



JJDC AGENDA
BUSINESS MEETING
November 13, 2025
1:30 PM

Location:

Moreno Valley Probation Office
Training Room (A)
14325 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

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| 1. Call to Order | Chair/Chair-Designate |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | Chair/Chair-Designate |
| 3. Roll Call | Executive Assistant |
| 4. Public Comment | |
| 5. Motion to Approve Agenda (11/13/2025) | Chair/Chair-Designate |
| 6. Motion to Approve Monthly Meeting Minutes (08/14/2025) | Chair/Chair-Designate |
| 7. County Counsel Report | County Counsel |
| 8. Probation Report | |
| o Institutional Services | Chief Deputy Probation Officer |
| o Field Services | |
| 9. Behavioral Health | Behavioral Health Administrator |
| 10. DPSS Report | Deputy Director, DPSS |
| ***BREAK*** | |
| 11. Correspondence Received / Discussion | |
| o Status Update: Commission Letter submitted via County Counsel requesting probation records | |
| 12. Old Business | |
| o JJDC Applicant Update | |
| 13. New Business | |
| o None | |

14. Activities of the Commission

- JJCC related activity:
 - JJCC Meeting
 - Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
 - CBO Alliance:
 - Raising The Future - Recap
- Committee Reports
 - Inspections
 - Juvenile Hall Inspection
 - Awards
 - Planning Committee Update
 - Operating Policy Committee: Laurel, Mike & Josh
 - Report Out
- Other:

15. Commission Member Reports

- Status Update: Draft JJDPC Bylaws
- Status Update: California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative
- CJJCC Meeting Updates — October 13, 2025
- Applied Survey Research – Zoom Listening Session (October 9, 2025)

16. Adjournment

Attachment(s):

- August 14, 2025 - JJDPC Monthly Meeting Minutes
- DPSS Data Report
- RCP Institution Stats
- RCP Foster Youth Data
- CCL Monthly Update
- CJJCC Meeting Summary — October 13, 2025
- 2025 OYCR: Native Youth in Juvenile Justice (Webinar Slides) & Resources — October 21, 2025

NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2025

In Accordance with State Law (The Brown Act):

- *The meetings of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission are open to the public. The public may address the commission within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.*
- *Disable persons may request disability related accommodations to address the JJDPC. Reasonable accommodations can be made to assist disabled persons if requested 24-hours prior to the meeting by contacting Riverside County Probation Department at (951) 358-7022 or at cymagill@rivco.org.*
- *The public may review open session materials at: <https://rivcoprobation.org/jjdpc>*
- *Items may be called out of order.*
- *Agenda will be posted 72-hours prior to meeting.*
- *Cancellations will be posted 72-hours prior to meeting.*



**JJPC Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2025**

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

In Attendance: Laurel Cook, Amanda Wade, Patricia Watson, Georgia Hussein, Brian Ortiz, Mike Belknap, Cynthia Magill, Daniel Castaneda, Cari Shepherd, Michelle Wohl, Jamila Purnell, Latoya Thomas

Unexcused / Excused Absence: Pam Torres (Resigned), Joshua Angell (Unexcused)

Applicants: Mercedes Pacheco

1. Call to Order

- With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Led by Commissioner Ortiz.

3. Roll Call / Welcome / Introductions

- Vice Chair Wade welcomed everyone in attendance.

4. Public Comment

- No public comment.

5. Election of Executive JJPC Officers

- Vice Chair Wade clarified that only JJPC Commissioners could vote or be nominated. Nominations were received in advance, and nominees' names were on the ballots provided to commissioners. Following the Brown Act, she invited public comment; none was offered. Commissioners were then instructed to complete their ballots, which the Executive Assistant would collect. Results will be announced before adjournment.

6. Motion to Approve Agenda (August 14, 2025)

- M: Hussein; S: Watson – Approval of the agenda for the August 14, 2025, meeting. Approved unanimously.

7. Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes (March 13, 2025)

- M: Watson; S: Hussein – Approval of the minutes for the March 13, 2025, meeting. Approved unanimously.

8. Motion to Approve Special Meeting Minutes (May 08, 2025)

- M: Hussein; S: Ortiz – Approval of the minutes for the May 8, 2025, Special Meeting. Approved unanimously.

9. Riverside County Office of County Counsel – Deputy County Counsel Jamila Purnell

- County Counsel reported no updates.

10. Riverside County Probation (Institutional Services) – Chief Deputy Probation Officers Daniel Castaneda and Latoya Thomas

- CDPO Castaneda provided the Riverside County Probation (Institutional Services) report. Data related to the update was included in the meeting packet.
 - CDPO Daniel Castaneda reported that the combined institutional population was 152 youth—144 male and 8 female—consisting of 67 in detention, 29 at YTEC, and 56 in Pathways. He said CDPO Latoya Thomas would address the Pathways waitlist.
 - Castaneda reviewed critical incidents for July, noting five fights across the institutions. He stated that although the goal is zero, the fights were brief and quickly contained. He then described an incident listed as a suicide attempt: a youth tied a sweatshirt around her neck; staff intervened after verbal direction was unsuccessful; nursing directed transport to the hospital. After the debrief with Probation, Behavioral Health, and other staff, the team determined that, based on the youth's history and how staff had to intervene, the incident should be classified as a suicide attempt. Castaneda said he still disagreed but was not going to change the number from one to zero.
 - He described youth engagement across all three institutions, including intra-unit competitions such as kickball, basketball, and volleyball. He said teachers, probation staff, and youth were engaged, and there was "a lot of intra-unit competition," with monthly variations (for example, boys vs. girls; unit-versus-unit; winners playing staff). He noted that sportsmanship and rules were being taught and mentioned nearly pulling a hamstring while playing kickball. At Southwest Juvenile Hall, one classroom had reached 190 consecutive school days without a fight.
 - Vice Chair Wade asked about a May escape attempt, noting it had not been discussed since the June meeting was canceled, and suggested it might have been a furlough non-return. Castaneda responded that no one had gone over any walls and said he was almost certain the reference was to a youth who failed to return from furlough.
 - **CDPO Latoya Thomas** reported that the Pathways waitlist (about 12 youth pending toward the end of June) had been cleared and that all youth had started programming, with the last beginning on August 7. She said two more youth had since been ordered into the program. To address demand, programming was temporarily expanded to other facilities, including SJH. She added they were discussing longer-term solutions, including whether a new unit might be needed and the related considerations (education, counseling).



- Thomas also described July off-campus activities for YTEC and Pathways across the county, including beach outings, a trampoline park, continued equine therapy, grocery store trips, and DMV visits.
- Castaneda said Institutional Services continued to bring in credible messengers. He referenced Raul Ramos (author of *From Ese to Master Jefe*) and Ahmed Bellozo (“On the Tira”) and noted strong youth engagement and questions during those sessions.
- A commissioner asked whether the increase in Pathways numbers reflected more violent charges as opposed to drug-related or other offenses. Thomas replied that she had not yet reviewed the full demographic breakdown and said the increase had occurred over the course of the year, not as a sudden recent spike. Castaneda said he had looked into the numbers and that cases involved serious and violent offenses, including weapons-related charges, homicide, and attempted homicide.
- A commissioner then asked how staff were managing. Castaneda said staff were doing a great job and that they were always looking at additional training. He said he still had a hard time embracing the extended age of juvenile jurisdiction up to 25 and noted that some youths were nearly the same age as new hires. He stated they did not have a lot of the much older youth, but there was one youth at the Indio facility who was “a grown man,” and said the oldest currently in custody was 22.
- Vice Chair Wade asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, she thanked Institutional Services for their report.

Riverside County Probation (Field Services) – Assistant Division Director Cari Shepherd
Data included in meeting packet.

- Assistant Division Director Cari Shepherd reported that Probation-led foster care placements remained steady at 23 youth in August, the same as July, compared to 20 in June. There are also 23 dual-status youth, with DPSS as lead, and the youth are also wards of the court.
 - She announced that the division will begin supervising informal dependent cases, involving youth under WIC 654, 790, or 725. These are short-term probation cases where records may be dismissed and sealed if successfully completed. Since these youth are dependents, they often move placements—sometimes two to ten times—across counties such as Los Angeles or northern regions. Monthly supervision contacts will now extend to these cases, as with dual status youth, to maintain continuity and help prevent escalation.
 - Commissioner Wohl called this “great news” and “an early Christmas gift.” Shepherd agreed, noting that the change will also reduce the need for DPSS to coordinate with multiple county teams by working directly with Probation.
 - Vice Chair Wade asked if only 12 of the 23 youth reside in Riverside County. Shepherd confirmed and added that most residing youth are DPSS-led. She added that Probation staff participate on the support letter committee for the Children’s System of Care, visiting STRTPs once they open. Many facilities, however, resist accepting probation-involved youth, particularly former wards of the court.
 - Vice Chair Wade thanked Probation and transitioned the meeting to DPSS, noting Behavioral Health was not present.

11. Behavioral Health: A representative from Behavioral Health was not in attendance.

12. Department of Public Social Services (DPSS): Deputy Director Children’s Services, Michelle Wohl (Data included in Mtg. Packet)

- Deputy Director of Children’s Services, Michelle Wohl, presented data included in the meeting packet. She reviewed hotline calls, noting a seasonal drop in summer due to school closures, with 4,261 calls in June and 1,450 resulting in investigations. She reported 5,636 open dependency cases in juvenile court for the same month, explaining that fluctuations are due to case closures, new filings, and referrals that carry over into subsequent months.
 - Wohl discussed hiring challenges, noting that DPSS is exempt from the county hiring freeze due to the lengthy onboarding and training process, which can take up to five months. She reported a 23% staff attrition rate, lower than the national average but higher than the agency’s goal of 12%. She also highlighted data on removals, detention hearings, jurisdictional and dispositional hearings, placement types, permanency planning, and caseloads, including specialized cases such as dual status youth, medically fragile youth, and those in short-term residential treatment programs. She described non-relative legal guardianship cases, explaining federal oversight requirements and the need for ongoing support to stabilize placements.
 - Wohl reported on the pilot Transitional Housing Plus program with Olive Crest for CSEC youth. The program moved participants into a brand-new apartment complex in Moreno Valley. Five youth had been placed, and one had already graduated from the program. She described the support structure, which provides stable housing and daily on-site clinical staff, and shared an example of a youth who had been AWOL for several months, occasionally calling her social worker to check in. The youth later turned herself in to law enforcement, spent a short time at Harmony Haven, and then chose to participate in the apartment program, where she has remained stable.
 - Wohl also provided an update on Harmony Haven, reporting 25 youth currently placed, including an unusual number of 10- and 11-year-olds because many foster parents were on vacation. Only three youth were in hotels, which she credited



to stronger collaboration with providers. She described a provider with a “no eject/no reject” policy that had briefly ejected a youth whose behavior nearly jeopardized its lease. The youth went AWOL for three weeks but was later accepted back by the same provider and placed in a different home outside the original community to ensure safety.

