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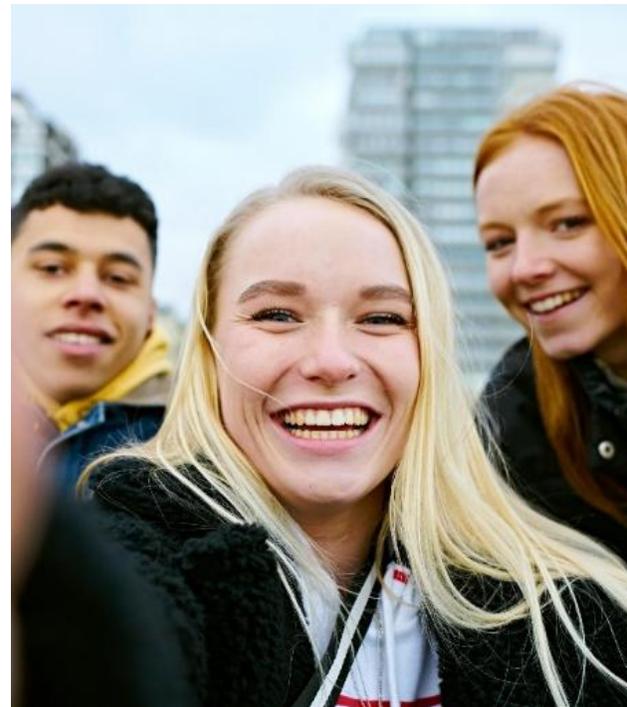
Youth Justice Committee

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
- **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
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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





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YJC-CWC: CBO Capacity Development Workgroup

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OYCR's Capacity Building Workgroup:

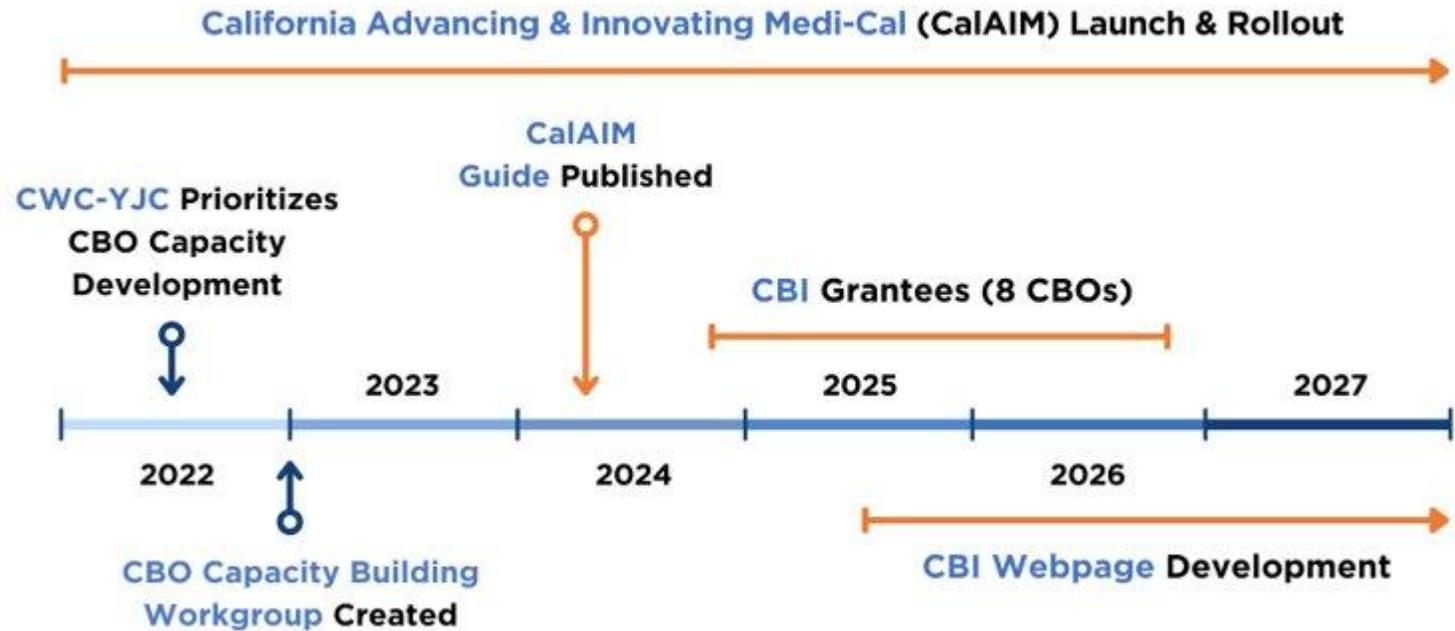
OYCR's Capacity Building Workgroup envisions a California where youth are supported through — and engaged with — communities that promote trauma-informed, culturally relevant services for their children.

