

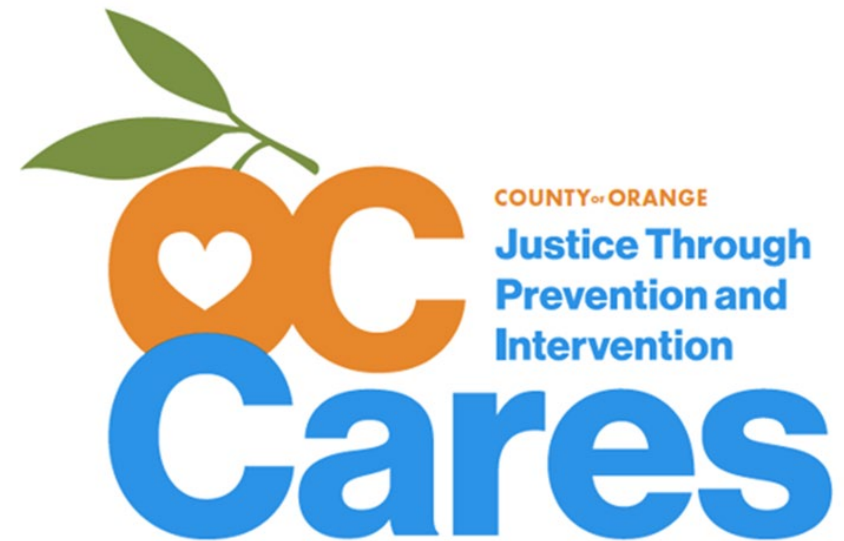
WELCOME!

OCCJCC Meeting

**October 17, 2025
County Administration South
Conference Center**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks
- II. Approval of Minutes September 19, 2025
- III. Juvenile & TAY Pillar Presentation
- IV. OC CARES Updates
- V. OCCJCC Comments
- VI. Public Comments



Juvenile & TAY Pillar Accomplishments



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LIZ GUILLEN- MERCHANT

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PILLAR V. JUVENILE & TAY

Asstistant Deputy COO:

Liz Guillen-Merchant



SCOPE INCLUDES EACH OF THE PILLARS WITHIN OC CARES 2025 VISION:

- I. PREVENTION
- II. COURTS
- III. IN CUSTODY
- IV. RE-ENTRY

TASKFORCES FORMED FOR EACH PILLAR
TASKFORCE LEADERS ASSIGNED



OVERVIEW & ACHEIVEMENTS

<p>I. PREVENTION- Led by HCA and SSA</p>	<p><u>Prevention</u></p> <p>Goal #1: Establish and maintain a community-involved outreach and prevention program to address juvenile and TAY mental illness and substance use prevention and intervention.</p>	<p><u>Courts</u></p> <p>COURTS:</p> <p>Goal #2: Analyze the need to expand the Juvenile Specialty Courts and implement as appropriate. No Action Items</p>
<p>II. COURTS- Led by Courts and supported by CEO & Human Services Departments</p>	<p><u>In-Custody</u></p> <p>Goal #3: Analyze and enhance programming available to detained youths to address identified gaps or needs.</p>	<p><u>Re-Entry</u></p> <p>Goal #4: Establish a coordinated reentry system for the juvenile and TAY population</p> <p>Goal #5: Establish a Juvenile Campus to meet current and anticipated future needs.</p>
<p>III. IN CUSTODY- Led by Probation and CEO and supported by Human Services Providers</p>		
<p>IV. RE-ENTRY- Led by Probation and supported by Human Services Departments and Contracted Providers</p>		



LEAD AGENCIES:
Health Care
Agency

Social Services

PREVENTION PILLAR

Health Care Agency
Division Manager, Alicia Lemire



Key Areas of Concern for the Task Force

- 🧑‍🔍 Prevention resource guides were not specifically targeted to youth and TAY population
- 🧑‍🔍 Existing resources, while vast, were difficult to find and access
- 🧑‍🔍 No central hub for accessing vast array of resources and information regarding programs and services
- 🧑‍🔍 No marketing materials to help promote these resources
- 🧑‍🔍 Need for increased capacity of SUD Treatment Beds for Youth and especially Males

Accomplishments of the Task Force



RESOURCE GUIDE

JUVENILE & TAY PREVENTION TASKFORCE



Prevention Task Force Accomplishments:

- ✓ Engaged all County Departments and offering Juvenile/TAY programs
- ✓ Included outside key stakeholders such as OCDE and CBO partners
- ✓ Created and posted Resource Guide on OC Navigator that lists all diversion programs available to the community.
- ✓ Created a flyer to post on social media and at community access points to promote the Resource Guide.

Accomplishments of the Task Force (Continued)



Prevention Task Force Accomplishments:

- ✓ Compiled an inventory of diversion programs within Orange County that will be posted to the OC CARES website.
- ✓ Reviewed community assessments available to assess for trauma and posted a site with comprehensive resources to the OC CARES website.
- ✓ Monitored progress of youth programming at Be Well Irvine site to increase adolescent residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment beds.

About This Guide and Navigating Through Content



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Family Resources: Supportive Services and Resources for Families



Supportive Services and Resources for Families

Being a parent or taking care of a growing child can be tough! The resources listed below help families stay strong and healthy, so everyone can do well.

Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove

Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove ("BGCGG") is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that has developed a uniqu...

