

## EPIC Provider Presentations DRAFT Summary: Gaps, Opportunities, and Themes

| <b>EPIC JJCPA Funded Program Presentation Schedule</b> |   |  |
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| August 5, 2024   | <b><u>BACR</u></b><br>Karen McBride- Program Manager<br><b>Virtual</b>  |  |
| September 16, 2024                                     | <b><u>Bay Area Legal Aid (BALA)</u></b><br>Colleen Smallfield & Maighna Jain<br><b>Virtual</b>                          | <b><u>Seneca</u></b><br>Sam Cavanaugh – Program Director of Seneca CCC CBS Programs<br>Nicole Lew – Program Supervisor of CCC Probation Wraparound<br><b>In-person</b> |
| October 7, 2024  | <b><u>Contra Costa County of Education (CCCOE)</u></b><br>Lesi Valenzuela Youth Services Supervisor<br><b>In-person</b> | <b><u>STAND!</u></b><br>Ron Beverly (Prevention Manager) and Maura Willow (Community Education Coordinator)<br><b>In-person</b>  |
| November 4, 2024                                       | <b><u>Youth Early Intervention Partnership (YEIP)</u></b><br>Kaylie Simon YEIP Attorney<br><b>In-person</b>             | <b><u>RYSE</u></b><br>Briana Urrutia and Nicole Rodriguez<br><b>In-person</b>  |

### Emerging Theme:

#### Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

- It was noted that CSEC conversations have come up in several the presentations
- CSEC services are a gap - Seneca mentioned Solano as a place that does CSEC well
- Love Never Fails, and Community Violence Solutions both serve CSEC
- Where is the hub of centralized support for CSEC ?
- high schools .....are a place where students can be targeted, can services be located there?
- How effectively are warm handoffs are actually happening? where are linkages being made and how are they handled - maybe PD SW can assist with this? how do we make sure there "no wrong door" is being centered ? how do we navigate people to the places they need to go - navigate the bureaucracies of the system that can be a barrier
- What about community pathways, and what about secure track?

- Looking at opportunities for braided funding to expand to serve some more high or higher risk youth or just different populations?

**11/4/24**

**Presentations from RYSE**

- questions about coordination with other providers: Golden gate, ONS, 100 years, RPAL
- question about programming that could be brought to JH
- question about programming that can be community based so it's not just inside JH
- suggestion to have CBOs trained in EBPs to deliver in JH and in community

**Opportunities:** solid foundation of culturally responsive and wraparound services  
- can this be expanded ?

**Gaps:**

- West county centered - can the new youth centers in other locations have RYSE services
- RYSE has so many services and only reentry is paid for by JJCPA can more of their services be funded through JJCPA ?

**Presentation from YEIP**

- **Opportunities:** family action plan is a good "corner stone" for other programs to use

**10/7/24**

**Presentation from CCCOE**

**Gaps:**

- Question about restoring the funding for the additional YSS - ideally it's a case manager who meets with youth around soft skills. Is this a gap that can be filled?

**Presentation from STAND!**

**Opportunities:**

- Additional funding to support groups from being provided for 1 semester to a full (academic?) year

**9/16/24:**

**General notes:**

- Appreciation that they shared information about patterns across systems

### **BALA**

#### **Gaps:**

- Need to increase number of staff to do the work that is coming in - CCC is unique from other counties because there is a dearth of civil legal services
- If there is an interest in opening clinics in other parts of the county, they expect they will get an influx of referrals and they would need to increase staff capacity to serve those young people
- need to have a clinic in east and central

### **Seneca**

#### **Opportunities:**

- Can the five slots they have be expanded to more serious offenders with a focus on reentry?

**8/5/24:**

### **BACR presentation:**

#### **Opportunities:**

- to increase referrals for prevention and early intervention ?
- BACR "HEART" program was recently funded through JJCPA prevention dollars to focus on Starting a girls group

#### **Gaps:**

- Golden gate community school was recommended as a school that is in need of services



Bay Area Community Resources



# Who We Are

**Bay Area Community Resources (BACR)** is a multi-service organization with a 40+ year history in Contra Costa County. We provide intensive Case Management, Career and Academic Coaching, Job Readiness and Life Skills Training, and Job Placement to Juvenile Justice involved youth re-entering the community from incarceration.

# Our Guiding Philosophy

***“Young people can do anything  
with the appropriate amount of  
training and support!”***

# MEET OUR TEAM

**Ruth Barajas:** Program Director

**Karen McBride:** Program Manager

**Adriana Morales:** Senior Case Manager

**Carmen Padilla:** Academic and Career Coach

# REENTRY SERVICES PROVIDED

In-person services and virtual meetings are available. Participants can meet with their Case Manager or Academic & Career Coach at our Antioch location to receive the following services:

- **Case Management** (i.e. case planning, resource referrals, home visits, transition back into community)
- **Academic and Career Coaching** (i.e. college tours, resume support, job placement, career planning)
- **Life Skills and Job Readiness Training** (skill building)
- **Job Placement** (subsidized and unsubsidized)

# PROGRAM DESIGN

***Preliminary Stage:*** Referrals are made through Contra Costa Juvenile Probation

**STAGE 1: Relationship Building:** Participants are met in custody up to three times to prep for their Reentry meeting

**STAGE 2: Post Release Enrollment Services:**

- ❖ Enrollment Documents
- ❖ Assessments
- ❖ Plans

**STAGE 3: Stabilization/ Barrier Removal Services:** Participants receive services tailored to their immediate needs, which can include helping them obtaining their CA ID, vital documents, transportation, food, professional clothing, etc.

**STAGE 4: Behavior Modification/ Mindset Development/ Life Skills and Professional Development Training:** In person group cohort.

**STAGE 5: Academic Advising and Career Coaching:** Services include the development of a Career Action Plan, Portfolio Building, academic and career coaching, employment support and job placement.

# Referrals and Enrollments

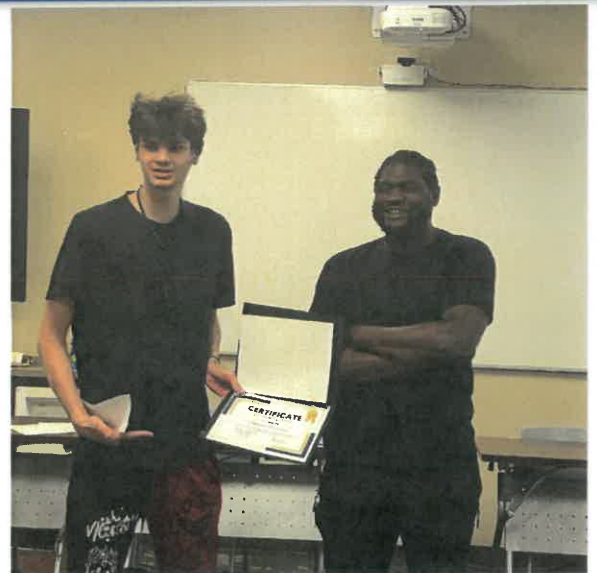
Our juvenile reentry program has the capacity to serve 44 young people ages 14-24 each year. In FY 2023-2024, Contra Costa Juvenile Probation Services referred 30 youths to BACR, resulting in 20 new enrollments in our program. Overall, we served 63 participants this fiscal year, including 5 who rolled over from the previous fiscal year (2022-2023) and 12 rollovers from the previous quarters within the fiscal year.

At this time, we have not had to add referrals to a wait list.

# Individualized Reentry Professional Development Training

**Life Skills and Job Readiness Training** is designed to foster a growth mindset and enhance awareness of professionalism. Youth develop new coping skills to manage their thinking, communication, and behavior in both life and on the job.

We address the needs of the young people we serve, whether they are incarcerated or reintegrating into the community, through weekly meetings with their Case Manager and Academic & Career Coach.



# OUR IMPACT



# Program Model and Outcomes

We are currently using a logic model for our evidence informed data. The data collected is then stored in Salesforce.

In FY 23-24, we received 30 referrals. 3 of the referrals declined services and the other 3 were not engaged.

- 24 participants received resume building support and 4 participants secured unsubsidized employment
- 8 participants participated in our Life Skills training, one of whom got a promotion at work due to his improvement in professionalism.

# Engagement

85% of enrolled participants are consistently engaged with our staff and actively working towards their educational and employment goals. Additionally, some participants are volunteering their time to support community events.



Unity in the Community 2024 Bay Point, CA

# Service Goals for 2025

- Coordinate and facilitate 100% of reentry meetings for participants being released.
- Enroll and engage all referred youth who are released from custody.
- Provide efficient supportive services, which directly address barriers to success i.e. ID, birth certificate, driver licence, social security card, school enrollment etc.
- Facilitate Individualized Professional Development Trainings that target mindset, personal and professional growth.
- Thinking 4 Change classes are being added.
- Place 8-10 youth into subsidized employment opportunities.
- The launch of a girls group
- On site therapy for clients and clinical consultation for staff.

# Cost & Funding

The cost per unit for our services (serving 44 participants) is: **\$ 5,682** per participant.

100% of our source of funding for this reentry program is through JJCPA.

This funding has allowed us to help participants with overcoming barriers, reach educational and professional goals, and be able to have or build healthy relationships.

# Collaboration

BACR currently collaborates with the following organizations:

- Antioch & Brentwood Unified School District - engaging with young people
- Los Medanos & Diablo Valley College - higher education collaborations
- Stand Together Contra Costa - free immigration support for Contra Costa residents
- CC 4 Our Families - CC County field coordinators that support clients in applying for county services
- West Pittsburg Community Church - BACR holds weekly wrap around resource fairs at this location serving an average of 120 families per week.
- Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano - provides food for our weekly resource fair
- Brighter Beginnings - Pediatric health services for low income families
- Village Keepers - CBO that offers free medical services like blood pressure and diabetes testing for low income East County residents.
- Contra Costa Health Services - provides free COVID test kits and shots at our weekly event.
- Bay Church - Provides showers for ECRC participants every week



**BAY AREA LEGAL AID**

WORKING TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE

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## YOUTH JUSTICE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## INTRODUCTIONS

Regional Managing Attorney:  
Maighna Jain

Grants and Contracts Officer:  
Colleen Smallfield

Program includes:  
5 Staff Attorneys,  
1 Social Worker

Volunteers: 1 Pro Bono Attorney, Law  
Clerks, Youth and Social Work interns  
almost every semester and summer

THE YOUTH JUSTICE TEAM BELIEVES  
THAT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD  
BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND  
HAVE THE RESOURCES THEY NEED  
TO MEET THEIR GOALS.

