



**JJDPC AGENDA
BUSINESS MEETING**

**June 08, 2023
1:30 PM**

Location:

Rustin Conference Center (Entrance 1)
2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside CA 92507
Room # 1048

1. Call to Order Chair, Chris Collopy
2. Pledge of Allegiance Chair
3. Roll Call Secretary
4. Public Comment
5. Motion to Approve Agenda Chair
6. Motion to Approve – May 11, 2023, monthly meeting minutes Chair
7. County Counsel Report County Counsel
8. Probation Report Chief Deputy Probation Officer
9. DPSS Report Deputy Director, DPSS
10. Presentation: "Beyond the Walls" Moving Mountains Unlimited
11. New Business
 - a. Youth Transitional Housing Program (AB 178)
 - b. Email - Joint JJC Statement Letter
 - c. Youth Justice Committee - June 14, 2023 - Meeting
 - d. Letter to Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez
 - i. Violence in Riverside County Schools
 - e. Key Initiatives for 2023
 - i. DJJ Closure Impact
 - ii. Continuing Legislative Updates
 - f. Group Home/STRTP/Lockup/Inspections
 - i. Posted to Riverside County Probation website / JJDPC Tab
 - a. Nominations - JJDPC Executive Officers
 - b. Voting - JJDPC Executive Officers
12. Correspondence Discussion
13. Activities of the Commission
 - a. Anti-Bullying: Chair Chris Collopy and Vice Chair Micheal Malsed
 - b. Anti-Trafficking: Vice Chair: Michael Malsed
 - c. By-Laws/Policies/Procedures: Chair: Laurel Cook
 - i. Posted to Riverside County Probation website / JJDPC Tab
 - d. Ad-hoc Legislative Committee: Chair: Tierra Bowen-Trembley

- e. JJCC Activity: Chair: Chris Collopy
- f. DPSS Liaison: Chair: Tierra Bowen-Trembley

14. Old Business

- a. 2023 CPPA Conference (attendance)
 - i. Ontario, CA - September 07, 2023
- b. Post Event Debrief - May 18, 2023, JJDPC Annual Awards Ceremony
 - i. Miscellaneous

15. Commission Member Reports

16. Adjournment

Attachment(s):

- May 11, 2023 - Monthly Meeting Minutes
- Moving Mountains Unlimited (Handout)
- Youth Transitional Housing Program (AB 178)
- Email - Joint JJC Statement Letter
- Youth Justice Committee - June 14, 2023 – Meeting Notice
- Letter to Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez
- DPSS Data Report

NEXT MEETING: July 13, 2023

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Room # TBD

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Tierra Trembley, Secretary-Treasurer

**JJDC Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023**

Location: Rustin Conference Center
2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507

IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Collopy, Micheal Malsed, Paul Parker, Cynthia Magill, Tierra Trembley, Charles Trembley, Jennifer Kopfler, Monica Rose, Michael Brinkman, Marissa Stone, Shannon Crosby, Veronica Soto

Unexcused / Excused Absence: Laurel Cook (unexcused) Pam Torres (excused)

Guests: N/A

Applicants: N/A

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:35pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. Commissioner Parker led the pledge of allegiance
4. **Roll Call, Welcome, Introductions and Special Recognition**
 - a. Roll call – JJDC Chair Christopher Collopy
 - b. All participants were welcomed by Chair Collopy and given the opportunity to introduce themselves (by name and title).
5. **Public Comment**
 - a. No public comment
7. **Motion to Approve Agenda:**
 - a. Motion was made by Charles Trembley, seconded by Paul Parker.
8. **Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:** April 13, 2023, Monthly Business Meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion was made by Paul Parker, seconded by Tierra Trembley.
9. **County Counsel Report:**
 - a. No items to report from County Counsel
10. **Probation Report: Michael Brinkman, Division Director, Indio Juvenile Hall**
 - a. Current Population:
 - i. Southwest Juvenile Hall (SWJH) - Males: 45, Females: 0
 - a. Of the forty five (45) – Remanded: 1, Pending placement: 7, Court process: 36
 - b. April Fights: 10
 - c. No escapes, and no suicide attempts
 - d. Duly noted, statistics are currently not available for the number of injuries sustained during fights.
 - e. The commission noted they are interested in the statistics of injuries sustained in fights at each of the institutions.
 - ii. Alan M. Crogan Youth Treatment and Education Center (AMC-YTEC), and Pathways (PTS) a combined total of sixty-four (64).
 - a. YTEC total: thirty-one (31), five (5) are females.
 - b. Pathways total: thirty-three (33), one (1) is female.
 - c. No escapes and no suicide attempts.
 - d. Safety watches: Total of ten (10). Pathways: 0, YTEC – Male unit: 1, Female unit: 4, Female detention: 1, Male detention: 4.