Eligibility: Contact for Details

 Garden Grove  (714) 530-0430

C.A.R.E. Counseling Center

We focus on domestic violence prevention, child abuse & teen violence prevention, early intervention, affordable treatment...

Eligibility: Most clients are court or

 Anaheim  (714) 705-5450

Community Health Enrichment...

We provide support services and programs for families that have children under the age of 18-years-old, that live in Orange...


Eligibility: Contact for details

 San Juan ...  (949) 489-7742
Capistrano

Family & Youth Outreach Program, Boys and Girls...

Family Youth Outreach Program (FYOP) provides counseling, educational classes, and other community programs for...

Eligibility: Families with youth who are

 Garden Grove  (714) 741-5895

Families and Communities Together...

We are a network of Family Resource Centers in 16 locations in Orange County; our core services include counseling,...

Eligibility: Families in Orange County

 Tustin  (714) 566-2878

Friendly Center Orange Family Resource Center...

We provide support services and programs for families that have children under the age of 18-years-old, that live in Orange...

Eligibility: Contact for details

 Orange  (714) 771-5300

Flyer for Resource Guide



OC Cares Orange County Justice Through Prevention and Intervention

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Navigator 

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOR OR EMOTIONS?



 Scan Here to visit our website for more information and access to the complete resource guide. <https://tinyurl.com/OCNavigator10>

If you're noticing signs of emotional or behavioral challenges in your child, this guide is here to help. This guide provides a directory of programs to support families with children ages 6-18.

THIS GUIDE INCLUDES:

-  Local resources for children and their families to help understand emotional and behavioral changes in your child
-  Connection with local programs and services to learn how to best support your child's emotional well-being

6-2025

Assessments Available for the Community

Issues Identified:

- No central warehouse or site for various assessments for County programs
- No tools available to share with outside stakeholders
- Difficulty understanding what assessments were utilized and why

Prevention Task Force Accomplishments

- ✓ Reviewed current assessments available in OC collected by Orange County's Interagency Leadership Team.
- ✓ Determined no one assessment met all community member's needs and instead selected the National Child Traumatic Stress Network's website as the best way to link the community to available assessments.
- ✓ The following site will be linked on the OC CARES website: [NCTSN Resources | The National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#).



Youth SUD Programming at Be Well Irvine



Issues Identified:

- Need for increased capacity and access to SUD Treatment Beds
- Only 6 beds available via contracted provider and only for female clients
- Male beds all located out of county



Prevention Task Force Accomplishments:

- ✓ Helped identify need for increased capacity locally
- ✓ HCA released Request for Proposals for perinatal and adolescent residential SUD treatment beds at the Be Well Irvine location which closed in June 2025.
- ✓ These services are anticipated to begin in the first half of 2026. When these services have begun, this goal will be 100% met.
- ✓ Anticipate 34 adolescent residential beds with 17 allocated for males
- ✓ Anticipate 24 perinatal beds.



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OC Courts

County Executive
Office

COURTS PILLAR

Juvenile Presiding Judge

Craig Arthur



Courts Taskforce Accomplishments

Juvenile Presiding Judge: Craig Arthur

Need identified by Courts Taskforce:

- Expand or establish a Juvenile Specialty Court and identify the population served and the capacity needed.
- Wrap services around clients that are willing to help enable rehabilitation and prevent future offenses
- Support Parents and Families of offenders to improve outcomes

Courts Accomplishments:

- ✓ ***Maximize the benefits of existing specialty courts***
- ✓ ***Develop and implement additional specialty courts***
- ✓ ***Address specific needs of Juvenile and TAY population***



Juvenile Specialty Courts

TEEN
COURT

GRACE
COURT

YOUTH
DEV.
COURT

JRC

Collaborative * Hands-on Approach * Frequent Interaction

Partial List of Stakeholders

- 1 Attorneys
- 2 Parties (parents and youth)
- 3 Probation
- 4 Social Services Agency
- 5 Health Care Agency (CEGU)

- 6 OC Dept. of Education
- 7 CASA
- 8 Waymakers
- 9 Community Based Orgs
- 10 School Districts

Crossover Youth Court (CYC)

**Stakeholder
Involvement**



Began working
with
Georgetown
University
(Early 2021)

CYC Opens



Launched the
court in March
of 2022
(Every other
Wednesday)

**Vulnerable
Youth**



The most
vulnerable
population in
juvenile court

Expansion



Currently
exploring ways
to expand the
court due to
case numbers

Juvenile Collaborative Courts

CYC

Judge Craig Arthur

1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Wednesdays of
each month
(afternoons only)

GRACE

Judge Adrienne
Marshack

Every Tuesday

Number of
participants
determined by
facts of cases
(Trafficking)

JRC

Judge Vib Mittal

Every Thursday

Participation is
optional

Grant study in
progress

TEEN

Judge Craig Arthur

Every Friday, except
the 3rd Friday of the
month

Oldest collab. Court.
Steady population
numbers. Must be
referred

YDC

Judge Joe Perez

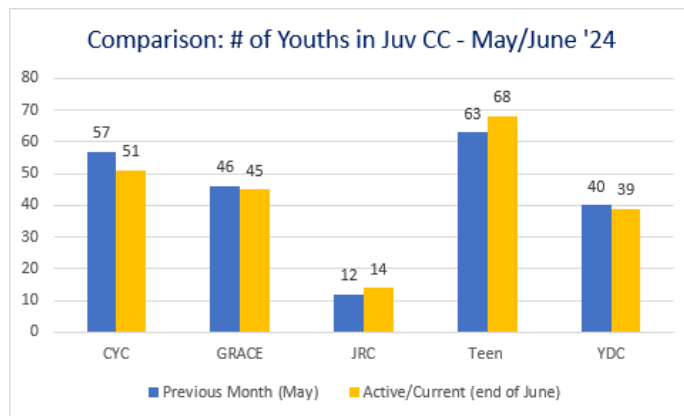
Two Fridays a
month.

