

STANISLAUS COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – October 12, 2017

Stanislaus County Probation Department – Training Room

MEMBERS/DESIGNEES PRESENT

MIKE HAMASAKI, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department, Chair
VITO CHIESA, Board of Supervisors
JAROD CARRILLO for Birgit Fladager, District Attorney
CANDACE HUBBARD for Sonny Sandhu, Public Defender
CINDY DUENAS, Center for Human Services
SHERIFF ADAM CHRISTIANSON, Sheriff's Department
ANGELICA RAMOS for Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer
DR. CHAU-PU CHIANG, Community-at-Large Member
KATHY HARWELL Community Services Agency
LETICIA RUANO, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
DAVE CHAPMAN, Juvenile Field Services Division Director, Probation Department
OLIVIA LOPEZ, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
MARTHA CHIODINI, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
RENEE FLORA, Center for Human Services
SABRINA BIONDO, Deputy Probation Officer II, Probation Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

JEFF ANDERSON, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services	CHIEF BRENT SMITH, Ceres Police Department
CHIEF GALEN CARROLL, Modesto Police Department	PAM ABLE, Modesto City Schools
RICHARD DEGETTE, Director, BHRS	THOMAS CHANGNON, Stanislaus County Office of Education
THE HONORABLE ANN AMERAL, Superior Court	KRISTIN OLSEN, Board of Supervisors
THE HONORABLE RUBEN VILLALOBOS, Superior Court	

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. by Chief Probation Officer Mike Hamasaki. Members of the group introduced themselves.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
No members of the public were present.
- III. **APPROVE APRIL 2017 MEETING MINUTES: JJCC**
Motion: Sheriff Adam Christianson. Second: Kathy Harwell. The minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.
- IV. **FIVE-YEAR JUVENILE RECIDIVISM REPORT: MARTHA CHIODINI, CRIME ANALYST, PROBATION DEPARTMENT**
Division Director Dave Chapman reviewed that the JJCPA and YOBG report was combined in FY2017-18 as a pilot and will be required for FY2018-19. The Local Action Plan will need to be updated and the partners involved will be consulted for their input. New reporting guidelines have been received from the State for this year and next year. The report will include an ongoing review of what is happening and what has happened over the past five years. Mr. Chapman introduced Crime Analyst Martha Chiodini, who is presenting the 2011-2015 Five-Year Juvenile Justice Crime Report. This report is an overview of the information reviewed from the department's data systems and compares this data to State, local and national systems which will be continued to 2016-2017.

Crime Analyst Martha Chiodini presented the following information from the 2011-2015 Five-Year Juvenile Justice Crime Report:

- This report is an ongoing report compiled of juvenile data from the Probation Department system. The recidivism definition utilized is from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). Recidivism is defined as conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction.

- **Recidivism Data:** 2011 is the base year and trends observed show that juvenile numbers are declining. Violations of probation (VOP) average about 93 per year and new law violations (NLV) average 53 per year. On average, 23% of juveniles in the first year will commit a new law violation and an average of 39% will commit a violation of probation.
- **2012:** This year had the highest number of juveniles, possibly due to a high unemployment rate which has shown to affect teens the most. However, this year had the lowest rate of NLVs or VOPs in the five-year analysis. In 2012, both JAIS (Juvenile Assessment Instrument System) and GRAD (Gender Responsive Alternatives to Detention) were implemented.
- **2013:** Unemployment rates decreased; however, there was an increase in gang activity, which was possibly a delayed reaction to the unemployment rate. VOPs increased to 50% and NLVs increased to 27%.
- **2014:** Prop 47 was implemented which reduced non-violent felonies to misdemeanors and resulted in a lowering of the recidivism data to 30% for VOPs and 23% of NLVs.
- **2015:** In this year, there was a reduction to law enforcement budgets, which caused an increase in property crimes. There was a re-classifying of gun crimes and drug court was impacted. When a juvenile completed drug court in the past, as an incentive, their records were sealed. In 2015, this incentive disappeared because records are now automatically sealed. The Juvenile Drug Court program is being restructured due to this new requirement.
- **Frequency of NLV Charges:** Property crimes are the highest number committed, with violent crimes as second. No new NLVs is the highest ranging from 87% to 70% for the years 2011-2015.
- **Demographics:** Stanislaus County compares to the state and national data, with the exception of the African-American population. African-Americans comprise only 3% of the population in Stanislaus County whereas they comprise three to four times that number of African-American juveniles in custody. This disparity is being addressed in the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Grant.
- **Summary:** The number of juveniles on probation has decreased since 2012. NLVs and VOPs remain fairly constant at 23% and 39% respectively. The number of minors obeying terms of probation is high (77%) compared to those that violate (23%).
- **Next Steps:** On-going evaluations for the VOP Matrix and Detention Risk Assessments Instrument will help evaluate the juvenile population more effectively. State and national trends will continue to be researched.