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- iii. Indio Juvenile Hall (IJH) – Total: 45
 - a. IJH, currently on Tier 3, for handling youth population. Additionally, is that Indio is getting three (3) or four (4) intakes at one time.
 - b. Zero suicide attempts.
 - c. Indio reported that as of last month, they had over 172 days with no fights, equaling almost half a year. Special incentives are offered every 30 days to youth, when there have been no fights.
 - d. Indio is currently working with a designer to turn units six (6) and seven (7), where the girls are housed, into a transitional step-down unit.
 - e. Pilot program - Representatives from the Latino Commission come out during school hours to assist students who are either not engaged or falling behind or need additional support. They will present their program at next month's JJDC meeting.
- iv. Special Services Division – Shannon Crosby
 - a. The number of youth currently in placement is thirty-two (32). One (1) in emergency placement, One (1) in FFA, and thirty (30) in STRTP placement. Twenty-seven youth are dual status with DPSS placement, and forty (40) extended foster care youth.
- v. Further discussed:
 - a. 707 (b) criteria, in which case the juvenile is presumed unfit for juvenile court. DJJ closing at the end of June 2023. Seventeen (17) youth are still at the DJJ, three (3) have gone to court and were released. Fourteen (14) will go to court next month to determine if they remain in custody or be released on supervision or released outright. Additionally, work groups to prepare staff for DJJ youth entering the facilities.
 - b. Youth placed outside of the county, The Special Services Division, has a department placement monitor for annual audits of out of county facilities. Probation Officers also visit youth who are in placement. In addition, The Community Care Licensing Division handles supervision of licensed facilities throughout the state.
 - c. The Extended Foster Care Program allows eligible youth in the child welfare and probation systems to remain in foster care, up to the age of 21.
 - d. Plans for moving female youth to Southwest, in June or September 2023, are still being considered.
 - e. Continued discussion on the number of DJJ youth entering into Riverside County facilities, and the criteria, processes, and resources for youth being released, including high equity support services for youth released or committed.
 - f. Review of revision plans, phases one, two and three, for improved intake process. Including a screening process to assess physical and mental health, as well as any risk factors. Including evaluations and monitoring of youth. Rules and expectations of the facility, programs and services that are available to youth. Additional education for staff includes updating probation officer training to address fentanyl awareness.



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- g. In addition, three (3) Intercept body scanner machines (magnetometers) were purchased for each facility to assist staff with detection and prevention of weapons, contraband and prohibited items from entering the secure areas of the
- h. facility. Scanners are not used on the public, but other measures are in place to ensure prohibited items from entering facilities.
- i. Perimeter checks are performed three (3) times a day, and canine dogs are provided by the State and San Bernardino county, once or twice a month, to inspect facilities for any products.
- j. Commissioners requested stats on contraband that has been found in the facilities. It was noted that minimal contraband was found and reported.

11. DPSS Report: Jennifer Kopfler, Deputy Director

- a. DPSS Report Overview: Review/Breakdown of April 2023 (Report Provided in Packet).
 - i. Continuously hiring, January and June with three (3) inductions that those are trained, that the initial training program once those are graduated, by June, one-hundred social workers will be on board, and will be close to full staffing.
 - ii. The hotline received 5800 calls in April, and 2,440 calls resulted in investigations, and the others were information and prevention services, or law enforcement, etc. The evaluation sessions are the ones that are largely going to prevention services. The Hotline has been expanded, to include fifty (50) staff.
 - iii. Review of multiple types of abuse per child, and reasons for exiting placement, e.g., twelve adoptions, two-thousand forty-five reunified, and seven emancipated.
 - iv. Pie charts breakdown, e.g., youth in county and out of county, of youth in and out-of-home placement, placement with parents, relatives non-related, and extended family members, etc.
 - v. Placement remains a challenge. Approximately fifty-two hundred youth are currently in placement. DPSS continues to seek avenues to assist with finding placement to provide youth and their families' support to ensure success.
 - vi. Currently, there are fifteen (15) youth in hotels. Supervised 24-hours a day, staffing consists of one-hundred and fifty extra staff to supervise the youth. Additionally, some hotels have uninvited them from staying due to unwelcome conduct involving youth.
 - vii. Seneca is providing de-escalation training as an additional tool for staff to use to de-escalate situations and obtain safe and positive outcomes.
 - viii. Youths awaiting placement are averaging about thirty. The difficulty is those youth are ones with the most complex needs.
 - ix. A brief discussion on a short video DPSS would like to show at this year's Annual JJDC Awards Ceremony, to spotlight foster parents who are being recognized as Foster Parents of the Year.