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

CBO-CBI Timeline:

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





Next Step: 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 will be restructuring to be entirely run by community-based organizations.

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





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.

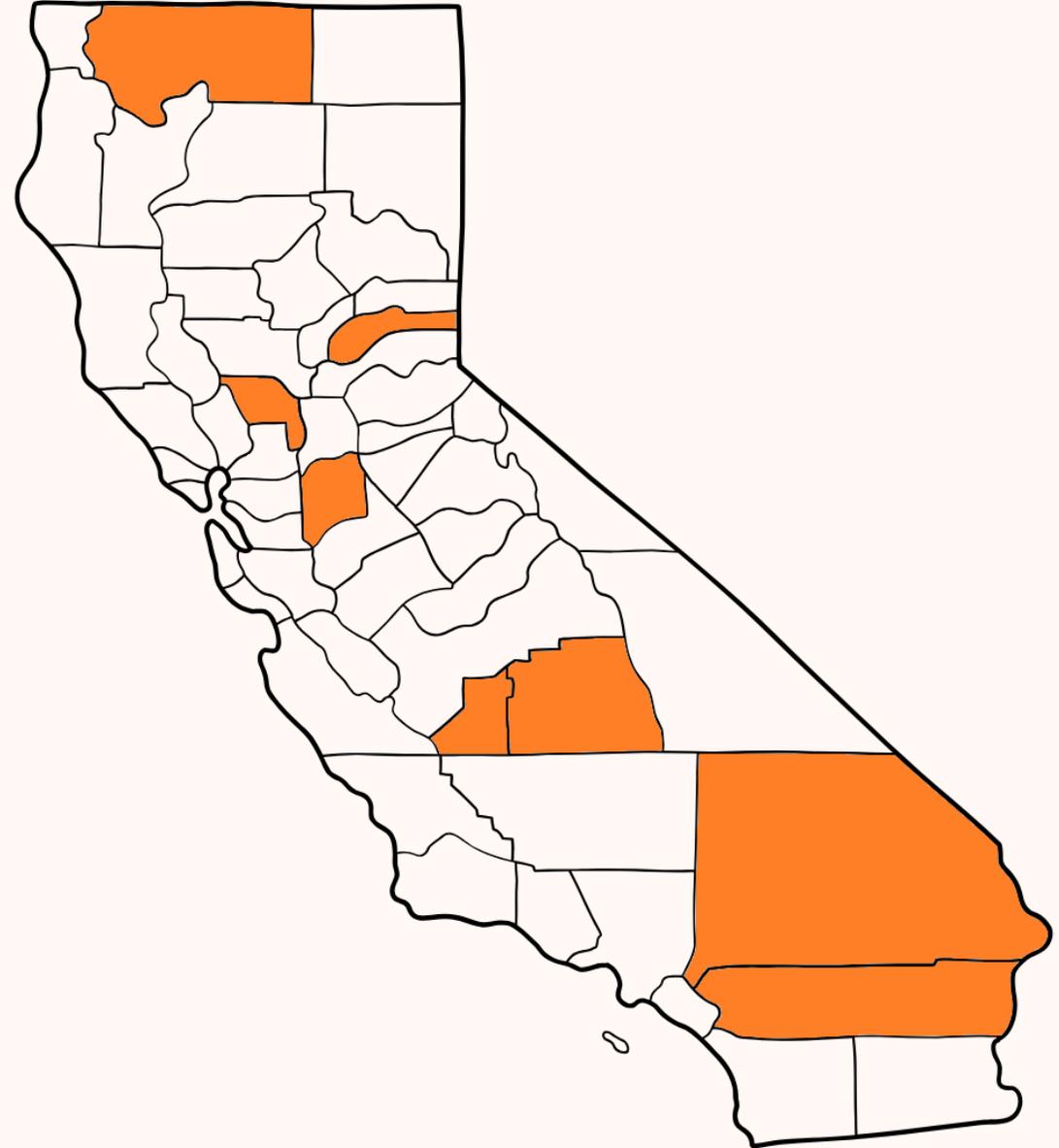
Through technical assistance and participating in a peer-to-peer community of practice, CBI grantees will learn to prioritize their fund development and organizational sustainability, with a goal of improving their ability to deliver services to youth involved in California's justice system.

The 8 CBOs awarded a capacity building grant were:

- Three Sisters Garden
- Amelia Ann Adams Whole Life Center
- Spearitwurx
- Bright Futures for Youth
- Restore 180
- Operation New Hope
- Kindful Restoration
- 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**)





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Questions?