Date research is indicating juvenile crime is on the decline throughout the State; however, research indicates that these rates are going back to normal. Mr. Chapman noted that further research will be followed on the decrease in the juvenile crime numbers and how to offer programming for juveniles.

- V. **REVIEW JJCPA/YOYG PROGRAMS PLANNING FOR FY2018-19: DAVE CHAPMAN, DIVISION DIRECTOR**
 Division Director Dave Chapman reported that one of the programs funded by JJCPA is the GRAD (Gender Responsive Alternatives to Detention) program which focuses on the needs of young women who are being supervised. The GRAD program developed the Girls Advisory Council (GAC) in January 2017 to assist in empowering young women in the community and provide shared resources. DPO Il Sabrina Biondo reported the first meeting had 10 to 15 participants and at the fourth meeting in July, there were more than 60 participants. The purpose of the group is to empower girls and keep them from incarceration. Participants have included representatives from Stanislaus County Office of Education, Haven Women Center, JJBH, BHRS, Modesto City Schools, and The Last Resort. Renee Flora, Center for Human Services, advised that two goals have been established for the GAC which include (1) present a large kickoff event with many community resources/agencies involved; and (2) create a smart phone APP to inform female youth of events they can participate in or activities available to them in the county.

DPO Biondo advised that the GRAD caseload has seen many successes and the recidivism rate is very low. This program addresses trauma with these youth and provides services to the entire family. JAIS is utilized to identify specific programs for these youth. Ms. Flora explained the various services utilized to address the needs identified for these girls.

CPO Hamasaki commented he attended the Focus on Prevention meeting last night where the group discussed providing justice-involved persons with services. He noted that the GRAD program has been effective in addressing the issue of trauma. Many youth advocate groups are involved in addressing the crime rate for juveniles. For instance, SB190 was passed which mandates that no fees can be charged to juveniles.

VI. **SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Noon at the Probation Department.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

2011-2015 Five Year Juvenile Justice Crime Report

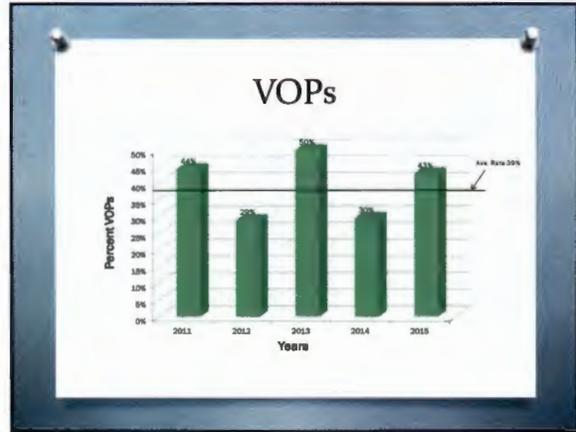
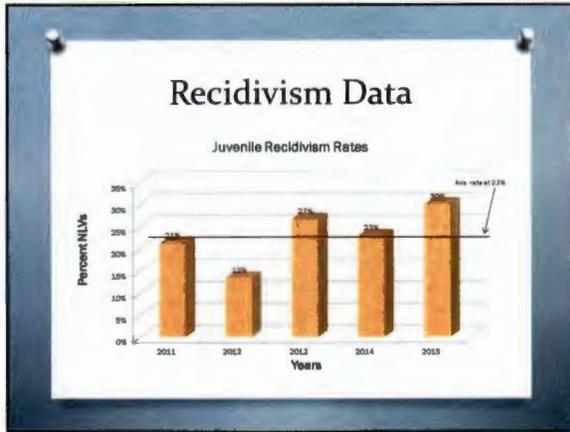
Recidivism Data

