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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

In FY2024-25, the actual spending for the Prevention/Early Intervention Programs was slightly lower than what was budgeted for the fiscal year (FY) (\$4,450,440 vs \$4,812,631). The total entries for the Prevention/Early Intervention Program decreased compared to previous FY (630 vs 831). The total exits for these who participated in a program for more than one day is slightly lower as well (583 vs 612). Despite the drop in total program exits, successful exits did increase in the past FY (440 vs 381), indicating participants were able to meet program requirements at higher rates. Of those who disclosed city of residence, the top three cities were Mission Viejo, Anaheim, and Rancho Santa Margrita (78, 55, and 51 respectively).

- **School Mobile Assessment & Resource Team (SMART):** The actual spending (\$3,212,340) for SMART program was \$297,259 less than the approved budgeted, although \$155,290 more was spent compared to the previous FY. The SMART program conducted less youth assessments as reflected in their youth enrollment numbers (223 vs 266).
- **Truancy Response Program:** The actual spending (\$806,950) was \$64,932 less than budgeted, although \$41,494 more than last FY. Overall, there was more family involvement in Tier1 services. For Tier 2 services, there were less program entries (123 vs 181) and successful exits (108 vs 119). For Tier 3 services, there were more program entries (46 vs 33) and successful exits (26 vs 17).
- **Decentralized Intake – Youth Diversion Counseling Services:** The actual spending matched what was budgeted (\$431,150), and \$11,924 lower than previous FY. There were less program entries (238 vs 252) and successful exits (198 vs 245) compared to FY2023-24.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM

The total actual spending for Intervention/Treatment Programs was less than what was budgeted for the FY (\$11,556,139 vs \$13,663,411). The total entries for the Intervention/Treatment Programs decreased (433) compared to previous FY (520), as well as the total exits (436 vs 529) and successful exits (264 vs 327). Of those who disclosed city of residence, the top three cities Santa Ana, Anaheim, and Orange remained the same as the previous FY (154, 95, and 25 respectively) with Santa Ana has the biggest increase (51 to 154), and Mission Viejo the biggest decrease (89 to 0).

- **Substance Use Programming (SUP):** The actual spending (\$4,858,171) for SUP was \$1,431,916 less than the approved budget and decreased by \$1,215,229 compared to the previous FY. This was mainly due to Probation spending \$1,268,542 less than the previous FY, and a slight increase of funds spent by the Health Care Agency (HCA). Probation had a marginal decrease in program entries (98 vs 88), but more successful exits than the previous FY (41 vs 43). The program entries from HCA dropped (188 vs 82), as well as successful exits (0 vs 59) compared to the previous FY.
- **Youth Reporting Centers (YRC):** The actual spending (\$5,550,481) for YRC program was \$351,815 less than budgeted, but \$1,516,824 more than the previous FY. This was largely due to Probation spending \$1,574,712 more than the previous FY, and a decrease from HCA of \$57,888. There were less participants for both Probation (252 vs 321) and HCA (252 vs 309), and less successful exits (152 vs 222 and 40 vs 136, respectively).

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- **Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC):** The actual spending (\$804,220) was \$237,021 less than budgeted, but represents a 99% increase from the prior FY (\$401,802). This is mainly due to Probation and HCA. The total program entries from both Probation and HCA dropped from the previous FY (14 vs 17 and 15 vs 27, respectively).
- **Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE):** The actual spending (\$343,267) for ARRIVE program was \$86,520 less than budgeted and \$105,267 less than the previous FY. Similarly, there was slightly decrease in youth enrollment (80 vs 84) although there was a slight increase in successful exits (65 vs 57) compared to the previous FY.

2024 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

On July 25, 2024, the OCJCC approved the proposed process and allocated money from JJCPA funds for FY 2024-25 to solicit proposals from CBOs. A total of nine project submissions were funded, seven of which started in January 2025. The following summarizes the seven programs for the first two quarters of implementation (Jan – March and April – June):

- **Carpenter Training Partners:** \$57,349 out of \$137,524 approved yearly budget was spent. There were 15 program participants in total with less than 12 successful completions.
- **Project Kinship:** The program began in the second quarter and spent \$61,009 out of \$225,000 approved budget. There were 35 program participants in total with 0 successful completions.
- **The PRISM Way:** \$137,465 out of \$161,442 approved yearly budget was. There were 70 program participants in total with 38 successful completions.
- **Project Youth OC:** \$22,622 out of \$50,000 approved yearly budget was spent. There were 217 program participants in total with 168 successful completions.
- **Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove:** \$5,607 out of \$15,000 approved yearly budget was spent. There were 21 program participants in total with less than 12 successful completions.
- **Human Works Foundation:** \$61,924 out of \$225,000 approved yearly budget was spent. There were 106 program participants in total with 34 successful completions.
- **Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment (H.I.R.E):** \$22,963 out of \$85,532 approved yearly budget was spent. There were 13 program participants in total with 0 successful completions.

The other two funded programs H.I.R.E and Waymakers GRIP were deferred to begin implementation in FY2025-26.

INTRODUCTION

The Orange County (OC) Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (OCJJCC) Annual Report presents an update on programs funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program (SB 823 Block Grant). This report highlights the funding and expenditures as of the fiscal year-end, along with metrics and outcomes for each program comparing them to previous fiscal years.

The purpose of the report is to provide timely relevant information to the OCJJCC to allow for proper oversight of the programs funded. The report is organized by the two funding sources, SB 823 Block Grant and JJCPA with JJCPA programs grouped by section, centered on prevention and treatment programs. Each program section includes the objective, lead agencies and partners, amount awarded and amount expended as of the fiscal year end, and program outcome measures. These program details are all included in this report.

OC Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Background

The OCJJCC was established per Welfare and Institutions Code Section 749.22, as a requirement for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program funding. The OCJJCC is chaired by the Chief Probation Officer and other members include representation from the Board of Supervisors (BOS), District Attorney's Office (OCDA), Public Defender's Office, Sheriff-Coroner's Department (OCSD), Social Services Agency (SSA), Health Care Agency Behavioral Health (HCA), Department of Education (OCDE), local law enforcement agency (currently Garden Grove), and the community including an at-large representative and non-profit community-based organizations providing drug and alcohol programs and services to minors.

The OCJJCC serves to maintain a continuation of County-based responses to juvenile crime and set priorities and approve the use of grant funds. This is accomplished through a comprehensive multi-agency plan that identifies resources and strategies for providing an effective continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment, and incarceration of juvenile offenders, including strategies to develop and implement local out of home placement options for the offender. The OCJJCC is responsible for the following: Assisting the Chief Probation Officer in developing a comprehensive, multi-agency juvenile justice plan to develop a continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment, and incarceration of juvenile offenders. Serving as the Local Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition as required by Title 28 Code of Federal Regulations – Chapter 1, Part 31, Section 31.502, for the County to receive Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant funding.

- Serving as the parent body for the realignment subcommittee as required by the Welfare and Institutions Code Division 2.5, Chapter 1.7, Section 1995, for the County to receive Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant funding.
- Providing oversight for the Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee and annual plan update process.

SB 823 JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT

SB 823 Subcommittee

Senate Bill 823 (SB 823), also known as the “Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration,” was chaptered on September 30, 2020. This new chapter created a block grant program to support counties in managing the custody, care, and supervision of youth who were previously eligible for the Division of Juvenile Justice before it closed. Additionally, WIC section 1995 outlined the requirements for counties to qualify for this block grant funding. To qualify for funding, the County was required to establish a subcommittee to develop a plan detailing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and reentry strategies planned to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision for the realigned youth and transitional age youth (TAY) populations. This subcommittee was formed under the OCJJCC. The SB 823 Subcommittee also oversees the implementation of Senate Bill 823, known as the “Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and Community Restoration,” which was enacted in 2020. This bill established a block grant program to assist counties in managing realigned youth by providing appropriate facilities, programs, services, and reentry strategies. To maintain eligibility, the subcommittee must update and resubmit the County’s plan annually by May 1, regardless of any changes.

The SB 823 Subcommittee presented its draft SB 823 plan during the regularly scheduled meeting of the OCJJCC. The plan is responsive to the aspects set forth in WIC section 1995, subdivisions (d)(1) through (d)(7) and is the culmination of the collective discussions and partnership between the juvenile court, community, and system stakeholders. The complete Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant County Plan for OC can be found here: <https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>.

SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant

Pursuant to WIC section 1991, subdivision (a), and commencing with the 2021-22 fiscal year, and annually thereafter, counties receive an allocation for use by the county to provide the “appropriate rehabilitative housing and supervision services for the population specified” in WIC section 1990, subdivision (b). The annual statewide allocation is determined by law, and each county's allocation is calculated annually using a formula outlined in the statute. This funding process started in FY 2021-22, and every year thereafter on July 1, the Department of Finance (DOF) calculates the total amount from the General Fund, and the State Controller distributes these funds by August 1, following the schedule provided by the DOF. For FY 2024-25, the County’s allocation was \$11 million which is fully allocated to Probation to be expended compliant with the state-approved plan. The table shows the allocations received as of FYE 2024-25 by the County and the use of the funds as of the fiscal year-end. Probation continues to actively work towards service implementation consistent with the approved annual plan.

SB 823 Actuals and Available Balance

Fiscal Year	Allocation	Actuals	Balance
FY 2021-22	\$ 2,237,981	\$ 0	\$ 2,237,981
FY 2022-23	4,622,596	115,485	4,507,111
FY 2023-24	9,012,312	365,432	8,646,880
FY 2024-25	11,064,942	10,600,077	464,865
Total	\$ 26,937,831	\$ 11,080,994	\$ 15,856,837

JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) was created by the Crime Prevention Act of 2000 to provide a stable funding source for local juvenile justice programs aimed at curbing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth through accountability-based programs focused on juvenile offenders and the juvenile justice system. For FY 2024-25, the OCJJCC allocated \$16.8 million in JJCPA funds to support seven existing programs. These programs focus on accountability-based approaches targeting juvenile offenders and addressing broader issues within the juvenile justice system to mitigate delinquency and improve outcomes for at-risk youth.

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4) and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1961(b) mandate that counties develop a combined annual plan for the JJCPA and the YOBG to enhance coordination and reduce duplication in addressing juvenile justice needs. The JJCPA-YOBG plan is a strategic document prepared by the County to outline the use of state-provided funds to implement evidence-based programs that prevent juvenile crime and reduce recidivism. The plan details the services and strategies that target at-risk youth, focusing on community-based solutions that support rehabilitation and positive development.

The current JJCPA-YOBG plan for OC can be found here:

<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>

JJCPA Funded Programs

Prevention/Early Intervention Programs

- **School Mobile Assessment and Resource Team (SMART)** is an early intervention and prevention program focused on involvement with families and youth to prevent school-based violence and delinquency.
- **Truancy Response Program** focuses on family education, support, and resource referrals to reduce truancy.
- **Decentralized Intake – Youth Diversion Counseling (previously reported as Sheriff's Prevention Program/Decentralized Intake)** is modeled after diversion programs, which attempt to minimize the effects of labeling associated with offending and limit the opportunities youth have to associate with antisocial peers by reducing their contact and exposure to the juvenile justice system.

Intervention/Treatment Programs

- **Substance Use Program** is based on the Therapeutic Community model for substance use treatment programs with the addition of the Aggression Replacement Training cognitive-behavior program specific to addressing criminal recidivism.
- **Youth Reporting Centers** are day reporting centers that include a multidisciplinary team focused on reducing the use of secure detention by providing a highly structured community-based alternative confinement program.
- **Juvenile Recovery Court** is based on a model where an interactive judicial officer leads an interdisciplinary team, including the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Health Care Agency clinicians, and parents to address a youth's substance use issues.
- **Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE)** program focuses on family strength training and individualized support to wards of the court that are at risk of reincarceration.

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Funding Summary

The FY 2024-25 budget allocation was based on an estimated \$19.7 million in available funding, \$16.5 million from the State along with a prior-year carryover balance of \$4.0 million. On February 29, 2024, the OCJJCC allocated the entire \$19.7 million of available funding for FY 2024-25 to the existing programs based on funding requests submitted by each lead agency.

For FY 2024-25, actual JJCPA funding received was \$16.8 million from the State, \$0.3 million more than estimated, and the actual prior year carryover was \$4.0 million. Total program costs for FY 2024-25 were \$7.1 million. The tables below details the FY 2024-25 funding allocation and actuals by program and department, including the full time equivalent (FTEs) for each department.

	FY 2024-25	
	Allocation ^[1]	Actuals
Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Funding		
Carryover Funds from Prior Year	\$4.0M	\$4.0M
Block Grant Allocation (Base + Growth)	\$16.5M	\$16.8M
Total Available Funding	\$20.6M	\$20.8M
Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Programs		
Prevention/Early Intervention	\$4.8M	\$4.5M
School Mobile Assessment and Response Team (SMART)	\$3.5M	\$3.2M
Truancy Response Program	\$0.9M	\$0.8M
Decentralized Intake/Sheriff's Prevention Program	\$0.4M	\$0.4M
Intervention/Treatment	\$13.7M	\$11.6M
Substance Use Programing	\$7.1M	\$4.9M
Youth Reporting Centers	\$5.1M	\$5.6M
Juvenile Recovery Court	\$1.0M	\$0.8M
Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement	\$0.4M	\$0.3M
Subtotal	\$18.5M	\$16.0M
Administrative Cost	\$0.1M	\$0.0M
Total JJCPA Allocation to County Sponsored Programs	\$18.6M	\$16.1M
2024 JJCPA Funding Opportunity (Community-Based Organizations)	\$1.1M	\$0.37M
Total JJCPA Allocation	\$19.7M	\$16.4M
Ending Balance	\$0.9M	\$4.4M

[1] Includes adjustments approved by the OCJJCC as of October 24, 2024.

[2] 2024 Funding Opportunity term is through December 2025.

