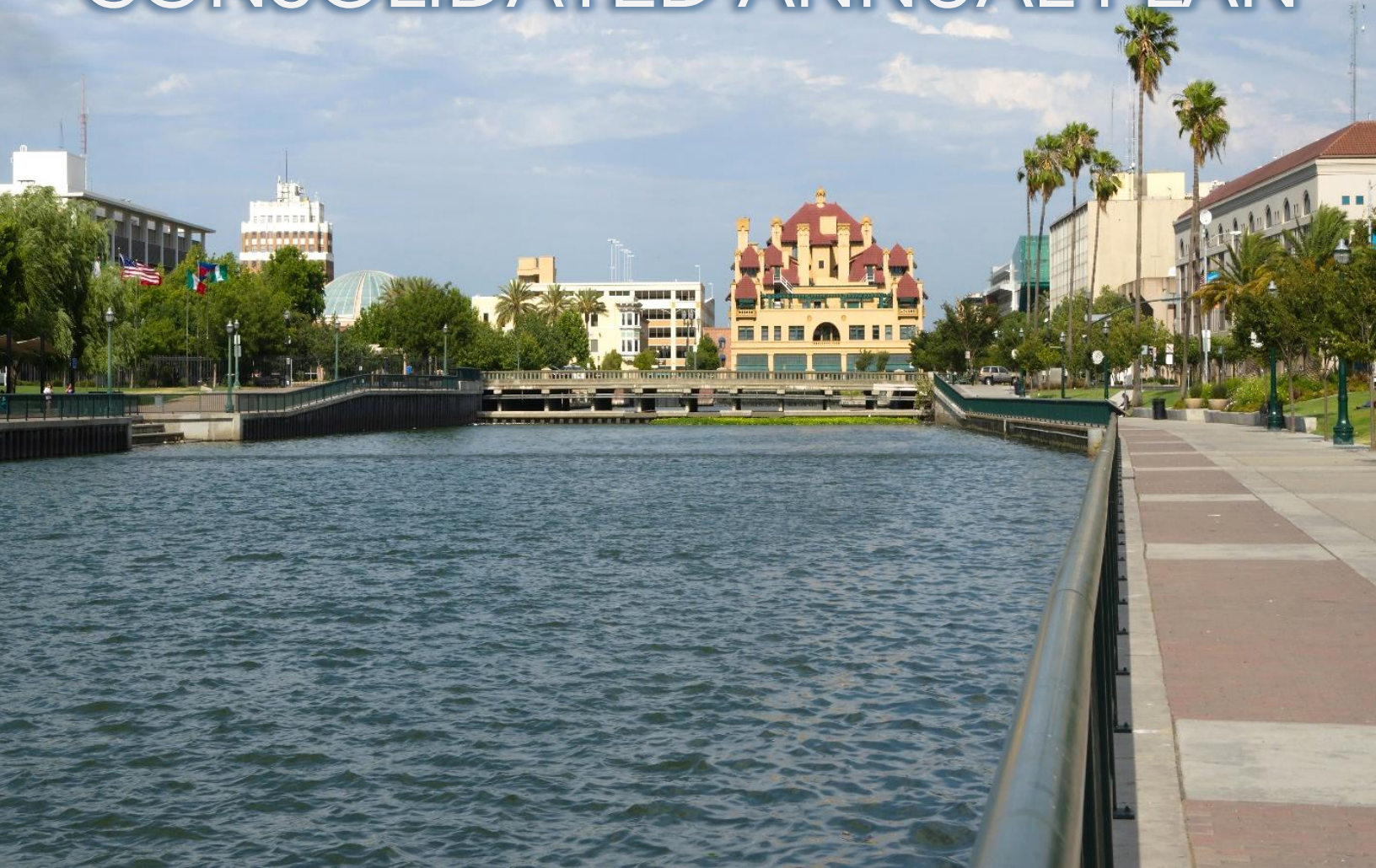


# JJCPA & YOBG 2026-2027 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PLAN



## SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT



JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA)  
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER BLOCK GRANT (YOBG)



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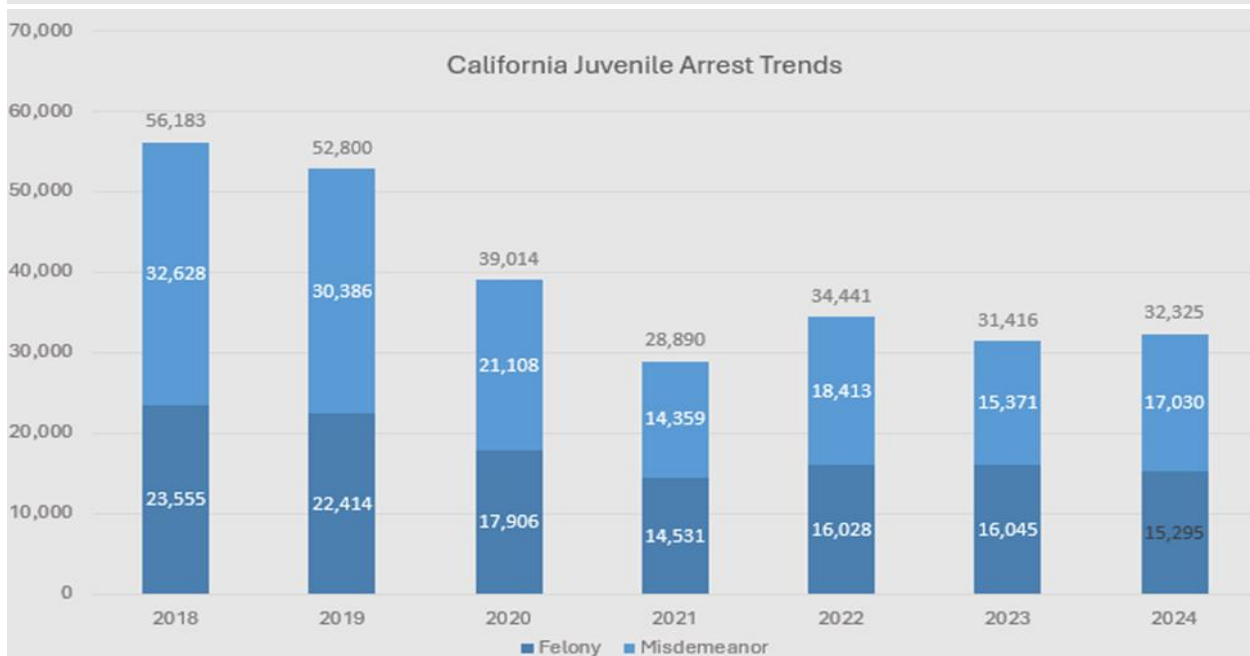
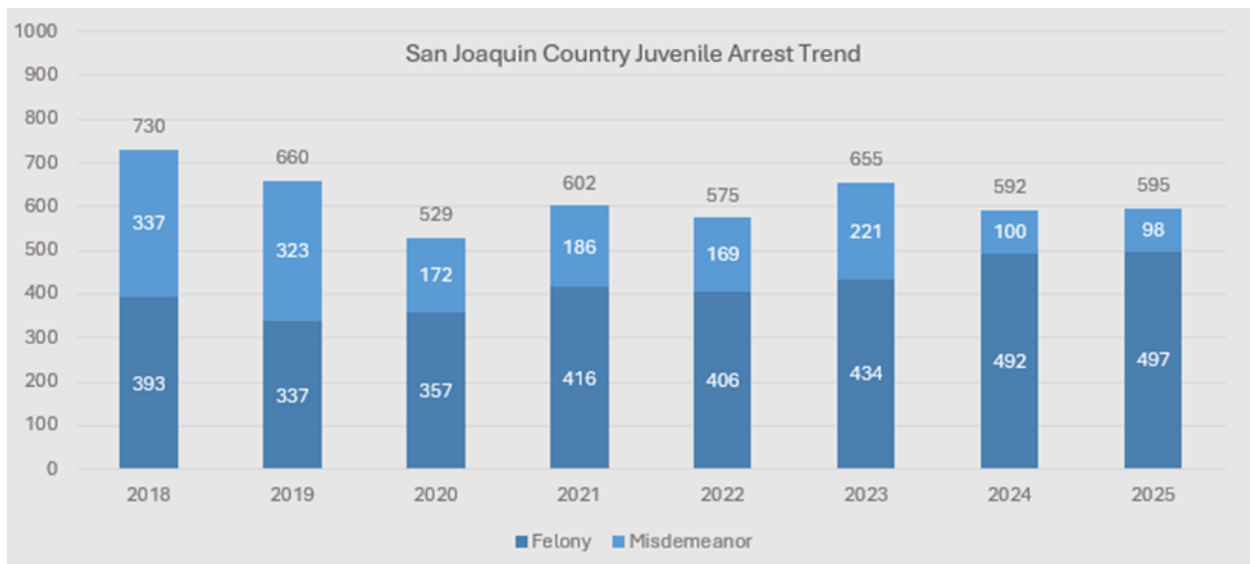




