

Child Welfare Council

Youth Justice Committee

January 28, 2026



Agenda

- Call to Order
- Action item: approve September 2025 minutes
- Co-Chair Updates
 - Community Partner Updates
 - OYCR Updates
- Updates on Prior YJC deliverables
 - Step Downs and Alternatives to Incarceration
 - Higher Education and Vocational Training
 - Community Based Organization Capacity Building
 - Action item: Vote on Autonomizing the CBO Capacity Building Workgroup
- Presentation and Discussion on YJC Priority Areas
 - Data with a Focus on Outcomes
 - Youth Justice Diversion and CBOs Statewide Efforts
- Public Comment
- Announcements & Adjourn



Action Item

- Approval of Sept 2025 Minutes



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Co-Chair Updates

Updates on Prior YJC Deliverables

- Step Downs and Alternatives to Incarceration
- Higher Education and Vocational Training
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Stepping Home Model Implementation Update

- UCLA is currently conducting a round of in-depth confidential interviews with a small group of counties that represent various geographic regions across the state
- The interviews, which include a diverse group of stakeholders within and outside of probation are designed to gather insight into
 - understanding of and progress with implementing the elements of the Stepping Home Model
 - successes, challenges and support needs at the county level
- A full analysis of findings will be shared with OYCR and used help guide how the agency
 - shares best practices
 - supports counties in ongoing implementation efforts, and
 - evaluates impact



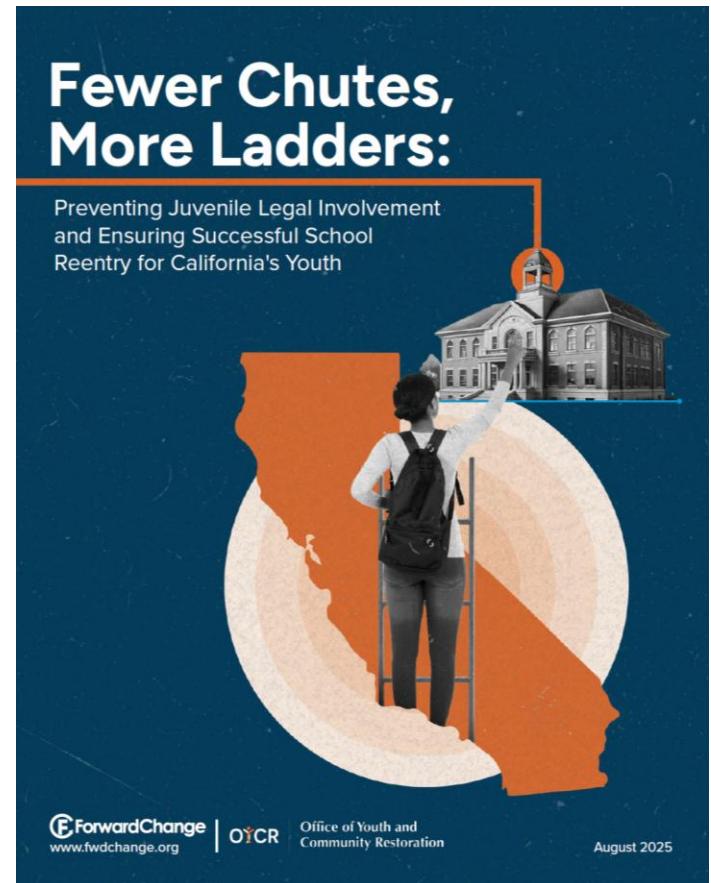
Stepping Home Model Implementation Update

- Emerging themes from interviews with two participating counties
 - Strong alignment with the values that inform the Stepping Home Model
 - Familiarity with the Stepping Home Model itself is limited.
 - Strong collaboration and partnership with community-based organizations.
 - Individualized plans are made for the youth in both counties.
 - Both counties expressed that a lack of access to less restrictive programs (LRPs) is a major challenge.



Higher Education Priority Area Update

- Fewer Chutes, More Ladders
 - In partnership with OYCR, Forward Change has produced a comprehensive report focused on preventing juvenile legal involvement and ensuring successful school reentry
- Education Advisory Committee
 - includes representatives from community colleges and universities, county offices of education, SELPA, State Board of Education, probation, advocates, and others
 - Meets regularly with a focus on identifying opportunities, barriers, and strategies to promote higher education and career opportunities for justice-involved youth
- Legislative briefing Briefing





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YJC-CWC Deliverables Update: CBO Capacity Development

Overview



1.

**YJC-CWC CBO Capacity
Development Updates**



2.

**Future CBO Capacity
Development Deliverables**



3.

**Kindful Restoration
Presentation**



OYCR's Capacity Building Workgroup:

OYCR's Capacity Building Workgroup envisions a California where youth are supported through — and engaged with — communities that promote trauma-informed, culturally relevant services for their children.

The workgroup aims to:

- **Strengthen** the operational, programmatic, financial, and organizational structure of CBOs
- **Connect** CBOs together to create regional networks of community-based youth justice services
- **Encourage** CBOs to collect data on their operational and programmatic outcomes to support future initiatives

OYCR's Capacity Building Workgroup (Cont.):

Since the **Capacity Building Workgroup's** founding in early 2023, the Workgroup has met approximately 10 times a year, with monthly virtual and quarterly in-person meetings.

Looking forward to the 2026 calendar year, the Workgroup will focus on assessing the outcomes and development of OYCR's CBO grantees. The Workgroup will also identify new and innovative methods of inspiring collaboration and networking amongst California's many organizations and regions.

Workgroup Composition:

- 3 Community Based Organizations (Northern, Central Valley, and Southern California)
- 3 Technical Assistance Providers
- 2 Probation Departments (Bay Area and Southern California)
- 1 Philanthropy Organization (Southern California)
- 1 Juvenile Judge (Bay Area)





Credit: 3 Sisters Garden



The CBO Capacity Building Initiative (CBO-CBI):

In partnership with the **Public Works Alliance (PWA)**, **National Center for Youth Law (NCYL)**, and **Sierra Health Foundation (SHF)**, OYCR funds the capacity development of **8** community-based organizations (CBOs) across California.