12. New Business:

- a. Review BSCC Letter: (Provided in committee packet)
 - i. Review attached BSCC letter regarding Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) facility inspection information and data on the secure detention of minors from the 2022 calendar year. The JJDC Commission will schedule Riverside County 2022 calendar year inspections for later this year.



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- b. Key Initiatives for 2023
 - i. DJJ Closure Impact: Previously discussed.
 - ii. Continuing Legislative Updates – Discussed Assembly Bill 178. Specifically, regarding funds for Youth Transitional Housing Program (YTHP), and Probation Departments.
- c. Budget F/Y - 2023/2024
 - i. Increase Commission budget to offset projected increases, e.g., Commissioner Conference attendance, Annual JJDPC Awards Ceremony, necessary office expenses, and expense reimbursements, etc.. JJDPC Executive Assistant to reach out to fiscal regarding last year's budget, to ensure records are updated..
- d. 2023 CCPA Conference:
 - i. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, JJDPC / Probation Commissioners Training. Commissioners who wish to attend the one-day Probation Commissioners Training, please let the JJDPC Executive Assistant know as soon as possible.
 - ii. A decision was made to cancel the September 2023, JJDPC monthly meeting due to commissioners attending the CCPA conference.
- e. BSCC Field Representatives (Provided in committee packet)
 - i. Distributed Riverside County's BSCC assigned Field Representative, contact information (attached), also available on the BSCC website.
- f. BSCC (Letter) Facility Inspection Information.
 - i. Previously discussed
- g. Group Home/STRTP/Lock/Inspections
 - i. Review and approval of submitted inspection reports.
 - ii. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve inspection reports as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- h. Girls in Motion Recreational Therapy Project: (Letter of Support):
 - i. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve the letter of Support for the Girls in Motion Recreational Therapy Project. The motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Further discussed: application for nomination to membership. The current Commissioner applicant is still under consideration pending successful completion of each phase of the Probation background investigation.
- i. Violence in Riverside County Schools (Reporting)
 - i. The Commission is increasingly concerned about the reports across the County of violence in schools.
 - ii. Commission to send a letter to Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez, to outline goals, strategize, and liaise with multi-agency partnerships involving behavioral health, juvenile justice, child welfare, and the education systems for intervention solutions.
 - iii. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve sending a letter to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Gomez. The motion carried unanimously.
 - iv. Assemblymember Bill Essayli, whose district includes part of Riverside, arranged two public meetings, one Tuesday, May 16, and one Thursday, May 18, over concerns and complaints from parents and teachers about school safety, students threatening



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violence and assaulting teachers. Commissioner Malsed plans to attend one of the public meetings.

- v. County Council will advise on The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) using the subpoena power of the Juvenile Court requirements to obtain any background data on in-school violence, and require schools to provide reports when incidents of school violence occur.

13. Correspondence Discussion Items: (Provided in committee packet)

- i. No public correspondence received at this time.