Strictly Juvenile
Justice cases.

Juvenile Courts Statistics

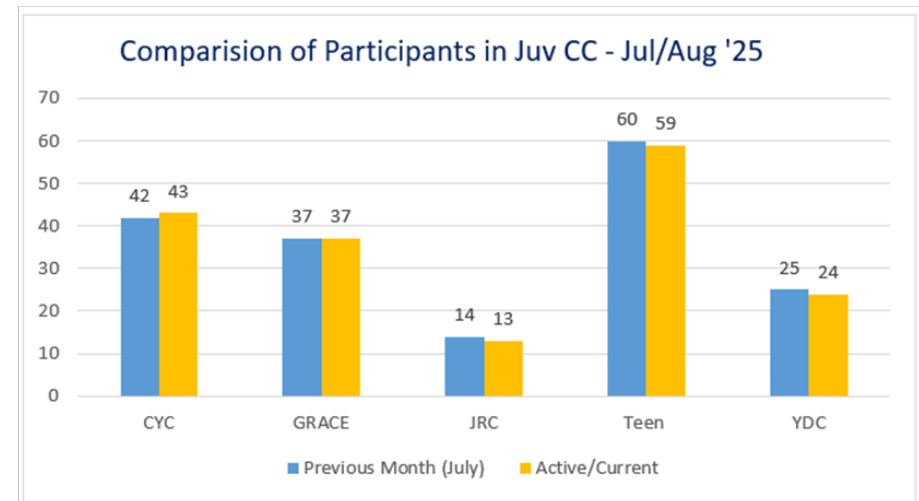
Monthly Stats for Juvenile Collaborative Courts (JCC) - June 2024

Number of Youths	CYC	GRACE	JRC	Teen	YDC	Total
Previous Month (May)	57	46	12	63	40	218
New Entry in June	2	0	2	5	1	10
Exit in June	8	1	0	0	2	11
Active/Current (end of June)	51	45	4	68	39	217
# of Youths Increased/ Decreased from the Previous Month	6	1	2	5	1	1



Monthly Stats for Juvenile Collaborative Courts (JCC) - August 2025

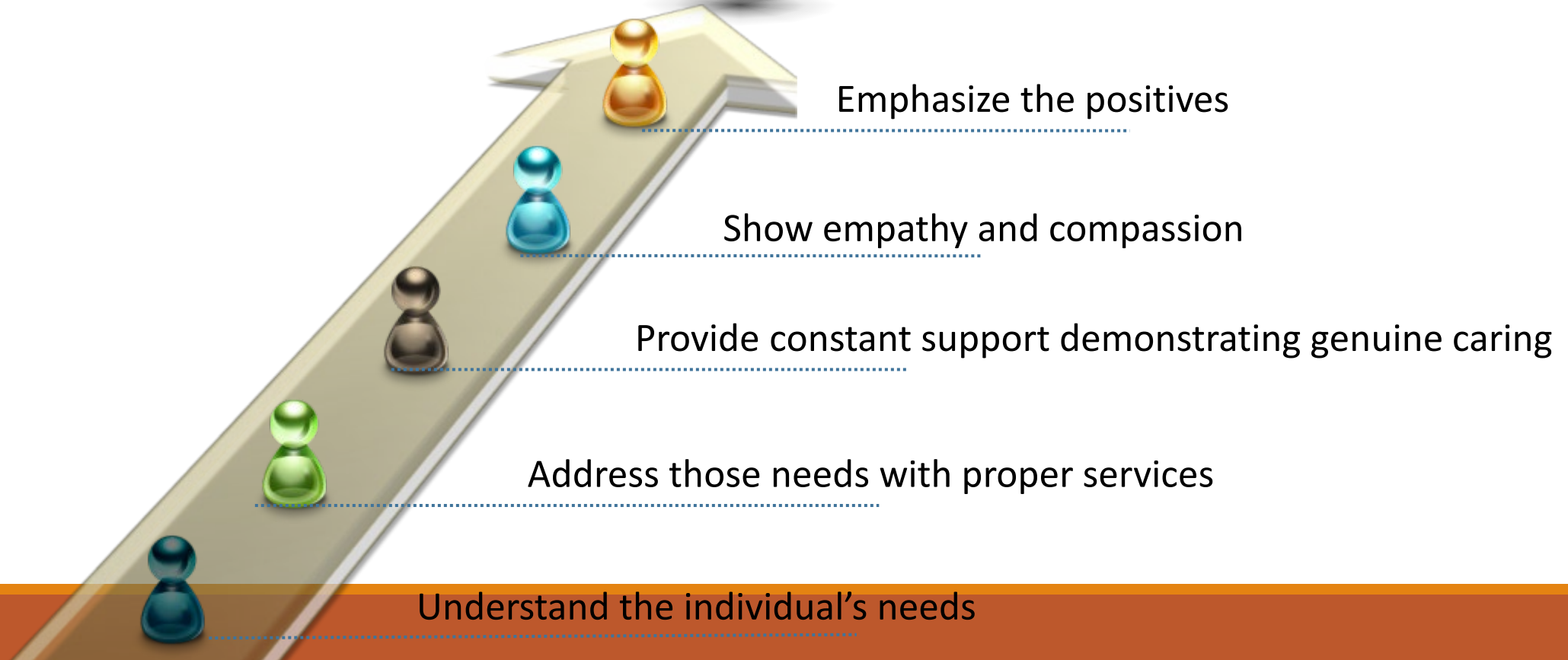
Number of Participants	CYC	GRACE	JRC	Teen	YDC	Total
Previous Month (July)	42	37	14	60	25	178
New Entry in August	3	1	0	1	0	5
Exit in August	2	1	1	2	1	7
Active/Current	43	37	13	59	24	176
# of Youths Increased/ Decreased from the Previous Month	1	0	1	1	1	2