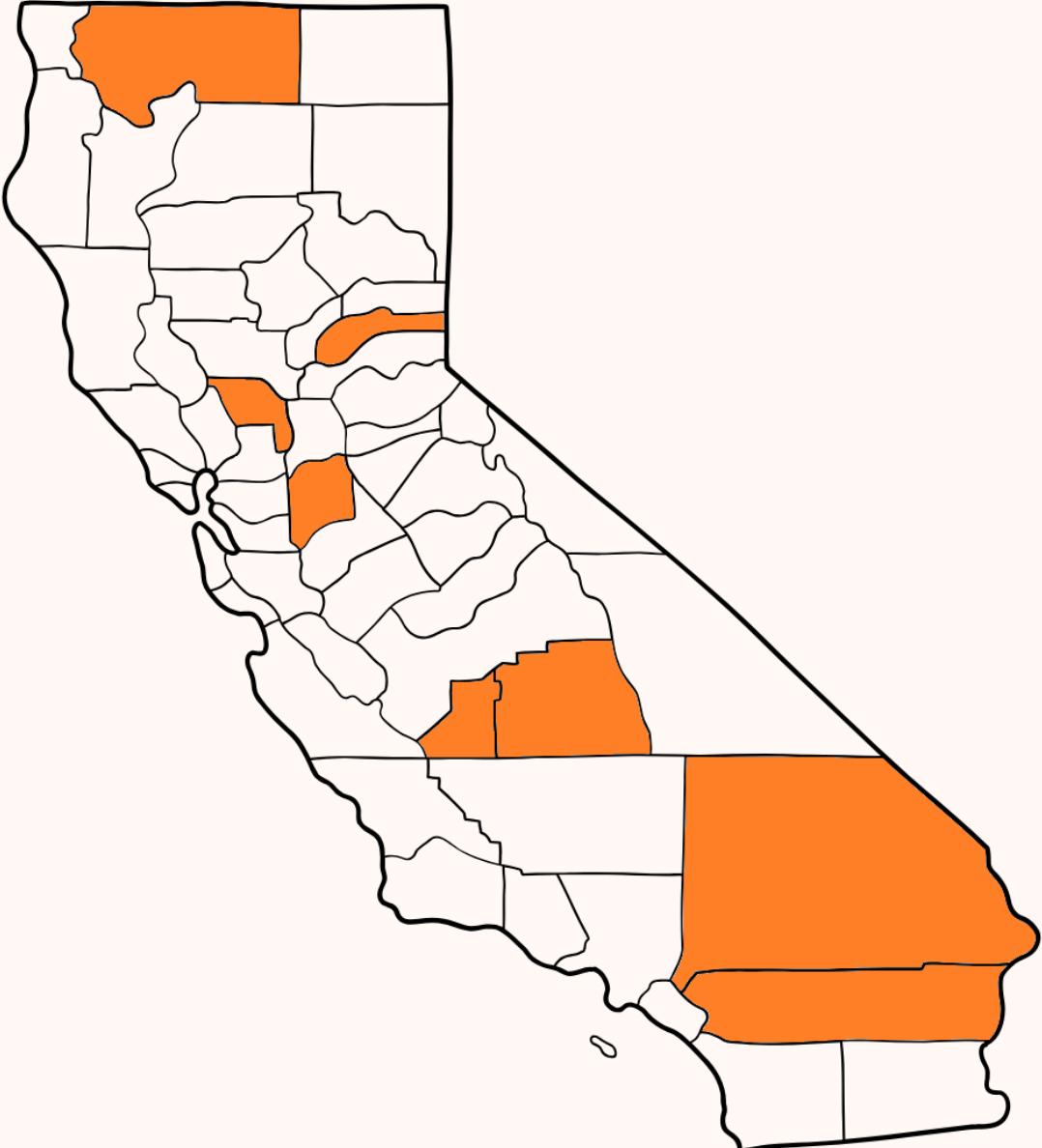
Through technical assistance and participating in a peer-to-peer community of practice, CBI grantees will learn to prioritize their fund development and organizational sustainability, with a goal of improving their ability to deliver services to youth involved in California's justice system.

The 8 CBOs awarded a capacity building grant were:

- Three Sisters Garden
- Spearitwurx
- Restore 180
- Kindful Restoration
- Amelia Ann Adams Whole Life Center
- Bright Futures for Youth
- Operation New Hope
- Asian Pacific Islander Reentry

CBI Grantee Map

- Through the CBO Capacity Building Initiative, OYCR supports the development of CBOs located in **8 traditionally under-resourced counties**
- To date, **\$4,000,000** has been invested in this initiative (**\$500,000/CBO**)





Credit: Homeboy Industries

The PWA Justice Serving Network (JSN):

With **SHF** and **OYCR**, PWA provides technical assistance to **two cohorts of 10 CBOs** to access Medi-Cal funding through the CalAIM Justice Involved Initiative.

By accessing healthcare funding streams, JSN CBOs increase their capacity to deliver sustainable services to youth involved in California's justice system.

The 20 CBOs in the JSN are:

- Foster Hope
- Homeboy Industries
- MILPA
- 3rd Street Youth Center
- Two Feathers
- Sister Warriors
- Mentoring Center
- NI2C
- Underground Grit
- Youth Empowerment
- Garden Pathways
- Project Aware
- Focus Forward
- Eden Youth
- Young Visionaries
- The Exception
- Hoops 4 Justice
- Promesa Behavioral Health
- CSS
- ICS

Webpage Goals:

1. Host resources to **assist non-OYCR grant funded CBOs** in accessing capacity-building guides and resources
2. Uplift **sustainable funding methods** for organizations providing services to youth in community and detention
3. Promote **the success stories of CBOs** offering developmentally-appropriate services throughout the state
4. Connect **CBOs together to form regional networks** of community-based youth justice services



CBO Resources:

In conjunction with our community and system partners, OYCR has prepared a variety of educational resources that CBOs can utilize to support positive youth development and reduce the court involvement of youth.

Guide Books

[Partner Resources](#)

[Technical Assistance Materials](#)

[Capacity Building Materials](#)

[CalAIM Resources](#)

[Funding Opportunities](#)

Guide Books:

[To CalAIM or Not to CalAIM](#) ↗

[Executive Orders Affecting Charitable Nonprofits](#) ↗

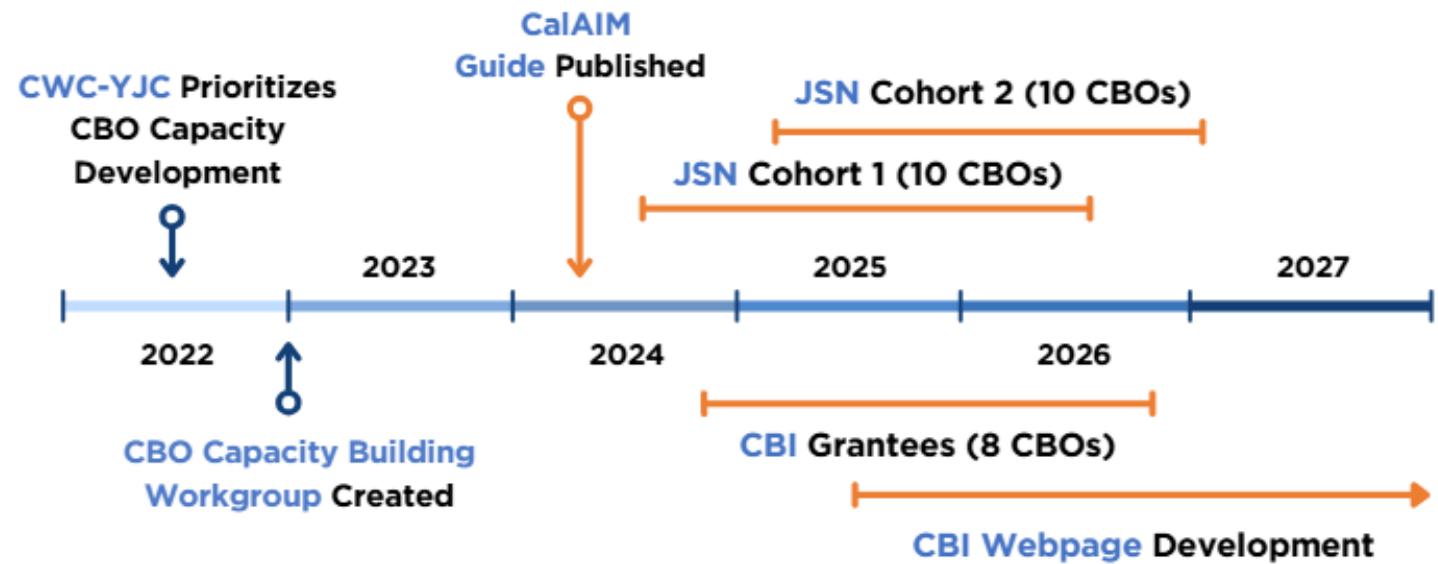
[OYCR Technical Assistance Subject Areas](#) ↗