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Guest Presentation

Kindful Restoration

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

January 2026



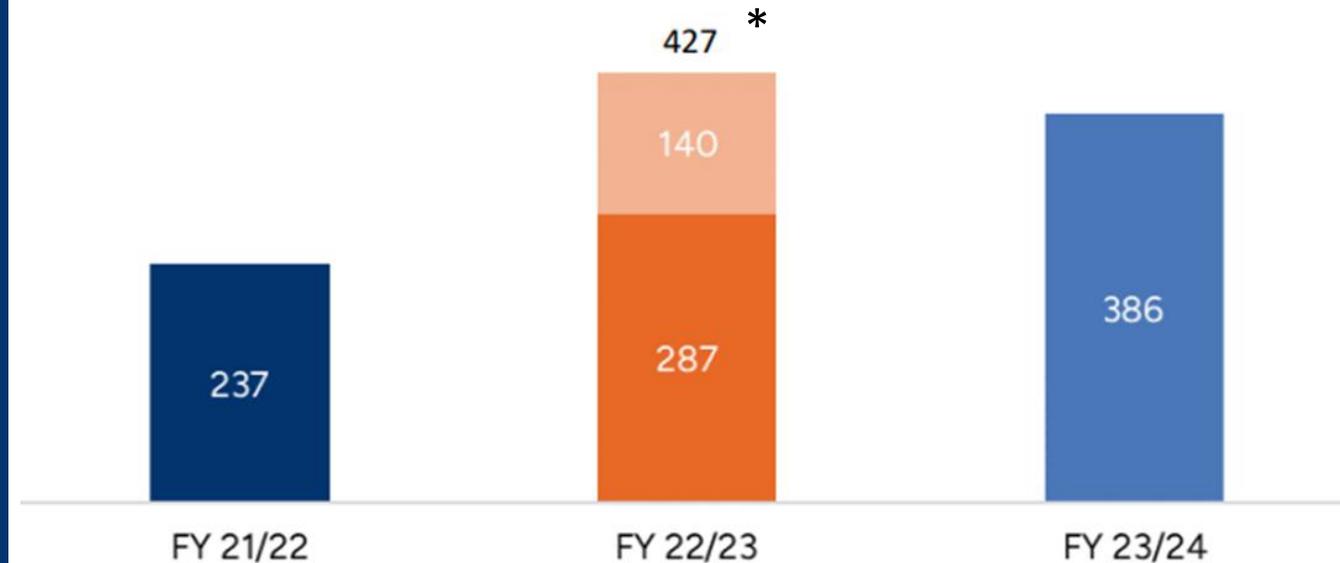
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AB 102 Data Elements

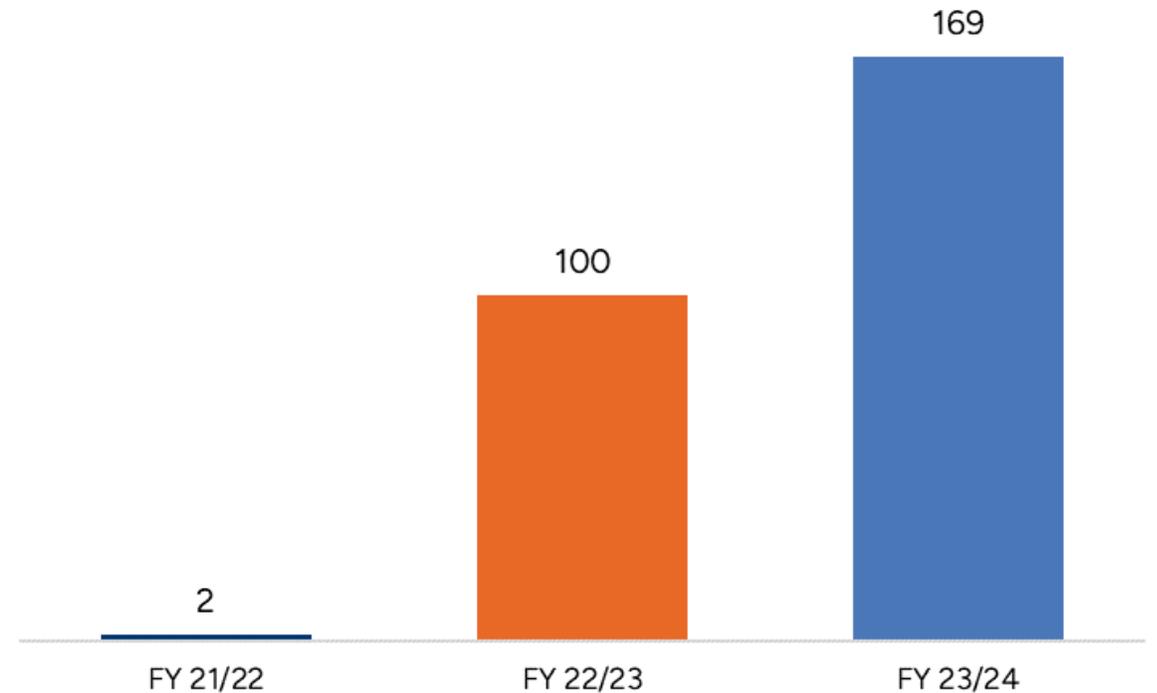
- 1 SYTF Commitments
- 2 Step Downs from SYTFs to LRPs
- 3 Youth Adjudicated for 707(b) Offenses
- 4 Youth Adjudicated for PC § 290.008 Offenses
- 5 Transfer to Adult Court: Hearings Ordered and Held
- 6 Transfers to Adult Court