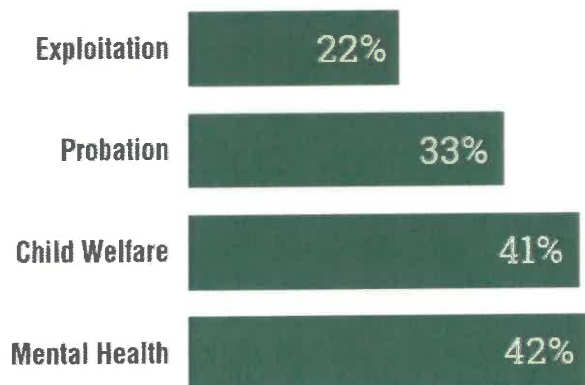
TO THAT END, WE ENGAGE IN CIVIL  
LEGAL REPRESENTATION, SOCIAL  
WORK, COMMUNITY  
COLLABORATIONS, AND SYSTEMIC  
ADVOCACY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
THE YOUNG PEOPLE WE SERVE.



## Why is there a Youth Justice Team?



### Vulnerability Factors Experienced by YHP Clients

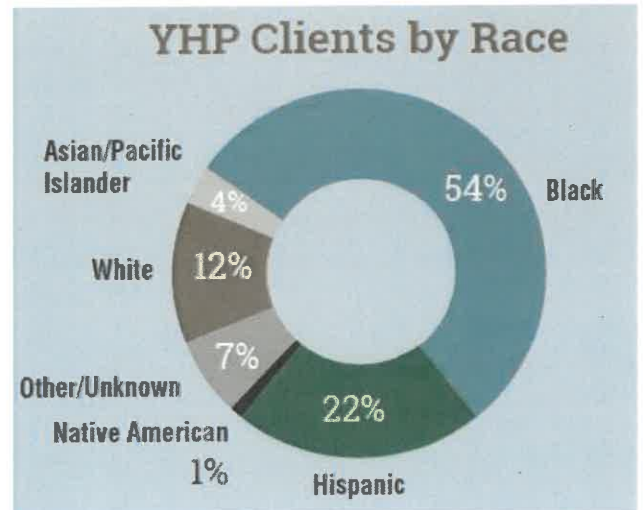


From 2007-2024, the Youth Justice Project opened thousands of legal cases for youth across the SF Bay Area.





## Why is there a Youth Justice Team?



As of 2024, over 90% of clients were BIPOC.

Disparities for Black and Latinx youth are reflected in homelessness, foster care involvement, juvenile and adult criminal justice involvement, and school discipline.

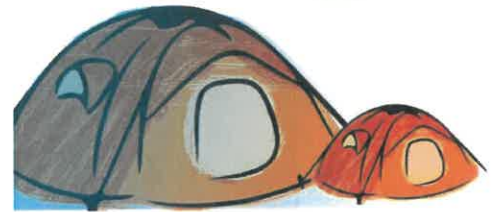
# Types of advocacy



# What is our program model?



- **Stated-interest**
- **Client-centered**
- Holistic
- Interdisciplinary
- Trauma-informed
- Conscious of race and intersectional identities



Normal Life, Bad Things



PTSD



Complex Trauma



## YJT Program Model



- 13-26 year-olds at greatest risk for--homelessness, justice system entry/reentry, abuse/neglect/abandonment, trafficking, school to prison pipeline; most have intersectional identity of BIPOC, person living with a disability, and one of the above vulnerability factors
- Operates in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Santa Clara Counties
- Services are usually provided in a mix of hybrid and in-person options, but are catered to the youth's specific circumstances (internet/phone access, childcare, transportation)

## YJT Program Model



- Services are primarily in English and Spanish but we have the capacity to translate to any language as needed
- We prioritize hiring of staff with shared experiences with our youth, most of our staff have lived experiences and half share intersectional identities of the youth we serve

# YJT Program Model



- Foster Care Entry and Benefits
- Education (enrollment to sped advocacy to school discipline defense)
- Probate Guardianships

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- SSI and SSDI applications and appeals of denials
  - Public benefits appeals of denials
  - Immigration (affirmative relief for SIJS, T and U Visas)
  - Family law for parenting youth who have experienced intimate partner violence and restraining orders
  - Consumer justice (ID theft, fraud, credit history)
  - Traffic tickets clearance
  - THP Exit prevention/FYI voucher denial advocacy

# 2023-2024 Client Data

**Contra Costa County**



**42 youth served**

## **Race and Ethnicity**

50% Black or African American

26% Latinx

7% White

5% Other or Multi Racial

## **Age**

4% 12 and under

26% 13-16

17% 17-18

18% 19-20

35% 21+

## **Gender**

50% Female

35% Male

10% Transgender or Non-binary



# YJT Program Model



## Homeless Youth

- **Permanency:** Foster Care Entry (WIC 329/331), Delinquency WIC 778 Petitions, Probate Guardianships
- **Immigration:** SIJS state court orders
- **Family law:** restraining orders
- **Public Benefits:** SSI, General Assistance, CalFresh, CalWORKS
- **Name and Gender Marker Change**

## Foster Youth & Justice-Involved Youth

- **Placement and Permanency:** Foster Care Entry (T/A on 3C placement orders, Resource Family Approval, WIC 778 change of placement), Juvenile Guardianship
- **Extended Foster Care:** Advising on necessary orders, petitions to re-enter, housing and other rights of non-minor dependents
- **Education:** Rights of probation/homeless/foster youth, special education advocacy, school discipline issues
- **Public Benefits:** AFDC-FC and other caregiver benefits, CalWORKS, CalFresh, SSI
- **Re-entry:** Record clearing, municipal tickets, licensing/employment

## Youth with Disabilities & CSEC Youth

- **Health Access:** Advice on Medi-Cal eligibility (4M Medi-Cal), specialized mental health care rights (EPSDT, IHBS, TBS)
- **Disability Benefits:** SSI and NMOHC rate, Regional Center eligibility, Specialized Care Increment (AFDC-FC), GA and CalWORKS waivers
- **Foster Care Entry**
- **Vacatur**
- **DVROS and CHOs**



# 2023-2024 Case Outcomes



## Contra Costa County

### 58 Civil Legal Cases

#### Areas of Legal Assistance Services Provided:

Juvenile 23%

Income Maintenance 24%

Housing 9%

Health 3%

Family 17%

Education 5%

Individual Rights 13%

Other Services 6%

32 case closures, 100% of extended cases ended favorably for our clients

Limited youth responded to the exit survey, but 100% who did reported feeling heard and advocated for



# 2023-2024 Success Stories

# Capacity and Goals

## Contra Costa County



- Can carry a case load of approximately 20-25 youth at a time, based on legal need, currently have 22 youth with open cases with us
- Waitlist is roughly 1-2 months for immigration or education related assistance, time sensitive cases are prioritized
- We have a high priority interest to increase capacity in Contra Costa County, where there are very few free legal services available to youth
- Our long-term goals are to increase presence in community and conduct more legal clinics, and to be involved in more systems change meetings, and to be involved in youth court \*these are best practices we have learned in other jurisdictions\*
- We are currently limited by funding and staff resources

# Costs and Funding



Legal cases vary dramatically in cost based on length of time it takes us to resolve the legal issue for our client but average \$7,000-\$8,000/per case in Contra Costa County

Majority of youth justice funding comes from local government and State government (Counties, Probation Department), and Foundations, with some individual donations as well

JJCPA covers roughly 15% of our funding for the Youth Justice Program

# Costs and Funding



JJCPA funding allows us to:

Staff a regular clinic in Contra Costa County and to dedicate specific attorney time there

Expand our education services, foster care entry, and benefits and guardianship in the County

Generally serve more youth and also dedicate social work time

# Collaboration



## Intakes and Clinics – Strategic Partnerships – Outreach – Hotline

### **Santa Clara County**

#### **Intakes and Clinics**

- Bill Wilson Center (Youth & TAY Shelter)

#### **Referrals/Partnerships**

- Santa Clara County Public Defender

### **Contra Costa County**

#### **Intakes and Clinics**

- RYSE Center

#### **Referrals/Partnerships**

- Contra Costa County Public Defender
- Community Options for Families and Youth (COFY)
- Seneca
- Black Organizing Project
- Contra Costa Probation Department
- Cali House

### **Alameda County**

#### **Intakes and Clinics**

- Juvenile Mental Health Court
- DreamCatcher Shelter
- Covenant House Shelter

#### **Referrals/Partnerships**

- Alameda County Public Defender
- Juvenile Probation Department--Alameda
- Seneca, West Coast Children's Clinic
- CURYJ, Young Women's Freedom Center
- MISSEY. Ruby's Place, LNF

### **San Francisco**

#### **Intakes and Clinics**

- HYPE Center
- AB 12 court

# Collaboration



We provide warm-hand off referrals for services outside of our scope of work

Limited resources for referring youth to other civil legal services in Contra Costa County, there are no other organizations that we are aware of that do similar work

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# QUESTIONS?







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FAMILY OF AGENCIES | UNCONDITIONAL CARE