## CRIME AND POPULATION STATISTICS

### Arrest Trends

San Joaquin County's juvenile arrests declined in 2020, likely due to the pandemic and its impact on the community. However, from 2021 to 2025, arrest numbers fluctuated, showing both increases and decreases over time. Similarly, California's juvenile arrest trends from 2022 to 2024 show fluctuations, consistent with patterns observed in San Joaquin County. It should be noted that arrest data for 2025 is not yet available from the State of California Department of Justice. The visuals below show Juvenile Arrest trends for San Joaquin County (8 years) and California (7 years), including offense levels.



Source: [State of California Department of Justice - OpenJustice](#)

## San Joaquin County Statistics

### Demographics in San Joaquin County Cities

When analyzing the most populous cities in San Joaquin County - Stockton, Tracy, Manteca, and Lodi, it is evident that Stockton stands out with the highest population, totaling 324,975 residents, making up around 39% of the county's total population. Stockton has the lowest median income at \$79,907 and a higher percentage of individuals living in poverty, accounting for 15.5% of the population, slightly higher than the surrounding cities.

| Most populous cities           | San Joaquin County | City of Tracy | City of Manteca | City of Lodi | City of Stockton |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Population                     | 836,506            | 100,136       | 94,292          | 68,642       | 324,975          |
| % of Population under 18 years | 25.3%              | 26.5%         | 25.2%           | 24.1%        | 26.7%            |
| Median Household Income        | \$92,179           | \$121,119     | \$97,055        | \$88,530     | \$79,907         |
| % of Persons in Poverty        | 12.9%              | 7.8%          | 9.50%           | 12.4%        | 15.50%           |

[Source: US Census Bureau website - Search](#)

