

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING

August 03, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Community Based Organization
StudentNest Foundation
Representative, Dennis Carroll
or Designee

Community Based Organization
Starting Over, Inc.
Representative, Redd MartineZ
or Designee

Riverside University Health Systems-Behavioral Health
Director, Dr. Matthew Chang
or Designee

Riverside County Probation
Chief Probation Officer, Ron Miller II
or Designee

Department of Public Social Services
Regional Manager, Karla Byland
or Designee

Community Based Organization
Representative, Cynthia Prewitt
Representative, Carolyn E. Wylie Center
or Designee

Riverside County Office of Education
Executive Director, Dr. Charles Fischer
or Designee

Public Defender's Office
Supervising Public Defender, Maura Rogers
or Designee

Justice Involved Advocate
Representative, Miguel Garcia
or Designee

Community Based Organization
Sigma Beta Xi
Representative, Justice Sandoval
or Designee

Community Based Organization
Kids in Konflikt
Representative, Ron Gardner
or Designee

District Attorney's Office
Managing Deputy District Attorney, William Robinson
or Designee

Justice Involved Advocate
Representative, Ramon Leija
or Designee

Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
Juvenile Court Director, Marcus Walls
or Designee

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This JJCC Meeting will be a virtual meeting only due to precautions related to the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19. Any public requests to speak during public comments must first register by completing the form (link below) and submitting at least 24 hours in advance.

<https://countyofriverside.us/ConstituentSpeakingRequest.aspx#gsc.tab=0>

Once registered, further information will be provided.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Roll Call
2. Link to previous JJCC Subcommittee Meetings – Discussion Item
<https://probation.co.riverside.ca.us/jjcc.html>
3. Youth Development Court (YDC) of Orange County Presentation
4. SB 823 Interim Plan Overview – Discussion Item
5. Workgroup Presentations of Narrative Statements for Local Plan to be submitted to Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) – Discussion Item
 - a. College and Vocational Opportunities
 - b. Community Based Organizations
 - c. Community Supervision
 - d. Family Planning
 - e. Inclusivity (Addressing Individual’s Needs)
 - f. Performance Measures
 - g. Transitional Housing and Services
6. JJCC Subcommittee Comments
7. Public Comments
8. Next Meeting
November 15, 2021, immediately following the JJCC Meeting. Location TBD.
9. Adjournment

In accordance with State Law (the Brown Act):

- *The meetings of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee are open to the public. The public may address the council within the subject matter jurisdiction of this council.*
- *Disabled persons may request disability-related accommodations in order to address the JJCC Subcommittee. 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) 955-2874.*
- *The public may review open session materials at <https://probation.co.riverside.ca.us> under Related Links tab or at Probation Administration, 3960 Orange St., Suite 600, Riverside, CA.92501*
- *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.*



Youth Development Court (YDC) A Collaborative Juvenile Justice Program Opening June 14, 2019

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Since the passage of Proposition 57 and recent legislative changes, there are several youth and former youth who are transitioning to their communities after serving commitments for a serious or violent felony adjudication in our local juvenile facilities or Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). While housed at the juvenile facilities or DJJ, these youth and former youth are receiving rehabilitation and treatment services necessary to address the issues that brought them into the juvenile justice system with a goal of successfully transitioning them back into the community with the skills, confidence and resources needed to prevent them from reoffending.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Although all juvenile justice youth are provided services, the cornerstone of the Youth Development Court (YDC) will be the assignment of this population to one judge for all purposes and the maintenance of their case in that court for the duration of their time in the juvenile justice system.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All youth/former youth returning to Juvenile Court from DJJ will be placed in the YDC.

Youth/former youth who have been adjudicated on an allegation involving a serious or violent felony under 707(b) WIC *and* who would benefit from the additional support and services offered through this program are eligible to be assessed for program admittance.

