



**Progress & Partnership:
Reflections on the Past 25
Years and the Road Ahead**

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Building a
Foundation for
Collaboration




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Starting with the "Yes!"

The Evolution of Juvenile Justice and Probation Practices in California (2022)



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Methodology

- Review of data and existing research produced by government entities as well as research, trade, and non-profit organizations
- Interviews
- Surveys

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Key Policy


- The Repeat Offender Prevention Program
- Challenge Grants
- The Comprehensive Youth Services Act
- The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act
- Realignment and the Youthful Offender Block Grant

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Findings

“I am going to suggest that probation hasn’t actually changed in terms of its responsibilities, but it has changed profoundly in practice.”
 —Philip Kader, former Chief of Probation, Contra Costa County



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Key Areas of Change

- Promoting prevention and alternative responses to formal prosecution and justice system involvement.
- Using validated risk and need assessments to guide decision-making and case planning.
- Developing and promoting alternatives to detention.
- Reimagining or repurposing facilities.
- Shifting toward a supervision approach that balances oversight and the promotion of behavior change using evidence-based practice.



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Promoting Prevention and Alternate Responses




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Risk and Need Assessments

Q: In your juvenile probation department, probation officer practice routinely relies on the results of validated screening and assessment instruments to inform case planning and case management.

Response	Percentage
Strongly Agree	45%
Agree	45%
Disagree	5%
Strongly Disagree	2%
Don't Know	1%

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Alternatives to Detention

Juvenile Hall Bookings

Year	Bookings (K)
2013	5.5
2014	4.5
2015	4.0
2016	3.5
2017	3.0
2018	2.8
2019	2.5

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Redesigning Facilities

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Transforming Facilities

“This is one of the great accomplishments of the period—being willing to step back and see there were things that were a problem that were able to be resolved.” — Sue Burrell, Policy and Training Director, Pacific Juvenile Defender Center




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Supervision Philosophy

Q: Your juvenile probation department emphasizes and requires probation officers balance oversight of conditions with positive behavioral change to achieve the goals and outcomes of your department.

Response	Percentage
Strongly Agree	45%
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Strongly Disagree	2%
Don't Know	2%



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Impacts on Youth, Families, Communities

JJCPA Outcome Results Averaged Over 15 Program Years (All Programs)

Metric	Program Group Juveniles	Reference Group Juveniles
Arrest Rate	24.8%	30.0%
Incarceration Rate	22.0%	26.3%
Probation Violation Rate	28.2%	30.0%

JJCPA Outcome Results Averaged Over 15 Program Years (All Programs)


Metric	Program Group Juveniles	Reference Group Juveniles
Completion of Community Service Rate	44.7%	42.1%
Completion of Probation Rate	37.4%	33.9%
Completion of Restitution Rate	28.9%	27.5%



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Conclusions


- State priorities and local practices have evolved
- Arrest and detention rates continue to decrease
- Modest evidence of positive outcomes from state funded programming.
- Realignment, reduced arrests & detentions, and increased diversion has had no adverse effect on public safety



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The "And"

- Investment on the local level
- Systemic culture change
- Enhanced data and evaluation
- Addressing racial and ethnic disparities

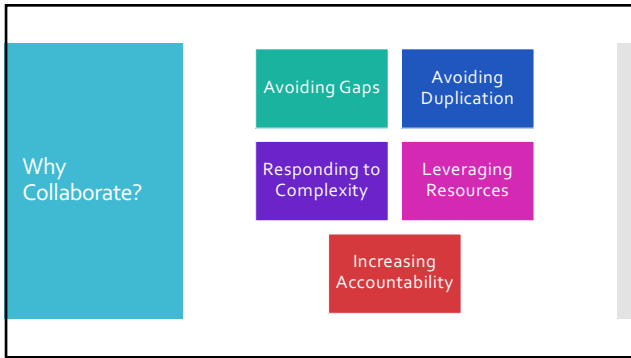


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Partnership and Collaboration



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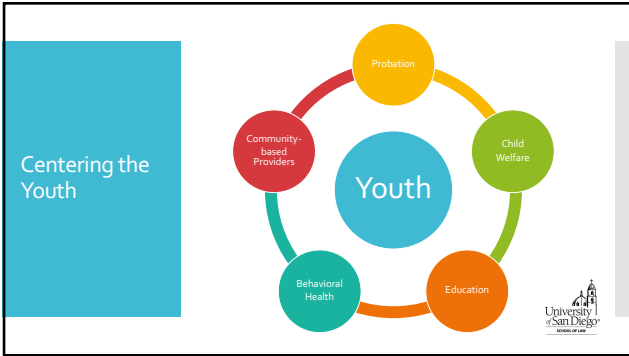
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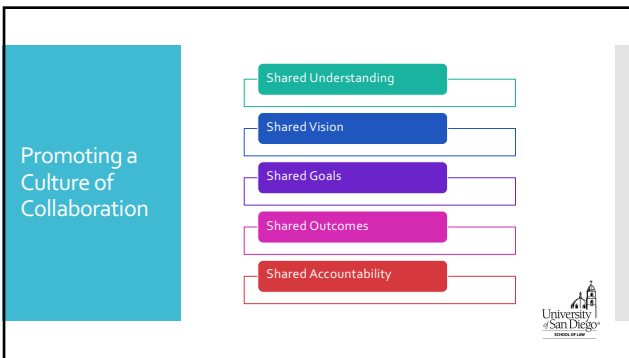
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Other Frameworks: Dual Status Youth