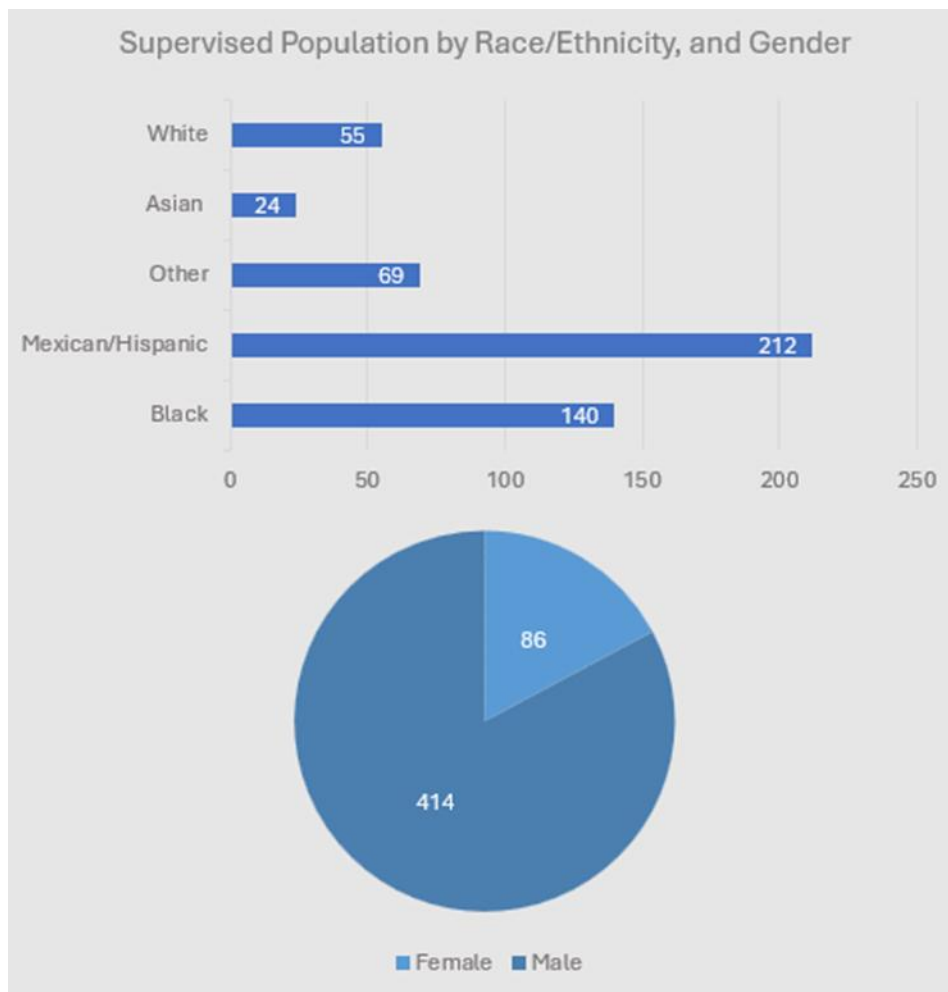


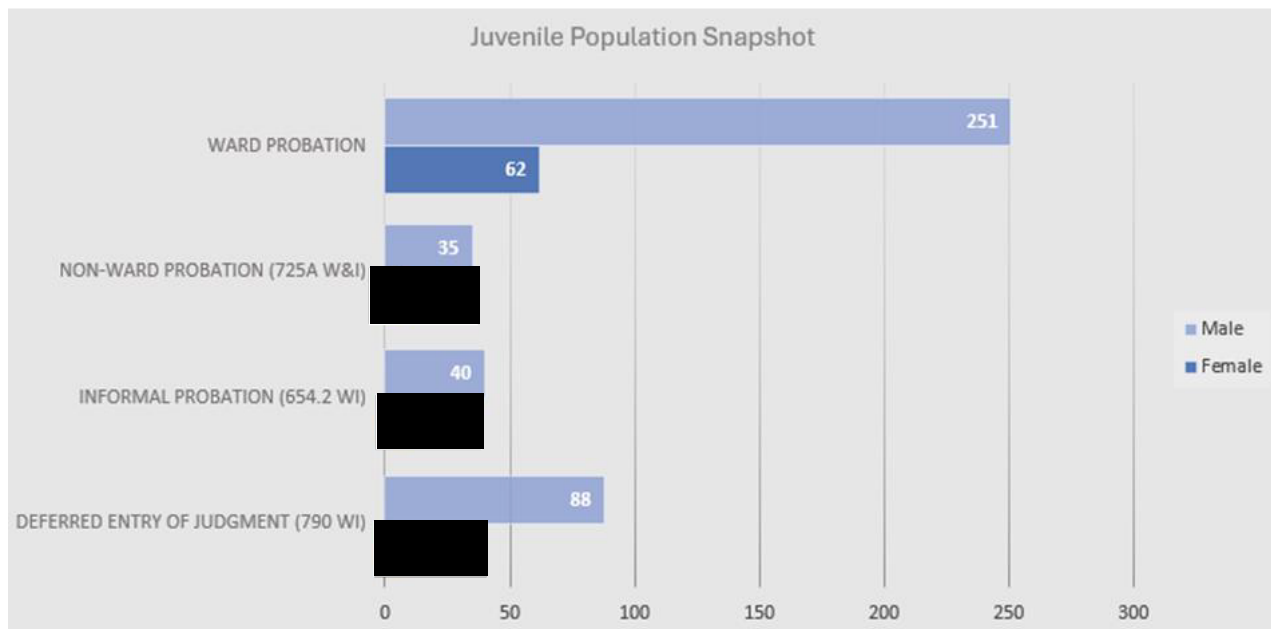
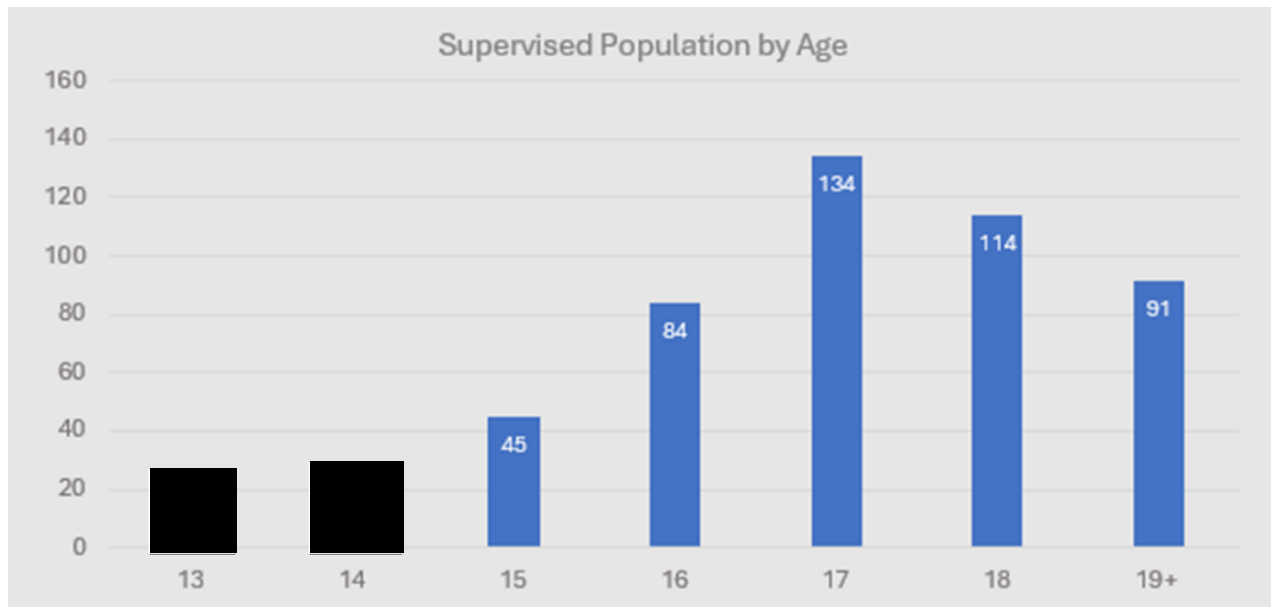


## Active Juvenile Population

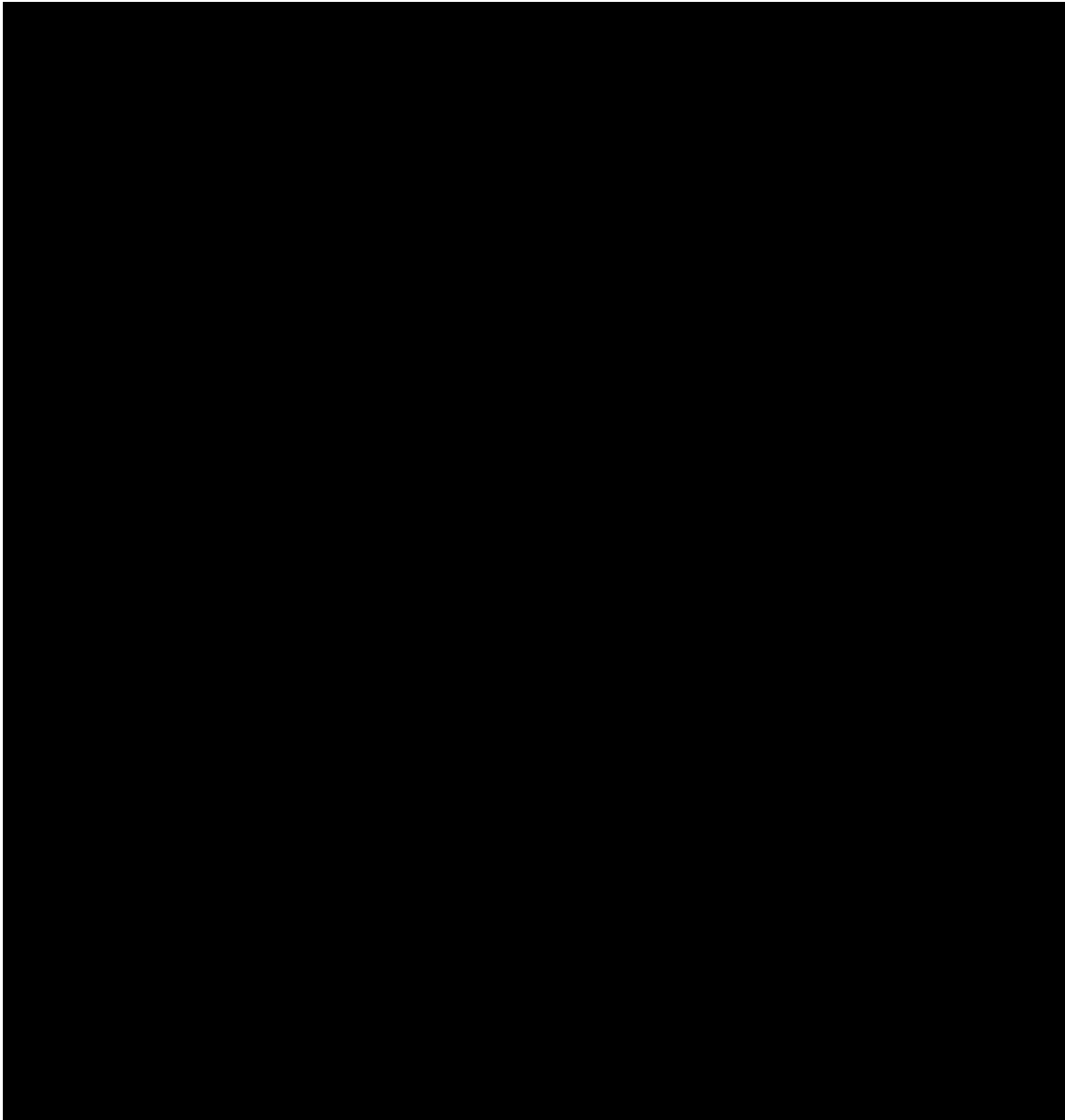
### San Joaquin Supervised Population Snapshot as of 12/31/2025

In San Joaquin County, the total supervised youth is 500. The population is predominantly male (84%) and of Mexican/Hispanic ethnicity (42%), with the predominant age group being 17 – 18 years old. Of the total youth, 63% are under Ward Probation, while the remaining 37% fall under Informal Probation (654.2 W&I Code), Non-Ward Probation (725a W&I Code), and Deferred Entry of Judgment (790 W&I Code).

