

STANISLAUS COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – January 15, 2026

Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
Saundra Day, for Scott Kuykendall, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Emily Webster, Center for Human Services
Michael Houston for Jeff Laugero, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office
Kim Saing for Ruben Imperial, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS)
Marian Martino, JJC Chair/Youth Mentor-Community Member
Tracie Martin, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
David Costa, Juvenile Facilities Superintendent, Probation Department
Ramiro Romero, Probation Corrections Manager, Probation Department
Robert Housden, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
Brandon Fromm, Stanislaus County Office of Education

Members/Staff Absent

Kimberly Gonzales, Public Defender's Office
Glen Stovall, Modesto Junior College- Community Member
Christine Huber, Community Services Agency
Presiding Judge Annette Rees, Stanislaus County Superior Court

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Members of the group introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

3. REVIEW OF THE STATUTORY COMPOSITION OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Chief Ferriera discussed the composition and purpose of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee, formed in response to the Department of Juvenile Justice's realignment. He explained the subcommittee's statutory requirements, including its membership makeup (Chief Probation Officer-Chair, Co-Chair (if applicable), Public Defender, District Attorney, BHRS, Office of Education, Court, Community Services Agency, and three community representatives), and the rule that at least six of the ten members must be present to establish a quorum and conduct business during meetings.

Chief Ferriera also noted that although the group initially supported having a single chairperson, the statute permits a co-chair. The JJCC Subcommittee was asked whether they preferred to elect a co-chair or keep the current structure; the group agreed that a co-chair was unnecessary but would revisit the decision annually.

4. REVIEW OF THE STATUTORY PURPOSE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The subcommittee's responsibility is to develop an annual plan to house and rehabilitate the youth who are realigned at the local level. The plan must detail facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and reentry strategies for this population, and it must be submitted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) each year by May 1, in accordance with the statutory requirement to meet twice annually.

Chief Ferriera outlined the process for developing the plan, which included the Juvenile Facilities Superintendent's responsibility to draft it, feedback from the subcommittee, and final approval.

5. APPROVE April 17, 2025, MEETING MINUTES: JJCC SUBCOMMITTEE

MOTION: Emily Webster. SECOND: Saundra Day. The minutes of the April 17, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously.

6. REVIEW OF THE SB 823 PLAN APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP ON APRIL 17, 2025

Juvenile Facilities Superintendent David Costa provided a presentation (attached to the minutes) highlighting key changes and achievements since the approval of the 2025 SB 823 Plan. The presentation included the following:

- The SYTF was moved to Unit C at the Juvenile Commitment Facility to increase housing capacity.
- The first female youth was committed to the SYTF.
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD), sexual offender counseling, and a comfort dog program.
- Vocational programs were expanded with new industrial mechanics, truck driving, and construction programs.
- The installation of a body scanner for safety.
- The Juvenile Facility's security system, kitchen, and booking area were upgraded.

7. DISCUSSION AND PROPOSED GOALS FOR THE 2026-2027 SB 823 PLAN

Mr. Costa proposed that the 2026 SB 823 Plan include the following:

- Youth incentive programs, spaces, and activities update.
- Expand the electronic systems for youth education, programming, family contact, and construction project opportunities for vocational training.
- Seek out Less Restrictive Program options for the SYTF female population.

The importance of being proactive with female programming was emphasized.

David Costa asked the members to email him their ideas and feedback by February 15, so he has time to prepare the 2026 SB 823 Plan before the April 2nd meeting. He stressed that the goal of the next meeting is to finalize the plan for state submission.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MEMBERSHIP

Chief Ferriera announced that an unannounced BSCC inspection occurred; the facility received no findings and positive feedback.

MJC is offering a new curriculum to the in-custody population at the Sheriff's Office called ICEV, which involves building tiny homes and providing additional CTE. Chief Ferriera is open to exploring a shared vocational/CTE curriculum with the Sheriff's Office.

Kim Saing announced the upcoming California Mental Health Advisory Youth Conference; the information will be forwarded to the membership via email.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

**2025 SB 823 ANNUAL
PLAN REVIEW AND
2026 ANNUAL PLAN
PREPARATION**

Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Annual Plan

Requires review and approval from the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee (WIC 1990-1995).

Required for our county to be eligible for funding allocations providing services to our realigned youth.

Describes our facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and reentry strategies for realigned youth.

APPROVAL PROCESS

The Stanislaus County 2025 JIRBG Plan was approved by the JJCC Subcommittee members on April 17, 2025. It was then sent to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration.

JJCC Subcommittee Members were sent a copy of the 2025 Annual Plan for their review earlier this week. Today we will review highlights of work completed in accord with the plan since it was approved.