Decline in number of Juveniles beginning from 2013

Table 3: Five Year Summary of Recidivism Data

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg. 5Y VOPs
No. of Juveniles	282	214	224	190	188	80
VOPs	129	91	112	88	80	80
NLVs	80	42	80	48	56	43%
% VOPs	46%	29%	50%	30%	43%	
% NLVs	21%	13%	27%	23%	20%	

Note: Count is based on the first date a juvenile recidivated.



2012 Unemployment Rate 12.6%

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Unemployment Rate 16.7%

- Lowest Rates of Five Year Analysis
- JAS implemented.
- GRAD implemented.

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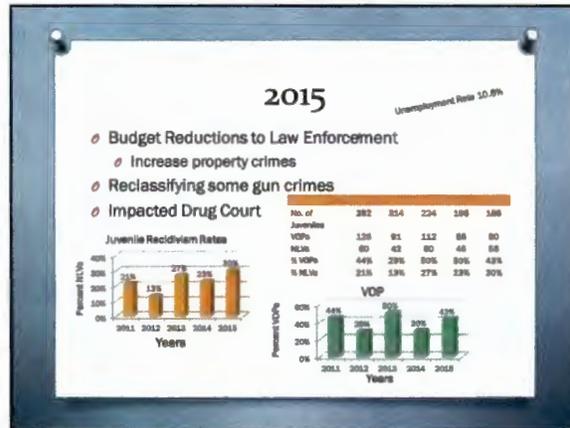
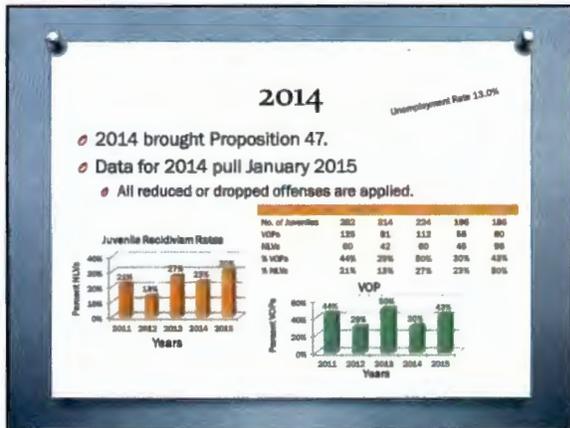
2013 Unemployment Rate 14.8%

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- Unemployment ↓
- Delayed reaction?
- Gang Activity?
- ????

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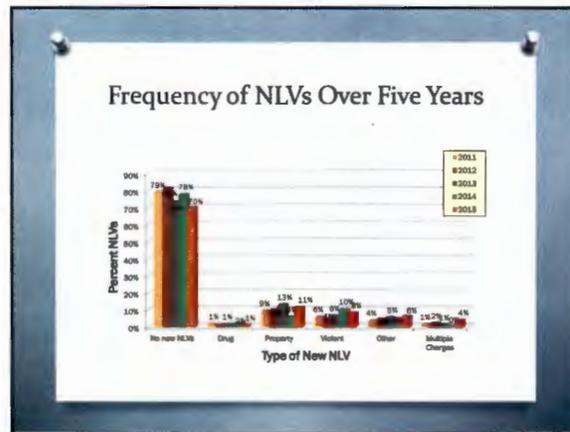


