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State Advisory Group on Youth Justice (SAGYJ)

June 17, 2026



Participant Check-In



Use the QR code or link to check-in. This optional check-in helps us capture meeting participation and stay connected with attendees about future meetings and related committee updates.

Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Action Item: Approve March 2026 Minutes
- SAGYJ Chair Updates
- OYCR Informational Updates
- Ombuds Presentations and Discussion
- *Break*
- Community Presentation: National Compadres Network
- Subcommittee Updates and Discussion
- Public Comment
- Announcements, Call for Agenda Items and Adjourn



Action Item

- Approval of March 2026 Minutes



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SAGYJ Committee Chair Updates



OYCR Informational Updates

- Health Policy Division
- Youth Justice Committee
- Submission of CAFY25 Title II Application
- Compliance Monitoring Audit Update
- Los Angeles Lawsuits



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Los Angeles EGI Action
Network Implementation

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OYCR Consulting Team

Team Member	Title	Role / Focus Area
Lindsay Rosenthal	EGI SME	Facilitating cross-system implementation efforts across probation, court engagement, and continuum of care development
Angeles Zaragoza	LRP SME	Lead for Least Restrictive Program (LRP) Planning for SYTF Youth , Support for EGI Community-Based Continuum Development
Mark Varela	Just Solve Consultant	Probation Systems Support, Implementation Planning, and Operational Coordination
Shelan Joseph	OYCR Consultant	Implementation support for court-based efforts

Reform Priorities

Focus Area	Core Purpose / Description	Target
1. Reducing Admissions	<p>Risk Assessment & Overrides: Align detention decisions to screening tool and intake criteria</p> <p>Bench Warrants & Violations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Safely Reduce intakes to CVK- Reduced warrant admissions; reduced overrides- Improved community-based responses to safety concerns and “runaway”
2. Off-Ramps for non-detained youth	<p>Create a unified workflow for youth not detained at intake, including diversion, RAY ATD referrals, and safe “drop-off” locations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strengthen off-ramps to increase use of diversion and alternatives
3. Gender-Responsive Assessment & Release Planning (Detained Youth)	<p>Implement structured gender-responsive assessment and coordinated release planning within 2 weeks of detention; create expedited process for overrides.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reduce length of stay- Increase successful community reintegration

What's Next: Summer–Fall 2026



Collaborative Convenings:



July 2026: Present Draft Metrics & Discuss Continuum of Care



September 2026



November 2026

Ongoing Work Between Meetings:

- Release planning process development
- Interagency coordination
- Data review and implementation metrics
- Continuum of care development
- Diversion and release pathway planning



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FY25 Title II Updates

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CA Title II 3-Year Plan & Progress Updates



FY25 is Year 2 of 3 submission for the FY24 – FY26 CA Title II Plan

FY24 marked the 1st year of current 2024-2026 State Plan Cycle

FY25 was intentionally designed as a streamlined continuation year, focused on implementation

No substantive changes ---> No full 3-year plan resubmission required

[SACJDP Slides 6-18-25](#) (p. 5-9)



CA OYCR submitted FY25 Application on May 1, 2026:

No-substantive change memo for [2024-2026-CA-Title-II-State-Plan.pdf](#)

Proposal Narrative noting progress made towards CA 2024-2026 Title II Goals & Objectives (see next slide)

Title II Plan



CA Title II (2024–2026) Plan / 2025 Application for Funding Progress / Proposal Narrative

Goal 1: Community-Based Prevention and Early Intervention

During the reporting period, California expanded access to community-based prevention and early intervention services through Title II subgrantees including ARC, VOALA, Pacific Clinics, Reading and Beyond, FLY, and ONH. These programs delivered diversion, mentoring, counseling, and supportive services to system-involved and system-at-risk youth. Quantitatively, subgrantees collectively reported multiple training events, technical assistance activities, and service contacts focused on preventing deeper justice system involvement, demonstrating progress toward statewide access to early intervention supports.

Goal 2: Alternatives to Detention and Aftercare/Reentry

Progress toward reducing reliance on secure detention was advanced through subgrantees such as Santa Cruz County Probation Department, City of Gilroy, Arcata Police Department, and the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. These agencies implemented alternatives to detention, diversion programming, and reentry supports. Quarterly Progress Reports indicate consistent service delivery activity across fiscal quarters, reflecting continued utilization of community-based alternatives aligned with Title II priorities.

Goal 3: Mentoring, Counseling, Education, and Workforce Readiness

Title II funds supported mentoring, counseling, and workforce readiness initiatives implemented by subgrantees including CTC, YMC, ARC, and Reading and Beyond. Programs reported delivery of structured mentoring and training activities, including job readiness and skill development services for youth. Quantitative data collected through QPRs demonstrate ongoing participation in these services, supporting positive youth development and long-term outcomes.

