrealignment/](https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_djjrealignment/)
- **Orange County's Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant County Plan**  
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>

### Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA):

- **Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and the Youthful Offender Block Grant Program**  
[https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s\\_jjcpayobgjuvjuscrimeprevact/](https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_jjcpayobgjuvjuscrimeprevact/)  
<https://oycr.ca.gov/jjcpa-yobg/>
- **Board of State and Community Corrections 2023-2024 County JJCPA-YOBG Plans**  
<https://www.bscc.ca.gov/2023-2024-county-jjcpa-yobg-plans/>
- **Orange County's JJCPA-YOBG Plan**  
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>



# *OC GRIP: JJCC PRESENTATION*

*Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer*

*April 24, 2025*



**ORANGE COUNTY**  
**Gang Reduction &**  
**Intervention Partnership**

# OC GRIP Updates

- HCA is no longer able to give OC GRIP \$600,000 in funding.
- Incorporating OC GRIP into the OC educational curriculum
  - District Attorney Spitzer and his executive team met with Orange County Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Stefan Bean on January 16, 2025 to discuss future partnership.
  - OCDA is exploring how to strengthen this partnership.
- Creation of the Juvenile Justice and Community Outreach Unit
  - OC GRIP now reports to the ADA of the Juvenile Justice and Community Outreach Unit.
- OCDA staffing constraints.
  - The County of Orange hiring freeze impacts the ability to assign more staff to OC GRIP.
- Waitlisted schools.
  - There are multiple school districts that have requested OC GRIP services. It is not possible to add more schools without more staff.

# OC GRIP 1 Schools 2025-2026 (48)

Magnolia

BPSD

FSD

OUSD

CUSD

SVUSD

GGUSD

PYLUSD

TUSD

1. Salk
2. Walter
3. Pyles
4. ~~Peter Marshall~~

1. Buena Park
2. Gilbert
3. Whitaker
4. Beatty
5. Pendleton

1. Maple
2. Woodcrest
3. Valencia Park

1. California
2. Handy
3. Jordan
4. Yorba
5. Santiago
6. Portola
7. Taft
8. Esplanade

1. ~~Bernice Ayer~~
2. ~~Shorecliffs~~
3. ~~Las Palmas~~
4. ~~Marblehead~~
5. ~~Kinoshita~~
6. ~~Marco Forster~~
7. ~~Newhart~~
8. ~~San Juan~~

1. Los Alisos
2. Glen Yermo
3. TBD
4. Linda Vista
5. San Joaquin

1. Russell
2. Newhope
3. Heritage
4. Hazard
5. Rosita
6. Fitz
7. Alamitos
8. Clinton
9. Wakeham
10. Lawrence
11. Doig

1. Topaz
2. Melrose
3. Ruby
4. Rio Vista

1. Sycamore
2. Heideman

NMUSD

WSD

1. ~~Pomona~~
2. Whittier
3. Rea
4. Wilson

1. Finley
2. Johnson
3. Warner
4. Anderson

**Red:** Anticipated new GRIP 1 schools 2025-26.  
**Red Cross Out:** Moved from GRIP 2 to GRIP 1.  
**Black Cross Out:** Participation ending 6/30/25.  
**Green Background:** 2025-26 agreement received.

# OC GRIP 2 Schools 2025-2026 (14)

Magnolia

BPSD

OUSD

CUSD

SVUSD

GGUSD

PYLUSD

TUSD

1. ~~Peter Marshall~~

1. ~~Pendleton~~

1. ~~Esplanade~~
2. Sycamore
3. Cambridge

1. ~~Lobe~~

1. ~~Linda Vista~~

1. Bryant
2. Eisenhower
3. Parkview
4. Faylane

1. ~~Rio Vista~~

1. Beswick
2. Estock

# OC GRIP 1 Waitlisted Schools

Magnolia

BPSD

FSD

OUSD

SVUSD

GGUSD

PYLUSD

TUSD

- 1. Walt Disney

- 1. Pendleton

- 1. Nicolas

- 1. Esplanade
- 2. Lampson
- 3. Fairhaven
- 4. Prospect
- 5. Cambridge
- 6. Sycamore
- 7. La Veta
- 8. Orange High

- 1. El Toro
- 2. Gates
- 3. Lomoreno
- 4. Cielo Vista

- 1. Gilbert
- 2. Peters
- 3. Faylane
- 4. Bryant
- 5. Eisenhower
- 6. Parkview
- 7. Irvine

- 1. Rio Vista
- 2. Valadez
- 3. Morse

- 1. Columbus
- 2. Beswick
- 3. Estock

**White:** Confirmed to remain on waitlist.  
**Yellow:** School District contacted, awaiting confirmation.  
**Red:** Anticipated move to GRIP 1 2025-26

NMUSD

WSD

Centralia

- 1. Wilson

- 1. Warner
- 2. Anderson
- 3. Stacey

- 1. Centralia
- 2. San Marino
- 3. Danbrook

2023-2024 PREVENTION SERVICES & SUPPORT WAYMAKERS GRIP CASE  
MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES

Item 4

- *By the end of the period, at least 75% of youth participants served in Group Educational Services will report an increase in coping skills to build resiliency as measured by pre- post results using the Youth Resiliency Survey*
- **Actual Outcome: The Youth Resiliency Survey resulted in 91% of youth participants reporting an increase in resiliency**
- *By the end of the period, at least 70% of parent participants receiving prevention services will report an increase in family functioning as measured by pre-post results using the Protective Factors Survey*
- **Actual Outcome: 70% of parents reported an increase in family functioning**

**2023-2024 PREVENTION SERVICES & SUPPORT WAYMAKERS GRIP CASE  
MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES**

Item 4

- *By the end of the period, 70% of faculty will report that they have increased their knowledge of the topic presented during GRIP Faculty Workshops*
- **Actual Outcome: 99% of the faculty reported that they increased their knowledge of the topic presented during GRIP Faculty Workshops**
- *By the end of the period, at least 90% of prevention referrals will result in linkage*
- **Actual Outcome: 94% of prevention referrals resulted in linkage**

# Funding

## Fiscal Year 2024-2025

- **Expenses**
  - Operating budget: \$102,500
  - Waymakers salary/benefits: \$1,062,827.
  - OCDA, Probation, and OCSD staff salary/benefits.
  
- **Funding Sources**
  - HCA: \$600,000
  - JJCC: \$0
  - School Districts: \$462,827
  - OC GRIP Board: \$102,500 estimated.
  - OCDA, Probation, and OCSD salary/benefits: paid by each respective agency.

## Fiscal Year 2025-2026

- **Expenses**
  - Operating budget: \$100,000
  - Waymakers salary/benefits: \$902,090.
    - Lower amount reflects elimination of 2 positions.
  - OCDA, Probation, and OCSD staff salary/benefits.
  
- **Funding Sources**
  - HCA: \$0
  - JJCC: \$225,000
  - School Districts: \$462,827, anticipated.
  - OC GRIP Board: \$251,663 anticipated.
  - OCDA, Probation, and OCSD salary/benefits paid by each respective agency.



Office of Youth and  
Community Restoration

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Youthful Offender  
Block Grant (JJCPA-YOBG)

FY 2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Plan

Date:	May 1, 2025
County Name:	Orange
Contact Name:	Diana Chepi
Telephone Number:	714-834-7035
Email Address:	Diana.chepi@ocgov.com

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

[Government Code Section 30061\(b\)\(4\)](#) and [Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961\(b\)](#) call for consolidation of the annual plans required for JJCPA and YOBG.

Please submit your most up-to-date consolidated plan.

The rest of this document is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. Please use this template or ensure your submission meets the accessibility standards by reviewing either the Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF checklists published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website here [Accessibility Conformance Checklists | HHS.gov](#). Your submission will be posted to the OYCR website once it is confirmed to meet the accessibility standards.

**Once the report is complete, attach the file to an email and send it to: OYCRgrants@chhs.ca.gov.**

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## Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A))

### A. Assessment of Existing Services

Include here an assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth services resources that specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

Orange County law enforcement consists of 26 city police agencies, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the Probation Department, the District Attorney's Office, and the Public Defender's Office all of which play key roles in supporting the juvenile justice system.

In addition to local school districts, the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) provides educational services. OCDE provides alternative schools for youth who have been unsuccessful in the local school districts and in the Probation Department operated juvenile facilities.

The Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) offers mental health and substance use therapy at community clinics across Orange County, as well as in youth reporting centers and juvenile facilities. Additionally, HCA, in collaboration with the Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA), provides wraparound services for youth involved in the juvenile dependency and delinquency systems.

Additionally, numerous community-based organizations collaborate to support system-involved youth and their families. These include Waymakers, Project Kinship, Open Gate, Pine Grove, various faith-based organizations, and many other secular human service providers.

**Describe what approach will be used to facilitate collaboration amongst the organizations listed above and support the integration of services.**

Juvenile Justice Services are coordinated by various multi-agency collaborative groups, including the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission, the Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, and the Orange County Superior Court Blue Ribbon Commission. These bodies make determinations and provide oversight on resource allocation and initiatives aimed at addressing juvenile dependency and delinquency services.

## B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

Identify and prioritize the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas of the county that face the most significant public safety risk from juvenile crime.

A key priority has been to focus interventions and services in the zip codes with the highest arrest rates in Orange County. These areas, located in Santa Ana and Anaheim— the county's two most populous cities— are characterized by diverse populations and high levels of gang activity, narcotics sales, and substance use. The Probation Department, local law enforcement, and community-based partners have specifically targeted these regions for both human services interventions and law enforcement suppression efforts.

## C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

Describe your county's juvenile justice action strategy. Include an explanation of your county's continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency as well as a description of the approach used to ensure a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

The Orange County Juvenile Justice Strategy begins with a citation or arrest by a law enforcement agency. The Probation Department screens cases through the Non-Custody and Custody Intake process and determines an appropriate course of action.

Should formal court handling be required, the court has various dispositional options: informal handling, deferred entry of judgment (DEJ), or supervision; with or without wardship declared. Whenever possible, youth are diverted from the juvenile justice system. The Probation Department operates under the risk/needs responsivity principle where the focus is on working with high-risk youth. Graduated sanctions are used to ensure an appropriate response to delinquent behavior. The Probation Department has developed non-custodial sanctions, including Youth Reporting Center locations (day reporting centers providing on-site school and treatment programs). Probation Officers act as case managers, making referrals to community-based organizations or other county agencies to provide services, such as mental health, counseling, substance use counseling, gang intervention, or wraparound services. Probation Officers also provide cognitive-behavioral interventions proven effective at reducing recidivism, such as Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS). Probation Officers also offer incentives to youth for positive behavior and compliance with terms and conditions of probation. Should the court order a commitment to a juvenile facility, the Probation Department operates Juvenile Hall for secure detention, as well as two (2) camp facilities where committed youth receive treatment services. The treatment provided includes mental health counseling, substance use counseling, sex offender treatment, and cognitive-behavioral programs, including Aggression Replacement Training, Thinking for a Change, Decision Points, and EPICS.

The Orange County Probation Department has been involved with Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative resulting in a significant drop in overall juvenile crime incarceration. For appropriate cases, the use of diversion programs has made an impact on juvenile detention and evidence-based practices have proven to reduce recidivism.

## D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year:

The Annual Plan is a collaborative effort across county departments and highlights the programming in place under the JJCPA. The Annual Plan's main county contributors include the District Attorney's Office, the Health Care Agency, the Sheriff's Department, the Public Defender's Office, and the Probation Department. County departments request funding under the JJCPA programs based on State available funding. Funding requests are evaluated by the County Budget Office and a recommendation is made to the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. Each year, the Annual Plan, including the budget allocations, is approved by the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, which includes input from the non-county/community-based organizations.

If your Plan has not been updated this year, explain why no changes to your plan are necessary:

N/A

## Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4))

### A. Information Sharing and Data

Describe your information systems and their ability to facilitate the sharing of data across agencies within your county. Describe the data obtained through these systems and how those data are used to measure the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.

The Probation Department operates a client management system that was developed internally. The system includes a risk/needs assessment to determine a youth's risk to recidivate. The system provides access to a comprehensive set of data on court orders, recidivism, probation violations, contact information, family information, interventions, resource referrals, substance use, gang involvement, and special needs. Information is shared with HCA and SSA based on the need to share data in order to provide appropriate services. The Probation Department's Research Division extracts data from the system to provide required reports and to assist management in making data-driven decisions.

## B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils:

Does your county have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code Section 749.22?

Yes     No

If no, please explain what vacancies exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies began, and your plan for filling them:

## C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), identifying any program that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

### JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

#### 1. Program Name:

Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement

#### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE) program focuses on family strength training and individualized support to wards of the court that are at risk of reincarceration. This program intends to target and provide services to juvenile probationers (i.e., ages 12 to 18) that do not meet the eligibility criteria for similar types of programs, such as the Youthful Offender Wraparound (YOW) program. Youth in the ARRIVE program are required to participate in individualized and multi-systemic team meetings to review progress on case plan goals. Research has indicated parent education along with risk, need, responsivity support to high-risk youthful offenders has a significant impact on reducing long term recidivism.

#### 3. Description:

The ARRIVE program is a collaborative program consisting of the Probation Department and contracted community partners that offers individualized/group support to probation youth and their families that exhibit an increase in probation violation type of behavior (e.g., drug use, truancy, criminal behavior). The primary focus of the ARRIVE program is to immediately address any deleterious behavior, stabilize the family unit, and prepare the youth and his/her family for life beyond probation supervision. Services provided include, but are not limited to, case planning, parent empowerment/resilience training, substance abuse/relapse prevention and education, coping skills, anger management, and building positive peer relationships.

Mandatory requirements for youth in the ARRIVE program include:

- Participation in bi-weekly multi-system meetings with youth partner, individual case manager, and Probation to review progress towards case plan goals.
- Attendance in weekly meetings with case manager.
- Regular reporting to probation officer for progress checks.
- Regular attendance in pro-social activities (e.g., community service projects, regular school attendance).
- Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Program Successes:

A 16-year-old male youth was referred to the ARRIVE program by his Probation Officer as he was struggling to comply with his probation terms such as abiding by curfew, attending school, and completing court ordered individual counseling. During the youth's time participating in ARRIVE, he completed 8 individual counseling sessions focusing on decision-making and improving his relationship with his mother. Over the course of the program, the youth identified goals in various areas of his life, potential barriers to overcome, and key individuals that could support his goals. While participating in the ARRIVE program the youth and his mother moved into a new apartment and the program assisted with providing dishes, cookware, and bedding. The youth improved his school attendance, completed his court orders, improved his behavior within the home and successfully completed the ARRIVE program. Shortly after, he successfully terminated from probation supervision, and had not reoffended within the follow up period, three months. The youth expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate in ARRIVE.