Achieving our Goal



**HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND
PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN**



LEAD AGENCIES:

Health Care
Agency

Probation

IN CUSTODY PILLAR

OC Probation Department

Division Directors: Isabell Gutierrez

Kevin Moore



Juvenile & TAY In-Custody/Detained and Re-Entry Task Force

Task Force Consisted of:

- Probation
- HCA
- SSA
- OCCR – Workforce Development
- Community Based Organizations (Project Kinship, Underground Grit, Action Alliance, OC Workforce, Ready Set OC, and Neutral Ground Grit)
- Community Colleges
- Department of Education

In-Custody Accomplishments

In-Custody Areas of Focus:

- ❑ Substance Abuse concerns
- ❑ Educational needs and vocational needs for TAY
- ❑ SB 823 needs now that JH houses older youth



In-Custody Programming - New and Enhancement

- ✓ Expand capacity of CEGU Clinicians onsite at JH 7 days a week until 9p and on call on the weekend (HCA)
- ✓ Matrix Model launched in facilities to address substance use (HCA)
- ✓ MAT treatments implemented in all facilities (CHS)
- ✓ SB 823 plan implemented for new housing within the Juvenile Campus projects
- ✓ Probation established partnerships with community colleges and universities for TAY to participate in associate and bachelor's degrees while in custody
- ✓ Probation contracted with new organizations for vocational training

Highlights of some of the Programs/Resources

Existing Programming Needs

- ❑ Limited Higher Educational Programs and partnerships
- ❑ Limited Vocational and Training Programs
- ❑ Limited Life Skills Training
- ❑ Better connection to Reentry Services while in custody

Newly Contracted

- ✓ Educational Programs
 - Cypress College
 - Project Youth OC
 - Project Rebound
 - Santiago Canyon Community College
- ✓ Skills Up- Automotive Shop Program
- ✓ 2 new Culinary Programs
- ✓ Partners 4 Wellness
- ✓ Ready Set OC

In Development

- ❖ Medical Billing
- ❖ Graphic Design
- ❖ Construction



JH Automotive Shop Program

- Oil Change Technician Certification
- Tire Balancing/Rotation Certification
- AC Certification
- Hand Tool Identification, Safety and Usage Certification
- Battery, Starting, and Charging Certification



Youth Working in the Shop at JH



Culinary Program

Project Kinship Programs/Resources in Facilities

NEWLY ADDED CONTRACTED PROVIDER



Services Currently Offered

- ✓ Case Managers
- ✓ Credible Messengers
- ✓ Restorative Circles
- ✓ Cognitive Behavioral Therapeutic Programs



Bridging Custody and Community: Peer Support for System Involved Youth

Briana Carrera, Peer Support Specialist
Children and Youth Services

Reentry Support with Peer Support Specialists

Peer Support Specialists draw upon their lived experience to provide individualized reentry support, helping system-involved youth navigate community reintegration and rebuild stability through mentoring, modeling, and linkage to resources including:

- Mental Health Services
- Substance Use Treatment
- Psychiatric Services/Medication Support
- MAT
- Transportation
- Housing
- Education
- Vocational
- Medical Insurance
- Identification
- Driver's License
- Employment
- Public Assistance Aid
- Disability Benefits
- Immigration Support
- Independent Living Skills
- Prosocial Activities

Success Story and Peer Support Role

Needs of youth	Peer Support Role
Behavioral Health & SUD Treatment	Provided “warm hand off”, appointment scheduling support, and emotional encouragement to engage in care
Transportation to Appointments	Offered rides and in-person support to reduce no-shows and increase engagement
School Transition	Helped obtain school transcripts and navigate enrollment in public school
Medi-Cal Reactivation	Assisted with obtaining documentation, phone calls, and follow-up steps to restore coverage
Food Assistance Benefits	Provided information on eligibility requirements and assisted with online application process
Independent Living Skills	Assisted youth in creating and maintaining consistent daily routines to help prioritize tasks
Practical Coping Strategies	Encouraged youth to practice coping skills regularly, not just during moments of stress

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RE-ENTRY PILLAR

OC Probation

Division Director Isabell Gutierrez



Areas of Focus

Juvenile & TAY and Re-Entry Taskforce

Re-Entry

- ❑ Support needed to link youth/TAY to needed services upon release from custody
- ❑ Continuation of similar services for youth/TAY upon release from custody
- ❑ Continuation of vocational job readiness programs for smooth transitions
- ❑ Appropriate housing to address specific needs of youth/TAY