- Wohl acknowledged Cari Shepherd’s earlier report on Probation handling informal dependent cases in-house, and said this change would streamline challenges for both agencies. She noted that Daniel Castaneda’s team had assisted DPSS with difficult cases, including one youth whose case was staffed by the Executive Office every three weeks. She explained that California has no locked facilities—only community treatment facilities—so youth can refuse to remain. She added that ETS and Behavioral Health worked closely with DPSS on these cases. She further described another youth who had been AWOL for three months and was found by law enforcement gravely dehydrated with significant substance use issues. She concluded that progress in these cases depended on interagency collaboration.
- Vice Chair Wade thanked Deputy Director Wohl for her report and announced a five-minute break.

13. Correspondence: (Commissioner Resignation)

- Vice Chair Wade asked about correspondence regarding commissioner resignations. Cynthia reported that Commissioner Pam Torres had resigned by email, and Chair Cook confirmed he had accepted it. Vice Chair Wade stated for the record that Commissioner Torres’s resignation was accepted.

14. Old Business: Interview of JJDPC applicant (to be conducted toward the conclusion of the meeting).

- Vice Chair Wade noted that Mercedes was present and stated that the Commission would have a chance to interview her at the conclusion of the meeting. She then moved on to Item 15, New Business.

15. New Business:

- None

16. Activities of the Commission:

○ **JJCC Related Activity:**

- **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting:** Vice Chair Wade reported that Kids in Konflikt, SAFE Family Justice Centers, and Silence Aloud, Inc. were recently added as funded CBOs. She also noted public comments at the meeting requesting clearer communication from the JJCC.
- **Ad Hoc Committee:** No updates were provided for the Ad Hoc Committee
- **SB 823 Parent Team meeting:** No updates were provided for the SB 823 Parent Team meeting
- **CBO Alliance:** Vice Chair Wade announced that the next CBO Alliance town hall will be held on November 13th, 5:00–8:00 PM, at the California Family Life Center in Jurupa Valley.
- Vice Chair Wade asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she proceeded to committee reports.

○ **Committee Reports:**

- **Inspections:** Commissioner Belknap reported that inspections were complete, with the Blythe report signed off that day by Chair Cook and all others have been posted. Vice Chair Wade said the next step was scheduling this year’s inspections. Belknap noted the juvenile halls preferred these be done before Christmas. Wade agreed and emphasized that at least two commissioners must attend each inspection. She then transitioned to the Awards Committee.
- **Awards:** Commissioner Hussein opened discussion on the 2026 awards and requested additional members for the Awards Committee. She noted the team currently included only herself and the secretary. Vice Chair Wade invited others to join by notifying Cynthia, and Dr. Watson volunteered.
- **Operating Policy Committee:** Chair Cook stated that bylaws must be finalized before policy adjustments can proceed. Vice Chair Wade noted that draft bylaws were presented in May and recalled Probation’s intent to review them. County Counsel confirmed this review was necessary because the draft placed additional burdens on other agencies, which must be agreed to before a vote.
- Wade asked if discussion should occur in person, through a special meeting, or a workshop. County Counsel advised that either format could be appropriate and expressed surprise that Probation was currently not present since the item was on the agenda. Wade then asked if Cynthia could request feedback from Probation for the next meeting. County Counsel confirmed that could be done. County Counsel also said the item could either remain under Item 17 or be listed as a separate agenda item. Wade asked Cynthia to make a note for the next agenda.
- Chair Cook commented that Probation might have viewed the draft as too intrusive but emphasized that she had researched other counties and found the proposals consistent with practices already in place elsewhere. She felt the matter was worthy of discussion. Vice Chair Wade agreed, and hearing no further comments, moved the meeting forward to the next agenda item: the status of the Commission letter requesting probation records.

17. Activities of the Commission:

○ **Status Update: Draft JJDPC Bylaws**

- Previously addressed during the Operating Policy Committee discussion.



- **Status Update: Commission Letter submitted via County Counsel requesting probation records**
 - County Counsel confirmed there has been no update since the May meeting regarding the formal request for probation records related to two individuals. She noted that one individual was confirmed to fall under the JJDC's jurisdiction, while the status of the second individual remains unclear, as it is uncertain whether they were involved in delinquency proceedings. To date, the JJDC has not sent the formal request letter to County Counsel for probation records concerning either individual.
 - Vice Chair Wade asked the Commission to confirm that no commissioner had submitted a formal request for probation records. Chair Cook noted that Commissioner Joshua Angell was expected to follow up on the matter, according to her last understanding.
 - Vice Chair Wade asked if the matter needed to be revisited. County Counsel confirmed that the Commission had already voted on the issue in May and that the action could proceed when the Commission was ready. VC Wade clarified whether a new vote was required to submit the letter, and County Counsel stated it was not necessary since the prior approval was sufficient.
 - Vice Chair Wade concluded that the next step would be to follow up with Commissioner Angell. She then moved on to the next agenda item, a status update on the California Juvenile Justice Commissioners.
- **Status Update: California Juvenile Justice Commissioners Collaborative (CJJCC) Meeting Updates — June 9 and July 14, 2025**
 - Vice Chair Wade invited Commissioner Belknapp to share any updates from his attendance at the CJJCC meetings. Commissioner Belknapp stated he had no significant updates but was observing what other counties are doing, expressing concern that their commission may not be fulfilling all expected responsibilities.
 - Vice Chair Wade expressed satisfaction that the collaborative has been established and noted that meeting dates for 2025 and 2026 have been set. Commissioner Belknapp agreed with her statement regarding the value of having the collaborative in place.
 - Vice Chair Wade explained that these meetings are open to commissioners, last approximately one hour, begin at 12:00 p.m., and are conducted online via Zoom. She added that Cynthia can provide meeting dates to commissioners interested in attending.
 - Vice Chair Wade reported that the Chair of the San Mateo Justice Commission stated at the last meeting that they are working towards a more formalized partnership with OYCR. OYCR also provided additional information during that session.
 - No further commission member reports were offered.
 - Vice Chair Wade announced the results of nominations and votes: she will become Chair, and Dr. Watson will assume the role of Vice Chair moving forward.
 - She announced that the JJDC applicant interview will take place following adjournment and clarified that applicant interviews do not need to be conducted on the record.

18. Adjournment:

- The meeting was formally adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date: September 11, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Rustin Conference Center (Entrance 1) Room TBD
2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507

Stabilize staffing (SSP III): Align caseloads to staffing levels to ensure timely and quality decision making.

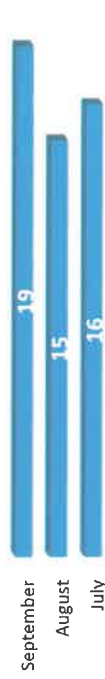
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New + Carryover Referral Guideline = 16

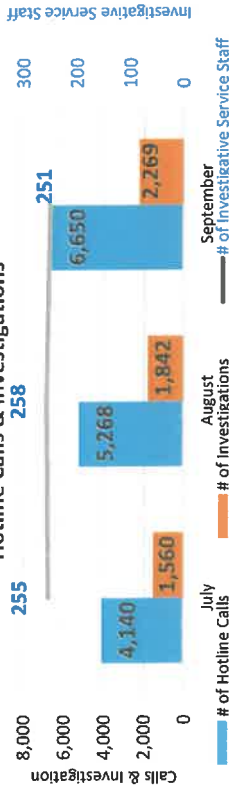
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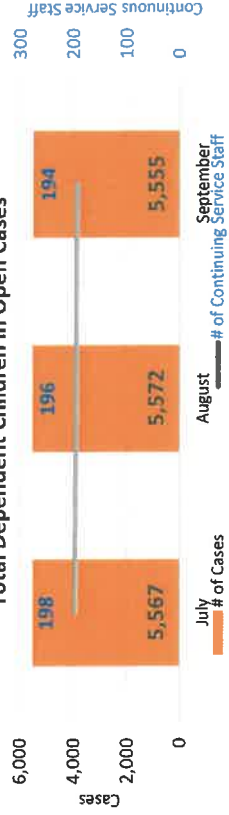
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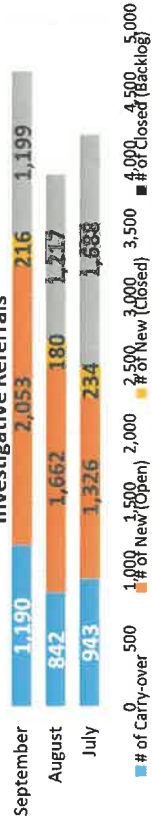
Hotline Calls & Investigations



Total Dependent Children in Open Cases



Investigative Referrals



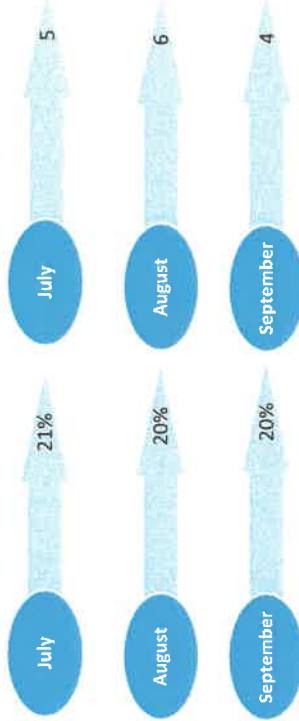
SSP III Hiring Schedule

Hiring Event	Hiring Target	Onboarding	CSO Induction	Graduation	Number of SSP III in Induction	*Number who left during induction	*Number who left w/in 1 year of graduation
4/23/2024	30	7/11/2024	7/11/2024	10/16/2024	34	2	10
6/4/2024	30	8/22/2024	8/22/2024	12/5/2024	26	0	8
8/15/2024	30	10/3/2024	10/3/2024	1/8/2025	24	0	4
10/26/2024	30	11/14/2024	11/14/2024	3/5/2025	23	0	4
6/26/2025	32	6/26/2025	6/26/2025	10/1/2025	29	2	0
7/1/2025	32	7/1/2025	8/21/2025	11/26/2025	26	0	0
8/12/2025	28	10/16/2025	10/16/2025	1/21/2026			
11/6/2025	32	2/19/2026	1/8/2026	4/15/2026			
1/6/2026	32	2/19/2026	2/19/2026	5/27/2026			
3/12/2026	32	5/14/2026	5/14/2026	8/19/2026			