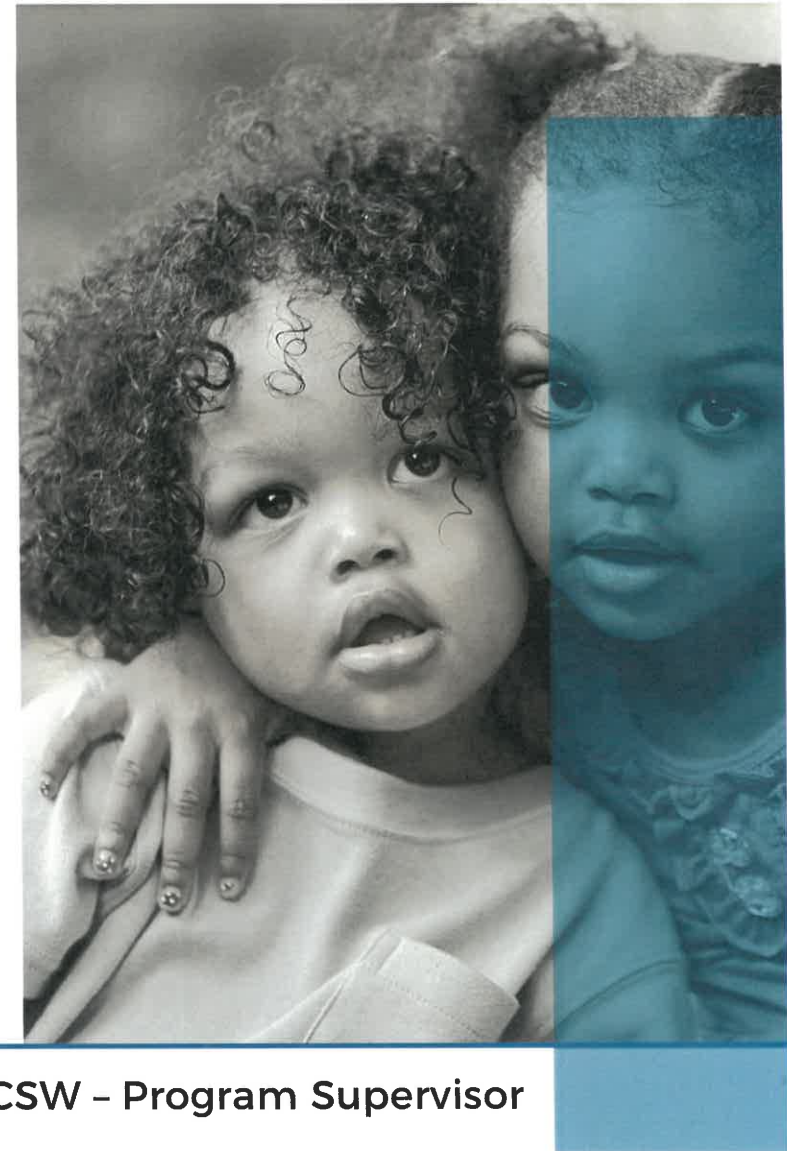
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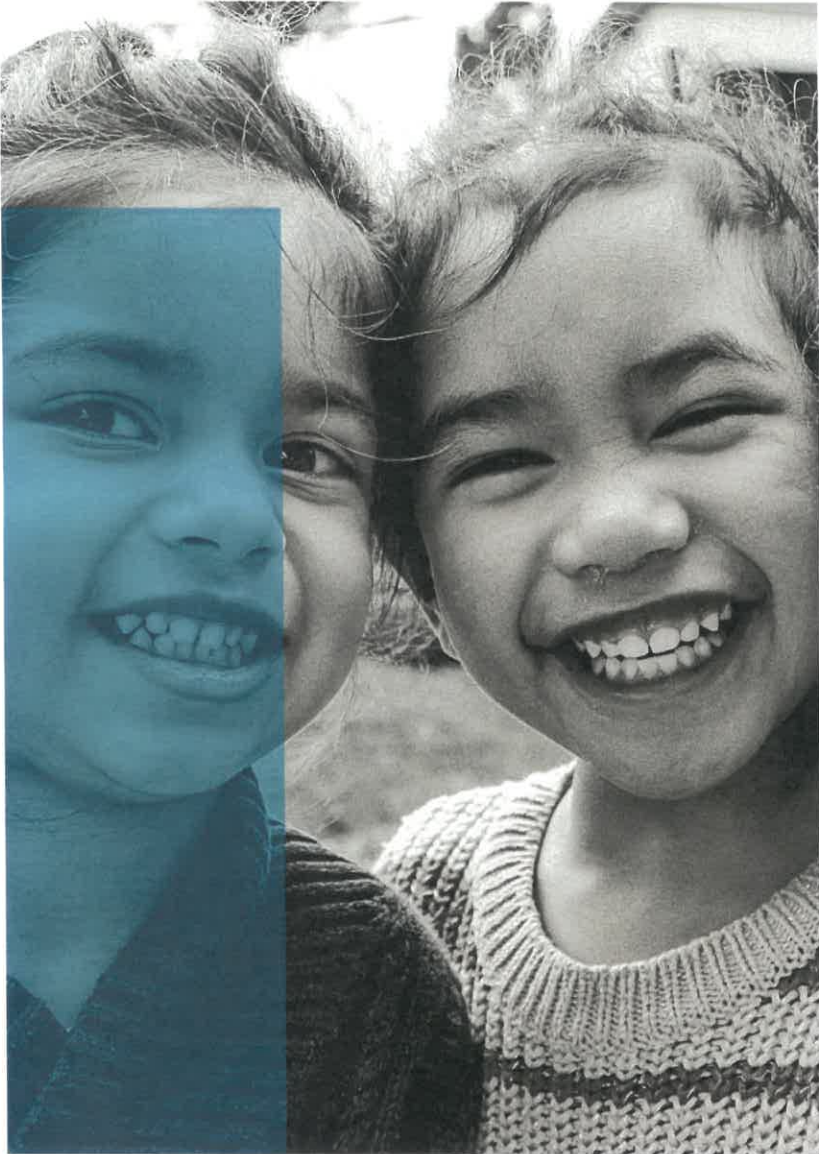
# Wraparound

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Sam Cavanaugh, LCSW – Program Director & Nicole Lew, LCSW – Program Supervisor





# Seneca Family of Agencies

WHO WE ARE AND UNCONDITIONAL CARE

Seneca was founded 36 years ago as a residential treatment facility serving 6 youth. Today, our programs reach 18,000 kids and their families across the behavioral health, education, foster care, juvenile justice, and immigration systems each year.

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# MISSION AND VALUES

LOVE

COMPASSION

JOY

HOPE

COURAGE

RESPECT

CURIOSITY

EQUITY & JUSTICE

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# SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

UNCONDITIONAL CARE

INDIVIDUALIZED

STRENGTHS BASED

COLLABORATIVE

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE

TRAUMA INFORMED

FAMILY CENTERED





# Description of Services: Wraparound

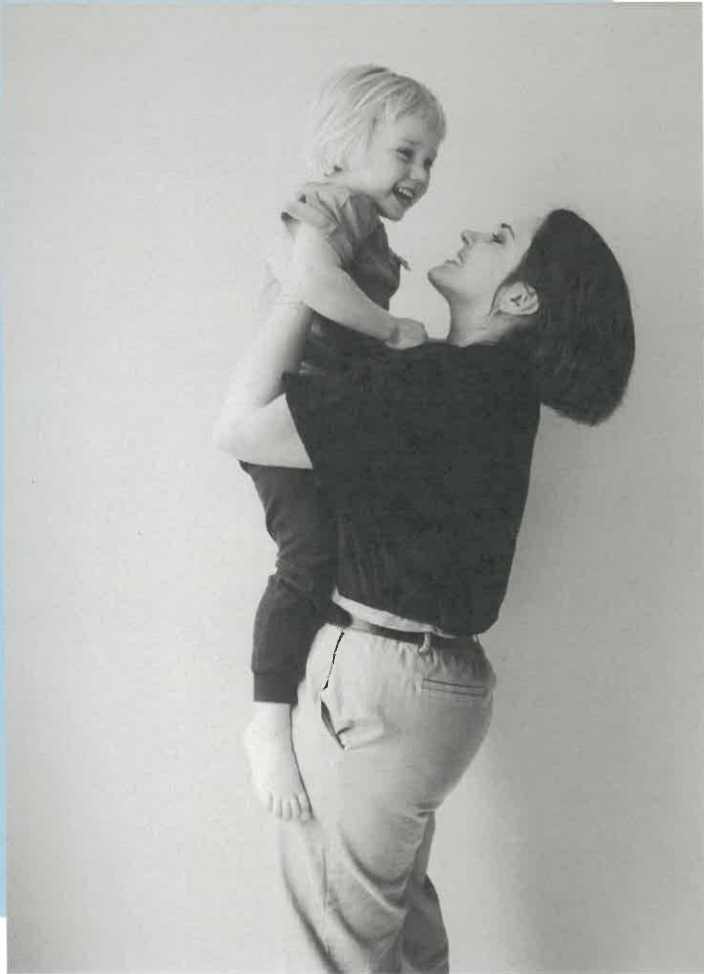
## Goals of Wraparound:

- Transition youth from residential treatment facilities into family-based or less restrictive settings and prevent them from needing a higher-level residential intervention
  - Increase placement stability
  - Achieve better mental health & educational outcomes
  - Assist in the development of a lifelong team of natural supports
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# Description of Services: Wraparound

- **Who do we serve:** Youth involved in the juvenile probation system & at risk of placement in a residential setting OR youth stepping down from a residential setting into a less restrictive setting.
- **Where:** Services are based in East, West, & Central Contra Costa County.
- **How:** We primarily provide services in person. Child & Family Team meetings may occur on Zoom.



# The Roles of Seneca Staff



## Care Coordinator (5)

- Masters Level Clinician
- Communicates with the youth/family
- Coordinates with all team members
- Facilitates Family Team Meetings
- Breaks down goals into manageable tasks

## Support Counselor (3)

- Supports youth/family in accomplishing tasks
- Available to each youth 1-3 times per week (including weekends)

## Family & Peer Partner (2)

- Has lived experiences
- Focuses primarily on connecting with the caregiver (or youth)
- Supports caregiver (or youth) navigating the systems of care involved in their lives.
- Concrete resources and emotional support

## Permanency Specialist (1)

- Focuses on engaging natural (unpaid) connections to support the youth and family
- Helps set up sustainability for the youth and family

\* A Seneca individual or family therapist could be provided as part of Wrap services.