Re-Entry Taskforce Accomplishments

Service Needs

Accomplishments include:

- ✓ Peer mentors and Credible Messengers have been added to the facilities to assist youth/TAY manage the juvenile justice system and available resources
- ✓ CBOs in place to provide or continue vocational and educational training upon release

Contracted Partners include

- ❖ Project Kinship
- ❖ Action Alliance
- ❖ Underground Grit
- ❖ Neutral Ground
- ❖ HIRE
- ❖ The Ready Set OC

* All Life Skills Contractors will provide services that transition from In Custody to Re-entry for better outcomes

Re-Entry Taskforce Accomplishments

Housing

Concern:

- ❑ Need for Housing inventory and gap analysis
- ❑ Need for sufficient housing options for placement for youth and TAY populations to help with self-sufficiency and address the specific needs of the youth/TAY.
- ❑ Need for establishment, renewed and/or expanded contracts to provide expanded housing options

Accomplishments include:

- ✓ Emergency Shelter Beds for up to 30 TAY established at Covenant House Shelter
- ✓ Additional TAY 18+ shelter beds available throughout Orange County at:
 - Bridges of Kraemer Place
 - Yale Navigation Center
- ✓ HCA/BHS Recovery Residential Beds
- ✓ Casa Youth Shelter Contract Capacity Expanded
- ✓ Be Well Irvine Anticipate 34 adolescent residential beds -24 perinatal beds.
- ✓ 48 Independent living housing units for TAY included in Juvenile Hall redevelopment