- At least ¾ of JJ youth have experienced traumatic victimization.
- More than 90% of youth in detention had experienced at least one trauma
- As many as 67%-83% of JJ involved youth have current or previous CW involvement

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Dual Status Youth

**DUALLY-INVOLVED YOUTH INITIATIVE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY
A JOINT PROJECT OF THE JUVENILE COURT, JUVENILE PROBATION AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES**

Implementing System And Practice Reform To Improve Outcomes For Dually-Involved Youth

The Challenge

- It is well documented that youth exiting foster care have poor educational outcomes, and struggle with homelessness, substance abuse, mental health challenges, unemployment and crime.
- Recent research on youth that touch both the child welfare and the juvenile justice system demonstrate that these "dually-involved" youth have even worse outcomes.
- In addition to all of the challenges experienced by youth exiting foster care, mentioned above, dually involved youth have higher rates of recidivism, greater dependence on service systems such as public welfare, and diminished opportunities for gainful employment.
- Further, children of color are dramatically overrepresented in both the child welfare and juvenile justice system.
- Without effective cross system communication and collaboration, and a shared vision of how best to serve dually-involved youth, this population will continue to suffer in dramatic ways.



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Dual Status Youth


The specific desired outcomes from this initiative are as follows:

A. Youth, Family & Community Outcomes

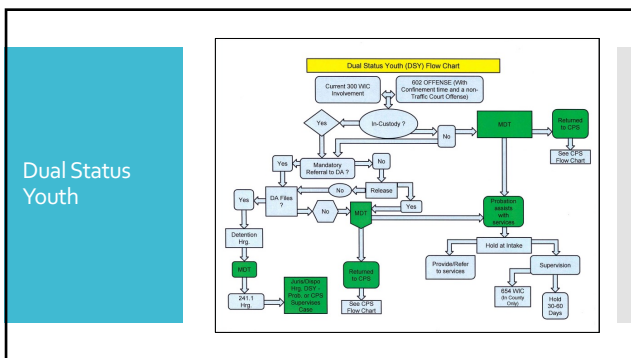
- Youth have decreased contact with law enforcement and the juvenile justice system.
- Youth remain in family setting with appropriate support and access to services, whenever possible.
- Youth are protected from high-risk environments (including sexual exploitation, gang activity and domestic violence).
- Youth reduce high-risk behaviors that threaten their well-being and community safety.
- Youth are connected to positive adults, cultural ties and pro-social activities.
- Family Finding is used more frequently and effectively to increase connections to a youth's family of origin.
- Youth have the supports they need to ensure educational/ vocational engagement and success.
- Youth and their caregivers have access to services that meet their cultural and linguistic needs.
- Rates of juvenile delinquency decrease, resulting in a safer community.
- Victims and communities harmed by juvenile crime are restored.
- Faith-based communities are engaged in efforts to support youth and families.
- Communities are empowered in ways that make them safer.

B. System Outcomes

- The child welfare system and juvenile justice system eliminate the disproportionate representation of children of color.
 - Identify specific junctures at the front end of the process, and throughout the process at which structural changes can be made to reduce disproportionate minority contact.
- Youth serving systems (child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, community based agencies) align philosophies and process amongst agencies such that coordinated services, support, joint efforts, and family engagement are the common goal.
 - Increase investment in outreach, prevention and early intervention
 - consider possibilities for blended funds and coordinated service delivery
 - improve data collection and use across system
 - increase trauma-informed services & reduce system induced trauma



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Other Frameworks: Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)

"As victims of CSEC regularly experience lifelong trauma, particularly childhood sexual abuse and neglect, some of the prevalent patterns that become normative are violence as a means of communication, deep worthlessness, distrust of people in positions of power and help, and a belief that the body is an object to be hurt."

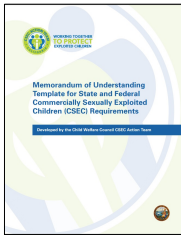

-Dr. Bruce Perry



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Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)

- Identification
- Reporting/Documentation
- Determination of Appropriate Services

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Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)

"Increasing multidisciplinary and cross-system coordination helps ensure that adolescents benefit from timely and structured referrals, comprehensive services that are easily accessible, and consistency in services and providers."

-Sarah Godoy et al. (2022)



Eleven CSEC Courts in CA




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Other Frameworks: Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED)

- Disproportionality
- Disparity


Black youth:
34% of all delinquency cases
23% of youth in foster care
BUT only 14% of the general population



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Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED)

Recognition Reorientation Responsibility



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A Vision for the Next 25 Years



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Questions?

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