[\[Future Guidebook #1\]](#) ↗

[\[Future Guidebook #2\]](#) ↗

CBO-CBI Timeline:

- Goal: Build the capacities of CBOs to secure **sustainable funding sources** before current funding opportunities end





Vote: Autonomizing the CBO Capacity Building Workgroup

Since its founding in 2023, OYCR has staffed, facilitated, and co-chaired the Workgroup's monthly meetings. With the CBO-CBI grants coming to an end in October 2026, the Workgroup is seeking the Youth Justice Committee's approval to restructure the workgroup. Under this proposal, the Workgroup would be run entirely by community-based organizations, with OYCR taking on a participatory, rather than leadership, role.

Under this new restructure, the Workgroup would function similar to OYCR's Youth Advisory Board, and would be composed of CBO-CBI Grantees, CBO providers, systems stakeholders, and philanthropic organizations.

Proposed Workgroup Composition:

- Co-Chairs: CBO Provider & Philanthropic Organization
- 8 CBO-CBI Grantee Representatives
- 4 Community Based Organizations (Northern, Bay Area, Central Valley, and Southern California)
- 2 Probation Departments (Northern and Southern California)
- 1 Juvenile Judge (Bay Area)

Action Item

- Approval of proposed restructure of CBO Capacity Building Workgroup

Guest Presentation

Kindful Restoration

Presentation and Discussion on YJC Priority Areas

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- **Youth Justice Diversion and CBOs Statewide Efforts**

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AB 102 Report: Findings from FY 2021/22 through FY 2023/24

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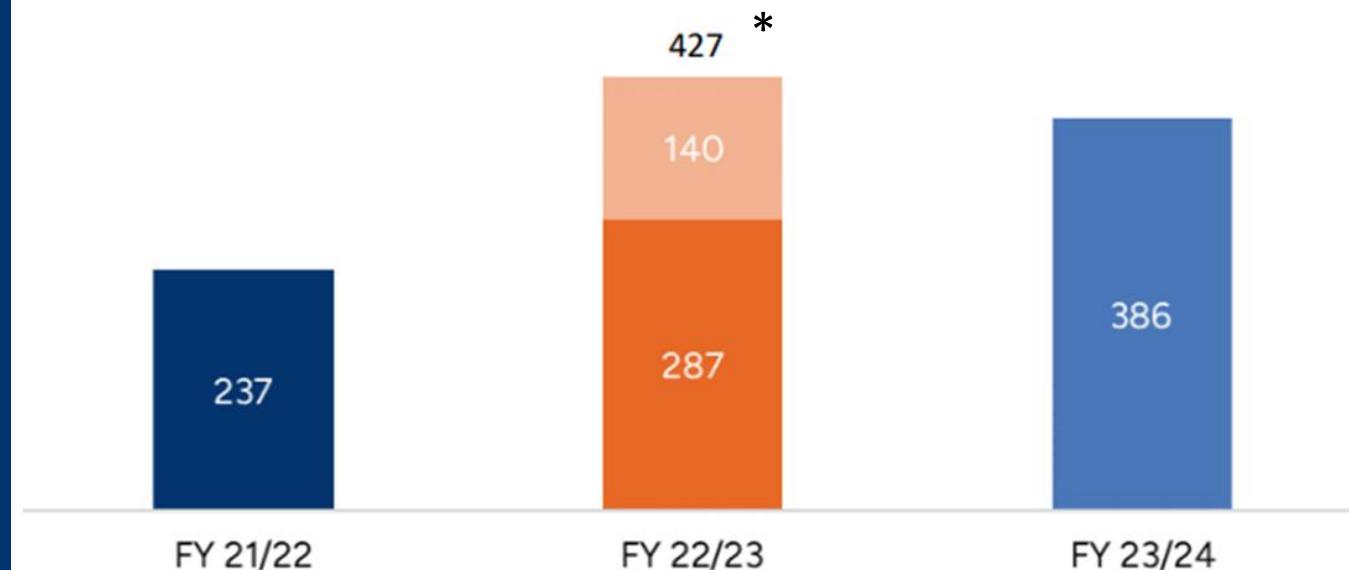
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AB 102 Data Elements

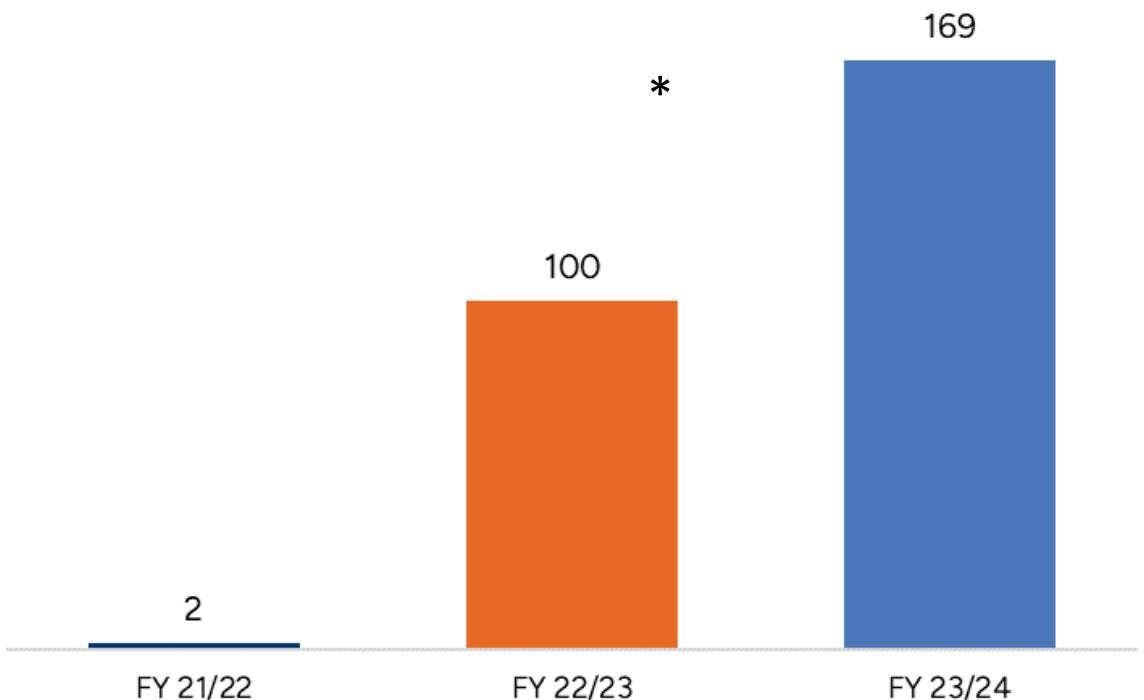
- 1 SYTF Commitments
- 2 Step Downs from SYTFs to LRPs
- 3 Youth Adjudicated for 707(b) Offenses
- 4 Youth Adjudicated for PC § 290.008 Offenses
- 5 Transfer to Adult Court: Hearings Ordered and Held
- 6 Transfers to Adult Court

