

**Stanislaus County
Juvenile Justice Commission
September 29, 2021 – Probation Department**

Members Present: Marian Martino, Chair, Cpt. Scott Houston, Stephen Ashman, Dawn Cullum, Wanda Bonnell, Chief Fidel Landeros

Members Excused: Michael Baldwin, Vice-Chair, Sharma Uma

Probation Department Present: Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Leticia Ruano, Division Director Dave Chapman, Deputy Probation Officer III Erika Ruano

Superior Court Present: The Honorable Ruben Villalobos, Juvenile Court Judge

Call to Order: Chairperson Marian Martino called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Public Comment: No public individuals were present.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Dawn Cullum, SECOND: Chief Fidel Landeros. The minutes of the August 18, 2021 meetings were approved unanimously.

Juvenile Justice Presentation

The Honorable Ruben Villalobos advised the Commission that he will be leaving Juvenile Court in December as he is being reassigned to the Superior Court Criminal Division. Judge Annette Rees will be the new Preceding Juvenile Justice Judge, and Judge Jeff Mangar will be the new Juvenile Justice Judge.

A. The Honorable Ruben Villalobos shared a PowerPoint presentation with a brief overview of the Juvenile Court Process and how their focus is to help youth in the Juvenile Justice System by identifying their needs and providing them with the tools for rehabilitation, not punishment. The presentation highlighted the following: (The presentation is attached to the minutes)

1. Juvenile Court Goals and Objectives
2. Juvenile and Adult Court Differences
3. Juvenile Justice Team
4. Juvenile Court Process
5. Crime Trends and Implicit Bias and Demographics
6. Evolving Standards
7. Trying Youth as Adults (Only youth over the age of 16 can be tried as adults)
8. Success Story

B. Division Director Dave Chapman and Deputy Probation Officer III, Erika Ruano from the Probation Department, shared a PowerPoint presentation of the Juvenile Probation Process. The presentation highlighted the services and programming available through a multiagency partnership focused on the youth's needs to succeed and stay out of the Juvenile Justice System. The presentation provided the following: (The presentation is attached to the minutes)

1. The Juvenile Justice Goals
2. The Graduated Responses to Youth Crime and Delinquency Prevention Diagram is part of the Local Action Plan developed by The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. The current Local Action Plan goes from 2020-2025.
3. The Juvenile Justice System Governing Codes
4. Citation/Booking Process

- During the citation processes, youth may be referred to the Youth Assessment Center (YAC). The YAC was created to help youth and their families stay out of the Juvenile Justice System. The YAC is next to Modesto High School in the Sierra Vista Resource Center and will be expanding to Turlock this year. Mr. Chapman reported that 38 youth had been referred to the YAC within the last year, resulting in 257 referrals to other services and programming and maintaining all 38 youth out of the Juvenile Justice System thus far. Mr. Chapman shared that an update of the YAC will be provided in April during the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting.
 - A mobile referral system has been created for Law Enforcement to refer directly to the YAC bypassing the Probation Department.
 - YAC presentations were given to the Board of Supervisors, Local Law Enforcement Agencies, and the Stanislaus County Association of Law Enforcement (LEX).
5. Probation Supervision
 - Assessment and Supervision
 - Intensive Juvenile Supervision
 - SB823 - Deputy Probation Officer III, Erika Ruano, advised that she is the Liaison for the youth currently at DJJ. She reported that currently, a total of 19 youth are housed at DJJ and will eventually be returning to our county. SB823 youth, otherwise referred to as Secure Track Youth, will be serving their commitment in a Secure Track Unit inside Juvenile Hall. Ms. Ruano shared that Unit 7 will be the Secure Track Unit, where programming and a pre-release plan will be provided.
 - Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera advised the group that June 30, 2023, will be the last day youth remain at DJJ and possibly sooner due to the staffing issues DJJ is experiencing.
 6. Juvenile Programming and Placement
 - Evidence-Based Programming for in-custody and out-of-custody youth
 - 11 youth have obtained employment with the help of the Workforce Development's Let's Work Program. The duration of the program is 10 weeks, and upon a youth's successful completion, the youth is awarded a Chromebook.
 - The Probation Department has partnered with Aspiranet to provide youth with wrap-around services to avoid out-of-home placement. Mr. Chapman reported that in 2005, 100 youth were court-ordered out-of-home placement, and currently, only 12 youth have out-of-home placement orders.
 7. Electronic Monitoring/GPS/Transports
 - Electronic Monitoring/GPS and House Arrest Programming is a legal form of detention.

The Honorable Ruben Villalobos acknowledged that CASAS and Caring Adults that form meaningful relationships with youth form an essential part of the Juvenile Justice Team. He applauded the Probation Department Officers and Chair, Marian Martino, for their caringness for youth.

Announcements

A copy of the JJC By-Laws and recently updated JJC Membership Application was provided to the Commission Members.

The Petersen Alternative Center for Education (PACE) relocated to 108 Campus Way in Modesto. The Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) will provide transportation to youth programming at the Juvenile Probation Department.