14. Activities of the Commissioners:

- a. Anti-Bullying: Chair: Chris Collopy, Co-Chair, Michael Malsed
 - i. Discussed as part of Violence in Riverside County Schools (Reporting)
- b. Human Trafficking: Chair, Micheal Malsed
 - i. No Report on Human Trafficking. Commissioner Malsed will currently focus efforts on violence in Riverside County Schools.
- c. By-Laws/Policies/Procedures: Chair, Laurel Cook
 - i. JJJPC by-laws have been drafted and reviewed by the Commission for approval.
 - ii. Chair Collopy called for a motion to approve By-Laws as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ad-hoc Legislative Committee: Chair, Tierra Trembley
 - i. Previously discussed.
- e. JJCC Activity: Chair, Christopher Collopy
 - i. The Request For Proposal (RFP) survey study should be released within the next nine (9) months. The JJCC survey was to understand the effectiveness and the reach of the CBOs.
 - ii. A meeting is scheduled next week to discuss the process of the RFP. It was noted the RFP process is expected to take anywhere between six (6) to nine (9) months to complete.
- f. DPSS Liaison: Chair (Filled)
 - i. Commissioner Tierra Trembley, volunteered to chair as the JJJPC DPSS Liaison.
 - ii. A brief conversation ensued about the role of the DPSS liaison. The role is to provide the JJJPC with a deeper understanding of issues related to DPSS e.g., anti-bullying, anti-trafficking, children's issues, legislation, and best practices.

15. Old Business

- a. Our JJJPC Annual Awards Ceremony is being held next Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the County Administrative Center (CAC), from 2:00 – 4:30 pm.
- b. Commissioner duties for the event were reviewed. The script/outline will be emailed to commissioners to use as a guide during the awards ceremony.

16. Commissioner Member Reports

- a. No commissioner updates were provided.

17. Meeting Adjournment

- a. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Malsed and seconded by Commissioner Trembley.

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Our program builds positive cultures through intensive mentorship, leadership, and tool development. Through the examination of adopted mindsets and values, we form new positive guiding principles.

I. Program Goals

- Help guide youth in making decisions that lead to a positive future.
- Ensure youths practical application of behavioral tools.
- Increase opportunity for successful outcomes.
- Transform lives and become productive members of the community.

We believe in building upon current forms of treatment and remediation with competency development. Building transferable skills that directly impact communities and youths' opportunities for success.

II. Why Utilize Our Program

- Intensive mentoring that positively impacts youth and inspires change.
- Develop transferable skills for use in the facility and community.
- Enhance the rehabilitative environment by creating a culture rooted in positivity.
- Increase positive interactions through constructive accountability.

Through our individualized approach and undivided attention, we form connections many youth have never experienced before. These connections are paramount to rehabilitation.

III. How We Accomplish Our Goals

- Interactive and reflective programming through individual and group settings.
- Peer to peer mentoring with the use of credible messengers.
- Assisting staff with effective case planning and enhanced implementation.
- Self-reflection and realization through written exercises.
- Social awareness programming under Title 15.
 - Interventions by credible messengers
 - Self-improvement through providing social awareness.
 - Victim awareness and connection to community impact

Coming from the same background, speaking the same language we can form powerful, transformative, personal relationships. Helping support progress at the individual, family, and community level.

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Youth Transitional Housing Program (YTHP)

Background

On June 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022) which requires the public or private organizations, including, but not limited to, nonprofit organizations and state or local government, to provide a year of transitional housing for youth who will be discharged from DJJ by the Board of Juvenile Hearings (BJH) at risk of homelessness. To be eligible to receive transitional housing services youth must be 18 years of age or older between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. The funds for transitional housing services are available for encumbrance through June 30, 2023.

As part of AB 178, \$3 million was set aside to the Board of State and Community Corrections for the purpose of providing transitional housing services for youth who are at risk of homelessness for a period of up to one year. Transitional housing services does not include an extended shelter stay. But rather it includes:

- transitional housing,
- transitional housing placement services,
- and rents and service fees paid for cost of the transitional housing

Amity Foundation (Amity) has been selected to provide transitional housing services for youth who are discharged by the Board of Juvenile Hearings (BJH) as required under Assembly Bill (AB) 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022). County Probation Departments and Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) regional contract Amity will coordinate appropriate transitional housing for youth (18 years of age or older) for a period of up to one year. On the success of the Returning Home Well (RHW) initiative, the RHW-DJJ project harnesses the power of stakeholder's existing network of community-based service providers to align the housing needs of youth and the resources of the community. Amity is pleased to support the custody-to-community transition for youth who are at risk of homelessness as they are discharged from DJJ. Youth for successful outcomes as they re-enter the community.

To coordinate a placement, please contact: Sandra Borrego. Her email address is: djjplacements@amityfdn.org

Probation departments may also seek reimbursement for placing youth directly from the BSCC with the application.

