Office of Youth & Community Restoration (OYCR)

Child Welfare Council OYCR Subcommittee March 29, 2022

OYCR's Aspirations

1. Each person is valued for what they bring to this committee.

2. Focus on how all roles can uplift and support our young people and their families.

3. It is okay to not know everything at this moment in time.

4. Actively listen and reflect on the opinions and suggestions of all participants.

5. Be strength based; encourage creativity.

6. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

INTRODUCTIONS

- Katherine Lucero, OYCR Director
- Alisa Hartz, OYCR Counsel
- Alani Jackson, OYCR Deputy Director (April 25)
- Rochelle Trochtenberg, OYCR Special Consultant
- Marc Buller, OYCR Special Consultant
- Committee Members; Ex Officio and State Government participants
- Members of the public (if desired in chat)

Name, Organization, Pronouns

Prompt: One Sentence On Why this Work is Important to You

OYCR Background

- Created by SB 823
- "It is the intent of the Legislature and the administration for counties to use evidence-based and promising practices and programs that improve the outcomes of youth and public safety, reduce the transfer of youth into the adult criminal justice system, ensure that dispositions are in the least restrictive appropriate environment, reduce and then eliminate racial and ethnic disparities, and reduce the use of confinement in the juvenile justice system by utilizing community-based responses and interventions." (SB 823, Section 1)



OYCR MISSION AND MANDATES



CLOSE TO HOME



Age-Appropriate Treatment





Evidence Based/Least Restrictive





OYCR Mission

"[T]o promote trauma responsive, culturally informed services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system that support the youths' successful transition into adulthood and help them become responsible, thriving, and engaged members of their communities." (WIC 2200(b))

OYCR Mandates: Best Practices

- "Identify policy recommendations for improved outcomes and integrated programs and services to best support delinquent youth." (WIC 2200(c)(2))
- Identify and disseminate best practices to help inform rehabilitative and restorative youth practices, including education, diversion, re-entry, religious and victims' services. (WIC 2200(c)(2))

OYCR Mandates: County Support

OYCR Mandates: Data, Research, Reporting

OYCR Mandates: Ombudsman Unit



OYCR Mandates: Concurrence with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) on grants



OYCR Mandates: Concurrence with BSCC on Facility Standard Regulations

OYCR Mandates: County Realignment Plans

Goals: 1. Keep youth in JJ arena 2. No net widening 3. Successful Reentry

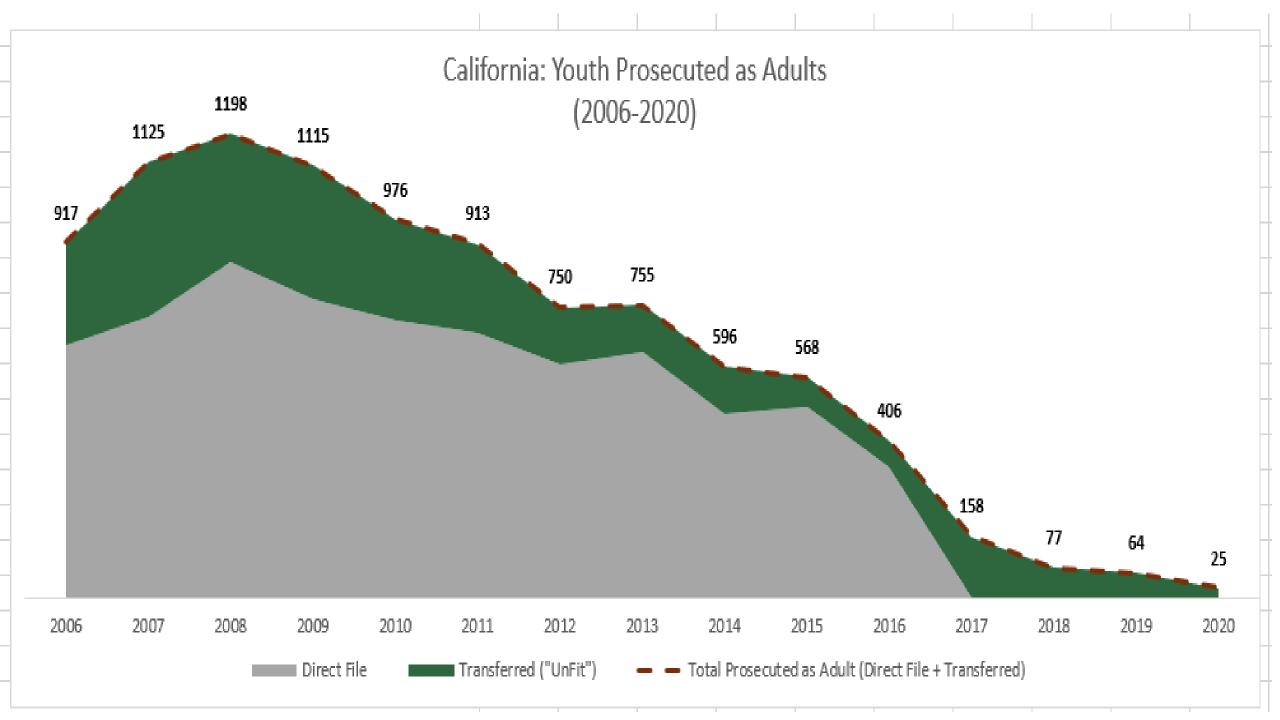
Judicial Officers, District Attorneys, Probation, Behavioral Health, Child Protection Services, Victim Witness, Defense Counsel