The next Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting will be in person at the Juvenile Court Lobby on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 10:00, followed by the annual tour of the Juvenile Institutions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Juvenile Justice- A Primer

JJ Commission- September 29, 2021



Hon. Rubén A. Villalobos
Presiding Juvenile Judge
Stanislaus County



PARTICIPATE

Ask Questions

Interrupt me or
Raise Your Hand

Children are the Future

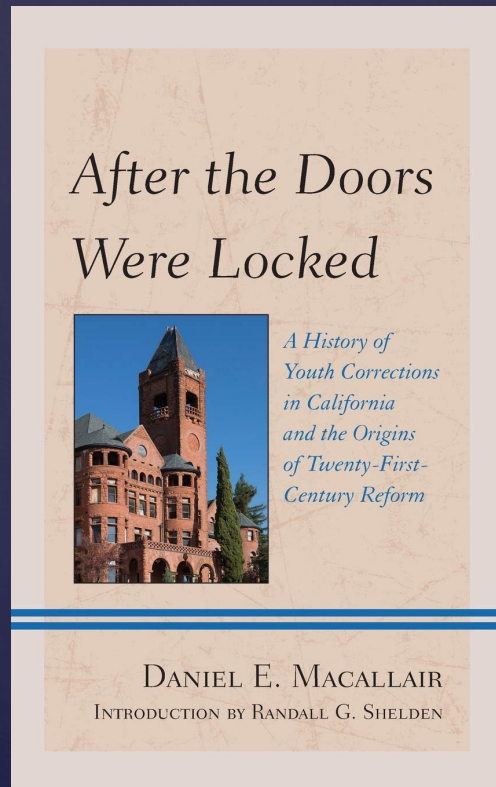
I believe that children are our future, except for yours.



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Children are the Future

“Delinquents”



Are Teenagers Out of Control?

“You once were a
child, too.”

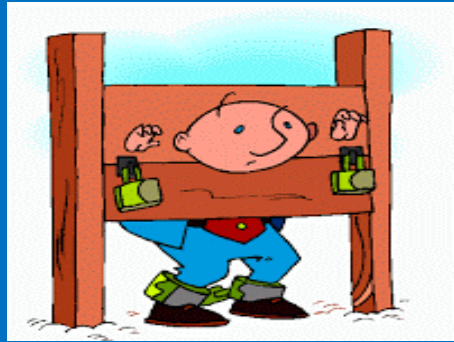


-Mr. Rogers

ALL children truly are **OUR** Future

- Juvenile Court created in 1899 to separate juveniles from adults...
- Primary reason was because of the belief that children, even though they commit crimes,
 - **CAN BE REHABILITATED.**
- **Juvenile court is:**
 - **GOAL ORIENTED;**
 - **COLLABORATIVE;**
 - **INDIVIDUALIZED JUSTICE;**
 - **HIGH STAKES:** Removal of child from home