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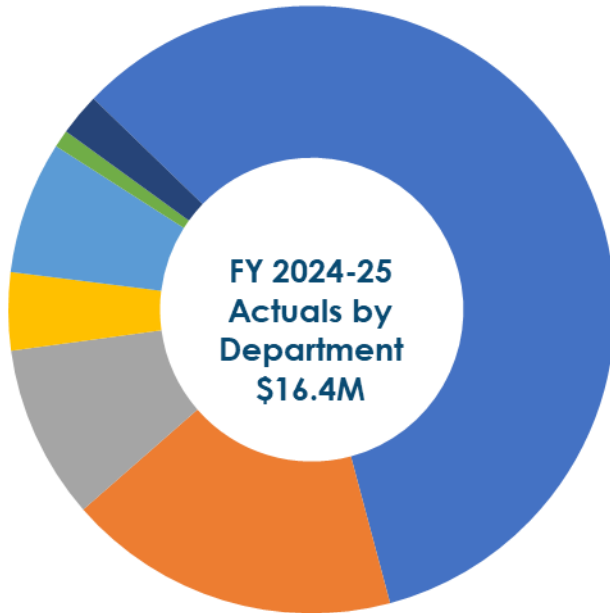
FY 2024-25 JJCPA Funding Allocation by Program

Programs	FTE	FY 2024-25 Approved Budget ^[1]	FY 2024-25 Adjusted Budget ^[1]	FY 2024-25 Actuals as of 06/30/25
Prevention/Early Intervention		\$ 4,812,631	\$ 4,812,631	\$ 4,450,440
School Mobile Assessment & Resource Team (North & South)				
Sheriff's Department	6.20	3,191,776	3,191,776	2,912,336
District Attorney	1.00	317,823	317,823	300,004
Program Total	7.20	3,509,599	3,509,599	3,212,340
Truancy Response				
Public Defender	0.25	20,000	20,000	19,085
District Attorney	1.70	411,212	411,212	327,028
OC Dept of Education	0.00	40,670	40,670	60,836
Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove	5.95	400,000	400,000	400,000
Program Total	7.90	871,882	871,882	806,950
Decentralized Intake/Sheriff's Prevention				
Sheriff's Department	--		-	-
Pepperdine University	4.00	431,150	431,150	431,150
Program Total	4.00	431,150	431,150	431,150
Intervention/Treatment		\$ 13,663,411	\$ 13,663,411	\$ 11,556,139
Substance Use Programming				
Probation	42.70	6,420,268	5,620,268	4,255,307
Health Care Agency	4.00	669,819	669,819	602,864
Program Total	46.70	7,090,087	6,290,087	4,858,171
Youth Reporting Centers				
Probation	23.75	4,202,628	5,002,628	4,892,091
Health Care Agency	8.00	899,668	899,668	658,390
Program Total	31.75	5,102,296	5,902,296	5,550,481
Juvenile Recovery Court				
Probation	4.00	594,676	594,676	465,477
Health Care Agency	0.00	260,000	260,000	260,000
Public Defender	0.50	75,000	75,000	24,665
District Attorney	0.50	111,565	111,565	54,078
Program Total	5.00	1,041,241	1,041,241	804,220
Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement				
Probation	0.79	429,787	429,787	14,588
Waymakers	3.50		-	328,679
Program Total	4.29	429,787	429,787	343,267
Subtotal - JJCPA Programs		\$ 18,476,042	\$ 18,476,042	\$ 16,006,578
2024 JJCPA Funding Opportunity - CBO Programs				
2024 Award Allocation ^[2]	0.00	-	1,134,498	368,938
Total	0.00	-	1,134,498	368,938
Subtotal - 2024 Funding Opportunity		\$ 18,476,042	\$ 19,610,540	\$ 16,375,517
Administrative Cost (0.5%) ^[3]		82,739	82,739	48,444
Total JJCPA Allocation	106.84	\$ 18,558,781	\$ 19,693,279	\$ 16,423,960

Note 1: On 2/29/24, the OCJJCC approved the FY 2024-25 JJCPA budget and for CEO Budget to make adjustments between the programs as needed to maximize funding. NOTE 2: 2024 JJCPA Funding Opportunity allocation approved by the OCJJCC 10/24/24. Grant Agreements approved by the BOS 1/14/25. NOTE 3: Administrative Costs includes administrative support services provided by CEO Budget and Clerk of the Board. Government Codes 30062(c)(1) and 30062(d)(2) indicates administrative costs is up to 0.5% of the total allocation for the year.

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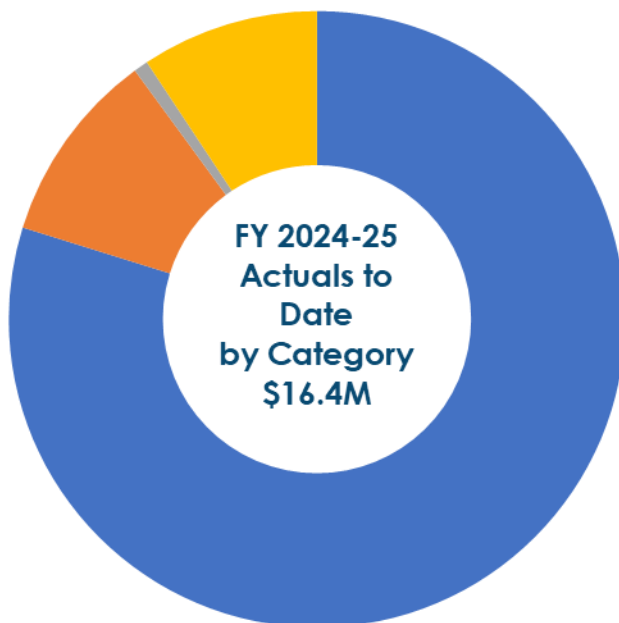
JCPA FY 2024-25 Actuals by Department and Expenditure Category



	Department	Actuals
59%	Probation	\$ 9,627,463
18%	Sheriff	2,912,336
9%	Health Care Agency	1,521,254
4%	District Attorney	681,111
7%	Community-Based Organizations	1,159,829
1%	Other *	153,030
2%	2024 JJCPA Funding Opportunity	368,938
	Total	\$ 16,423,960

*** Other:**

0.4%	OC Dept of Education	60,836
0.3%	Public Defender	43,750
0.3%	Administrative Cost (0.5%)	48,444
		\$ 153,030



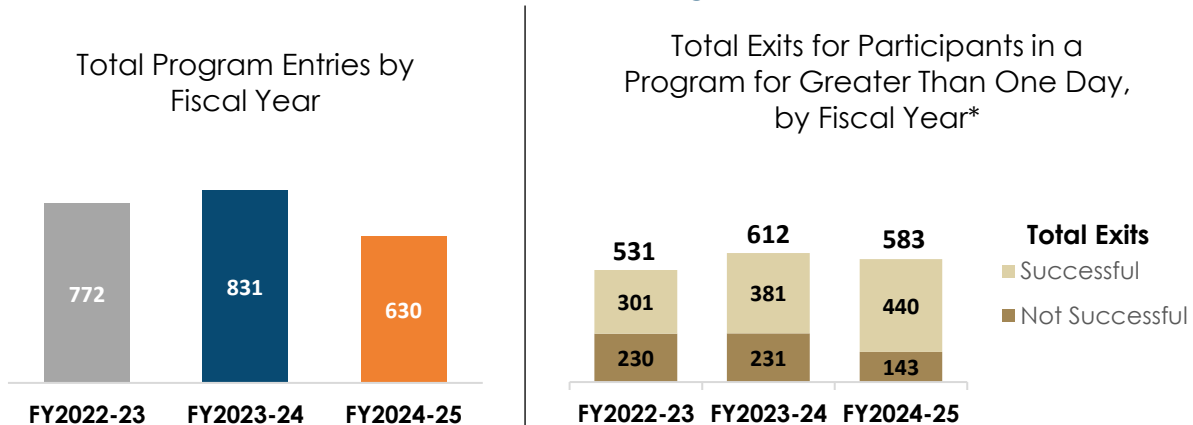
	Expenditure Category	Actuals
80%	Salaries & Employee Benefits	13,107,174
10%	Services & Supplies	1,664,940
1%	Professional Services	123,074
9%	Community-Based Organizations	1,528,767
	Total	\$ 16,423,955

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM SUMMARY

Outputs & Participant Demographics

The graphs below include program entries and exits for FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. There were less program entries in FY 2024-25 compared to the previous two years, although there were more successful program completions. Please note that program exits do not represent all participants based on length of time for program and fluctuation of participants between fiscal years.

JJCPA Prevention/Early Intervention Program Entries and Exits by FY



*The definition of program participant differs based on program. Exit data does not include SMART and Truancy Response Program Tier 1. Unknown numbers due to "less than 12" entries are also not included.

The details for program outputs, participant demographics and city of residence are presented below. The tables provide an overview of program services provided to youth enrolling and exiting for all prevention/early intervention programs. Participant demographics are presented for those enrolled in the program, those successfully completing the program and those who did not successfully complete the program. In compliance with federal and state privacy laws, including HIPAA and California's Information Practices Act, data for small sample sizes—counts under 12—are typically suppressed or masked to protect privacy. Responding Agencies/Organizations reporting "less than 12" were not included in overall totals related to enrollment or exit. Overall totals may include duplicated individuals based on services provided to those who re-enter a program during the fiscal year. Additionally, enrolled counts may not match exiting totals due to program length not aligning with fiscal year timeframes. City of residence is captured at time of enrollment.

Per guidance from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), counts of less than 12 have been suppressed to protect participant confidentiality.

The DHCS public reporting guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/dataandstats/Pages/PublicReportingGuidelines.aspx>

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM SUMMARY

JJCPA Prevention/Early Intervention Program Enrollment with Youth Demographics

Youth Enrollment					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY2023-24 Total	FY2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred		1,060	991	817	-174
Program Entries		772	831	630	-201
Program Participants		1,244	950	1,378	428
Participant Demographics					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Gender	Male	513*	532	414	-118
	Female	315*	246	181	-65
	Transgender/Non-binary	<12	<12	12	<12
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	382*	342	280	-62
	White	224*	239	150	-89
	Black	22	19	19	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	43	32	37	5
	Other	54	71	103	-32
Age	11 years old or younger	56	90	59	-31
	12-15 years-old	370*	413	312	-101
	16-17 years-old	221*	221	181	-40
	18 years-old	12	<12	16	**
	19 years-old	0	<12	<12	<12
	20-25 years-old	0	<12	14	**

Note: Only known demographics are reported for participants, therefore demographic totals will not equate to program participants. Note: Only known demographics are reported for participants, therefore demographic totals will not equate to program participants.

*The total reported may be slightly higher because entries marked "less than 12" were not included in the calculations. This means that numbers below 12 have been omitted, potentially increasing the overall total when considered.

** Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM SUMMARY

JJCPA FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, and FY2024-25 Prevention/Early Intervention Youth City of Residence at time of Program Entry

	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25		FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
Aliso Viejo	53	44	23	Newport Beach	0	<12	0
Anaheim	60	58	55	North Tustin	0	0	0
Anaheim Island	0	0	0	Olive	0	0	0
Big Canyon	0	0	0	Orange	29	59	<12
Brea	<12	<12	0	Orange Hills	0	0	0
Buena Park	0	<12	<12	Orange Park Acres	0	0	0
Costa Mesa	19	19	16	Placentia	<12	<12	<12
Country Club Island	0	0	0	Portola Hills	0	0	0
Coto de Caza	<12	<12	<12	Rancho Mission Viejo	<12	<12	<12
Covenant Hills	0	0	0	Rancho Santa Margarita	41	53	51
Cypress	<12	<12	<12	Robinson Ranch	0	0	0
Dana Point	28	18	<12	Rossmoor	0	<12	0
Dove Canyon	<12	0	0	San Clemente	43	31	35
East Irvine	0	0	0	San Juan Capistrano	72	<52	30
El Modena	0	0	0	San Juan Hot Springs	0	0	0
Emerald Bay	0	0	0	Santa Ana	67	51	39
Fountain Valley	<12	<12	<12	Santa Ana Heights	0	0	0
Fullerton	13	22	16	Santiago Canyon	0	0	0
Garden Grove	33	23	30	Seal Beach	<12	<12	<12
Huntington Beach	25	21	<12	Shady Canyon	0	0	0
Irvine	0	<12	<12	Silverado	0	<12	<12
La Habra	<12	<12	0	Stanton	<12	<12	<12
La Palma	0	0	0	Stonecliffe	0	0	0
Ladera Ranch	22	32	33	Tonner Canyon	0	0	0
Las Flores	<12	0	<12	Trabuco Highlands	<12	<12	<12
Laguna Beach	<12	<12	<12	Tustin	<12	18	16
Laguna Hills	30	31	18	Tustin Foothills	0	0	0
Laguna Niguel	30	28	0	Villa Park	0	<12	<12
Laguna Woods	<12	0	<12	Wagon Wheel	0	13	0
Lake Forest	76	41	33	Westminster	19	18	<12
Los Alamitos	<12	<12	<12	Yorba Linda	21	<12	<12
Midway City	<12	0	<12	Out of County	<12	<12	<12
Mission Viejo	86	89	78	Out of State	0	0	0
Modjeska Canyon	0	0	0				

Note: Truancy Response Program did not report geographical information for Q1.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM SUMMARY

JJCPA Prevention/Early Intervention Program Exits with Youth Demographics

Exiting Youth					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY2023-24 Total	FY2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits		531	612	618	6
Completions		301	381	440	59
Not Successful		230	231	143	-88
Partial Completion of Program		17	20	78	58
No Progress		90	90	67	-23
Left Program for Unrelated Reason		138	121	88	-33
Demographics of Participants who Completed the Program					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Gender	Male	189*	227	300	73
	Female	123*	153	119	-34
	Transgender/Non-binary	0	<12	<12	<12
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	132*	174	174	0
	White	79*	99	107	8
	Black	<12	<12	14	**
	Asian/Pacific Islander	12	13	27	-14
	Other	15	<12	106	**
Demographics of Participants who did not Successfully Complete the Program					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Gender	Male	118*	133	12	-121
	Female	111*	98	<12	**
	Transgender/Non-binary	<12	0	0	0
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	86*	117	<12	**
	White	44*	63	<12	**
	Black	<12	<12	0	<12
	Asian/Pacific Islander	<12	<12	<12	<12
	Other	<12	<12	<12	<12

*The total reported may be slightly higher due to "less than 12" entries not being included in the calculation. Numbers below 12 have been omitted, potentially increasing the overall total when considered.

**Numbers were omitted for de-identification purpose.

Note: Truancy Response Program did not report demographic data for those participants who did not successfully complete the program.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

School Mobile Assessment & Resource Team

Program Goal

The School Mobile Assessment and Resource Team (SMART) is a program aimed at preventing school-based violence and delinquency by working closely with families and youth. The primary goal of SMART is to prevent violence through education, awareness, and rapid response to potential threats.

Lead Agency and Partners

Sheriff-Coroner Department – Conducts K-12 threat assessments and criminal investigations primarily for OCSD contracted cities and areas and responds day or night to calls from school and community personnel reporting violence or threats of violence.

District Attorney – Reviews and vertically prosecutes SMART cases and advises SMART investigators on legal issues.

Partner Agencies - Garden Grove; Anaheim; Irvine Police Agencies – These agencies provide staff that are part of the multi-disciplinary teams that respond to incidents.

Program Staffing

	Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)			
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	
	Actuals	Actuals	Requested	Actuals
OCSD	5.11	6.20	6.20	5.66
OCDA	0.41	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total	5.52	7.20	7.20	6.66

Financial Input

	Funding Allocation				
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Actuals
OCSD	\$ 2,662,266	\$ 2,771,226	\$ 3,191,776	\$ 3,191,776	\$ 2,912,336
OCDA	274,374	285,824	317,823	317,823	300,004
Total	\$ 2,936,640	\$ 3,057,050	\$ 3,509,599	\$ 3,509,599	\$ 3,212,340

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

School Mobile Assessment & Resource Team

Objective & Program Details

Established to reduce crime and violence on or near school campuses, SMART collaborates with various partners including OCDA, Probation, and OCDE. The team may also work closely with school districts, cultivating a direct relationship with district directors in order to discuss teaming and information gathering. This assists in addressing incidents involving violence, threats, weapons, unstable behaviors, and suicidal tendencies. The team responds to calls from school and community personnel at any time, conducting assessments and threat evaluations, and making referrals to law enforcement or other services as needed. Aiming to ensure safety and support youth progress, SMART generally conducts one-time threat comprehensive school threat assessments and sometimes manages cases requiring mental health or clinician involvement.