# Eligibility Criteria

## AGES

Youth 5-19 years of age & their families

## GENDER

We serve all gender identities

## REFERRAL SOURCES

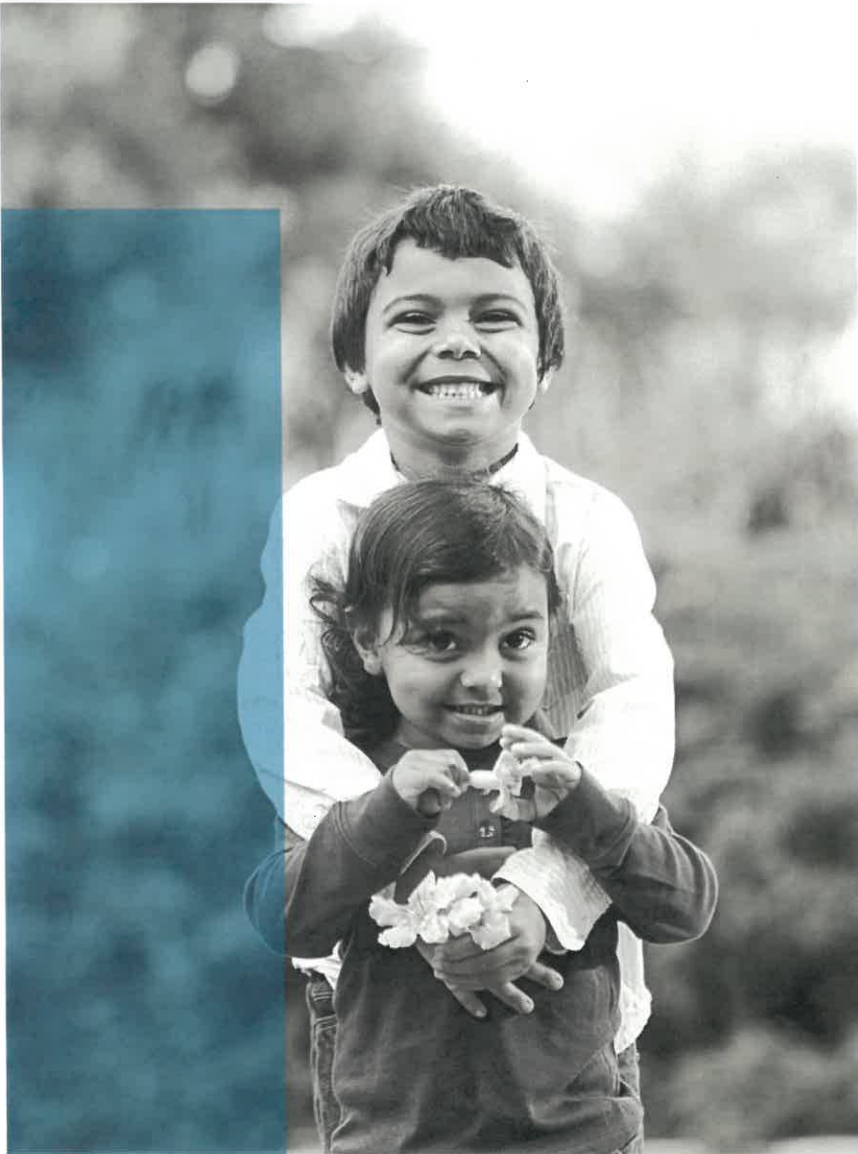
The Wraparound Oversight Collaborative Committee, consisting of representatives from CCC Children's Behavioral Health, Children & Family Services, and Juvenile Probation, is responsible for monitoring the referral process and approving clients for Wraparound services.



# Capacity & Development Goals

- SFA will provide mental health services for 5 youth & their families concurrently
  - Currently, we are serving 4 youth & their families
  - We have not experienced a waitlist
- Goals:
  - Increasing service capacity
  - Program development





# Program Model & Outcomes

- Evidence-based practices:
    - High Fidelity Wraparound Model
    - WFI (Wraparound Fidelity Index)
    - CANS (Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths)
  - Current data for FY 24-25:
    - Total enrollments FYTD: 5 (3 rollover, 2 new)
    - 1 discharge
    - 2 referrals unable to enroll
  - Defining what success looks like
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# Client Story

# Cost & Funding

- We are cost reimbursed & therefore our services are reimbursed based on the expenses we incur up until our contract cap (\$381, 958)
- Funding sources: Probation
- 100% of contract budget covered by JJCPA dollars
- How has JJCPA funding supported the impact of our program?







# Collaboration

- We partner with CFS (Children & Family Services), CCC Behavioral Health, School Districts, REACH, 100 Years, Embrace, STRTPs, & any other agencies serving the youth & families we're working with.
- Reasons why we might not be able to serve a youth:
  - Youth & family moving out of the service area
  - Youth & family declining services
  - Court has ordered youth to placement
- Which organizations are doing similar work to us?



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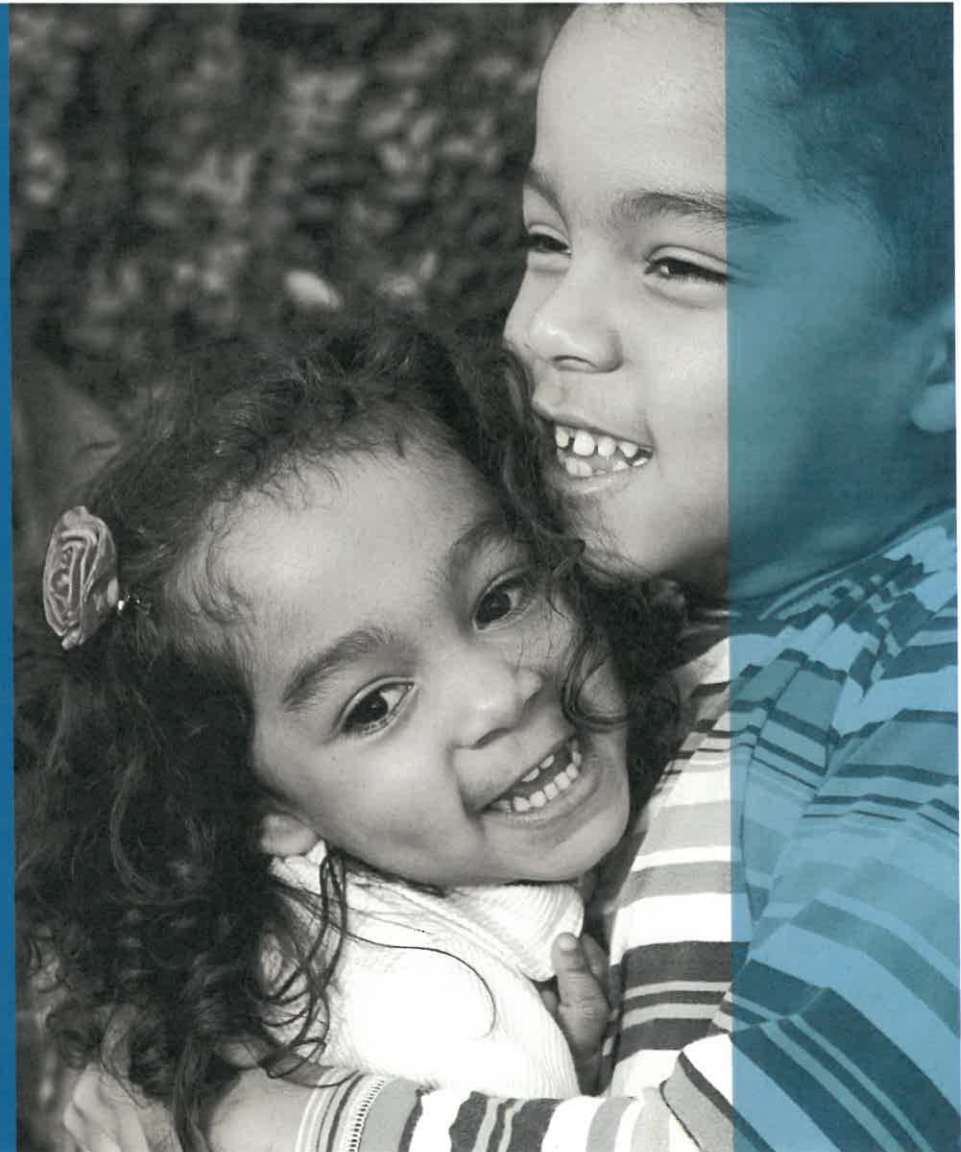
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**Q&A**





**Thank you**



EPIC & Academic Support Services

**YOUTH SERVICES  
EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM  
(YSEP)**







# OVERVIEW

- 1** **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**
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- 4** **COST OF FUNDING**
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# BACKGROUND

## **YOUTH SERVICES EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM:**

The Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) Youth Services Empowerment Program (YSEP) offers personalized support services tailored to justice-involved and at-risk youth, spanning ages 14 to 24. Our dedicated case managers conduct thorough assessments to identify and address the unique barriers, needs, and aspirations of each individual referred to our program. For youth aged 14-17, our services prioritize educational success, while our Transitional-Aged Youth (TAY) services emphasize progress in secondary and post-secondary education, apprenticeships, and/or employment pursuits. Referrals to our program commonly originate from Deputy Probation Officers, Public Defenders, and School Personnel.



# CCCOE Youth Services

**Mission:** Youth Services (YS) provides a broad range of coordinated services for youth in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or facing other barriers. Our programs support these youth in finishing school, finding jobs, and pursuing career paths. We aim to prepare students to become self-confident, self-sufficient, and independent adults.

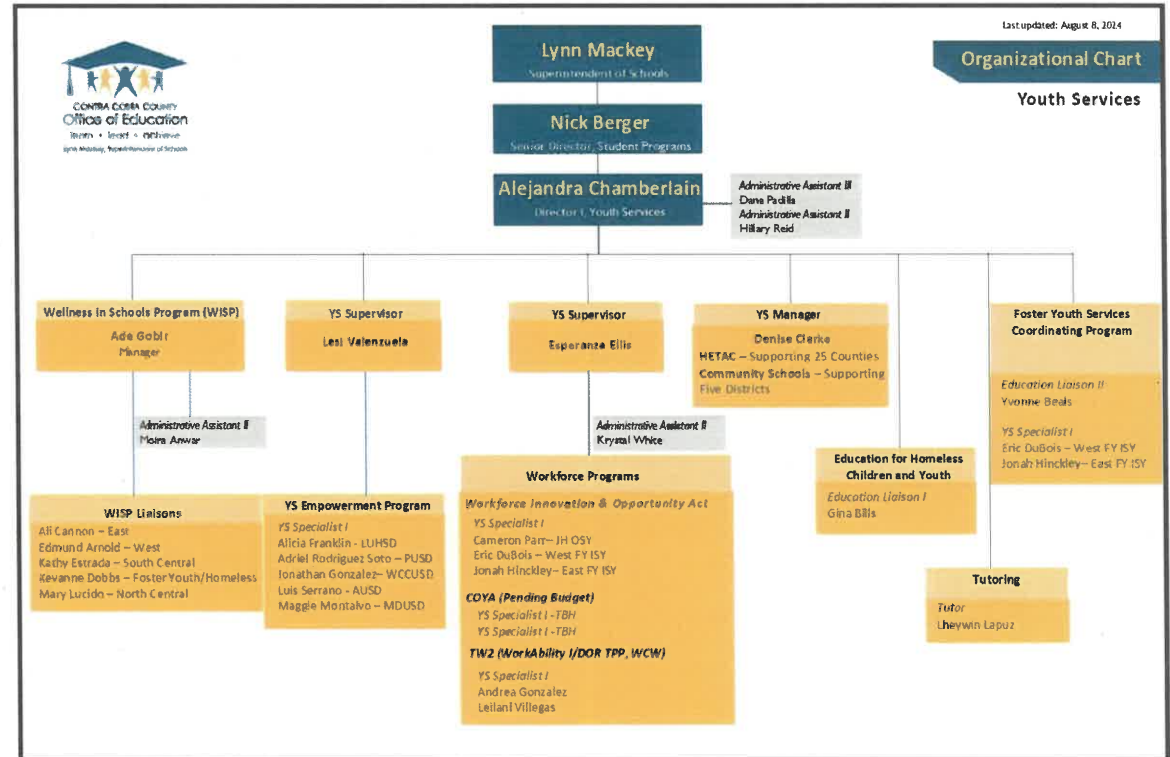
**Goal:** To improve the educational and career outcomes for youth in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or facing other barriers YS provides targeted support and resources that enhance their academic performance, job readiness, and life skills.