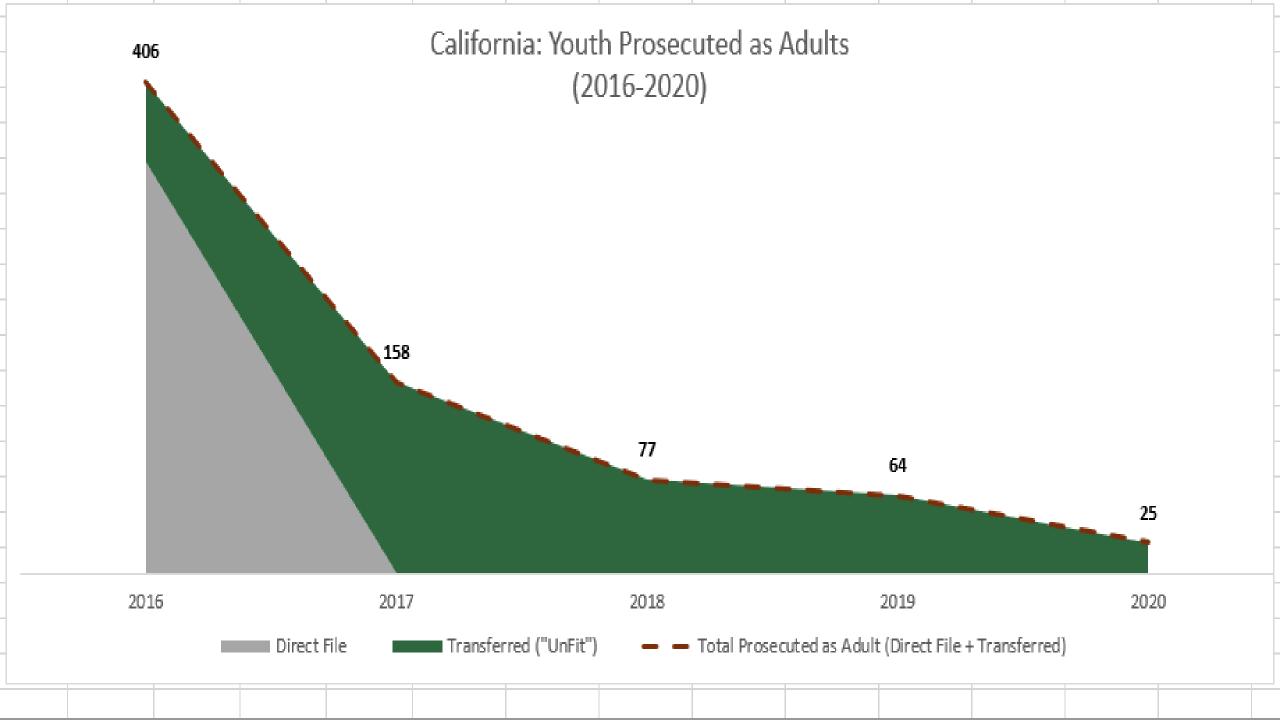
Family engagement, youth voice, victim voice, restorative justice, Youth Advocates

Positive Youth Development FOCUS

Building an alternative to Adult Court in each county/region

Community Based Interventions/Prior, During and Upon Reentry from Incarceration





Building Our Team



Vision of team



Approach to Team Building



Current Team

Director

Counsel

Agency support

Consultants

OYCR COLLABORATIONS

PARTICIPATION IN CROSS-AGENCY INITIATIVES

- Judicial Council Secure Youth Track Facility (SYTF) Offense-Based Classification Working Group (SB 92; WIC § 875)
- Department of Justice, Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS) Replacement System Working Group (SB 823; Penal Code §13013)
- Child Welfare Council OYCR Subcommittee
- Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII)
- Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)

ENGAGEMENT WITH STATE PARTNERS

- Juvenile Court Judges of California (JCJC)
- Board of State & Community Corrections (BSCC)
- Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Council on Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health (CCJBH)

ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

- Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC)
- District Attorneys
- Public Defenders
- Victim Services
- Advocates, e.g.,
 - Human Rights Watch
 - Children's Defense Fund
 - California Alliance Youth & Community Justice
 - Youth Law Center