Goal 4: Equity and Trauma-Informed Approaches

Equitable and trauma-informed practices were promoted through funding of culturally responsive community-based organizations such as VOALA, Pacific Clinics, ONH, and tribal partners. These subgrantees focused on serving disproportionately impacted youth populations using trauma-informed and culturally relevant service models. Program activity data reflect continued engagement with priority populations, advancing the State's equity goals.

Goal 5: Statewide Coordination and Accountability

OYCR strengthened coordination and accountability by aligning Title II funding with the 2024 - 2026 Three-Year State Plan and monitoring subgrantee performance through Quarterly Progress Reports. All Title II subgrantees submitted QPRs aligned with federal fiscal quarters, and aggregate data were incorporated into the Annual Performance Report.

Recap of 2025 SAG Co-Chairs 3-Year Plan Review

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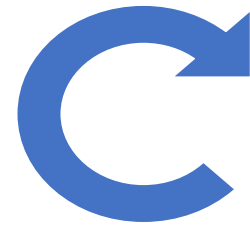
2025 Plan Updates

1. SACJJDJP Re-established/Governor-appointed Members (November 2024); 1st OYCR Convening w/Elected Chairs (December 2024)
2. All references of “juveniles” changed to “youth”
3. 2024 references/data points updated to 2025 (as available)
4. Continuation of strategic planning from 2024-2026 3-Year Plan w/ Review/Input from Chair Mendoza & Co-Chair Franco

SAG and State POCs

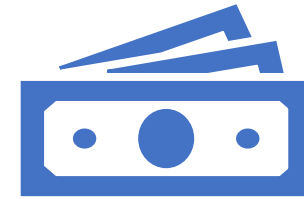
- SAGYJ
 - Co-Chairs (K. Mendoza & C. Franco)
 - Members (16 member total)
- CA Points of Contacts
 - JJ specialist (K. Lewis-Britton, OYCR)
 - Director (K. Lucero, OYCR)
 - Compliance Monitoring (J. Robertson, OYCR)
 - R/ED Coordinator (TBD, OYCR)
 - SAG Chair (K. Mendoza)
 - Financial Officer (CDSS/CalHHS Accountant)

Other FY25 Updates



Compliance expectation unchanged

Compliance and R/ED data related to this NOFO last July (2025) did not require new submission of data



Budget Plan for \$4,204,755

Planning and Administration (up to 10%)

- Staff
- Travel
- Training

Program Areas (up to 85%)

- Subgrantee Allocations

State Advisory Group Allocation (up to 5%)

- Travel
- Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ)
- Subcommittee Projects



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Ombuds Presentations and Discussion

Alisa Hartz, OYCR Ombudsperson

Taneka Shehee, Ombudsperson, Los Angeles County Department of Probation



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Break



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Community Presentaiton: National Compadres Network

Maestro Jerry Tello, Founder and Director of Training

Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

- Community Investment and System Accountability (CISA)
- Policy & Legislative Advocacy
- Racial/Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)
- Restorative Justice (RJ)
- Youth and Emerging Leaders (YEL)



Community Investment & System Accountability(CISA)

Chair: Dr. Carly Dierkhising
Co-Chair: Andrew Garcia

Community Investment & System Accountability (CISA) for Youth Justice:

Strengthen Relationships with Grantees: Create opportunities for engagement with grantees to foster collaboration, build trust, and share lessons learned.

Establish a Statewide Network of Practice: Connect current and former grantees to promote the exchange of innovative practices, shared challenges, and community-driven solutions across jurisdictions.

Promote Transparency and Accountability: Monitor and assess how federal and state juvenile justice funds are used by probation departments and related agencies to ensure spending aligns with intended outcomes and public trust.

Elevate Community Voice and Impact: Ensure that funding decisions and program evaluations consider the perspectives and needs of youth, families, and communities most affected by the juvenile justice system.

Serve as an Informational Resource: Provide community-based organizations and stakeholders with information about what is working in other counties and how they might replicate or adapt those approaches.

Needs Assessment Update

KEY GOALS

COLLABORATION & NETWORK BUILDING

- Interest in engaging with other grantees and CBOs
- Recommendations for collaboration and shared learning
- Interest in a network of service providers for justice-impacted youth

SYSTEMS AWARENESS & SUPPORT

- Awareness of local Juvenile Justice Commissions
- Awareness of state level bodies (SACJJDP and subcommittees)
- Desired technical assistance and support
- Greatest needs and how the State can help

Needs Assessment Update

Contacted all Title II Grantees → 2 interviews conducted

Next Steps

- Distribute a survey to grantees instead
- Synthesize feedback for SAGYJ consideration
- Goal: Present recommendations on how to build up capacity and engagement among grantees in the next grant cycle



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Public Comment



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Announcements and Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2026

SAGYJ

- September 16, 2026
- December 16, 2026