

# Youth & Emerging Leaders Subcommittee

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# AGENDA

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## **Introduction**

- SACJJDP Snapshot
- Cross-Subcommittee Liaison Reports
- LRP's Focus: Implementation Reality Check
- Youth Voice Pipeline
- Title II and Funding Lens
- **Final tips, takeaways**
- **Closing**

# THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION (SACJJD)

- In California, the SACJJD is the federally mandated "State Advisory Group" (SAG). As of July 1, 2024, its administration transitioned from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) under the California Health and Human Services Agency.
  - **Advisory Role:** Provides recommendations to the Governor and State Legislature on juvenile justice policy and legislation.
  - **Compliance:** Ensures the state adheres to the four "Core Protections" of the JJD Act to keep federal funding.
  - **Fund Administration:** Oversees the distribution of Title II federal grants to local communities for delinquency prevention and system improvements.
- **Four mandates**
  - **Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO):** Ensuring youth charged with "status" offenses (like truancy or running away) are not kept in secure detention.
  - **Adult Jail and Lockup Removal:** Preventing youth from being placed in adult jails, except under extremely limited, specific circumstances.
  - **Sight and Sound Separation:** Ensuring that if youth are in an adult facility, they have no physical or auditory contact with adult inmates.
  - **Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED):** Identifying and reducing the disproportionate representation of minority youth in the justice system.
- **Committee Membership**
  - **Appointments:** Members are appointed by the Governor, ensuring geographic and professional diversity.
  - **Composition:** Must include judges, law enforcement, probation officers, youth advocates, and representatives from mental health and education sectors.
  - **Youth Voice:** By law, at least **20%** of the membership must be under age 28, and a minimum of three members must have lived experience within the juvenile justice system.

# YOUTH & EMERGING LEADERS SUBCOMMITTEE



Elevate youth and emerging leader perspectives within SACJJD



Surface issues affecting young people across communities and systems



Help inform recommendations, priorities, and cross-subcommittee coordination



Strengthen youth engagement and leadership in statewide justice conversations

# How YELS Advises the SACJJD



Adding youth perspective to the three-year plan drafted by the larger committee



Provide you reality checks on what young people are experiencing and the goals of the subcommittee



Evaluate title II funds and grant decisions from a youth centered lens



Work in cross subcommittee collaborations through liaisons to provide youth perspective across the work.



Write a report on juvenile prevention and the work we have done as young people to push this work forward



"Move this work from consulting young people to co-designing with young people"

# YELS Membership & Operational Rhythm



## Membership

**Statewide Representation:** Our membership consists of young leaders under the age of 28 from across the state of California.

**Prioritizing Lived Experience:** We prioritize the voices of system-involved young people to ensure policy recommendations are informed by those directly affected by the justice system.

**Diverse Perspectives:** We bring a youth-centered lens to systemic issues, bridging the gap between community experience and state-level policy.



## How We Work

**Bi-Monthly Meetings:** The YELS meets **once every two months** to deep-dive into issues and refine our recommendations.

**Working Between Sessions:** While the full **SACJJD** committee meets **quarterly**, our subcommittee uses the time in between to prepare reports, evaluate funding, and coordinate cross-subcommittee efforts.

**Next Meeting:** Our next scheduled subcommittee meeting will take place in **May**