Today, we will discuss goals for our 2026 Annual Plan. JJCC Subcommittee members can provide any additional feedback over the next month to assist in drafting the 2026 Annual Plan.

A draft of the proposed 2026 Annual Plan will be sent to JJCC Subcommittee members for their review, and they will be able to suggest any needed edits prior to the next JJCC Subcommittee meeting.

The JJCC Subcommittee will review and vote to potentially approve the 2026 Annual Plan at their next meeting on April 2, 2026.



PRIOR CHANGES TO OUR ANNUAL PLANS

2024-2025

The Secure Youth Treatment Facility moved from Juvenile Hall Unit 7 to Juvenile Commitment Facility Unit C to allow for growth to up to 30 Youth.

We currently have 16 youth housed in the Unit.



Treatment Changes

Addition of SUD Counseling in custody and recent increase in counseling staffing.

Addition of Sexual Offender Counseling Services which can transition from in-custody to out-of-custody services with the same provider.

Treatment Changes



Without Permission began bringing a comfort dog into our facilities once a week. Youth are provided the opportunity to spend time with the dog while speaking with one of their navigators.

Vocational Program Changes

Volt Institute completed first session of its Certified Production Technician Plus program which is an introduction to manufacturing mechanics.



Vocational Program Changes

In a partnership between the Stanislaus County Office of Education and Probation, Patterson Professional Truck Driving School started teaching their semi-truck driving course using a driving simulator.



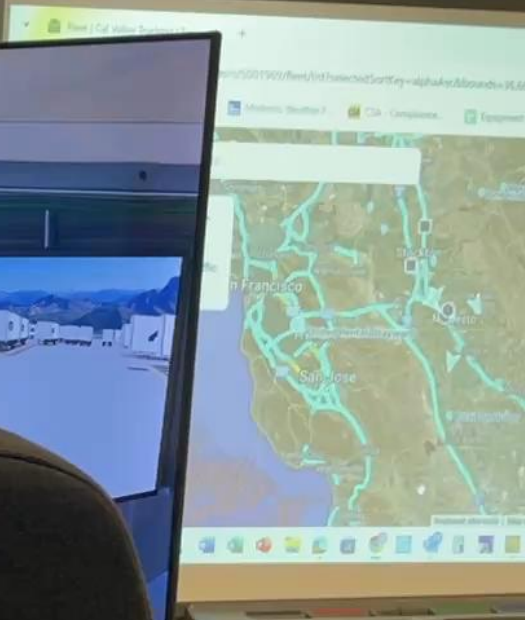


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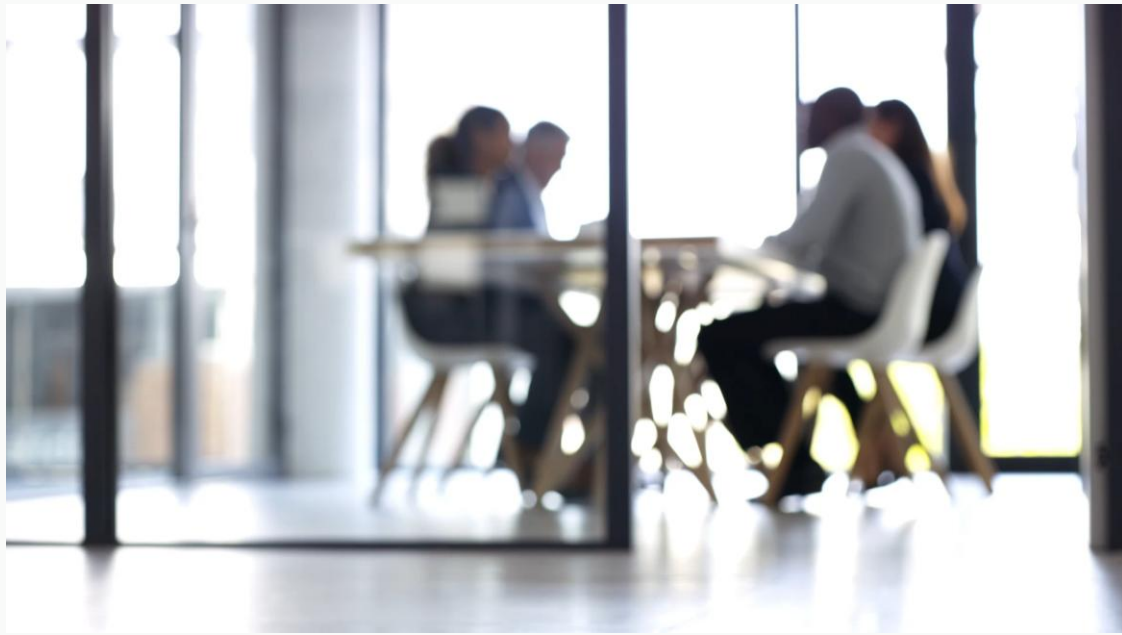
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Vocational Program Changes

Staff led construction program provides youth with the opportunity to gain hands-on construction experience.