### 1. Program Name:

Substance Use Programming

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Substance Use Programming offers specialized programs for both male and female youth. These programs are structured around the Therapeutic Community model for substance use treatment, enhanced by the incorporation of Aggression Replacement Training (ART), a cognitive-behavioral program specifically designed to address criminal recidivism. Participants receive individualized therapy focused on treating co-occurring disorders and utilizing cognitive-behavioral approaches. Family therapy is provided based on an assessment of the youth's needs, conducted by a clinician. Research indicates that interventions targeting criminal thinking and substance use significantly reduce the likelihood of reoffending among individuals identified as high-risk for recidivism.

### 3. Description:

Substance Use Programs offer intensive intervention for male and female youthful offenders with custody commitments and a history of drug and/or alcohol use. These gender-specific services are provided in a custodial setting, with the primary goal of reducing the likelihood of recidivism and preventing further delinquent behavior or the development of a pattern of adult criminality. The program employs a multidisciplinary approach, integrating intervention and education based on a nationally recognized substance use treatment model.

This program operates within the Youth Guidance Center and provides the following services:

- Mental health treatment to address mental health and substance use needs. treatment services
- Integrated case assessment and planning involving unit staff, education staff and collateral resources
- Multidisciplinary education lab that provides computerized diagnostic evaluation of reading, language arts, and math competencies
- Occupational training and job placement services
- Assessment of academic skills and development of an individualized plan to address skill deficits by a school counselor
- Expanded use of the Just Beginnings parenting education curriculum
- Mentoring and counseling support services during post-release.
- Monthly case conferences with the youth and treatment team to discuss youth's progress in the program and transition plan for release back into the community.
- Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Collaboration between county partners, such as HCA, Probation Department, and community partners.

#### Program Successes:

A youth at YGC faced challenges in peer interactions, following staff directives, and maintaining safety behaviors, leading to additional custody time. A history of complex trauma contributed to difficulties in trusting adults. Despite initial reluctance, they gradually engaged in therapy, sharing personal challenges and fears about their future. Over time, consistent participation in therapy helped them gain perspective on the importance of family and on taking control of their sobriety. They were assessed for substance use residential treatment and granted an early release from custody on the condition that they remain compliant with behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services. The youth completed their time in residential treatment, continues to attend outpatient treatment services and is currently employed and taking college courses.

## 1. Program Name:

Youth Reporting Centers

## 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The Youth Reporting Centers (YRCs) are day reporting centers that include a multidisciplinary team. The OCDE provides school instruction and HCA clinicians provide individual and group therapy for youth. The Probation Department utilizes best practices, cognitive-behavioral interventions and programming, including Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) and Decision Points to impact behavioral change in the youth. Field Deputy Probation Officers refer youth in violation of their terms and conditions of probation to the YRC in lieu of filing for formal violation. This diverts youth from formal court handling as well as provides them with programming and services that target criminogenic risk factors.

## 3. Description:

The YRCs mission and goal is to reduce the use of secure detention by providing a highly structured community-based alternative confinement program. The staff at the YRC strive to promote lawful and productive lifestyles of its students by providing proven intervention and programming.

The YRCs operate within the local community to provide the youth population with the opportunity to modify poor behavior and learn the skills needed to comply with their court orders and terms of probation. The youth attend a full academic program and participate in afternoon group counseling, individual counseling, and random drug testing with an emphasis on obtaining and maintaining sobriety. On-site job coaches assist youth in seeking, obtaining, and maintaining employment as well as vocational training access. The YRCs also provide an alternative to the traditional incarceration model. Youth receive support services during the day and return home on alternative monitoring versus confinement in a juvenile facility.

The YRCs include a multidisciplinary clinical team that provides behavioral health services in support of the overall mission and goals of the YRC.

- This program provides the following services: Mental health treatment to address mental health and substance use needs
- Trauma-informed assessment and treatment for co-occurring disorders
- Family support services and parenting education
- Peer and parent support services
- Comprehensive case management
- Substance use education, support, and linkage to substance use treatment.
- Gang intervention counseling
- Community service and enrichment activities.
- Transportation between home and the program site
- Structured supervision both-site and in the community

- Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Collaboration between county partners, such as OCDE, HCA, and Probation Department.

#### Program Successes:

A male youth at the Youth Reporting Center (YRC) with a history of multiple incarcerations is now making great progress in his mental health, academic goals, and safe community interactions. Initially, he struggled to engage in services with HCA, frequently violating Probation terms and returning to custody. He had limited awareness of how life stressors affected his mental health and engaged in risky behaviors that jeopardized his safety in the community. Additionally, he faced academic challenges and experienced negative interactions with peers and school staff. HCA and Probation staff worked together to determine the best ways to support this youth and his family, ensuring ongoing access to mental health services. In addition, HCA referred this youth and his family to a Full-Service Partnership (FSP) program to support the overall needs of the family, and in turn support the youth's mental health needs. He learned to identify and utilize healthy coping skills to manage life stressors, decreased his involvement in gang activity, consistently attended school, and engaged in substance use disorder services to support his sobriety. The Probation department acknowledged this youth for his commitment to making positive life changes and his ongoing progress in meeting the terms of his probation. He remains engaged with the FSP program and has successfully completed the YRC program.

#### 1. Program Name:

School Mobile Assessment and Response Team

#### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The School Mobile Assessment and Response Team (SMART) is an early intervention and prevention program. SMART is focused on involvement with families and youth to prevent school-based violence and delinquency. The use of a threat assessment tool assists in determining the appropriate level of intervention needed. Family support, resource referrals, and diversion have all been shown to be effective in reducing delinquent behaviors.

#### 3. Description:

SMART was established to reduce crime and violence by youth on, near, or affecting school campuses in Orange County. SMART works in conjunction with Orange County Municipal Police Departments, various collaborative partners, and agencies on incidents related to violence, threats, possession and/or use of weapons, unstable behaviors and suicidal actions or tendencies. SMART members respond day or night to calls from school and community personnel reporting violence or threats of violence. Each call for service results in an assessment of the situation, a threat assessment as needed (including home searches for weapons) and referrals to law enforcement, diversion programs, or other alternative services.

The goal of SMART is to prevent and/or detect the precursors to violence through education and awareness, preempting likely instances of violence through threat assessment, and responding quickly and effectively to violence on or around school campuses.

Services provided within SMART include the following:

- Conduct threat assessments at the school and/or community site.
- Refer at-risk youth to appropriate community resources for assessment and intervention services.
- Investigate criminal acts and make arrests if necessary or recommend to a diversion program.
- Maintain safety and security to the school and return staff and students to their daily routine.
- Collaboration between county partners, such as Orange County Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, District Attorney, Health Care Agency, and community partners (local school districts).

Program Successes:

In March 2024, SMART became aware of a 13-year-old student who attempted to purchase a firearm online with a credit card provided by his father. At that time, he was attending a private school in south Orange County but was then excused because of this incident. SMART conducted a threat assessment, obtained a Gun Violence Restraining Order, and carried out a residential search warrant at their Irvine home. In the following months, the student was a suspect in at least two vandalism cases, multiple vehicle code violations (on e-bikes), multiple WIC 5585 holds, community disturbances, trancies, and school disruptions. One of the WIC 5585 holds occurred after there was a call for service at his home and his mother volunteered to take him to the hospital for evaluation. On the way to the hospital, he jumped out of the moving vehicle. He is on probation and has active cases pending. Throughout the investigation, SMART worked closely with O.C. Probation, the District Attorney, Children's Hospital Orange County, and other local & federal law enforcement partners in monitoring this student's behavior and case.

After several residential searches at his home, SMART learned that the student and his family were planning to move back to China. Due to the student's level of concern to the community, SMART conducted surveillance on the family during the transit through & departure from LAX International Airport in February 2025. SMART has since worked with law enforcement partners to put safeguards in place to be alerted in the event the student attempts to return to the United States.

In September 2024, SMART responded to a south Orange County high school for an anonymous online tip regarding an event titled “weapons”. The tip was provided by a third-party anonymous application that allows community members to submit information regarding school safety. The tip stated, “There was a person in all black and it looked like they were holding a gun. They were by the M building bathrooms before 1st period.” The school listed was “Capistrano Valley High School Mission Viejo, California, Orange.”

Due to the threat of life and safety of the school community, SMART was able to obtain the IP address related to the tip. The tip system received a second and third tip. The second tip event type was selected “Planned School Attack” listing the same high school as the school. The third tip was titled “Planned fight/ assault” and stated, “i can't do this anymore everyone hates me and i don't know if I can keep going on like this, I'm going to shoot up the school you can't stop me my life is a wreck i bought a Glock 19 from my dealer you should leave as fast as you can.”

SMART submitted emergency disclosures requesting subscriber information of the IP addresses and conducted threat assessment interviews of identified people/students of interest related to information gathered throughout the investigation. A Public Defender was contacted and responded to the high school once the suspect was identified and detained. Based on the three separate tip submissions, the IP address confirming the two tips had been sent from suspect’s phone, the response and impact on the high school's community, and the resources absorbed in responding to this false emergency, the student was charged with three (3) separate counts of “reporting a false emergency.” Despite the impact that this incident had on the school’s community, SMART’s thorough investigation allowed the school and community to return to normal without lasting impact.

### 1. Program Name:

Truancy Response Program

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The Truancy Response Program (TRP) focuses on family education, support, and resource referrals to reduce truancy. Parent education and support programs have been shown to have a statistically significant impact on recidivism. Truancy has also been shown to be a stepping-stone to substance use and criminal behavior. By providing families with supportive services aimed at reducing truancy, criminal behavior is reduced.

### 3. Description:

TRP is a collaborative, three-tiered program designed to address chronic absenteeism in Orange County schools and reduce the number of youths involved in the juvenile justice system. TRP focuses on chronically truant youth and their families who have failed to respond to the traditional efforts at the school district level. Reducing school truancies and absences increases the chances of future success for the youth. By prioritizing youth at risk for delinquency, the TRP aims to reduce the number of youths who later commit crime resulting in a formal 602 application. TRP provides progression of interventions up to, and including, formal court action.

Services provided within TRP include three (3) tiers:

First Tier School Attendance Review Boards (SARB) and Parent Meetings:

- Mandatory attendance of truant youth and their parents at school-based group parent meetings conducted by the District Attorney.
- District Attorney attendance at SARB meetings based on availability and invitation by individual districts.
- Community Partners attend SARB based on availability and invitation by individual districts.
- Referrals for services, such as counseling, parenting skills, and basic housing and shelter needs are provided by collaborating agencies and individual districts during SARB.

Second Tier CBO informal intake and diversion:

- Referral to CBO from SARB for a TRP intake evaluation for informal handling.
- Placement in one of several "pre-court" TRP interventions monitored by CBO.
- Participation of both youth and parents in a Parent Empowerment Program workshop designed to coach parents in effective parenting and support skills for their children.
- Referrals for services, such as counseling, parenting skills, and basic housing and shelter needs are provided for truancy court families by collaborating agencies.

Third Tier Formal Filing:

- Referral by School Districts to DA for potential filing.
- Prosecution of parents and/or students, depending on age of the student. If parents plead guilty, the court can order fines. If students admit the petition, the court can order fines, community service, and/or a truancy prevention program.
- Collaboration between court partners, such as District Attorney, Juvenile Court, SSA, Public Defender, and community partners (Waymakers, Boy's and Girl's Club of Garden Grove, Orange County Department of Education, and local school districts).

### 1. Program Name:

Decentralized Intake/Sheriff's Prevention Program

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The Decentralized Intake (DCI) Program is modeled after diversion programs, which attempt to minimize the effects of labeling associated with offending and limit the opportunities youth have to associate with antisocial peers by reducing their contact and exposure to the juvenile justice system. Evidence-based principles of the Risk/Needs/Responsivity model support minimizing intervention by the juvenile justice system for lower risk offenders.

### 3. Description:

DCI increases the level of counseling and diversion services for at-risk youth in the unincorporated areas and cities serviced by the Sheriff's Department. DCI staff offers timely assessment and a progression of intervention services to youth and their families near their homes. The primary goal of DCI is to reduce the number of at-risk youths that progress further in the juvenile justice system through prompt assessment and linkage to appropriate services at the earliest possible point.

Services provided within DCI include:

- Expedited processing of youth arrested and referred to needed resources.
- Referral of DCI youth and their families to local resources, programs, and classes for appropriate intervention services when possible.
- Informal consultations among the on-site operations staff for purposes of making more informed decisions about certain cases.
- Collaboration between county partners, such as Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, and community partners (Pepperdine Resource, Youth Diversion and Education (PRYDE).

### 1. Program Name:

Juvenile Recovery Court

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) is based on a model where an interactive judicial officer leads an interdisciplinary team, including the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, HCA clinicians, and parents to address a youth's substance use issues. The model has been shown effective nationally. The research conducted by the Probation Department has shown reduced recidivism and substance use.

### 3. Description:

JRC is a collaborative program for youthful offenders demonstrating an escalating pattern of drug and/or alcohol use. JRC provides intensive supervision and treatment for substance use to these youth as an alternative to incarceration. There are 4 program phases, including an initial 30-day orientation period. The primary JRC goals are to increase sobriety and reduce recidivism while reducing the reliance on incarceration. Participants may remain in the program as long as they can derive a benefit from it. On successful completion of JRC, wardship may be terminated and all charges and stayed time are dismissed. The following are key components of JRC:

- Weekly reporting to the probation officer for progress checks and drug testing.
- Regular attendance in school with no behavior problems reported.
- Compliance with all court-ordered terms and conditions and regularly scheduled weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly court appearances for progress reviews.
- Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Waymakers' Collaborative Court Full-Service Partnership (CCFSP) program is a program funded through a contract with Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services, Children and Youth Services. CCFSP provides culturally competent in-home and community-based services for youth ages 12 through-25 struggling with mental illness and/or substance use issues. A multidisciplinary team wraps around a consumer through assessment, care plan implementation, case management linkage and coordination, treatment intervention to build upon skills and maintenance of wellness and recovery phases of treatment. CCFSP addresses the needs of consumers and their families across all life domains to encourage alternative positive activities that empower, improve self-efficacy, and build social competence to promote recovery, success, safety and permanence in the home, school, workplace, and community. CCFSP is the primary provider of behavioral health services for JRC. This program provides the following services to JRC youth:

- Individual, group and family therapy
- Services are provided in the home and in the field, including schools and community settings, to help increase accessibility and engagement for clients and families that experience transportation or scheduling
- Psychiatry and medication support
- On-site services and resources at Waymakers' Guidance Center, including therapeutic groups, diverse workshops, classes, and special events to promote pro-social activities, life skills development, and emotional resilience.