The number of SYTF commitments increased over the three fiscal years, increasing from 237 in FY 21/22 to 386 in FY 23/24.



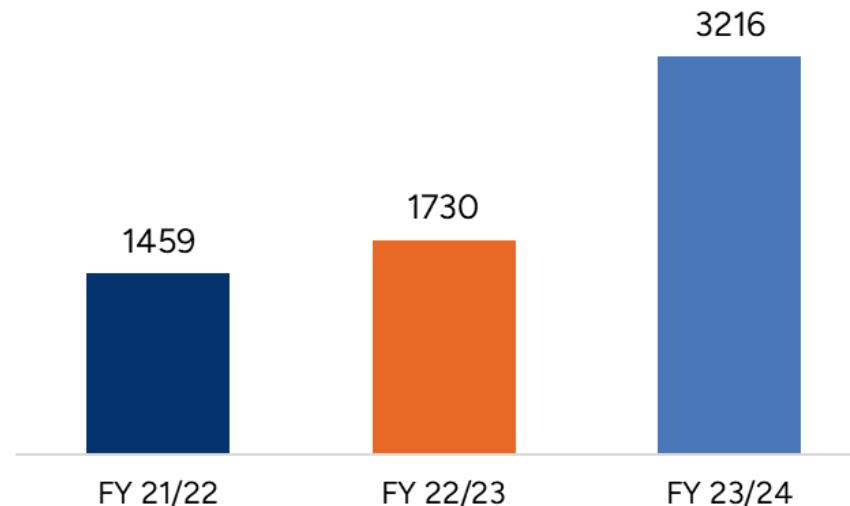
* In FY 2022/23 an additional 140 SYTF commitments were the result of youth returning from DJJ after its full closure.

Across the three fiscal years, counties show an increase in the use of LRPs, with growing numbers of youth stepping down from STYFs into less restrictive placements.

