

Youth & Emerging Leaders Subcommittee (YELS)

Shared Working Document (2026)

Meeting cadence: Bimonthly (every other month)

Meeting day: Second Tuesday of every other month

Purpose

The Youth and Emerging Leaders Subcommittee is a space for us to stay connected, keep youth priorities at the center, and move work forward between meetings. This document is meant to keep everything in one place: meeting dates, roles, action items, and notes.

Meeting Schedule

All meetings are on the second Tuesday of every other month.

March 10th, 2026

May 12th, 2026

July 14th, 2026

September 8th, 2026

November 10th, 2026

Roles (2026)

Chair/Lead: Tyrique Shipp

Co-Chair: Isabella Suleiman

Liaisons

Racial and Ethnic Disparity Group Liaison: Ronald Villeda

Grants and Juvenile Funding Liaison: TBD

Restorative Justice Liaison: TBD

Policy and Legislation Liaison: TBD

2026 Priorities

Top priority areas

1. Providing a youth voice to the larger committee on juvenile justice delinquency prevention
2. Build youth leadership in spaces that discuss youth prevention in the system.
3. TBD

Current Membership (as of now)

Current members include: Isabella Suleiman, Edwyn Burgara, Ronaldo Villeda, and Clarissa Pena.

Membership Goal + Representation

Our goal is to grow YELS to **15 members statewide** and strengthen representation across **Northern California, Central California, and rural regions**, not just Southern California.

We are also exploring placing **at least one youth member on each SACJJDP subcommittee** to make sure youth leadership is integrated throughout the Council's work.

Interest Form (YELS Recruitment)

If you know young people who should be involved in this space, please share the Youth & Emerging Leaders Subcommittee Interest Form with them. This helps us build out participation, stay connected across counties, and bring in more youth leaders who are system-impacted and committed to youth justice work.

Interest Form Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerNAvo1p8LDU634H-LZc-D4EjvTpEqiqdc1EkpfVKOCXne6A/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=115375918220476511525>

This form collects basic contact info, county/city, experience, and what support people may need to participate.