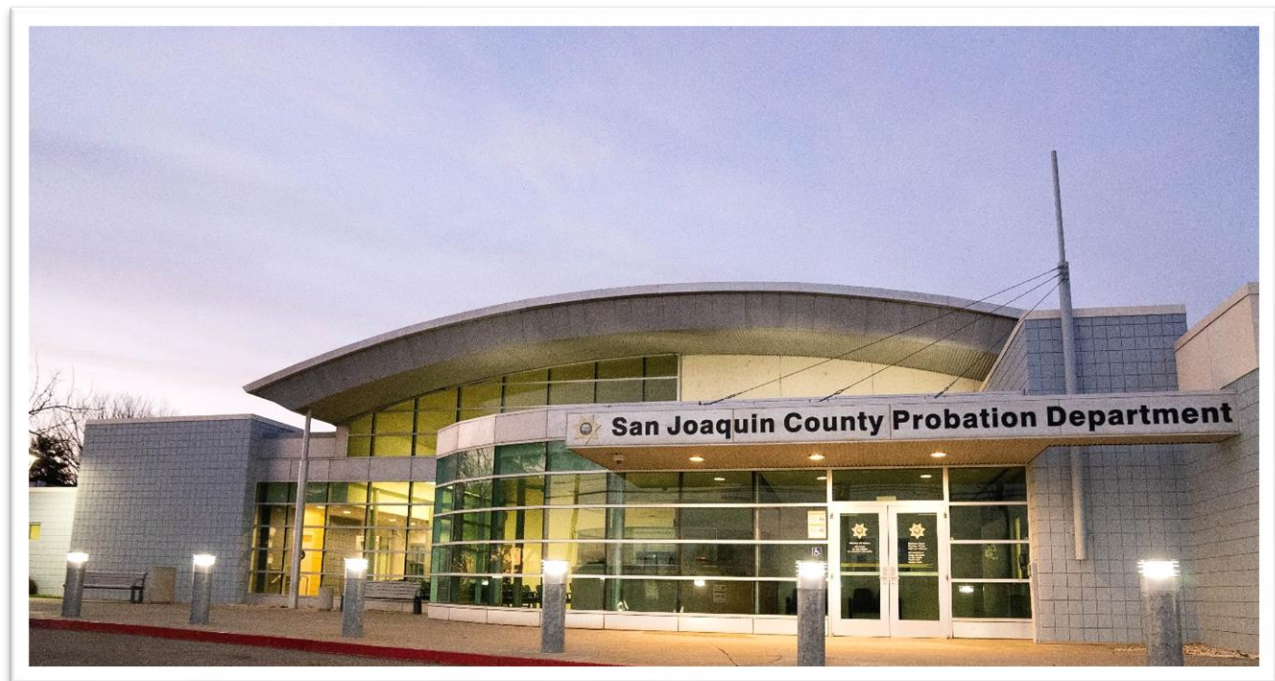




The population in Juvenile Hall is predominantly male, accounting for 91% of residents, and most youth are facing felony charges. The department prioritizes diversion strategies as the primary approach to justice involvement, using detention only as a last resort. Through comprehensive assessment tools, staff identify each individual's most significant criminogenic needs and incorporate them into personalized case plans. To support alternatives to detention, the department offers a range of services, including community-based programs, home supervision, and GPS monitoring.







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### Assessment of Existing Services

Probation partners with the San Joaquin County Office of Education's (SJCOE) Alternative Program, whose goal is to keep non-ward students in school and out of the juvenile justice system. Probation Officers, Probation Assistants, families, and school staff all work together to monitor the youth's school performance and guide them in a positive direction. A more robust partnership with SJCOE and community-based organizations provides a daily reporting program that hosts moderate- to high-risk youth. Youth receive modified school days and evidence-based programming focusing on the youth's criminogenic risk factors in reducing recidivism. Probation Officers are strategically housed throughout the county, with officers stationed at local police departments to monitor the different school districts. Officers in the community strengthen the link between youth and their community, streamlining services by combining case management, family support services, and evidence-based programming.



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Social workers serve in communities and schools by working with youth whose behaviors put them at risk of contact with law enforcement or the Juvenile Justice System. Social workers are available throughout the department and its community.

Wraparound case management services address things such as mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, and domestic violence within the family, focusing on those children who live with significant risk factors. The main purpose is to intervene by providing services that have a positive impact on their future.

Probation Department facilities house youth according to their risk level and criminogenic needs. Facilities offer secure housing, house supervision, and out-of-home placements; and provide a collaborative team approach, evidence-based programming, education, cognitive behavioral interventions, and therapeutic support services.

The Explorer Cadet Program, provided by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, is affiliated with the special interest phase of the Boy Scouts of America. Its main objective is to familiarize young individuals with the law enforcement profession through hands-on experiences. These experiences cover various aspects, including community relations, criminal law, firearms safety, police procedures, narcotics control, and physical training. By offering this program, the Sheriff's Office provides additional support to enhance understanding of our society and of the influence young people can have.



In partnership with Child Welfare Services (CWS), the Probation Department has created a series of early and preventive WRAP programs to provide intensive youth and family services and prevent



placement into a higher level of care or supervision. All of this is designed to strengthen families and reduce incidences of abuse or neglect. Intensive services and therapeutic treatments are available for children, youth, and families that are recovering from instances of abuse or neglect, including services for parents/guardians to overcome their own traumatic experiences and negative parenting patterns. Preventative WRAP programming is provided within partnerships with Child Welfare Services and local community-based organizations.

## Partnership Programs

The juvenile justice system is managed through collaboration and cooperation among partner agencies, including the Juvenile Superior Court, the Probation Department, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Sheriff's Department, and local law enforcement agencies. The County Board of Supervisors, through the annual budget process, is responsible for providing most of the resources that enable the system to operate.

### Deferred Entry of Judgment Program (DEJ)

The District Attorney's (DA) Office offers DEJ, which allows youth with felony charges who complete all court-imposed conditions to have all charges dismissed and records sealed. This program is operated in partnership with the Superior Courts and the Probation Department.

### Youth Development Programs

The San Joaquin County Probation Department works with a wide range of agencies to foster growth by guiding high-risk youth, resolving conflicts that are likely to escalate into violence, and supporting young men of color in reaching their full potential. These agencies and the programs they operate include the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Transitional Age Youth Program (Transitions to Independence Process), the City of Stockton, the Office of Violence Prevention (Peacekeepers), and My Brother's Keeper (Mary Magdalene Community Services). Youth development and mentoring programs are managed using the Teen Empowerment Model, Thinking for a Change, and other evidence-based practices.



### Family Support Services

Different partnering agencies offer parenting classes and support groups to help those families with high-risk children. These agencies and/or their evidence-based programs include but are not limited to: Mary Magdalene Community Services (Passport to Fatherhood), Family Resource Center, SJCOE (Head Start, Early Head Start, and other Early Care and Education programs), Child Abuse Prevention Council (Strengthening Families), San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services (Nurturing Parenting), and Parents by Choice (Positive Parenting).

### Health Care, Mental Health, and Substance Use Treatment Services

All juveniles, including uninsured children, are eligible for primary and preventative health care services through Medi-Cal. As for mental health services, San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides a range of clinical treatment interventions for youth and families, including Family Therapy, Multi-Systemic Family Therapy, and Trauma-Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Lastly, different types of substance use treatment services are accessible to youth and their families. These include outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential, and recovery maintenance programs.

### Educational Partners and Programs

Local school districts provide a range of early intervention services, including restorative justice and Community Accountability Boards. Probation Officers are also available throughout the San Joaquin County school districts. The San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) operates ONE Schools, offering youth an alternative class schedule, focused learning, school-based counseling, family therapy, and other support services through Medi-Cal.





### Youth Employment Programs

Employment Development Department (EDD)-Operated programs funding is allocated towards summer youth employment programs. Summer jobs are offered to youth through WorkNet and CalWORKs, which are operated by the San Joaquin County Human Services Agency (HSA). In addition to these, youth employment programs are available through cities and local chambers of commerce.

Local citizen and community-based engagement in the juvenile justice system is solicited through several ongoing commissions and committees:

- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDCP)
- Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

### Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDCP)

The JJDCP is comprised of representatives nominated by both the Superior Court and the County Board of Supervisors. Two youth representatives also sit on the JJDCP. Their members conduct annual inspections of Juvenile Hall, Camp Peterson, and other secure detention facilities for youth.

### Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)

The JJCC oversees the Probation Department's prevention and early intervention programs funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). The JJCC reviews and approves the programs funded through the JJCPA. The JJCC subcommittee is responsible for overseeing expenditure for the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) and approving the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Plan.

Collectively, the two governing bodies above endeavor a comprehensive and collaborative effort across multiple agencies to reform juvenile justice practices. While each commission and committee operate autonomously, they collaborate effectively through the shared involvement of various partners. All insights and recommendations are communicated among the entities to facilitate informed decision-making.

The San Joaquin County Probation Department continues to explore strategies to facilitate and strengthen collaboration amongst organizations. Strong partnerships among the Courts, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Sheriff's Department, and local law enforcement form the foundation for ongoing collaboration. Both formal and informal meetings between partners serve as opportunities to discuss current conditions, emerging opportunities, and shared goals to strengthen the juvenile justice system.



## Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

The Probation Department is committed to maintaining public safety by focusing on high-risk youth in targeted areas. The department's goals and objectives evolve with the needs of our youth and changes in our youth population. We strive to continue to build strong foundations within our community and its organizations, both judicial and private. We continue to improve our reports to support data-driven decision-making in our department. We focus on individualized case planning and collaboration, providing a wide range of services to meet the needs of our youth, families, and communities. The department will continue to collaborate with justice and community partners, sharing information to provide our youth/families with tools for the best future possible. We will focus on using our data to identify disparities within our youth and community, to overcome them, and to guide our decision-making.



## Juvenile Justice Action Strategies

### Countywide Service Needs, Priorities, and Strategies

San Joaquin County's Juvenile Justice System comprises community-based partners and independent agencies, each responsible for a specific aspect of the juvenile justice process. Existing service providers work with a range of at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families. These combinations of resources help youth understand their actions and take accountability for them.

The San Joaquin County Juvenile Justice Action Strategy aligns with best practices by following guidelines issued by the US Department of Justice and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in *Implementing Evidence-based Policy and Practices in Community Corrections* (2009). This Action Strategy includes the Eight Principles for Effective Interventions described in the NIC guidelines and the Three-Year Board Strategic Priorities adopted by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors to improve public safety and enhance the overall criminal justice system. The Action Strategy Framework has been developed into three parts.

**PART I**

The Prevention / Early Intervention Strategy addresses the risk factors that youth face to improve their critical educational and developmental outcomes. Key strategies include trauma-informed care practices. All juvenile staff attend training on those theories and practices. The Coordinated Community Approach is a component of a broader, coordinated effort to create a trauma-informed community, including Probation staff, service providers, teachers, school districts, the Human Services Agency (HSA), and other organizations throughout the

community. This strategy promotes a trauma-informed care and positive youth development lens for services conducted within the juvenile justice system. Positive Youth Development (PYD) is a comprehensive way of thinking that facilitates youths' successful transition from adolescence to adulthood. PYD Learning Communities have focused on the needs to support and enhance protective factors in youth, focusing on the domains of relationships, health, creativity, community, work, and education, manuals are updated to reflect positive youth development principles including youth and family engagement in the case planning process and the incorporation of at least one protective factor to reinforce a PYD domain area through case planning and supervision, and to use the rewards matrix to reinforce pro-social behaviors and attitudes.

**PART II**

The Intervention Strategy utilizes evidence-based principles to provide community supervision, placement, and other interventions, using assessment instruments to ensure that services are directed to individuals at the greatest risk of committing future offenses. The Probation Department uses various assessment tools to accomplish this. The Detention Assessment Tool is a tool that determines a youth's risk of re-offending and likelihood of keeping their court appearance. The Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions Revised (COMPAS-R) Youth Risk Assessment identifies developmental domains and risk/protective factors, providing opportunities to design interventions that address the greatest needs. The Risk-needs-Responsivity Model guides decision-making by determining the level of supervision and treatment interventions based on the youth's likelihood of reoffending (risk), identifying their highest criminogenic factors (need), and matching that youth with appropriate interventions based on their character and learning style (responsivity). The Massachusetts Youth Screening Instruments (MAYSI II) is a validation screening tool for determining the presence of mental health concerns. The Juvenile Sex Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool (JSORRAT-II) is used in determining the risk of juvenile offenders detained for sex offenses.





The Enhancing Intrinsic Motivation intervention helps individuals discover their own rewards for healthy/positive changes in behavior and attitudes. San Joaquin County Probation uses motivation tools such as Motivational Interviewing (MI), which is a style of communication that probation officers use to help clients overcome the reluctance to engage in discussions and/or overcome their ambivalences regarding behavior changes; Officers are trained in positive youth development and practice reinforcing at least one positive protective factor through each case plan.



Targeting intervention focuses on the highest risk offenders using the principles of risk, need, and responsivity. The Risk Principle prioritizes primary supervision and treatment resources for offenders at high risk of reoffending. Criminogenic Need Principal addresses offenders' greatest criminogenic needs. The Responsivity Principle considers individual characteristics when matching offenders to services. Dosage Hours Principle provides appropriate quantities, typically programming hours of services, creating a strategic application of resources. The Treatment Principle, particularly cognitive-behavioral interventions, needs to be incorporated seamlessly into the sentencing and sanctioning process for young individuals.

The Probation Department implements Graduated Rewards and Sanctions, utilizing a Rewards Matrix to reinforce positive behaviors and attitudes among clients. Training and unit supervision ensure consistent use of the rewards matrix. Meanwhile, the Sanctions Matrix delivers prompt, unequivocal responses to probation

violations. Both matrices consider client risk levels and the gravity of violations or goal achievements.

The Probation Department partners with various community-based organizations to provide prosocial support and interventions for youth in their communities. These agencies recruit transitional-age youth who have lived similar experiences to serve as role models, providing guidance and support.

The Probation Department evaluates shifts in attitudes and behaviors among juvenile offenders using the COMPAS-R, which is administered semi-annually or as needed. Organizational progress is assessed through extensive evaluation tools and data metrics.

A monthly data dashboard is compiled to offer continuous updates on the status of juvenile offenders, gauged by their responses to the Detention Assessment Tool. The Detention Assessment Tool dashboard report provides information on the number of referrals for detention, pre- and post-arraignment circumstances, and the community of origin for each juvenile offender.

**PART III****Healthy Communities / Strong Systems**

Strategy promotes a comprehensive, collaborative, and community-based approach to juvenile justice. This strategy also creates stronger, more resilient communities, reduces racial and ethnic disparities, reduces overreliance on locked facilities for the most serious offenses, and fosters internal collaboration among county departments and external collaboration with other governmental and community organizations, improving all aspects of the county's criminal justice system. The Probation Department is committed to making progress in society by linking programs and services to provide a coordinated range of care.

**Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders**

Non-707(b) youthful offenders receive a range of evidence-based interventions and community services to address criminogenic risk, promote positive youth development, and reduce recidivism. The main strategy is to reduce significantly and permanently serious and violent juvenile crime by delivering proactive measures and responses.

The overall strategy for dealing with non-707(b) youthful offenders not eligible for the Secure Youth Treatment Facility is implemented by San Joaquin County juvenile justice system partners, along with a continuum of intercept points:

- Charges Filed / Determination of Status
- Local Confinement / Detention
- Pre-release Planning (Family Team Meetings)
- Supervision and Evidence-based Programming
- Linkages to the Community's various programs and support services

**Determination of Status**

As of November 2016, the determination of whether a youth is a 707(b) offender or a non-707 (b) offender rests with the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

### Detention

Youth may be detained in Juvenile Hall or Camp Peterson based upon commitment status, length of sentence, risk factors, and programming needs. All youth detained participate in cognitive behavioral intervention (CBI) groups.

### Family Team Meeting

Before release, there is a Pre-Release Planning phase in which the Department convenes

Family Team Meetings to create a re-entry plan in partnership with the youth, their family members, and any natural services within their communities. One of the main goals of the Family Team Meeting is to ensure that youth have an immediate plan to re-enter school and maintain involvement in CBI groups.



### Supervision and Evidence-Based Programming

This approach for non-707(b) youthful offenders who are not eligible for the Secure Youth Treatment Facility is the same as described above, where the eight principles for effective supervision are applied. To the extent feasible, San Joaquin County Juvenile Probation creates case plans to maintain youth in homes, schools, and communities to the extent that such plans will support public safety and address the rehabilitation and needs of the youthful offender.