Annualized Attrition



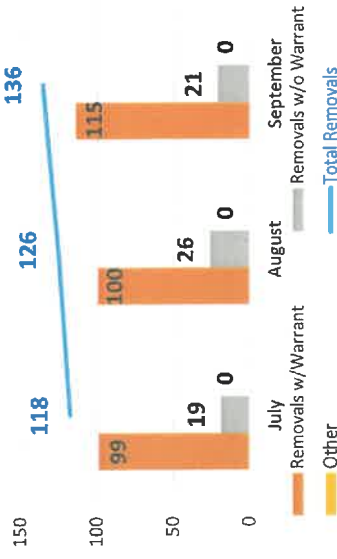
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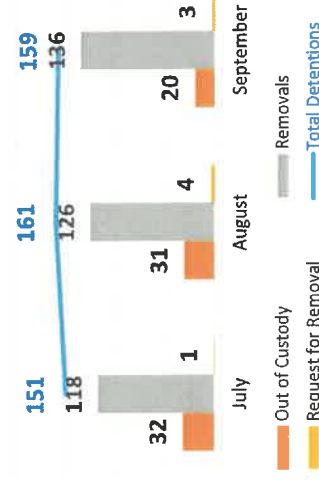
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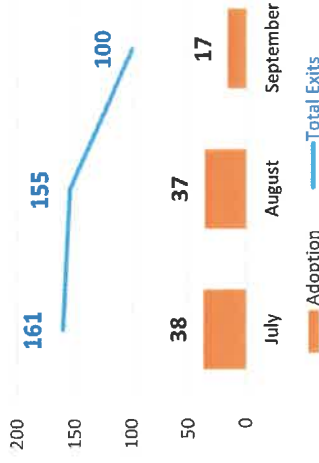
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Detention Hearings

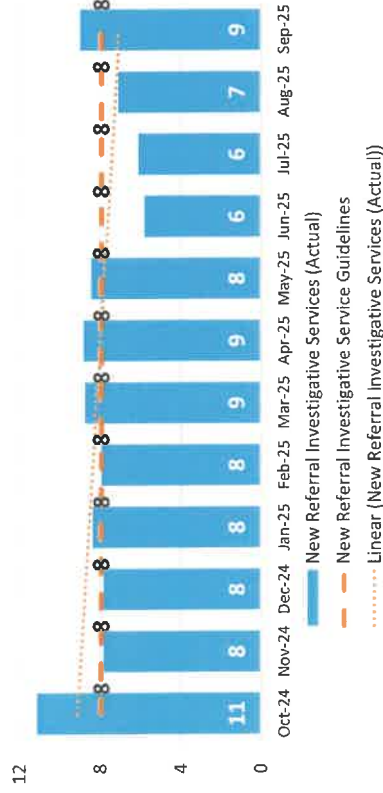


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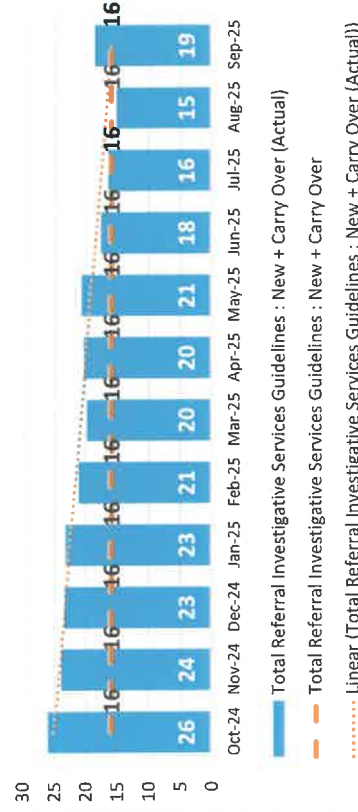


Case Load Trendlines

New Referral Averages



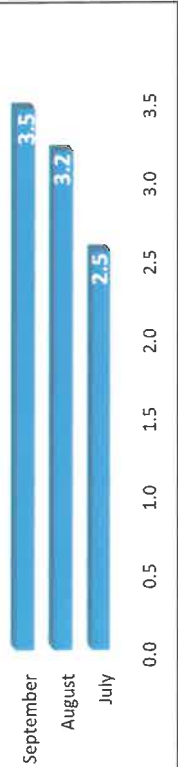
New + Carry-over Referral Averages



Stabilize staffing: Align caseloads to staffing levels to ensure timely and quality decision making

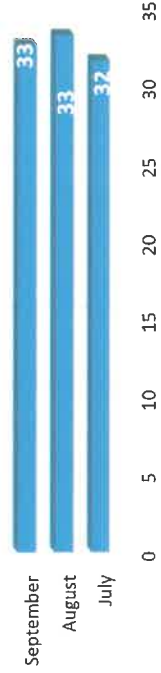
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New JD Case Assignment Averages

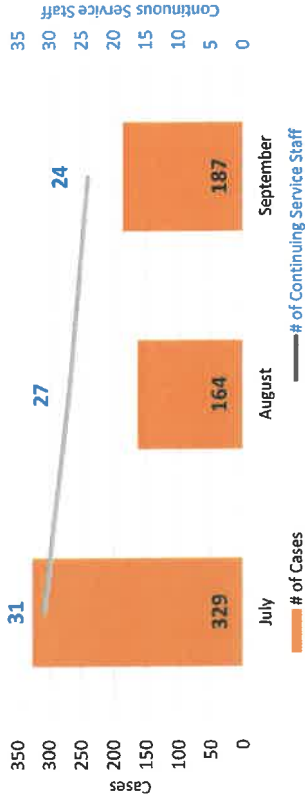


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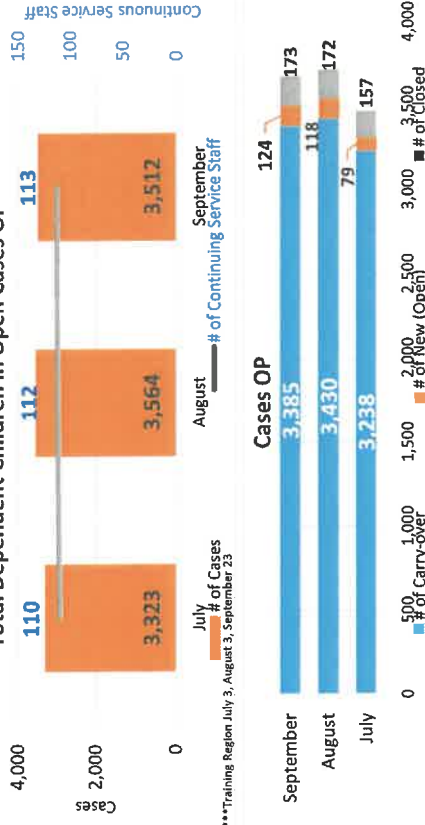
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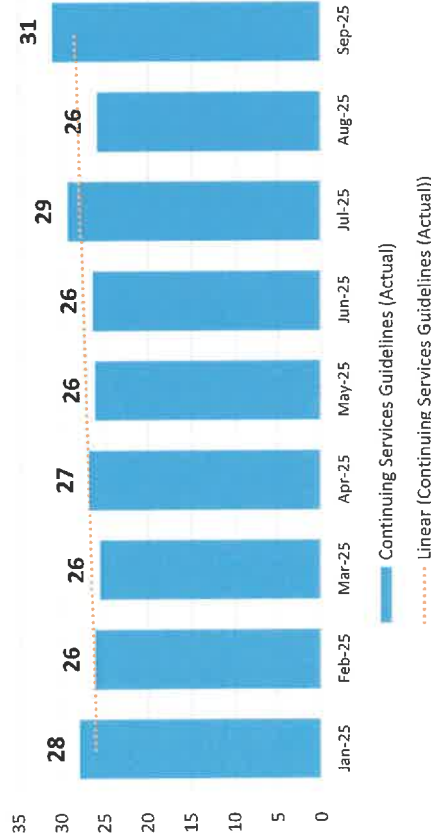
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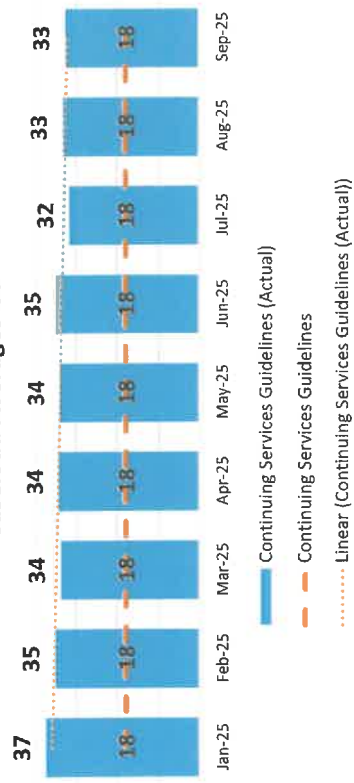
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Caseload Averages JD



Caseload Averages OP



Stabilize staffing: Align caseloads to staffing levels to ensure timely and quality decision making

Placement Permanency Adoption(PPA) Social Services Practitioner (SSP) III = 36-45

Youth and Community Resources (YCR) Social Services Practitioner (SSP) III = 12-15

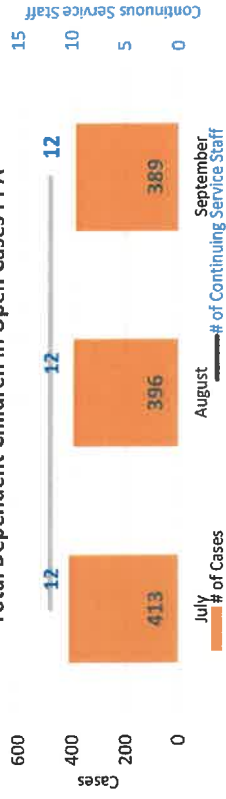
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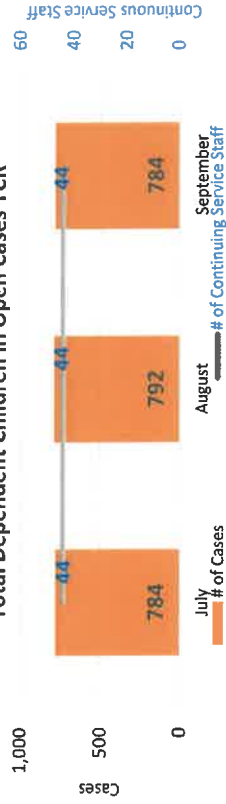
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Total Dependent Children in Open Cases PPA