### Program Successes:

A participant started in JRC after being on probation as a juvenile for several years. While enrolled in JRC and in the Collaborative Courts Full-Service Partnership (CCFSP), the participant actively engaged in weekly therapy, case management, and attended social and wellness activities to support their treatment goals. They were able to abstain from opioid and cannabis use long enough to successfully graduate from JRC. Alongside completing probation, they maintained steady employment, secured stable housing, and advanced their career. Over the year, they demonstrated increase compliance with probation, applied learned skills to improve their relationships, and addressed maladaptive partnership behaviors. They also established boundaries with their peer group to minimize negative influences and prioritize personal goals. After completing JRC, they maintained their progress for a period of time and felt confident that they no longer required weekly intensive mental health services with CCFSP.

## Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) – (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a).

### A. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders

Describe your county's overall strategy for dealing with non-707(b) youthful offenders who are not eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice. Explain how this Plan relates to or supports that strategy.

The Probation Department employs various strategies to address non-707(b) offenders. Probation provides secure detention as well as community supervision, including the use of youth reporting centers, electronic monitoring for at-home pre-adjudicated youth, and the facilitation of foster care placement for youthful offenders.

Both in custody and within the community, supervised youth have access to a variety of treatment and rehabilitative programs tailored to their individual needs. Staff are trained in Evidence-Based Practices, providing supervision based on comprehensive risk/needs assessments to determine the appropriate level of intervention.

Probation collaborates with various community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and many other secular human service organizations.

### B. Regional Agreements

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported with YOBG funds.

Orange County does not currently have regional agreements as part of its YOBG funded services. Being a large urban county, the needs of the youth in Orange County are significant and there is no need for a regional approach to services with other counties at this time.

## C. Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), identifying any program that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

### YOBG Funded Program, Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, placement, service, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

#### 1. Program Name:

Pre-Detention and Pre-Disposition Program

#### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

N/A

#### 3. Description:

The Pre-Detention and Pre-Disposition Program provides a continuum of strategies to reduce the use of incarceration while providing for electronic monitoring and supervision of youth at home while awaiting adjudication of their cases. Using a validated risk assessment instrument to determine which youth can be safely released home under this program protects the community and allows secure detention beds to be used only for high-risk offenders. All participants in the program are supervised utilizing electronic monitoring equipment. This allows pre-adjudicated wards to be served in a community-based setting rather than being detained with youth assessed to be high-risk offenders. Youth are held accountable to the rules of the program and expected to attend school according to their school's schedule as well as comply with all counseling orders from the court.

Services provided within the Pre-Detention and Pre-Disposition Program include:

- Supporting youth in the community and in their homes.
- Face-to-face contact between officers and youth assigned to their caseloads.
- Risk assessment tools used to screen youth for eligibility in the program.
- Effective Practices in Community Supervisions (EPICS).

- Electronic Monitoring, which includes 24/7 GPS and radio frequency monitoring for select youthful offenders as a deterrent and enhancement tool in community supervision.
- Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Board of Supervisors.

#### Program Successes:

A youth was released to the Pre-Detention and Pre-Disposition Program (PPP) in early 2024 pending a new law violation. He is a 602 ward of the court and had a history of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation prior to being ordered released on PPP. The youth also struggled with alcohol abuse and had an extensive history of being truant from school.

While on PPP, all drug tests returned negative for any substance abuse, he attended AA meetings three times each week as ordered by the Court, and he attended school daily with no noted concerns. The youth was commended by school officials regarding his improvement in school regarding attendance and completion of school assignments while on house arrest. Although the youth initially struggled with his inability to access electronic devices while on house arrest, after further counseling and redirection, he gained compliance. The youth terminated from PPP a month later.

#### 1. Program Name:

Juvenile Facilities Programming

#### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

N/A

#### 3. Description:

Juvenile Facilities Programming provides institutional and camp programming at the Juvenile Hall facility and Camp facilities. Each facility provides similar evidence-based cognitive-behavioral treatment programs. Youth participate in a tiered phase level system of various programs. Programs provide continuum of response for the in-custody treatment of youth.

Camps target youth based on age, gender, criminogenic risk factors and/or commitment length. Specific programs within the facilities target youth who require a higher level of need for transition and reentry services. Programs include, but are not limited to, pre-camp readiness, gang intervention, Progressive Rehabilitation in a Dynamic Environment (PRIDE), and Leadership Education through Active Development (LEAD).

Services provided within Juvenile Facilities Programming include:

- Cognitive behavioral treatment programs to assist in-custody youth with their rehabilitation.
- Aggression Replacement Training.
- Decision Points and Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS).
- Just Beginnings parenting program and baby visits sponsored by the Youth Law Center (available to all eligible youth).
- Individual and group counseling.
- Therapy provided by a licensed clinician.
- Drug/Alcohol & Mental Health counseling.
- Educational & Vocation services to address each youth's social and behavioral needs.
- Assistance for college enrollment, employment, and family reunification.
- Other evidence-based programming.
- Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' success, including incentives as included in Probation Juvenile Incentives program as approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Collaboration between county partners, such as HCA, Probation Department, community partners (Department of Education, Project Kinship, Waymakers, Santiago Canyon College), and the Orange County Bar Foundation.

Program Successes:

The Probation Department Facilities initiated the associate degree for Transfer (ADT) Program approximately a year ago. One of the youths who participated in the program is on track to graduate with an AA degree this June. Despite facing significant life challenges, this resilient youth has chosen education as a positive path to transform their life and contribute to the community. The ADT program serves as a crucial steppingstone toward the youth's ultimate goal of pursuing advanced degrees. Additionally, the youth has already been accepted to Long Beach State College and plans to start in the Fall. The dedicated Probation staff has played a pivotal role in supporting this youth's journey, connecting them with collaborative resources, and providing counseling when needed.

### 1. Program Name:

Community Supervision

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

N/A

### 3. Description:

Formal supervision provides reentry and post-release community supervision for youth who have committed high-risk offenses that may have resulted in commitments to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) of California prior to realignment. Designated probation officers work with youth representing the highest risk and needs. The primary goal is to provide reentry services and effective supervision prior to and/or following release from a juvenile facility.

The youth served are supervised on probation caseloads and are wards of the court. The youth receive risk and need assessments, which are used to assess level of supervision. Probation officers are trained in the use of Evidence-Based Practices.

Services provided within Community Supervision include:

- Thinking for a Change (T4C), EPICS, and Decision Points, which assist youth in successful reentry into the community.
- Progress checks and random drug testing.
- Electronic Monitoring, which includes 24/7 GPS and radio frequency monitoring for select youthful offenders as a deterrent and enhancement tool in community supervision.
- Reentry/Aftercare Services, which includes field supervision of wards who are released into the community by conducting random home calls, resource referrals and case management services to youth and their families.
- Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the Board of Supervisors.

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## Introduction

Senate Bill 823 (SB823), also known as the “Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration,” was chaptered on September 30, 2020. Amongst several statutory changes, Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Welfare and Institutions Code (“WIC”) section 1990) was added to Division 2.5 of the WIC 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, WIC section 1995 set forth the guidelines for counties interested in becoming eligible for block grant funding.

As a result of SB823, 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 SB823 Subcommittee. Nominations for the new subcommittee were then entertained by the OCJJCC Chair. During the same meeting, the OCJJCC unanimously approved individuals representing the agencies and entities identified in WIC section 1995, subdivision (b) to be part of its new SB823 Subcommittee.

The newly formed SB823 Subcommittee held its first public meeting on April 29, 2021. Over the course of several months subcommittee members performed the needed analyses, engaged the public, and developed its local plan. The group presented its original draft SB823 plan during the regularly scheduled meeting of the OCJJCC on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The following plan is responsive to the aspects set forth in WIC section 1995, subdivisions (d)(1) through (d)(8) and is the culmination of the collective discussions and partnership between the juvenile court, community, and system stakeholders. This plan will address the needs of youth within the target population improving the outcomes for success and reducing rates of recidivism.

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The OCJJCC SB823 Subcommittee convened to discuss and update the County’s JRBG plan on March 18, 2025, and April 3, 2025. On the subcommittee approved the 2025-2026 plan.

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## Allocations

Pursuant to WIC section 1991, subdivision (a), and commencing with the 2021-22 fiscal year, and annually thereafter, counties will receive an allocation for use by the county to provide the “appropriate rehabilitative housing and supervision services for the population specified” in WIC section 1990, subdivision (b). The plan required in WIC section 1995 shall be considered by the Board of Supervisors in making allocations and any entity receiving direct allocation of funding from the Board of Supervisors for any secure residential placement for court ordered detention will be subject to existing regulations. “A local public agency that has primary responsibility for prosecuting or making arrests or detentions shall not provide rehabilitative and supervision services for the population specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1990 or receive funding pursuant to this section.” (WIC Section 1991, subd. (a).)

## Eligibility for Funds

For eligibility of allocated funds under WIC section 1991, counties must create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council. In Orange County, that council is the OCJJCC which has been in existence since 1996. The subcommittee of the coordinating council must then “develop a plan which describes the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for the population described in subdivision (b) of [WIC] section 1990.” (WIC section 1995, subd. (a).)

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Pursuant to WIC section 1995, subdivision (b), the OCJJCC’s subcommittee must be comprised of the following: The chief probation officer, as chair, a representative from the district attorney’s office, public defender’s office, the department of social services, the department of mental health, the county office of education or a school district, and a representative from the court. Also necessary to membership are no fewer than three community members who have experience providing community-based youth services, youth justice advocates who have expertise and knowledge of the juvenile justice system or have been directly involved in the system.

The OCJJCC’s SB823 Subcommittee is composed of the following individuals:

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## Target Population

(WIC section 1995(d)(1): Provide a description of the county's realignment target population including numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including their ages, offense and offense histories, gender, race or ethnicity, and other characteristics, and by the programs, placements, or facilities to which they are referred.)

In calendar year 2024, the Orange County Probation Department supervised 375 active youth who met the requirements for SB823 by being adjudicated for WIC section 707(b) offenses and were between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the offense. These 375 SB823 youth were wards under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Juvenile Court. This includes all who have returned from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) who remain under active supervision. One hundred five (105) SB823 youth had two or more 707(b) offenses. The total number of offenses are listed below:

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### Department of Justice (DOJ) Hierarchy

Offense	Total number of 707(b) Offenses	Number of Youth by the Most Serious 707(b) Offense (per youth)
Homicide	14	13
Attempted Homicide	46	32
Robbery	205	130
Assault	277	185
Arson	0	0
Sex Offense	41	<12
Kidnapping	7	<12
Witness Tampering	5	<12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>375</b>

Of the SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department, a majority were male; 81% were Hispanic; and 29 of the former minors were 19 years old or older at their first 707(b) offense disposition.

### SB823 Demographics of CY 2024 (N=375)

	#	%
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	331	88%
Female	44	12%
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Hispanic	302	81%
Black	27	7%

Asian/Pacific Islander/Other	26	7%
White	20	5%

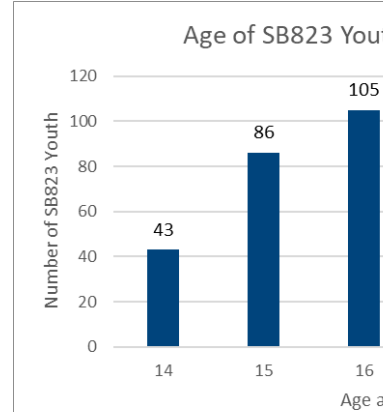
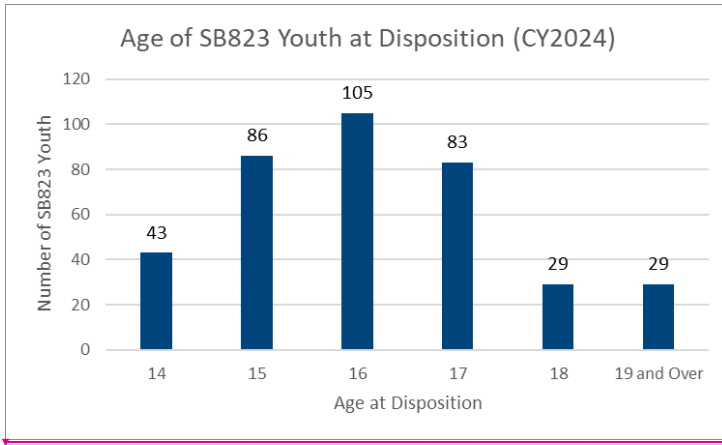
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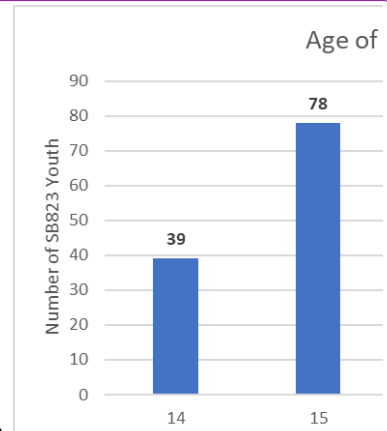
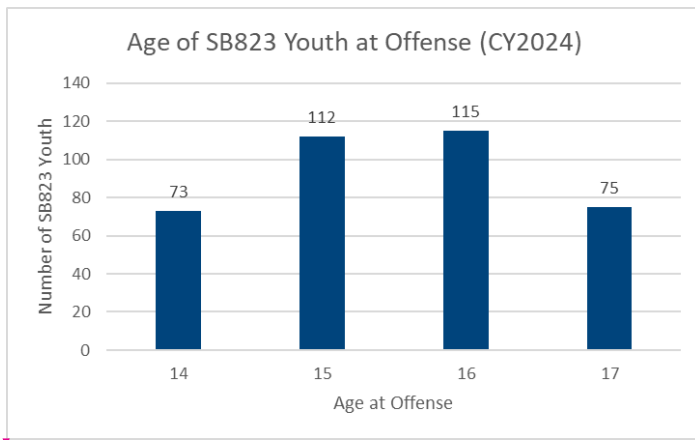
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SB823 requires youth to be between the ages of 14 years old and 17 years old at the time of the 707(b) offense. Thirty-one percent (31%) of youth were 16 years old at the time of their first offense, followed by 30% that were 15 years old.