Funds for Probation Departments

The BSCC has also set aside funding so that county probation departments may contract directly with the BSCC to provide transitional housing for youth and seek reimbursement from the BSCC. Probation departments may apply for these funds at any time until the funding is exhausted. It is recommended that interested applicants apply as soon as possible, even if the exact number of youth participants is exhausted, no additional funding will be provided.

YTHP Application

Email the application to: AB178@bscc.ca.gov.

Any questions concerning the application should be submitted by email to AB178@bscc.ca.gov or [Michael.Shore](mailto:Michael.Shore@bscc.ca.gov)

Resources

[Assembly Bill 178](#)

From: Sarah Reid <sonomacountyjic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 3:44 PM
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May 19, 2023

Dear California Juvenile Justice Commissioners,

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 3:30 – 4:30 PM PDT via Zoom
Please designate a representative from your JJC to attend.

In June, August and October last year, Juvenile Justice Commissioners from California counties met via Zoom to discuss the Continuum of Care Reform. From those meetings a committee was formed to create a focused effort. The goal for this committee became: “To create a position paper expressing our urgent concerns regarding the serious issues with STRTP’s across the state and the subsequent failure to meet the needs of high acuity dependent youth. Our intention in creating this position paper is to find consensus with JJC/JJDPC’s across the state by having them sign on to the letter, and to then reach out to our California Congressional representatives with this information.”

The results of this committee are in the form of the letter that has been distributed to JJC’s. The committee feels that in order for this letter to receive appropriate attention from elected state representatives, a number of county commissions should be represented. The letter becomes more powerful with more commissions that have added their county name. Adding your commission to this list reflects the level of concern we have for high acuity youth.

The committee recognizes the need for a group Zoom meeting as a Q&A about this completed task, and perhaps discuss where we go from here. There will be time in this meeting dedicated to discuss other issues or action ideas in regards to advocating for youth as a JJC. Because we will meet, the deadline for response to the letter will be further extended.

The committee hopes to answer your questions and receive your JJC support. Please designate a representative from your JJC to attend this meeting. Reminders will be sent including the Zoom link fresh in your inbox.

Sincerely,

Joint JJC Task Force

Mary Cone, Sonoma County JJC
Donna Warnken-Brill, Contra Costa County JJC
Jean Pennypacker, Santa Clara County JJC

June 1, 2023

The Honorable _____
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA

Dear _____,

We are court appointed members of Juvenile Justice Commissions mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC 225-230). We are writing to express urgent concerns regarding the lack of safe placements with appropriate training, resources and support for high acuity dependent youth. Our concerns are specifically related to changes in the foster care system due to California's AB 403, also known as the "Continuum of Care Reform" Act (CCR). While this reform was well intentioned, it has resulted in serious gaps in options to address the extremely high needs of dependent youth who have severe mental health issues. This has created unsafe conditions for youth, staff and caregivers across California.

We are reaching out to you specifically because of your advocacy for youth and social justice in our state.

The Commissions' purpose as defined by state law is to be a public conscience in the best interest of youth in the county we represent. The gravity of this situation is so serious that we have established a joint California-wide taskforce to more effectively give voice to the critical needs of these vulnerable youth, and ensure our state legislative representatives are aware of the severity of this emerging crisis.

California and the federal government have passed legislation to greatly restrict and reduce all forms of congregate care. California's AB 403 required all Group Homes to transition to Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs). Statewide, 486 Group Home providers with a capacity of 4,328 beds did not transition to the STRTP model. Recent federal legislative requirements in response to the Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) have resulted in even more facilities closing permanently.

Short Term Residential Treatment Program challenges include:

- Extreme mental health needs of youth referrals
- Severe staffing challenges including:
 - lack of candidates with required education and mental health experience
 - Inadequate pay
 - High stress, dangerous job
 - Requires on-site 24-hour shift work
- Youth Rights Protections allow residents to leave at any time and limit consequences for youth behavior

- Limits the time a youth may stay even though stabilization may take longer
- STRTP capacity is limited due to high needs of residents, typically a 6-bed facility can only safely house 2-4 residents.
- Financial reimbursement for STRTP youth is inadequate for staff/resources needed

The level of support required to serve youth with high mental health needs in STRTP's has made it nearly impossible for these community-based organizations to operate financially and maintain required staffing levels. As a result, these organizations are failing across the state. At the same time, out of state facilities and locked mental health facilities are no longer a placement option.