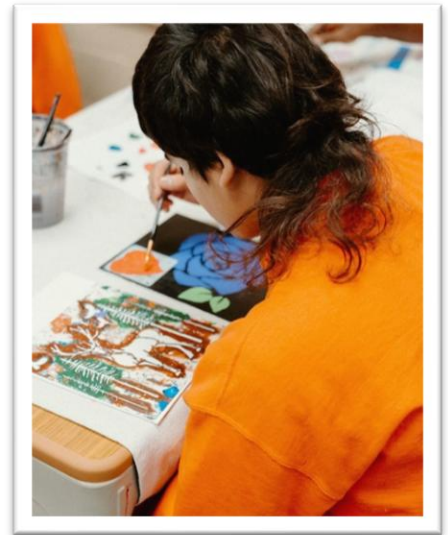
Following their release from detention facilities, youth will be assigned to a community supervision program appropriate to their risk and needs (including out-of-home placement programs). Youth released to home/guardians are assigned a Probation Officer appropriate to their needs. Upon release from detention, youth are reintegrated into their local school and provided with referrals to community-based organizations for services. Reconnect may also be prescribed for youth who continue to violate the terms of their probation; in that case, they are assigned to the Reconnect Unit.

The goal is to provide all youth with cognitive behavioral training. In 2017, the Probation Department created an evidence-based program called "Passport," with assistance from the University of Cincinnati Criminal Justice Institute. It implemented EBP-curricula support at Reconnect as part of the required programming for all youth.



Linkages to Community

YOBG funds enhance the Department's capacity to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services to offenders. JJCPA funds a variety of prevention and early intervention services. While JJCPA funds are principally used to prevent the further escalation of youth within the criminal justice system, some programs are also leveraged as "step-down" programs for non-707(b) youthful offenders exiting detention facilities. Youth released from detention programs will also be linked to community-based programs and services, including those provided through the Neighborhood Service Centers and other community partners as described earlier in this plan.



## FUNDED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### JJCPA-Funded Programs, Strategies, and/or System Enhancements

#### Reconnect Supervision Unit



This is a comprehensive alternative to detention facilities. The unit provides supervision services to youth in San Joaquin County who are wards of the court, as well as those placed on Informal Probation and Deferred Entry of Judgment. Within the unit, a Senior Deputy Probation Officer oversees the Reconnect School Program. This daily reporting program operates in partnership with the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) and local community-based organizations that host moderate- to high-risk youth, and it reports for educational purposes provided by the SJCOE and for evidence-based programming (EBP) services provided by Victor Services. These evidence-based services focus on the youth's criminogenic risk factors to reduce recidivism. While there are officers on site, the Reconnect Supervision Unit provides county supervision for all San Joaquin County school districts. Probation Officers are strategically housed throughout the county, with an officer stationed at Lodi PD, Lathrop PD, and Tracy PD. Officers in the community

strengthen the link between youth and society by creating community-based interventions and streamlining services. This strategy is supported by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This is a partnership between the Probation Department, local school districts, law enforcement partners, and the county. ONE Schools create a combination of case management, family support services, and evidence-based programming.

The Reconnect Supervision Unit also has a Probation Officer assigned to the Anti-Sex and Labor Trafficking (ASALT) Task Force. The task force is committed to combating all forms of human trafficking through the long-term support of victims, prosecution of offenders, training of fellow law enforcement professionals, community awareness, and effective public/private partnerships. The main goals of ASALT include:

- Conduct proactive and follow-up operations and investigations of sex trafficking and labor trafficking crimes within San Joaquin County.
- Supporting the prosecution of trafficking suspects at both the state and federal levels.
- Supporting victims of human trafficking through partnerships with public/private advocate groups.
- Enhancing community outreach and education to increase awareness, identification, and reporting of human trafficking related crimes.



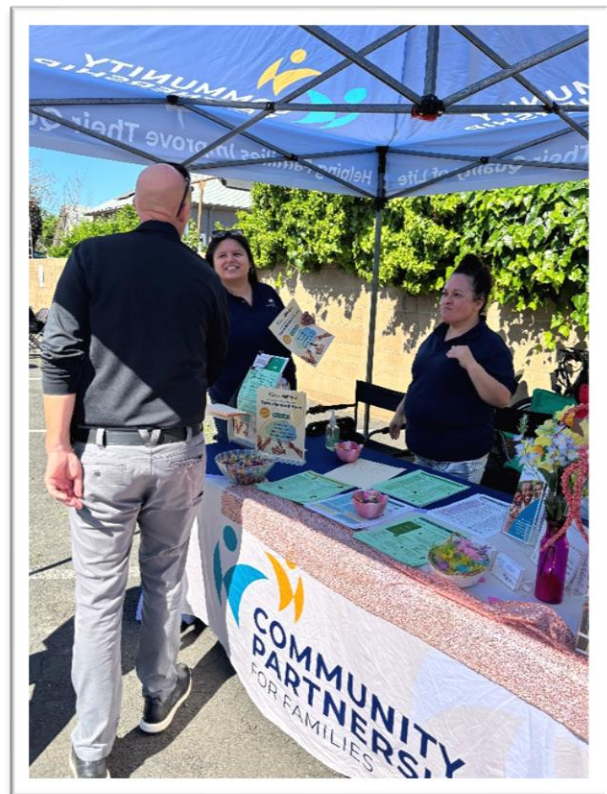
### Family Focused Intervention Team (FFIT)

FFIT is a wraparound case management service addressing things such as mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, and domestic violence for those parent probationers and their children who live with significant risk factors. FFIT officers are trained in Motivational Interviewing techniques, Effective Practices in Community Supervision, and facilitating various cognitive-behavioral interventions. The main purpose of FFIT is to intervene by providing services that address the family as a whole and positively impact their future. The long-term goal of the program is to positively impact at-risk children and thus prevent their ultimate entry into the juvenile justice system. The program assists clients in creating an appropriate environment for raising children and maintaining a crime-free environment, while offering supervision and support to these high-risk families. Targeted families include those that have mental illness, substance abuse issues, and/or are homeless. FFIT also supervises all low-risk-to-reoffend youth, youth on informal probation, and Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) youth.

### Neighborhood Service Centers (NSC)

Community Partnership for Families operates seven NSC's throughout San Joaquin County.

They use a multidisciplinary team approach to working with at-risk and justice-involved youth and their families. The NSC program utilizes a trauma-informed approach in both case management and referral connections. Their core practices include building protective factors and utilizing a trauma-informed lens to assess their needs. Another approach is parental resilience in solving problems, sustaining trusting relationships, and identifying and knowing how to seek help when necessary. The next approach is the social and emotional competence of youth, which involves positive interactions with others, self-regulation of behavior, and communication of feelings. And the last approach is called trauma-informed care. High rates of trauma have far-reaching and severe consequences. Children exposed to violence are more likely to experience difficulties in school and work settings and engage in delinquent behaviors that may lead to the juvenile and criminal justice systems (Felitti et al., 1998; Ford, Chapman, Connor, & Cruise, 2012). Neighborhood Services Center/Youth & Family Success Team program model engages youth and their parents/guardians both before and after they interact with law enforcement. The core of the NSC model is an integrated Youth and/or Family Success Team (YFST). The purpose of the YFST is to enable service providers to convene and coordinate multidisciplinary services efficiently. Clients in need of YFST services are typically probation-involved, demonstrate school and/or home issues, exhibit a history of truancy, school violence, expulsion, youth/families that are



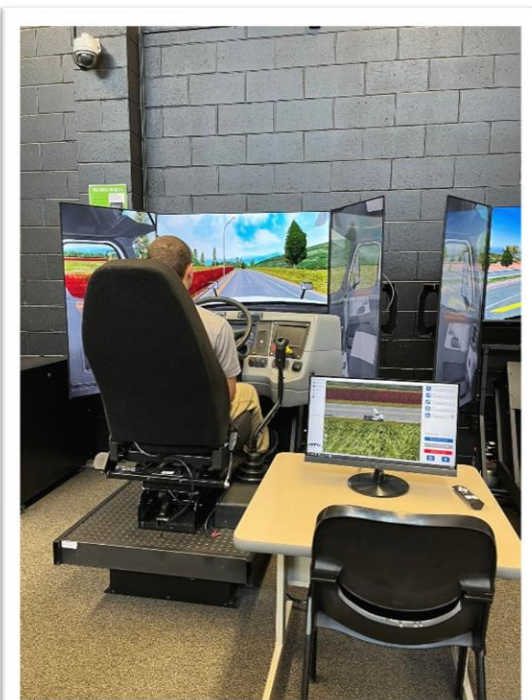


homeless, at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities, and/or have prior gang interaction. YFST are initiated when the family's situation requires coordinating multi-disciplinary services and any additional service barriers for the family.