**Programs:** Programs for youth include personalized case management for education and employment, tutoring and academic support.

**Collaboration with Districts and Agencies:** Work closely with school districts to identify and support youth. Partner with agencies and community organizations. Coordinate services to ensure a holistic approach to youth support.

# Youth Services Programs

1. Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)
2. Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP)
3. Workforce Programs
- 4. Empowerment Program**
5. Homeless Education Technical Assistance Centers (HETAC)
6. California Community School Partnership Program (CCSPP)
7. Wellness in Schools Program (WISP)





*Our staff reflect a meaningful portion of the diverse youth we serve which enhances our ability to connect with and support our youth.*

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Youth Services Specialist (YSS) provides holistic support to enhance academic performance, career awareness, and transitions to post-secondary education.
- Services include academic guidance, transcript review, college/career guidance, vocational assessment, and education placement assistance.
- Identify educational strengths, address barriers, and advocate for proper school enrollment and access to essential services.
- Participate in school meetings, collaborate with caregivers and agencies, and support delinquency prevention.
- Offer annual follow-up services for ongoing success and support.
- Empower youth with tools for academic and career success.



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# POPULATION SERVED

## ➤ Re-Entry Clients

- Referred directly by Deputy Probation Officers
- Ages 14-17
- All Genders

## ➤ Transition-Age Youth (TAY) Clients

- Referred directly by Deputy Probation Officers or through the TAY Service Network
- Ages 18-24
- All Genders

## ➤ Youth Early Intervention Program (YEIP) Clients

- Referred directly by Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office
- Ages 14-18
- All Genders

## ➤ In-School Clients

- Referred by School Administrators, Teachers, Counselors, School Psychologist, and Social Workers
- Ages 14-18
- All Genders

# **SPECIAL POPULATIONS SERVED**

- **Students with disabilities**
- **At risk of dropping out of high school**
- **LGBTQIA+**
- **Individuals experiencing housing instability**
- **Current or former foster youth**
- **Incarcerated youth**

# GEOGRAPHIC REACH

## ➤ YSS LOCATIONS

- 3 YSS in East County
  - Liberty Union High School District, Antioch Unified School District, and Pittsburg Unified School District
- 1 YSS in Central County
  - Mt. Diablo Unified School District
- 1 YSS in West County
  - West Contra Costa Unified School District
- YSS provides support across the county, regardless of youth relocations, staff changes, new referrals, or full caseloads

## ➤ SERVICE RATIOS

- 50% TAY
- 25% In School/YEIP
- 25% Re-Entry/YEIP

Each YSS is based at a high school office within their assigned region.





## SERVICE DELIVERY

- In-person 80%
  - School Visits
  - Home Visits
  - Meetings scheduled with family, school personnel, DPOs, Attorneys
  - Field Visits
- Virtual 20%
  - Phone (text/call)
  - Zoom, Google Meets
  - Email

## LANGUAGES

- All YSS can deliver services in English
- We proudly serve the Spanish-speaking community across the entire county

Our diverse team mirrors the community we serve, ensuring cultural competence and relatability in delivering services.



# PROGRAM CAPACITY

## Caseload Capacity

Each YSS manages up to 30 active clients across Re-Entry, TAY, and YEIP programs. In-School caseloads vary by school and student needs, ranging from 20 to 75 students.

## Waitlist Process

Referrals are waitlisted for up to 1 month when capacity is reached.

## Follow-Up Services

Up to 1 year of follow-up services for clients who have been successfully terminated or closed.

"Inactive" cases are monitored for up to 6 months before consulting with the referral source on closure.

# ENROLLMENT DATA

## ➤ ENROLLMENT DATA

- Current TAY
  - 58
- Current Reentry
  - 69
- Current YEIP
  - 15
- Current In School
  - 83

## ➤ PROJECTED GOALS

- Expand TAY client services
  - Employment Assistance and Housing, Financial, and Legal Resources
- Add YSS
  - Add one more YSS to WCCUSD
- Creating a Youth Center
- Having a dedicated YSS for middle schools
- Introducing a dedicated case manager to enhance our subsidized workforce program
- Providing field trip opportunities that further their social and cultural growth

# PROJECTED GOALS

## Goals to increase service capacity

- Expand TAY client services to include employment, housing, and legal support.
- Increase staffing by hiring an additional Youth Services Specialist.
- Enhance the workforce program with a dedicated case manager.

## Long-Term Growth/Development Goals

- Create a dedicated Youth Center for resource access and activities.
- Assign a Youth Services Specialist to middle schools
- Offer enriching field trips for social and cultural growth.

## Requirements

- Secure funding.
- Continuous evaluation to ensure impactful outcomes.



# **PROGRAM MODEL AND OUTCOMES**

# EVIDENCE BASED MODEL



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The Empowerment Program utilizes a **trauma-informed approach** to services that also incorporates a **strengths-based model** to our tailored case management

Staff are also trained in

## Girls Circle and Boys Counsel Training:

Builds self-esteem and resilience in girls and boys ages 9-18.

### **Key Components:**

- Positive Youth Development: Strength-based approach.
- Structured Curriculum: Guided discussions and activities.
- Relational-Cultural Theory: Focus on relationships.
- Facilitation Skills: Creating a safe, inclusive environment.
- Evidence-Based: Recognized by SAMHSA and OJJDP.

## Restorative Practices:

Focus on community building and conflict resolution.

### **Key Components:**

- Community Building: Enhancing connections and trust.
- Conflict Resolution: Structured dialogues for issue resolution.
- Training and Resources: Implementation tools and training.
- Evidence-Based: Supported by research.

## Youth Mental Health First Aid Training:

Equips individuals with skills to support youth experiencing mental health challenges.

### **Key Components:**

- Recognizing Signs: Identifying mental health issues.
- Effective Responses: Offering initial help.
- Crisis Management: Handling mental health crises.
- Referral: Guidance on directing youth to resources.



### Re-Entry (14-17 yrs)

Q1 July 1 - Sept 30, 2023    Q2 Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2023    Q3 Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2024    Q4 Apr 1 - Jun 30, 2024

| TOTAL Referrals & Enrollments CCC Probation Wraparound         |     |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| # enrolled prior to this quarter from Probation                | 27  | 41  | 66  | 85  |
| # of new referrals from Probation                              | 15  | 25  | 19  | 14  |
| # of new enrollments from Probation                            | 15  | 25  | 19  | 14  |
| # enrolled prior to this quarter from Public Defender          | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| # of new referrals from Public Defender                        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| # of new enrolled from Public Defender                         | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| # enrolled prior to this quarter from School                   | 113 | 208 | 233 | 197 |
| # of new referrals from School                                 | 195 | 112 | 59  | 29  |
| # of new enrollments from School                               | 195 | 112 | 59  | 29  |
| # Total new referrals received                                 | 210 | 137 | 78  | 43  |
| # Total new enrollments  | 210 | 137 | 78  | 43  |
| # total unique youth active during quarter (new and continued) | 350 | 345 | 299 | 325 |

### TAY (18-24 yrs)

| TOTAL Referrals & Enrollments CCC Probation Wraparound         |    |    |    |    |
|--|----|----|----|----|
| # enrolled prior to this quarter from Probation                | 17 | 41 | 48 | 67 |
| # of new referrals from Probation                              | 34 | 18 | 19 | 13 |
| # of new enrollments from Probation                            | 34 | 18 | 19 | 13 |
| # enrolled prior to this quarter from Public Defender          | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| # of new referrals from Public Defender                        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| # of new enrolled from Public Defender                         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| # enrolled prior to this quarter from School                   | 5  | 1  | 20 | 5  |
| # of new referrals from School                                 | 0  | 19 | 6  | 3  |
| # of new enrollments from School                               | 0  | 19 | 6  | 3  |
| # Total new referrals received                                 | 34 | 37 | 25 | 16 |
| # Total new enrollments  | 34 | 37 | 25 | 16 |
| # total unique youth active during quarter (new and continued) | 56 | 79 | 93 | 88 |

### YEIP (14-18 yrs)

| TOTAL Referrals & Enrollments CCC Probation Wraparound         |    |    |    |    |
|--|----|----|----|----|
| # enrolled prior to this quarter                               | 13 | 16 | 26 | 20 |
| # of new referrals received                                    | 3  | 10 | 7  | 9  |
| # of new enrollments   | 3  | 10 | 7  | 9  |
| # total unique youth active during quarter (new and continued) | 16 | 26 | 20 | 29 |

# DATA REVIEW FY 23/24



Wellness Check-Ins  
**2,313**

Reviews of Attendance, Progress Reports, Grades, and Transcripts  
**988**

Consultations with Teachers, Counselors, Admin, MTSS Providers, Post-Secondary Guidance  
**429**

Case Coordination Meetings with Probation and/or Public Defenders  
**81**

Education Plans Created/Developed  
**226**

Meetings with Family  
**262**

On-Campus Service Coordination  
**36**

Work-Readiness Meetings or Workshops  
**100**

Referrals Sent to Youth Services and other Workforce Programs  
**158**

Coordination with Community-Based Organizations  
**34**

Career Aptitude, Career Skills, and Vocational Interest Inventories Completed  
**52**

Referrals Made to Trades/Apprenticeship and Career Tech Ed (CTE) Programs  
**18**

## Education Outcomes

- Improved Attendance **358**
- Maintained or Improved GPA **368**
- On-Campus Services Utilized **556**
- Decreased Behavioral Issues **80**
- On-Track for Graduation **121**
- Academic Assistance Toward Enrollment and/or Graduation **109**
- Support for Enrollment in Secondary or Post-Secondary Education **48**
- Enrolled in Secondary or Post-Secondary Education **31**

## Employment Outcomes

- Resumes/Applications Completed **92**
- Interviews Completed **27**
- Youth Completing Work Experience **37**
- CBO Services Utilized **16**
- Engaged in Work-Readiness Activities **76**
- Obtained Employment **39**



## Service Clarification

### 834 Services Classified as "Other" Across All Three Clientele

- Assistance in filing restraining orders
- Case consultations with school staff, workforce managers, and counselors
- Collaborative referrals with Life Learning Academy
- Conflict mediation and resolution
- Participation in Truancy Court case discussions
- Facilitation of Golden Gate school enrollment packets
- Home visits to assess individual needs
- Engagement with ILSP and 211 for vital services
- Coordination of Job Corps enrollment and application assistance
- Support initiatives at Juvenile Hall facilities
- Self-advocacy workshops for youth empowerment
- Handling transcript requests and related inquiries
- Addressing community service queries
- Coordination with YES case managers for streamlined service delivery
- Transportation assistance and support at DMV and SSA offices
- Job search facilitation and employment preparation workshops
- Attendance at AJCC/East Bay Works interviews, fostering opportunities (e.g., Tesla)
- Resources and consultations for trades and apprenticeships
- Guidance with civic corps information and applications
- Assistance with clean slate initiatives
- GED orientation registration and updates
- Efforts to secure housing and shelter for participants
- Provision of essential baby clothes
- Assistance in opening bank accounts
- Representation at SARB meetings
- Attendance at IEP and SST meetings
- Transportation support for school attendance
- Translation support for registration procedures

# DATA (CONT.)

## ➤ SUCCESSES

### TAY

Client #1

Client #2

### Reentry

Client #3

### YEIP

Client #4

## ➤ CHALLENGES

### **Lack of Direct Communication/Ineffective Communication Channels:**

Many youths do not have reliable access to direct communication channels, such as cell phones or emails that they check frequently.