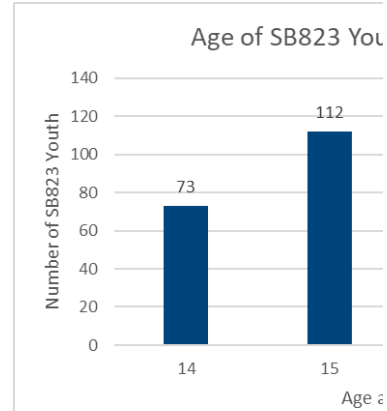


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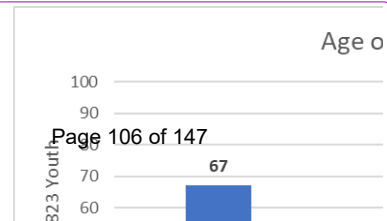
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The Orange County Probation Department completes an Initial Risk and Needs Assessment within 45 days after adjudication. Reassessments occur every six months. For SB823 youth active in CY2024, 82% were assessed to have substance use history and 66% with alcohol use history. In addition, 65% of youth associated with gangs. Overall, 81% were classified as high risk on their Initial Risk Assessment with an average risk score of 21.2. Any score 15 and above is considered



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**Initial Risk Assessment**

SB823 Youth	
Initial Risk Factors	
Average Initial Risk Score*	<u>21.2</u>
Initial Risk Classification	%
High	<u>81.0</u>
Medium	<u>16.2</u>
Low	<u>2.8</u>
Prior Record	%
No prior arrests or applications for petitions	<u>45.1</u>
Prior arrests, applications for petition or informal probation	<u>37.8</u>
Prior petitions sustained	<u>17.1</u>
Institutional Commitment or Out of Home Placement	%
None	<u>40.6</u>
One or more	<u>59.4</u>
Substance Use (Drugs)	%
No known use; occasional use	<u>17.9</u>
Occasional excessive use	<u>60.2</u>
Dependency	<u>21.9</u>
Alcohol Use	%
No known use; occasional use	<u>33.6</u>
Occasional excessive use	<u>52.7</u>
Dependency	<u>13.7</u>
Parental Control/Influence	%
Generally effective	<u>23.1</u>
Inconsistent/ineffective	<u>53.8</u>
Little or no control	<u>43.1</u>
School Discipline/Employment Problems	%
Attending school, training and/or working	<u>21.0</u>
School attendance or behavior problems	<u>24.1</u>
Truancy or illegal behavior	<u>43.1</u>
Not attending school/not working	<u>11.8</u>
Learning/Academic Performance Problems	%
No significant problems	<u>30.5</u>
Poor academic performance	<u>53.5</u>
Diagnosed learning disability or special class	<u>16.0</u>
Runaway/Escape Behavior	%
None	<u>66.7</u>
Runaway/escape risk	<u>33.3</u>
Negative Peer Influence	%
None	<u>4.2</u>
Negative peer influence or loner	<u>30.5</u>
Gang association	<u>65.3</u>

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\*Juvenile Initial Risk Classification Score Ranges: 0-5 (Low); 6-14 (Medium); 15+ (High)

Of the 375 SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department in CY2024, 46% of youth (171) were adjudicated of at least one 707(b) offense in 2024, and 22% of youth (81) had supervision terminated prior to the end of 2024. Four percent (4%) of SB823 youth (15) were transferred out of Orange County to another county for continued supervision.

Two hundred thirty-eight (238) SB823 youth out of the 375 CY2024 SB823 youth have either completed or are serving a court-ordered commitment; 137 were not ordered commitment time. For these 238 youth with commitments, they had a total of 269 petitions containing at least one 707(b) offense where a commitment was ordered.

Court-Ordered Commitment Days		
Commitment (in days)	Number	Percent
30 or less	<u>14</u>	<u>5%</u>
31-90	<u>76</u>	<u>28%</u>
91-180	<u>79</u>	<u>29%</u>
181-364	<u>33</u>	<u>12%</u>
365-600	<u>26</u>	<u>10%</u>
601-999	<u>15</u>	<u>6%</u>
1,000 or more	<u>26</u>	<u>10%</u>
<b>Total Petitions</b>	<b><u>269</u></b>	<b><u>100%</u></b>

The average commitment length was 351 days, while the median commitment length was 150 days. Approximately 33% of commitments were 90 days or less, with (62%) of commitments having a duration less than 6 months. Approximately 26% of the commitments ordered were one year or longer, and the longest commitment time was 3,064 days.

The Orange County Probation Department gathered the following target population information for the 375 SB823 youth that were active during CY2024:

- # of youth that received ASERT/STEP (alcohol or substance use treatment) at the Youth Guidance Center – 95
- # of youth that participated in the Youth Leadership Academy – 96
- # of youth in the Accountability Commitment Program – 133
- # of youth that participated in the Youth Reporting Center – 79
- # of youth that participated in the Youth Development Court – 40

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024), two youth were transferred to adult court. Eight youth had transfer hearings, but their cases remained in Juvenile Court.

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### Additional Target Population Information

(Describe any additional relevant information pertaining to identified target population, including programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.)

#### Data Summary of Active SB823 Youth on March 20, 2025

In addition to the CY2024 data presented above, the following data offers a one-day snapshot of the SB823 population in Orange County on March 20, 2025. On March 20, 2025, the Orange County Probation Department supervised 274 active youth who were adjudicated for WIC section 707(b) offenses and were between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the offense. Ninety (90) youth had two or more 707(b) offenses. The total number of offenses are listed below:

Department of Justice (DOJ) Hierarchy

Offense	Total number of 707(b) Offenses	Number of Youth by the Most Serious 707(b) Offense (per youth)
Homicide	14	13
Attempted Homicide	35	22
Robbery	150	96
Assault	206	137
Sex Offense	30	<12
Kidnapping	3	<12
Witness Tampering	3	<12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>274</b>

Of the SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department, a majority were male; 84% were Hispanic; and 36 former minors were 20 years old or older as of March 20, 2025.

SB823 Demographics: Snapshot as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 (N = 274)

	#	%
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	243	89%
Female	31	11%
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Hispanic	229	84%
Black	15	5%
Asian/Pacific Islander/Other	16	6%
White	14	5%

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Of the 274 SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department, 51 were in custody on March 20, 2025, including 24 youth at the Youth Guidance Center or the Youth Leadership Academy. The remaining 223 youth were supervised in the community.

Location of Active SB823 Youth on March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		
	Number	Percent
<b>In Custody</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>19%</b>
Juvenile Hall	27	
Camps (Youth Guidance Center or Youth Leadership Academy)	24	
<b>Not in Custody (Supervised in the Community)</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>100%</b>

Data Summary of Pending SB823 Youth on March 20, 2025

On March 20, 2025, 138 youth had pending 707(b) charges and were between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the offense. These youth are SB823 eligible upon adjudication of their WIC section 707(b) charges. Fourteen (14) of these youth have been adjudicated of 707(b) offense(s) in the past and are also included in the active snapshot above as well as here. Fifty-seven (57) youth had two or more 707(b) offenses pending as of March 20, 2025. The total number of pending 707(b) offenses are listed below:

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Department of Justice (DOJ) Hierarchy

Offense	Total number of 707(b) Offenses	Most Serious 707(b) Offense (per youth)
Homicide	30	26
Attempted Homicide	29	<12
Robbery	54	40
Assault	101	57
Sex Offense	8	<12
Kidnapping	1	0
Witness Tampering	2	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>138</b>

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Of the pending SB823 youth, a majority were male; 71% were Hispanic; and 43 former minors

were 20 years old or older as of March 20, 2025.

Pending SB823 Demographics: Snapshot as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 (N = 138)

	#	%
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	<u>124</u>	<u>90%</u>
Female	<u>14</u>	<u>10%</u>
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
Hispanic	<u>98</u>	<u>71%</u>
Black	<u>12</u>	<u>9%</u>
White	<u>16</u>	<u>11%</u>
Asian/Pacific Islander/ Other	<u>12</u>	<u>9%</u>

The SB823 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 the target population youth serve custodial commitments, in reach and reentry types of services (provided through community partnerships) are at the core of Orange County’s planning efforts.

### Programs and Services

*(WIC section 1995(d)(2): Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population.)*

The County of Orange is committed to providing a trauma-informed approach to each youth within the target population that begins the moment a youth enters the juvenile facility. Integral to this approach is the early identification of a peer mentor/navigator who will support the youth throughout the youth’s commitment and follow the youth after release to assist in the reentry process. Youth committed to the Secure Track Youth program will be provided with enhanced frequency of services compared to youth in the larger target population.

Part of this approach also includes a case conference meeting that will be held within 10 days from the youth’s entry into a juvenile facility. The youth, parent/guardian, peer mentor/navigator, community-based organizations and designated individuals from the following agencies will participate in the case conference: Probation, Health Care Agency, and the Department of Education. The case conference will provide an opportunity for the youth’s input in the development of a robust case plan that will assist all service providers in addressing the youth’s needs and goals. This case plan will identify a youth’s immediate health and basic needs, educational goals, barriers to success (such as tickets and fines, school access or securing vital documents), existing familial supports as well as the youth’s support systems. Case plan

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goals may include, but not be limited to, attaining high school education or the equivalent, participating in programming to improve job readiness (i.e., college or trade school courses), and independent living skills. Any transitional, reentry support services will also be culturally responsive and whenever possible utilize evidence-based, promising, and trauma-informed practices. The case plan will continue to be assessed relying on input from the youth and reviewed every 30 days through additional case conferences.

If a youth is committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (“SYTF”), Probation must submit an Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) to the court within 30 court days. Their existing case plan and the IRP will consider an assessment of the youth’s needs and risk to recidivate as well as any mood/anxiety symptoms, risk of suicide/self-harm, history of alcohol/drug use, history of trauma, current traumatic stress symptoms, risk of violence/sexual victimization and risk of commercial sexual exploitation. Based on this assessment, additional case plan goals, including barriers to prior rehabilitative efforts, short- and long-term goals will be identified and directed at promoting successful reentry for the youth into their community. Case plan reviews for SYTF youth will be reviewed every 30 days through regularly scheduled case conferences. The youth’s educational milestones/goals will be reviewed as well as all other reentry goals (e.g., participation in court-ordered treatment, job readiness classes/training). Additionally, SYTF youth will have access to behavioral health and substance use disorder professionals to address any challenges that may hinder successful re-integration back into the community.

The progress of SYTF youth will be provided to the juvenile court every six months at calendared progress review hearings regarding the youth’s case plan development and the youth’s progress toward completion of goals along with the youth’s readiness for reentry relative to the IRP. At least six months prior to release, a reentry conference will be scheduled with the youth and case conference members. At this case conference, the youth, the youth’s family and/or identified support, peer mentor/navigator, assigned deputy probation officer, service providers and community partners will review the youth’s case plan progress. Additionally, transition planning (e.g., a review of parent/guardian readiness to receive the youth back home or housing options for our older youth) will be discussed. The youth’s peer mentor/navigator will also be crucial to allow the youth to engage in off-site activities designed to improve the youth’s successful transition. Upon release, the youth and assigned deputy probation officer will work towards completing final case plan goals until juvenile court jurisdiction terminates, or the youth completes supervision satisfactorily whichever comes first. Any transitional, reentry support services will also be culturally responsive and whenever possible utilize evidence-based, promising, and trauma-informed practices.

Presently, programs and services will be provided on site at each of the County’s juvenile facilities. However, the County is currently working on strategic plans to renovate, build and potentially redesign the existing juvenile detention facilities including a relocation of at least one juvenile camp. (This plan is detailed below in the “Facility Plan” section.) As part of this plan, specialized housing for the SYTF population as well as considerations based on a youth’s gender, identity, age, behavioral health needs, offense, and severity of the offense are occurring. Through this plan, the County, with input from the juvenile justice stakeholders and community partners, looks forward to creating more therapeutic, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and

homelike settings which would be appropriate and livable for longer term commitments when necessary. Included in these plans are step-down units or facilities that will meet the needs of the SYTF population and be conducive to the services and programs being delivered.

As for service providers and supervision for the target population, the Probation Department employs a diverse and experienced staff of direct supervision officers who will work with this population. The ratio of at least one deputy probation correctional officer (DPCO) to every eight youth during waking hours is anticipated. Additional staff may be assigned to areas housing committed Secure Track youth. Probation staff receive state approved training curriculum which includes diverse topics such as professionalism and ethics, crisis communication and de-escalation, group dynamics, responding to medical emergencies, fire and life safety, cultural diversity and ethnic disparity, gender identity, case planning, addressing and reporting child abuse, preventing sexual assault, trauma, symptomology of substance use, suicide prevention, and core correctional practices to support safety.

The County will also look to create and build upon existing relationships with service providers through local agencies as well as community-based organizations to provide appropriate programs and services to the target population.

## DJJ Realignment Funds

*(WIC Section 1995(d)(3)(A) through (d)(3)(F): Provide a description of how grant funds will be applied to address each of the following areas of need or development for realigned youth: Mental Health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs; support programs or services that promote the health adolescent development; family engagement programs; reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing, and continuing education; evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed, and culturally response; and any services or programs that will be provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers.)*

DJJ Realignment funding will be utilized to develop robust, individualized treatment plans for the target population youth focused on the youth's behavioral health, educational and emotional needs, community-based mentorship, and family engagement/support for those youth identified as SB823 and those youth pending SB823 eligibility. Any transitional, reentry support services will also be culturally responsive and whenever possible utilize evidence-based, promising, and trauma-informed practices with an annual review of services and programs through an outside provider to measure the effectiveness of such programming. While funding may be applied to county-based custody, care and supervision of SB 823 eligible youth pursuant to the statute, priority will be given to funding programs and services if funds are limited.

### *A. Behavioral Health, Sex Offender Treatment, or Related Behavioral or Trauma-based Needs*

Allocated funds will be used to expand the number of behavioral health clinicians serving the target population youth and to procure additional evidence-informed services for this

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population including treatment for violent sex offenders. As set forth above, robust, individualized case planning will occur for each target population youth at the outset and will include information from risk/needs assessments and any behavioral health issues identified through existing screening tools.