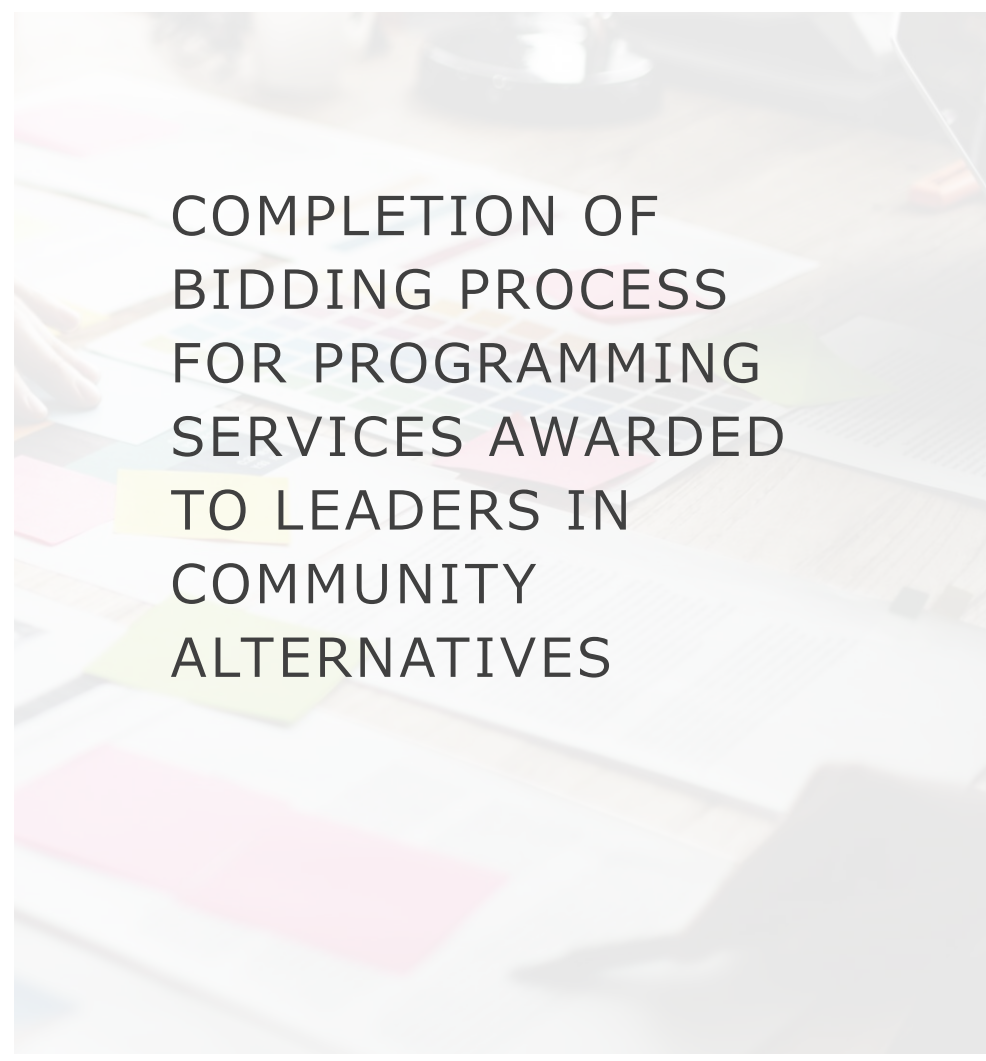
WORK ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE 2025 PLAN
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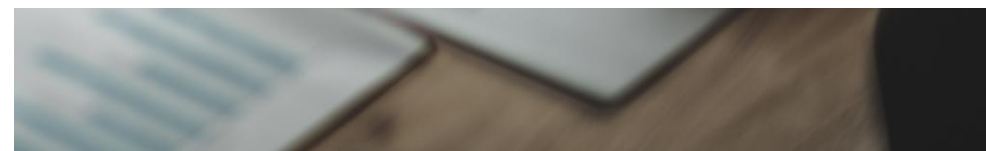