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



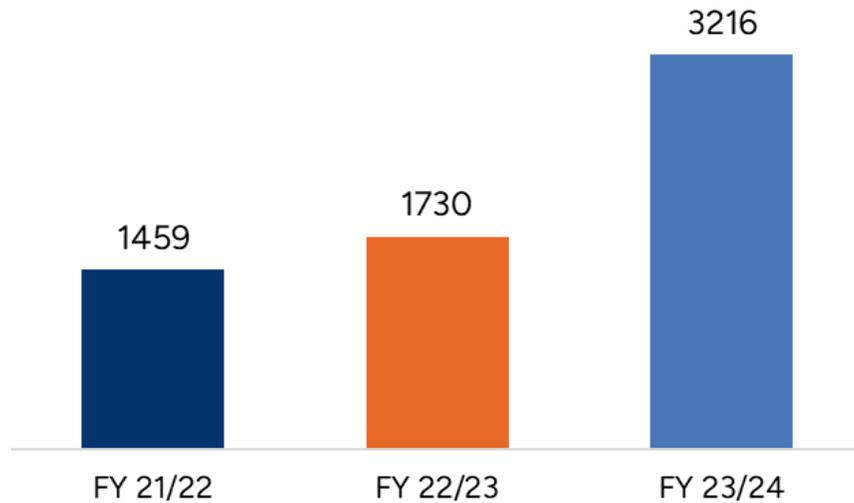
* In FY 2022/23 an additional 140 SYTF commitments were the result of youth returning from DJJ after its full closure.

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.