Differences Between Juvenile and Adult Court



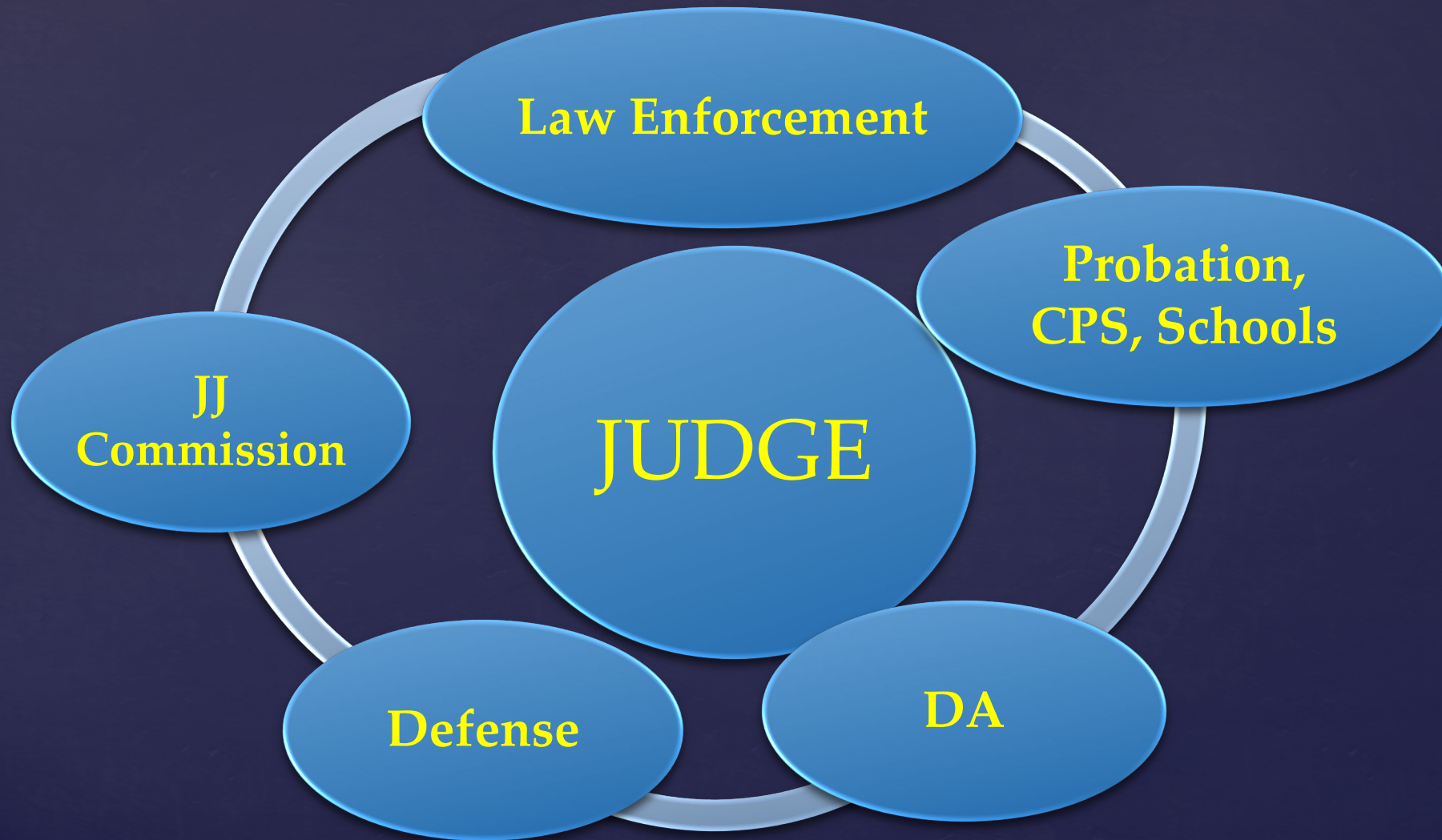
Rehabilitation,
not punishment

Consequence
consistent with
rehabilitative
objectives

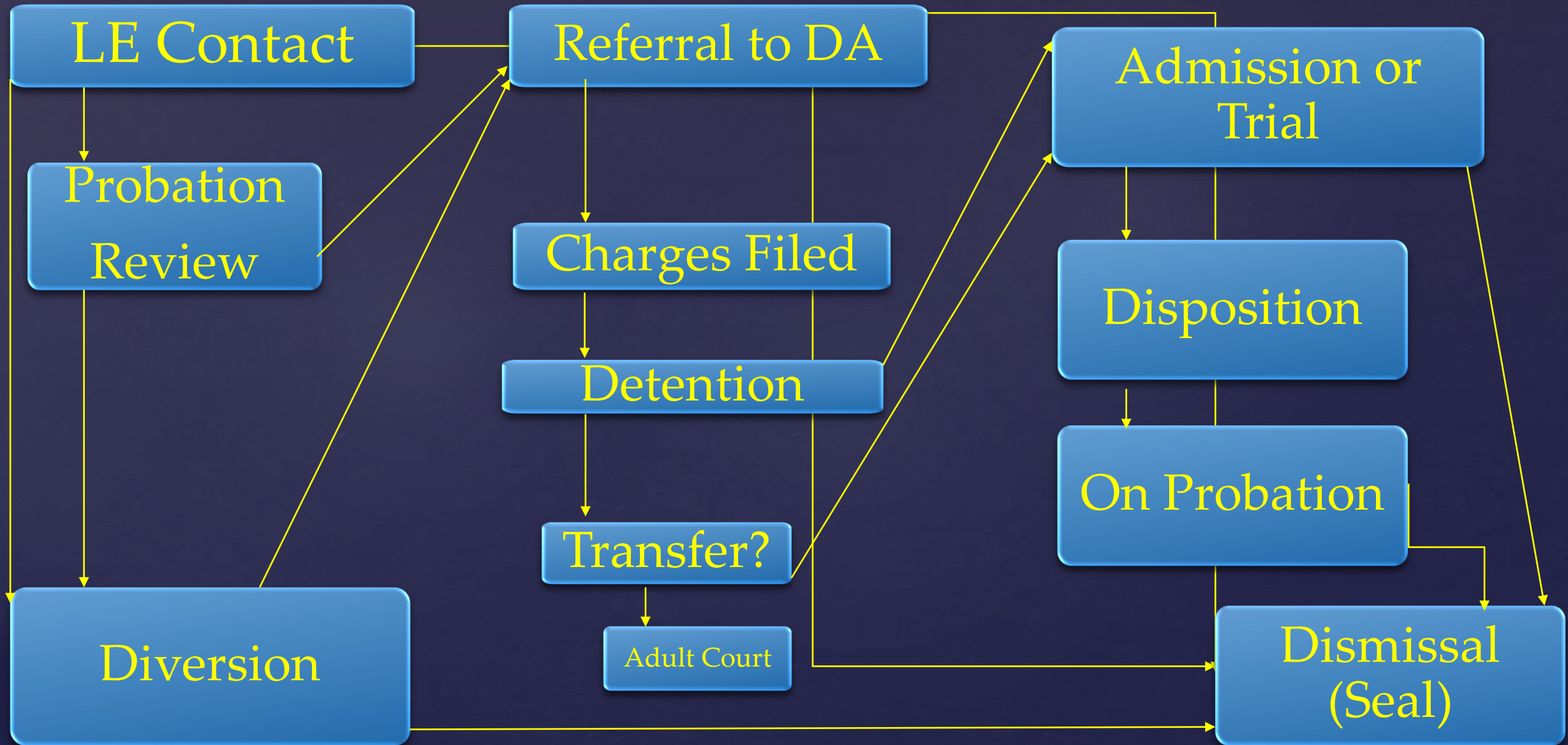


Non adversarial,
closed* hearings

The Juvenile Justice Team



The Juvenile Court Process





California Crime Trends and Implicit Bias

Summary:

- Crime going down, but youth of color disproportionately detained and court –involved.