Total Dependent Children in Open Cases YCR



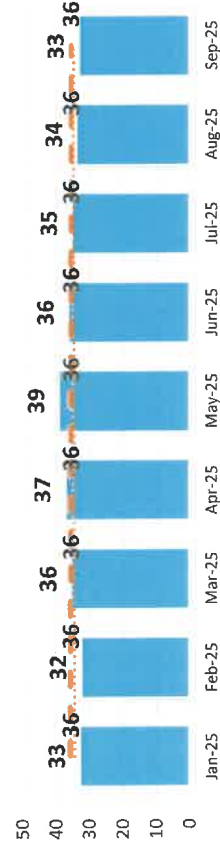
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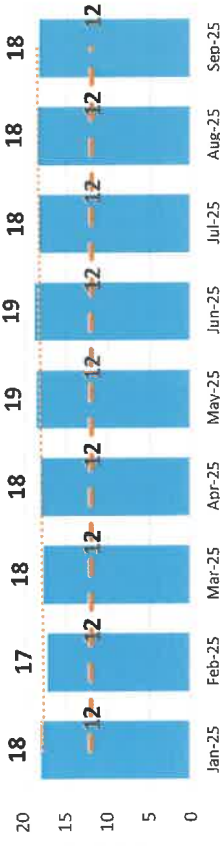
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Caseload Averages PPA



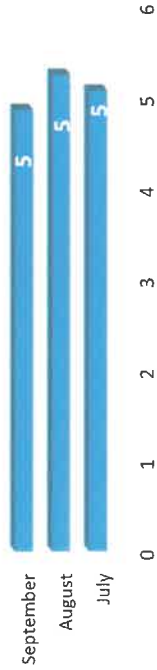
Caseload Averages YCR



Stabilize staffing: Align caseloads to staffing levels to ensure timely and quality decision making

Permanency Placement (PP) Social Services Practitioner (SSP) I/II = 14 - 18
 Non-Related Legal Guardianships (NRLG) Social Services Practitioner (SSP) I/II = 120

Case Averages PP



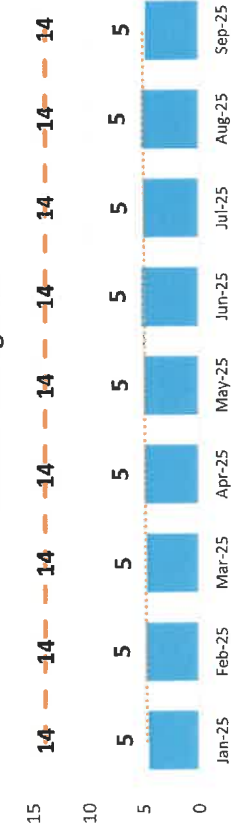
Total Dependent Children in Open Cases PP



Cases PP



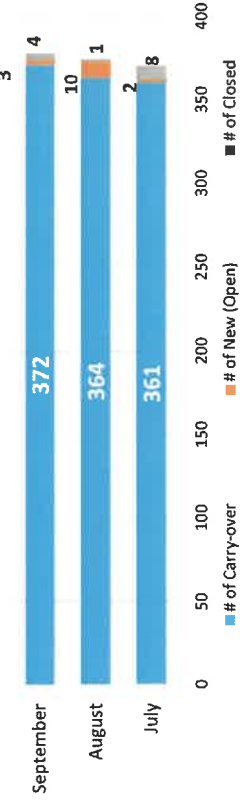
Caseload Averages PP



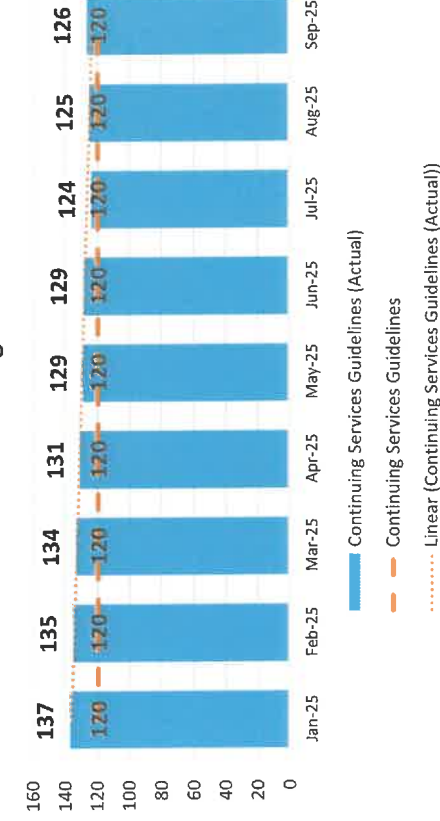
Case Averages NRLG



Cases NRLG



Caseload Averages NRLG



Performance Measures

Referral/Case Management	July	July%	August	August%	September	September%	County Target
Timeliness of First Completed Contact – By Referral (2D) ^{Immediate}	275	91.1%	364	95.0%	426	89.7%	90.0%
Timeliness of First Completed Contact – By Referral (2D) ^{10 Day}	971	77.7%	1,192	82.0%	1,139	63.5%	90.0%
Face-to-face Contacts for Youth in Placement (2F)	2,489	96.3%	2,492	96.3%	2,412	91.7%	90.0%
Face-to-face Contacts for Youth in Home (2S)	2,261	96.3%	2,185	94.1%	2,096	91.5%	90.0%
Open Investigations by Referral Date (45+ days)	898	34.3%	718	24.6%	902	25.4%	10.0%
SDM Safety Assessment Time to Completion	884	70.8%	1,076	75.6%	1,005	83.1%	90.0%

Use of Structured Decision Making (SDM) Tool	Total			Closed		
	July	August	September	July	August	September
Substantiated Referrals that are High or Very High Risk**	150	130	140	25	23	18

**SDM recommendation to promote to case - case closed

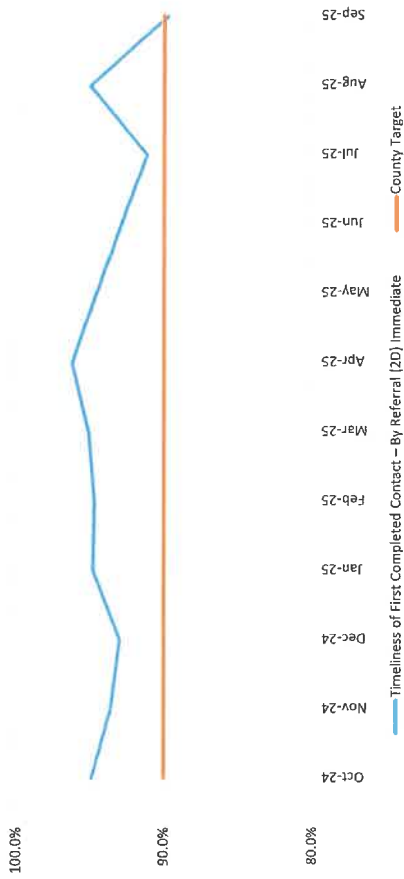
Outcome Measures

System Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals	Quarter	Count	RivCo %	California Average	Federal Target
P1 - Permanency in 12 months	07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	664	40.5%	34.2%	35.2%
P4- Re-entry within 12 months	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	34	5.0%	7.1%	5.6%
P5- Placement Stability	07/01/2024 to 07/30/2025	1,681	2.7%	3.4%	4.48%
S1- Maltreatment in Foster Care	07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025	68	6.7/100K	8.0/100K	9.07/100K
S2- Recurrence of Maltreatment	07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	619	11.1%	7.9%	9.7%

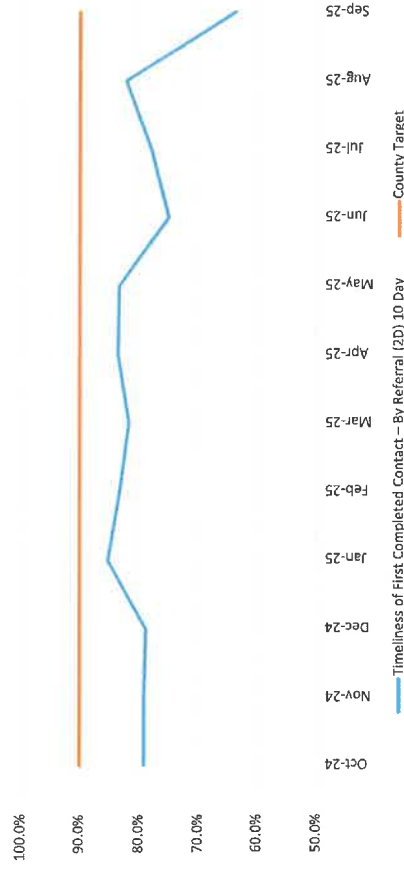
Note: SIP Goals represent the most update counts and percentages.