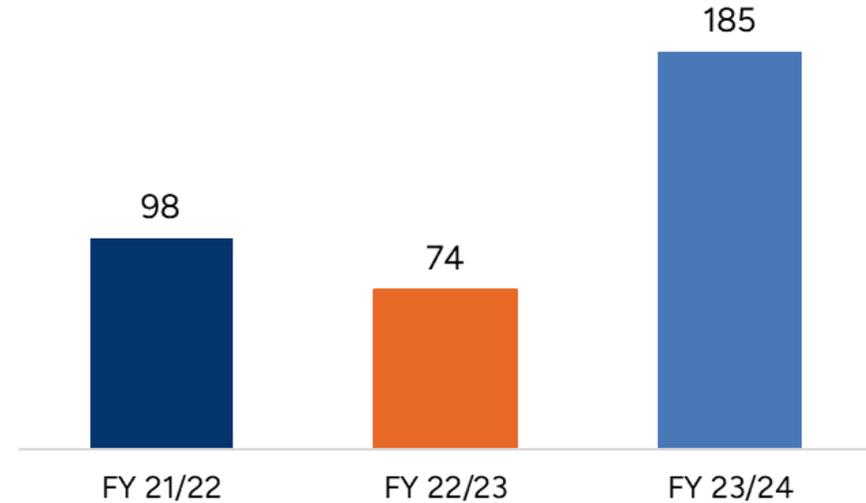


707(b) and PC 290.008 Offenses

707(b) Offenses

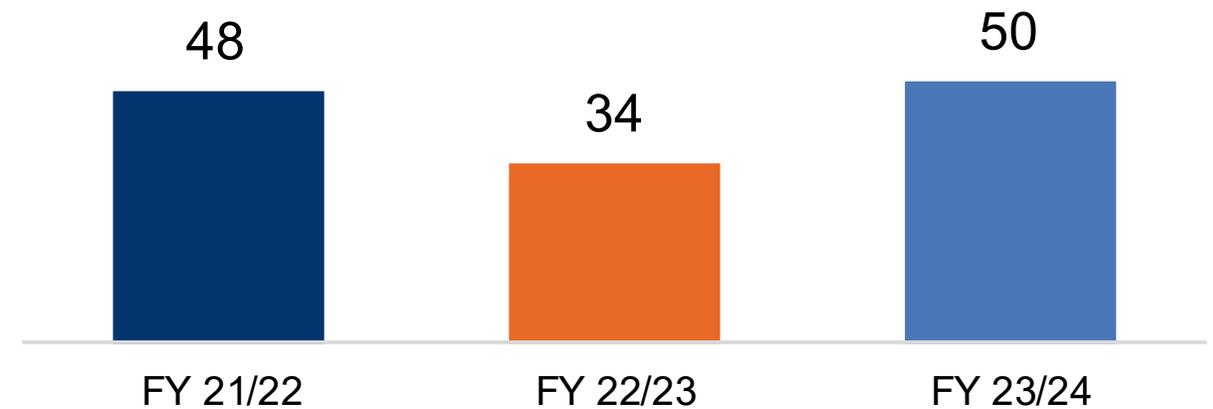


PC 290.008 Offenses



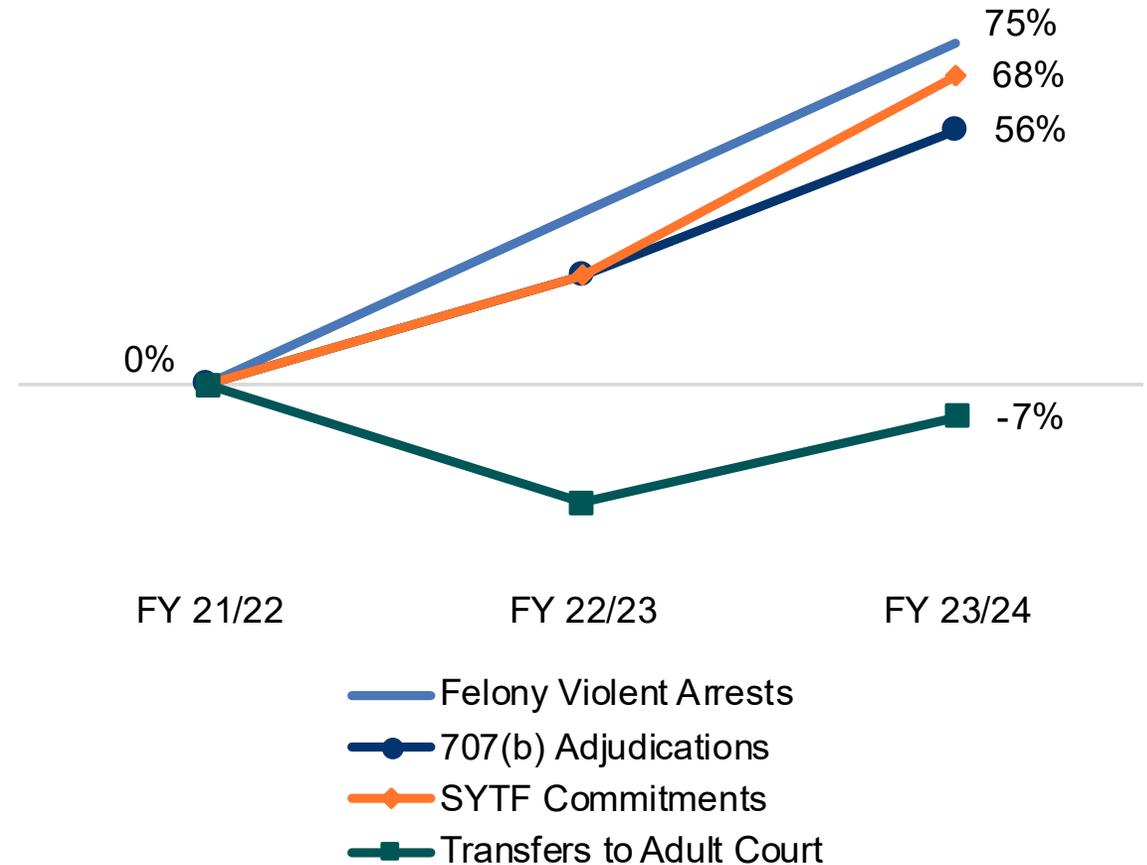
Although overall Transfers to Adult Court are low, the data shows fluctuation across the three fiscal years.