Program Achievements

Program Output

Youth enrollment for this program is measured by youth assessments performed by the SMART team throughout the fiscal year. The SMART team was able to respond to all school requests for threat assessments as displayed in the table below. The number of threat assessments decreased slightly from FY 2023-24 to FY 2024-25.

Youth Enrollment*				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	243	266	223	-43
Program Entries	243	266	223	-43
Program Participants**	243	266	223	-43

*Youth enrollment numbers represent the number of threat assessments conducted on youth

**This row represents the number of youths assessed throughout the quarter for this program and may be duplicative as sometimes there is a need to assess the same youth, though repeat occurrences are generally rare.

Program Outcomes

The majority of threat assessments were resolved by school/parents in FY 2024-25. Many of these assessments went through case management through follow-up investigation and partnerships with outside resources.

Assessment Disposition	FY 2022-23 (n=243)	FY 2023-24 (n=266)	FY 2024-25 (n=237)	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Resolved by School/Parents	51%	42%	53%	11%
Health Care Agency (HCA)	23%	23%	7%	-16%
Unfounded/No Action	-	14%	14%	0
Probation/District Attorney	7%	10%	7%	-3%
Diversion (PRYDE/ShortStop/FYOP)	16%	8%	12%	4%
Arrest	3%	3%	7%	4%

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

School Mobile Assessment & Resource Team

Success Story

OCSD patrol deputies responded to a call for a student in distress at a school with possession of a knife and attempted to attack a teacher on campus. Ultimately, the student was placed on a W&I 5585 hold. SMART was notified a day later and the investigation revealed multiple law violations by the student throughout the incident. The team collaborated with the hospital and juvenile probation for proper disposition and placement. SMART, OC Juvenile Probation, and the school administration worked with the student and family to provide ongoing resources, supervision, and a residential treatment program for the student.

Challenges and Solutions

- Though the SMART team faces daily challenges that are unique to each incident, the largest roadblock has been not having a clinician on the team as in previous years.
 - To remedy this issue, SMART is in the process of obtaining a grant in hopes to add a clinician to the team once again.

Truancy Response Program

Program Goal

The Truancy Response Program (TRP) is a three-tier program designed to decrease the number of system-involved youth by returning students to the classroom, without formal court involvement, through early intervention and support.

Lead Agency and Partners

District Attorney – OCDA coordinates the Truancy Response Program to educate parents and students about the importance of classroom engagement by attending DA Parent Meetings and School Attendance Review Board (SARB) hearings. If students are unsuccessful in Tiers one and two, the office reviews and files truancy petition requests that meet legal and TRP requirements. OCDA also attends TRP staffing meetings to collaborate with various agencies and brainstorm solutions to improve attendance.

OC Department of Education (OCDE) – Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG): The BGCGG handles the truancy mediation at Tier 2 through various options relative to the specific needs of the student and their family, including the mandatory parent empowerment classes and Teen Group (for students 13 and older). In addition, BGCGG supports Tier 1 by attending the SARB panels and DA Meetings, when possible, and supports Tier 3 by continuing to provide support and resources to the students and families in truancy court. Appendix A.1 provides additional information on the contract with BGCGG.

Public Defender – Represents student and/or family members who have been charged in violation of WIC Section 601(b) and/ or Education Code Section 48293. Attends all TRP Staffing meetings to collaborate with various agencies and brainstorm solutions to improve attendance.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

Program Staffing

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)				
	FY 2022-23	FY2023-24	FY 2024-25	
	Actuals	Actuals	Requested	Actuals
OCDA	1.51	1.50	1.70	1.40
PD	0.10	0.03	.25	.12
Total	1.61	1.53	1.95	1.52

Financial Input

Funding Allocation					
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Actuals
OCDE	\$ 367,621	\$ 440,670	\$ 440,670	\$ 440,670	\$ 460,836
OCDA	297,531	320,349	411,212	411,212	327,028
PD	14,406	4,437	20,000	20,000	19,085
Total	\$ 679,558	\$ 765,456	\$ 871,882	\$ 871,882	\$ 806,950

Tier 1

Objective & Program Details

Tier 1 aims to educate parents and students early about the importance of classroom engagement by attending DA Parent Meetings and SARB hearings. DA parent meetings are scheduled for most OC school districts, with an open invitation for other districts to participate (e.g., smaller districts), to inform families regarding:

- Truancy laws
- The direct relationship between school attendance and overall academic success; and
- The short-term and long-term effects of truancy on literacy, academic achievement, school discipline history, and increased risk of involvement with gangs, substance abuse and violence.

At SARBS, the program collaborates with families, educators, administrators, and community resources, in order to encourage a connection between the families and appropriate school resources.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

Program Achievements

Program Output

Objective 1: To ensure 100% participation in all OCDA Parent Meetings hosted by each school district. This objective was fully met, with TRP representatives attending every DA Parent Meeting during the 2024–25 academic year.

Objective 2: To strengthen family engagement by participating in SARBhearings. At these hearings, TRP volunteer attorneys work collaboratively with parents, educators, administrators, and community partners to connect families with appropriate school-based interventions and community support systems. To meet this goal, the OCDA committed to providing volunteer deputy district attorneys. In the 2024–25 school year, 45 in-kind DA volunteers were mobilized to attend SARB hearings. Of the 646 families referred to SARB, DA representatives participated in 625 hearings, a 97% attendance rate.

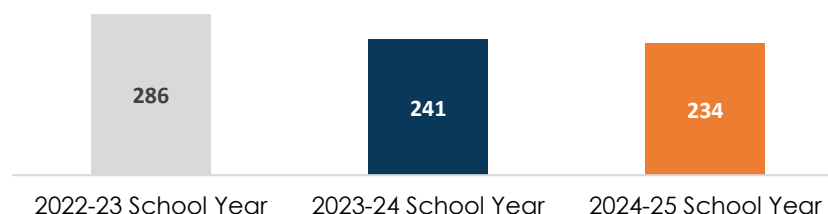
Involvement in Tier 1 Services

School Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Families Attending DA Parent Meetings	1,583	1,136	1,883	747
Families Attending SARB Hearing	719	523	646	123

Program Outcomes

Following DA Parent Meetings and SARB hearings, support resources are provided to help students avoid being referred to Tier 2. The primary outcome measured is the percentage of students who are not referred to Tier 2. Referral decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, depending on available district resources and the individual needs of each student and their family. During the 2024–25 school year, 64% of those in the TRP program returned to the classroom after reassessment. The remaining 36% were referred to Tier 2 services, which are administered by the BGCGG.

Number of Tier 1 Students Referred to Tier 2



PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

Success Story

At a SARB hearing, an elementary student was facing ongoing challenges with both attendance and classroom behavior. His mother, a single parent, was doing her best to manage work responsibilities while getting her son to school on time. Her work schedule required her to use her short break to prepare her child, drop him off at school, and return before her shift resumed. This unsustainable routine led to frequent absences and was having an impact on the student's classroom behavior.

Recognizing the strain on the family, the SARB team stepped in to offer practical support. They connected the mother with childcare resources at the school site and financial assistance programs. The impact was immediate and significant: the student's attendance improved substantially, his behavior in class stabilized, and he began to build positive relationships with peers.

At a follow-up meeting, the mother expressed deep gratitude for the support she received, sharing that the assistance not only helped her son thrive at school, but also enabled her to maintain her employment without fear of losing her job. This case highlights the power of early intervention and collaboration in addressing the root causes of truancy and supporting long-term family success.

Challenge and Solution

- One of the primary challenges faced during the reporting period was lack of attendance or low engagement from youth and their families in the DA Parent Meetings and SARB hearings. This lack of participation made it difficult to establish meaningful connections between families and school-based resources, limiting the program's ability to provide early intervention and support.
 - To address this, the TRP encouraged school districts to proactively contact families prior to each DA Parent Meeting to emphasize the importance of attendance and provide reminders. Additionally, to reduce barriers to participation, the program will offer virtual meeting options to families that are unable to attend in person. These efforts aim to accommodate varying family schedules, transportation limitations, and other obstacles, to ultimately increase accessibility and improve engagement with the program's educational resources.

Tier 2

Objective & Program Details

Tier 2 seeks to prevent youth from entering the justice system, or Tier 3, through various options relative to the specific needs of the student and their family. This tier offers a 5-series parent empowerment class, a focus on rebuilding relationships between students, families, and schools, and provides case management and community connections. Typically, Tier 2 involves 90 days of participation, though this can vary based on the specific needs of the youth and family.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

Program Achievements

Program Output

All youth that are referred to Tier 2 by the district are also referred into the Tier 2 program. However, if a student/ family chooses not to enroll in truancy mediation or the BGCGG is unable to make contact with the student/ family they will not be entered into the program. Youth referred, program entries and program participants for Tier 2 tend to fluctuate across timeframes due to external factors and circumstances of each individual youth.

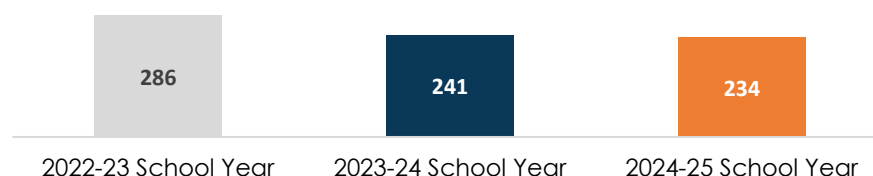
Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	285	241	234	-7
Program Entries	117	181	123	-58
Program Participants	285	241	165	-76

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	235	300	256	-44
Completions	98	119	108	-11
Not Successful	137	181	148	-33
Partial	0	0	0	0
No Progress	75	82	63	-19
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	62	99	85	-14

Program Outcomes

The outcome tracked for Tier 2 is prevention into Tier 3. The timeline for placing a student into Tier 3 is typically determined on a case-by-case basis. Prior to placing a student in Tier 3, the DA reviews each student's case to ensure that all prevention efforts have been exhausted and ensures compliance with legal requirements. In the 2024-25 school year, 172 students participating in Tier 2 services, were not referred to Tier 3.

Number of Tier 2 Students Not Referred to Tier 3



PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

Success Stories

As a result of years of the same ongoing truancy issue of tardiness and absenteeism, siblings were referred to Truancy Mediation as the last attempt by School District to help them improve their attendance. Their Family Advocate worked closely with the family, especially the students, and ensured to highlight and recognize any accomplishments and improvements they had made. Additionally, their Family Advocate would check in with family and school to ensure children felt safe, seen, and heard. The Family Advocate had also assisted the family with various basic needs resources like food pantry, school supplies, housing assistance, etc. which the parent identified was a stressor in her life and, at times, a barrier towards getting her children to school on time, daily. With visible improvements throughout the months, the siblings have drastically improved their attendance, have gained motivation to consistently attend school, and have gained the added sense of safety when attending school everyday.

Challenges and Solutions

- **Capacity Limitations:** The population of students referred to Tier 2 continues to require more intensive, individualized services.
 - The program has strategically expanded its support team by integrating interns and volunteers, allowing for a broader reach and more consistent support for students in need. Additionally, heightened data protection protocols mandated by OC school districts have required the program to adjust its information-sharing processes. In response, the program has proactively begun establishing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with school districts to ensure compliance while maintaining effective collaboration.
- **Political Climate:** Increased fear and uncertainty among mixed-status families that contributed to increased absenteeism.
 - The program has offered virtual meetings as an alternative to in-person visits and worked closely with school staff to keep students engaged in their education while at home. This flexible approach has proven effective and is planned to continue into the upcoming school year, with an emphasis on developing creative service delivery models that accommodate families' unique circumstances.
- **Transportation:** A consistent barrier for many families.
 - In response, the program has implemented practical solutions such as providing bus passes, identifying school bus routes within the city, and offering bikes and scooters as incentives to encourage participation. These combined efforts reflect the program's adaptability and commitment to overcoming challenges in order to best support its students and families.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

Tier 3

Objective & Program Details

TRP's Tier 3 goal is to stabilize school attendance to enhance future academic success and reduce risks like criminal behavior and substance abuse. It involves reviewing and filing 100% of truancy petition requests that meet legal and TRP requirements as well as attending all TRP staffing meetings to collaborate with various agencies and brainstorm solutions to improve attendance. Tier 3 deals with the most complex cases, requiring significant time, services, and inter-agency collaboration.

Program Achievements

Program Output

Petitions are not be filed unless they meet the legal requirements set forth in WIC §601 and all intervention efforts at Tiers 1 and 2 have been exhausted. Petitions that are not filed are sent back to the district with an explanation as to what would be needed in order for it to be filed in court. During the 2024–25 reporting period, OCDA reviewed 100% of all submitted truancy petition requests. Of these, 66% met the filing requirements and were submitted to the court; 34% were returned to the school district with an explanation as to why it did not meet the TRP filing requirements, with the opportunity to resubmit if the requirements could eventually be met with additional efforts.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	83	81	62	-19
Program Entries	38	33	46	13
Program Participants	38	33	242	209

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	21	19	27	8
Completions	18	17	26	9
Not Successful	<12	<12	<12	<12
Partial	<12	<12	<12	<12
No Progress	0	0	0	0
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	<12	0	0	0

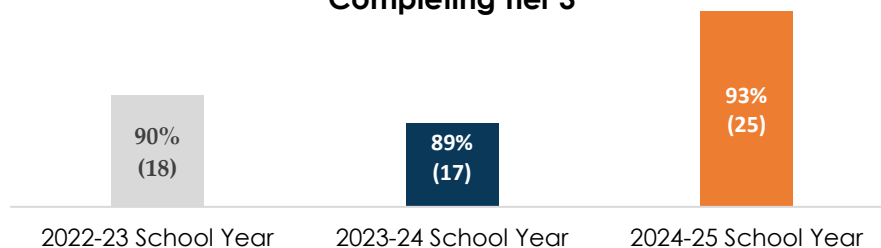
PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

Program Outcomes

The success of students participating in Tier 3 of the TRP is measured through demonstrated improvements in school attendance and active participation in supportive services. These outcomes are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with final determinations made by the presiding judge and the TRP DA, based on the student's overall progress and compliance with their individualized plan. Success is defined as active participation in community support services and/or measurable improvement in attendance throughout the Tier 3 process. Based on these criteria, approximately 93% of students and their families successfully completed Tier 3 during the 2024–25 school year, reflecting the program's effectiveness in linking youth to appropriate resources and/ or stabilizing attendance.

**Percentage of Students/Families Successfully
Completing Tier 3**



Challenges and Solutions

- Challenges included ensuring that 100% of truancy petition requests submitted by school districts met both legal standards and the OCDA's internal filing criteria; securing consistent participation from school district representatives at all TRP Staffing meetings; and addressing the complex needs of students and families whose cases were not resolved through earlier Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions.
 - Improving Petition Quality and District Understanding:** The OCDA provided detailed written feedback to school districts when petitions did not meet legal or program requirements. In addition, follow-up meetings were offered to district personnel to clarify filing standards and outline the level of intervention efforts expected prior to submission. These proactive efforts led to a significant improvement in the quality of petition submissions, resulting in 66% of TRP petition requests being approved for filing in FY 2024–25 which was a dramatic increase from just 41% in FY 2023–24.
 - Strengthening Communication and Participation at Staffing Meetings:** To improve collaboration, the TRP team contacted school districts directly prior to each TRP Staffing meeting to request the presence of a school representative familiar with the student's case. In situations where in-person attendance was not possible, districts were asked to submit written updates so their insights could be shared during the meeting. This ensured that each case was informed by the most up-to-date and relevant school information.

