

TA Subject Areas

OYCR Technical Assistance

OYCR provides technical assistance (TA) to county probation departments and other county agencies, juvenile commissioners, and community based organizations to support them in meeting the needs of young people in the juvenile justice system. The OYCR TA team consists of representatives from members of OYCR staff in addition to subject matter experts in the field. In addition, OYCR has strong partnerships with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of Developmental Services (DDS), California Department of Education (CDE) and Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) to appropriately seek assistance.

To submit a TA request: Email OYCR at OYCRCounties@chhs.ca.gov and please provide the name of the person making the request, a summary of the circumstances for the request, what is the expected outcome or goal, and any other key information that can help inform the OYCR TA team.

Examples Areas of Technical Assistance

Behavioral Health Services

OYCR provides clinical assistance and recommendations for complex behavioral health cases. OYCR also aids in identifying best practices in treatment, training, research, and implementation of programs in the following areas:

- 1) Adolescent Brain Development
- 2) Collaboration Development
- 3) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and Other Neurodiverse Disorders

- 4) Gender Diverse Youth
- 5) Youthful Sexual Offender Treatment Guidelines and Training to Implement the Guidelines
- 6) Incorporating Youth Development in Clinical Practice
- 7) Mental Health Assessment and Treatment
- 8) Substance Use Assessment and Treatment
- 9) Trauma-Informed Care and Environments (i.e., screening/assessments, policies, procedures, etc.)

Child Welfare

OYCR recognizes that youth who are court involved often have contact with the foster care system. In that regard OYCR has staff expertise in how foster care related policies overlap with the juvenile justice population. OYCR also works closely with CDSS and is prepared to connect inquiries to the right person if needed.

- 1) Foster Care Policies
- 2) Foster Care Licensing
- 3) Dual Status youth
- 4) Dual Status Court Protocols
- 5) AB 12 Qualification and Resumption
- 6) AB 2083 Implementation

Collaborative Programs

OYCR provides guidance on how to build a court collaborative to meet the needs of court-involved youth and families in a therapeutic court environment. OYCR has the expertise to provide this TA directly and has a variety of resources and materials that can be shared with our partners.

- 1) Building County-wide Stakeholder Collaborations
- 2) Juvenile Drug Courts
- 3) Juvenile Mental Health Courts
- 4) Juvenile Dual Diagnosis Courts

Data and Research

OYCR has a Data and Research Division that is prepared to provide direct TA to county partners in a variety of areas related to research, data, and evidence-based practices (EBPs) and programs.

- 1) Data Driven Decision-Making and Policy Development
- 2) Evaluability Assessment
- 3) Evidence-Based Practices and Programs
- 4) Program Evaluation
- 5) Program Quality and Fidelity

Education

OYCR sees educational health to be as important as the physical and mental health of our youth. Our team has built a robust knowledge base and can provide TA in the following areas:

- 1) Building Collaboratives between Education and Juvenile Justice Partners
- 2) Special Education
- 3) Career and Technical Education
- 4) Educational Data Outcomes
- 5) Dashboard Assistance
- 6) Education of Youth in Court and Community Schools
- 7) Support with Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation
- 8) Rising Scholars

Funding

Funding is a critical part of creating and maintaining quality programming. OYCR can help identify resources to support county programs.

- 1) California Health and Human Services Funding Opportunities/Strategies
- 2) Title II Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Grants and State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) Grants
- 3) OYCR Grant Opportunities

Health Focus

Our team has staff from across the California State workforce that possess knowledge in multiple areas that are related to healthcare services.

- 1) Healthcare for Individuals Who Are Incarcerated
- 2) Hospital Systems
- 3) Medi-Cal Services
- 4) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Justice Package
- 5) Covered California

Juvenile Justice System Specific

OYCR has specific expertise and can provide TA in the following areas related to the Juvenile Justice System:

- 1) Alternatives to Detention
- 2) Assessments (i.e., RNR, CSEC, screening tools, detention, etc.)
- 3) Behavioral Management Programs (i.e., PBIS)
- 4) Case Planning and Management
- 5) Complex Cases
- 6) Continuous-Quality Improvement Models and Policies
- 7) Contract Management and Development
- 8) Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) Implementation
- 9) Effective Supervision Practices and Strategies
- 10) Juvenile Justice Law and Policy/Legal Expertise
- 11) Juvenile Justice Transformation
- 12) Leadership Development
- 13) Less Restrictive Programs
- 14) Probation Policies and Practice
- 15) Partnering with Communities and Youth
- 16) Restorative Justice Practices

- 17) Prosecution Policies and Practices
- 18) Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) Implementation/Program Design
- 19) Strategic Frameworks and Planning

Youth Equity

SB 823 requires that OYCR address race disparities across the juvenile justice system and that we provide TA on culturally respectful programs. Our team can provide TA in the following areas:

- 1) Culturally Responsive Family Building Approaches
- 2) Culturally Responsive Trauma Informed Practices
- 3) Gender Responsive Services
- 4) Racial Equity
- 5) Gender Equity

Youth Family and Community

Youth, family, and communities are a critical part of the SB 823 Mission and Vision. Several of OYCR's staff members are justice-impacted, and many have led community-based organizations before joining our team. They can provide TA in the following areas:

- 1) Community Based Organization (CBO) Development
- 2) Family Engagement Strategies and Practices
- 3) Healing Centered Spaces and Practices
- 4) Lived-Experience Speakers
- 5) Mentoring Programs for Youth Directly Justice-Impacted
- 6) Youth Voice Integration and Advisory Committees
- 7) Gender Equity