Transfer to Adult Court

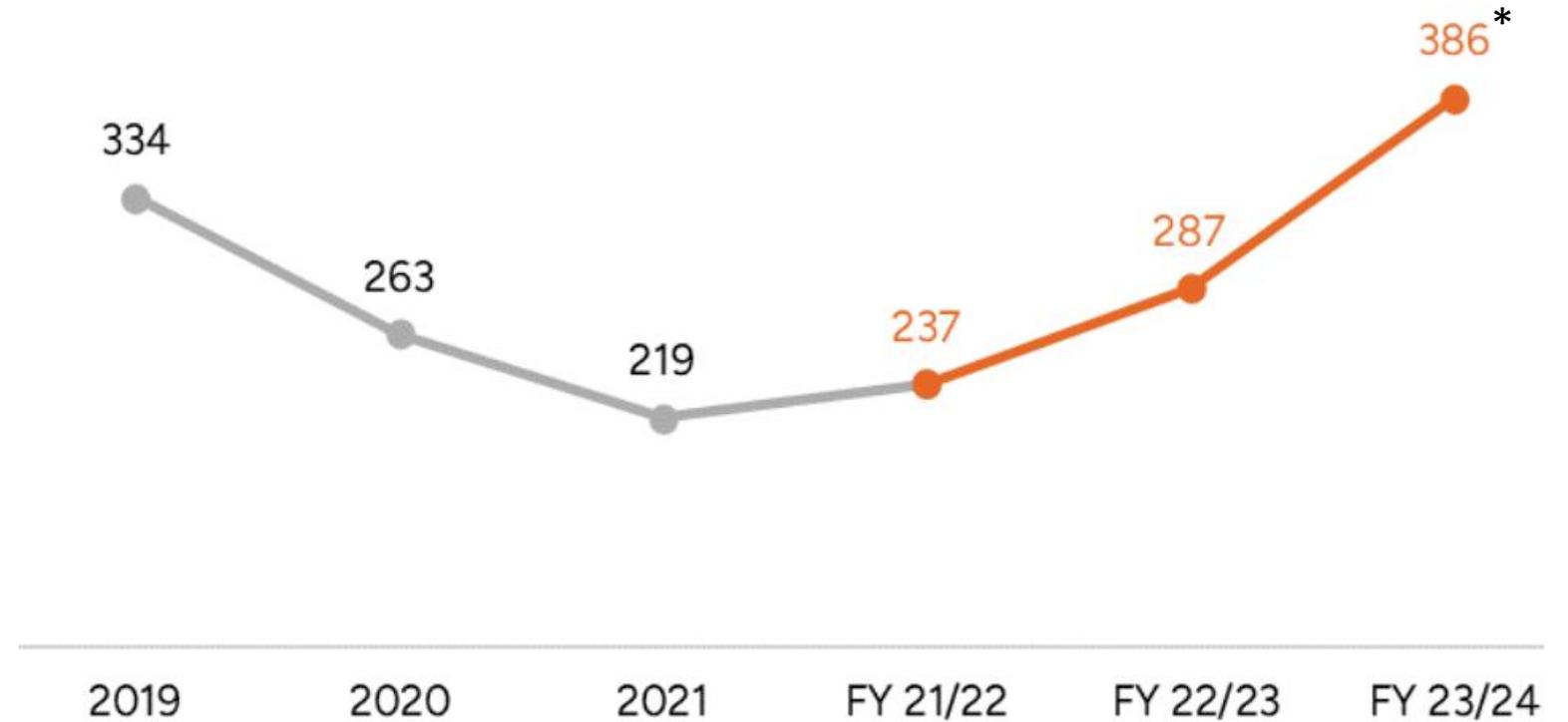


The % increases of 707(b) adjudications (56%) and SYTF commitments (68%) are lower than the % increase for violent felony arrests (75%) over the three-year period.

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?

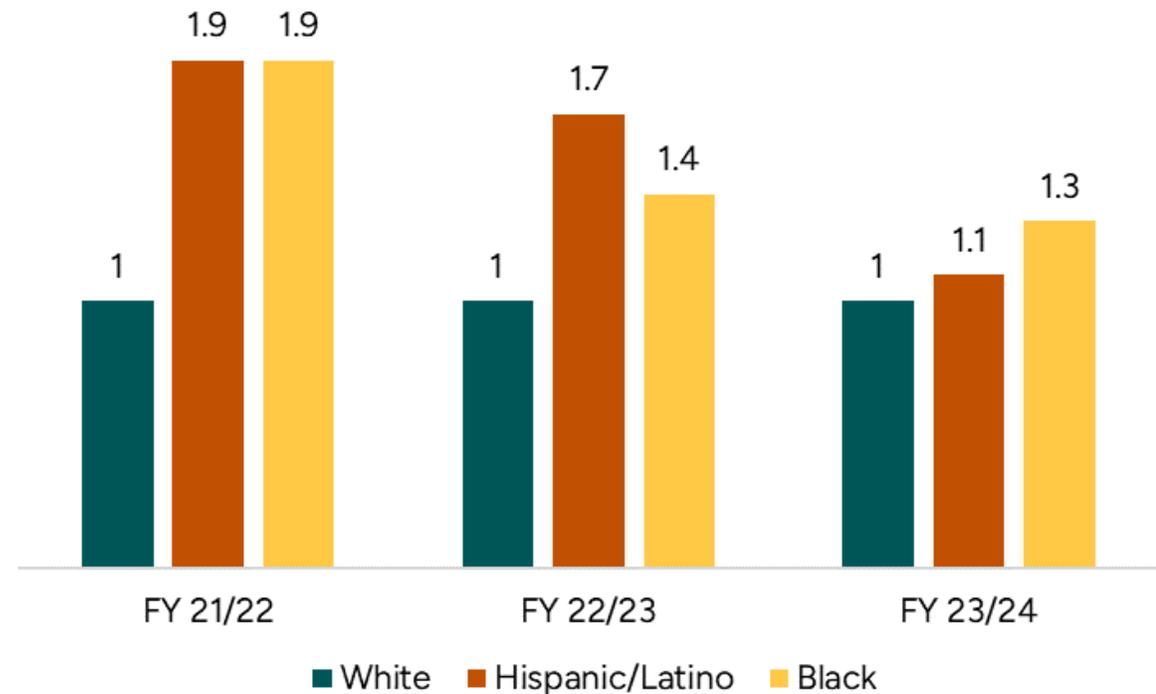
There is not clear evidence of net widening since implementation of SB 823, however the phenomena must continue to be monitored.