For example, Contra Costa County currently has approximately 10 youth who are regularly denied placement in a STRTP due to their behaviors and/or lack of adequate staffing. Sometimes these youth are placed in Psychiatric Emergency Facilities for long stays since no inpatient beds are available, and then discharged and go back into placements that cannot meet their needs.

In Sonoma County, only two STRTP's remain open. Two additional facilities recently converted to serve other youth such as private, post-adoption, and unaccompanied minors which is more sustainable for them. In Sonoma County, a Children's Shelter is used for high needs youth awaiting placement due to lack of other options.

Santa Clara County currently has one STRTP opened provisionally in 2022 with 4 beds. Children and Family Services (CFS) reports that they need as many as 50 placements for youth with significant mental health and behavioral needs at any one time.

Youth demonstrating the most severe effects of trauma are older and have complex mental health needs, including self-injury, suicidality, substance use and violent and destructive tendencies, alongside other challenging behaviors (fire-starting, property destruction etc.) that require specific training, expertise and management - often over a long period of time. Due to the intensive needs of these *high acuity youth* they usually cannot be safely placed in foster family homes.

The lack of safe and effective county placements results in:

- Youth held in county offices, receiving centers, shelters, or hotel rooms
- Repeated failed foster home placements
- AWOL for prolonged periods
- Placement in STRTP's in remote counties due to lack of available beds
- Risk for trafficking, homelessness, and other victimization
- "Revolving door" cycles in and out of the hospital
- Further trauma to these youth, making placement even more difficult
- Placement in Juvenile Hall as a result of escalating behavior

Case example: “James”

James first entered foster care at the age of 2, based on allegations of abuse from his mother. He was placed with a relative until the age of 8 when he re-entered foster care. He has been in and out of placements for the past 10 years, including several years at a STRTP. James has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and has suffered from auditory hallucinations. He has been prescribed psychotropic medication, which he has taken on and off. He has a history of substance use, AWOL, and verbally aggressive behavior. He is significantly behind in school credits and has an IEP for Emotional Disturbance and Specific Learning Disability.

James has had several temporary stays at a Receiving Center with a 24 hour CFS person assigned to him for one-on-one supervision. The Receiving Center later refused to take him and CFS was forced to utilize a hotel setting with one-to-one or two-to-one staffing ratios. During this time CFS has sought placement, unsuccessfully, with approximately 60 STRTPs.

These *high acuity* youth deserve safe housing and intensive rehabilitative care for their trauma-induced needs. They are some of the most vulnerable citizens of our state and they need our help now. The system is failing them. This failure is occurring despite heroic efforts from social welfare agencies, STRTP administrators, and state representatives who assist on a case by case basis. But this case-by-case decision making is neither effective nor sustainable, requiring more effort, time and money with inconsistent outcomes, than a proactive, system-wide response at the state-level would provide.

Our goal as Joint Juvenile Justice Commissioners from throughout California, is to raise awareness of this crisis situation and to advocate for a broader range of options for these youth, **including high intensity mental health treatment centers, significant additional funding and support for existing STRTP’s and support for specialized foster homes.** The current STRTP format is not working and is not sustainable.

Our intent is to raise your awareness and interest in these youth and to meet with you to share our knowledge, concerns and propose actions, which we believe would help these vulnerable youth in our counties.

Best Regards,

Sonoma County JJC

From: CHHS OYCR <OYCR@chhs.ca.gov>
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Office of Youth and Community Restoration

The next meeting of the Youth Justice Committee (formerly the OYCR Committee of the Child Welfare Council) will take place virtually on June 14, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Participants may join by Zoom. The meeting [agenda](#) is attached and additional related materials will be circulated shortly. We look forward to your participation.



County of Riverside
JUVENILE JUSTICE and DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

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Micheal Malsed, Vice-Chair
Tierra Trembley, Secretary-Treasurer

May 22, 2023

Dr. Edwin Gomez
Superintendent
Riverside County Office of Education
via email

Dear Dr. Gomez,

The Commission is increasingly concerned about the reports across the County of violence in schools. As you know, the types of reported violence can and do lead to delinquency issues, and as such, form a core portion of the Commission's mission to the citizens of the County.