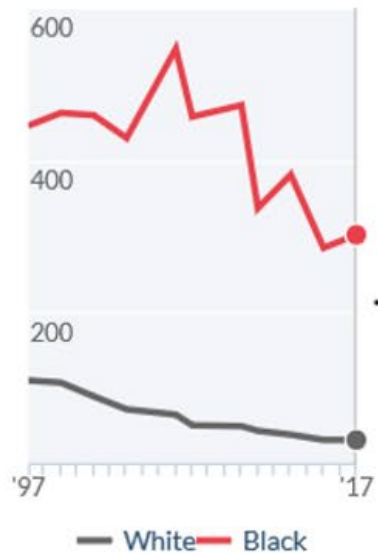
California Detention Rates- 2017

DETENTION RATES FOR ALL YOUTH OF COLOR

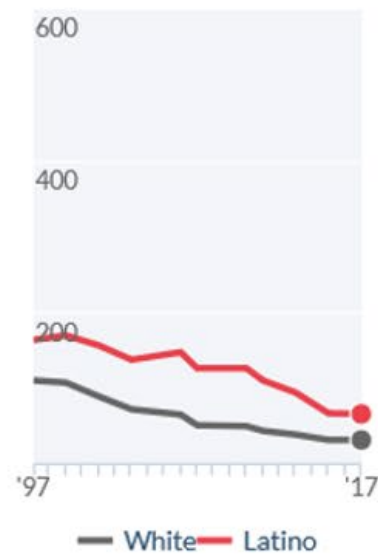
Per 100,000 youth

All offenses

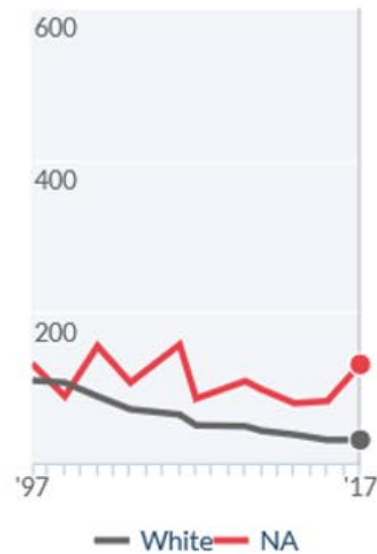
Black
2017: 9 to 1



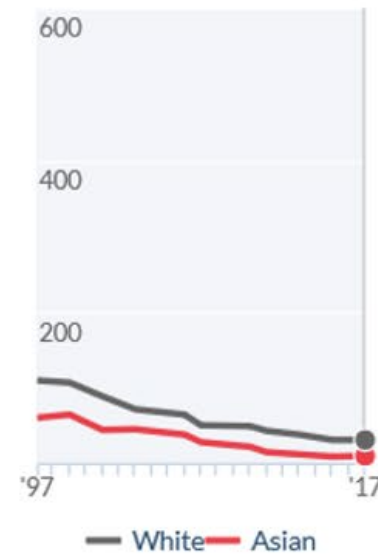
Latino
2017: 2 to 1



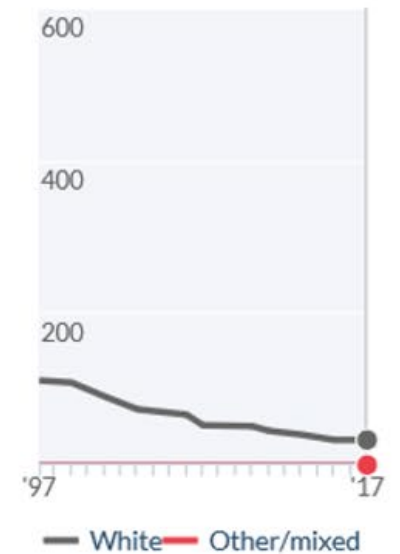
Native American
2017: 4 to 1




Asian
2017: <1 to 1



Other/mixed
2017: 0





“Finally, the Legislature has recognized and is committed to addressing the fact that disproportionate contact with law enforcement, higher rates of criminalization, and harsher sanctions for African American and Latinx youth also lead to alarming racial and gender disparities across the state. **Youth of color are disproportionately represented at every stage of the juvenile justice system.**”

AB 901 – 2020 CA Legislative Session

So how's it different in COVID times?

Trials on a basketball court? How coronavirus impacts Stanislaus County courts, jury duty

BY ERIN TRACY

JULY 10, 2020 09:17 AM, UPDATED JULY 11, 2020 09:57 AM



Judge Ruben Villalobos

Judge Ruben Villalobos on Monday, July 6 shows the basketball court at the juvenile commitment facility where a temporary courtroom has been built.

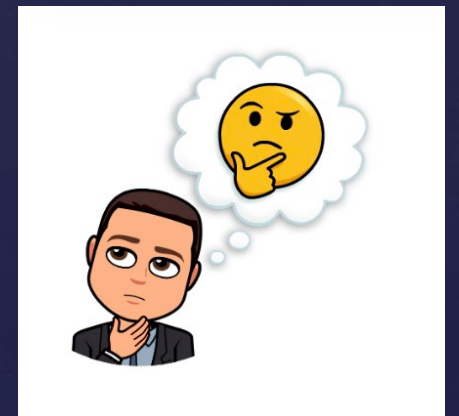
Evolving Standards

ACEs

Trauma / Secondary trauma

Adolescent Brain Development

FASD: Fetal Alcohol
Spectrum Disorder



ACEs: Adverse Childhood Experiences



1. Physical abuse
2. Sexual abuse
3. Verbal abuse
4. Physical neglect
5. Emotional neglect
6. Depressed or mentally ill family member
7. Addicted family member
8. Imprisoned family member
9. Witnessing family violence
10. Losing a parent to separation or death

The Cost of Aces on :