Frequency of NLV Charges

Table 4: Five Year Frequency of NLV Charges

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of Juveniles	282	314	224	186	186
Drug	5%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Property	6%	10%	13%	6%	11%
Violent	6%	4%	0%	10%	8%
Other	4%	4%	8%	8%	8%
Multiple Charges	1%	2%	0%	0%	4%
No New NLVs	78%	87%	73%	77%	70%

Note: Some juveniles committed more than one crime.

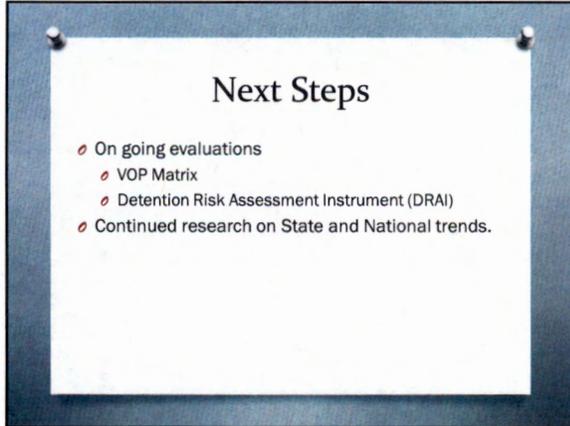


Demographics

Table 5: Five Year Demographics - Percentages

	(n=282)	(n=314)	(n=224)	(n=186)	(n=186)
Ethnicity/Race					
Hispanic	60%	59%	57%	63%	62%
White	22%	24%	26%	24%	17%
African American	11%	15%	13%	18%	11%
Asian	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Native American	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%
Unknown	2%	3%	1%	0%	7%
Gender					
Male	82%	79%	79%	79%	78%
Female	18%	21%	20%	17%	20%
Unknown	0%	0%	1%	4%	2%

- ### Summary
- Number of juvenile offenders on probation has decreased since 2012.
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 - Number of minors obeying terms of probation is high (77%) compared to those that violate (23%).





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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BSCC Committee Releases Recidivism Definition

SACRAMENTO -- A Board of State and Community Corrections committee charged with defining the term "recidivism" has approved its final version of the definition, which will be presented for approval to the Board in November.

The committee of public safety officials and subject matter experts has been working since January 2014 to craft the definition mandated by AB 1050, which requires the BSCC to develop definitions to promote statewide consistency in local data collection, evaluation and implementation of evidence-based practices and programs.

It will be the only definition of recidivism prescribed by state statute. The definition reads as follows:

Adult Recidivism Definition

Recidivism is defined as conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction.¹

Supplemental Measures

This definition does not preclude other measures of offender outcomes. Such measures may include new arrest, return to custody, criminal filing, violation of supervision, and level of offense (felony or misdemeanor).

Recidivism Rates

While the definition adopts a three-year standard measurement period, rates may also be measured over other time intervals such as one, two, or five years.

¹ "Committed" refers to the date of offense, not the date of conviction.

The committee released a draft definition in June, then received public comment for 30 days. The committee's final version takes those comments into consideration.

The committee continues to work on other definitions as required by the legislation. AB 1050 amended Section 6027 of the Penal Code to require the Board to: "Develop definitions of key terms, including, but not limited to, 'recidivism,' 'average daily population,' 'treatment program completion rates,' and any other terms deemed relevant in order to facilitate consistency in local data collection, evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based practices, promising evidence-based practices, and evidence-based programs." It is hoped that counties and law enforcement agencies will use the standard definitions for these key terms once all are developed and approved by the BSCC.

Since Public Safety Realignment launched in 2011 California has been investing hundreds of millions of dollars at the local level so that low-level, non-violent offenders and parole violators would serve their terms in county jails, closer to support systems and the rehabilitative programming that officials of the 58 counties determine work best for their communities. A central goal of Realignment is reducing recidivism.