In that vein, we have the following questions:

- What are the reporting requirements for incidents of school violence and how are they documented and rolled up into RCOE?
- What additional documentation does the County Office of Education maintain on school violence?
- What intervention programs are in place or under consideration, both at the County level and at the District level, and how do the Districts report said programs to the County?
- If the RCOE does not maintain or collect this type of information, how would you recommend the Commission go about obtaining any background data on in-school violence?

Thank you in advance for your consideration and prompt attention to this matter. If you would prefer, we would be happy to schedule a virtual or in-person meeting to further discuss our collective concerns.

Kind regards,

Christopher S. Collopy
Chairman

Micheal Malsed
Vice Chairman

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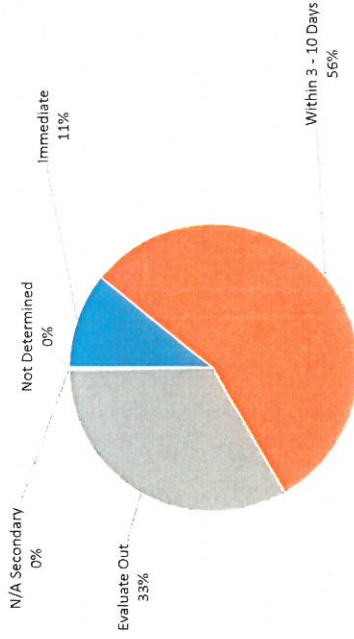
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3 months referrals trend

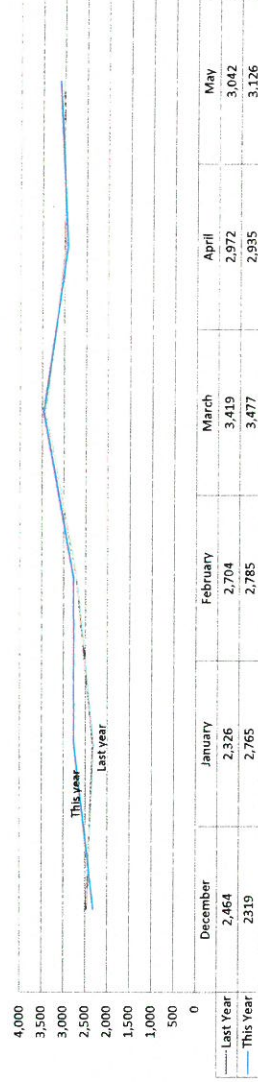
Response Priority Rates	March-23		April-23		May-23		Trends
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
Immediate	358	10.3%	348	11.9%	338	10.8%	
Within 3 - 10 Days	1,926	55.4%	1,586	54.0%	1,747	55.9%	
Evaluate Out	1,185	34.1%	992	33.8%	1,032	33.0%	
N/A Secondary	8	0.2%	9	0.3%	7	0.2%	
Not Determined	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	
Total	3,477	100%	2,935	100%	3,126	100%	

<https://app.safe.measures.org/ca/referrals/>

Referrals by Response Type for May 23



Note: Due to rounding, total may not add up to 100%



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Allegation Type by Client and by Region

Region	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Neglect	Sexual Abuse	Other/At-risk	Clients in Month:
Central Intake Center	5	9	22	4	11	43
Centralized Placement Services	23	4	55	8	20	86
Command Post	174	127	429	49	194	674
Desert	46	43	156	22	50	241
Diamond Valley	85	86	275	27	105	418
Metro	77	75	256	28	70	362
Mid County	101	93	322	23	103	473
Southwest	132	128	395	37	108	581
Specialized Investigations	10	8	190	1	7	198
Valley	111	115	347	31	136	538
West Corridor	105	108	373	33	125	536
Clients in Month:	869	796	2820	263	929	4150

Note: This display shows the number of allegation types for clients in referrals started during the selected month. Clients may have multiple allegation types on any given referral. Each allegation type is only counted once for any specific client.