- 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.



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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, JJCPA/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

Wellness, Health and Safety

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

National Juvenile Justice Sources

- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Easy Access datasets (EZAPOPOP, EZAJCS, EZACO)
- DOJ National Juvenile Arrest and Court Data
- 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.
- Build the statewide OYCR JJ data dashboard.

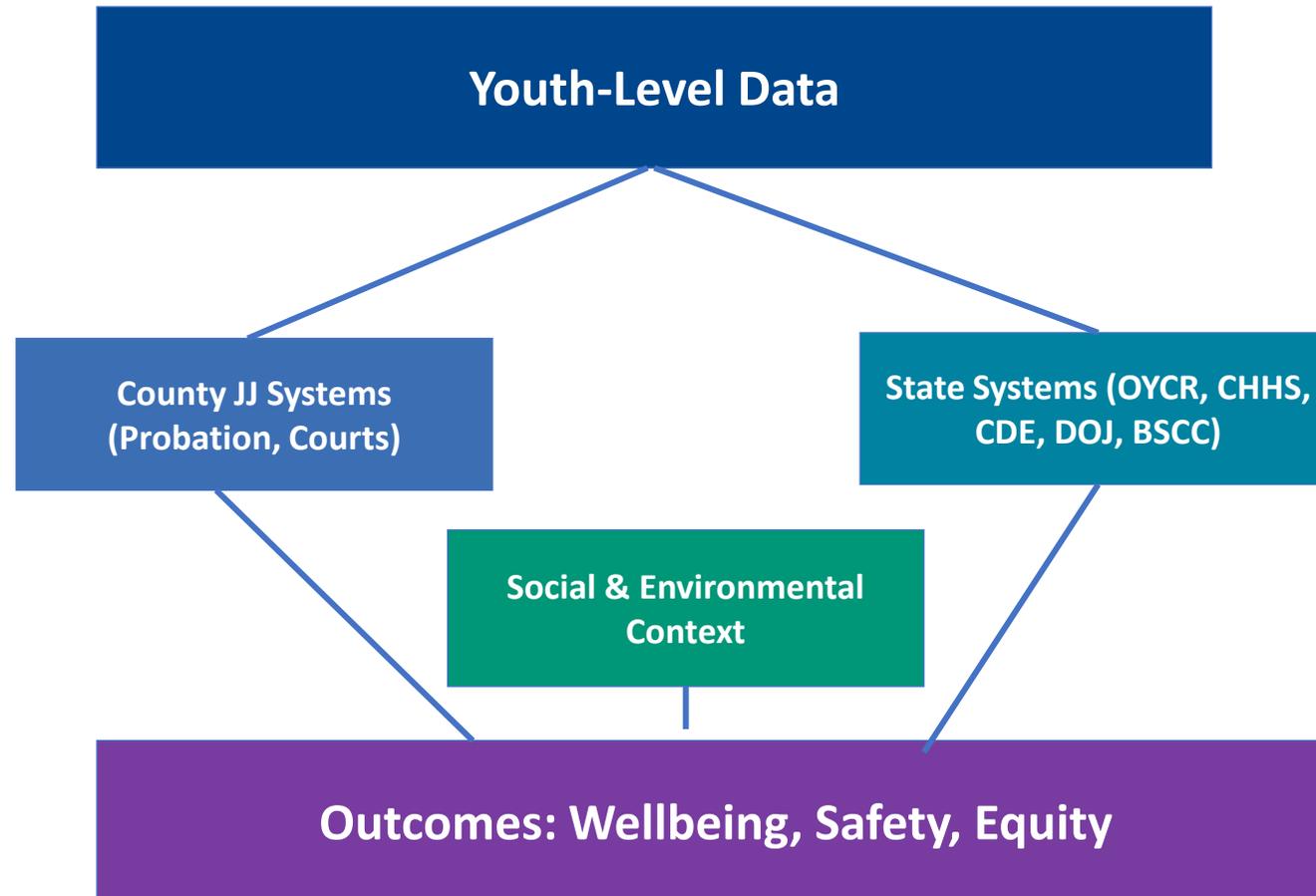
Next Steps

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

In Summary

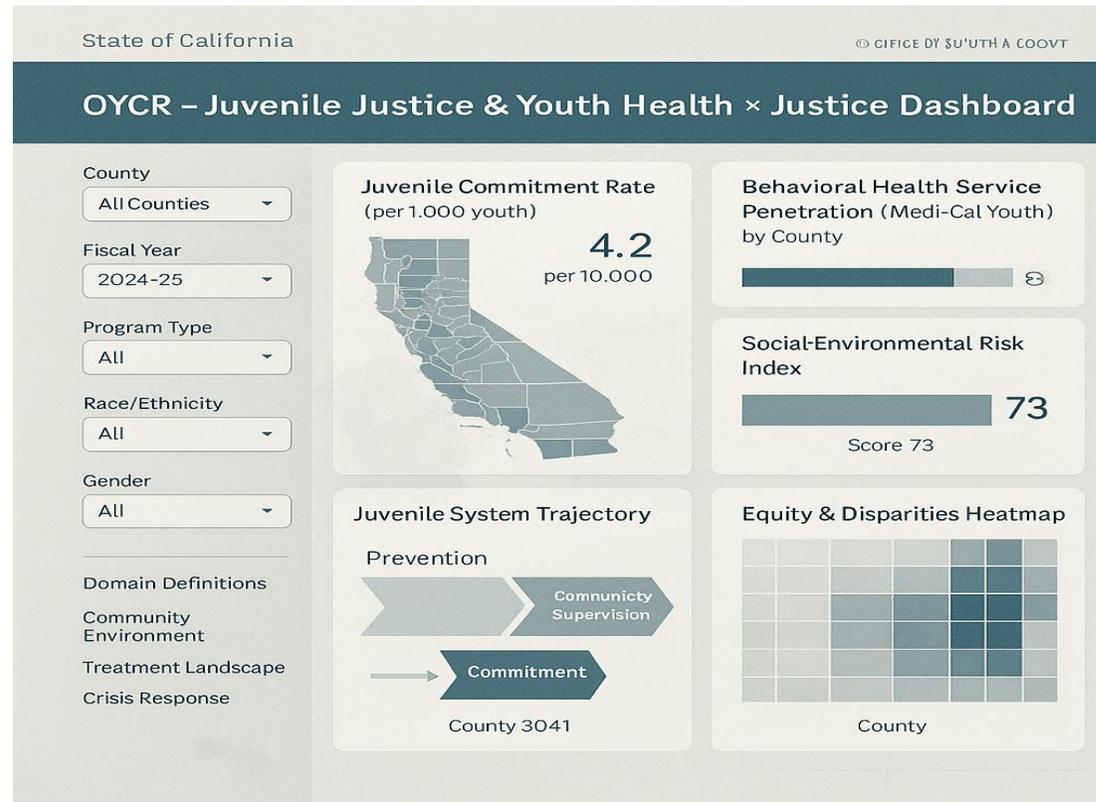
- The JJ Data Inventory will create a foundation for a unified statewide juvenile justice data infrastructure.
- It will support accountability, transparency, and better outcomes for youth.

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

Discussion Snapshot

OYCR Juvenile Justice Data

- AB 102/169
 - SYTF
 - Adjudications (707b & PC 290.008)
 - Step-Down
 - Adult Court
- JJCPA-YOBG
- JJRBG
- JRG

Cross-System Context

- Justice
- Health
- Education
- Child Welfare
- Housing

Community & Structural Conditions

- Poverty
- Environment
- Opportunity
- Policing



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Presentation and Discussion on YJC Priority Areas

Youth Justice Diversion and CBOs Statewide Efforts

Exploring Diversion in California

- Pre-system diversion prevents system involvement for youth by addressing needs before arrest.
 - Law Enforcement referred and CBO lead.
 - Prevent youth from having any formal contact with the juvenile system (no arrest, no court filing, no probation involvement)
- Court-ordered or post-contact diversion
 - Programs that occur after a youth has entered the system (e.g., arrest, citation, referral to probation, or court involvement), often as a condition of supervision or a deferred adjudication.

Collaborating for Youth and Public Safety Initiative (CYPSI) Project

- CSG Justice Center is 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.



CA Diversion Investments: Past and 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.

Scaling Diversion: California's Youth Justice Future

- Vision: A coordinated, community-led 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.



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Guest Presentation

Transitional Youth Internship Model

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



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Member Discussion



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Public Comment



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Announcements and Adjourn

Meeting Dates for 2026

YJC

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