Planned additional services in the areas of behavioral health, sex offender treatment and or trauma may include:

- Substance use education and counseling
- Evidence-based cognitive behavior therapy approaches and/or groups
- On site 24-hour behavioral health services that are available 7 days a week
- Medication Assisted Treatment (“MAT”)
- Psychiatric services
- Sex offender treatment, including treatment for violent sex offenders
- Trauma-focused clinical interventions
- Gang intervention services and support
- Socially and culturally inclusive restorative practices
- Mindfulness based programs
- Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (“EMDR”)
- Art and Music Therapy

Staff members and involved systems professionals will receive training in national best practices to support reentry needs.

*B. Support programs or Services that promote healthy adolescent development*

DJJ Realignment funds will be utilized to procure services for the target population which are evidence-informed, rehabilitative, developmentally appropriate, and support the Positive Youth Development Model. Identified services include Restorative Circles, Cognitive Behavior Training, Reentry Services, System Navigator/Peer Mentor/Credible Messenger, Educational/Vocational Services, and Life Skills. Treatment and service providers will be required to support pro-social development by including the youth’s voice in programming decisions, offering programs that support healthy relationships, financial literacy, job readiness, pro-social and adolescent development, hygiene and self-care, mindfulness, artistic expression and enrichment, and opportunities for leadership development.

To continue to promote a youth’s healthy development, appropriate medical screenings, behavioral health, and dental screenings will occur along with preventative care including dental cleanings every six months.

*C. Family Engagement in Programs*

Recognizing that family can provide extensive knowledge about a youth and their background, the identification of a youth’s family and/or familial supports will be done

within 10 days from the youth's entry into a juvenile facility. Once identified, any familial support will be essential members of the case conference with a meeting held within 10 days from the youth's intake at the facility. With the engagement of the youth, family, service providers and peer mentor/navigator, a robust individualized case plan will identify a youth's immediate physical and behavioral health and basic needs, educational goals, and support systems.

The engagement of family through regular onsite visitation at the juvenile facilities is a significant source of support for youth and enabling a youth to connect to family whilst in custody oftentimes promotes the youth's well-being. In recognition of this, the Probation Department has expanded the definition of "family" to allow visitation between an in-custody youth and individuals such as aunts, uncles, cousins, adult siblings, non-biological relatives, and more. In addition, the newly constructed multi-purpose center on the juvenile justice campus will serve as a more welcoming space for visitation.

Additionally, since some of the County's target population youth are parents themselves, programs including the Teen Parenting program and the Just Beginning and Child Bonding curriculum will be provided to youth in custody. Psychoeducation on parenting and resources in the community will also be provided. These programs allow youth to find commonality, strength, and encouragement to assist in meeting the demands of parenthood while in and out of custody. They are facilitated through use of videos, education materials, activities, and structured visits to assist in their child's development.

*D. Reentry, Including Planning and Linkages to Support Employment, Housing, and Continuing Education*

Reentry planning for the target population youth will begin upon intake at the juvenile facility. The County will build upon the existing reentry model presently utilized by the County's Youth Development Court ("YDC") which is a post-Prop 57 court developed to assist youth in making a successful transition from lengthy local juvenile commitments as well as those youth who had been committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice to their communities. Through this model, reentry case planning involving the youth that identifies the youth's support network, engages the youth's family/caregiver, services providers, and community providers begins at the time of intake. This process encourages the youth to start planning for their success both in and out of custody and immediately identifies their supportive partners. Thereafter, through regular case conferences involving the youth and identified case conference members, this reentry plan will be a fluid, working document that follows the youth throughout their commitment. Reentry plans include housing, basic needs, employment, education, counseling, behavioral health services, and any other factors, inclusive of culturally appropriate services, involved in promoting the youth's well-being within the youth's community. A validated risk/needs assessment is also used as a valuable tool in guiding the plan.

At least six months prior to release, the reentry plan will focus on a community-centered reentry phase during which the youth will obtain supportive and transitional services from

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the clinical and educational teams as well as community-based providers whilst in custody. During this phase, educational, vocational, and career opportunities for the youth outside of the facilities will be pursued to allow a measured transition back to the youth's community.

In collaboration with Probation, the Orange County Department of Education (DOE) provides educational opportunities to youth within the County's juvenile facilities. Target population youth engage in educational programming based upon their age and high school graduation status. Youth generally focus on completing credits necessary to earn a California High School Diploma or GED, while former youth not only obtain their diploma, but continue on with advanced studies via transferrable community college courses, career technical education sequences that lead to pre-apprentice certifications, or, depending on length of stay, may engage in upper division university coursework leading to a bachelor's degree.

Community-based organizations who partner with Probation will assist youth in finding housing and employment opportunities for the target population. Community partners will be subject to an objective process like a Request for Proposal. Orange County intends to set aside funding to support rental assistance, clothing for job opportunities, and other related issues needed to maintain or secure housing, services, or employment.

After establishing a reentry plan, assigned probation officers will work collaboratively with the youth, the youth's family/caregivers/support network, the juvenile facility staff, community reentry partners, and other stakeholders (i.e., Department of Education and Health Care Agency) from the time the youth is committed through their termination of wardship.

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E. Evidence-based, Promising, Trauma-informed, and Culturally Responsive Services and Programs

The Probation Department is dedicated to providing evidence-informed, rehabilitative, and developmentally appropriate programming to the target population youth. The services and programs will be centered on a Positive Youth Development Model and support a youth's pro-social development by including their voices in programming decisions and working collaboratively to meet their needs.

Services and programs will be provided through existing partnerships and new contracts with providers such as the Orange County Health Care Agency and community-based organizations. Such services will include: consistent evidence-based cognitive behavior therapy approaches and/or groups, substance use education and treatment, sex offender treatment, aggression replacement therapy, trauma-focused clinical interventions, gang intervention services and support, positive pro-social programming, creative arts programming, and mindfulness-based programs.

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All probation staff are trained in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex

(LGBTQI) communities and culture to ensure fairness and respect for LGBTQI youth in the facilities. Such training allows staff to promote environments of sensitivity and professional boundaries for all youth, inclusive of LGBTQI youth, and promotes competency in working with LGBTQI youth. Probation staff are also familiar/trained in corrections supervision strategies that have been proven effective by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute including, but not limited to, trauma-informed interactions, cognitive behavioral strategies that influence behavior, and incentive-based interventions.

Probation staff will have the opportunity to attend training specific to: Addiction and Recovery, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), Conflict Resolution, Effective Communication and De-escalation, Education as a Tool for Successful Reentry, Cultural Diversity/Humility, Implicit Bias, Racial Profiling, Avoiding Manipulation, Helping Youth Grieve, Impact of Trauma on Development, Managing Stress, Coping with Grief and Loss, Secondary Trauma, Wellness and Self-Care, Youth Trauma, DJJ Realignment: Preparing for Transitional Aged Youth and many courses on youth behavioral health intervention and disorders.

Funding will be used to provide appropriate training to probation staff and collaborative partners in the areas of trauma, culturally responsive practices and other identified need areas. Additional proposed training include areas such as restorative justice/practices and reentry focused topics.

*F. Nongovernmental or Community-based Providers*

Utilizing existing relationships with non-governmental and community-based providers through the YDC, new services and enhancements to existing programs provided through such entities will be pursued. Services and programs supported by grant funding will include mentorship, restorative circles, team building and leadership development, financial literacy, creative and culinary arts, pro-social programming, job training, furlough opportunities, enrichment activities, gang intervention services and support, and transportation to secondary education/vocational sites and/or employment.

To ensure continuity and collaboration during reentry, the development of relationships between the primary service provider and organizations such as community agencies, schools, faith-based organizations and public services will be encouraged.

Probation will continue to utilize established protocols and processes to provide linkage and collaboration between community-based providers and non-governmental entities within the County.

Facility Plan

*(WIC section 1995(d)(4): Provide a detailed facility plan indicating which facilities will be used to house or confine realigned youth at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. This should include how the facilities*

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*will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics.)*

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 Probation Department 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 the educational, and behavioral health needs of each youth are met. All sworn Probation staff at these facilities 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. 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, behavioral health needs, offense type and severity of the offense. Target population youth and committed Secure Track youth, absent another prevailing housing need, will be housed with their like peers considering the most appropriate setting based on age, risk level and other needs. This strategy will allow Probation the flexibility to house older male Secure Track/target population youth together, while other Secure Track/target population 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 youth directly to YGC, or YLA, the committed youth will be integrated into the YGC/YLA populations, absent extenuating circumstances.

The County of Orange is currently working on strategic plans to renovate, build and potentially redesign the existing juvenile detention facilities including a relocation of at least one juvenile camp. To this end, the County has contracted with an architectural design firm for research, development, and a design plan. Phase One of the overall redesign includes plans to build a new facility called the Youth Transitional Center (YTC) on the grounds of the current Juvenile Hall. This new facility will be used as a replacement for the existing YGC facility once completed. The plans for YTC include up to 60 beds in living units and, a transitional housing unit with 8 beds for youth preparing to re-enter the community. Phase Two of the redesign proposed two additional 28-bed housing units s for youth serving long-term commitments on JH grounds and 40 additional apartment style beds within an Independent Living Program outside the perimeter of YLA/JH. New classrooms (educational/ vocational), a library and a school administration office are also

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proposed in the second phase of the project. The Probation Department, justice stakeholders and community partners will continue to work together to design and build facilities that create a more therapeutic, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate setting for all youth including those committed to the SYTF. Specialized housing and considerations based on a youth's gender identity, age, behavioral health needs, offense, and severity of the offense are also being considered. The shared vision/goal of all new or renovated space for target population youth and those committed to the SYTF is a more homelike setting, appropriate and livable for longer term commitments when necessary. Included in these plans are step-down units or facilities that will meet the needs of the SYTF population.

Youth in the SYTF and in the target population will also be provided appropriate space for physical activities and the development of reentry skills as they move through the phases of their commitments. Space will be designed to enhance existing and future services. Activities will include secondary educational programs, career technical education, vocational skills training, and life skills that will assist the youth in successful reentry.

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## Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

*(WIC section 1995(d)(5): Provide a description of how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system in lieu of transfers of realigned youth into the adult criminal justice system.)*

Building off the YDC model, the County has seen a reduction in transfers to the adult criminal justice system through a collaborative endeavor between the Juvenile Court, Probation, juvenile justice stakeholders, and community-based organizations. Planned enhancements to YDC through the services and programs identified in the County’s realignment plan will add another layer of rehabilitative services and reentry support for youth within the target population.

Additionally, by developing a robust, well-informed, individualized case plan that also considers criminogenic needs and includes ongoing case conferences which engage the youth, their family/support network, services providers, peer mentor/navigator and any other community-based providers, the likelihood of any target population youth entering the adult system is reduced. Family engagement training and planning will continue to be offered to staff. Additional SB823 DPCO positions have been proposed to provide similar services to the remaining SB823 population when staffing levels are available. Moreover, with a focus on reentry at the outset of a youth’s case, planning for continuation of care that minimizes a disruption of services and establishes community and peer support, promotes stronger ties to a youth’s community and reduces their chance of entry in the adult system.

Regular assessments of the effectiveness of existing and future programs and services must also be done to ensure appropriate successful outcomes for the target population and the retention of these youth within the juvenile justice system. Programming will be evaluated with a focus on providing services that will decrease the likelihood of transfer to the adult system. Where appropriate, implementation of existing services will be enhanced through continuing education of staff in areas including trauma informed practices, implicit bias, and conflict resolution.

SYTF youth will also be provided step-down opportunities outlined specifically within their individualized plan. Youth will be given specific target goals to effectuate the step-down process. The identification of specific goals will incentivize youth to meet those goals through positive reinforcement.

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## Regional Effort

*(WIC section 1995(d)(6): Describe any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported by the County's block grant allocation.)*

There are no regional agreements or arrangements that will be supported by the block grant allocation.

## Data

*(WIC section 1995(d)(7): Describe how data will be collected on the youth served and outcomes for youth served by the block grant program including a description of outcome measures that will be utilized to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions supported by block grant funds)*

The Orange County Probation Department has a data collection system. This data system has the capability to track "recidivism" related measurements such as risk/needs assessments, number of arrests, and sustained petitions. The system can also produce reports of real time data to provide outcome measures for the programs and interventions supported by block grant funding.

### *Evaluation of Data*

Data will be collected to evaluate the impact of the County's plan on the youth's rehabilitation, recidivism, and public safety. Data points may include youth development and wellness data, including, but not limited to, education attainment, employment, behavioral health, housing, family connections, foster care, and other wellness outcomes. Although the current system can capture some of these data points, an evaluation is necessary to determine what added programming and/or personnel resources are needed to capture additional data. Additionally, an independent data evaluator is currently in the process of being contracted to allow for an objective review and report on the outcomes and data regarding our programs.

## Other Updates

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*During the SB823 Subcommittee meetings, the following items were also discussed as possible enhancements in the future:¶*  
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Probation has plans for a transitional housing unit with 8 beds within the Youth Transitional Center (YTC) for youth preparing to re-enter the community, an additional 24 -bed housing unit for youth serving long-term commitments and 40 additional apartment style beds within an Independent Living Program outside the perimeter of YLA/JH.¶

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(WIC section 1995 (d)(8): Describe any progress on elements since May 1, 2024)

The County of Orange has made huge strides in focusing on and fulfilling many of the proposed components of the previous realignment plan. With existing County partners, community-based organizations (CBO), and various service providers, we have implemented several evidence-based treatment programs/services and created a wide variety of supportive and youth focused resources, specific to the target population. The updates below provide specific information on the responsiveness of the County of Orange to meet the needs of the youth and the commitment to provide services, programs, and opportunities to the youth within the target population.

Contracts were signed with the community-based organization, Project Kinship (PK) to provide Restorative Circle Services, Cognitive Behavioral Training Services, Re-Entry Services, and System Navigator/Peer Mentor Services. In February of 2025 the contracted services had been in place for a year. The services are currently being provided to youth within all juvenile facilities and referred youth within the community. Additionally, a PK Youth Transformation Program drop-in site is being constructed within the Juvenile Justice complex with completion set for June 2025, which will allow for additional services within the community for the target population. PK staff are trained in various evidence-based practices, several staff have justice system lived experience, and they provide services within both the juvenile and adult justice arenas within Orange County.