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Truancy Response Program

(challenges and Solutions Continued)

- **Coordinating Immediate Support Services and Encouraging Engagement:** Community partners, including Waymakers, the BGCGG, and SSA, attended almost all court hearings to provide immediate follow-up with families. This allowed for timely referrals to appropriate programs and resources tailored to each student's specific needs. Additionally, to reinforce positive behavior and ongoing engagement, students were recognized with small incentives throughout their participation and received a gift card upon successful case dismissal.

Decentralized Intake - Youth Diversion Counseling Services

Program Goal

The primary goal of the Sheriff's Decentralized Intake (DCI) program is to reduce the number of at-risk youth that enter the juvenile justice system through prompt assessment and linkage to appropriate services such as individual/family counseling, drug and alcohol prevention and parenting classes.

Lead Agency and Partners

Sheriff-Coroner Department – Provides oversight of the contract with Pepperdine University to operate the Pepperdine Resource Youth Diversion Education (PRYDE) Program which serves as their decentralized intake program.

Pepperdine University – Operates the PRYDE program which is a counseling prevention program available for at-risk youth and their families. In collaboration with the OCSD, the program provides services and resources that help youths and their families make positive changes in their lives, as well as prevent first time youth offenders from entering the juvenile justice system. Refer to Appendix A2 for additional information on the contract through OCSD with Pepperdine University.

Program Staffing

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)				
	FY 2022-23	FY2023-24	FY 2024-25	
	Actuals	Actuals	Requested	Actuals
OCSD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Probation	1.07	0.01	0.00	0.00
Total	1.07	0.01	0.00	0.00

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Decentralized Intake – Youth Diversion Counseling Services

Financial Input

	Funding Allocation				
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Actuals
OCSD	\$ 431,150	\$ 394,939	\$ 431,150	\$ 431,150	\$ 431,150
Probation	102,337	48,135	0	0	0
Total	\$ 533,487	\$ 443,074	\$ 431,150	\$ 431,150	\$ 431,150

Objective & Program Details

The DCI program is a partnership between the OCSD and PRYDE. DCI services include expedited processing of arrested youth, making PRYDE referrals and informal consultations between OCSD and PRYDE to make better-informed decisions about cases. Providing a range of intervention services and intervention referrals close to the youths' homes is another important aspect of this partnership.

This individualized early intervention and prevention program emphasizes education, family involvement, and community support. Services begin with a comprehensive intake assessment, leading to an individualized program that may include counseling, legal education, substance abuse education, restorative justice, and more. Youth are in the program for an average of four months. A high ratio of staff-to-youth ensures tailored support for each youth's unique needs with a strong emphasis on mental health. Group classes are conducted with low class sizes to minimize deviant peer influences. Youth are referred to PRYDE through various avenues, including OCSD (law violations) with other at-risk youth referred from public and private schools, school districts, and direct referrals from educators, parents and youth. This program is available to youth and their families referred by OCSD.

Program Achievements

Program Output

During FY 2024-25, 76% (238/315) of those referred to PRYDE entered the program. Of those that completed the program (all referral sources) during this period, 92% (198/215) completed successfully. Of those referred by OCSD, 92% (142/154) also completed successfully. Details of the youth served are provided in the table below.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	336	304	315	11
Program Entries	261	252	238	-14
Program Participants	438	311	321	10

PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM DETAILS

Decentralized Intake – Youth Diversion Counseling Services

Program Output

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	268	292	215	-76
Completions	178	245	198	-47
Not Successful	90	48	17	-31
Partial	15	<12	<12	<12
No Progress	15	<12	<12	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	75	22	<12	*
Avg. Stay (Days)	157	145	122	-23

*Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes

Program Outcomes

To assess the reduction in juvenile justice system involvement, each OCSD referred youth that entered the PRYDE program from 7/1/2024 to 2/28/2025 (n=127) was tracked for six months after entering the program for new law violation referrals to PRYDE or new law violations reported to PRYDE in order to close their case as “Unsuccessful” for re-offense. Youth who were 18 years of age or older during the follow-up period were excluded (n=14). Findings showed that only 1 youth had a new law violation within six months of entering the program and was re-arrested less than a month after intake. Three juveniles received a second law violation during the period between the initial referral and the juvenile entering the program.

Success Story

A youth was referred by OCSD to PRYDE for assault and battery. At intake client struggled with fighting, difficult peer relationships, and anxiety. These struggles made it difficult to feel comfortable in school and to succeed academically. The client was able to complete the program successfully with counseling and other interventions to help them develop effective coping strategies and learn how to build and maintain positive peer connections. Today, client has successfully transitioned back to public school, where they are performing well academically and engaging in healthy social interactions.

Challenges and Solutions

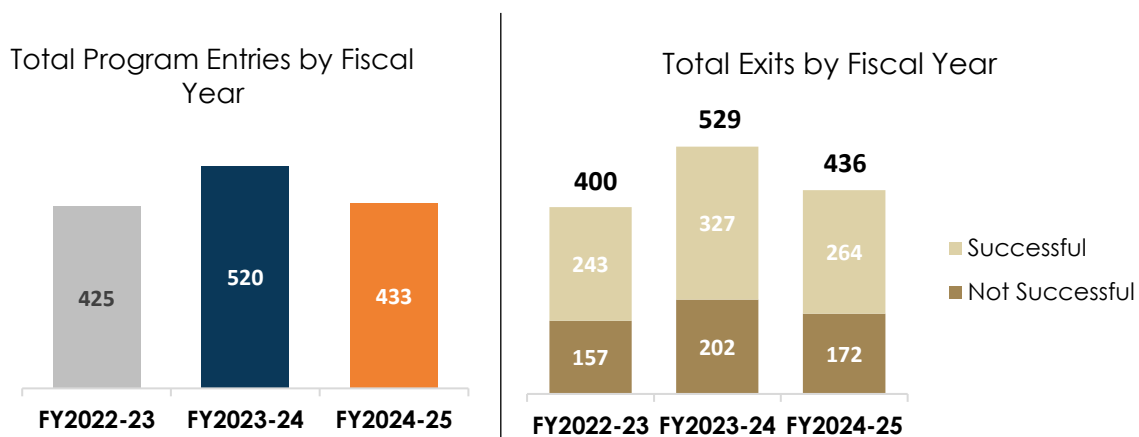
One of the greatest challenges has been dealing with collecting restitution for the increasing volume of and large loss amounts related to criminal vandalism. Incidents resulting in thousands of dollars of restitution to be paid to victims are occurring on a regular basis. New policies have been established including not accepting restitution money orders other than from the US Post Office.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

Outputs & Participant Demographics

The graphs below represent the overall program participants and details of program participation for FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. There was a decrease in program entries, as well as in successful exits for FY 2024-25. Please note that program exits do not represent the number of participants based on length of time for program and fluctuation of participants between fiscal year. Per guidance from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), counts of less than 12 have been suppressed to protect client confidentiality.

JJCPA Intervention/Treatment Program Entries and Exits by FY



Note: numbers less than 12 from each program were omitted from the calculation of the totals.

The details for program outputs, participant demographics and city of residence are presented below. These tables provide an overview of program services provided to youth enrolling and exiting youth for all prevention/early intervention programs. Participant demographics are presented for those enrolled in the program, those successfully completing the program and those who did not successfully complete the program. Responding Agencies/Organizations reporting "less than 12" were not included in overall totals related to enrollment or exit. Overall totals may include duplicated individuals based on services provided to those who re-enter a program during the fiscal year. Additionally, enrolled counts may not match exiting totals due to program length not aligning with fiscal year timeframes. City of residence is captured at time of enrollment.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

JJCPA Intervention/Treatment Program Enrollment with Youth Demographics

Youth Enrollment					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY2023-24 Total	FY2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred		403	472	396	-76
Program Entries		425	520	433	-87
Program Participants		513	626	820	194
Participant Demographics					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Gender	Male	408	431	361	-70
	Female	105	120	82	-38
	Transgender/Non-binary	**	**	**	**
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	438	467	375	92
	White	32	**	17	**
	Black	15	**	25	**
	Asian/Pacific Islander	24	**	<12	**
	Other	<12	**	<12	**
Age	11 years old or younger	0	0	0	0
	12-15 years-old	141	191	140	-51
	16-17 years-old	285	299	239	-60
	18 years-old	58	**	36	**
	19 years-old	18	**	<12	**
	20-25 years-old	<12	**	<12	**

Note: Only known demographics are reported for participants, therefore demographic totals will not equate to program participants.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

JJCPA Intervention/Treatment Program Exits with Youth Demographics

Exiting Youth					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY2023-24 Total	FY2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits		400	529	436	-93
Completions		243	327	264	-63
Not Successful		157	202	172	-30
Partial Completion of Program		<12	<12	13	**
No Progress		108	17	111	94
Left Program for Unrelated Reason		47	175	48	-127
Demographics of Participants who Completed the Program					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Gender	Male	202	266	222	-44
	Female	41	61	42	-19
	Transgender/Non-binary	**	**	**	**
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	203	256*	235	-21
	White	20	**	12	**
	Black	<12	**	<12	**
	Asian/Pacific Islander	<12	**	<12	**
	Other	<12	**	<12	**
Demographics of Participants who did not Successfully Complete the Program					
		FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Gender	Male	116	129*	132	3
	Female	41	46*	37	-9
	Transgender/Non-binary	**	**	**	**
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	133	138*	147	9
	White	<12	**	<12	**
	Black	<12	**	14	**
	Asian/Pacific Islander	12	**	<12	**
	Other	<12	**	<12	**

Note: Only known demographics are reported for participants, therefore demographic totals will not equate to program participants.

* The total reported may be slightly higher because entries marked as "less than 12" were not included in the calculations. This means that numbers below 12 have been omitted, potentially increasing the overall total when considered.

** The total amount is not displayed because there are multiple entries labeled as "less than 12." This means that several entries fall below this threshold, which prevents the total from being accurately calculated and displayed. Without these entries, the sum might not reflect the actual overall count.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

JJCPA Intervention/Treatment Youth City of Residence by Fiscal Year at Time of Program Entry

Fiscal year	22-23	23-24	24-25		22-23	23-24	24-25
Aliso Viejo	53	44	<12	Newport Beach	0	<12	0
Anaheim	60	58	95	North Tustin	0	0	0
Anaheim Island	0	0	0	Olive	0	0	0
Big Canyon	0	0	0	Orange	29	59	25
Brea	<12	<12	<12	Orange Hills	0	0	0
Buena Park	0	<12	<12	Orange Park Acres	0	0	0
Costa Mesa	19	19	21	Placentia	<12	<12	<12
Country Club Island	0	0	0	Portola Hills	0	0	0
Coto de Caza	<12	<12	0	Rancho Mission Viejo	<12	<12	0
Covenant Hills	0	0	0	Rancho Santa Margarita	41	53	<12
Cypress	<12	<12	<12	Robinson Ranch	0	0	0
Dana Point	28	18	0	Rossmoor	0	<12	0
Dove Canyon	<12	0	0	San Clemente	43	31	<12
East Irvine	0	0	0	San Juan Capistrano	72	<52	<12
El Modena	0	0	0	San Juan Hot Springs	0	0	0
Emerald Bay	0	0	0	Santa Ana	67	51	154
Fountain Valley	<12	<12	<12	Santa Ana Heights	0	0	0
Fullerton	13	22	27	Santiago Canyon	0	0	0
Garden Grove	33	23	28	Seal Beach	<12	<12	0
Huntington Beach	25	21	<12	Shady Canyon	0	0	0
Irvine	0	<12	<12	Silverado	0	<12	0
La Habra	<12	<12	<12	Stanton	<12	<12	<12
La Palma	0	0	0	Stonecliffe	0	0	0
Ladera Ranch	22	32	0	Tonner Canyon	0	0	<12
Las Flores	<12	0	0	Trabuco Highlands	<12	<12	<12
Laguna Beach	<12	<12	0	Tustin	<12	18	22
Laguna Hills	30	31	<12	Tustin Foothills	0	0	0
Laguna Niguel	30	28	<12	Villa Park	0	<12	0
Laguna Woods	<12	0	0	Wagon Wheel	0	13	0
Lake Forest	76	41	<12	Westminster	19	18	<12
Los Alamitos	<12	<12	0	Yorba Linda	21	<12	<12
Midway City	<12	0	<12	Out of County	<12	<12	<12
Mission Viejo	86	89	0	Out of State	0	0	0
Modjeska Canyon	0	0	0				

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Substance Use Programming

Program Goal

The main objective of the Substance Use Program is to address underlying substance use issues. By doing this, the program aims to lower the chances of offenders reoffending, thereby preventing further delinquency and the development of adult criminal behavior. Additionally, the program aims to connect youth with ongoing community resources upon their exit from the Youth Guidance Center (YGC).

Lead Agency and Partners

Probation – Manages integrated case assessment and planning involving unit staff, education staff and collateral resources, assesses academic skills and development of an individualized plan to address skill deficits by a school counselor, and holds monthly case conferences with the youth and treatment team to discuss youth's progress in the program and transition plan for release back into the community.

Health Care Agency – Provides a range of mental health services including case management, therapy, psychological assessments, and medication support to children and adolescents.

Program Staffing

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)				
	FY 2022-23	FY2023-24	FY 2024-25	
	Actuals	Actuals	Requested	Actuals
Probation	41.2	28.9	42.7	25.92
HCA	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.14
Total	45.2	32.9	46.7	29.06

Financial Input

Funding Allocation					
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Actuals
Probation	\$ 6,800,442	\$ 5,523,849	\$ 6,420,268	\$ 5,620,268	\$ 4,255,307
HCA	527,216	549,551	669,819	669,819	602,864
Total	\$ 7,327,658	\$ 6,073,400	\$ 7,090,087	\$ 6,290,087	\$ 4,858,171

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Substance Use Programming

Objective & Program Details

Substance Use Programs provide intensive drug and alcohol use intervention for youth offenders who have custody commitments and a history of drug and/or alcohol use. Treatment is offered through YGC, where individualized treatment plans are geared towards a youth's specific needs. Programs include Sobriety Through Education and Prevention (STEP) for female youth and Substance Abuse Education and Recognition Treatment (ASERT) for males.

HCA staff at the YGC provide co-occurring mental health treatment and substance use prevention to reduce mental health symptoms, increase coping skills and/or decrease substance use. An important component of these co-occurring services is to link youth to on-going community resources when they exit the YGC.