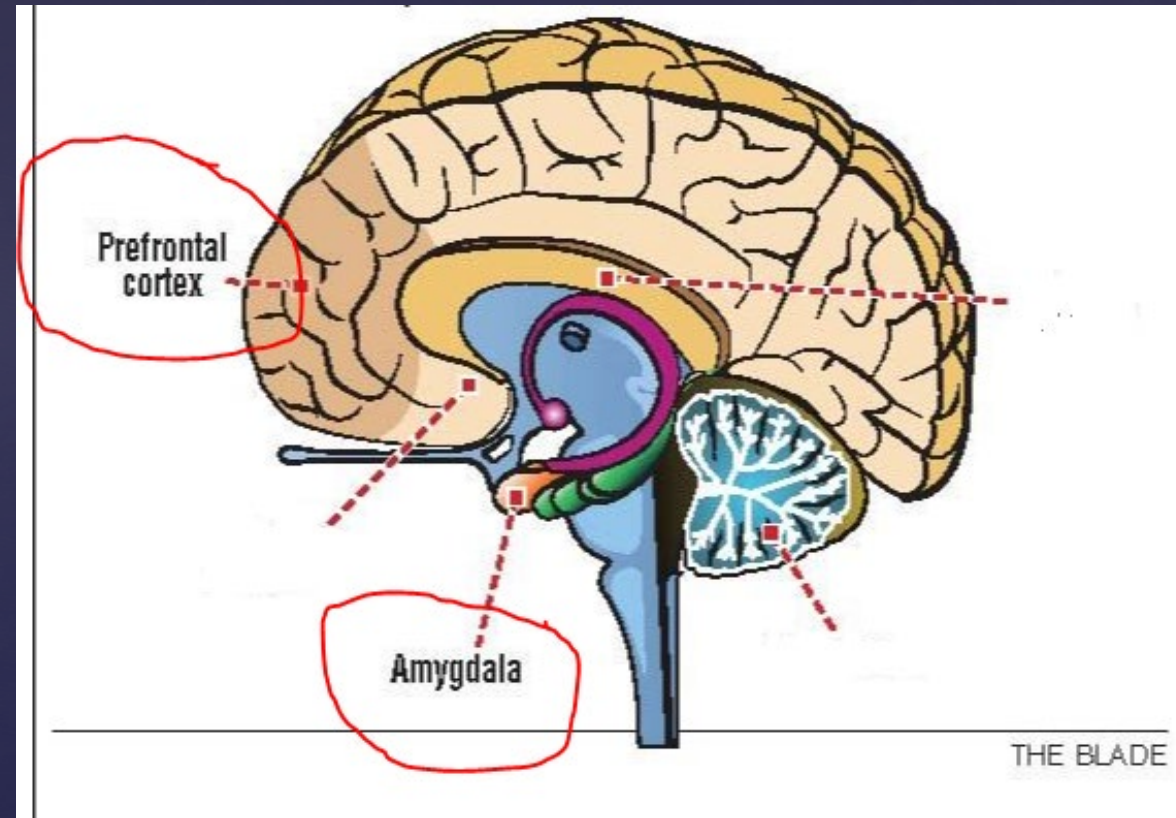
- Kids:** Attention deficit, poor decision making, learning impairment.
- Adults:** Chronic physical and psychological health concerns, Impulse control / risky behaviors.
- Society:** Hundreds of billions in \$\$\$ for services, incarcerations, and hospitalizations.

Trauma / Secondary trauma

Common causes:

 Child abuse (physical, emotional, sexual)	Grief 
Witness/victim of violence 	War/Terrorism 
Neglect 	Medical trauma 
Substance misuse 	Mental illness 
Bullying in school 	Separation from loved ones 

Adolescent Brain Development





FASD: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

- 1 in 9 pregnancies are exposed to alcohol.
- A fetus cannot process alcohol.
- Alcohol causes far more fetal harm than many illegal substances.
 - *National Academy of Medicine*



FASD: Effects

- **Kids**
 - FASD is 10-15 x more prevalent in foster care.
 - 73-80% of all kids w/ FASD are in care or adopted.
 - 60% of kids experience major school disruption or drop out.
- **Adults**
 - 94% have co-occurring mental illness.
 - 50% display inappropriate sexual behavior.
 - 50% experience some form of confinement.



FASD Characteristics: Sound familiar?

- Poor social skills
- Poor impulse control
- Difficulty connecting cause/effect and consequences
- Difficulty taking responsibility and making good choices
- Vulnerability to peer pressure
- **ABA:** All attorneys and judges should be trained to identify and respond to FASD. (2012)
- How is this relevant to our decision making?