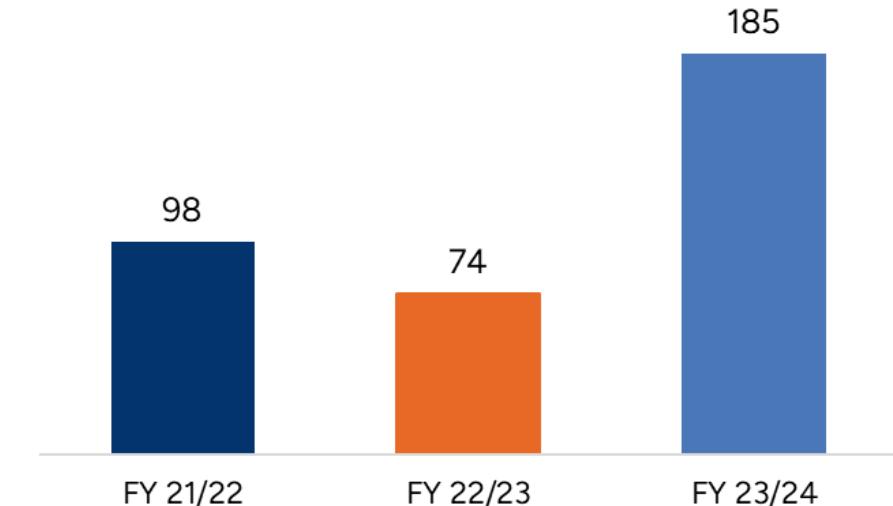


707(b) and PC 290.008 Offenses

707(b) Offenses

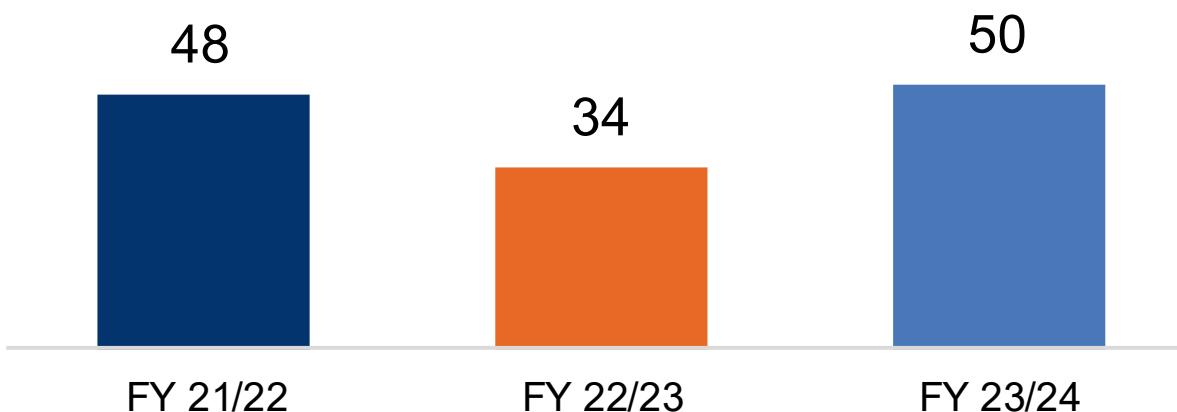


PC 290.008 Offenses



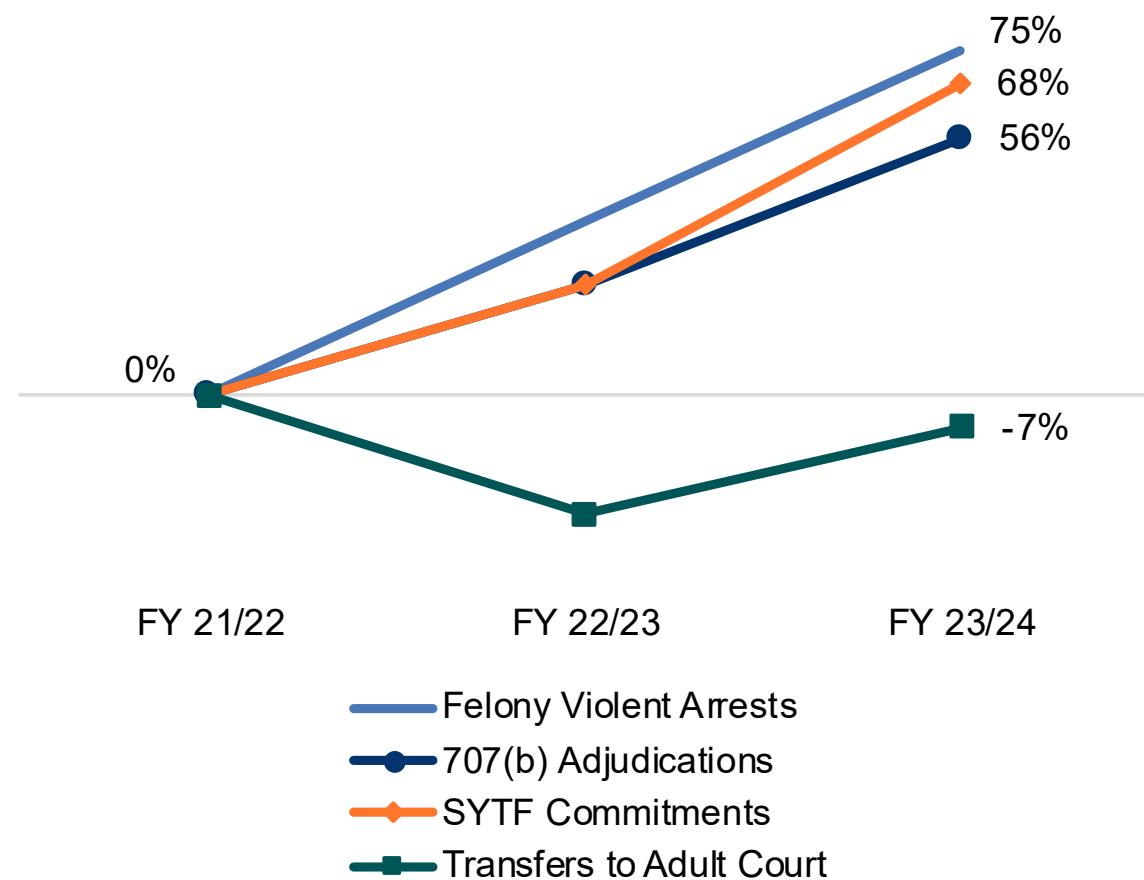
Although overall Transfers to Adult Court are low, the data shows fluctuation across the three fiscal years.

Transfer to Adult Court

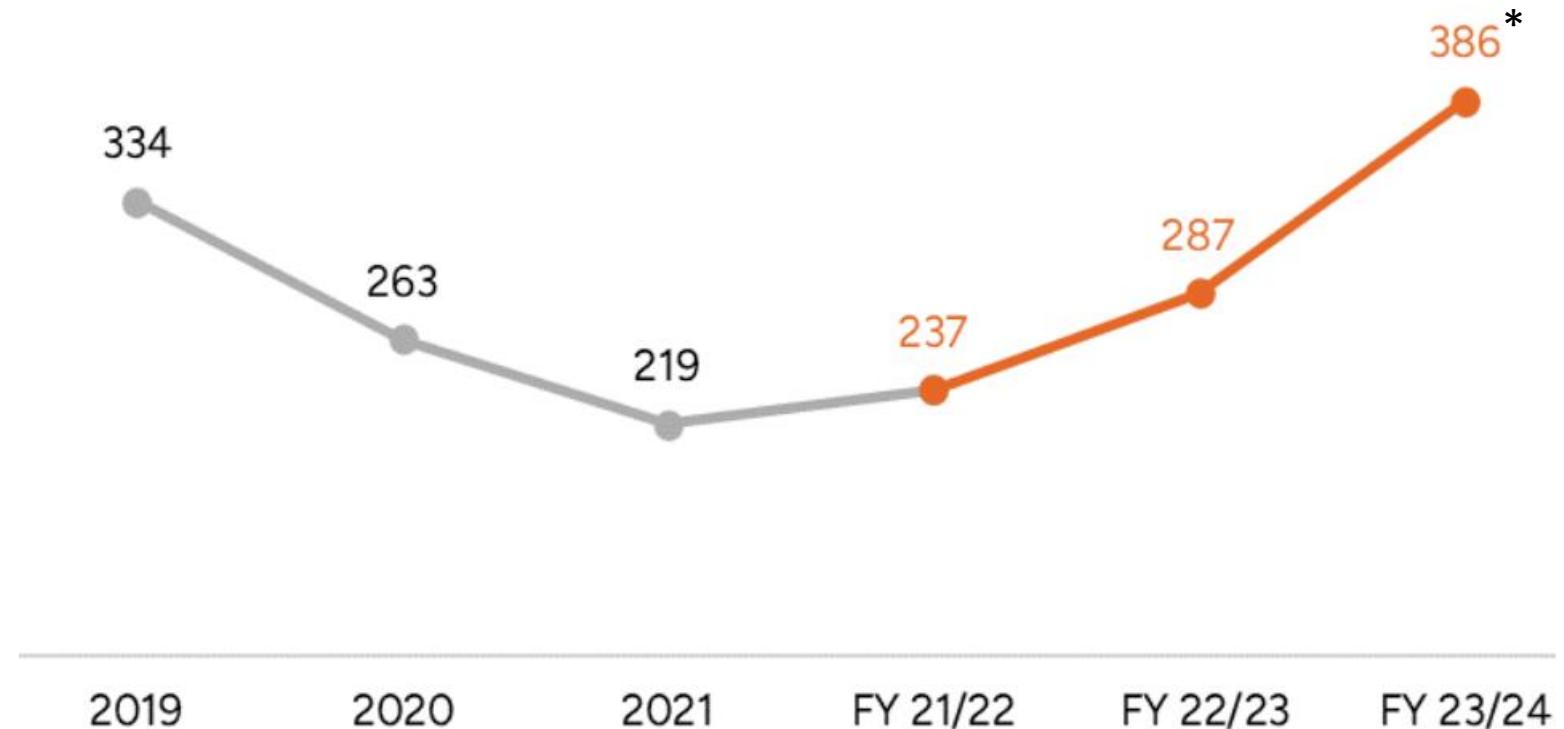


The % increases of 707(b) adjudications (56%) and SYTF commitments (68%) are lower than the % increase for violent felony arrests (75%) over the three-year period.

Statewide Percent Changes (excluding LA County)
FY 2021/22 to FY 2023/24



DJJ and SYTF Commitments: 2019 – FY 23/24



* In FY 23/24 there were 59 individuals aged 20 and over committed to an SYTF, compared to FY 2021/22 when there were 19 people aged 20 and over committed to an SYTF. At least some, if not all, of this increase may be the result of legislation, such as Assembly Bill 2361 passed in 2023, which raised the legal standard and shifted the burden of proof for transfers to adult court and can be applied retroactively, allowing some to return to the juvenile system.