Program Achievements

Program Output

Probation

While youth are typically referred to YGC by a court order, youth can be referred by other means such as a DPO referral or a recommendation while in custody. Due to the varying referral pathways, it remains difficult to capture a true number of youths referred. While referral information is not captured, the program has slightly decreased in program entries and participants compared to the previous year. The

total number of completions increased slightly by two compared to the previous year. The average days of program completion for the youth that were considered "Not Successful", not in custody long enough to complete the program, participated in the program for an average of 42 days.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	0	0	0	0
Program Entries	99	98	88	-10
Program Participants	118	117	103	-14

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Substance Use Programming

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	98	103	87	-16
Completions	60	41	43	-2
Not Successful	38	62	44	-18
Partial	*	*	*	*
No Progress	<12	15	17	-2
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	34	47	27	-20
Avg. Stay (Days)	123	110	118	-8

*Probation does not track partial completion for this program. Success is gauged by the length of time in the program, requiring at least 72 days for females and 90 days for males. If participants remain in custody for less time, they are deemed unsuccessful and counted in the no progress or left program for reasons unrelated category.

Health Care Agency

An important component of services provided by HCA staff is to link youth to on-going community resources when they exit the YGC. HCA defines successful completion as meeting treatment goals, transitioning to a lower level of care, no longer requiring services, or linkage to other community mental health or substance use providers.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	114	74	62	-12
Program Entries	200	188	82	-106
Program Participants	137	103	93	-10

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	126	90	72	-31
Completions	<12	59	0	-41
Not Successful	125	31	0	-62
Partial	0	0	0	0
No Progress	0	0	0	0
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	125	31	72	-20
Avg. Stay (Days)	176	169	NA	-169

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Substance Use Programming

Program Outcomes

Probation

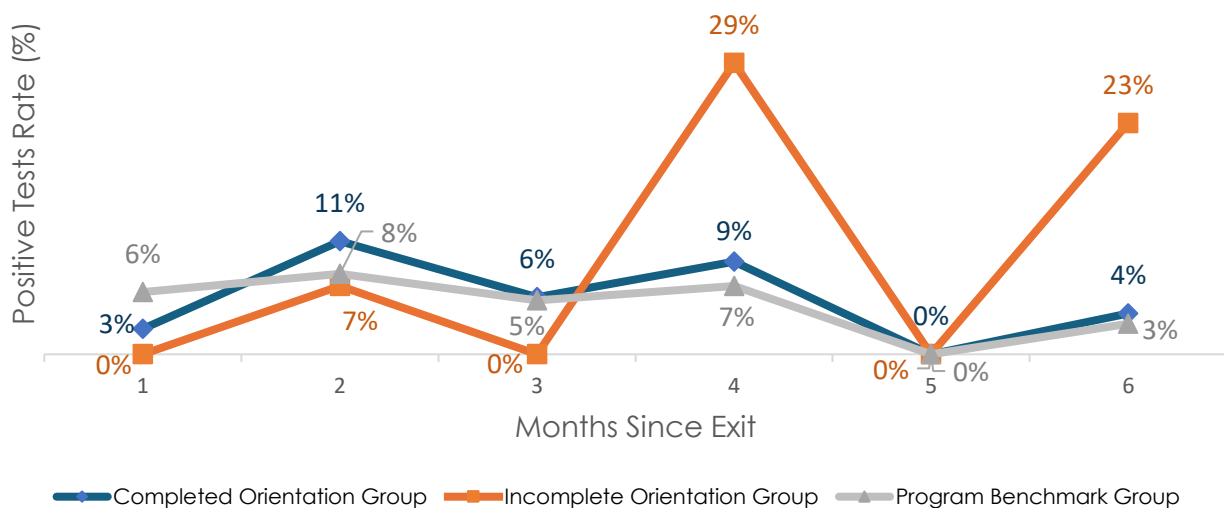
Probation investigated the post-release Drug Testing Results of participants who exited the ASERT/STEP program for a six-month follow up time. Between January and December 2024, 42 participants in ASERT/STEP were released to field supervision for at least six months. Youth that were in custody 30 or more days after release from YGC but within the six-month follow-up period were excluded because they were missing at least a month's worth of drug testing under field supervision.

These 42 participants had a total of 493 drugs tests in the six-month follow up period (an average of approximately 12 tests per youth) and were categorized into three groups:

- **Program Benchmark Group:** males who stayed 90 days or more and females who stayed 72 days or more
- **Completed Orientation Group:** participants who stayed 30 days or more but didn't reach the benchmark time
- **Incomplete Orientation Group:** participants who stayed less than 30 days

The group of youth that did not complete the orientation phase of ASERT/STEP had the highest overall positivity rate (10.4%) after the six-month follow-up. The group that completed orientation but didn't meet the benchmark days and the group that met the benchmark days had significantly less positivity rates (5.5% and 5.1%, respectively).

Positive Tests Over Time (THC Tests Excluded)



INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

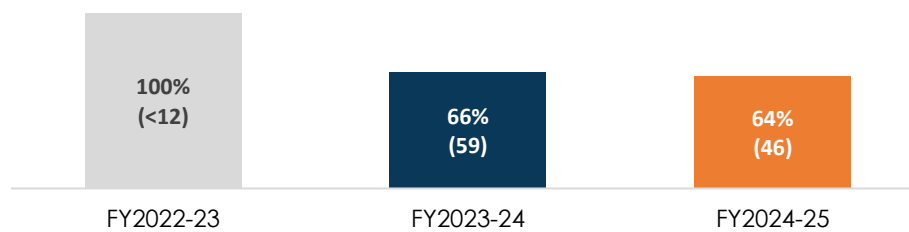
Substance Use Programming

Health Care Agency

In FY 2024-25, 64% (n = 46) of youth who exited the program were linked to County or contracted mental health and substance use treatment services within 10 business days of exiting the program.

Due to the timing of the report, the Fiscal Year of data is not typically finalized until October or November, so the number of linkages is likely higher than reported.

Percent of Youth Linked to Behavioral Health Services



Success Stories

Probation

YGC participants thrive within the program. They attend drug programs, NA/AA, and work to improve other skillsets such as developing leadership skills by acting as a mentor to the other youth in the unit. In addition, they are able to attend community college while still at YGC, and some participants receive scholarships. One youth as an example is planning to transfer to a prestigious university after release. The YGC coordinators and staff applaud this youth's tremendous personal growth.

Health Care Agency

A youth experiencing significant mental health issues and substance use disorders initially struggled to adjust after being transferred to the Youth Guidance Center. They had difficulty interacting with peers, often resisted staff directives, and were frequently returned to Juvenile Hall for disruptive behavior. The youth was initially hesitant to engage in services. However, through consistent trauma informed and person-centered care, the youth gradually became more open to behavioral health interventions. They were assessed for residential placement and expressed a willingness to engage in ongoing treatment, including individual therapy, group therapy, psychiatric services and medication assisted treatment for reported opioid use. Although the youth later declined residential placement, the youth participated in intensive outpatient services for his substance use treatment disorder and enrolled with a Full-Service Partnership (FSP) program to continue treatment.

Challenges and Solutions

Probation

- **Continued Challenges with Shorter Commitments and Unexpected Release:** Designed as a 120-day program to help youth with substance abuse issues, unexpected releases limit the effectiveness of the treatment. The first 60 days are crucial for youth to recognize their need for help, making the full duration essential for successful outcomes.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Substance Use Programming

- We need to continue advocating for consistent sentencing practices that match the program's 120-day duration could help maintain its effectiveness.
- **"Declining" Transfer to YGC:** There are challenges in encouraging youth to transfer to the Youth Guidance Center (YGC), even when it may serve their long-term rehabilitation more effectively. One key factor is the perception of YGC as a more intensive and demanding program, where phase and point-based systems offer relatively easier access to incentives. This structure is appropriate given juvenile hall's shorter stays and rapidly changing population, but it inadvertently reduces motivation for youth to pursue transfer to YGC, where the program calls for deeper personal commitment and sustained behavioral progress.
 - To address this concern, an informative video that highlights the benefits, structure, and supportive environment of YGC for the courts was developed.
 - In an effort to smooth transitions and increase engagement, flexible practices were adopted—such as allowing select incentives earned at Juvenile hall to carry over to YGC on a case-by-case basis. Still, the broader challenge remains without clear and consistent messaging about the long-term value of YGC's rehabilitation model, youth may continue opting out of transfer opportunities that could positively impact their futures.
- **Alignment on incentive decisions:** The program is built on a system of earned incentives, including furloughs, which are awarded based on consistent positive behavior and meaningful progress in each youth's individualized rehabilitation plan. Collaboration in awarding incentives reinforces program goals, encourages accountability, promotes personal growth, and enhances fairness among participants. Ensuring incentive decisions align with the therapeutic and behavioral standards of the program helps maximize each youth's potential for lasting success.

Health Care Agency

Youth prescribed Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid use while in custody often face challenges with maintaining compliance after release, frequently missing pre-scheduled follow up appointments for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. To address this, HCA clinicians and Juvenile Health Services medical staff work collaboratively to ensure care coordination while the youth is still in custody. These coordinate efforts include communicating with youth and their families about upcoming SUD appointments and arranging transportation as needed. Additionally, a peer support specialist is integrated into the care team to meet with the youth's family in the community prior to the youth's release, providing in person psychoeducation and access to Naloxone and Fentanyl strips. Meeting with the family in the community has shown an increase in family engagement, which in turn helps improve the youth's follow through with treatment recommendations and compliance post-release.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Youth Reporting Centers

Program Goal

The Youth Reporting Centers (YRCs) aim to minimize the reliance on secure detention by offering a well-structured, community-based alternative confinement option. Its goal is to encourage lawful and productive lifestyles among students and to link youth to on-going community resources when they exit the YRC.

Lead Agency and Partners

Probation – Regular monitoring of youthful offenders' compliance and success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the BOS and collaborates between County partners and OCDE.

Health Care Agency – Provides services to youth with severe emotional disturbances and transitional-age youth with serious mental illness which includes case management, therapy, psychological testing, and medication support to children and adolescents, aiming to improve their skills for community functioning and manage the impact of disabilities.

Program Staffing

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)				
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	
	Actuals	Actuals	Requested	Actuals
Probation	18.7	13.9	23.8	22.38
HCA	7.0	7.0	8.0	5.82
Total	25.7	20.9	31.8	28.20

Financial Input

Funding Allocation					
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Actuals
Probation	\$ 3,206,535	\$ 3,317,379	\$ 4,202,628	\$ 5,002,628	\$ 4,892,091
HCA	601,379	716,278	899,668	899,668	658,390
Total	\$ 3,807,914	\$ 4,033,657	\$ 5,102,296	\$ 5,902,296	\$ 5,550,481

Objective & Program Details

Youth at the YRC attend a full academic program and participate in afternoon group counseling, individual counseling, and drug testing with an emphasis on obtaining and maintaining sobriety. On-site job coaches assist youth in seeking, obtaining, and maintaining employment and vocational training access.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Youth Reporting Centers

Additionally, for those YRC youth serving a commitment, the Accountability Commitment Program offers an alternative to traditional incarceration, allowing youth to complete custodial commitments while participating in educational and support services and being supervised via electronic monitoring.

HCA staff at the YRCs provide mental health and substance use services to reduce mental health symptoms, increase coping skills and/or decrease substance use. An important component of these time-

limited services is to link youth to on-going community resources when they exit the YRC to support their recovery.

Program Achievements

Program Output

Probation

The number of youth referred, program entries, and program participants slightly decreased compared to the previous year, and the proportion of those youth successfully completing the program also decreased from 68% (222/327) to 59% (152/259).

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	301	318	265	-53
Program Entries	290	321	252	-69
Program Participants	314	363	287	-76

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	271	327	259	-68
Completions	161	222	152	-70
Not Successful	110	105*	107	-2
Partial	0	0	0	0
No Progress	99	105	96	-9
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	<12	0	<12	<12
Avg. Stay (Days)	47	45	40	-5

* This number was combined with the "Left Program" total due to the value being less than 12

Health Care Agency

The number of youth referred and program participants rose, but the number of program entries dropped compared to the previous year. The percentage of those youth successfully completing the program also decreased from 51% (136/267) to 22%(40/184).

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Youth Reporting Centers

HCA staff at the YRCs offer mental health and substance use services to all youth at the centers, aiming to alleviate mental health symptoms, enhance coping skills, and reduce substance use. A key aspect of these short-term services is connecting youth with ongoing community resources when they leave the YRC and therefore the definition for “Completions” and “Not Successful” may differ compared to Probation.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	191	248	169	-79
Program Entries	251	309	252	-57
Program Participants	201	282	213	-69

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	171	267	184	-83
Completions	54	136	40	-96
Not Successful	117	131	0	-131
Partial	0	0	0	0
No Progress	0	0	0	0
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	117	131	144	13
Avg. Stay (Days)	63	71	61	-10

Program Outcomes

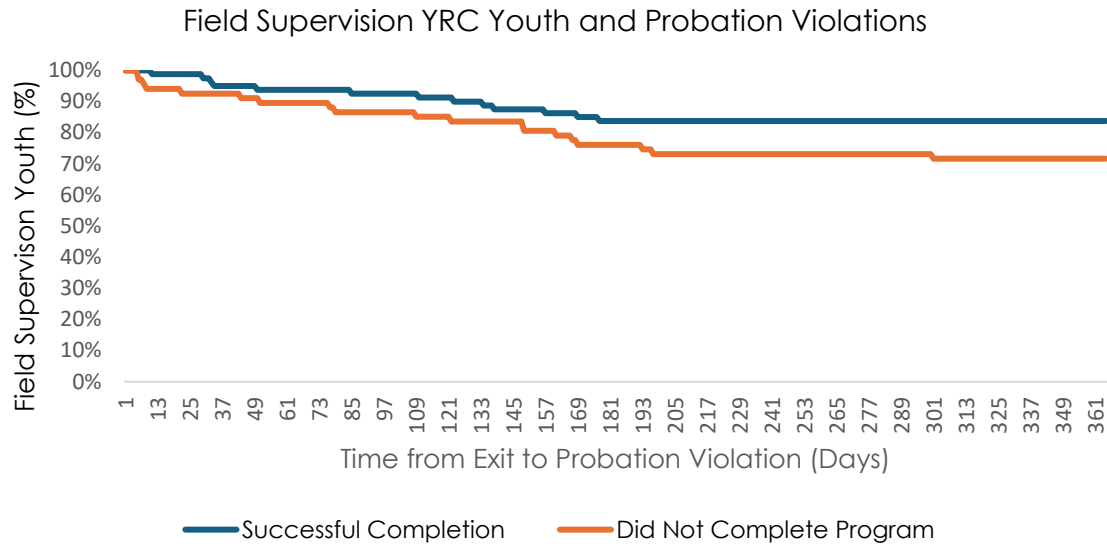
Probation

Outcome data examined youth who exited YRC in FY 2023-24 to allow for up to one-year of follow-up. At the time of reporting, there were 340 exits from YRC in FY 2023-24. Of those 340 exits, 135 were under field supervision. Youth who successfully completed YRC were consistently less likely to get a formal probation violation. At the end of one year, 83.8% of participants that successfully completed YRC did not have a probation violation, compared to 71.6% of participants that were unsuccessful in the program.