RE-ENTRY PILLAR

Contracted Provider Partners



Chief Executive Officer

Steve Kim



RE-ENTRY PILLAR

Contracted Provider Partners



Executive Director

Lupita Gutierrez



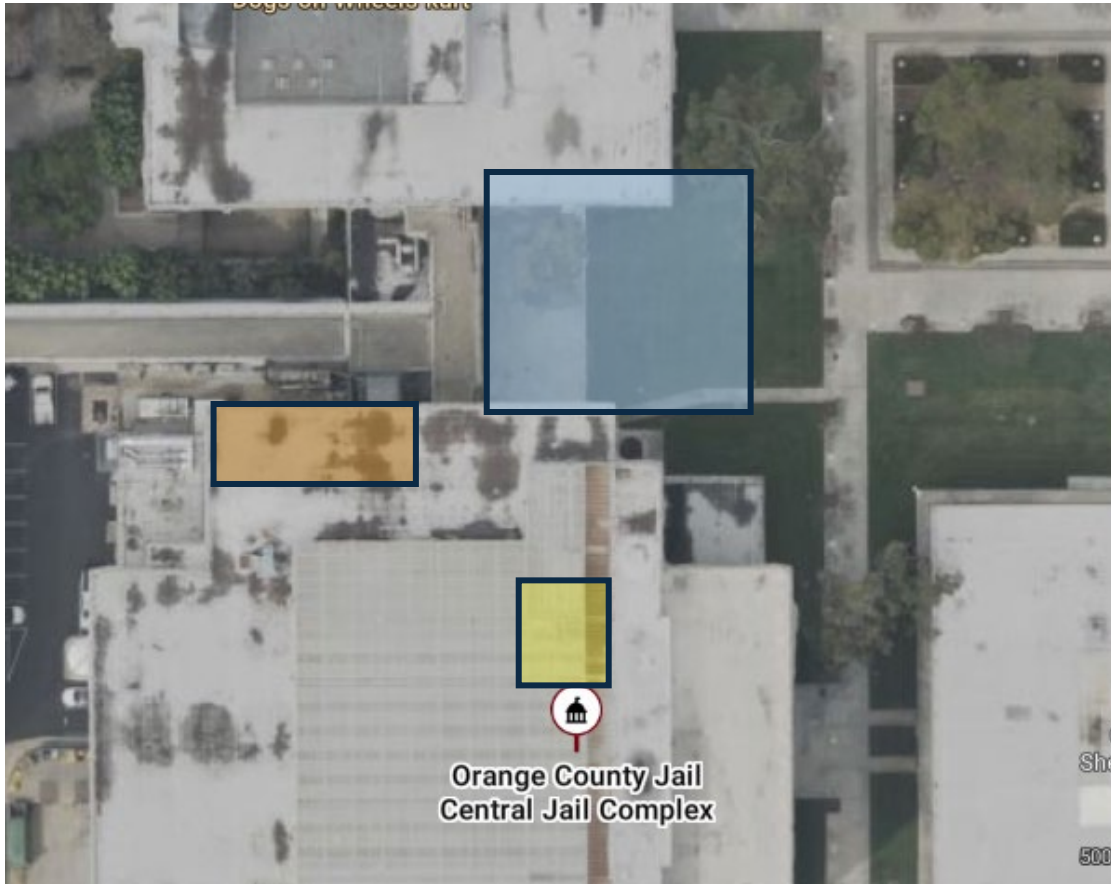
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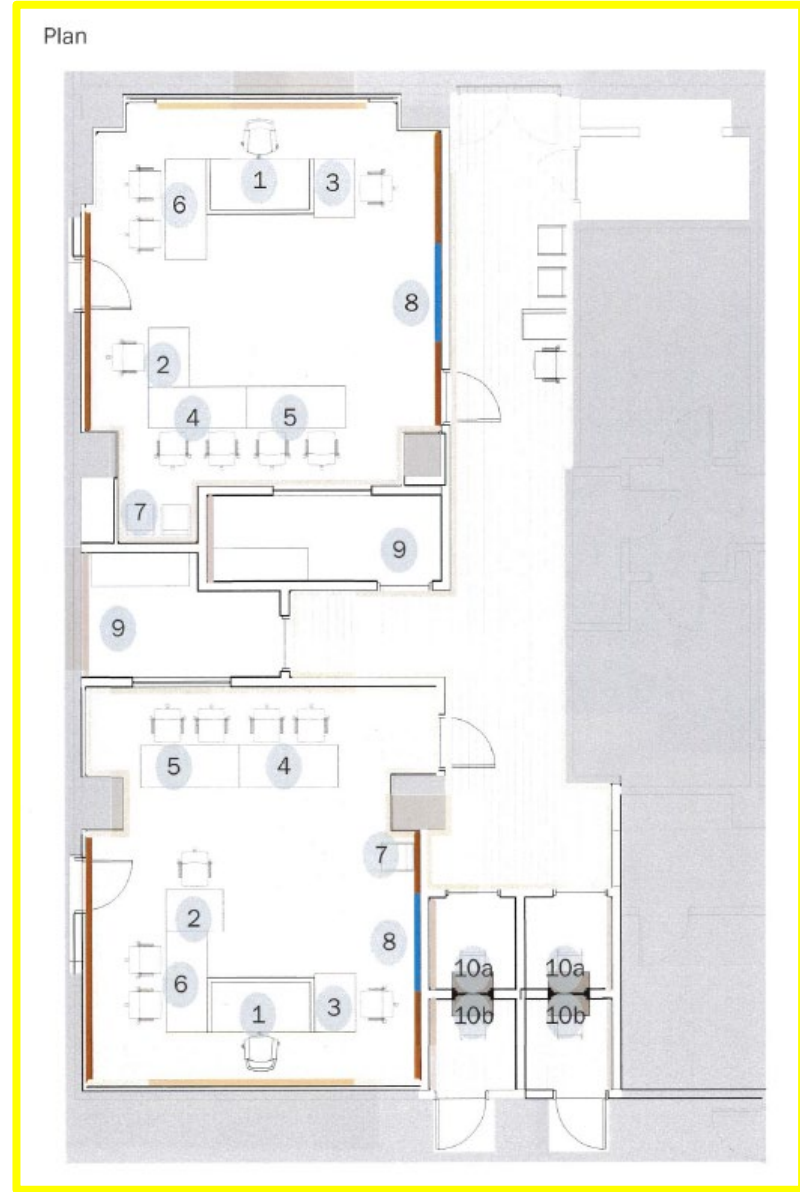
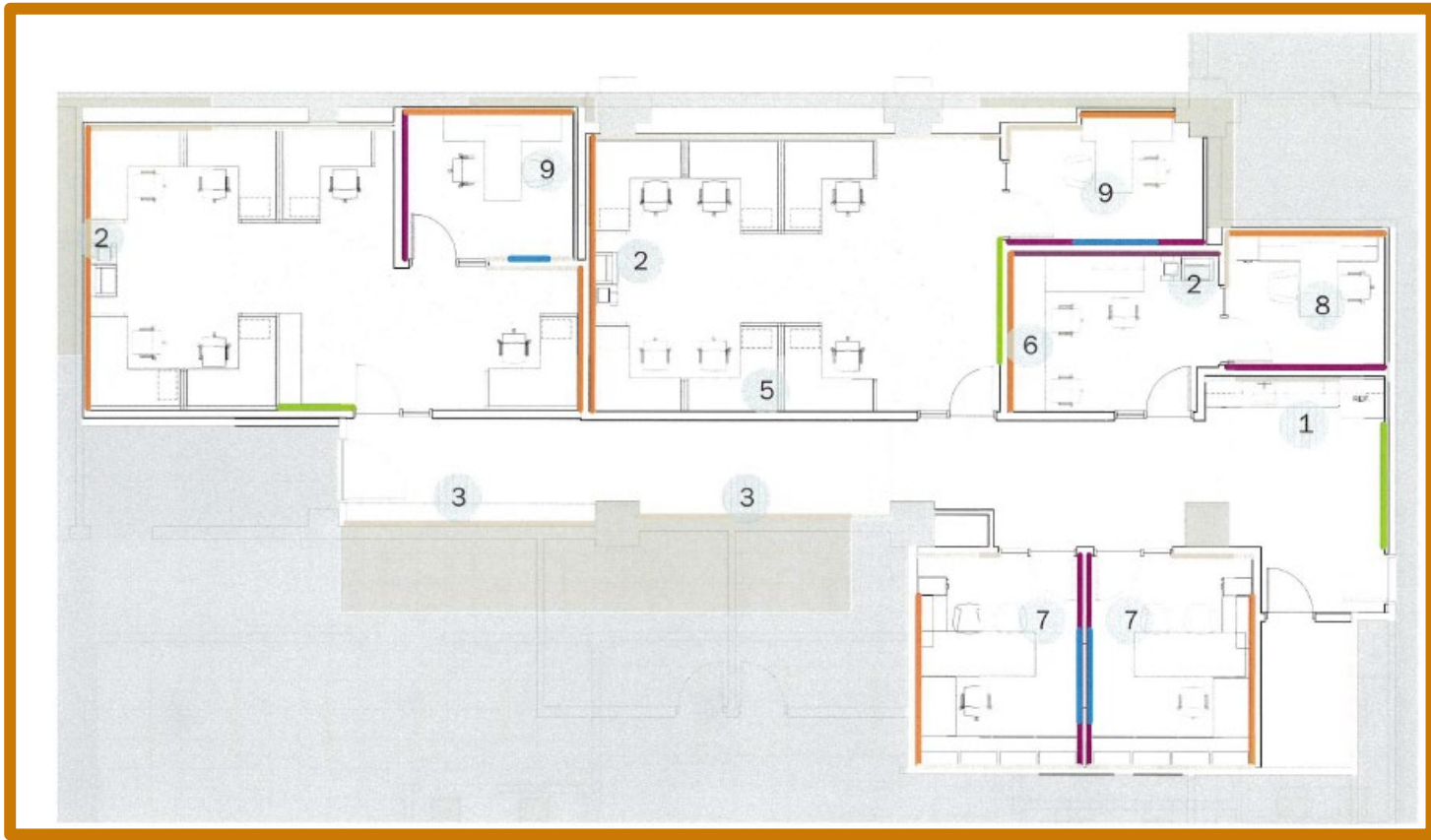