Net Widening?

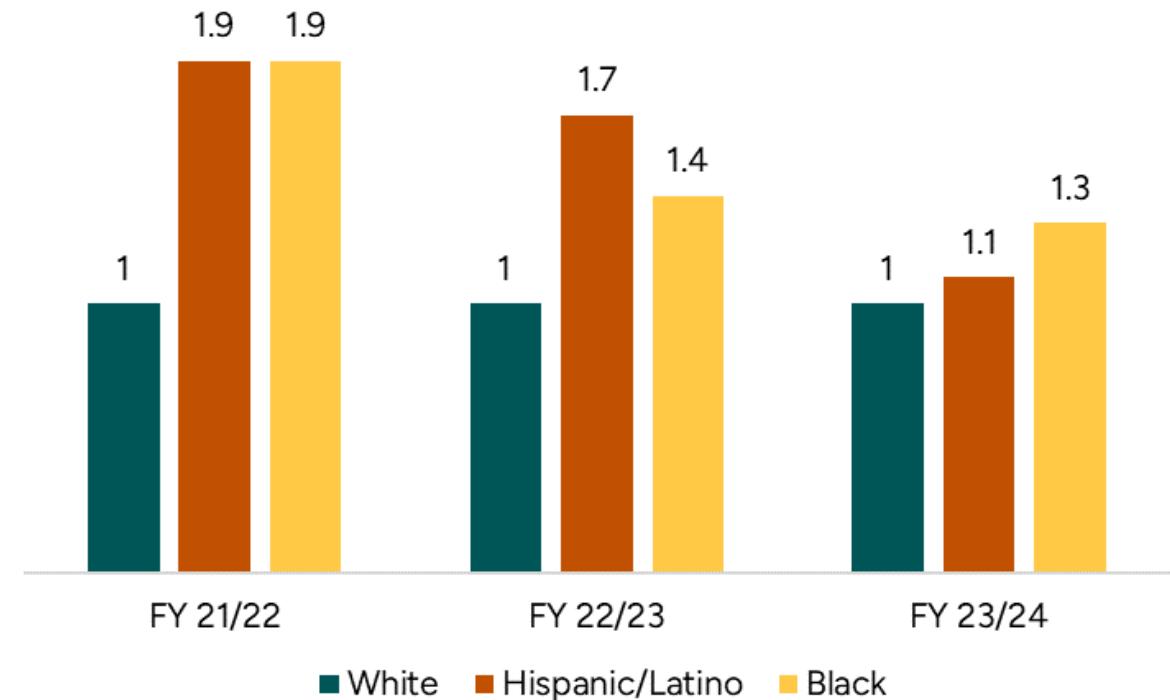
There is not clear evidence of net widening since implementation of SB 823, however the phenomena must continue to be monitored.

- 1 A deeper examination of the factors that have resulted in increased youth violent felony arrest rates, 707(b) adjudications, and SYTF commitments should be explored.
- 2 Further examinations of county level length of stays in SYTF facilities and the use of LRPs would provide a more complete picture of SB 823 implementation.
- 3 Examining case files to understand the seriousness of the offenses committed, as well as charging and adjudication practices, would help uncover whether shifts in youth behavior, shifts in system responses, or some combination of both are driving increases in 707(b) adjudications and SYTF commitments.

Racial Disparities persist in CA Juvenile Justice System

- 1 Black and Hispanic/Latino youth are consistently overrepresented in the juvenile justice system, with disparities widening as youth move deeper into the system
 - While smaller in number, American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) youth also experience similar patterns of disproportionate involvement
- 2 Overrepresentation is especially apparent when comparing:
 - Youth adjudicated for 707(b) offenses to those arrested for violent felonies
 - Youth committed to SYTFs to those adjudicated for 707(b) offenses
 - Youth transferred to adult court to all judicial determinations of whether or not to transfer a youth to the criminal justice system.

Racial Disparities in SYTF commitments decreased from FY 21/22 to FY 23/24.



What's Next?

AB 169 Data and Reporting

*AB 102 has sunset. AB 169 continues data collection on a biannual basis.

Go Ahead and Ask Your Questions!

Anything you'd like us to clarify or dig
into deeper?



Juvenile Justice Data Inventory Framework

- 1 Purpose and Overview
- 2 Data Sources and Utility
- 3 Next Steps and Dashboard Mockup

Purpose of the Data Inventory

- OYCR needs an integrated Juvenile Justice (JJ) data inventory to:
 - Support statewide standardization across AB 102, AB 169, JJCBA/YOBG, JJRBG, and other datasets.
 - Align California JJ data systems with national data sources for benchmarking and federal reporting.

Inventory Overview

CA / OYCR JJ Data

National JJ Data

Social & Environmental Data

- Covers over 40 datasets across California, national JJ systems, and social-environmental data sources.
- Organized into three major domains:
 1. OYCR/California JJ datasets
 2. National juvenile justice datasets
 3. Social, economic, environmental determinants datasets

California/OYCR Data Sources

- AB 102 SYTF data and dashboard
- AB 169 expanded JJ data collection authority
- JJCPA/YOBG plans, expenditure reports, statewide report
- JJRBG SB 823 realignment plans
- Juvenile Reentry Grant (JRG) data
- Ending Girls' Incarceration (EGI) initiative data

California/CHHS Data Sources

- Medi-Cal Behavioral Health (youth-focused metrics)
- Medi-Cal youth enrollment data
- CWS/CMS (foster youth) dashboard data
- Juvenile dependency court measures
- Homeless youth and education stability data
- Developmental disability services data (DDS)

National Juvenile Justice Sources

- OJJDP Easy Access datasets (EZAPOP, EZAJCS, EZACO)
- National Juvenile Court Data Archive
- Vera Institute incarceration databases
- KIDS COUNT national child well-being system

Social & Environmental Data Sources

- American Community Survey (ACS)
- SAIPE poverty estimates
- PLACES public health indicators
- CalEnviroScreen 4.0
- HUD AFFH opportunity indicators
- Opportunity Atlas (long-term intergenerational outcomes)

Other Frameworks: Less Chutes, More Ladders

Family Supports

School Climate

Community
Stressors

Economic
Hardship

Policing Exposure

- Introduces an ecological and structural risk model for youth outcomes.
- Used to categorize upstream risk factors in community, school, family, and economic domains.
- Helps OYCR frame data beyond system touchpoints, toward root causes and protective factors.

How the Inventory Will Be Used

- To standardize reporting across counties.
- To improve completeness, accuracy, and comparability of JJ data statewide.
- To support dashboards, legislative reports, and research initiatives.
- To guide cross-system data-sharing agreements with CHHS, CDE, and counties.

Benefits to OYCR

County Submissions

Standardization &
Validation

Integration Into
Dashboard

Reporting & Insights

- Stronger statewide oversight through consolidated, validated data.
- Visibility into SYTF, LRP, community supervision, and prevention programs.
- Ability to produce real-time insights through integrated dashboards.
- Improved capacity for evaluation, program monitoring, and funding decisions.