Remodel of our Booking Area



COMPLETION OF
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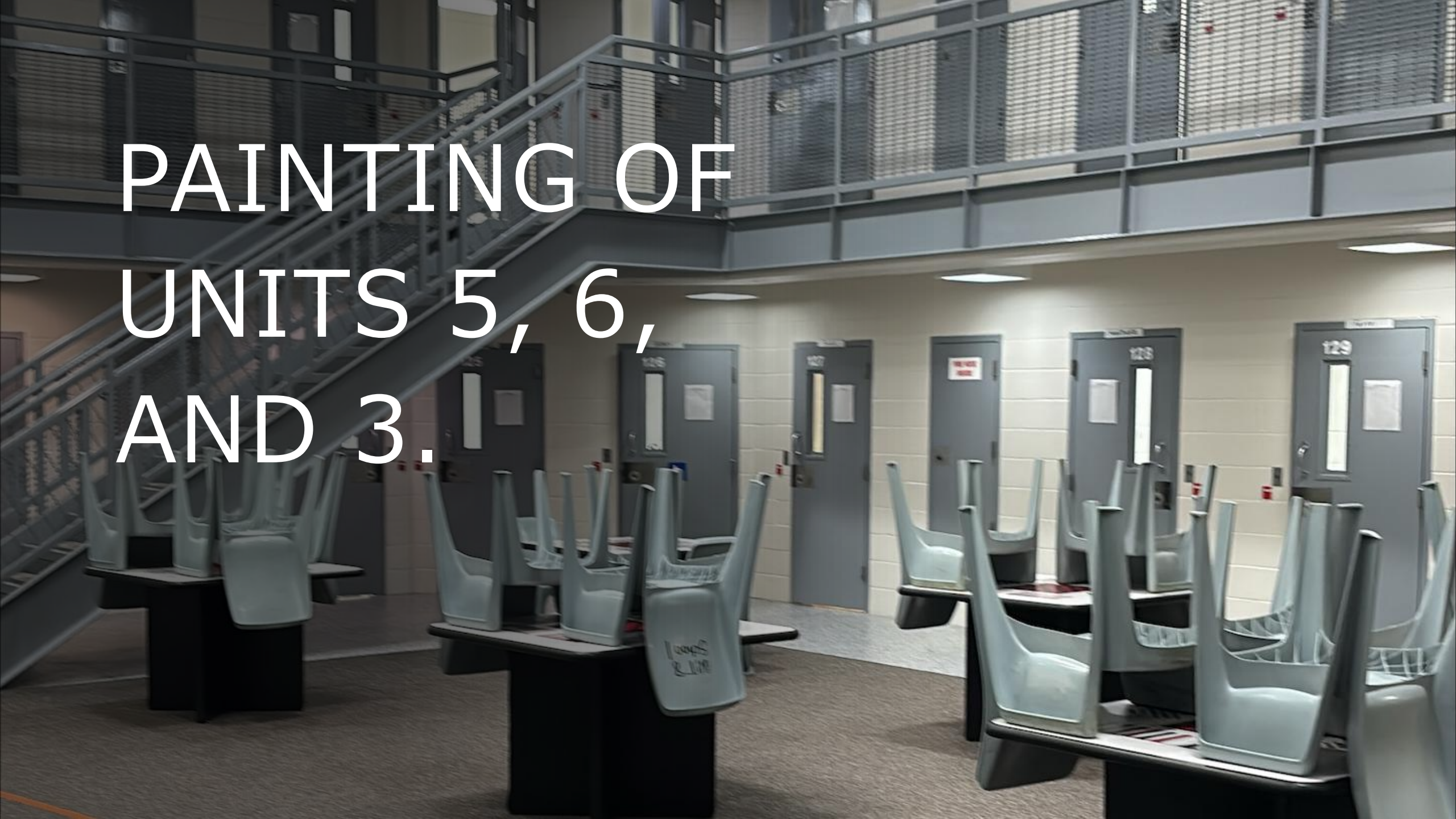
SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADES



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INSTALLATION
OF ARTIFICIAL
TURF REC YARD

PAINTING OF UNITS 5, 6, AND 3.



INTRODUCTION OF NEW
CURRICULUM FOR OUR
VOLT INDUSTRIAL
MECHANICS COURSE.



INSTALLATION OF NEW
INDUSTRIAL STOVES,
DISHWASHER, AC AND
WATER SOFTENER IN
OUR JCF KITCHEN.



**We had our first
female youth
committed to our
Secure Youth
Treatment Facility.**



DEVELOPMENT OF
GOALS FOR OUR
2026 ANNUAL PLAN



PROPOSED GOALS

Update

- Update incentive programs, spaces, and activities for youth.

Pursue

- Pursue expansion of electronic systems for youth education, programing, family contact, and incentives.

Expand

- Expand youth construction project opportunities for vocational training.

Seek

- Seek out Less Restrictive Program options for female youth.

QUESTIONS



**PLEASE REACH OUT WITH
ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR
CHANGES OR GOALS FOR OUR
2026 SB823 PLAN PRIOR TO
FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

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