The BSCC is mandated by AB 109 to collect and maintain data about state and community correction policies, practices and needs. Having standard definitions will promote consistent statewide reporting.

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Stanislaus County Graduated Responses To Youth Crime & Delinquency Prevention



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2012 2013 - 2016



Vocational Programming
General Education Program
Mental Health and AOD Services
ART
Culinary Arts Program

Expanded to include
Continuum of Care Reform (CCR)
Wraparound added April 2016

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

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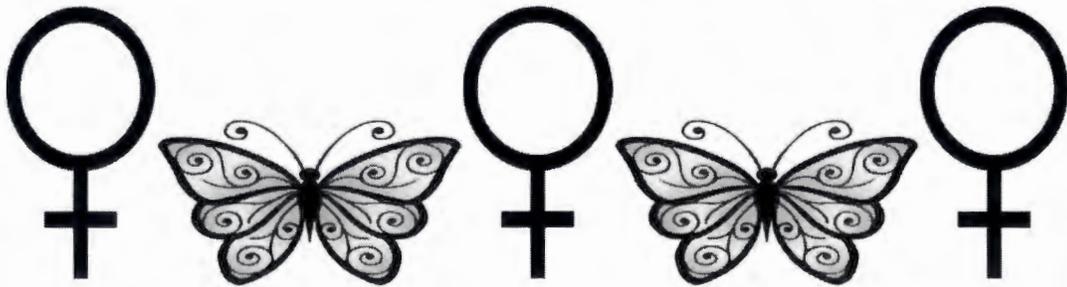
Girls Advisory Council

October 26, 2017

3p.m.-4p.m.

2215 Blue Gum Ave., Modesto
Counseling/Training Room

Improving ALL girls lives in the community!
Includes Transgender Girls and Gender Non-Conforming



Map:



Inviting parents of girls, girls 12 and up, and community service providers

GRAD PLAN

The following is an overview of what we will be doing during your time in this program. All tours, groups and appointments are **REQUIRED** and may result in a **No Show/Cancellation/Late** do to situation (explained below) . These plans are subject to change per Case Manager/Probation Officer depending on change in circumstances. Your follow-through is an important choice you can make to get off of probation in a timely manner. Please feel free to call myself, your GRAD Case Manager (209-585-5375), for any questions:

MANDATORY: GRAD Girl's C-O-N-N-E-C-T—Monthly

The Following is also MANDATORY: (If in other collaborative programs these MAY become optional.)

Tours:

Hutton House (13-17)
The SPOT (12-24)
Josie's Place (age 16+)
Work for Success (14+)

Groups:

The REAL Project
Without Permission
Eating Disorder/Body image
Financial Literacy

Other opportunities for involvement and may be required in the future include:

Youth Employment Opportunity Program (YEOP)	Aggression Replacement Training
Boys & Girls Club (Member & Volunteer	Pathways Orientation (18-21)Parent
Resource Center (Pregnant &/or Parenting)	Steps to Freedom (Drug Program)
Project YES! (Volunteer/Work)	Work for Success (Employment Skills)
Aspiranet—WRAP*	Central Stars Behavioral Health
Haven Women's Center (Counseling for Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence or Teens Count!)	

INCENTIVES:

There are opportunities to earn incentives ranging from verbal praise, positive feedback in court, all the way up to less drug testing and eventual dismissal from probation. You can earn these by attending groups, doing so on time, initiating going to an extra program you choose, and check-ins with GRAD PO. Everything you do matters on Probation and in your life after. You are worth it!

NO SHOWS—No Call/Show, CANCELLATIONS—Call Before/Upon Arrival & Late 10 Min.