Performance Measures
Referral/Case Management

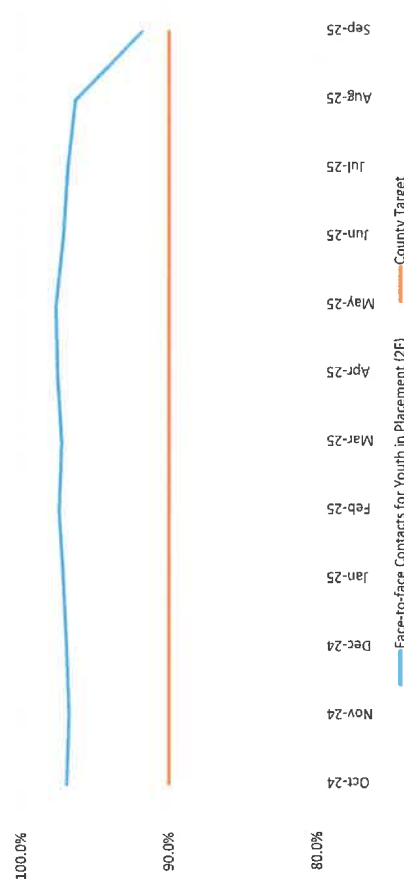
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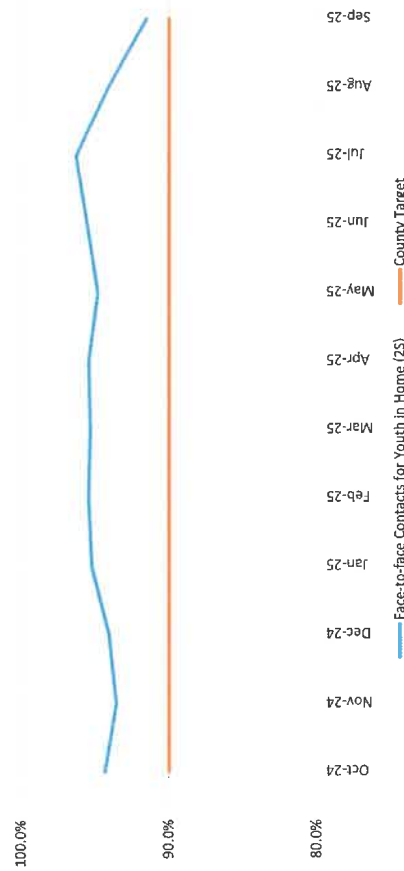
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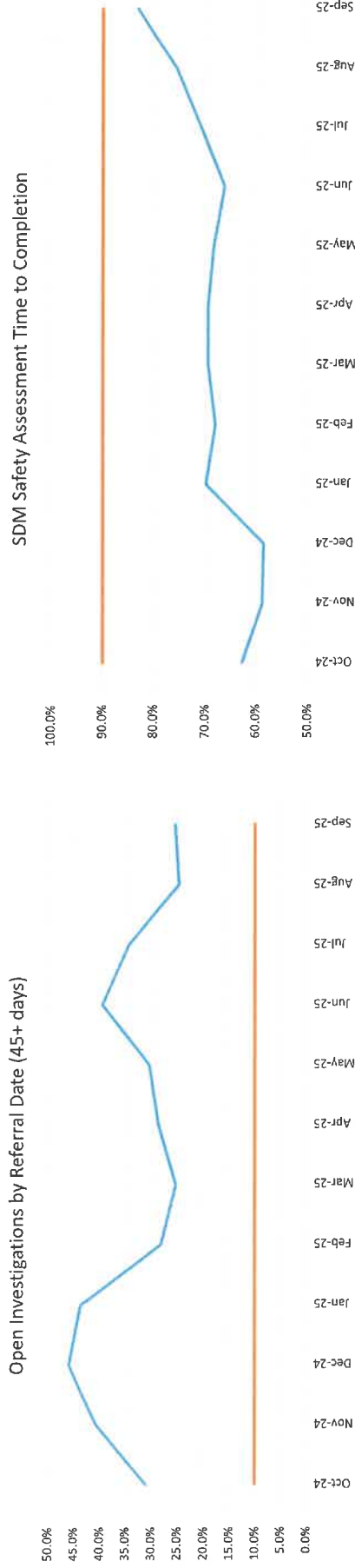
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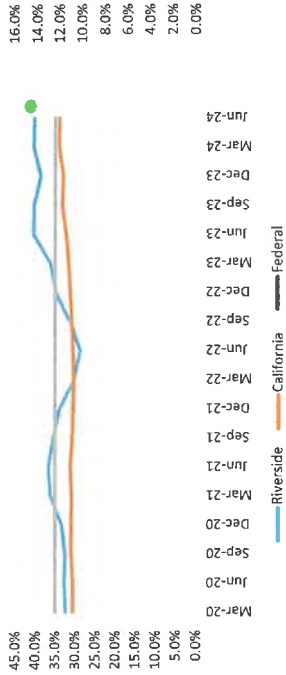


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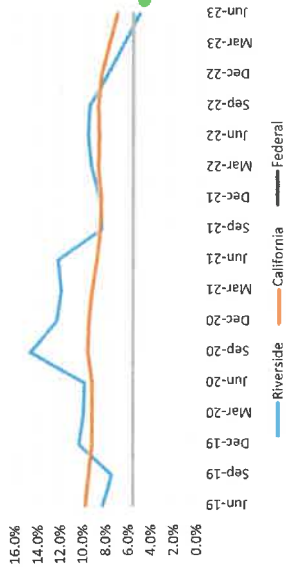


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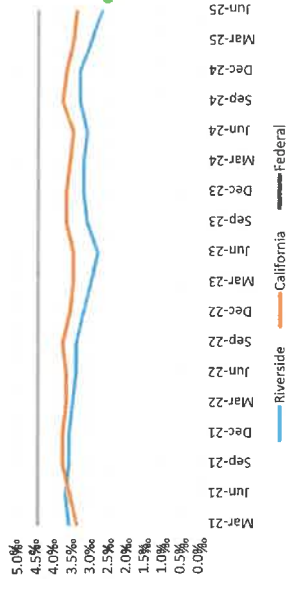
P1: Permanency in 12 Months for Children



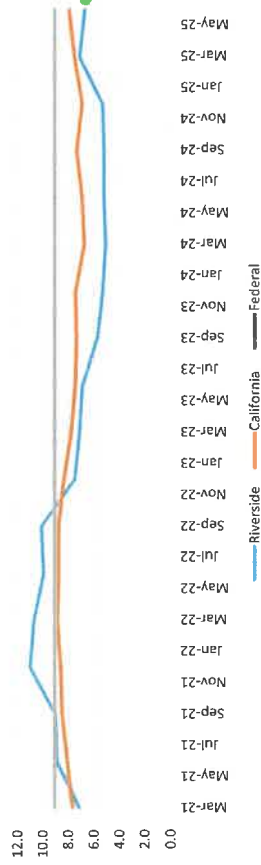
P4: Reentry to Foster Care



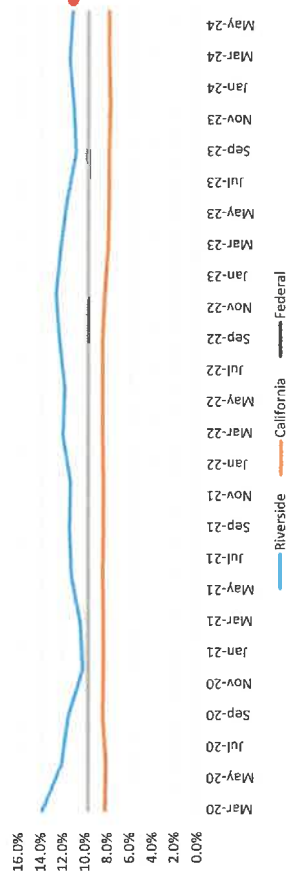
P5: Placement Stability



S1: Maltreatment in Foster Care victimizations per 100,000 days in care



S2: Recurrence of Maltreatment



*Green Dot: Meeting or exceeding Federal.
Red Dot: Not Meeting Federal.

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DPSS Public Report

Category	Target	Command Post	Desert	Diamond Valley	Mesa	Mid County	Southwest	Valley	West Corridor	Operational
New Investigations		447	173	221	158	176	265	264	235	1,939
IS Staff (Children's Services Casework Funded Staff Report)		62	21	20	32	20	21	26	17	199
Average Investigation Caseload		7.2	8.2	11.1	13.2	8.8	12.6	10.2	13.8	9.7
Timeliness of First Completed Contact	90%	345	9	6	6	8	12	8	10	404
Timeliness of First Completed Contact - By Referral (D3) Immediate*	90%	49	125	153	98	88	156	117	150	836
All Investigations		774	316	391	315	292	544	614	430	3,676
IS Staff (Children's Services Casework Funded Staff Report)		62	21	20	32	20	21	26	17	199
Average Investigation Caseload		12.5	15.0	19.6	26.3	14.6	25.9	23.6	25.3	18.5
Open Investigations		14.0%	20.6%	3.0%	23.1%	26.6%	27.5%	29.5%	10.3%	19.9%
Open Investigations by Referral Base (45+ days)	10.0%	85.0%	88.0%	71.4%	72.7%	89.0%	85.8%	77.1%	89.8%	83.3%
SDM Safety Assessment Time to Completion	30.0%									
Use of Structured Decision Making (SDM) Tool		50	24	30	4	12	10	6	6	132
Substantiated Referrals that are High or Very High Risk**		5	1	0	2	0	3	3	3	17
Cases		100.0%	93.8%	84.9%	99.6%	76.0%	99.1%	98.9%	98.0%	92.0%
Face-to-Face Contacts for Youth in Placement (F1)	90.0%	100.0%	94.9%	78.6%	100.0%	75.2%	99.1%	97.9%	97.9%	91.9%
Face-to-Face Contacts for Youth in Home (D3)	90.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adoptions		341	75	68	47	13	50	17	37	648
Adoptions in 12 months 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	35.2%	6	9	11	2	2	3	0	3	34
Adoptions in 12 months 07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	5.6%	147	6.8%	58	39	69	75	63	44	576
Adoptions in 12 months 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	9.7%									
Staffing Levels by Region SSP (H)		0	20	21	8	6	7	28	17	107
Cases		0	6	4	1	4	1	4	2	22
IS Staff (Children's Services Casework Funded Staff Report)		N/A	3.3	5.3	8.0	1.5	7.0	7.0	8.5	4.9
Average Cases Caseload		39	806	609	566	10%	481	591	605	4,385
Cases		0	23	18	20	10%	17	23	22	137
IS Staff (Children's Services Casework Funded Staff Report)		N/A	36.4	33.8	28.3	43.0	28.3	25.7	27.5	32.0
Average Cases Caseload										

Weighted Investigation Caseload = ER from the E-Room Report
 Weighted Caseload = JD, PM/FYPP, RMV, PPI, PIC, NELS, Group Im, Med Frae, Other from the E-Room Report