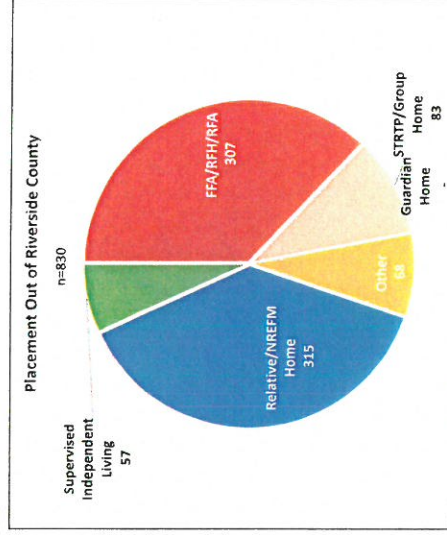
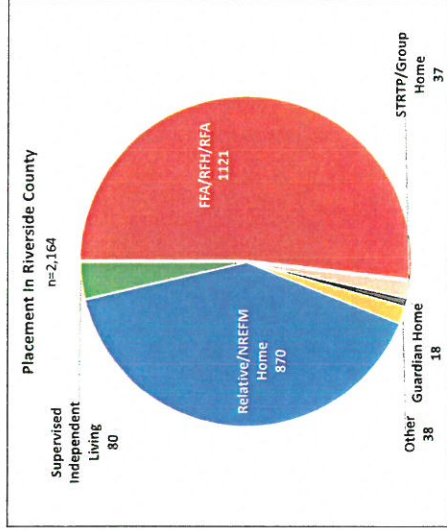
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Reasons for Children Exiting Placement

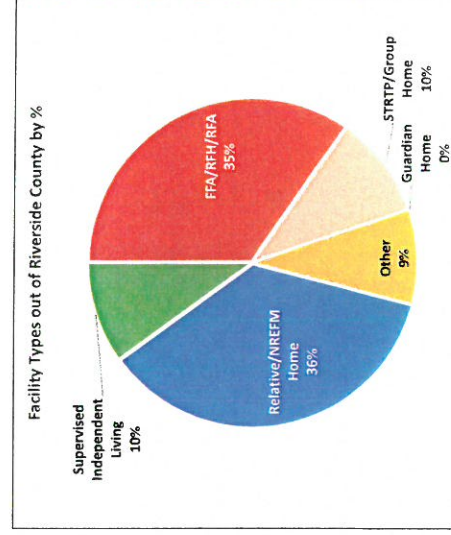
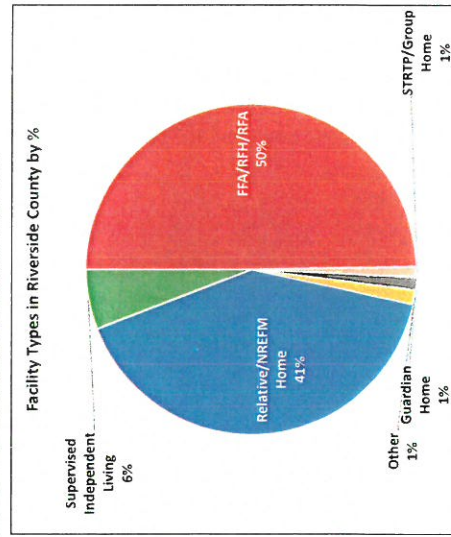
Exit Reason	May-23
Adoption	19
Reunification	49
Emancipation	12
Guardianship	7
Other	2
Not Recorded	0
Total	89

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Placements of Dependents Categorized by Facility Type :



Facility Types by Percentage:



https://app.safemeasures.org/ca/placements_facility_type/crosstab/

Note: Children placed in "Guardian Home - Voluntary" facilities were excluded from the counts.

Other include "Court-Specified Homes", "Small Family Homes", "Shelter/Receiving Homes", "Tribally Approved Homes", "Tribe Specified Homes" and "Medical Facilities".

CSEC Referrals and Cases



Note: CSEC Referrals also include Referrals with the Special Project Code "Human Trafficking-Labor"

Three Month Trend CSEC Codification

Month	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23
Open cases with at least 1 CSEC Codification	154	153	148
Open referrals with at least 1 CSEC Codification	7	10	12

Notes:

*This table reflects the same data on the graph above. It is included additionally to have the three month data trend on a table for viewing preference.

CSEC Codifications include: **Victims of CSEC During Foster Care, At-risk of CSEC, and CSEC Victims before Foster Care.

***Data for CSEC comes from DAT Unit's monthly OG-1718 CSEC Monthly report and not SafeMeasures. Additionally that data is extracted from CWS/CMS and is current as of 03/03/23

****Data is produced on the first week where CWS/CMS data tables have been refreshed, which means that this report may not always reflect the most current month.