Trying Youth as Adults

Fitness v. Transfer

Procedure

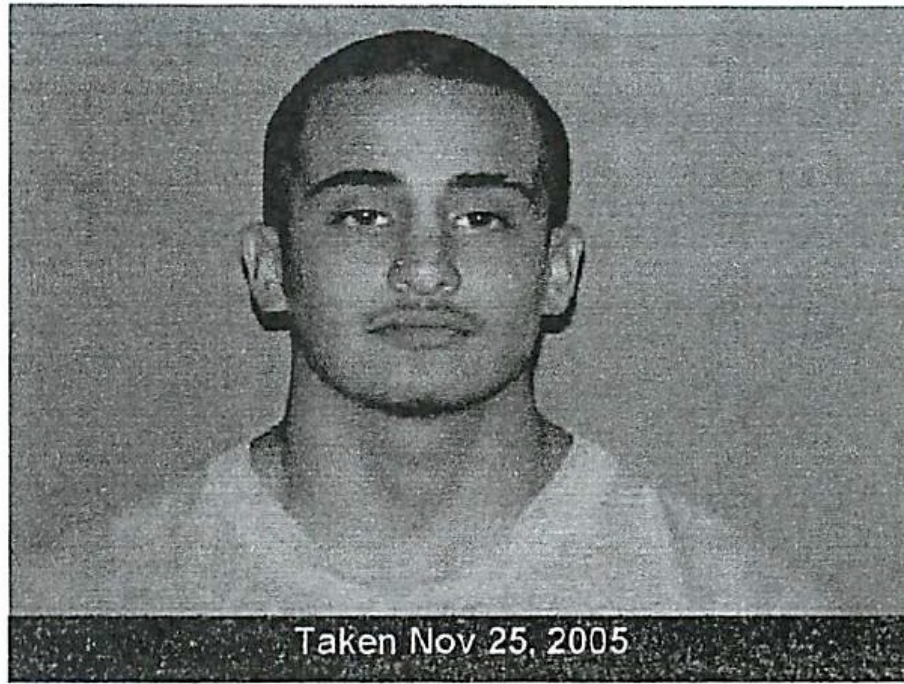
Criteria

Who can be transferred?



Why do we do this?

David 2005



Method's Information

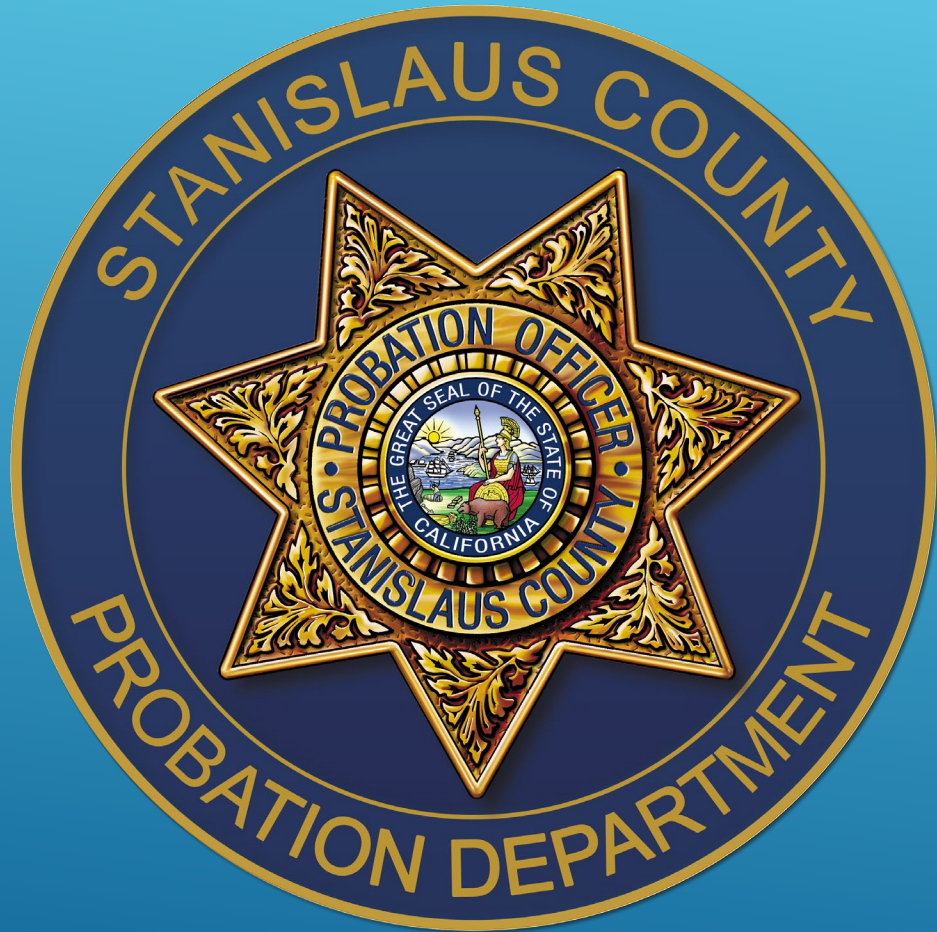
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Mr. Anguiano, Esq.





Thanks!!!
Any question?



Juvenile Justice 101

WHAT IS THE GOAL
JUVENILE JUSTICE?

What is the Goal Juvenile Justice?

- ▶ Ensure the safety and protection of the public
- ▶ The system seeks to provide care, evidence-based treatment, and guidance to youth that have committed violations of the law. This evidence-based treatment should be consistent with the youth's criminogenic risks/needs; it should hold the minor accountable for his or her behavior; and it should be appropriate for his or her circumstances.

This must be consistent with rehabilitative objectives. To meet this goal, the Juvenile Justice System generally provides for escalating responses to offenses of increasing severity, such as fines, community service, informal probation, formal probation, and detention.