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In May 2024, the department contracted with the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp. This is a new opportunity for eligible male youth who are 18-25, under juvenile court jurisdiction and serving a commitment within our juvenile facilities. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) jointly operate Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp (Pine Grove) in Amador County. Camp partners include Amity Foundation and Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) which collaboratively instill a therapeutic community for youth participating in the camp. Pine Grove provides housing, care and training to county youth. Youth who participate in the program will receive various supportive programming, as well as firefighting specific training. Comprehensive rehabilitative program services are uniquely designed to accommodate youth employment schedules, youth specific needs, and address: positive reinforcement ethics, criminal addictive thinking, violence interruption and knowledge, motivational incentives and success, restorative justice and empathy, substance abuse counseling, reentry and reintegration programs and transitional planning and housing. Additional program services include an athletic fitness/sports program, college coursework, community service, religious services, and volunteer programs. Youth will receive 96 hours of training to receive six professional entry-level wildland fire service certificates. One certificate is received from CALFIRE and five additional certificates are received from the National Wildfire Coordination Group. Youth will use the skills they learn in training on various conservation and fire prevention projects. In early December, a youth from the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) was accepted and was transported to the program.

To fulfill many of the proposed programs within the County's previous plan, the Orange County Probation Department (OCPD) has solicited for providers for various services and resources focused on providing opportunities for the target population. A vendor has been identified to provide

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contracted services for vocational/educational training, specifically automotive training, that will be provided in the auto-shop within the Multipurpose Rehabilitation Center (MRC). OCPD has released two separate Request for Proposals (RFPs) for vocational and educational services to expand existing services for the target population. College level classes continue to be provided to eligible youth through our partnership with local community colleges.

The department is in the process of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Segerstrom Center for the Arts (SCFTA), a local performing arts venue that hosts a wide variety of performances and provides innovative education programs. Every summer SCFTA facilitates a program with youth from Probation and DOE, which includes several days of instruction and activities in preparation for a musical performance the youth present to collaboratives, community members, and the youth's families. Probation is looking to expand this opportunity by providing teaching artists to instruct dancing, singing, and acting within the facilities. This performance instruction will culminate in musical productions that can be attended by the youths' families, peers and staff.

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The number of Transitional Care Coordinator (TCC) DPCO positions increased from four to six staff, allowing for services to expand to all juvenile facilities. These staff work with the target population focusing on developing a robust, well-informed, individualized case plan within case conference meetings including the youth, parent/guardian, peer mentor, CBO personnel, as well as behavioral health and education representatives. TCC staff also assist with Medi-Cal and public assistance referrals for eligible youth and/or their families, in coordination with the Social Services Agency (SSA).

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OCPD has contracted with Open Gate International for culinary arts vocational training. The 12-week program trains youth on the basics of kitchen procedures and focuses on the demands and requirements of food preparation, cooking, and the presentation of food. This program is provided on a rotational basis within all the juvenile facilities.

The Health Care Agency (HCA) provides behavioral health and various other supportive programs to youth within the facilities. Utilizing allocated funds, the number of behavioral health clinicians serving the target population youth has expanded, with clinicians now on site at the facility seven days a week until 9 pm, and clinicians on call after hours. This has allowed for youth behavioral health needs to be addressed when issues are presented or during crisis situations. In addition, several clinicians have received specialized training in various evidence-based modalities to provide enhanced behavioral health services to ensure youth receive the behavioral health treatment they need. These enhanced behavioral health services include Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and the Matrix Model, an intensive treatment designed to address substance use. HCA has also hired Peer Mentors to provide support to the target population while in-custody and for continued assistance and community linkages upon release.

Although HCA provides programming to youth that focuses on life skills such as self-respect, building healthy relationships, financial literacy, job readiness, and other pro-social and adolescent

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development skill building; the department has identified a vendor to provide life skills specific programming to target population youth. The contract is in the final stages of getting approved and the services are on target to begin in June 2025.

- To ensure an objective review of the outcomes related to our current programming, OCPD has contracted with Justice System Partners since August 2024 to provide consulting services regarding research, as an independent data evaluator.

- Preparation for construction of the new Youth Transitional Center (YTC) has begun. Several existing buildings need to be demolished to create space for the YTC. This facility will include five-12 bed units and a unit with eight transitional housing beds. The transitional housing program will allow for a step-down option for youth who are preparing to re-enter into the community. This project will be considered Phase One of several pending construction projects within the County's juvenile facilities. The County is planning on building two 28-bed housing units for youth serving long-term commitments and 40 additional apartment style beds within an Independent Living Program outside the perimeter of YLA/JH. However, these two projects will now be part of Phase two of the juvenile facilities construction projects.

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## Introduction

Senate Bill 823 (SB823), also known as the “Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration,” was chaptered on September 30, 2020. Amongst several statutory changes, Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Welfare and Institutions Code (“WIC”) section 1990) was added to Division 2.5 of the WIC 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, WIC section 1995 set forth the guidelines for counties interested in becoming eligible for block grant funding.

As a result of SB823, 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 SB823 Subcommittee. Nominations for the new subcommittee were then entertained by the OCJJCC Chair. During the same meeting, the OCJJCC unanimously approved individuals representing the agencies and entities identified in WIC section 1995, subdivision (b) to be part of its new SB823 Subcommittee.

The newly formed SB823 Subcommittee held its first public meeting on April 29, 2021. Over the course of several months, subcommittee members performed the needed analyses, engaged the public, and developed its local plan. The group presented its original draft SB823 plan during the regularly scheduled meeting of the OCJJCC on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The following plan is responsive to the aspects set forth in WIC section 1995, subdivisions (d)(1) through (d)(8) and is the culmination of the collective discussions and partnership between the juvenile court, community, and system stakeholders. This plan will address the needs of youth within the target population improving the outcomes for success and reducing rates of recidivism.

The OCJJCC SB823 Subcommittee convened to discuss and update the County’s JIRBG plan on March 18, 2025, and April 3, 2025. On \_ the subcommittee approved the 2025-2026 plan.

## Allocations

Pursuant to WIC section 1991, subdivision (a), and commencing with the 2021-22 fiscal year, and annually thereafter, counties will receive an allocation for use by the county to provide the “appropriate rehabilitative housing and supervision services for the population specified” in WIC section 1990, subdivision (b). The plan required in WIC section 1995 shall be considered by the Board of Supervisors in making allocations and any entity receiving direct allocation of funding from the Board of Supervisors for any secure residential placement for court ordered detention will be subject to existing regulations. “A local public agency that has primary responsibility for prosecuting or making arrests or detentions shall not provide rehabilitative and supervision services for the population specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1990 or receive funding pursuant to this section.” (WIC Section 1991, subd. (a).)

## Eligibility for Funds

For eligibility of allocated funds under WIC section 1991, counties must create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council. In Orange County, that council is the OCJJCC which has been in existence since 1996. The subcommittee of the coordinating council must then “develop a plan which describes the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for the population described in subdivision (b) of [WIC] section 1990.” (WIC section 1995, subd. (a).)

Pursuant to WIC section 1995, subdivision (b), the OCJJCC’s subcommittee must be comprised of the following: The chief probation officer, as chair, a representative from the district attorney’s office, public defender’s office, the department of social services, the department of mental health, the county office of education or a school district, and a representative from the court. Also necessary to membership are no fewer than three community members who have experience providing community-based youth services, youth justice advocates who have expertise and knowledge of the juvenile justice system or have been directly involved in the system.

The OCJJCC’s SB823 Subcommittee is composed of the following individuals:

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## Target Population

*(WIC section 1995(d)(1): Provide a description of the county's realignment target population including numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including their ages, offense and offense histories, gender, race or ethnicity, and other characteristics, and by the programs, placements, or facilities to which they are referred.)*

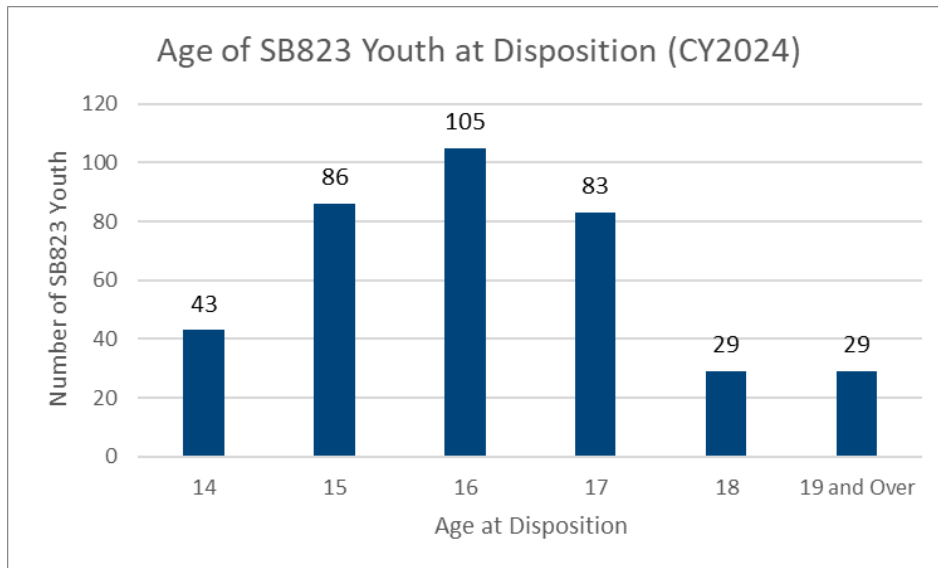
In calendar year 2024, the Orange County Probation Department supervised 375 active youth who met the requirements for SB823 by being adjudicated for WIC section 707(b) offenses and were between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the offense. These 375 SB823 youth were wards under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Juvenile Court. This includes all who have returned from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) who remain under active supervision. One hundred five (105) SB823 youth had two or more 707(b) offenses. The total number of offenses are listed below:

Department of Justice (DOJ) Hierarchy		
Offense	Total number of 707(b) Offenses	Number of Youth by the Most Serious 707(b) Offense (per youth)
Homicide	14	13
Attempted Homicide	46	32
Robbery	205	130
Assault	277	185
Arson	0	0
Sex Offense	41	<12
Kidnapping	7	<12
Witness Tampering	5	<12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>375</b>

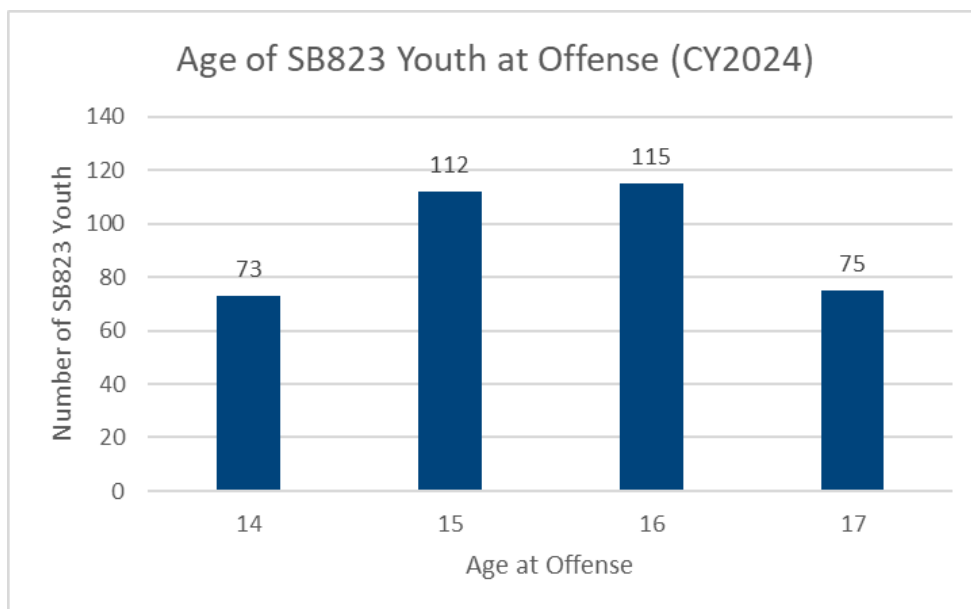
Of the SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department, a majority were male; 81% were Hispanic; and 29 of the former minors were 19 years old or older at their first 707(b) offense disposition.

SB823 Demographics of CY 2024  
(N=375)

	#	%
<b>Gender</b>		
<i>Male</i>	331	88%
<i>Female</i>	44	12%
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
<i>Hispanic</i>	302	81%
<i>Black</i>	27	7%
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander/Other</i>	26	7%
<i>White</i>	20	5%



SB823 requires youth to be between the ages of 14 years old and 17 years old at the time of the 707(b) offense. Thirty-one percent (31%) of youth were 16 years old at the time of their first offense, followed by 30% that were 15 years old.



The Orange County Probation Department completes an Initial Risk and Needs Assessment within 45 days after adjudication. Reassessments occur every six months. For SB823 youth active in CY2024, 82% were assessed to have substance use history and 66% with alcohol use history. In addition, 65% of youth associated with gangs. Overall, 81% were classified as high risk on their Initial Risk Assessment with an average risk score of 21.2. Any score 15 and above is considered high risk.

**Initial Risk Assessment**

SB823 Youth	
Initial Risk Factors	
Average Initial Risk Score*	21.2
Initial Risk Classification	
High	81.0
Medium	16.2
Low	2.8
Prior Record	
No prior arrests or applications for petitions	45.1
Prior arrests, applications for petition or informal probation	37.8
Prior petitions sustained	17.1
Institutional Commitment or Out of Home Placement	
None	40.6
One or more	59.4
Substance Use (Drugs)	
No known use; occasional use	17.9
Occasional excessive use	60.2
Dependency	21.9
Alcohol Use	
No known use; occasional use	33.6
Occasional excessive use	52.7
Dependency	13.7
Parental Control/Influence	
Generally effective	23.1
Inconsistent/ineffective	53.8
Little or no control	43.1
School Discipline/Employment Problems	
Attending school, training and/or working	21.0
School attendance or behavior problems	24.1
Truancy or illegal behavior	43.1
Not attending school/not working	11.8
Learning/Academic Performance Problems	
No significant problems	30.5
Poor academic performance	53.5
Diagnosed learning disability or special class	16.0
Runaway/Escape Behavior	
None	66.7
Runaway/escape risk	33.3
Negative Peer Influence	
None	4.2
Negative peer influence or loner	30.5
Gang association	65.3

\*Juvenile Initial Risk Classification Score Ranges: 0-5 (Low); 6-14 (Medium); 15+ (High)

Of the 375 SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department in CY2024, 46% of youth (171) were adjudicated of at least one 707(b) offense in 2024, and 22% of youth (81) had supervision terminated prior to the end of 2024. Four percent (4%) of SB823 youth (15) were transferred out of Orange County to another county for continued supervision.