Aside from that, NSCs provide Youth Organizing / Positive Youth Development Groups, which are comprehensive services that consist of youth-centered case management, including youth-only, youth-centered family case management, youth organizing, and youth-facilitated community events. It also includes components such as Positive Youth Development facilitation based on the Teen Empowerment curriculum published by the Center for Teen Empowerment in Boston, MA.

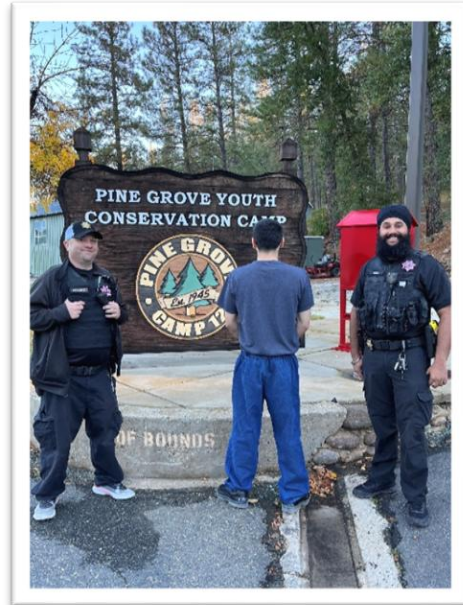
NSCs also offer Parenting Groups, which are peer-learning groups with informal facilitation by a service provider. These groups promote the sharing of parenting concerns, ideas, solutions, and skills. They also provide an additional type of social connection. Parenting classes impart knowledge of child development and teach parenting techniques and skills, such as child discipline, fostering self-esteem, and praising good behavior. These skills are associated with the development of protective factors within the family, which in turn reduces the risk of child abuse/neglect, juvenile justice involvement, etc.

#### Transitional Age Youth Unit (TAY)



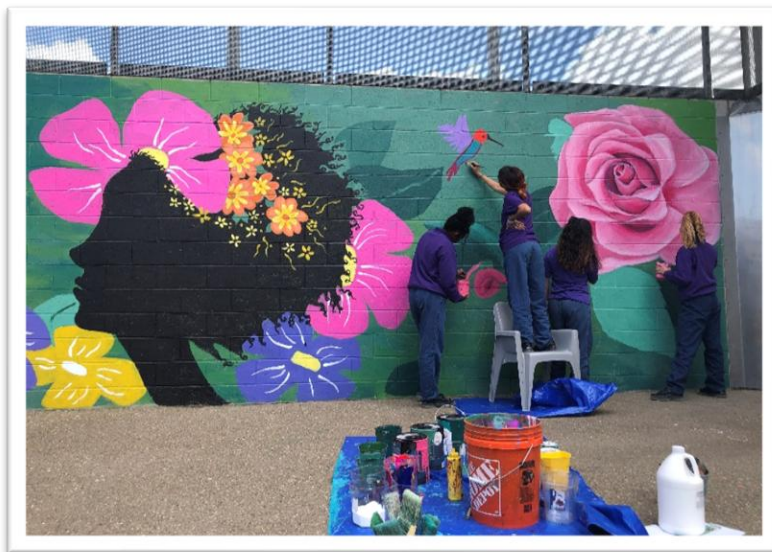
This unit provides community supervision to clients aged 18-25 who are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile superior courts. TAY also supervises Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), Mandatory Supervision (MS), probation clients sentenced from the criminal courts, and youth released from a Secure Youth Treatment Facility on Secure Track. TAY offers evidence-based programming tailored to address conflicts that may arise from employment, childcare, and related areas. Clients are given a 9–12-month period to complete all programming that mirrors their criminogenic needs. After the completion of programming, the client will participate in a three-month aftercare program. The client will have opportunities to obtain a diploma / GED and/or vocational training from Northern California Construction Technologies (NCCT). As with other programs, TAY collaborates with BHS, Victor Community Support Services (VCSS), SJCOE, and NCCT for services.

Under Senate Bill 823, the closure of the state's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) prompted the realignment of its functions to county governments, including in San Joaquin County. As a result, the Probation Department, through TAY's supervision, took on the responsibility of providing comprehensive programming, treatment, and education for those previously committed to DJJ and subsequently placed in the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), in addition to youth who have been ordered to SYTF from the Court. The TAY unit also supervises SYTF youth who have been ordered to Pine Grove Camp Youth Wildland Firefighter Program. This program offers full-time employment to youthful offenders as Crew Members or Leaders of a Wildland Firefighter Hand Crew, serving communities in Wildland Firefighting, Flood Management, and Emergency Response. Pine Grove Camp is jointly operated by the California Department of Forestry, Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).



## YOBG-Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies, and/or System Enhancements

### Gender Specific Programming for Girls



The Gender Responsive caseload serves female wards aged 12-17 who have been assessed as moderate-to-high to high risk using a validated risk assessment tool. A Probation Officer III is assigned to supervise the caseload of no more than 30 female wards and provides evidence-based programming, such as Aggression Replacement Training, Courage to Change, and Girls Moving On. The officer also provides services that intentionally allow gender identity and development to affect and guide all aspects of program design and

service delivery. Female youth who are detained in Juvenile Hall receive the same gender-specific programming as well as Creative Therapy. Creative Therapy promotes healing and transformation through color and creative expression. Youth participate in art that is soothing, restorative, and inspirational. The detained female youth created a unique, calming environment, bringing the natural world inside the walls. They also get to do yoga therapy to move the body and calm the nervous system.



### Camp Peterson

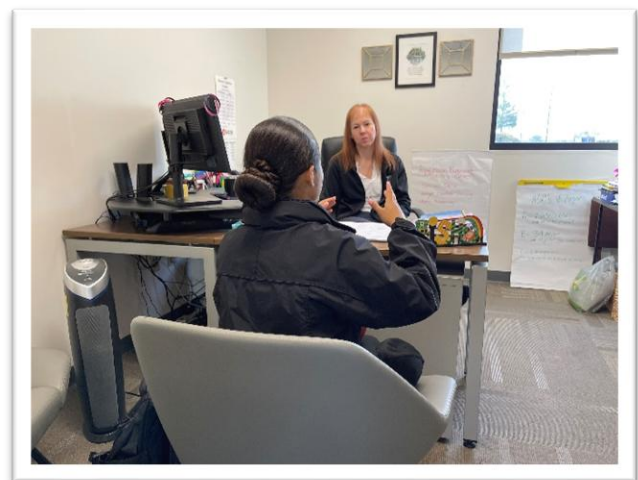


Camp Peterson is a crucial component of the Juvenile Court's service offerings, aimed at safeguarding and benefiting the community cost-effectively and efficiently. The program's objective is to enhance community well-being by mitigating the impact of juvenile delinquency. Youth enrolled in the camp participate in the passport program, acquiring essential life skills before reintegrating into the community. Through structured programming, the camp fosters values such as self-discipline, accountability,

responsibility, tolerance, self-respect, respect for others, sobriety, physical and academic education, and basic life skills, all of which are achieved through dedicated effort. Operating within a therapeutic environment, Camp Peterson imparts the attitudes and skills necessary for a pro-social lifestyle to its youth participants.

### Crossroads Youth Intervention Services

The Crossroads Youth Intervention Services (CYIS) operates within San Joaquin County, serving both communities and schools. CYIS focuses on assisting youth who display behaviors that put them at risk of involvement with law enforcement or the Juvenile Justice System. This unit consists of social workers employed by the Probation Department. These social workers are designated to work with either the Crossroads program or the Discovery Challenge Academy (DCA) or to be stationed at Camp Peterson. They offer counseling and referral services to



unsupervised youth aged 10 to 18 and their families to identify and address inappropriate behaviors.



CYIS social workers are assigned to the Discovery Challenge Academy (DCA), a tuition-free 22-week residential program catering to youths aged 16 to 18. At DCA, participants have the opportunity to earn 65 high school credits toward their diploma while acquiring essential life skills that facilitate their return to a healthy, productive lifestyle.