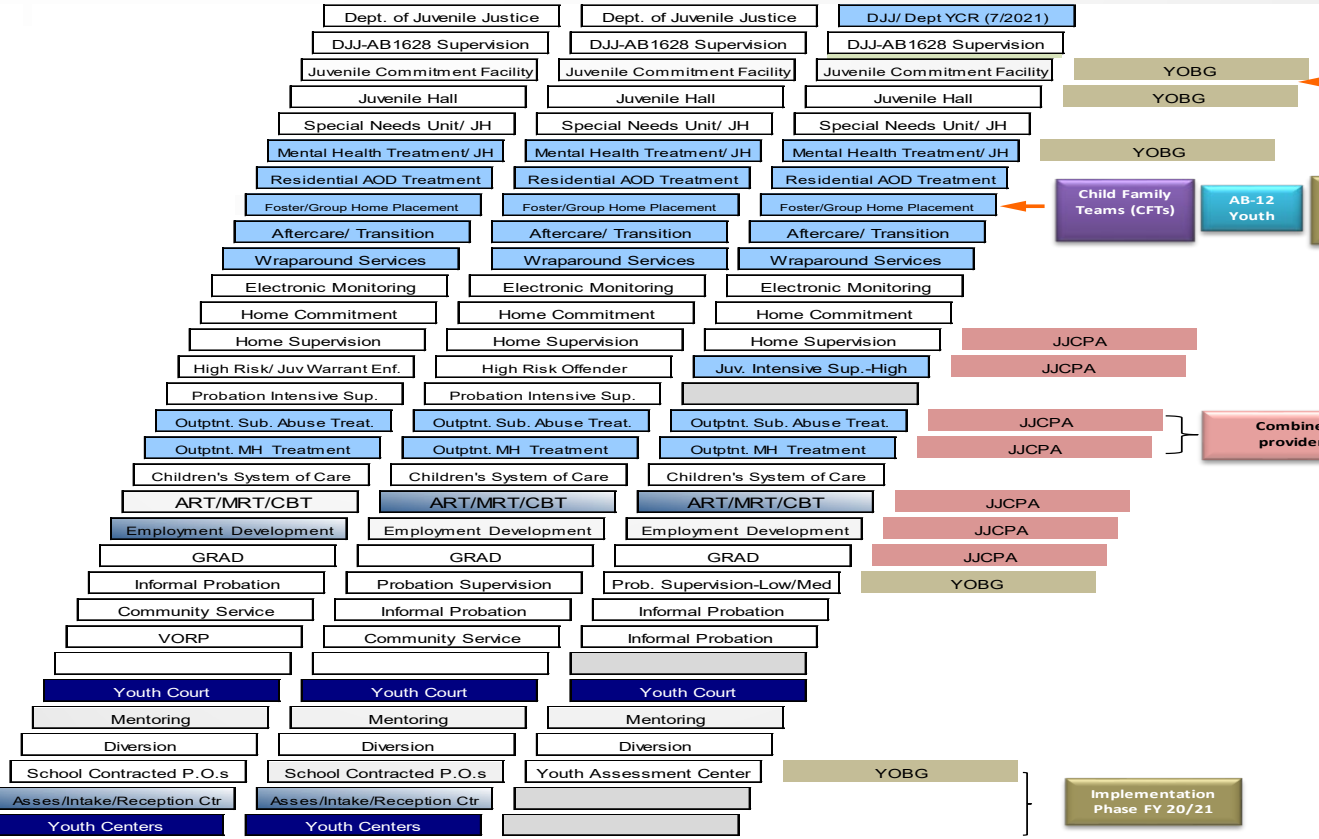


Stanislaus County Graduated Responses To Youth Crime & Delinquency Prevention



- = Existing Option
- = Existing Option To Be Expanded
- = Option Being Implemented
- = Option To Be Created

2018/19 2019/20 2020/21--2025



Vocational Programming
General Education Program
Mental Health and AOD
ART/MRT/CBT
Culinary Arts Program
UCCI Programming

Child Family Teams (CFTs) AB-12 Youth Expand Assessment for STRTP

Combined providers

Implementation Phase FY 20/21



PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs	Family, Youth and Child Programs	Law Enforcement Sponsored Programs	Family Resource Centers and Wraparound Services	Education Services and Programs	Mentoring Programs	Parenting and Pregnancy Programs	County and City Youth and Family Programs
		Truancy Centers	Youth Leadership	ART in schools	After School Programs	Prevention and Early Intervention	