Two hundred thirty- eight (238) SB823 youth out of the 375 CY2024 SB823 youth have either completed or are serving a court-ordered commitment; 137 were not ordered commitment time. For these 238 youth with commitments, they had a total of 269 petitions containing at least one 707(b) offense where a commitment was ordered.

<b>Court-Ordered Commitment Days</b>		
<b>Commitment (in days)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
30 or less	14	5%
31-90	76	28%
91-180	79	29%
181-364	33	12%
365-600	26	10%
601-999	15	6%
1,000 or more	26	10%
<b>Total Petitions</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>100%</b>

The average commitment length was 351 days, while the median commitment length was 150 days. Approximately 33% of commitments were 90 days or less with (62%) of commitments having a duration less than 6 months. Approximately 26% of the commitments ordered were one year or longer, and the longest commitment time was 3,064 days.

The Orange County Probation Department gathered the following target population information for the 375 SB823 youth that were active during CY2024:

- # of youth that received ASERT/STEP (alcohol or substance use treatment) at the Youth Guidance Center – 95
- # of youth that participated in the Youth Leadership Academy – 96
- # of youth in the Accountability Commitment Program – 133
- # of youth that participated in the Youth Reporting Center – 79
- # of youth that participated in the Youth Development Court – 40

In Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024), two youth were transferred to adult court. Eight youth had transfer hearings, but their cases remained in Juvenile Court.

## Additional Target Population Information

*(Describe any additional relevant information pertaining to identified target population, including programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.)*

### *Data Summary of Active SB823 Youth on March 20, 2025*

In addition to the CY2024 data presented above, the following data offers a one-day snapshot of the SB823 population in Orange County on March 20, 2025. On March 20, 2025, the Orange County Probation Department supervised 274 active youth who were adjudicated for WIC section 707(b) offenses and were between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the offense. Ninety (90) youth had two or more 707(b) offenses. The total number of offenses are listed below:

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Assault	206	137
Sex Offense	30	<12
Kidnapping	3	<12
Witness Tampering	3	<12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>274</b>

Of the SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department, a majority were male; 84% were Hispanic; and 36 former minors were 20 years old or older as of March 20, 2025.

### SB823 Demographics: Snapshot as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (N = 274)

	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
<i>Male</i>	243	89%
<i>Female</i>	31	11%
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
<i>Hispanic</i>	229	84%
<i>Black</i>	15	5%
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander/Other</i>	16	6%
<i>White</i>	14	5%

Of the 274 SB823 youth supervised by the Orange County Probation Department, 51 were in custody on March 20, 2025, including 24 youth at the Youth Guidance Center or the Youth Leadership Academy. The remaining 223 youth were supervised in the community.

<b>Location of Active SB823 Youth on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>		
	Number	Percent
<b>In Custody</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>19%</b>
<i>Juvenile Hall</i>	27	
<i>Camps (Youth Guidance Center or Youth Leadership Academy)</i>	24	
<b>Not in Custody (Supervised in the Community)</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Data Summary of Pending SB823 Youth on March 20, 2025*

On March 20, 2025, 138 youth had pending 707(b) charges and were between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the offense. These youth are SB823 eligible upon adjudication of their WIC section 707(b) charges. Fourteen (14) of these youth have been adjudicated of 707(b) offense(s) in the past and are also included in the active snapshot above as well as here. Fifty-seven (57) youth had two or more 707(b) offenses pending as of March 20, 2025. The total number of pending 707(b) offenses are listed below:

<b>Department of Justice (DOJ) Hierarchy</b>		
<b>Offense</b>	<b>Total number of 707(b) Offenses</b>	<b>Most Serious 707(b) Offense (per youth)</b>
Homicide	30	26
Attempted Homicide	29	<12
Robbery	54	40
Assault	101	57
Sex Offense	8	<12
Kidnapping	1	0
Witness Tampering	2	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>138</b>

Of the pending SB823 youth, a majority were male; 71% were Hispanic; and 43 former minors were 20 years old or older as of March 20, 2025.

**Pending SB823 Demographics: Snapshot as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

(N = 138)

	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
<i>Male</i>	124	90%
<i>Female</i>	14	10%
<b>Ethnicity</b>		
<i>Hispanic</i>	98	71%
<i>Black</i>	12	9%
<i>White</i>	16	11%
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander/ Other</i>	12	9%

The SB823 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 the target population youth serve custodial commitments, in reach and reentry types of services (provided through community partnerships) are at the core of Orange County's planning efforts.

### Programs and Services

*(WIC section 1995(d)(2): Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population.)*

The County of Orange is committed to providing a trauma-informed approach to each youth within the target population that begins the moment a youth enters the juvenile facility. Integral to this approach is the early identification of a peer mentor/navigator who will support the youth throughout the youth's commitment and follow the youth after release to assist in the reentry process. Youth committed to the Secure Track Youth program will be provided with enhanced frequency of services compared to youth in the larger target population.

Part of this approach also includes a case conference meeting that will be held within 10 days from the youth's entry into a juvenile facility. The youth, parent/guardian, peer mentor/navigator, community-based organizations and designated individuals from the following agencies will participate in the case conference: Probation, Health Care Agency, and the Department of Education. The case conference will provide an opportunity for the youth's input in the development of a robust case plan that will assist all service providers in addressing the youth's needs and goals. This case plan will identify a youth's immediate health and basic needs, educational goals, barriers to success (such as tickets and fines, school access or securing vital documents), existing familial supports as well as the youth's support systems. Case plan goals may include, but not be limited to, attaining high school education or the equivalent, participating in programming to improve job readiness (i.e., college or trade school courses), and independent living skills. Any transitional, reentry support services will also be culturally responsive and whenever possible utilize evidence-based, promising, and trauma-informed practices. The case plan will continue to be assessed relying on input from the youth and reviewed every 30 days through additional case conferences.

If a youth is committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility ("SYTF"), Probation must submit an Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) to the court within 30 court days. Their existing case plan and the IRP will consider an assessment of the youth's needs and risk to recidivate as well as any mood/anxiety symptoms, risk of suicide/self-harm, history of alcohol/drug use, history of trauma, current traumatic stress symptoms, risk of violence/sexual victimization and risk of commercial sexual exploitation. Based on this assessment, additional case plan goals, including barriers to prior rehabilitative efforts, short- and long-term goals will be identified and directed at promoting successful reentry for the youth into their community. Case plan reviews for SYTF youth will be reviewed every 30 days through regularly scheduled case conferences. The youth's educational milestones/goals will be reviewed as well as all other reentry goals (e.g., participation in court-ordered treatment, job readiness classes/training). Additionally, SYTF youth will have access to

behavioral health and substance use disorder professionals to address any challenges that may hinder successful re-integration back into the community.

The progress of SYTF youth will be provided to the juvenile court every six months at calendared progress review hearings regarding the youth's case plan development and the youth's progress toward completion of goals along with the youth's readiness for reentry relative to the IRP. At least six months prior to release, a reentry conference will be scheduled with the youth and case conference members. At this case conference, the youth, the youth's family and/or identified support, peer mentor/navigator, assigned deputy probation officer, service providers and community partners will review the youth's case plan progress. Additionally, transition planning (e.g., a review of parent/guardian readiness to receive the youth back home or housing options for our older youth) will be discussed. The youth's peer mentor/navigator will also be crucial to allow the youth to engage in off-site activities designed to improve the youth's successful transition. Upon release, the youth and assigned deputy probation officer will work towards completing final case plan goals until juvenile court jurisdiction terminates, or the youth completes supervision satisfactorily whichever comes first. Any transitional, reentry support services will also be culturally responsive and whenever possible utilize evidence-based, promising, and trauma-informed practices.

Presently, programs and services will be provided on site at each of the County's juvenile facilities. However, the County is currently working on strategic plans to renovate, build and potentially redesign the existing juvenile detention facilities including a relocation of at least one juvenile camp. (This plan is detailed below in the "Facility Plan" section.) As part of this plan, specialized housing for the SYTF population as well as considerations based on a youth's gender, identity, age, behavioral health needs, offense, and severity of the offense are occurring. Through this plan, the County, with input from the juvenile justice stakeholders and community partners, looks forward to creating more therapeutic, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and homelike settings which would be appropriate and livable for longer term commitments when necessary. Included in these plans are step-down units or facilities that will meet the needs of the SYTF population and be conducive to the services and programs being delivered.

As for service providers and supervision for the target population, the Probation Department employs a diverse and experienced staff of direct supervision officers who will work with this population. The ratio of at least one deputy probation correctional officer (DPCO) to every eight youth during waking hours is anticipated. Additional staff may be assigned to areas housing committed Secure Track youth. Probation staff receive state approved training curriculum which includes diverse topics such as professionalism and ethics, crisis communication and de-escalation, group dynamics, responding to medical emergencies, fire and life safety, cultural diversity and ethnic disparity, gender identity, case planning, addressing and reporting child abuse, preventing sexual assault, trauma, symptomology of substance use, suicide prevention, and core correctional practices to support safety.

The County will also look to create and build upon existing relationships with service providers through local agencies as well as community-based organizations to provide appropriate programs and services to the target population.

## DJJ Realignment Funds

*(WIC Section 1995(d)(3)(A) through (d)(3)(F): Provide a description of how grant funds will be applied to address each of the following areas of need or development for realigned youth: Mental Health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs; support programs or services that promote the health adolescent development; family engagement programs; reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing, and continuing education; evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed, and culturally response; and any services or programs that will be provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers.)*

DJJ Realignment funding will be utilized to develop robust, individualized treatment plans for the target population youth focused on the youth's behavioral health, educational and emotional needs, community-based mentorship, and family engagement/support for those youth identified as SB823 and those youth pending SB823 eligibility. Any transitional, reentry support services will also be culturally responsive and whenever possible utilize evidence-based, promising, and trauma-informed practices with an annual review of services and programs through an outside provider to measure the effectiveness of such programming. While funding may be applied to county-based custody, care and supervision of SB 823 eligible youth pursuant to the statute, priority will be given to funding programs and services if funds are limited.

### *A. Behavioral Health, Sex Offender Treatment, or Related Behavioral or Trauma-based Needs*

Allocated funds will be used to expand the number of behavioral health clinicians serving the target population youth and to procure additional evidence-informed services for this population including treatment for violent sex offenders. As set forth above, robust, individualized case planning will occur for each target population youth at the outset and will include information from risk/needs assessments and any behavioral health issues identified through existing screening tools.

Planned additional services in the areas of behavioral health, sex offender treatment and or trauma may include:

- Substance use education and counseling
- Evidence-based cognitive behavior therapy approaches and/or groups
- On site 24-hour behavioral health services that are available 7 days a week
- Medication Assisted Treatment (“MAT”)
- Psychiatric services
- Sex offender treatment, including treatment for violent sex offenders
- Trauma-focused clinical interventions
- Gang intervention services and support
- Socially and culturally inclusive restorative practices
- Mindfulness based programs
- Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (“EMDR”)
- Art and Music Therapy

Staff members and involved systems professionals will receive training in national best practices to support reentry needs.

*B. Support programs or Services that promote healthy adolescent development*

DJJ Realignment funds will be utilized to procure services for the target population which are evidence-informed, rehabilitative, developmentally appropriate, and support the Positive Youth Development Model. Identified services include Restorative Circles, Cognitive Behavior Training, Reentry Services, System Navigator/Peer Mentor/Credible Messenger, Educational/Vocational Services, and Life Skills. Treatment and service providers will be required to support pro-social development by including the youth's voice in programming decisions, offering programs that support healthy relationships, financial literacy, job readiness, pro-social and adolescent development, hygiene and self-care, mindfulness, artistic expression and enrichment, and opportunities for leadership development.

To continue to promote a youth's healthy development, appropriate medical screenings, behavioral health, and dental screenings will occur along with preventative care including dental cleanings every six months.

*C. Family Engagement in Programs*

Recognizing that family can provide extensive knowledge about a youth and their background, the identification of a youth's family and/or familial supports will be done within 10 days from the youth's entry into a juvenile facility. Once identified, any familial support will be essential members of the case conference with a meeting held within 10 days from the youth's intake at the facility. With the engagement of the youth, family, service providers and peer mentor/navigator, a robust individualized case plan will identify a youth's immediate physical and behavioral health and basic needs, educational goals, and support systems.

The engagement of family through regular onsite visitation at the juvenile facilities is a significant source of support for youth and enabling a youth to connect to family whilst in custody oftentimes promotes the youth's well-being. In recognition of this, the Probation Department has expanded the definition of "family" to allow visitation between an in-custody youth and individuals such as aunts, uncles, cousins, adult siblings, non-biological relatives, and more. In addition, the newly constructed multi-purpose center on the juvenile justice campus will serve as a more welcoming space for visitation.

Additionally, since some of the County's target population youth are parents themselves, programs including the Teen Parenting program and the Just Beginning and Child Bonding curriculum will be provided to youth in custody. Psychoeducation on parenting and resources in the community will also be provided. These programs allow youth to find commonality, strength, and encouragement to assist in meeting the demands of parenthood while in and out of custody. They are facilitated through use of videos,

education materials, activities, and structured visits to assist in their child's development.

*D. Reentry, Including Planning and Linkages to Support Employment, Housing, and Continuing Education*

Reentry planning for the target population youth will begin upon intake at the juvenile facility. The County will build upon the existing reentry model presently utilized by the County's Youth Development Court ("YDC") which is a post-Prop 57 court developed to assist youth in making a successful transition from lengthy local juvenile commitments as well as those youth who had been committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice to their communities. Through this model, reentry case planning involving the youth that identifies the youth's support network, engages the youth's family/caregiver, services providers, and community providers begins at the time of intake. This process encourages the youth to start planning for their success both in and out of custody and immediately identifies their supportive partners. Thereafter, through regular case conferences involving the youth and identified case conference members, this reentry plan will be a fluid, working document that follows the youth throughout their commitment. Reentry plans include housing, basic needs, employment, education, counseling, behavioral health services, and any other factors, inclusive of culturally appropriate services, involved in promoting the youth's well-being within the youth's community. A validated risk/needs assessment is also used as a valuable tool in guiding the plan.

At least six months prior to release, the reentry plan will focus on a community-centered reentry phase during which the youth will obtain supportive and transitional services from the clinical and educational teams as well as community-based providers whilst in custody. During this phase, educational, vocational, and career opportunities for the youth outside of the facilities will be pursued to allow a measured transition back to the youth's community.

