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
“[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))
“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
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