Benefits to Counties

- Clear expectations for data submission and granularity.
- Reduced redundancy across JJCPA, YOBG, JJRBG, and AB 102 reporting.
- Access to standardized tools, definitions, and dashboards.
- Support for local continuous improvement and quality assurance.

Implementation Considerations

- Ensuring data quality: timeliness, validation, completeness.
- Coordinating multiple reporting cycles (JJCPA/YOBG, AB 102, AB 169, JJRBG).
- Developing user-friendly dashboards and guidance materials.

Next Steps

- Finalize inventory and metadata dictionary.
- Develop crosswalks between AB 102, AB 169, JJCPA/YOBG, and JJRBG.
- Create integrated annual data submission templates.
- Build the statewide OYCR JJ data dashboard.

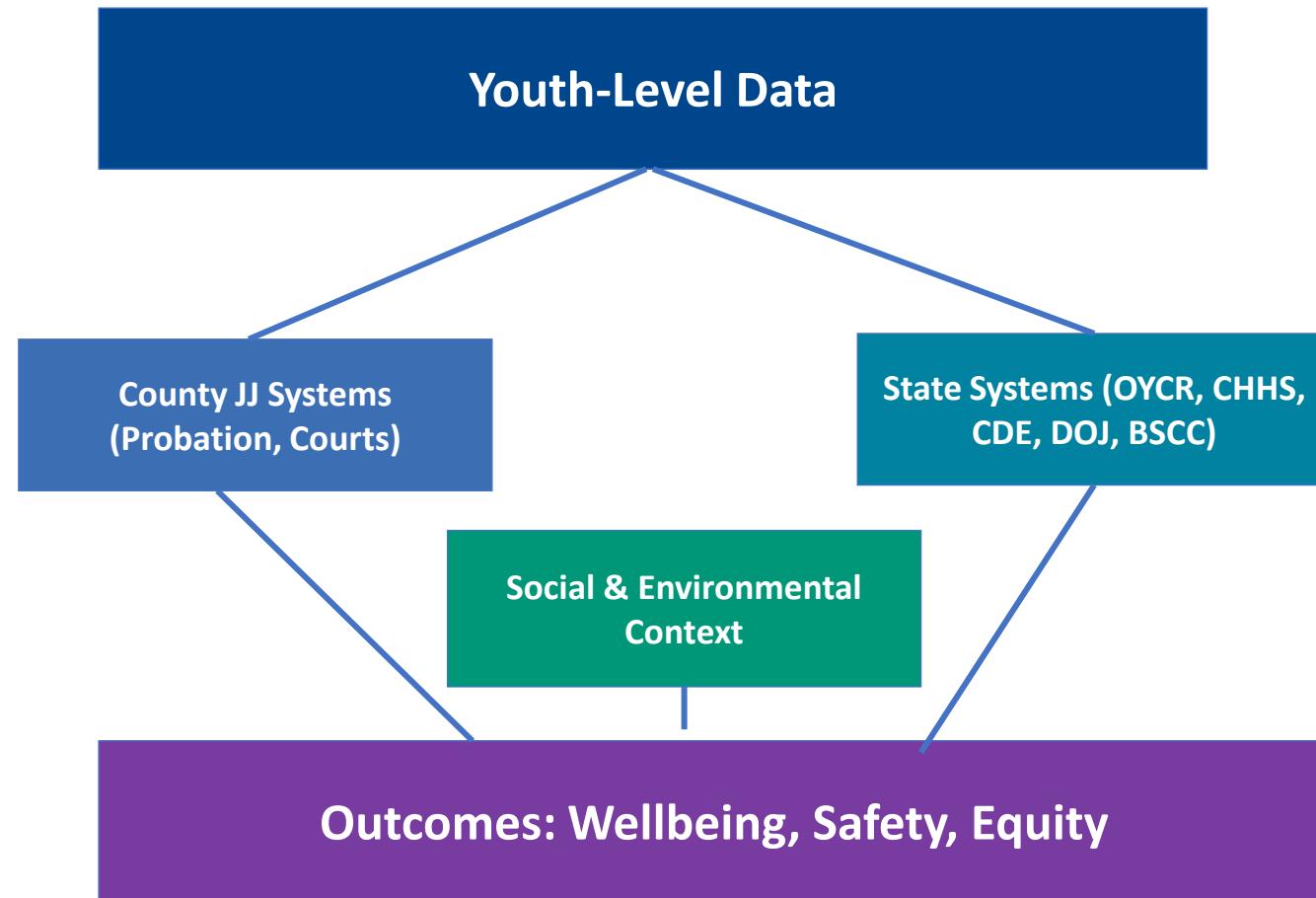
Next Steps

- Socialize design with external and internal stakeholders
 - Gathering input/feedback and design clarity and use cases

In Summary

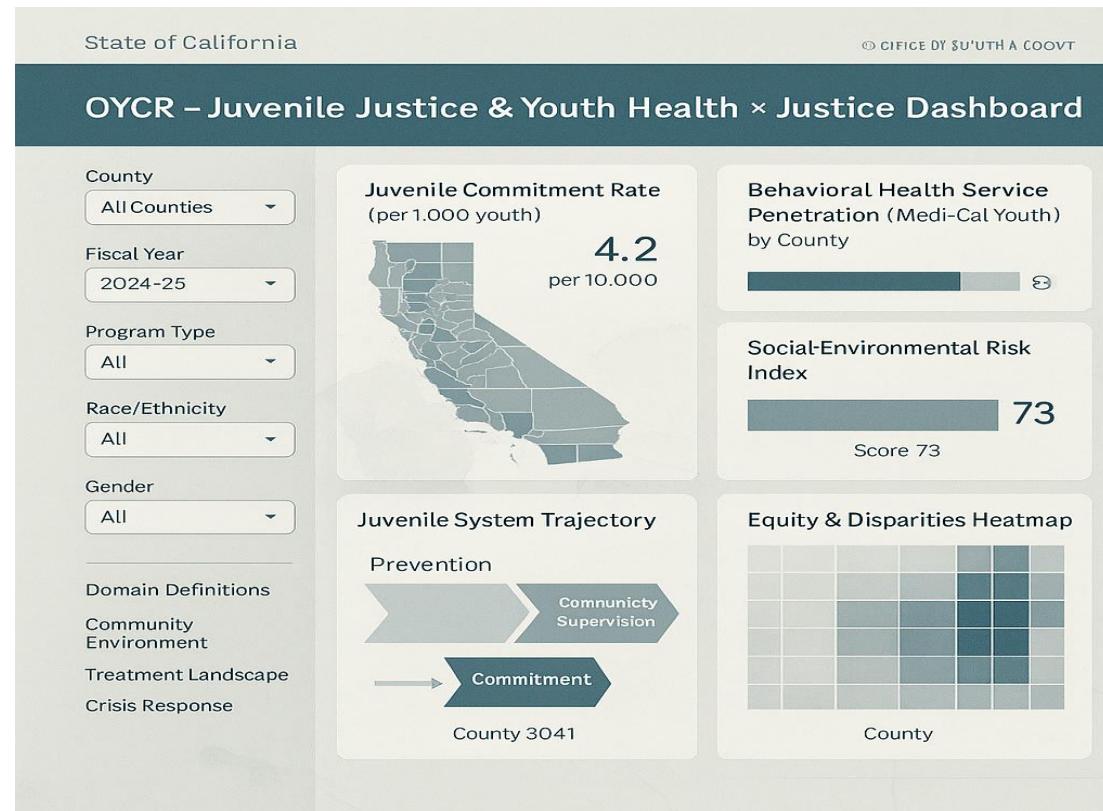
- The JJ Data Inventory is a foundation for a unified statewide juvenile justice data infrastructure.
- It supports accountability, transparency, and better outcomes for youth.