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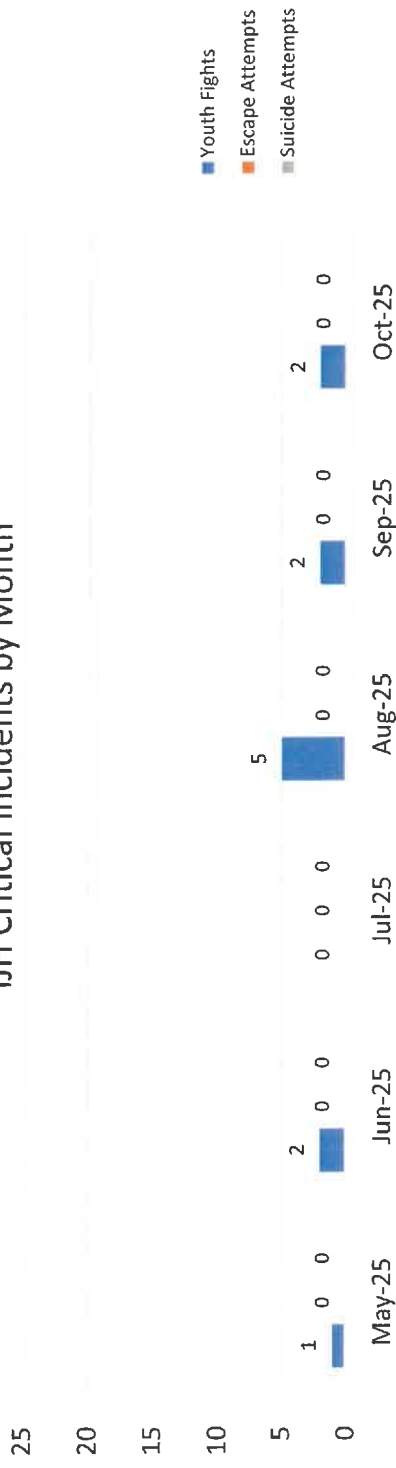
Category	Target	All Hands on Deck	Central Intake Center	CSSI	Centralized Investigations	MDCAT	SOAR	Training Region	YCR	Centralized	Countywide
New Investigations											
IS Staff (Children's Services Casework) Funded Staff Report		0 0%	20 1%	0 0%	239 11%	- 0%	55 2%	16 1%	0 0%	330 14.5%	2,269
Average Investigation Caseload		N/A	10.0	N/A	5.8	N/A	6.1	N/A	N/A	6.3	9.0
Timeliness of First Completed Contact											
Timeliness of First Completed Contact - By Referral (20) Immediate*	90%	0	0	0	7 88%	0	12 100%	3 100%	0	22 95.7%	426
Timeliness of First Completed Contact - By Referral (20) 10 Day*	90%	0	16 80%	0	158 68%	0	21 45%	8 67%	0	203 66.1%	1,139
All New Investigations											
All Investigations		0 0%	40 1%	89 2%	681 15%	- 0%	144 3%	28 1%	0 0%	982 21.1%	4,658
IS Staff (Children's Services Casework) Funded Staff Report		0 0%	2 1%	0 0%	41 16%	0 0%	9 4%	0 0%	0 0%	52 20.7%	251
Average Investigation Caseload		N/A	20.0	N/A	16.6	N/A	16.0	N/A	N/A	16.9	18.6
Open Investigations											
Open Investigations	Target	All Hands on Deck	Central Intake Center	CSSI	Centralized Investigations	MDCAT	SOAR	Training Region	YCR	Centralized	Countywide
Open Investigations by Referral Date (45+ days)	10.0%	0	23.1%	100.0%	50.3%		31.5%	0.0%		45.6%	25.4%
SOM Safety Assessment Time to Completion	90.0%	0	93.3%		78.4%		100.0%			81.1%	83.1%
Use of Structured Decision Making (SDM) Tool											
Substantiated Referrals that are High or Very High Risk**		0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	8	140
Closed		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	18
Face-to-Face Contacts for Youth in Placement (FF)											
Face-to-Face Contacts for Youth in Placement (FF)	90.0%	All Hands on Deck	Central Intake Center	CSSI	Centralized Investigations	MDCAT	SOAR	Training Region	YCR	Centralized	Countywide
Face-to-Face Contacts for Youth in Home (FH)	90.0%	0	0	100.0%	50.0%		90.3%	100.0%	90.8%	90.9%	91.7%
Adoptions		0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	85.5%	91.5%
Outcomes - Measures											
P1 - Permanency in 12 months 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	35.2%	All Hands on Deck	Central Intake Center	CSSI	Centralized Investigations	MDCAT	SOAR	Training Region	YCR	Centralized	Countywide
P4 - Re-entry within 12 months 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2023	5.6%	0	7 70.0%	1 11.1%	0	0	2 11.1%	4 21.1%	1 8.3%	15 22.1%	40.5%
S2 - Recurrence of Maltreatment 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	9.7%	0	15 23.8%	14 13.7%	4 18.2%	0	0	0 0.0%	10 9.3%	43 14.2%	11.1%
Staffing Levels by Region SSP III											
Cases		All Hands on Deck	Central Intake Center	CSSI	Centralized Investigations	MDCAT	SOAR	Training Region	YCR	Centralized	Countywide
CS Staff (Children's Services Casework) Funded Staff Report		0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	379 78%	0 0%	0 0%	379 78.0%	486
Average Cases Closed		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	126.3	N/A	N/A	126.3	19.4
Staffing Levels by Region SSP III											
Cases		All Hands on Deck	Central Intake Center	CSSI	Centralized Investigations	MDCAT	SOAR	Training Region	YCR	Centralized	Countywide
CS Staff (Children's Services Casework) Funded Staff Report		0 0%	1 0%	3 0%	24 0%	0 0%	397 7%	37 1%	806 14%	1,268 22.4%	5,653
Average Cases Closed		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	33.1	37.0	18.3	22.2	29.1

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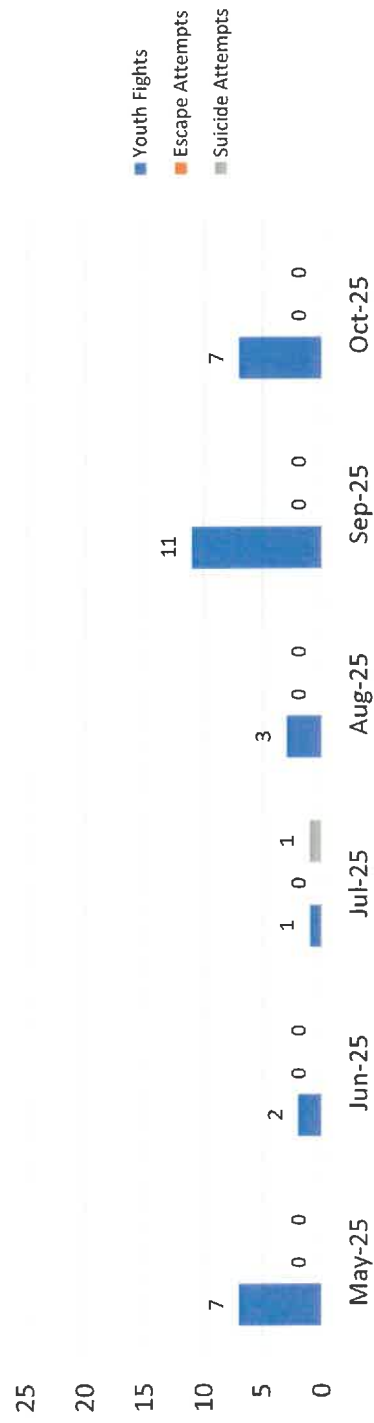
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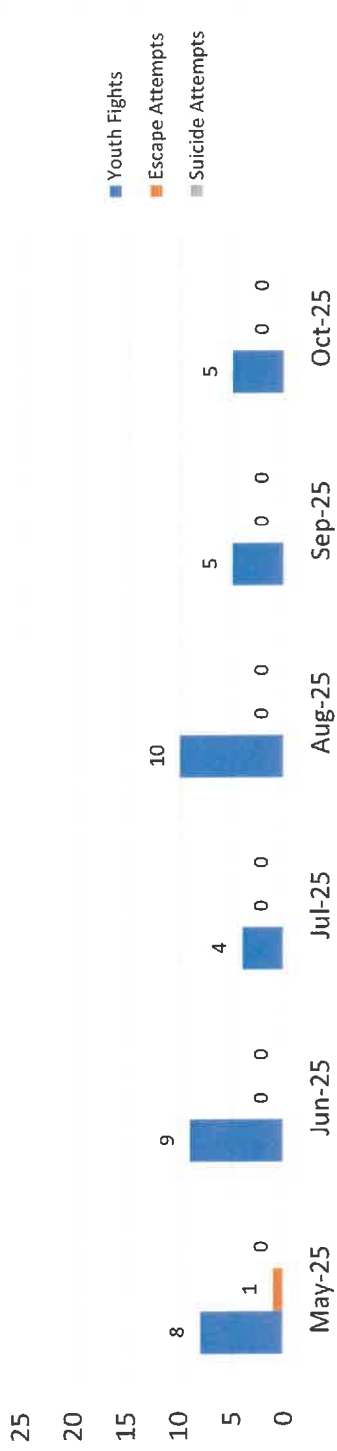


SJH Critical Incidents by Month



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AMC-YTEC Critical Incidents by Month



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Daily Census Report: November 03, 2025

Detention Services	BSCC Rated Capacity	Current Capacity	Current Population	Boys	Girls	Pending Court	Courtesy Holds	Jurisdictional Transfers	Custody Commitment	Pending Private Placement	YTEC Waiting	PTS Waiting	Pending Adult Court	Transferred to Adult Court
AMC-D	26	26	16	16	0	13	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
IJH-D	70	30	21	20	1	15	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1
SJH-D	84	54	36	29	7	30	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0
TOTAL	180	110	73	65	8	58	0	1	1	0	3	3	6	1

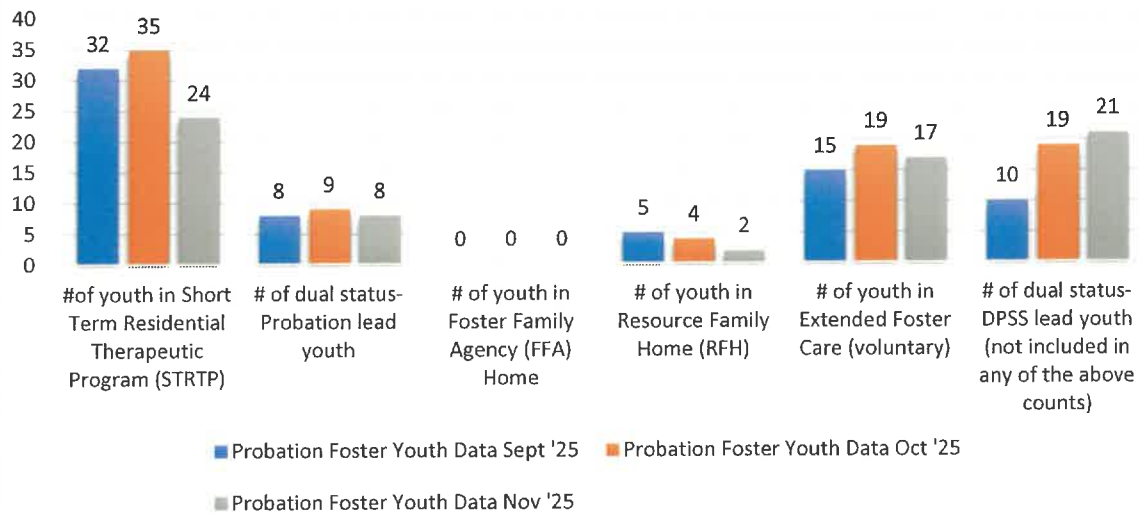
YTEC Program	BSCC Rated Capacity	Current Capacity	Current Population	Boys	Girls
AMC-YTEC	50	35	27	27	0
SJH-YTEC	10	10	4	1	3
TOTAL	60	45	31	28	3

PTS Program	BSCC Rated Capacity	Current Capacity	Current Population	Boys	Girls
AMC-PTS	30	25	24	24	0
IJH-PTS	80	24	28	28	0
SJH-PTS	5	5	6	6	0
TOTAL	115	54	58	58	0

RCP Institutional Services	BSCC Rated Capacity	Current Capacity	Current Population	Boys	Girls
AMC	106	84	67	67	0
IJH	150	54	49	48	1
SJH	99	69	46	36	10
TOTAL	355	207	162	151	11