CYIS social workers are also stationed at Camp Peterson, part of the San Joaquin County Juvenile Hall. Camp Peterson offers a structured program aimed at instilling pro-social attitudes and skills in its youth residents. Working alongside probation officers, the social workers support youths in achieving program objectives and aid their reintegration into community and family settings.



Furthermore, CYIS social workers are assigned to San Joaquin County Juvenile Hall to ensure that youth receive Medi-Cal-supported re-entry services. The Social Worker will ensure timely scheduling of medical and mental health appointments, assist the youth in completing Medi-Cal documentation, including applying for Medi-Cal, and provide case management services to the youth, ensuring pre- and post-release services are provided.

### Cognitive Behavioral Interventions

Cognitive Behavioral Intervention services are available across all supervision settings, including detention, at Camp Peterson, and community probation. Probation provides evidence-based programming designed to address youths' criminogenic needs and reduce recidivism. Probation staff undergo training in cognitive behavioral interventions which address how the youth identify and change dysfunctional, crime producing thoughts and behaviors. These interventions target high-risk situations through role-playing, anger management, and moral development. The department also collaborates with external community-based organizations in providing CBI groups.

### Placement Supervision, Private Residential Care

Placement officers create case plans with attainable treatment goals that include a discharge plan, timely reunification, and permanency in mind for the youth they supervise in new placements. Placement officers develop case plans with achievable treatment objectives, prioritizing timely reunification and permanency for newly placed youth under their supervision. They actively participate in court permanency hearings and weekly disciplinary team meetings, and coordinate placements and arrange visits for the youth as necessary.

### Re-Entry and Aftercare Services

Before youth reintegration into the community, probation officers collaborate with families to ensure they are prepared for the youth's homecoming. Interventions may involve group or individual therapy for both parents and the youth, parenting classes, and home assessments. Using home passes is an effective trial strategy before the youth's actual return. An essential aspect of reentry planning is setting educational goals for the youth's return to school. The Probation Department acknowledges the importance of providing these youth and their families with supportive transitional services and thorough supervision. Referrals to community-based organizations are made to Wraparound Services. Assessment tools are employed to assess risks and needs, leading to referrals to evidence-based programs, treatment provider meetings, family success team meetings, School Attendance Review Boards, and Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings.

### Actuarial Risk and Needs Assessment Services

San Joaquin County has established a validated risk/needs assessment tool, COMPAS-R, for all juveniles entering the Juvenile Justice System. The outcomes of the COMPAS-R assist in determining appropriate dispositions, referrals to evidence-based programs, and in formulating reentry plans for juveniles returning home following detention in Juvenile Hall, the Camp, or placements outside the home. Criminogenic needs are identified, evaluated, and prioritized to

enable probation officers to make well-informed decisions. Juveniles are assessed based on their risk of reoffending, and resources are directed toward those with moderate to high-risk scores, aiming to reduce future criminal behavior and recidivism rates. Furthermore, all juveniles admitted to Juvenile Hall undergo assessment using the Detention Assessment Tool, a validated tool used to decide whether they should remain detained or be released pending their court proceedings.

### San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides voluntary mental health services for the youth in the Juvenile Justice Center. All youth who are booked into the facility are evaluated for emotional and behavioral risk factors and administered treatment. The different types of services offered range from Comprehensive psychosocial mental health assessment and individualized treatment based on a youth's specific and unique needs. BHS interventions include individual therapy, rehabilitation services, trauma-informed treatment using Trauma Affect Regulation Group Education and Therapy (TARGET), relaxation training, and affect regulation skill management of stress responses. Additionally, youth receive psychoeducation to help develop coping and problem-solving skills. Youth have access to psychiatric medication consultation and services, crisis intervention services as needed, substance abuse psychoeducation, and case management linkage to aftercare services upon release.

### The Whole Youth Project

The San Joaquin County Probation Department has partnered with the Ceres Policy Research Whole Youth Initiative. This collaboration aims to offer technical support concerning LGBTQ+ youth within the justice system. The primary objective of this initiative is to equip departments with the necessary tools to effectively assist lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, gender nonconforming, and transgender (LGBQ-GNCT) youth. The Ceres team stands ready to provide various forms of assistance, including policy development, training, establishment of peer-to-peer learning networks, and data collection and analysis.

### Tattoo Removal

San Joaquin County Probation is dedicated to providing our youth with opportunities to transform their lives. The Tattoo Removal program provides an opportunity for youth to remove tattoos that negatively impact their lives. These services offer hours of tattoo removal sessions, with a Registered Nurse and an assistant present. These services are provided while the youth are in custody. But if they are released before the tattoo removal is completed, continued services will still be offered outside custody to complete the process.



### We Heart Art Academy

San Joaquin Probation provides a program in collaboration with We Heart Art Academy (WHAA). WHAA offers an 8–10-week program cycle that encompasses visual, performing, and literary arts and integrates restorative justice principles. Professional teaching artists facilitate the creation of a "Brave Space" environment, fostering the rehabilitation journey toward healing. Through artistic expression, youth gain opportunities for self-expression, healing, sharing, and communication, fostering stronger connections within families and communities. This collaboration believes in the power of art for youth to express themselves, heal, and share their experiences.

### Drug Analyzer / Mail Screener

At San Joaquin County Probation Detention, the well-being of our youth and the safety of our facilities are top priorities. To uphold these standards, the department has introduced the TruNarc Solution Kits from Thermo Fisher Scientific. This advanced technology helps detect significant narcotics among youth, promoting a healthier and safer environment within the facilities.



To maintain safety and security within the facilities, we are currently using the VeroVision Mail Screener from Eclipse Technologies. It uses near-infrared technology that goes beyond the limitations of visual or manual inspection, enabling swift and accurate detection of illegal substances in incoming mail. This new approach not only enhances safety but also streamlines the screening process, providing a more efficient way to identify potential threats.

### Books for Higher Education

The Probation Department partners with San Joaquin County Delta College to procure books for higher education. Probation is eager to participate in any opportunity that equips youth with the tools and services they need to improve themselves, thus positively impacting the community.





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### Information Sharing and Data Collection

San Joaquin County Probation utilizes data systems to measure and track the juvenile probationers. The Research and Evaluation Unit manages data collection from various case management systems, monitors data quality, and produces analytical reports to support decision-making and informed strategic planning for the department.

Northpointe Suite is a database that includes the Social History Report, the Detention Assessment Tool, the Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool – II (JSORRAT-II), the Case Plan, the COMPAS-R, and the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument 2 (MAYSI-2).

Northpointe Suite is a case management software solution in which master files are created for the respective populations, incorporating criminal history, assessment information on risk of reoffending, needs, strengths, medical, mental health, education, and human services records to inform custodial placement and treatment determinations and automate classification, placement, and movement decisions.

The department has developed Business Services Agreements with BHS, Correctional Health, and SJCOE. All partners are approved and cleared through a background investigation and can provide on-site services for offenders. Partners have some access to the system. In accordance with HIPAA and other federal information-sharing guidelines, all interactions are logged in the system for the officer's review.

Data Dashboards are produced monthly to facilitate transparency, drive continuous improvement, and evaluate the effectiveness of our services.

### Additional Comments

San Joaquin fully constitutes the Juvenile Justice Council (JJCC) as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code 749.22.

As part of the San Joaquin County Probation Department's reorganization efforts, the Continuous Quality Improvement/Programming Unit (CQI) has been disbanded to streamline its services and optimize resource utilization. Their staff continues to do the same great work, but in different settings. Some of them have joined the Detention Youth Advocate/Programming Unit, and others still cover programming needs, including the Probation Passport Program, under the Day Reporting Center (DRC) Unit. The department remains committed to offering a diverse array of classes to support our clients and foster positive behavioral changes that reduce recidivism.

## Concluding Remarks

On this year's reviews of our existing programs, it is evident that our targeted initiative has been instrumental in fostering positive outcomes for our youth, families, and our community. We strive to continue to equip our youth with the necessary skills, support, and opportunities for growth and rehabilitation. These programs not only help reduce recidivism and support a safer, stronger community, but they are also imperative in paving the way for our youth's personal transformation and our community's restoration toward a brighter future.

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Don't give up.

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