PARTNERSHIPS

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services	Community Services Agency	Local Law Enforcement	Community Based Organizations	SCOE and local School Districts	Faith-Based Organizations	Health Services Agency	County / City Sponsored
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Stanislaus Workforce Development	Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc	Without Permission	Haven Women's Center	Center for Human Services	Sierra Vista Child and Family Services
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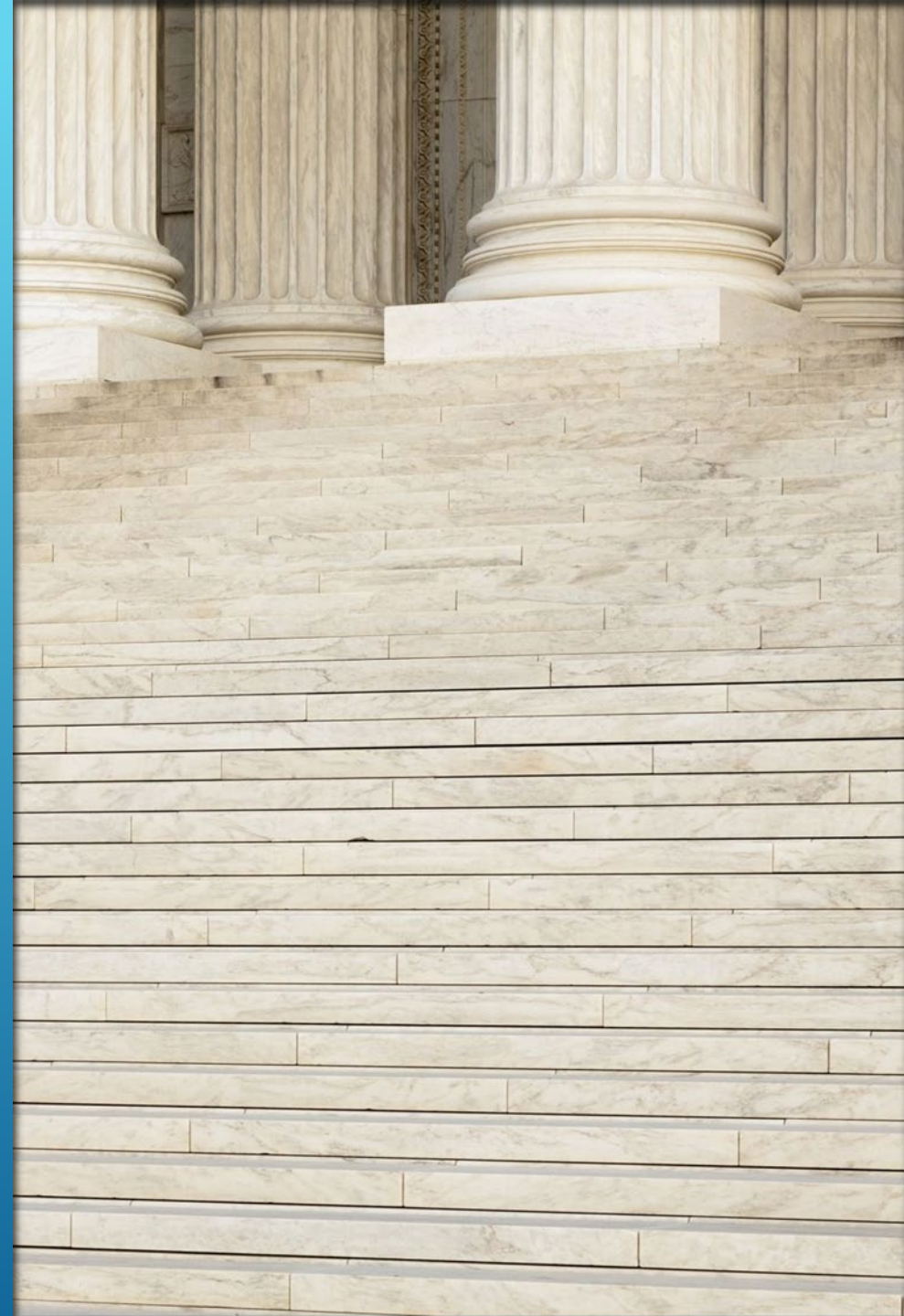
California Welfare and Institutions Code

California Penal Code

California Health and Safety Code

California Vehicle Code

California Case Law

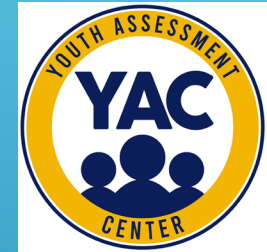


JUVENILE PROBATION PROCESS



Citation or Booking

If cited for a violation of the law, and under 18, citation will come to the Probation Department. Intake officers will review the citation and either have the youth come in with their parents or refer it out to the Youth Assessment Center or other related diversion programs, if appropriate. Some citations may be referred to the District Attorney's office for consideration of filing a Petition.



If the youth is taken to Juvenile Hall, the juvenile can remain in custody at the juvenile hall pending a detention hearing or may be released utilizing our Detention Release Assessment Instrument (DRAI). The Court can also release the youth pending the outcome of the juvenile court process. Most often, those youth arrested and accused of violent crimes are likely to be held, while others will be released back to their parents on some form of Alternative to Custody, such a House Arrest or GPS Monitoring.



PROBATION SUPERVISION

Probation Assessment and Supervision

JAIS—Assessment of Youth's Criminogenic Risks/Needs

Moderate/High Risk receive referrals to Evidence-Based Treatment and/or other Community Based programs related to their specific needs, including:

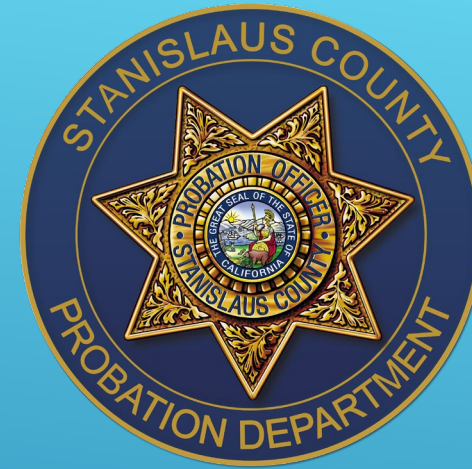
- Mental Health Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention
- Victim Awareness
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) related assessments and counseling intervention





INTENSIVE JUVENILE SUPERVISION





- Supervise youth returning from DJJ commitment
- SB823 youth—pre-release plan and supervision

Partnership for
Higher Education



JUVENILE PROGRAMMING AND PLACEMENT

Supervise youth in Court-ordered placement

Supervise prior probation youth participating
in AB12 services



Evidence Based Programming

- ▶ Facilitate Evidence-Based Programming to in-custody youth
 - ▶ Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
 - ▶ CHOICES
- ▶ Coordinating out-of-custody programming providers
 - ▶ LCA –Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc.
 - ▶ ART and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention-CBI (10/18)
 - ▶ Workforce Development
 - ▶ Let's Work



ELECTRONIC MONITORING/GPS/ TRANSPORTS



- ▶ Monitor youth on Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP/GPS) and House Arrest
- ▶ Transports of youth in-custody to Adult Court and other outside appointments



QUESTIONS?