Participation in the program is voluntary and optional.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Alternate Defender
- Appointed Counsel
- Probation Dept.
- Health Care Agency
- Department of Education
- Other Community Based Organizations

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Case Planning: Each participant entered into the program will have an existing case plan, which the program will build upon. The case plan will include the existing support networks, areas of interest, future goals, and when possible and if appropriate, participation by individuals that have been identified by the participant as an important connection in their life.

Mentorship: Each participant should have a mentor, as appropriate.

Services: Each participant will have access to mental health and drug treatment services, educational tutoring, social and recreational opportunities, as well as life and job skills. Services will be individualized as needed for the person's transition, stabilization, and success.

DATA COLLECTION

Data related to the youth/former youth's participation, resources provided, length of time in program and degree of success in the program will be collected from Odyssey or by the Collaborative Court Coordinator and preserved as needed to improve upon the program.

LOGISTICS

YDC will be held **every other Friday in Department L41 with all cases being assigned to Judge Lewis Clapp**. Schedule as follows:

9:00-10:30 AM – YDC team staffing

10:30 – 4:30 PM – calendar call

QUESTIONS?

Kelli Beltran, Juvenile Unit Manager
Kjbeltran@occourts.org / ext. 5520

Hon. Lewis Clapp, Juvenile Court Judge
Dept. L41

Youth Development Court

- Began on June 14, 2019
- Developed in response to a need for transitional services for youth/former youth who were placed under formal supervision through the Juvenile Court after the passage of Proposition 57
- Youth/former youth adjudicated for serious and/or violent offenses within Welfare and Institutions Code (hereinafter “WIC”)§ 707(b) were committed to local juvenile facilities or at the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

Youth Development Court (cont'd)

- After serving long-term commitments at these facilities, the juvenile justice system in Orange County had the additional task of successfully transitioning these youth/young adults back into their communities.
- created with the goal of reducing recidivism through the provision of supportive transitional services for each of these youth/former youth.

Proposition 57

- Proposition 57, the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016:
- substantially amends the process by which juvenile offenders may be transferred to the jurisdiction of the criminal court by
- (1) eliminating the authority of prosecutors to directly file petitions in criminal court, and (2) requiring that the juvenile court hold hearing and determine if the transfer is appropriate.
(3) Age restrictions on transfer

Goals and Objectives

The primary goals of the YDC program are to:

- Provide participants specialized ongoing support services designed to transition them into their communities and provide them with independent living skills to make them self-sufficient
- Enhance public safety
- Reduce the impact of repeat offenders on the local juvenile and criminal justice systems

Target Population

The YDC program participants will be youth (under 18 years old), young adults (18-25 years old), and some adults over 25 years of age, adjudicated for serious and/or violent offenses within WIC § 707(b) who are on formal probation with the Orange County Probation Department.

Participation in the program is optional and voluntary.

Eligibility and Disqualification Criteria

To be eligible for YDC program consideration, youth/former youths must be:

- Declared a ward of the Orange County Juvenile Court under WIC § 602 and on formal supervised probation through the Orange County Juvenile Probation Department
- Have been adjudicated for a serious/violent offense(s) within WIC § 707(b)

YDC Team

- Judge
 - Vertical case load
- YDC Coordinator
- Probation
 - 2 assigned Probation Officers
- Treatment Provider/Healthcare Agency
- Community Based Partners
- District Attorney
- Public Defender/Defense Attorney
- Department of Education

Staffing Cases/Progress Reviews

- Staff cases every 2-weeks.
- Quick call for wards doing well.
- Staff cases with all partners to roundtable concerns, emergent issues and case plan .
- Discussion of appropriate sentencing for PV's
 - Informal v Formal
 - Sliding scale of sanctions
 - Group input on appropriate sentence

Completion Criteria

Some of the criteria to be considered in respect to a participant's completion of YDC are:

- Successfully achieved case plan goals
- Stable housing
- Stable employment or in pursuit of education
- No new law violation within 12 months (that is greater than an infraction)

Termination/Withdrawal Criteria

- YDC participants may exit the YDC program by opting out of the program.
- Participants may also be terminated from the YDC program for willful failure to comply with the terms and conditions of probation
- YDC Judge may remove participants from the program who are not benefitting from the specialized services of the YDC program.
- custodial commitments may be imposed upon termination from the YDC program.