This limitation forces case managers to rely on parents or guardians, which can result in delays, miscommunications, and create additional barriers to establishing trust and rapport.

## ➤ TRENDS

Achieved a significant increase in graduation success rates this FY, supported by a fully staffed team.

Co-locating at high schools has enhanced our ability to effectively serve and engage with our youth, and our consistent collaboration with school officials has strengthened our ability to advocate for them.

Conducting home visits has deepened our rapport with families and strengthened our connection with those we serve.



# **COSTS & FUNDING**

### ➤ FUNDING SOURCES

- JJCPA
  - Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act
  - Reentry
- SB678
  - Community Corrections Performance Incentive Funds
  - TAY

### ➤ JJCPA percentage

- 50%

### ➤ COST PER UNIT

| Contract | # of participants served | Cost per participant |
|----------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| JJCPA    | 497                      | \$1,151              |
| SB678    | 112                      | \$5,077              |



# COLLABORATION

## ➤ INELIGIBILITY

If we are unable to serve a referral, our process includes:

- **Assessment:** Identifying the most suitable external agency based on the youth's needs.
- **Referral:** Making a formal referral with all necessary information.
- **Tracking:** Documenting the referral and following up to ensure it's being processed.
- **Feedback:** Gathering feedback from the youth and agency to ensure effective service.

Although our program does not serve other counties currently, we plan to draw on best practices from neighboring jurisdictions to inform and enhance our services in Contra Costa County in the future.

## ➤ COMPARABLE PROGRAMS

Organizations doing similar work to ours include:

- **WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act):** Focuses on workforce development and training for youth.
- **Youth Works in Richmond:** Provides job training and career development opportunities for young people.
- **Department of Rehabilitation:** Offers services to support individuals with disabilities in finding employment.
- **Love Never Fails:** Works to prevent and address youth homelessness and exploitation.
- **Health Right 360:** Provides health services and support for underserved populations, including youth.
- **Hundred Years Enterprise:** Focuses on youth empowerment and development programs.
- **RYSE:** Offers support services for youth in various aspects of their development.
- **Rubicon:** Provides services aimed at economic self-sufficiency and personal development for youth.
- **Opportunity Junction:** Focuses on workforce development and provides job training and support services for low-income youth and adults.



# GOAL PROGRESS

*How do we define Success in YSEP?*



Positively receiving and addressing feedback given by Probation, Public Defender, School Administration

Being able to provide transportation to our youth to varied offices ensuring consistent access to needed services

Timely enrollment, transcript requests, & accurate credit assessments leading to improved academic performance

Our constant and persistent presence in our youth's lives

Successful enrollment in appropriate educational settings and access to services

Completion of academic reviews and personalized education plans

Meeting the goals we set with our youth/clients

Tailored services

Our youth/clients obtaining their HS Diploma or equivalent



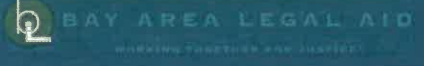
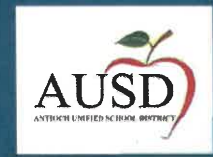


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# OUTSIDE AGENCIES AND COLLABORATIONS



HOPE SOLUTIONS



# FUNDING IMPACT

**2003**

Lesi began visiting the court community schools in Contra Costa.

**2014**

Alejandra became the Youth Services Manager.

**2016**

Youth Services applied and received their first contract with the Probation Department, which provided funding to support one re-entry and transitional age youth (TAY) with education, employment, and other services

**2021**

Youth Services applied and received a second contract from the Probation Department, which funded six positions to continue supporting re-entry and TAY populations.

## Impact of Funding

Thanks to probation funding, we are making the dream a reality!

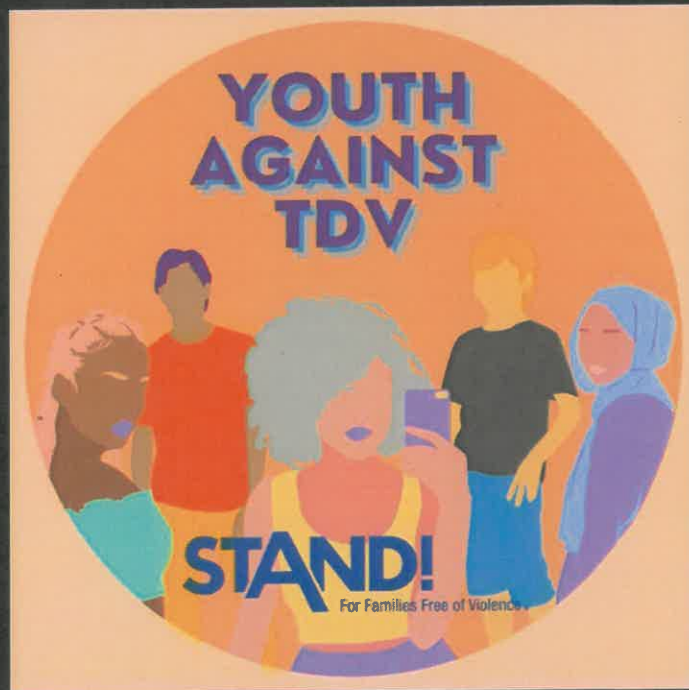
- We have five dedicated case managers serving youth in Contra Costa County.
- Our support goes beyond education and employment; we take a holistic approach to meet all of youth's needs.
- We build trusting relationships through personalized guidance, helping youth navigate services successfully.
- Our impact extends beyond individuals, transforming families and communities.
- Ongoing funding is essential to grow and improve the program, helping us elevate our vision from 2003 to new levels.



**THANK YOU!**  
Questions?

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OF VIOLENCE**

Youth Education and Support  
Services Program





### **Youth Education Supportive Services (YESS)**

A school and community-based prevention project including education, youth leadership development and training on teen dating violence prevention, shifting attitudes and increasing healthy relationships. The best way to stop family violence is to prevent it from starting. This program is designed to involve, educate, empower and mobilize youth to create youth-driven activities addressing relationship violence. The program helps young people develop the skills and emotional resilience to maintain healthy peer and dating relationships and engage in positive social behaviors. Young people change their physical and social environments and determine their own strategies and actions.

The YESS Prevention Educators offer in-person and virtual presentations and support groups based on the Expect Respect, Promoting Gender Respect, and You Never Win With Violence curricula.

### **Youth Against Violence (YAV)**

Youth Against Violence (YAV) is a leadership program that focuses on teen dating violence prevention and building allies. Leading by example, YAV leaders are both strong and passionate advocates of nonviolence in all facets of their communities. They are provided numerous opportunities to engage their peers in strategies to end violence, participate in critical dialogue around the root causes of violence, and work towards fostering a safe and just society.

## Who and Where do we serve?

### Cities:

- Richmond
- El Cerrito
- Pinole
- Hercules
- El Sobrante
- Concord
- Pittsburg

### Clients:

- High School students ages 13-18 years old.
- English and Spanish speaking.
- Youth interested in healthy relationship education and those who've experience unhealthy or abusive relationships.
- Those in need of community or group support
- Individual counseling or services

### Offices:

- West Contra Costa County –Richmond
- Central County- Concord
- School sites





### You Never Win with Violence Workshops

50-minute classroom workshops on Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Harassment

2019-24: 5000+ students reached through YNWWV in Contra Costa County

### Expect Respect & Promoting Gender Respect Support Groups

10 – 12-week gender-based support groups focused on healthy relationships, healthy masculinity, etc.

*\*West County and Pittsburg High School Only*

### Youth Against Violence (YAV)

After school and summer leadership development and volunteer program available to support group graduates.

*\*West County Only*





### Youth Against Violence- Volunteer Leadership Program

- **4-Week summer leadership program**
  1. Teaches youth public speaking and advocacy skills
  2. Students learn how to work with folks from different
  3. Students earn weekly stipend for participation
  
- **Weekly leadership meetings through out the school year**
  1. Campaign & Project development (Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month)
  2. Youth led Podcast on Spotify (1in3Podcast)
  3. Youth led social media team on Instagram (@youthagainstdv)
  4. Community Outreach and Engagement



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TO ABUSE AND STAYSAFE



## *Our Impact 2023-2024*

### School-based:

- 821- students served
- 16 youth referred externally/ mental health services
- 370- students participated in classroom presentations
- 313- students participated in support groups
- 30- students received individual services
- 18 – Adult ally/ teacher training sessions. 52- Adult participants
- 12- Community Outreach/outings. 500+ students/community members served.

### Social Media (Instagram):

- 17,518- reel replays (Jan.-July)
- 1,499- profile visits (Jan.-July)
- 4,470- Accounts reached (June-August)

### Social Media (Podcast/Spotify)

- 5- Episodes uploaded
- 20- Followers
- 1205- Impressions



# Our Partners and Collaborators



*Financial*





# Youth Early Intervention Partnership

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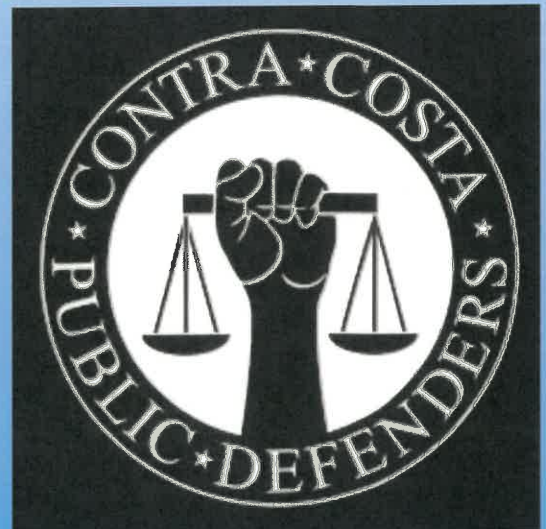
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NOV. 4, 2024

# Overview:

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1. Description of Services
2. Collaboration
3. Program Model & Outcomes
4. Cost & Funding
5. Capacity & Development Goals





# Collaborative Development

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The program was designed by a collaborative multistakeholder working group.