Probation Foster Youth Data			
	Sept '25	Oct '25	Nov '25
#of youth in Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP)	32	35	24
# of dual status- Probation lead youth	8	9	8
# of youth in Foster Family Agency (FFA) Home	0	0	0
# of youth in Resource Family Home (RFH)	5	4	2
# of youth in Extended Foster Care (voluntary)	15	19	17
# of dual status- DPSS lead youth (not included in any of the above counts)	10	19	21
# of youth placed in-county	0		

Probation Foster Youth Data



From: Dunlap, Natasha@DSS
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Magill, Cynthia
Subject: CCL Updates

- Currently there are eleven (6) bed STRTP application program statements under review

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CJJCC Meeting Summary October 13, 2025

OYCR Working Group Update

The meeting began with an update on the OYCR Working Group's development of a statewide needs assessment for juvenile justice commissioners. The group is meeting every other Thursday on Zoom throughout October. Commissioner Druley from Santa Cruz encouraged commissioners from Central and Southern California are encouraged to attend. The OYCR Working Group contact person is Contact Darius Parakh, OYCR at darius.Parakh@chhs.ca.gov

Brown Act Compliance: Attorney General Opinion

Commissioner discussed the California Attorney General's opinion clarifying the Brown Act DOES NOT APPLY to Juvenile Justice Commissions. It was confirmed that Juvenile Justice Commissions (JJC) fall under the courts and not the County Board of Supervisors. JJDPC's (Combined JJC and Delinquency Prevention Commission (DPC)) apply to DPC activities and matters. Commissioners discussed how this clarification could help streamline their work and increase public participation in meetings, with some noting that hybrid meetings could be beneficial for remote attendance. The commissioners discussed virtual meeting options, with Commissioner Louise Anderson confirmed that Alameda has been using Zoom to hold hybrid meetings since the pandemic and which typically have 30+ participants. Commissioners were encouraged to provide the AG opinion to their respective County Counsels to help clear up any misunderstanding and confusion surrounding compliance with the Brown Act.

Youth Engagement Strategies- Discussion

The group discussed some very exciting youth engagement initiatives. Commissioner Rasmussen shared that the San Mateo County JJC held a very successful confidential listening session with SYTF youth during their annual retreat. SYTF youth. Commissioner Louise Anderson from Alameda discussed Youth Advisory Council that started five years ago with help from FLY. Commissioner Victoria Burton mentioned that the former FLY representative now runs a program called Tribe in Santa Clara County. The discussion also explored art projects, poetry books, and graphic design, Commissioner Judy Johnson, from Orange County shared their successful initiatives which include an essay contest and art contest for youth in custody, which last year received over 90 entries. An awards ceremony is held for the top 10 submissions and is attended by a variety of stakeholder, including the Juvenile Court Judges and Superintendent of Schools. The ceremony is also live-streamed for families. She also described their book club program, which meets twice monthly and has become so popular that they now run two clubs.



CJJCC Meeting Summary October 13, 2025

Youth Engagement Strategies- Continued

Commissioner Kelsey Reedy from Humboldt County described their Monthly Community Meetings where Commissioners go into the juvenile hall once a month to do activities with the youth. CBO's and other stakeholders also attend and may give a presentation or conduct a workshop. Commissioner Reedy and Johnson were encouraged to share any information or templates they may have for the events, contests, and book clubs with the group via the Google Drive or email to Commissioner Rasmussen johannasmcjustice@gmail.com to assist other counties in other creating similar programs in their counties.

Voting Rights

Commissioner Louise Anderson from Alameda County, inquired about how other counties are handling voter registration and ballots for incarcerated youth. The link to the Youth Law Center and San Mateo County Voting Rights and Education materials is https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TNnVJzfVnDWDXO9vGjVW32Sjj7RLc7PT?usp=share_link

BSCC Title 15 & Title 24 Revisions

We discussed revisions to Title 15 and 24, focusing on recommendations from a letter sent by CJCJ and other organizations to the BSCC. Key points of the letter included the need to prohibit chemical agents in all juvenile halls and SYTFs in California. The need to improve the food and the negative impacts poor nutrition and food insecurity has on incarcerated youth. The letter called for BSCC to clarify that incarcerated youth have educational rights that include access to computers, internet, and technology that will allow them to access and participate in post secondary education (college) and CTE courses. The letter also asked BSCC to clarify the preference for in-person visiting and for SYTF youth housed inside a juvenile hall, to be held in separate housing units. The current BSCC Title 15 & 24 Revisions incorporated the Youth Bill of Rights, and expanded definitions for credible messengers, behavioral health and trauma-informed care, and clarified responsibilities for post-secondary education. The group agreed that it was distracting for SYTF youth to be housed with other youth from the juvenile hall and the importance of maintaining a stable rehabilitation environment. The link to BSCC Title 15 & 24 Community Letter is https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uzUikvoUET6WN3Up1svnaUt3yT5LmNly?usp=share_link The group discussed concerns about BSCC's lack of engagement and transparency in the the revision process, emphasizing the need for input from county JJC Commissioners. The group also discussed challenges of they are having providing gender specific programming for youth who identify as female.



Obtaining California ID for SYTF Youth

Commissioner Louise Anderson shared that Alameda County is now transporting SYTF youths over to the DMV so they can obtain ID's. ID's are needed for a variety of reasons, including college admissions, financial aid, and banking. Commissioner Anderson will report back on the details.

Announcements

The meeting ended with the following announcements:

- The Governor signed AB 1376 into law, limiting the amount of time the majority of youth can remain on probation.
- Reminders to :
 - Utilize our CJJCC Google Drive at <https://groups.google.com/g/california-juvenile-justice-commissioners-collaborative-cjjcc>
 - Join our CJJCC Google https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UTZY6J9fkEIO87IC_7JcTrWukimmjKhz?usp=sharing

Important Links

California Rules of Court: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cNNMY3RsC5Eov_YTDIfVMhuXL9QYAWvZ/view?usp=share_link

W&IC 875: SYTF: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z2Hhn1SnyRtaWIHi_TMKkkIhhHcCmT3A/view?usp=share_link

Community Letter: BSCC Title 15 & Title 24 Revisions
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z2Hhn1SnyRtaWIHi_TMKkkIhhHcCmT3A/view?usp=share_link

California Attorney General's Opinion on JJC's and the Brown Act
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j7EETo5-bKX8Y0sBybTLskiPKLLGQ0wS?usp=share_link

The CCJJC Google Group is live! <https://groups.google.com/g/california-juvenile-justice-commissioners-collaborative-cjjcc>

CJJCC Google Drive Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UTZY6J9fkEIO87IC_7JcTrWukimmjKhz?usp=sharing



Meeting Chat Log

12:01:15 From Ashley Wolfe: Listening in but off camera: San Joaquin. Thank you!

12:04:24 From Jennifer Lopardo: Southern CA here! We would love to represent!

12:04:28 From Jane Claar: When is next working group meeting?

Answer: Next Thursday 2:pm on Zoom the contact is: darius.Parakh@chhs.ca.gov

12:04:55 From Caitlin Radigan, cmradigan50@gmail.com Chair, San Diego Juvenile Justice Commission

12:05:23 From Marcie Bellicitti, Chair, Santa Clara County JJC

12:05:35 From Jennifer Lopardo Vice Chair JJDPC in Ventura County. jlopardo@icfs.org

12:11:24 From Jane Claar Sacramento conducts JJC mtgs and DPC mtgs separately.

12:13:39 From Louise Anderson Alameda County If Commissions have a retreat under Brown Act it would need to be public

12:14:18 From Louise Anderson Alameda County: agree with Kathleen Ryals Commissioner must appear in person to be a part of quorum if Brown Act

12:17:18 From Louise Anderson Alameda County: Contra Costa has separate meetings for JJC and DPC

12:17:51 From Caitlin Radigan:i think my audio is working now...

12:21:37 From Caitlin Radigan: thank you

12:23:07 From Cynthia Druley/Santa Cruz County JJDPC: If you are interested in the Working Group contact darius.Parakh@chhs.ca.gov

12:23:44 From Marcella Bellicitti: And what is considered a public space could be open to interpretation

12:24:45 From Amanda Wade, Ed.D.- Riverside JJDPC: We do not include any online attendance options to anyone.

12:25:30 From Cynthia Druley/Santa Cruz County JJDPC: If you meet one of the criteria you do not have to publish your address. Caring for an ill relative or a temporary disability qualifies you to be able to attend by zoom. For ours, we published the zoom link so the public could attend by zoom too.

12:25:40 From Louise Anderson Alameda County. Alameda County has offered virtual access since covid - it definitely allows for broader participation



Meeting Chat Log

12:25:43 From Amanda Wade, Ed.D.- Riverside JJDPC: Additionally, our county counsel has said our Board of Supervisors is the entity who would need to vote on separating our JJC and DPC.

12:35:18 From Commissioner Victoria Burton: The Beat Within is wide between a number of counties that publishes written and art work.

12:36:43 From Commissioner Rasmussen: CA AG Opinion https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1j7EETo5-bKX8Y0sBybTLSkiPKLLGQ0wS?usp=share_link

12:37:35 From Louise Anderson Alameda County: Since David Innocenio's death two years ago I didn't realize that The Beat Within was still working in juvenile halls. It was a great production showcasing youth writing

12:37:51 From Johanna Rasmussen: W&IC 875 SYTF : https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z2Hhn1SnyRtaWIHi_TMKkkIhhHcCmT3A/view?usp=share_link

12:38:04 From Victoria Burton: OYCR on Susie Rivera <https://oycr.ca.gov/all/voices-of-youth-justice-susie-rivera-is-dedicated-to-elevating-youth-voices/>

12:40:51 From Caitlin Radigan: SO INSPIRED by the youth engagement we're hearing about here!

12:42:19 From Louise Anderson Alameda County: great ideas - I'd love to know more about you've involved parents online

12:44:57 From E Latimer: You all are the best!

12:46:23 From Louise Anderson Alameda. Are these suggestions still possible for Title 15

12:47:34 From Jane Claar: How can other JJC's sign on to this letter??

Answer: The contact person for the community letter is Isreal Villa:
israel@caycj.com

12:49:07 From Louise Anderson Alameda: Alameda: Office of Ed now has responsibility for post-secondary ed - revised contract/MOU



Meeting Chat Log

12:51:28 From Ashley Wolfe: The youth also voice that piece around the dynamics

12:51:54 From Louise Anderson Alameda: Alameda has two SYTF girls who are not separate and it's difficult to have other girls cycling in and out

13:09:24 From Caitlin Radigan: Board of State and Community Corrections Juvenile Titles 15 and 24 Regulations Revision Executive Steering Committee Meeting: ESCMeetingAgenda_10.14.20252.pdf

13:09:36 From Marcella Bellicitti: Found this online: <https://www.ylc.org/votinginfo/>

13:10:17 From Cynthia Druley/Santa Cruz County JJPC: I also found the BSCC site where you can register for updates and meeting notifications. It's at:https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccmailchimplisterserv/

13:10:44 From Jane Claar: Wondering if Rules of Court 5.806 can be posted here? Thanks!