YDC Statistics

- YDC participants total **81** since June 2019
- 47 Active
- 17 Successful terminations
- 2 Unsuccessful terminations
- 5 Undesignated Termination
- 5 Withdrew
- 2 Pending Referrals
- 3 received services but did not participate

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College and Vocational Opportunities

RAG Status



Initiative Lead: •Dennis Carroll

Team: •Dennis Carroll, Jitahadi Imara, Dr. Chuck Fischer, Ramon Leija, Redd Martinez, Dr. Adrienne Grayson

Initiative Background

Objective

- 1. Secure existing local educational resources- RCOE/RCC- to provide services to the client population at YTEC
- 2. Ensure that the educational services provide remedial, compensatory, and enriched services that will enable the youth to be more prepared to enter college or the job market
- 3. Ensure that the educational services include job skills training and career guidance

Scope

- Review available educational resources and secure those for Riverside’s County Probation Department’s Pathway to Success program. The program will provide educational and vocational services which will prepare the youth for post-secondary education or entry into the job market or an advanced job training program

Benefits/ROI

- Students will be empowered to make academic and career choices tailored to their individual needs and aspirations.
- Enhancement of K-12, College and Vocational services to youth.
- Reduction in recidivism.

Priority: High

Completion Date: August 3, 2021

Current Status Summary

- The College/Vocational committee has completed our assignment and has met the objectives of our committee.

Project Accomplishments

- Secured Riverside Community College Partnership
- Integrated and coordinated RCOE and RCC instructional services
- **Developed and Secured Post-Reentry Services**
- iMake Mobile Innovation Center
- Credible Messengers Guest Speaker Series
- Peer Support Services
- Peer Mentors
- Partnership with PV Jobs and University of Redlands for job placement for students
- Partnership with UCR Underground Scholars
- **Secured Equipment and Network System**
- RCOE laptops
- RCOE secure networking systems

Next Steps/Who/By When

- Review by committee and adoption by Probation Department

Legal Authority

- Eliminating prohibition of clients with felony convictions from obtaining licenses for certain occupations

Costs

- RCOE: \$606,643
- RCC: \$ 973,104
- Phase 1: \$49,462
- Phase 2: \$ 119,981
- Phase 3: \$ 197,018

Risk

- Eliminating prohibition of clients with felony convictions from obtaining licenses for certain occupations

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Community Based Organizations

RAG Status

Initiative Lead: •Dennis Carroll

Team: •Dennis Carroll, Jitahadi Imara, Cynthia Prewitt, Johnnie Drawn, Justice Sandoval

Initiative Background

Objective

- 1. Enhance the RFP’s for CBO services
- 2. Recommend a scope of work that meets the scale of services needed for client population
- 3. Evaluate ways in which CBO’s can be more effective and efficient in the delivery of services

Scope

- Review CBO role in RCP Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Program (DYY) in order to enhance program and outcomes for program clients.

Benefits/ROI

- Enhancement of CBO RFP
- Enhancements of services to clients

Priority: High

Completion Date: August 3, 2021

Current Status Summary

- With the exception of one task (community stakeholders input on outcomes) The CBO committee has completed our assignment and met the objectives of our committee.

Project Accomplishments

- Relabeling DJJ Youth. “Returning Citizen” or “Returning Resident”- positive identity and responsibility
- Expansion of Messengers. The credible messengers should include mentor/navigators with different skills
- Results Based Accountability (RBA) Performance Measures. Data – driven- How much did the CBO do? How well did they do it? Are clients better off?
- Regional Specific RFP’s
- RFP’s should be structured around CBO partnerships
- Soliciting Community Stakeholders Input For Developing Outcome Measures (still receiving feedback)

Next Steps/Who/By When

- Enhancements of RFPs: Approval of committee and Probation Department and inclusion in RFP
- Benchmarking: Review by committee and adoption by Probation Department
- Program Service Improvement: Review by committee and adoption by Probation Department and inclusion in RFP
- Enhanced Communication: Feedback Loop with Probation Department and CBO’s

Legal Authority

- Background Check: Credible Messengers will have a difficult time being cleared under current background process.