Probation

District  
Attorney's  
Office

Public  
Defender's  
Office

CCCOE

Office of Reentry  
and Justice

CBOs

## LOGIC MODEL TEMPLATE

*Instructions: Please provide a program logic model describing the linkages between the program targeted population, resources, activities, outputs, and initial, intermediate- and long-term outcomes related to the proposed service's overall goals/objectives. This logic model should detail how the program will operate and make explicit the sequence of events that are presumed to bring about change associated with the program's outcomes. (This logic model template will not count toward page limit for the Project Narrative Section.)*

**Program/Initiative/Project Name:** \_\_\_ Youth Early Intervention Partnership \_\_\_\_\_

| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Target Population</u></b><br/>(who the program is for)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Inputs or Resources</u></b><br/>(what is invested)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Activities</u></b><br/>(program events or strategies, what is done)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Outputs</u></b><br/>(products of activities, results of the activities)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Outcomes</u></b><br/>(these can be short, intermediate and long term)</p> |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <p>1) Youth at risk of formal justice</p>   | <p>1) YEIP Attorney<br/>2) Client Services</p>  | <p>1) Provide legal counsel for youth</p>  | <p>1. Increased number of</p>  | <p>Short-<br/>1) Youth has</p>   |

# Using the Logic Model We Looked at the Problem to Address

## What causes system involvement?

Unaddressed Educational Challenges & Mental Health Needs

Substance Use & Housing Instability

Difficulty Navigating Services & Inadequate Family Supports

Over reliance on the system to provide services for low risk youth

## Using the Logic Model We Looked at the Problem to Address

### Why try to minimize system involvement?

Formal system involvement is costly. Research shows formal system engagement leads to deeper contact with the system & worse outcomes.

There are significant racial & class disparities for youth with formal system engagement. Racial & ethnic disparities become more exacerbated the deeper the person is pushed into the system.

Lack of alternatives to formal system processing.



## Description of Services YEIP Goals Using the Logic Model

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**Expand prevention** efforts so that fewer children have formal engagement in the youth legal system.

**Expand access** to and accessibility of services *before* a child is charged with a crime so that we can reduce the likelihood that the child *will* be charged with a crime.

**Provide** high quality, less restrictive **alternatives** for law enforcement to formal arrest, booking & charging for youth whose needs do not require that level of intervention.

# The Mission of YEIP

The mission of the Partnership is to provide service connection, legal advocacy and support to youth who have had contact with law enforcement – or are at risk of such contact -but who have not been formally charged with a crime.

The program is designed to prevent or minimize system involvement for youth whose contact with law enforcement has not resulted in formal processing in the youth legal system.



# Program Description

## YEIP TEAM



### Client Services Specialist:

- Detailed strengths and needs assessment
- Service referrals & follow up
- Regular check-ins
- Data collection to document our work



### YEIP Attorney:

- Legal consultation with referred youth
- Formulates Family Action Plan
- Represent youth at school discipline hearings
- Presents to law enforcement agencies & schools to strengthen & expand community partnerships



# Program Description & Referral Sources

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Youth ages 10-18 who have had contact or are at risk of having contact with law enforcement are referred to our office by:

- The District Attorney's Office
- Law Enforcement officers
- School administration and educators
- Concerned parents
- Community based organizations
- Miranda advisement by our office



## Description of program:

Examples of being at risk of law enforcement contact

Youth who are not attending school regularly, have poor grades and / or have behavioral problems at school

Youth who are having difficulties with their parents, not following rules, or are aggressive towards family members

Youth who are associating with a negative peer group

Youth with substance abuse concerns

Youth who have mental health issues, particularly if their treatment needs are not currently being addressed

## Description of Program: Who We Serve & Where

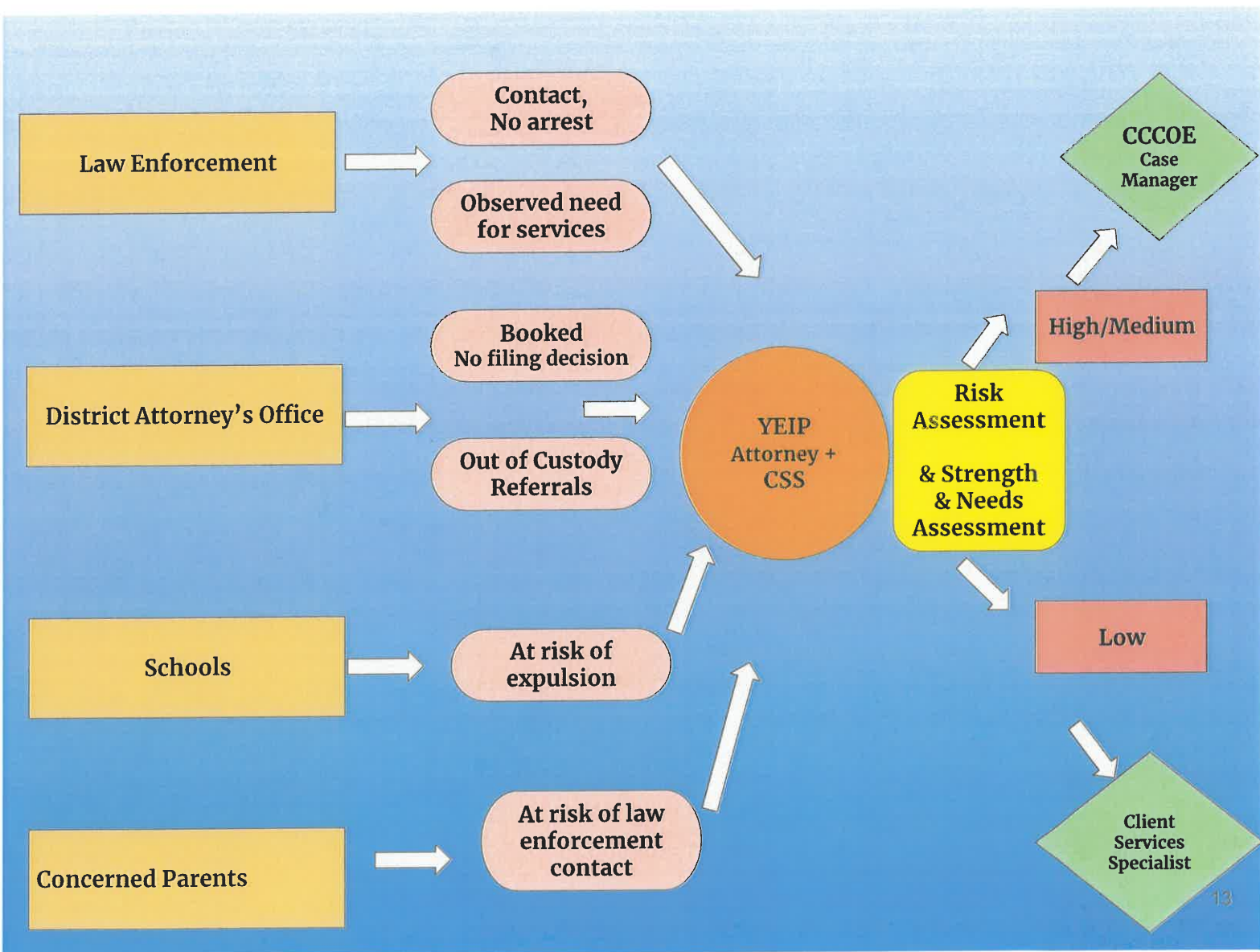
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Youth of all genders and races, 10-18 years old who live in or near Contra Costa County.

We meet the youth and their families where it works best for them.

We serve youth in English and in Spanish.

**We don't turn any referrals away, unless there is a legal conflict.**

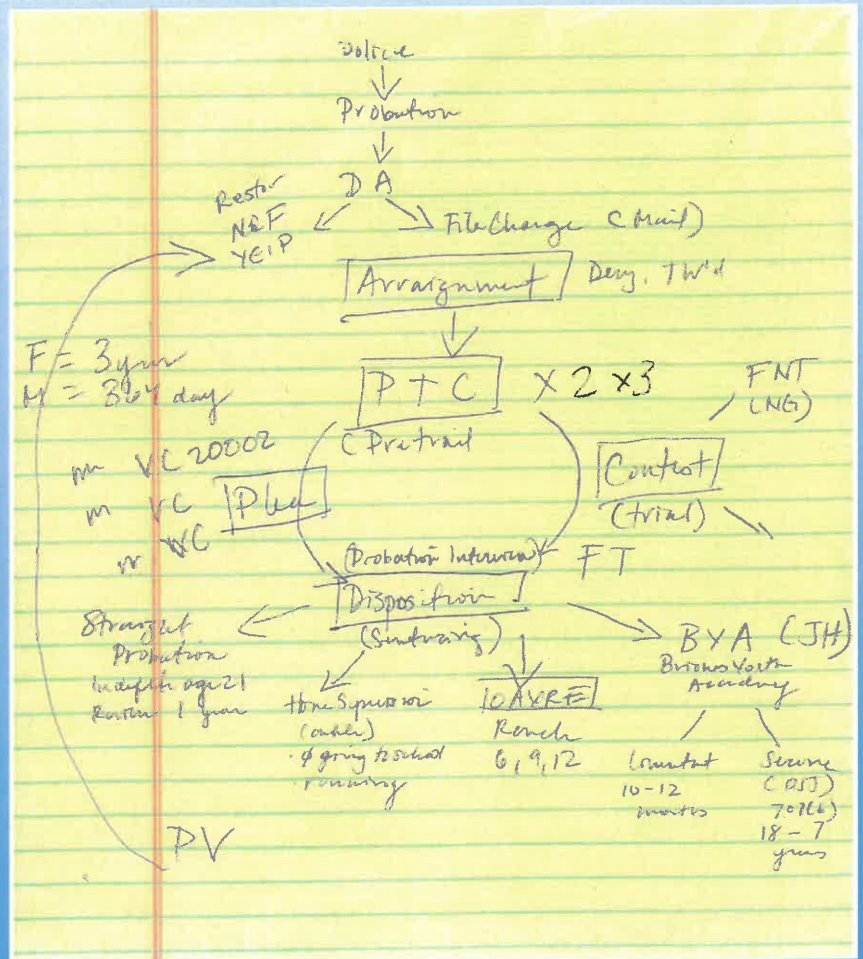





# Intake: The Legal Consultations

Every youth is apprised of the consequences that could result if they are formally charged.