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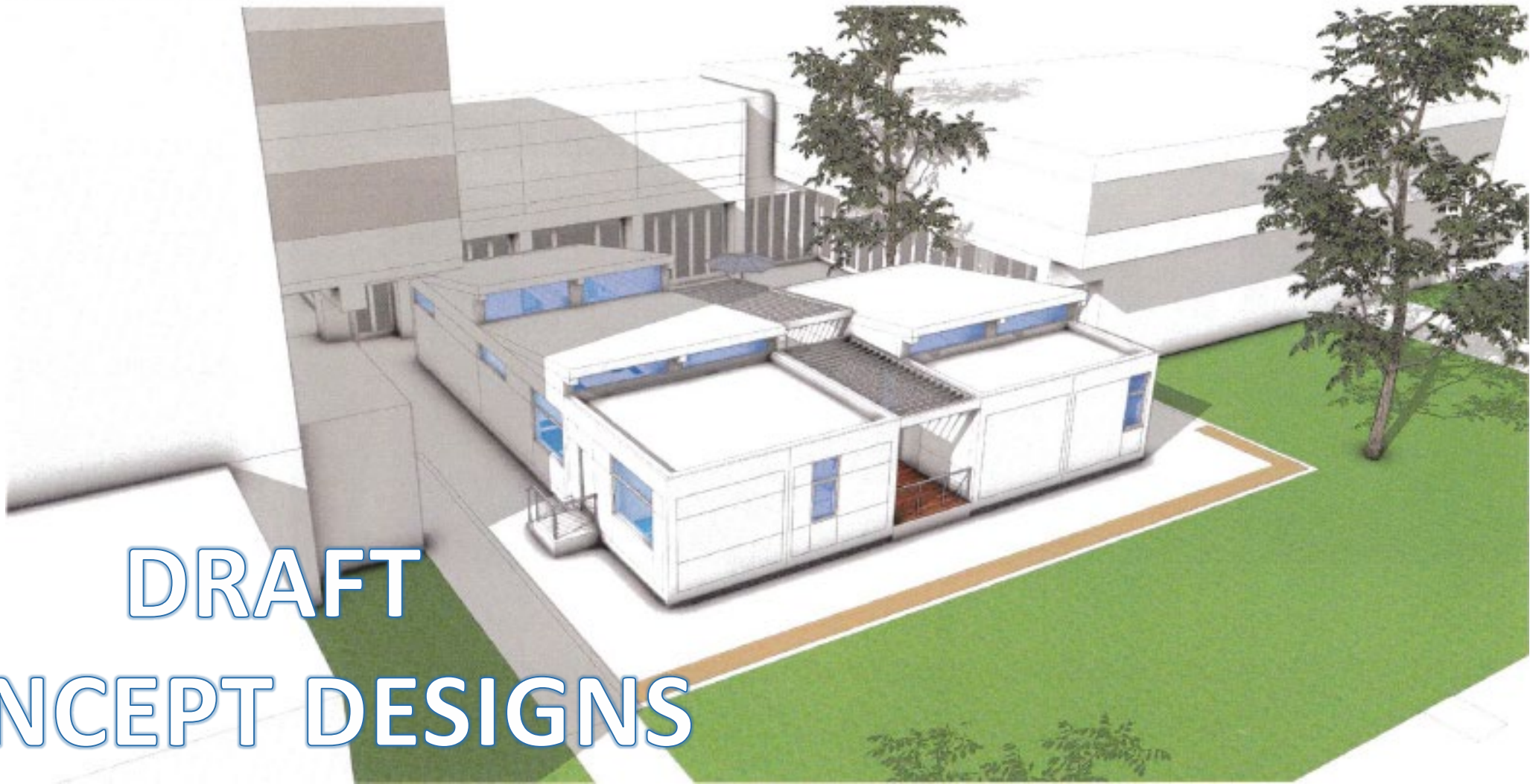
CJ2 – Concept





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Perspective w/o Secure Perimeter Wall