Answer: yes! Here is the link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cNNMY3RsC5Eov_YTDIfVMhuXL9QYAWvZ/view?usp=share_link


13:12:01 From Louise Anderson Alameda: Reminder to all about our google group for sharing info: <https://groups.google.com/g/california-juvenile-justice-commissioners-collaborative-cjicc>

13:12:28 From Marcella Bellicitti: Replying to "Wondering if Rules of Court 5.806 can be posted as well.

Answer Yes! Here is the link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cNNMY3RsC5Eov_YTDIfVMhuXL9QYAWvZ/view?usp=share_link

2025 OYCR Native Youth in Juvenile Justice

October 21, 2025



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CALIFORNIA TRIBAL FAMILIES COALITION



The mission of the California Tribal Families Coalition is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of tribal children and families, which are inherent tribal governmental functions and are at the core of tribal sovereignty and tribal governance.

CTFC is a successor organization to the 2017 California ICWA Compliance Task Force which can be found at: www.caltribalfamilies.org

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Learning Objectives & Goals for This Webinar

We hope leave this webinar with a stronger understanding of your role in ensuring culturally responsive, legally sound care for Native youth from the first point of contact.

And...

- You understand the foundation and background of Tribal Child Welfare and the ICWA.
- You feel comfortable with the legal and ethical responsibility to inquire and investigate a youth's possible tribal affiliation.
- You are familiar with some of the data which will help your understanding of the issues around inquiry and Native youth.
- You feel competent to do this inquiry in the right way and at the right time.
- You will get in a practical way, best practices and tools to ensure you are upholding the rights of Native youth, their families and tribes.
- You will know what is and what supports culturally responsive care for youth in the system.

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The OYCR and CTFC: Our Collaboration







- Issued a survey to map the future of the juvenile justice system for juvenile county probation departments and courts
- Holding listening sessions
- Developing training for probation officers, tribal leaders, youth and service providers on delinquency and dependency processes
- Review and advise OYCR regarding tribal issues intersecting with state juvenile justice systems

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PURPOSE OF ICWA

Passed by Congress in 1978, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) gives tribes rights in child welfare cases involving Indian children.

ICWA protects the best interests of Indian children and tribal communities by recognizing that no resource is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of tribes than their children.

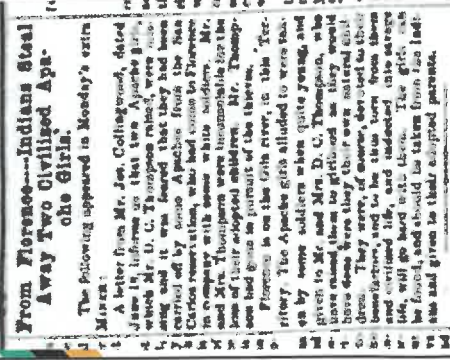
WHAT IS ICWA?

- Federal law that sets minimum standards for Indian child custody proceedings. Including:
 - Inquiry
 - Notice
 - Active Efforts
 - Tribal Intervention
 - Transfer to tribal courts
 - Placement Preferences
 - Heightened evidentiary preferences
- California has adopted the federal ICWA provisions in state law in the Welfare and Institution Code through SB 678 in 2006 and AB 3176 in 2018.



Historical Context

- For over 100 years, federal Indian law and policy supported the removal of Indian children from their parents and their homes and placement with non-Indian families or institutions in an attempt to "civilize" them.
- Indian Boarding School Era 1880s-1950s
- Adoption Era 1950s-1970s
- Arizona Daily Miner 6-27-1873 excerpt



WHY DID WE NEED ICWA?

- In hearings prior to the passage of ICWA, Congress found that assimilation policies and the trauma on families resulted in:
 - An alarmingly high percentage of Native American Families were broken up due to unwarranted removal and many were placed in non-native foster and adoptive homes.
 - Nationally: 25-35% of Native American children were removed from their families and communities.
 - In California: over 90% of those removed were placed in non-Native homes. And Native American children were more likely to end up in adoptive placement.

WHY DO WE CONTINUE TO NEED ICWA ?

- Nationally, Native American children are **2x** as likely to be in foster care.
- In California, four counties with less than 10% of the population reported as Native American had high rates of Native children in foster care:

38% Humboldt County	36% Inyo County	29% Del Norte County	15% Lake County
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Do ICWA or ICWA-like protections apply in Juvenile Justice?

When ICWA requirements beyond inquiry apply: a child is in foster care or at risk of entering foster care AND:

- Abuse or neglect in the child's home; OR
- Status offense rather than criminal conduct; OR
- Parental rights are being terminated (eg: adoption)

Summary from Judicial Council of California:
<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/ICWA-Delinquency-Factsheet.pdf>

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SB678, so then... YES! ICWA applies.
But then we got In Re WB...
So then, NO! ICWA does not apply.

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What does it mean to be "at risk of foster care"?

- Under § 727. 4, "at risk of foster care" means a minor's familial conditions may necessitate their entry into foster care unless those conditions are resolved.
- So, what are "those conditions"?
 - Generally, it includes those under CA WIC § 300:
 - Physical/sexual abuse or risk of it, failure to protect/neglect (inadequate supervision, failure to provide food, water, shelter, or medicine/medical attention), serious emotional damage caused by the caregiver's conduct, etc.
 - Caregiver refusal or inability to have the minor safely at home
 - Including situations documented by probation officers/case plans showing the home is unsafe or unavailable - **often the trigger in delinquency cases flagged as "at risk."**

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California's SB 823

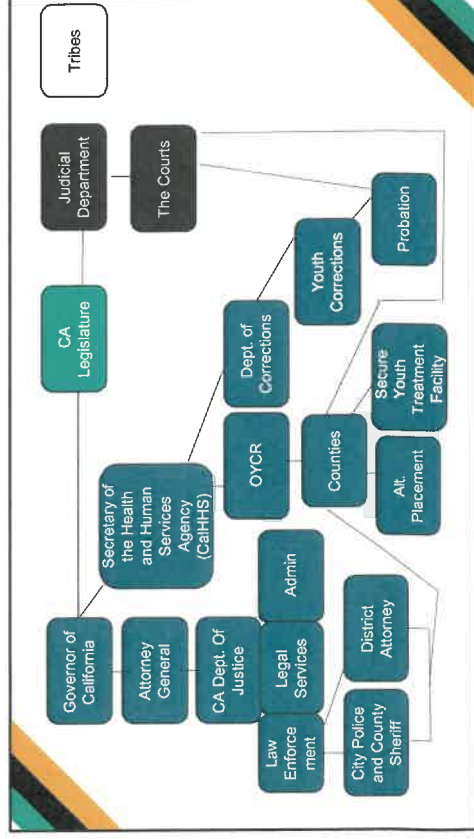
In 2020, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 823 into law

- Closed the Department of Juvenile Justice, and effectively ended the youth carceral system. Since, then, there are lower rates of juvenile detention
- Alternative placements may be "foster care," thus triggering ICWA/CWA-like protections. E.g. Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs)

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Native JJ is not just a state issue: Take a look at this Congressional Report: *The Way Forward*

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What We Heard in Tribal Listening Sessions

"Interventions must happen earlier, when kids are having challenges in school and academics, is when we need to be reaching them." – Tribal leader participant

"What has been your current experience working with the juvenile justice system (detention, delinquency or probation) in your community?"

- Need to figure out what youth are into at the time and leverage that to get them involved in programs. For example, our tribe offers employment and education services and we get them to participate by hosting fun activities and advertising on TikTok but sometimes the logistics around security, background checks getting people who work at the detention centers to work with our staff, etc. are really challenging.
- All trials lead back to culture.
- Tribes need to measure their own data because the state and county data is incomplete and inaccessible for tribal staff.
- At (TRIBE), we measured 5 years ago and estimated that 10% of our youth were involved in juvenile justice and/or CWS.

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What We Heard from Probation Officers

54 Responses from Current POs in California:

- 50% work in small $\leq 200k$ counties.
- 43% work in the Central Region
- 41% are Managers
- 74% worked in 10+ years
- 46% of respondents identified as "White", followed by 42% as "Hispanic/Latino or Spanish Origin."

56%

said "No" or "I don't know" when asked if their probation department staff received training on the potential impacts of multi-generational trauma on Native probationers and their families

93%

agreed that they "see an importance for Native American youth in the system to maintain cultural and spiritual connections and practices."

Inquiry – when and how...


At all levels of the system there is a responsibility to inquire and investigate a youth's possible tribal affiliation.
 At the earliest possible moment
 Inquiry is asking the youth and "their peeps" if there is any family background, heritage, connection to a tribe or tribes.
 Can develop a script or internal process...
 Must ask folks beyond just the youth.

So Back to ICWA and Inquiry



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Here is a basic guide provided by the Office of Tribal Affairs at CDSS. But there are many of these sorts of guides that break down the inquiry requirements.

Keys are:
 Must ask as early as possible.
 Must ask people that are likely to know, like relatives, but can also ask people youth have substantial contact with.
 Do not ask only once, keep asking.

More Resources

- 2018 GAO Report on Native American Youth: Involvement in Justice Systems and Information on Grants to Help Address Juvenile Delinquency <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-18-591.pdf>
- NCAI Juvenile Justice and Tribal Intersection: https://www.ncai.org/policy-issues/tribal-governance/public-safety-and-justice/Tribal_Juvenile_Justice_Background_and_Recommendations.pdf.

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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your registration and/or participation in the October 21st OYCR webinar: *Tribal Youth Navigating Youth Justice: Bridging Justice Systems and Tribal Communities*. There are several resources listed below.

Access the Recording & Materials

Revisit the webinar or share with colleagues by accessing the recording and the slides:

 Webinar Recording: [View the recorded webinar](#)

 Webinar Slides: Access a copy of the webinar slides attached

 Read the Report: [Native Youth in California's Youth Justice System: What Do We Know?](#)

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Additional Resources

[Strengthening the Circle Guidebook](#): free practice guide for youth justice professionals on collaborating with Native Nations from The Association on American Indian Affairs

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If you have not done so already, we invite you to complete this brief survey to let us know your thoughts on the session.

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Upcoming Event

Save the date! The next session of the Youth Justice Action Webinar Series will be November 21st at 11 am Pacific. Register at the link below.

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