For the 205 youths exiting in FY 2024-25 to the Accountability Commitment Program, they were enrolled for an average of 38 days resulting in a total of 7,740 days not served in secure detention. This enrollment supports the efforts of the YRCs to reduce the use of secure detention of youth and provide greater impact from services including counseling, education and skill building, and relational interventions.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

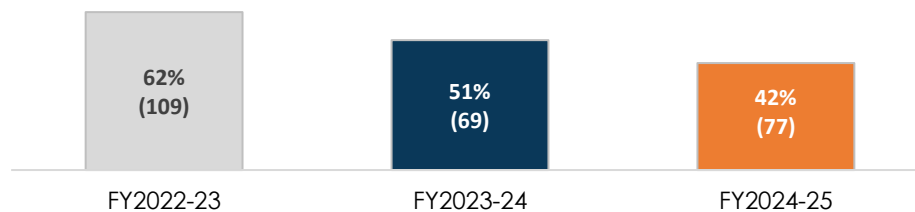
Youth Reporting Centers



Health Care Agency

In FY 2024-25, 42% (n = 77) of youth who exited the program were linked to County or contracted mental health and substance use treatment services within 10 business days of exiting the program. Due to the timing of the report, the Fiscal Year of data is not typically finalized until October or November, so the number of linkages is likely higher than reported.

Percent of Youth Linked to Behavioral Health Services



Success Stories

Probation

During this fiscal year, Central Youth Reporting Center moved into a newly renovated site that offers more space for career and technical education programs, two wellness rooms for youth, and a washer and dryer for youth to use. There were nine youth who earned their high-school diploma while attending one of the YRCs this fiscal year.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Youth Reporting Centers

Health Care Agency

A youth with a history of multiple incarcerations, complex trauma, and significant life stressors was referred to the YRC. The youth initially struggled to engage in services with HCA clinicians, often requesting to end sessions early. Through the use of art therapy and other group therapies, the youth disclosed trauma related incidents and stressors negatively affecting their mental health. The youth learned and applied healthy coping strategies to manage stressors, along with positive communication skills to share their experiences with family members, which strengthened relationships and enhanced their sense of support around treatment needs. The youth successfully completed their time at the YRC and continue treatment services with a Full-Service Partnership (FSP).

Challenges and Solutions

Probation

Success Rate Challenges: The rate of youth successfully completing the program decreased slightly by 10% during this fiscal year compared to last fiscal year. Probation plans to review multi-year data trends to uncover any root causes behind the decline, explore enhancements in program design, and consider support mechanisms to improve participant outcomes.

Health Care Agency

Referrals to the YRC have been low over the past year. In response, collaborative partners, including the OC HCA, Probation, and OCDE, have proposed presenting to the Court to share information on available programming, coordinated services, and collaborative efforts at the YRCs. This presentation would highlight the benefits of the supportive and safe environment offered to youth, with the goal of increasing awareness and encouraging appropriate referrals.

Juvenile Recovery Court

Program Goal

Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) is a court-based intervention program for youth with substance use issues who need specialized assistance and treatment services. The primary goals are to increase sobriety and reduce recidivism while reducing the reliance on incarceration.

Lead Agency and Partners

Probation – Collaborates between county partners reporting to the Probation Officer for progress checks and monitors youthful offenders' success utilizing incentives as included in the Probation Juvenile Incentives program approved by the OC BOS.

Health Care Agency – Provides various mental health services, including therapy, assessments, and medication support to children and adolescents, focusing on improving their community functioning and managing their disabilities.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Juvenile Recovery Court

Public Defender – Represents juveniles in the justice system who opt in to participate in this intensive supervision program and ensures that the juvenile's needs are being met by collaborating with HCA, community partners, OCDA, Probation and the Juvenile Court to help the juvenile attain sobriety, stability, and support in the community and ultimately terminate wardship after successfully completing the program.

District Attorney – Manages caseloads and participates in the JRC.

Waymakers – Waymakers Collaborative Courts Full Service Partnership (CCFSP) receives no funding from JJCPA but rather is funded by the Mental Health Services Act in collaboration with HCA. CCFSP provides culturally competent in-home and community based services for youth ages 0-25 struggling with mental illness, truancy and substance abuse issues.

Program Staffing

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)				
	FY 2022-23	FY2023-24	FY 2024-25	
	Actuals	Actuals	Requested	Actuals
Probation	2.2	1.2	4.0	2.13
HCA	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
PD	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.08
OCDA	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.39
Total	4.4	2.9	5.0	2.59

Financial Input

Funding Allocation					
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Actuals
Probation	\$ 330,808	\$ 226,676	\$ 594,676	\$ 594,676	\$ 465,477
HCA	124,109	101,332	260,000	260,000	260,000
PD	54,301	26,594	75,000	75,000	24,665
OCDA	47,397	47,816	111,565	111,565	54,078
Total	\$ 556,615	\$ 402,418	\$ 1,041,241	\$ 1,041,241	\$ 804,220

Objective & Program Details

JRC is a collaborative endeavor between the Juvenile Court, OCDA, Probation, Public Defender's Office (and other defense counsel), HCA, and Waymakers. The JRC program uses a combination of substance use treatment; therapy (individual, group, and family); sanctions; and incentives to rehabilitate youth;

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Juvenile Recovery Court

empower their families; and prevent reoffending. Program length is dependent upon youth engagement with their services.

The role of the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) within the JRC collaboration is to monitor progress of the youth within the program, hold the youth accountable through incentives or informal sanctions as needed using an evidence-based approach, administer the drug testing regularly, and provide supervision of the youth in the community. Due to the rapport built with the youths, the DPO has a good understanding of the needs of the youths and can articulate them to the other collaborative partners to ensure the youth's needs are being met by having the right services in place. HCA assigns a clinician to the JRC collaborative to coordinate all clinical services for youth during their time at JRC. This clinician attends all court sessions and provides updates on therapeutic services to the Court. The primary role of the HCA liaison is case management, ensuring connection to community-based mental health and substance use treatment.

The Waymakers CCFSP offers in-home and community-based services for youth. The program provides comprehensive support through assessment, care planning, case management, and treatment interventions. CCFSP aims to empower youth and their families by promoting recovery, self-efficacy, and social competence across various life domains, ensuring safety and stability at home, school, work, and in the community.

Program Achievements

Program Output

Probation

Though program participants decreased slightly compared to the previous year, average length of stay increased by over three months.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	25	26	22	-4
Program Entries	15	17	14	-3
Program Participants	25	29	28	-1

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	13	15	14	-1
Completions	<12	<12	<12	<12
Not Successful	<12	<12	<12	<12
Partial	0	0	0	0
No Progress	<12	<12	<12	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	<12	<12	<12	<12
Avg. Stay (Days)	397	279	386	107

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Juvenile Recovery Court

Health Care Agency

The number of youth referred to and participating in the program decreased compared to the previous year, leading to fewer exits. HCA does not provide direct treatment but focuses on linking youth to appropriate treatment services, with successful linkage being a key measure of success for the program.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	12	23	14	-4
Program Entries	12	27	15	-3
Program Participants	25	40	24	-1

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	<12	31	<12	**
Completions	0	<12	<12	<12
Not Successful	<12	0	0	0
Partial	0	0	0	0
No Progress	0	0	0	0
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	<12	22	<12	**
Avg. Stay (Days)	NA	371	51	-320

** Numbers were omitted for de-identification purposes.

Program Outcomes

Probation

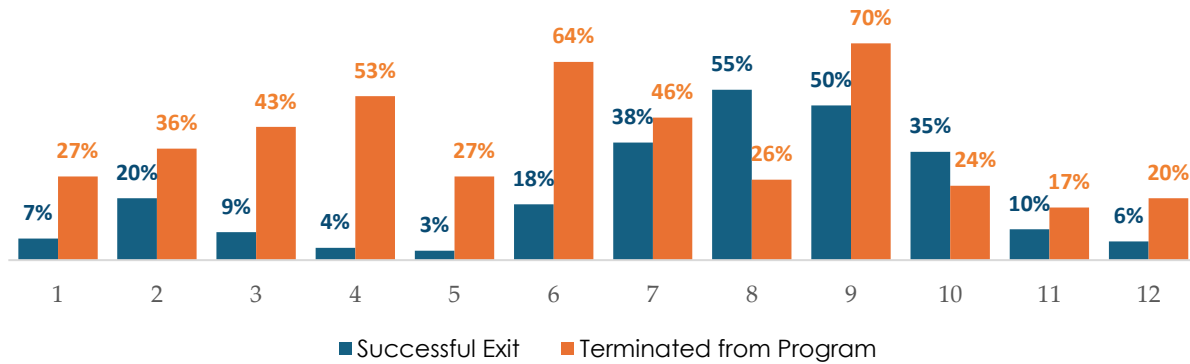
Between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025, 21 youth exited JRC either by successful completion or terminated and returned to field. Rates of positive drug tests for a year post JRC start date were compared between the two groups. Subsequent drug tests of youth that terminated the program and continued to field supervision were included in the sample. For the 21 youth, there was a total 1,498 drug tests: 1,146 (77%) negative, 348 (23%) positive, and 4 inconclusive. As seen in the graph below, youth who successfully completed the program had generally lower rates of positive tests compared to youth that terminated from the program. Regardless of exit type, there was an overall decrease in positive drug tests rate after the nine-month mark.

An entrance and exit interview were developed and administered during the 2024-25 FY to better understand participant-experience in the JRC program. During their entrance interview, all interviewed youth indicated that they looked forward to “maintaining” or “working on” their sobriety; however, some youths indicated that it would be the most challenging part of the program. Interviewed youth expressed a desire to work on their anger/frustration/general coping issues. During their exit interview all youth indicated that they had developed coping skills and had a plan for maintaining their sobriety. Also, most youth indicated that drug testing was an effective tool for maintaining sobriety during the program.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Juvenile Recovery Court

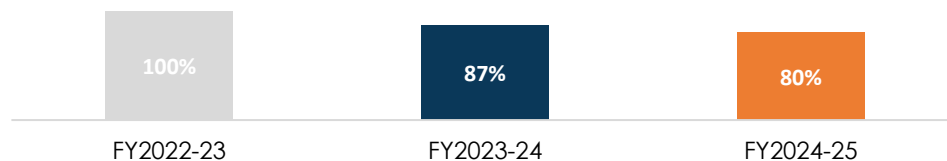
Positive Drug Test Rates by Month(s) after Program Enrollment



Health Care Agency

In FY 2024-25, 80% of youth who exited the program were linked to County or contracted mental health and substance use treatment services within 10 business days of exiting the program. Due to the timing of the report, the FY of data is not typically finalized until October or November, so the number of linkages is likely higher than reported.

Percent of Youth Linked to Behavioral Health Services*



*Percentages are only represented in the figure above due to low participant numbers.

Success Stories

Probation

For one participant who entered and graduated successfully from JRC, before their acceptance into JRC, they were on informal probation and experimenting with fentanyl and associating with negative peers. They were also testing positive for methamphetamine and their school performance was declining. Once the youth entered JRC, they did not test positive for fentanyl and was engaged with their treatment team and attending school. They mentioned that JRC was strict but was aware that they needed help because they felt they were spiraling out of control. The youth did test positive for methamphetamine one time and attempted to rationalize how they tested positive, but they were encouraged to be honest with themselves to assist in their recovery. The youth acknowledged the problem and was able to get back on track. In their graduation speech, they mentioned it was difficult to stay sober, but since the treatment team was holding them accountable to their actions and encouraged them to stay on track, they fought for their sobriety and made it a goal to keep moving forward.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Juvenile Recovery Court

Health Care Agency

A JRC youth referred to CCFSP initially struggled to engage in services due to years of being on probation, compounded by a history of complex trauma, limited family support, and family history of mental illness and substance use. Trust was a barrier, but consistent outreach from the treatment team helped build rapport. Over time, the youth began attending sessions regularly, including group attendance with Waymakers. The youth made significant progress in treatment, including abstaining from substance use and maintaining active participation in mental health services. Throughout the year, this youth enrolled in college courses and obtained employment, successfully completing JRC. This youth remains enrolled with CCFSP and continues to make positive and lasting changes in life.

Challenges and Solutions

Probation

Low referral rates for JRC participation: Though the JRC referral rates are low, we have seen a steady increase throughout the FYs. In FY 22-23, Probation completed 11 referrals. In comparison to this FY, Probation has completed 22 referrals. Probation will continue to work collaboratively with the program to discover new ways to continue to increase the referral rate.

Lack of residential facilities for male, youth 17 and under with a substance use issue: Over the past year, Probation contracted with one residential facility for males of this age group and under in Lancaster, CA. Probation will continue working collaboratively with the program to look for other facilities within OC.

Health Care Agency

Some youth change their mind about participating in substance use disorder treatment once they fully understand the level of commitment required, particularly when it involves intensive residential placement. The two to three-week window between their initial agreement to services and actual enrollment in residential placement becomes a time of hesitation. Youth may begin to reconsider residential placement, feeling overwhelmed by the structure and intensity of residential care or no longer being interested, and may ultimately choose to disengage before residential placement begins. The solution has been for CCFSP to maintain active engagement with the youth during this critical period and provide psychoeducation on the benefits of residential placement as a structured and supportive level of care that serves as a foundation for sustained recovery and relapse prevention. The treatment team also provides continued support by meeting with the youth while in residential placement.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE)

Program Goal

The goal of the Waymakers ARRIVE program is to provide restorative justice practices and intervention services that hold youth accountable for their behaviors while encouraging positive change.

Lead Agency and Partners

Probation – Regular reporting and progress checks of youth at-risk of reincarceration, attends pro-social activities and offers support for youth and family.

Waymakers – Waymakers provides comprehensive support for at-risk youth and their families to reduce recidivism and promote positive development. It offers administrative oversight, therapeutic interventions, and case management services. Appendix A.3 provides information on the contract with Waymakers.

Program Staffing

Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)				
	FY 2022-23	FY2023-24	FY 2024-25	
	Actuals	Actuals	Requested	Actuals
Probation	0.13	0.03	.08	.03
Total	0.13	0.03	.08	.03

Financial Input

Funding Allocation					
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25		
	Actuals	Actuals	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Actuals
Probation	\$ 312,817	\$ 448,534	\$ 429,787	\$ 429,787	\$ 343,267
Total	\$ 312,817	\$ 448,534	\$ 429,787	\$ 429,787	\$ 343,267

Objective & Program Details

The six-month program aims to support the youth, their families, victims, and the community by addressing criminogenic needs and helping youth complete court-ordered sanctions. By focusing on maximizing strengths, the program seeks to reduce recidivism and promote long-term positive outcomes. The main components of the program include clinical assessment, individual and family counseling, case management, career and educational support, community service support, and various specialized counseling services.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE)

Program Achievements

Program Output

This program was only partially operational from in FY 2022-23. Other years listed in the table below reflects full year program implementation.

Youth Enrollment				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Youth Referred	77	128	112	-16
Program Entries	56	84	80	-4
Program Participants	56	117	110	-7

Exiting Youth				
	FY 2022-23 Total	FY 2023-24 Total	FY 2024-25 Total	Difference 23-24 & 24-25
Exits	18	84	79	-5
Completions	16	57	65	8
Not Successful	<12	27	14	-13
Partial	<12	0	14	14
No Progress	0	<12	0	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	0	17	0	-17
Avg. Stay (Days)	183	160	157	-3

Program Outcome

By the end of a the 6-month ARRIVE program, 68% of youth who successfully completed the ARRIVE program in FY 2024-25 showed a decreased risk level or remained low risk to re-offend as measured by the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI).