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Need to Know

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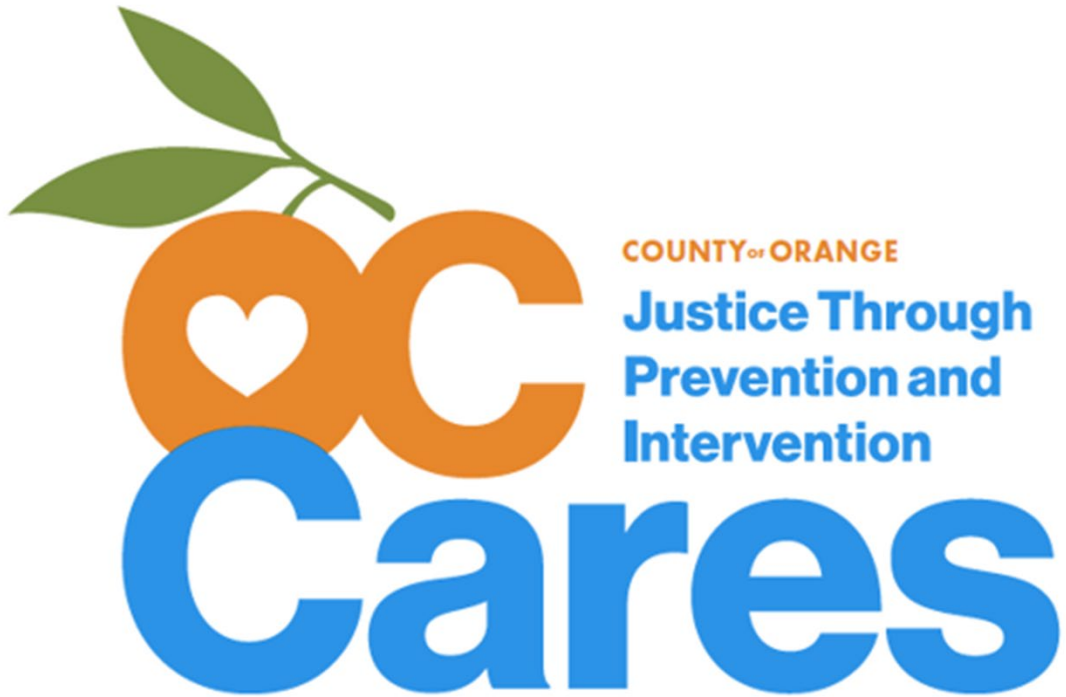
Meeting Agendas and Cancellations are also posted to the OCCJCC website

49 working days; 75 total days; 11 weeks

Reach out if you have questions or need anything

Project / Program (Adults)	% Completed				Est. Completion Date
	2023	2024	2025	Overall	
Pillar I: Prevention					
Communication & Media Campaign	100%	100%	n/a	100%	June 2024
Data Gathering, Sharing and Analysis	100%	100%	100%	100%	June 2025
Crisis Response related trainings	100%	n/a	n/a	100%	June 2023
Behavioral Health Public Safety Response	n/a	100%	n/a	100%	June 2024
Be Well Facilities & Programs	100%	90%	50%	86%	June 2025
FIRST Point	100%	n/a	n/a	100%	June 2023
Pillar II: Courts					
Pre-Trial Intervention	n/a	82%	n/a	82%	June 2024
Adult Specialty Courts	100%	100%	80%	97%	June 2025
Care Court	100%	n/a	n/a	100%	December 2023
Pillar III: In-Custody					
In-Custody Stabilization Services	100%	100%	n/a	100%	June 2024
Opening of new Musick Jail Facility	100%	100%	n/a	100%	June 2024
In-Custody Reentry Programming	100%	100%	100%	100%	June 2025
Pillar IV: Reentry					
Regional Reentry Community Resource Centers (Reentry Success Centers)	100%	100%	100%	100%	June 2024
Mobile Reentry Services	100%	0%	n/a	50%	June 2024
Coordinated Reentry Center	100%	n/a	50%	60%	December 2025
Workforce Reentry Center	100%	n/a	0%	50%	December 2025
Coordinated Case Management	100%	n/a	100%	100%	June 2025

Project / Program (Juvenile & TAY)	% Completed				Est. Completion Date
	2023	2024	2025	Overall	
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY - Prevention					
Communication & Media Campaign	n/a	100%	n/a	100%	June 2024
Data Gathering, Sharing and Analysis	80%	n/a	n/a	80%	June 2023
Juvenile Mental Health & Substance Use Support Services	n/a	95%	n/a	95%	June 2024
Youth Diversion Programs	n/a	100%	80%	95%	June 2025
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY - Courts					
Expand Juvenile Specialty Courts	n/a	95%	n/a	95%	June 2024
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY-In-Custody/Detained					
Juvenile Mental Health & SUD Support Services	n/a	100%	n/a	100%	June 2024
Specialized Programming for Detained Juvenile & TAY	n/a	n/a	98%	98%	June 2025
Enhance Juvenile Corrections Campus	n/a	n/a	100%	100%	December 2025
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY - Reentry					
Specialized Reentry Programs	100%	n/a	98%	98%	June 2025
Supportive Housing	n/a	n/a	98%	98%	December 2025
Transitional TAY Housing	n/a	n/a	95%	95%	December 2025



THANK YOU!

Questions/Comments

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