California Juvenile Justice Data Ecosystem



Dashboard Mockup – Public Health Meets Public Safety Style

- Concept dashboard (not real data) modeled after CDCR CCJBH's 'Public Health Meets Public Safety' design, adapted for OYCR's juvenile justice and youth health data.



Discussion

- We talked about available data, but what data points are we missing?
 - Litigation/Court Data
 - Petitions
 - Case Dispositions
 - Enhancements
 - Justice Outcome Disparity analysis
 - Recidivism



Questions?

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Presentation and Discussion on YJC Priority Areas

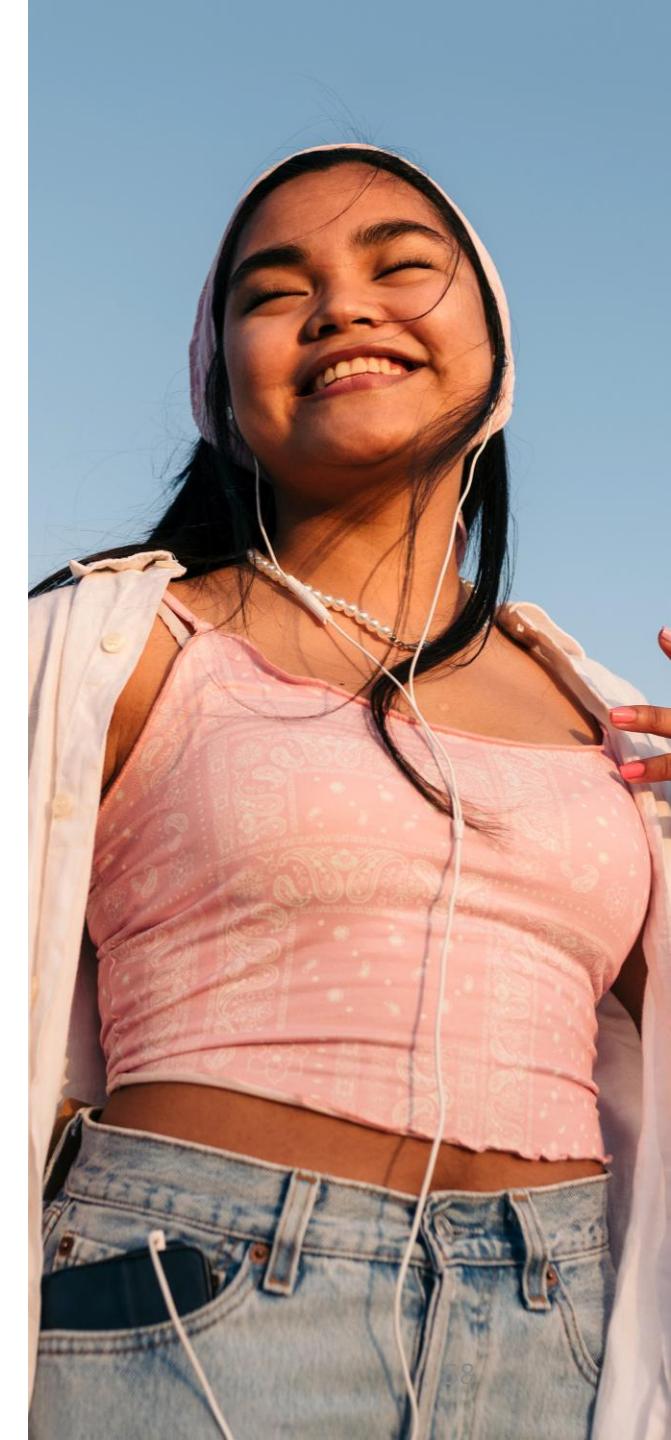
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Exploring Diversion in California

- Aligns with OYCR's vision to decrease low-risk youth involvement in the justice system.
- Diversion prevents system involvement for youth by addressing needs before arrest.
- Focus on pre-arrest diversion — connecting law enforcement encounters to community-based organizations (CBOs). Law Enforcement referred and CBO lead.
- Scan current models of diversion and lift best practices to scale in California.

Introduction to the CYPSI Project

- Led by CSG Justice Center in partnership with California and five other states.
- Goal: Develop and implement statewide, multisystem strategies for youth safety and diversion.
- Core components include early intervention, violence prevention, and recidivism reduction.



Scaling Diversion: California's Youth Justice Future

- Vision: A coordinated, community-first youth safety network where early intervention replaces detention.
- Strengthen state-local partnerships through shared goals and sustainable funding.
- Data-driven accountability: track diversion outcomes, CBO impact, and youth wellbeing.
- Long-term aim: Every young person connected to care, not courts.

Scaling Diversion: Current Funding to Inform the Future

Proposition 47: BSCC awarded \$167 million in grants to 23 grantees statewide.

BSCC Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program: Supports culturally grounded, community-based diversion for tribal youth.

SB 823 County Realignment plans/JJCPA-YOBG who have a diversion plan: Alameda, Imperial, Los Angeles, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey,.. Nevada, and Orange County

Title II funding (2023-2026): Statewide support for diversion and youth development projects

OYCR End of Girls Initiative: 4 CBOS (Imperial, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego)

Elevating Best Practices

Centinela Youth Services (CYS) – Los Angeles: Youth diversion and restorative justice programs.

CCEJ – Long Beach: Healing-Centered Restorative Youth Diversion model.

Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) – Santa Clara: Court diversion and youth mentorship.

PESA – Los Angeles: Volunteer-supported diversion education programs.

Restorative Community Conferencing – Alameda & Contra Costa: Restorative alternatives to juvenile detention.

Reedley Peace Building Initiative (RPBI) - Police and school referrals to restorative processes instead of citation, arrest, or exclusionary discipline.

Guest Presentation

Transitional Youth Internship Model

Kindful Restoration Youth Diversion Program: Building
Career Pathways for Justice-Involved Youth



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Public Comment



Announcements and Adjourn

Meeting Dates for 2026

YJC

- March 11, 2026
- June 10, 2026
- September 9, 2026
- December 9, 2026