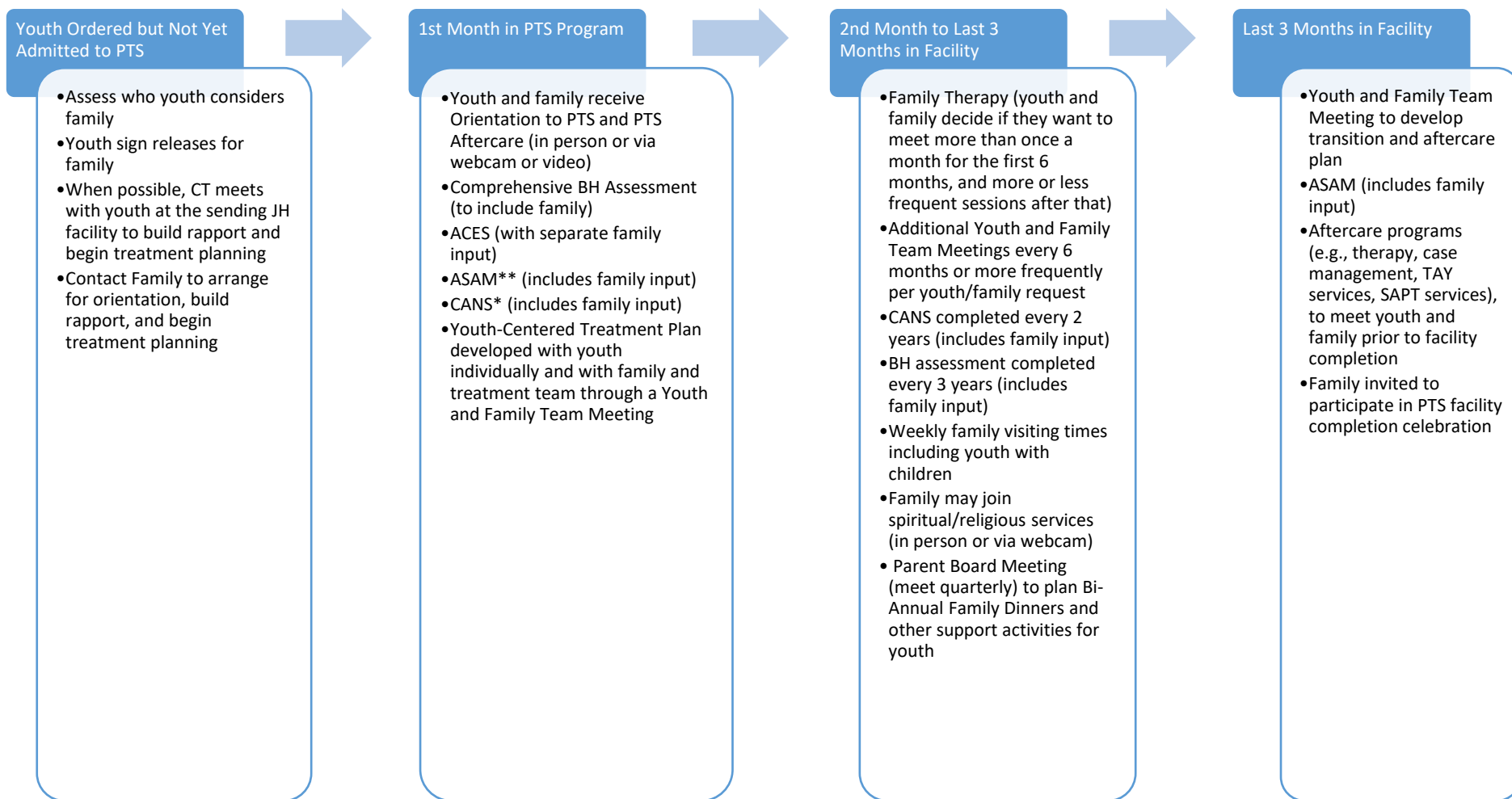
Costs

Risk

- RFP not getting out in a timely manner
- Gaps in services
- Duplicated services
- Inadequate Funding
- Youth in danger of not receiving services
- Delegated Authority by Chief Probation Officer