~Valid work schedule, school documentation or Dr. Note accepted as clearance of absence

3 No Shows	2 No Shows, 1 Cancelation, 2 Late
1 No Show & 3 Cancellations	1 No Show, 2 Cancelations, 3 Late
2 No Shows & 2 Cancellations	3 Cancelation, 2 Lates
5 Cancellations	6 Lates

Any of the above = Reflection Letter w/10 Sentences or 4 hrs Community Service

**Eliminate No Show/Cancellation—Show up at non-required event—ask CM 1st!

Girls Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2017

Present:

David Lambert, Modesto Guardian Angels
Sarah Beal, Haven Women Center
Nahrain Bennar, The Last Resort
Michelle Cerdoba, Central Star Behavioral Health
Kelli Sharpe, Orestimba High School
Parker Sharpe, Student
Marissa Gonzales, Haven Women Center
Joanna Esparza, She Became
Sue Zwahlen, Modesto City Schools
Vanicia Arrequin, She Became
Thania Jimenez, SCPAL

Hope C. Lyons, MCS/She Became
Monique Shapherd, She Became
Heather Evans, CHS / HSA
Olivia Lopez, Juvenile Probation
Annie Dominguez, Juvenile Probation
Sandra Flores, Haven Women Center
Kimberly Salazar, Haven Women Center
Evelyn Mejia, JJBH/The Spot
Gloria Arroyo, JJBH/The Spot
Stephanie Love, JJBH/BHRS

1. **Introductions:** Sabrina began the meeting explaining this was the 4th meeting for the advisory council. The purpose of the group is to empower girls and keep them from incarceration. She stated the group would work to create goals in today meeting. All others present introduced themselves.
2. **Goal setting discussion:**
 - a. It was discussed there were many resource at today's meeting and this was a place to bring all of these resources together to empower female youth.
 - b. It was discussed to work towards 2-3 goals for the committee to agree upon and from there break into subgroups to work towards those goals.
 - c. The group would like to consider ideas to present to girls in the outlining areas of the county such as Oakdale, Newman & Patterson.
 - d. Large kickoff event was discussed as a way to gain momentum, create awareness and empower female youth.
 - e. Recommendation made to include local school districts in Stanislaus County as well as the Board of Supervisors for the county.
3. **Statements made for consideration:**
 - a. There is no funding for youth with mental health issues in Stanislaus County.
 - b. The Garden Gate is a community resource unknown to many people in the county.
 - c. Include upper management in future meetings as a way to look at funding and possible grants.
 - d. Connect with School district as they are typically the first contact with at risk female youth.
 - e. Would it be possible for schools to bring female students to the kickoff event as a fieldtrip? There was further discussion about liability and if school rallies would be a possibility.
4. **Set goals:**
 - a. Goal #1- Large kickoff event with as many community resources/agencies involved including invitations to Board of Supervisors and superintendents from Modesto City School and Stanislaus County Office of Education. Members of the council signed up to participate as members of a subcommittee to plan this event.
 - b. Goal #2- An APP will be created to inform female youth of events they can participate in or activities available to them in the county. It was also recommended there be daily popups with motivational comments. Members of the council signed up to participate in creating this APP.
 - c. Sabrina stated she will put together an e-mail list with members of each subcommittee for planning purposes.

Next Meeting Date/Time: October 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Juvenile Probation.

Girls Advisory Council

Purpose

The purpose of the Girls Advisory Council is to collaborate with various service providers, community members, female youth and their families to address the needs of the female youth who are at risk and those who are justice-involved. The goal is to provide services and resources to assist the family and help the female youth in becoming successful as well as improving our juvenile justice system.

- Improve behavior
- Improve attendance
- Increase academic success

This group was initiated from the Girls Juvenile Justice Initiative committee.