Success Story

A youth was referred following a charge of battery with serious bodily injury. To support them in meeting the terms of their probation, they were encouraged to participate in counseling. Initially, they were guarded and hesitant to engage in services, but over time, that hesitation gave way to trust and personal growth. They participated in individual counseling focused on improving decision-making skills and processing life stressors and emotions. They demonstrated a strong commitment to growth, identifying the triggers that contributed to their offense and exploring the values that influence their choices. With the support of their Case Manager, they began setting clear goals for their future. They obtained a Real ID, secured employment, and enrolled in the Rising Scholars program to pursue college. At 90 days after program closure, they remained free of further legal involvement and continue to move forward with confidence and purpose.

INTERVENTION/TREATMENT PROGRAM DETAILS

Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE)

Challenges and Solutions

Waitlist: In FY 2024-245, ARRIVE received 112 referrals for the 50 slots. 80 of 112 were enrolled into the allowed 50 contracted slots. At times there is a waitlist to enroll in ARRIVE services because the need is greater than the staffing pattern. Hiring an additional Clinician would reduce the waitlist time and allow for more referrals to meet the need. Probation is tracking referrals from the South County, North County, and Santa Ana Offices to ensure all Probation-involved youth have the same opportunities.

6-Month Time Limit: The program could offer additional impact on decreasing the risk level for youth to re-offend. Proposal of expanding the program limit from 6 months to 1 year, to build rapport, engage, practice skills and maintain change. Expanding the program timeframe would most likely require an additional Case Manager and Clinician to reduce the waitlist.

2024 JJCPA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

On February 29, 2024, the OCJJCC directed the CEO's office to develop a project proposal and approval process whereby community-based organizations (CBO) may submit a request for funding for new juvenile-based prevention and intervention programs. On July 25, 2024, the OCJJCC approved the proposed process and allocated \$225,000 from JJCPA funds for FY 2024-25 to solicit proposals from CBOs. On August 1, 2024, the JJCPA Funding Opportunity was made publicly available for the submittal of applications for funding requests. The submission period closed on August 31, 2024, with nine project proposals received.

A working group consisting of one representative each from the Courts, OCDA, Probation, Public Defender, and OCSD, reviewed the applications and provided recommendations to the OCJJCC at the October 24, 2024, Regular meeting. The OCJJCC approved an increase to the total funding from \$225,000 to \$1,134,498 and awarded funding to all nine proposals. On January 14, 2025, seven of the nine agreements were presented to and approved by the BOS. The agreements are effective through December 31, 2025. The remaining two agreements will be presented for Board approval at a later date.

Presented below is a list of the seven programs set to launch in FY 2024-25 and the two pending programs. The submitted proposals are included in the OCJJCC Meeting Agenda packet for the October 24, 2024, meeting, which can be found online.

2024 JJCPA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Award Recipient	Program	Award Amount	Actuals [3]
Carpenter Training Partners	Construction Training	\$ 137,524	\$ 57,349
Project Kinship	Kinship Center	225,000	61,009
The Prism Way	Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA), Whole Integration of Self Education (WISE) program	161,442	137,465
Project Youth OC	SHORTSTOP	50,000	22,622
Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove	Family and Youth Outreach Program	15,000	5,607
Human Works Foundation	RISEUP Pre-Vocational Training Program	225,000	61,924
H.I.R.E	TIME Mentoring	85,532	22,963
Effective January 2025		\$ 899,498	\$ 368,938
H.I.R.E ^[1]	Youth Resource Fair	10,000	
Waymakers ^[2]	OC GRIP Case Management	225,000	
Deferred to FY 2025-26		\$ 235,000	\$ -
Total 2024 JJCPA Funding Opportunity		\$ 1,134,498	\$ 368,938

[1] One-time event anticipated to occur in FY 2025-26.

[2] The existing contract with HCA will expire on June 30, 2025. This request is to establish a new agreement, effective 7/1/25 - 6/30/25 when funding from MHSA ends.

[3] Actuals as of June 30, 2025 including year-end accruals.

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAMS SUMMARY

JJCPA Funding Opportunity Youth Enrollment with Demographics

The 2024 JJCPA funding opportunity became effective on January 1, 2025, supporting programs that will run through December 31, 2025. These newly funded programs are off cycle, reporting quarterly through the end of the calendar year (Quarter 2, FY 2025 -26).

Youth Enrollment		
	FY 2024-25	
	Q3	Q4
Youth Referred	154	224
Program Entries	170	232
Program Participants	170	246

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Demographics of Participants at time of Program Entry			
		FY 2024-25	
		Q3	Q4
Gender	Male	145	208
	Female	25	40
	Transgender/Non-binary	0	<12
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	147	213
	White	12	13
	Black	<12	<12
	Asian/Pacific Islander	<12	11
	Other	<12	<12
Age	11 years old or younger	<12	<12
	12-15 years-old	56	108
	16-17 years-old	58	77
	18 years-old	17	20
	19 years-old	10	<12
	20-25 years-old	26	31

Note: The Prism Way and Project Youth OC were not able to capture demographics for all participants for Q3.

JJCPA Funding Opportunity Program Exits with Youth Demographics

Exiting Youth			
		FY 2024-25	
		Q3	Q4
Exits		139	152
Completions		101	126
Not Successful		38	37
Partial Completion of Program		25	<10
No Progress		<12	0
Left Program for Unrelated Reason		<12	41
Demographics of Participants who Completed the Program			
		FY 2024-25	
		Q3	Q4
Gender	Male	84	105
	Female	17	20
	Transgender/non-binary	0	<12
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	82	107
	White	<12	<12
	Black	<12	<12
	Asian/Pacific Islander	<12	<12
	Other	<12	<12

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Demographics of Participants who did not Successfully Complete the Program				
		FY 2024-25		
		Q3	Q4	
Gender	Male	29	29	
	Female	<12	<12	
	Transgender/non-binary	0	0	
Race/ Ethnicity	Hispanic	35	31	
	White	<12	<12	
	Black	0	<12	
	Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	
	Other	<12	<12	

Note: The Prism Way and Project Youth OC were not able to capture demographics for all participants for Q3.

Program Output

Youth Enrollment Totals for Q3 and Q4									
	Carpenter Training Partners	Project Kinship	The PRISM Way		Project Youth OC	Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove	Human Works Foundation	H.I.R.E.	Total
			WISE	CGA					
Youth Referred	17	41	<12	16	221	24	53	<12	378
Program Entries	15	35	<12	50	217	16	53	<12	402
Program Participants	15	35	20	50	217	13	53	13	416

Exiting Youth Totals for Q3 and Q4									
	Carpenter Training Partners	Project Kinship	The PRISM Way WISECGA		Project Youth OC	Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove	Human Works Foundation	H.I.R.E.	Total
Exits	<12	0	22	21	217	<12	27	<12	291
Completions	<12	0	>12	>12	168	0	>12	0	227
Not Successful	<12	0	<12	<12	49	<12	<12	<12	75
Partial	<12	0	<12	<12	19	<12	<12	0	35
No Progress	0	0	<12	<12	0	0	<12	0	<12
Left Program for Unrelated Reason	<12	0	<12	<12	30	<12	<12	<12	52

Note: ">12" and "<12" were used for de-identification purpose

Timeframes for programs with youth completing services:

The PRISM Way: WISE and CGA are 12-week programs.

Project Youth OC: SHORTSTOP sessions start each month and youth receive 9-21 hours of services.

Human Works Foundation: RISEUP is a 2–3-month program.

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAMS SUMMARY

JJCPA 2024 Funding Opportunity Programs Current City of Residence (FY 2024-25)

	Q3	Q4		Q3	Q4
Aliso Viejo	<12	<12	Newport Beach	<12	0
Anaheim	24	46	North Tustin	0	0
Anaheim Island	0	0	Olive	0	0
Big Canyon	0	0	Orange	17	22
Brea	0	0	Orange Hills	0	0
Buena Park	<12	<12	Orange Park Acres	0	0
Costa Mesa	<12	<12	Placentia	<12	<12
Country Club Island	0	0	Portola Hills	0	0
Coto de Caza	0	0	Rancho Mission Viejo	0	0
Covenant Hills	0	0	Rancho Santa Margarita	<12	0
Cypress	0	<12	Robinson Ranch	0	0
Dana Point	0	<12	Rossmoor	0	0
Dove Canyon	0	0	San Clemente	<12	<12
East Irvine	0	0	San Juan Capistrano	<12	0
El Modena	0	0	San Juan Hot Springs	0	0
Emerald Bay	0	0	Santa Ana	46	31
Fountain Valley	0	<12	Santa Ana Heights	0	0
Fullerton	<12	<12	Santiago Canyon	0	0
Garden Grove	13	25	Seal Beach	0	0
Huntington Beach	<12	<12	Shady Canyon	0	0
Irvine	<12	<12	Silverado	0	0
La Habra	<12	12	Stanton	<12	<12
La Palma	0	0	Stonecliffe	0	0
Ladera Ranch	0	0	Tonner Canyon	0	0
Las Flores	0	0	Trabuco Highlands	0	0
Laguna Beach	0	0	Tustin	<12	<12
Laguna Hills	<12	0	Tustin Foothills	0	0
Laguna Niguel	<12	0	Villa Park	0	0
Laguna Woods	0	0	Wagon Wheel	0	0
Lake Forest	<12	<12	Westminster	<12	<12
Los Alamitos	0	0	Yorba Linda	<12	0
Midway City	0	0	Out of County	<12	<12
Mission Viejo	<12	<12	Out of State	<12	<12
Modjeska Canyon	0	0			

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAM DETAILS

Carpenter Training Partners

Program Goal

Carpenter Training Partners (CTP) offers a construction training program for youth and adults, including justice involved individuals, who are interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry. The mission of CTP is to develop students into marketable, hard-working, driven, industry-ready carpenters who can apply for, and successfully obtain entry-level positions in the workforce.

Financial Input and Program Output

FY 2024-25					
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals	Q4 Actuals	Total
S&EB	\$ 79,737	\$ 79,737	\$ 8,139	\$ 38,994	\$ 47,133
S&S	\$ 57,787	\$ 57,787	\$ 3,699	\$ 6,517	\$ 10,216
Total	\$ 137,524	\$ 137,524	\$ 11,838	\$ 45,511	\$ 57,349
Program Participants			<12	<12	15
Exits			0	<12	<12
Successful Completions			0	<12	<12

Note: "<12" were used for de-identification purpose

Objective & Program Details

Designed to support students in becoming competitive and skilled carpenters, CTP staff dedicate at least 12 hours per week to building rapport with students, assessing their skills and goals and tailoring development strategies. The 20-week program emphasizes safety, safety certifications, tool identification and usage, and physical conditioning. Training is conducted three days a week, with one day focused on virtual classes covering industry theory, financial literacy, soft skills and leadership development, while the other two days involve hands-on building sessions. The program fosters a safe and structured environment where students focus on immediate goals, such as class projects, while developing a long-term vision for sustained employment and career advancement. Alongside carpentry skills, participants build self-esteem, enhance their outlook, and learn to make thoughtful, long-term decisions.

Mid-Year Updates

CTP is a newer program so additional time and effort was required to develop connections with OC probation officers (the primary source of referred candidates). At the start of the first grant cohort, seven students were enrolled in the program. In addition to construction training, case management services were also provided between CTP and non-profit partners like H.I.R.E. OC, and Ready. Get. Go. OC. The student's probation officers were informed of their client's CTP progress at least once a month. Four students successfully completed the program. Two of which have already tested their marketability in the workforce. CTP will continue to work with these alums. The grant funds were used to purchase hand and

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAM DETAILS

Carpenter Training Partners

power tools for the students for use at the training site. These tools were essential in training the students on how to be effective carpenters.

In reaction to the events that occurred with this first cohort, CTP has maintained communication with probation officer and partners and attended career fairs for the next cohort to ensure that the target number of students complete the training.

Project Kinship

Program Goal

Kinship Center will provide a robust foundation of programming to maximize positive impact on youth in Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove and other areas of OC. Essential resources, skill-building, connections and trusted relationships will redirect behaviors and misguided decisions from the past and develop new pathways of hope that lead to positive, thriving futures.

Financial Input & Program Output

FY 2024-25					
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals	Q4 Actuals	Total
S&EB	\$ 171,630	\$ 171,630	-	\$ 43,449	\$ 43,449
S&S	\$ 53,370	\$ 53,370	-	\$ 17,560	\$ 17,560
Total	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	-	\$ 61,009	\$ 61,009
Program Participants			0	35	35
Exits			0	0	0
Successful Completions			0	0	0

Objective & Program Details

Kinship Center utilizes mentorship and Positive Youth Development (PYD) based in restorative justice approaches to facilitate mentorship and relationship building, provide leadership opportunities, cultivate connection and a sense of community and provide preparation and growth with life skills and societal integration. This includes after-school and weekend programming providing extensive mentorship, life skill-building and connections during engagement in the program. Participants are referred by the juvenile justice networks and staff have access to background information for each participant to ensure a trauma-informed, individualized approach to supportive services. Kinship Center is open 46 weeks of the year and staff monitors the growth and outcomes of participants on an ongoing basis.

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAM DETAILS

Project Kinship

Mid-Year Updates

With support from OCJJCC, Project Kinship has created a restorative, trauma-informed setting that addresses the needs of system-impacted youth – particularly during a time of increased community violence and heightened risk throughout the summer months.

Progress Updates as of Q4

- **Education & Career Readiness:** Youth have completed resume-building sessions, enrolled in high school diploma/GED support, and began job placement planning. Several are preparing for community college or vocational training programs.
- **Behavioral & Emotional Growth:** Staff have documented improved emotional regulation, increased conflict resolution skills, and reduced high-risk behaviors among frequent attendees.
- **Community Safety & Engagement:** During a period of elevated street violence, the Kinship Center has provided a daily safe haven. Youth often cite the center as the one place where they feel safe, respected, and “seen”.

Outcomes as of Q4

- 88% - 31 out of 35 participants enrolled in school or have a job replacement
- 88% - 31 out of 35 participants remain enrolled in school/employment with positive attendance
- 28% - 10 out of 35 participants have been trained to provide peer to peer support groups
- 100% - 35 out of 35 have not been incarcerated/recidivated since enrollment

The PRISM Way

Program Goal

The Prism Way offers programming designed to empower high-risk youth and young adults to break the cycle of criminal behavior and build meaningful, productive lives. Rooted in the principles of empathy, resilience and accountability, programs offer a comprehensive approach that addresses the underlying causes of criminal behavior and promotes long-term personal growth.