Pathways to Success

Flowchart of Family Involvement



*CANS (The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths) - a multi-purpose tool developed for children’s services to support decision making, including level of care and service planning, to facilitate quality improvement initiatives, and to allow for the monitoring of outcomes of services. Versions of the CANS are currently used in 50 states in child welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, and early intervention applications.

**ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine Screening Tool) – a guide for providers to (1) develop substance use care plans and (2) make objective decisions about placement along the continuum of care.

Initiative Lead:

Team: Performance Metrics

Initiative Background

Objective

- To find reliable measurements of success for youth who are participating in the pathways YTEC success program.

Scope

- Kids who are in the pathway YTEC Success program
- Kids in the Juvenile justice system in Riverside County

Benefits/ROI

- Prove programs are beneficial to youth
- Will promote healthy participation from youth and parents
- To see how successful all programs in Riverside County juvenile systems are
- Keeping track of Youths success
- To keep youth and community safe .

Priority:
Completi
on Date:

Current Status Summary

Collecting Data from youth who are in the pathways program, and building a survey.

Project Accomplishments

- Created a [Survey](#) for youth to answer on beneficial the program was for them
- Tracking youths accomplishments and goals
- Keeping track of Educational/vocational accomplishments of youth
- Long term survey to seeing progress of formerly incarcerated youth
- Keeping track of racial disparities
- Talked with a non-profit entity for collecting data and training
- Collected data from YTEC
- Collected data from DJJ (Redviisim, independent audit)

Next Steps/Who/By When

- Write out section on performance metrics

Legal Authority

Agreements of exchanging information (Form needs to be made Ex. MOU)
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Costs

contract with outside agency: \$16,000 -\$26,000
Probation staff (From probations budget)

Risk

N/A

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SERVICES WORKGROUP

DRAWING UPON THE EXPERIENCE OF YOUTH RECENTLY RELEASED FROM DJJ, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO'S) UPON ENTRANCE TO YTEC SO THAT REENTRY PLANNING MAY COMMENCE AT THE EARLIEST POINT OF CONFINEMENT. RE-ENTRY IS A CORNERSTONE OF THE PROGRAM. THEREFORE, STABLE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE BEFORE THE YOUTH'S RELEASE. IF A CHILD CANNOT RETURN HOME, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROVIDES TEMPORARY, SHORT-TERM HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES PREPARE YOUTH TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY. INTERDEPENDENCY IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM DUE TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF HOMELESS YOUTH WHO CANNOT RETURN HOME DUE TO THE ENVIRONMENT BEING UNSTABLE, UNSAFE, OR LACKS RESOURCES.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION SHALL PARTNER WITH LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR YOUTH THROUGH THE STATE ALLOCATION. PARTNERSHIPS WITH CBO'S THAT RELY ON CREDIBLE MESSENGERS CAN PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT IN VARIOUS AREAS OF YOUTH TREATMENT, SUCH AS CAREER READINESS, TRANSPORTATION, COUNSELING, MENTORSHIP, AND MORE. FURTHERMORE, COLLABORATION WITH CBO'S WILL BE IN THREE DISTINCT GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THESE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INCLUDE THE EAST, WEST, AND THE SOUTHWEST OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY. RIVERSIDE COUNTY, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM SHALL PRIORITIZE PRIOR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP MORE HOLISTIC AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING FOR JUSTICE SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH THROUGH A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT APPROACH.