Background

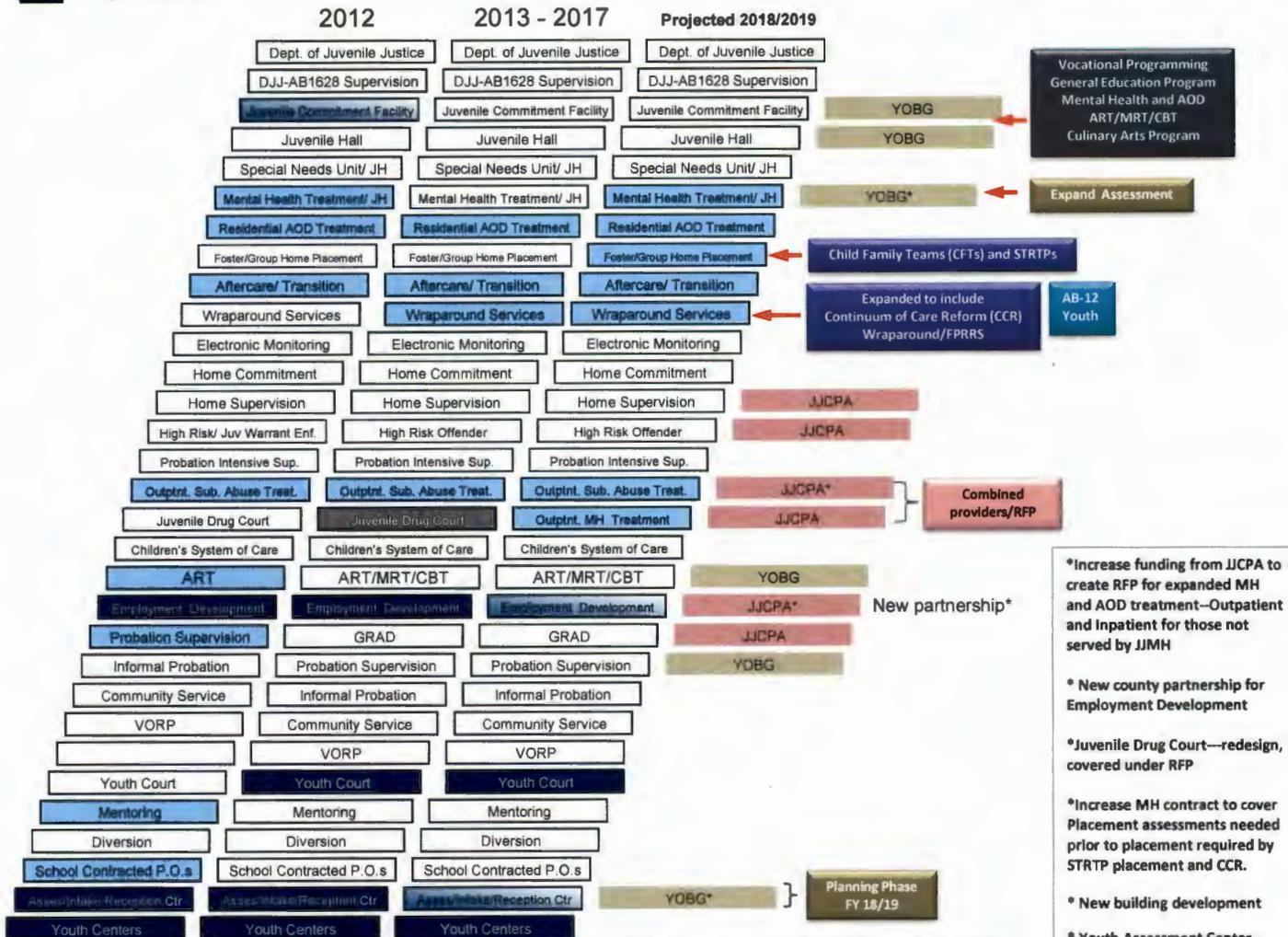
The Girls Juvenile Justice Initiative (GJJI) stemmed from a partnership between Stanislaus County and the Prison Law Office in 2009, in order to address the county's lack of gender-responsive resources for justice-involved girls. The Stanislaus County Probation Department, The Prison Law Office, The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) and The Youth Justice Institute (YJI) collaborated and developed a strategic plan which resulted from the community needs assessment in 2010. The GJJI developed two key goals: Provide a gender-responsive program, known as the Gender Responsive Alternatives to Detention (GRAD) caseload and to document the processes and outcomes in order to identify the most effective ways to meet the needs of female youth who are at risk, currently involved, or were previously involved in the juvenile justice system. Utilizing the community is not uncommon for system change, as with the NCCD study many county organizations and agencies were utilized by conducting focus groups, interviews, and reviewing existing data. Through the GJJI and the GRAD program there has been system change. There is now a Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System (JAIS) tool used to assess all youth in the juvenile system, and on the assessment tool girls have some questions specific to their gender. Alternatives have been implemented so as to divert youth from entering detention, which include reflection letters, community service and various groups. The Girls Advisory Council could potentially find new and inventive ways to continue to help these girls from having contact with juvenile hall. One main goal of the GJJI is to eventually have a representative from the Girls Advisory Council join the GJJI meetings. This will create collaborative involvement of justice involved girl's, their families, and the community to continue to have Stanislaus County a place for all people who reside here to have a safe place to thrive in.