Financial Input & Program Output

	FY 2024-25				
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals	Q4 Actuals	Total
S&EB	\$ 147,524	\$ 147,524	\$ 24,587	\$ 90,421	\$ 115,008
S&S	\$ 13,918	\$ 13,918	\$ 2,036	\$ 20,421	\$ 22,457
Total	\$ 161,442	\$ 161,442	\$ 26,623	\$ 110,842	\$ 137,465
Program Participants			25	45	70
Exits			25	30	55
Successful Completions			15	23	38

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAM DETAILS

The PRISM Way

Objective & Program Details

The Prism Way offers the Whole Integration of Self Education (WISE) Curriculum and Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA) at the Youth Guidance Center (YGC) as well as at the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA). The WISE program emphasizes developing cognitive and emotional skills by fostering self-awareness. Participants explore the thought patterns and behaviors that have shaped their past choices, gaining insight into the root causes of criminality and addictions. This understanding helps them break negative cycles and work toward positive transformation. Criminal Gang Members Anonymous (CGA) serves as a restorative practice via a 12-step, 12-tradition program that treats criminal behavior as an addiction. It focuses on fostering personal responsibility and accountability, encouraging participants to examine and take ownership of their actions.

Mid-Year Updates

Since the start of this funding cycle, the Prism Way continued to engage and support transition-aged youth (TAY) across both sites, providing weekly in-person sessions focused on addressing criminal thinking, emotional regulation, and challenging negative belief systems related to masculinity, criminal thinking, and personal accountability. The consistency of showing up for the youth every week—made possible by this funding—is allowing us to build trust and offer reliable programming that aligns with the JJCC’s commitment to reducing recidivism through targeted interventions.

Beyond attendance, youth exhibit early signs of impact in how youth show up for themselves and each other. In one WISE session, a participant bravely shared his struggle with his identity and identified that his substance abuse is a negative coping mechanism rooted in his shame. His willingness to be vulnerable encouraged his peers to share their challenges. What was also encouraging was that his peers began offering affirmations and support, indicating that they all felt safe and free of judgment.

This reflects a positive shift in peer dynamics that we strive to cultivate through WISE, focusing on developing emotional awareness, empathy, and healthier coping strategies. These emerging outcomes demonstrate that youth are practicing key skills, such as self-reflection, empathy, and peer support, essential competencies that help reduce reliance on criminal thinking and mitigate future system involvement.

Project Youth OC

Program Goal

SHORTSTOP offers juvenile crime diversion services to at-risk youth, ages 10-18, and their family members. The goal is to reduce the number of juveniles that have contact with the juvenile justice system through early intervention services, strengthening family support, and providing community linkages.

2024 JJCPA ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROGRAM DETAILS

Project Youth OC

Financial Input & Program Output

	FY 2024-25				
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals	Q4 Actuals	Total
S&EB	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,332	\$ 14,290	\$ 22,622
S&S					
Total	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,332	\$ 14,290	\$ 22,622
Program Participants			96	125	217
Exits			96	121	217
Successful Completions			75	93	168

Objective & Program Details

For 45 years, Project Youth OC has been a direct provider of youth diversion, behavioral health, and substance abuse services that are trauma-informed; recovery-oriented; equity-based; and culturally, linguistically and age appropriate for Latino youth and families. Held at courthouses and Project Youth OC offices, with additional sessions piloted at Hoag Hospital's Newport/Mesa campus and plans for expansion into the Anaheim community, SHORTSTOP sessions begin monthly and are offered in English and Spanish. While the program includes a comprehensive intake assessment and two 3.5-7-hour program sessions featuring a booking processes and trial simulation, a panel of incarcerated youth from OC Probation and extensive legal education, the majority of the time is spent participating in discussion groups and family-strengthening exercises. Participants also complete mandatory assignments at home, such as reading educational materials, writing reflective essays, setting goals, practicing family communication, exploring career options and navigating court processes. Each youth receives an individualized exit plan with referrals to partner agencies for behavioral health services and potential access to Project Self for educational and career support.

Mid-Year Updates

Since receiving JJCC funding through July 1, 2025, 168 youth participants have completed our evidence-based youth diversion program, helping to deter their further involvement with the juvenile justice system and promoting personal growth, accountability, and opportunity. This investment enabled us to expand our staffing structure, bringing on additional case management support to provide more focused, individualized case planning, restorative justice education, and behavioral health support for every youth and family we serve. We also strengthened our model by expanding to additional program sessions and continuing to find new and innovative ways to deepen our impact, enhancing the legal education component for both youth and caregivers. This change has improved participants' understanding of the justice system while reinforcing family engagement as a key protective factor.

Equally impactful, JJCC funding allowed us to broaden our geographic reach, expanding into cities and communities previously underserved by diversion programming. Through new partnerships with law

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enforcement, school districts, and health agencies, we have established stronger referral pipelines and positioned Project Youth OC as a trusted regional partner. These early impacts reflect the critical role JJCC funding plays in advancing our shared goal of reducing youth justice system involvement through proactive, family-centered interventions. Additionally, this work is paving the way for new goals of expansion and scalability, keeping youth out of the system and creating safer, healthier communities across Orange County.

Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove

Program Goal

The Family and Youth Outreach Program (FYOP), a program of BGCGG , operates in collaboration with Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD) and Garden Grove Unified School District to provide diversion programs for juvenile offenders in Central OC. FYOP aims to equip youth with essential life skills and redirect their behavior in positive ways, avoiding further involvement in the justice system.

Financial Input & Program Output

FY 2024-25					
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals	Q4 Actuals	Total
S&EB	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 941	\$ 4,370	\$ 5,311
S&S	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	-	\$ 296	\$ 296
Total	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 941	\$ 4,666	\$ 5,607
Program Participants			<12	>12	21
Exits			<12	>12	21
Successful Completions			0	<12	<12

Note: "<12" and ">12" were used for de-identification purpose

Objective & Program Details

The program leverages the Boys & Girls Clubs' community-based approach while enhancing its impact with Master's level social workers and therapists who deliver intentional, evidence-based programming. Key programs include *Anger Management*, helping youth manage emotions constructively, and *Juvenile Offender Education*, aimed at preventing repeat offenses. The *Alcohol, Marijuana & Other Drugs* program educates on substance risks, while *Parent Education* supports families on topics like discipline and communication. *Character Building* equips youth with life skills like empathy and emotion regulation to guide better decisions. Collectively, these programs address underlying behavioral issues and foster positive outcomes for at-risk youth and their families.

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Mid-Year Updates

With support from JJCPA funding, BGCGG continues to advance its Family and Youth Outreach Program (FYOP), a diversion-based initiative designed to prevent deeper system involvement by supporting youth referred through school districts, law enforcement, and other community partners. The program promotes early intervention through services that build protective factors and equip youth with the tools to make healthy, constructive choices.

One core component, the *Character Building* class, uses a strengths-based, trauma-informed approach to foster leadership, emotional regulation, and positive peer relationships. Facilitators have observed significant progress in participant engagement and confidence. Youth who were initially reluctant to speak are now actively contributing to collaborative activities. As one participant shared, “One of the most important things I’ve learned in the class is how to be a leader, not just a follower... it’s helped me understand how to step up and support others in a positive way.”

Human Works Foundation

Program Goal

The RISEUP program is designed to assist justice-involved youth in exploring various vocational opportunities by helping them identify the fundamental skills required for success in employment. Through personalized guidance, RISEUP helps participants navigate employment and career opportunities while simultaneously identifying and addressing additional supportive services they may need.

Financial Input & Program Output

	FY 2024-25				
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 Actuals	Q4 Actuals	Total
S&EB	\$ 189,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 18,635	\$ 38,154	\$ 56,789
S&S	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 2,539	\$ 2,596	\$ 5,135
Total	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 21,174	\$ 40,750	\$ 61,924
Program Participants			62	44	106
Exits			32	22	54
Successful Completions			22	12	34

Objective & Program Details

The RISEUP program is designed to assist justice-involved youth in exploring various vocational opportunities by helping them identify the fundamental skills required for success in the employment world. It takes a holistic approach, addressing the overall needs of the youth to ensure they can become self-sufficient. Comprehensive assessments evaluate participants' current skills, interests, and needs, creating a tailored plan for each individual. Participants receive training in essential employability skills,

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such as resume writing, interview techniques, and workplace etiquette, while engaging in pre-vocational training tailored to specific industries through hands-on workshops, online courses, or internships. Collaborative efforts with Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) ensure youth are connected to needed resources like educational programs, mental health services, and housing assistance, supporting their long-term success.

Mid-Year Updates

During the first half of 2025, efforts anchored in community collaboration and trauma-informed care have continued to make a meaningful difference in the lives of system-impacted youth. The RISE UP program plays a vital role in fortifying these initiatives, providing a robust framework for the work. To ensure accessibility and recude barriers to program completion, RISE UP training was delivered the following ways based on participant needs and availability both in person and virtual. Sites include: Youth Leadership Academy, YGC, TAY Mod at Theo Lacy, juvenile hall, Human Works Foundation office and other flexible community locations.

Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment (H.I.R.E.)

Program Goal

The Transforming Integration into Meaningful Experiences (T.I.M.E.) program is a holistic, community-driven initiative that aims to transform the lives of at-risk youth through positive mentorship, resource access, and skill development. By addressing the complex needs of these young individuals, the program seeks to reduce recidivism, foster personal growth and build a safer, more supportive community.

Financial Input & Program Output

	FY 2024-25				
	Approved Budget	Adjusted Budget	Q3 sActuals	Q4 Actuals	Total
S&EB	\$ 75,632	\$ 75,632	\$ 1,050	\$ 21,710	\$ 22,760
S&S	\$ 9,900	\$ 9,900	\$ 12	\$ 191	\$ 203
Total	\$ 85,532	\$ 85,532	\$ 1,062	\$ 21,901	\$ 22,963
Program Participants			<12	<12	13
Exits			0	<12	<12
Successful Completions			0	0	0

Note: "<12" were used for de-identification purpose

Objective & Program Details

T.I.M.E. is a strength-based mentorship program designed for youth aged 16+ who are currently in custody within the juvenile justice system, who are at risk of going into the system, or who have been recently

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released. The program specifically targets youth who have committed crimes and are either serving sentences or awaiting sentencing. The T.I.M.E. program empowers youth by offering mentorship from adults with firsthand experience in the justice system, fostering trust-based relationships through one-on-one and group settings. It connects participants to critical resources such as mental health services, educational support, vocational training and legal assistance while addressing underlying issues like trauma or addiction. Additionally, the program focuses on educational and career development with workshops on resume building, interview preparation and GED attainment, ensuring pathways for success. Creative outlets like writing and meditation are also incorporated, promoting self-expression and providing a constructive way to address and heal from past traumas.

Mid-Year Updates

Thanks to the support of JJCPA funding, H.I.R.E.'s T.I.M.E. Mentor Program has been able to significantly expand and deepen its impact on system-involved youth. Three part-time staff were hired, lived experience mentors—formerly volunteers—and a contracted mentor consultant to formalize and strengthen the program model. These additions have allowed delivery to be more consistent with personalized support, as well as implement mentor training, onboarding protocols, and surveys to assess both mentor and mentee progress.

Youth participants have demonstrated early signs of meaningful growth: practicing emotional regulation, developing detailed reentry plans, exploring educational and vocational paths, and shifting from reactive to reflective behaviors. Mentors are actively supporting youth in cultivating remorse, challenging gang mentalities, and building the skills needed for healing and success beyond the justice system. This funding has been pivotal in professionalizing the program and creating more structure to serve youth with purpose and accountability.

Appendix

Appendix A – Community-Based Organizations Funded by JJCPA

A.1 Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove

In January 2022, the BOS approved a Subrecipient Agreement with the OCDE for the Truancy Response Program (TRP). The TRP is a cooperative effort to address the problem of chronic truancy in OC schools, the primary goal of which is to reduce school trancies and absences in order to increase the change of youths' future success. Through the Subripiient Agreement, the County provides JJCPA grant funds, as approved annually by the JJCPA for the OCDE to administer services for the TRP.

In turn, the OCDE has contracted with the BGCGG to perform work described in Attachment A, Scope of Work, to Agreement Number 10000535 to administer the TRP. The information below pertains to the agreement between the OCDE and BGCGG.

JJCPA Program: Truancy Response Program

OCDE Contract With: BGCGG

Contract #: OCDE Agreement # 10000535

Contract Term: 01/03/2022 – 06/30/2025

JJCC Metrics Included in Contract?: Yes

Annual Amount: \$400,000

FY 2024-25 Actual: \$400,000

Boys & Girls Club Staffing	FTE
VP Community Impact	0.10
Program Director	1.00
Field Liason	3.00
Parent Instructor	1.00
Clinical Supervisor	0.25
Intake Coordinator	0.50
Finance Manager	0.10
Total	5.95

A.2 Pepperdine University, PRYDE

In June 2021, the BOS approved a contract between OCSD and Pepperdine University to operate the Youth Diversion & Education (PRYDE) program, a juvenile diversion and counseling program in collaboration with OCSD and Probation Department. The PRYDE program aligns with the OCSD's Juvenile Services Bureau approach, focusing on diverting juveniles from criminal behavior and substance abuse. The program emphasizes early intervention, evaluation, treatment and referral.

JJCPA Program: Decentralized Intake / Youth Diversion Counseling

Contracted with: Sheriff's Department

Contract #: MA-060-21011079

Contract Term: 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2025

JJCC Metrics Included in Contract?: Yes

Annual Amount: \$431,150

FY 2024-25 Actual: \$431,150

PRYDE Staffing	FTE
Program Manager & Psychologist (50/50%)	1.00
Psychologist	0.10
Administrative Diversion Specialist	1.50
Senior Diversion Specialist	1.00
Total	3.60

A.3 Waymakers

In April 2022, the BOS approved a contract between Probation and Waymakers to provide services under the Active Recidivism Reduction Initiative via Engagement (ARRIVE) program to youth referred by Probation. The program aims at reducing the risk of youth reoffending or violating the terms and conditions of their probation by providing them with individual and group services such as parent empowerment/resilience training, substance abuse/relapse prevention and coping skills to support positive peer relationships.

JJCPA Program: ARRIVE
Contracted with: Probation
Contract #: MA-057-22011069
Contract Term: 05/01/2022 – 04/30/2025
JJCC Metrics Included in Contract?: Yes
Annual Amount: \$329,882
FY 2024-25 Actual: \$328,679

Waymakers Staffing	FTE
Director of Youth Development	In Kind
Program Director	In Kind
Diversion Supervisor	0.50
Licensed Clinical Supervisor	In Kind
Diversion Counselor (Bilingual)	1.00
Diversion Specialist (Bilingual)	1.00
Youth Partner (Bilingual)	1.00
Total	3.50

Appendix B – Links to Resources

Council/Subcommittees:

- **Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council**
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>
- **SB 823 Subcommittee of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council**
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/page/sb-823-subcommittee-orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>

SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment:

- **Senate Bill 823 - DJJ Realignment Implementation**
https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_djjrealignment/
- **Orange County's Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant County Plan**
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA):

- **Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and the Youthful Offender Block Grant Program**
https://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_jjcpayobgjuvjuscrimeprevact/
- **Board of State and Community Corrections 2023-2024 County JJCPA-YOBG Plans**
<https://www.bscc.ca.gov/2023-2024-county-jjcpa-yobg-plans/>
- **Orange County's JJCPA-YOBG Plan**
<https://ocprobation.ocgov.com/communications/committees/orange-county-juvenile-justice-coordinating-council>