In collaboration with Probation, the Orange County Department of Education (DOE) provides educational opportunities to youth within the County's juvenile facilities. Target population youth engage in educational programming based upon their age and high school graduation status. Youth generally focus on completing credits necessary to earn a California High School Diploma or GED, while former youth not only obtain their diploma, but continue on with advanced studies via transferrable community college courses, career technical education sequences that lead to pre-apprentice certifications, or, depending on length of stay, may engage in upper division university coursework leading to a bachelor's degree.

Community-based organizations who partner with Probation will assist youth in finding housing and employment opportunities for the target population. Community partners will be subject to an objective process like a Request for Proposal. Orange County intends to set aside funding to support rental assistance, clothing for job opportunities, and other related issues needed to maintain or secure housing, services, or employment.

After establishing a reentry plan, assigned probation officers will work collaboratively with the youth, the youth's family/caregivers/support network, the juvenile facility staff, community reentry partners, and other stakeholders (i.e., Department of Education and Health Care Agency) from the time the youth is committed through their termination of wardship.

*E. Evidence-based, Promising, Trauma-informed, and Culturally Responsive Services and Programs*

The Probation Department is dedicated to providing evidence-informed, rehabilitative, and developmentally appropriate programming to the target population youth. The services and programs will be centered on a Positive Youth Development Model and support a youth's pro-social development by including their voices in programming decisions and working collaboratively to meet their needs.

Services and programs will be provided through existing partnerships and new contracts with providers such as the Orange County Health Care Agency and community-based organizations. Such services will include consistent evidence-based cognitive behavior therapy approaches and/or groups, substance use education and treatment, sex offender treatment, aggression replacement therapy, trauma-focused clinical interventions, gang intervention services and support, positive pro-social programming, creative arts programming, and mindfulness-based programs.

All probation staff are trained in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex (LGBTQI) communities and culture to ensure fairness and respect for LGBTQI youth in the facilities. Such training allows staff to promote environments of sensitivity and professional boundaries for all youth, inclusive of LGBTQI youth, and promotes competency in working with LGBTQI youth. Probation staff are also familiar/trained in corrections supervision strategies that have been proven effective by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute including, but not limited to, trauma-informed interactions, cognitive behavioral strategies that influence behavior, and incentive-based interventions.

Probation staff will have the opportunity to attend training specific to: Addiction and Recovery, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), Conflict Resolution, Effective Communication and De-escalation, Education as a Tool for Successful Reentry, Cultural Diversity/Humility, Implicit Bias, Racial Profiling, Avoiding Manipulation, Helping Youth Grieve, Impact of Trauma on Development, Managing Stress, Coping with Grief and Loss, Secondary Trauma, Wellness and Self-Care, Youth Trauma, DJJ Realignment: Preparing for Transitional Aged Youth and many courses on youth behavioral health intervention and disorders.

Funding will be used to provide appropriate training to probation staff and collaborative partners in the areas of trauma, culturally responsive practices and other identified need areas. Additional proposed training includes areas such as restorative justice/practices and reentry focused topics.

#### *F. Nongovernmental or Community-based Providers*

Utilizing existing relationships with non-governmental and community-based providers through the YDC, new services and enhancements to existing programs provided through such entities will be pursued. Services and programs supported by grant funding will include mentorship, restorative circles, team building and leadership development, financial literacy, creative and culinary arts, pro-social programming, job training, furlough opportunities, enrichment activities, gang intervention services and support, and transportation to secondary education/vocational sites and/or employment.

To ensure continuity and collaboration during reentry, the development of relationships between the primary service provider and organizations such as community agencies, schools, faith-based organizations and public services will be encouraged.

Probation will continue to utilize established protocols and processes to provide linkage and collaboration between community-based providers and non-governmental entities within the County.

#### Facility Plan

*(WIC section 1995(d)(4): Provide a detailed facility plan indicating which facilities will be used to house or confine realigned youth at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. This should include how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics.)*

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 Probation Department 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 the educational, and behavioral health needs of each youth are met. All sworn Probation staff at these facilities 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. 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, behavioral health needs, offense type and

severity of the offense. Target population youth and committed Secure Track youth, absent another prevailing housing need, will be housed with their like peers considering the most appropriate setting based on age, risk level and other needs. This strategy will allow Probation the flexibility to house older male Secure Track/target population youth together, while other Secure Track/target population 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 youth directly to YGC, or YLA, the committed youth will be integrated into the YGC/YLA populations, absent extenuating circumstances.

The County of Orange is currently working on strategic plans to renovate, build and potentially redesign the existing juvenile detention facilities including a relocation of at least one juvenile camp. To this end, the County has contracted with an architectural design firm for research, development, and a design plan. Phase one of the overall redesign includes plans to build a new facility called the Youth Transitional Center (YTC) on the grounds of the current Juvenile Hall. This new facility will be used as a replacement for the existing YGC facility once completed. The plans for YTC include up to 60 beds in living units and, a transitional housing unit with 8 beds for youth preparing to re-enter the community. Phase two of the redesign proposed two additional 28-bed housing units for youth serving long-term commitments on JH grounds and 40 additional apartment style beds within an Independent Living Program outside the perimeter of YLA/JH. New classrooms (educational/ vocational), a library and a school administration office are also proposed in the second phase of the project. The Probation Department, justice stakeholders and community partners will continue to work together to design and build facilities that create a more therapeutic, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate setting for all youth including those committed to the SYTF. Specialized housing and considerations based on a youth's gender identity, age, behavioral health needs, offense, and severity of the offense are also being considered. The shared vision/goal of all new or renovated space for target population youth and those committed to the SYTF is a more homelike setting, appropriate and livable for longer term commitments when necessary. Included in these plans are step-down units or facilities that will meet the needs of the SYTF population.

Youth in the SYTF and in the target population will also be provided appropriate space for physical activities and the development of reentry skills as they move through the phases of their commitments. Space will be designed to enhance existing and future services. Activities will include secondary educational programs, career technical education, vocational skills training, and life skills that will assist the youth in successful reentry.

## Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

*(WIC section 1995(d)(5): Provide a description of how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system in lieu of transfers of realigned youth into the adult criminal justice system.)*

Building off the YDC model, the County has seen a reduction in transfers to the adult criminal justice system through a collaborative endeavor between the Juvenile Court, Probation, juvenile justice stakeholders, and community-based organizations. Planned enhancements to YDC through the services and programs identified in the County's realignment plan will add another layer of rehabilitative services and reentry support for youth within the target population.

Additionally, by developing a robust, well-informed, individualized case plan that also considers criminogenic needs and includes ongoing case conferences which engage the youth, their family/support network, services providers, peer mentor/navigator and any other community-based providers, the likelihood of any target population youth entering the adult system is reduced. Family engagement training and planning will continue to be offered to staff. Additional SB823 DPCO positions have been proposed to provide similar services to the remaining SB823 population when staffing levels are available. Moreover, with a focus on reentry at the outset of a youth's case, planning for continuation of care that minimizes a disruption of services and establishes community and peer support, promotes stronger ties to a youth's community and reduces their chance of entry in the adult system.

Regular assessments of the effectiveness of existing and future programs and services must also be done to ensure appropriate successful outcomes for the target population and the retention of these youth within the juvenile justice system. Programming will be evaluated with a focus on providing services that will decrease the likelihood of transfer to the adult system. Where appropriate, implementation of existing services will be enhanced through continuing education of staff in areas including trauma informed practices, implicit bias, and conflict resolution.

SYTF youth will also be provided step-down opportunities outlined specifically within their individualized plan. Youth will be given specific target goals to effectuate the step-down process. The identification of specific goals will incentivize youth to meet those goals through positive reinforcement.

## Regional Effort

*(WIC section 1995(d)(6): Describe any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported by the County's block grant allocation.)*

There are no regional agreements or arrangements that will be supported by the block grant allocation.

## Data

*(WIC section 1995(d)(7): Describe how data will be collected on the youth served and outcomes for youth served by the block grant program including a description of outcome measures that will be utilized to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions supported by block grant funds)*

The Orange County Probation Department has a data collection system. This data system has the capability to track “recidivism” related measurements such as risk/needs assessments, number of arrests, and sustained petitions. The system can also produce reports of real time data to provide outcome measures for the programs and interventions supported by block grant funding.

### *Evaluation of Data*

Data will be collected to evaluate the impact of the County’s plan on the youth’s rehabilitation, recidivism, and public safety. Data points may include youth development and wellness data, including, but not limited to, education attainment, employment, behavioral health, housing, family connections, foster care, and other wellness outcomes. Although the current system can capture some of these data points, an evaluation is necessary to determine what added programming and/or personnel resources are needed to capture additional data. Additionally, an independent data evaluator is currently in the process of being contracted to allow for an objective review and report on the outcomes and data regarding our programs.

## Other Updates

*(WIC section 1995 (d)(8): Describe any progress on elements since May 1, 2024)*

The County of Orange has made huge strides in focusing on and fulfilling many of the proposed components of the previous realignment plan. With existing County partners, community-based organizations (CBO), and various service providers, we have implemented several evidence-based treatment programs/services and created a wide variety of supportive and youth focused resources, specific to the target population. The updates below provide specific information on the responsiveness of the County of Orange to meet the needs of the youth and the commitment to provide services, programs, and opportunities to the youth within the target population.

Contracts were signed with the community-based organization, Project Kinship (PK) to provide Restorative Circle Services, Cognitive Behavioral Training Services, Re-Entry Services, and System Navigator/Peer Mentor Services. In February of 2025 the contracted services had been in place for a year. The services are currently being provided to youth within all juvenile facilities and referred youth within the community. Additionally, a PK Youth Transformation Program drop-in site is being constructed within the Juvenile Justice complex with completion set for June 2025, which will allow for additional services within the community for the target population. PK staff are trained in various evidence-based practices, several staff have justice system lived experience, and they provide services within both the juvenile and adult justice arenas within Orange County.

In May 2024, the department contracted with the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp. This is a

new opportunity for eligible male youth who are 18-25, under juvenile court jurisdiction and serving a commitment within our juvenile facilities. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) jointly operate Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp (Pine Grove) in Amador County. Camp partners include Amity Foundation and Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) which collaboratively instill a therapeutic community for youth participating in the camp. Pine Grove provides housing, care and training to county youth. Youth who participate in the program will receive various supportive programming, as well as firefighting specific training. Comprehensive rehabilitative program services are uniquely designed to accommodate youth employment schedules, youth specific needs, and address: positive reinforcement ethics, criminal addictive thinking, violence interruption and knowledge, motivational incentives and success, restorative justice and empathy, substance abuse counseling, reentry and reintegration programs and transitional planning and housing. Additional program services include an athletic fitness/sports program, college coursework, community service, religious services, and volunteer programs. Youth will receive 96 hours of training to receive six professional entry-level wildland fire service certificates. One certificate is received from CALFIRE and five additional certificates are received from the National Wildfire Coordination Group. Youth will use the skills they learn in training on various conservation and fire prevention projects. In early December, a youth from the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) was accepted and was transported to the program.

To fulfill many of the proposed programs within the County's previous plan, the Orange County Probation Department (OCPD) has solicited for providers for various services and resources focused on providing opportunities for the target population. A vendor has been identified to provide contracted services for vocational/educational training, specifically automotive training, that will be provided in the auto-shop within the Multipurpose Rehabilitation Center (MRC). OCPD has released two separate Request for Proposals (RFPs) for vocational and educational services to expand existing services for the target population. College level classes continue to be provided to eligible youth through our partnership with local community colleges.

The department is in the process of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Segerstrom Center for the Arts (SCFTA), a local performing arts venue that hosts a wide variety of performances and provides innovative education programs. Every summer SCFTA facilitates a program with youth from Probation and DOE, which includes several days of instruction and activities in preparation for a musical performance the youth present to collaboratives, community members, and the youth's families. Probation is looking to expand this opportunity by providing teaching artists to instruct dancing, singing, and acting within the facilities. This performance instruction will culminate in musical productions that can be attended by the youths' families, peers and staff.

The number of Transitional Care Coordinator (TCC) DPCO positions increased from four to six staff, allowing for services to expand to all juvenile facilities. These staff work with the target population focusing on developing a robust, well-informed, individualized case plan within case conference meetings including the youth, parent/guardian, peer mentor, CBO personnel, as well as behavioral

health and education representatives. TCC staff also assist with Medi-Cal and public assistance referrals for eligible youth and/or their families, in coordination with the Social Services Agency (SSA).

OCPD has contracted with Open Gate International for culinary arts vocational training. The 12-week program trains youth on the basics of kitchen procedures and focuses on the demands and requirements of food preparation, cooking, and the presentation of food. This program is provided on a rotational basis within all the juvenile facilities.

The Health Care Agency (HCA) provides behavioral health and various other supportive programs to youth within the facilities. Utilizing allocated funds, the number of behavioral health clinicians serving the target population youth has expanded, with clinicians now on site at the facility seven days a week until 9 pm, and clinicians on call after hours. This has allowed for youth behavioral health needs to be addressed when issues are presented or during crisis situations. In addition, several clinicians have received specialized training in various evidence-based modalities to provide enhanced behavioral health services to ensure youth receive the behavioral health treatment they need. These enhanced behavioral health services include Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and the Matrix Model, an intensive treatment designed to address substance use. HCA has also hired Peer Mentors to provide support to the target population while in-custody and for continued assistance and community linkages upon release.

Although HCA provides programming to youth that focuses on life skills such as self-respect, building healthy relationships, financial literacy, job readiness, and other pro-social and adolescent development skill building; the department has identified a vendor to provide life skills specific programming to target population youth. The contract is in the final stages of getting approved and the services are on target to begin in June 2025.

To ensure an objective review of the outcomes related to our current programming, OCPD has contracted with Justice System Partners since August 2024 to provide consulting services regarding research, as an independent data evaluator.

Preparation for construction of the new Youth Transitional Center (YTC) has begun. Several existing buildings need to be demolished to create space for the YTC. This facility will include five-12 bed units and a unit with eight transitional housing beds. The transitional housing program will allow for a step-down option for youth who are preparing to re-enter into the community. This project will be considered phase one of several pending construction projects within the County's juvenile facilities. The County is planning on building two 28-bed housing units for youth serving long-term commitments and 40 additional apartment style beds within an Independent Living Program outside the perimeter of YLA/JH. However, these two projects will now be part of phase two of the juvenile facilities construction projects.