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- *Increase funding from JJCPA to create RFP for expanded MH and AOD treatment—Outpatient and Inpatient for those not served by JJMH
- * New county partnership for Employment Development
- * Juvenile Drug Court—redesign, covered under RFP
- * Increase MH contract to cover Placement assessments needed prior to placement required by STRTP placement and CCR.
- * New building development
- * Youth Assessment Center—Planning Phase

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*Stanislaus County Workforce Development

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Youthful Offender Block Grant
Combined Plan for Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Funded Programs/Serves/Staff in 2017/2018 by JJCPA

- Gender Responsive Alternatives to Detention (GRAD)
 - Continued funding levels in FY 18/19
 - Includes contract with Center for Human Services

- High Risk Offender Unit (Juvenile)
 - Continued funding levels in FY 18/19
 - **Adding Employment Development Contract with County Department**

- Home Supervision-Electronic Monitoring/House Arrest
 - Continued funding levels in FY 18/19

- Juvenile Drug Court
 - Maintain partnership with Juvenile Justice Mental Health (JJMH) for formal referrals for services/programs
 - **Re-Design with Mental Health/SUD Request for Proposal (RFP) for low risk, informal youth, some carry over to existing outpatient partners**
 - **Rollover of funds for potential new office space**

Funded Programs/Services/Staff in 2017/2018 by YOBG

- Home on Probation/JAIS assessment tool/ Probation Supervision
 - Continued funding levels in FY 18/19

- Camp
 - Continued funding levels in FY 18/19
 - **Increase Children System of Care (CSOC) contract to allow for assessments required for level of care placement.**

- IT/Research Staff
 - Continued funding levels in FY 18/19
 - **Adding two new positions: (1) Sr. Developer and (1) Sr. Engineer**

- Juvenile Hall
 - Continued funding levels in FY 18/19

- Youth Assessment Center—Planning Phase—NEW Category
 - **Planning Phase—FY 18/19**
 - **Implementation Phase 19/20**

Girls Advisory Council Presents:

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~~~~~1st Annual~~~~~

## Female Youth Empowerment Conference

**Where: Harvest Hall  
3800 Cornucopia  
Way Modesto, CA 95358**

**When: May 1, 2018 9:30am-1:30pm**

**FREE FOR  
JR. HIGH &  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS**

For Registration Information Contact

Deputy Probation Officer II, Sabrina Biondo; [Biondos@stancounty.com](mailto:Biondos@stancounty.com)

Call (209) 525-5408

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**Healthy Relationships & Domestic Violence with Melanie Berru**

**Childhood Hardship & Healing with Jori Nunes**

**Activity & PSA by HARRT**

**Breakfast & lunch will be provided!!**