These consultation go a long way toward getting youth to participate and change behavior.



# Intake: Risk Assessment



**CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC DEFENDERS**

**YOUTH EARLY INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (YEIP)**  
**Psychosocial Assessment**  
*Confidential Intake Form*

Interviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of interview: \_\_\_\_\_

| Youth Information     |        |                       |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Name:                 |        | Phone:                |
| Age:                  | Grade: | DOB:                  |
| Address               |        | Email                 |
| School:               |        | IEP: <i>yes / no</i>  |
| Parent/Guardian Name: |        | Parent/Guardian Name: |
| Address               |        | Address               |
| Phone:                |        | Phone:                |

**FAMILY AND HOUSING**



# Intake: Risk Assessment

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- Family and Housing
- Education
- Substance Use
- Mental Health Services Screening
- ACE's Screening
- Strengths and Support
- Connecting to Pro-Social Activities



## Youth Early Intervention Partnership (YEIP)

### Pre/Post Survey Youth

Complete these sentences on a scale from 1 – 5 (5 being the best)

1. My school attendance is ...
2. Things with my parents/caregivers are....
3. I have some skills to use if things get hard
4. I have connections to positive, supportive people in my community
5. My parents/caregivers have support in the community

### Pre/Post Survey Parent/Caregiver

Complete these sentences on a scale from 1 – 5 (5 being the best)

1. My child's school attendance is ...OR My child is on track to graduate ...
2. My relationship with my child is.... OR My child's behavior worries me .....

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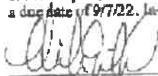
Supervising Attorney  
Justine Lobo

### ██████████'S FAMILY ACTION PLAN

8/12/22

- 1) Graduate from High School ██████████
  - a) Change school to a credit recovery program like Live Oak or equivalent. ██████████ and ██████████
  - b) Attend school at least 90% of the time. Turn in work. Earn credits. ██████████
  - c) Refer to YSS to assist with school related supports. (Nicole)
  - d) Get credits straight, how many do you actually need. ██████████ to get from counselor ASAP)
- 2) Get Your Mind Right/ Family Harmony-
  - a) Try to do things together at least once a week, have a family dinner, watch a silly old movie, play a board game. It is so hard when you are a busy teenager, but it will feel good to reconnect with your mom. ██████████
  - b) Referrals to MDFT and FFT for action driven family counselling. (Nicole)
  - c) See a psychiatrist to determine if there are medications to help you with ██████████ and ██████████
- 3) Lay Low: There is a lot going on right now. You need to be thinking about who you get in the car with, making smart decisions about your friends and how you spend your time. I recommend you spend it at home, at school and... that's it. ██████████
- 4) Get a Job -> Getting a License -> Getting a car:
  - a) We must get all of the above items in place before we can start moving on this item. But I want it out there as a goal because this is obviously something ██████████ thinks is important to achieving his other goals. (Music producer, entrepreneur/business oriented)

We will meet again on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in person at the office to see what is working about our plan, what we've accomplished and what we need to add or subtract. All action items have a due date of 9/7/22. In the meantime feel free to reach out with updates or concerns.

  
Nicole Eiland, YEBIP Attorney ██████████

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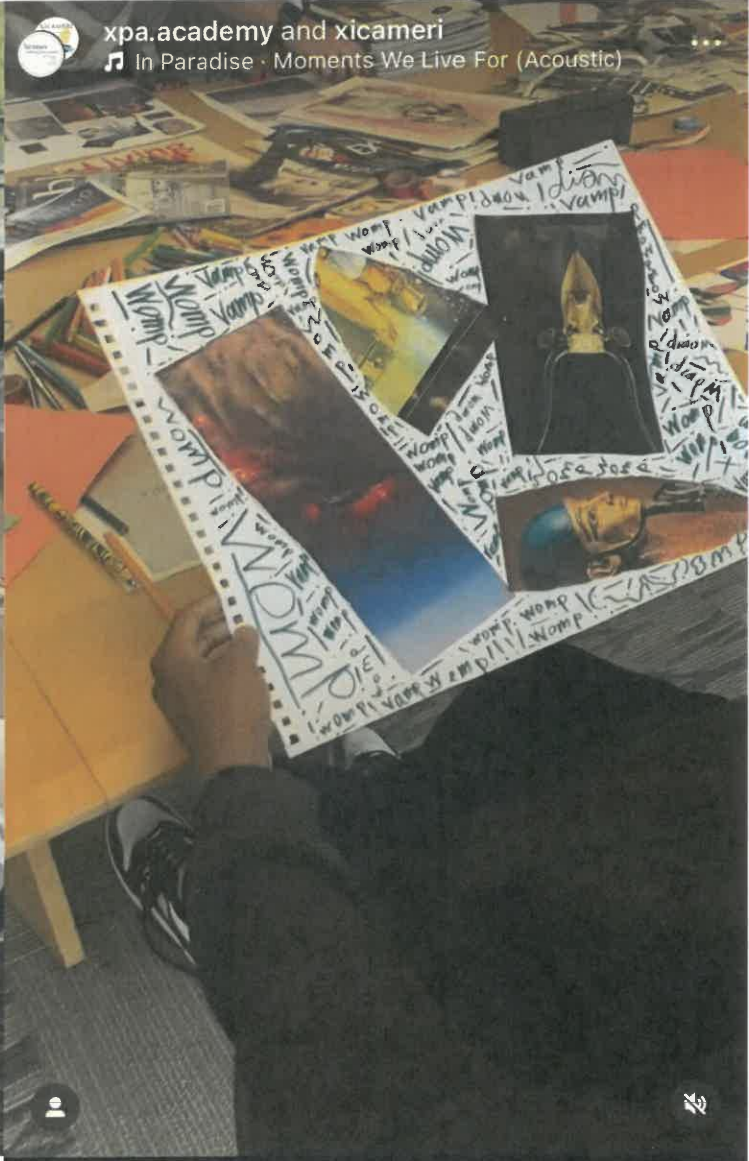
# Addressing root issues and providing support

# CBOs We Work With

Many of these programs are the same ones to which youth on probation would be referred.

- **Embrace- MST (Multi-systemic Therapy) and FFT (Functional Family Therapy) counselling programs**
- **Lincoln Families- MDFT program (Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy)**
- **Bay Area Legal Aid**
- **RYSE Center**
- **Counseling Options & Parent Education**
- **Community Health for Asian Americans**
- **REACH**
- **Beat The Streets**
- **Disability Rights CA**
- **First Hope, County Mental Health**
- **AODS Parent Navigators**
- **Concord Youth Center**
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- **Fresh Lifelines for Youth**

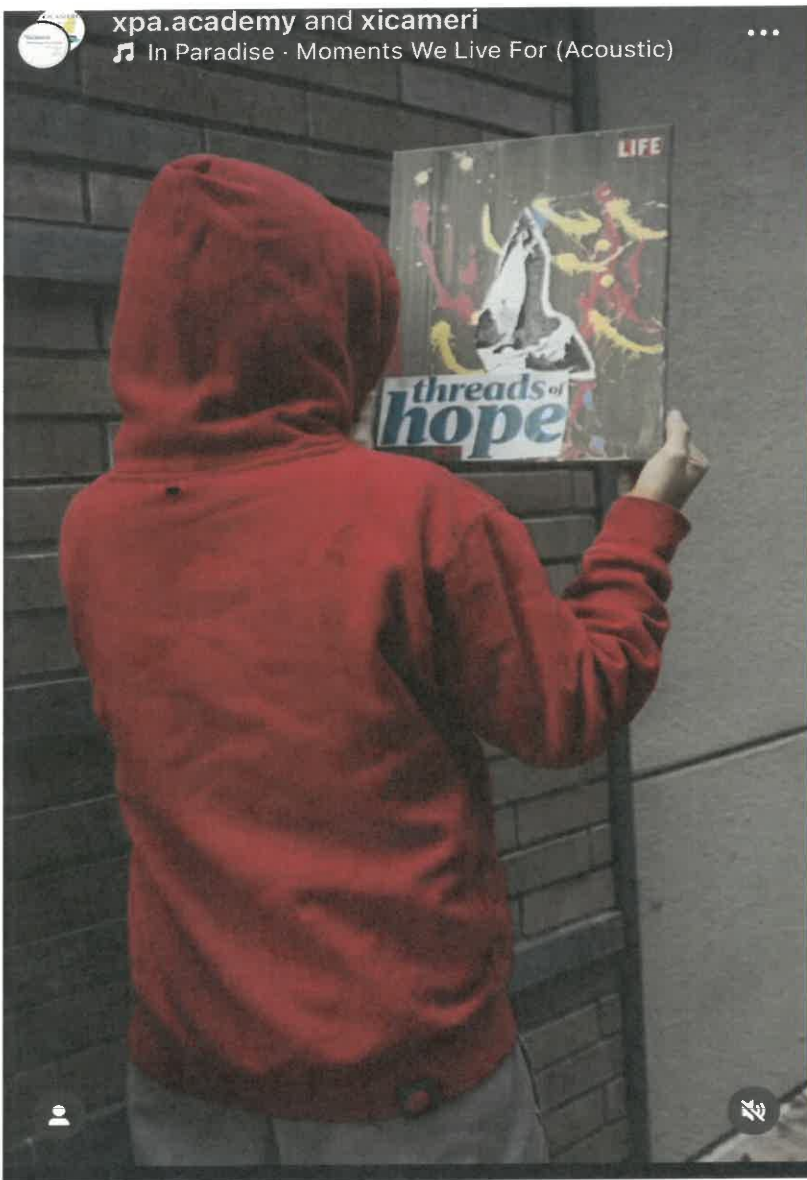








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In Paradise - Moments We Live For (Acoustic)



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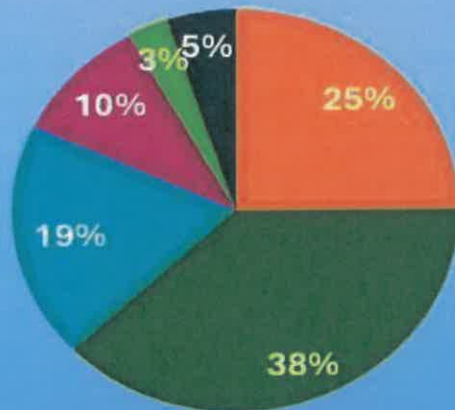




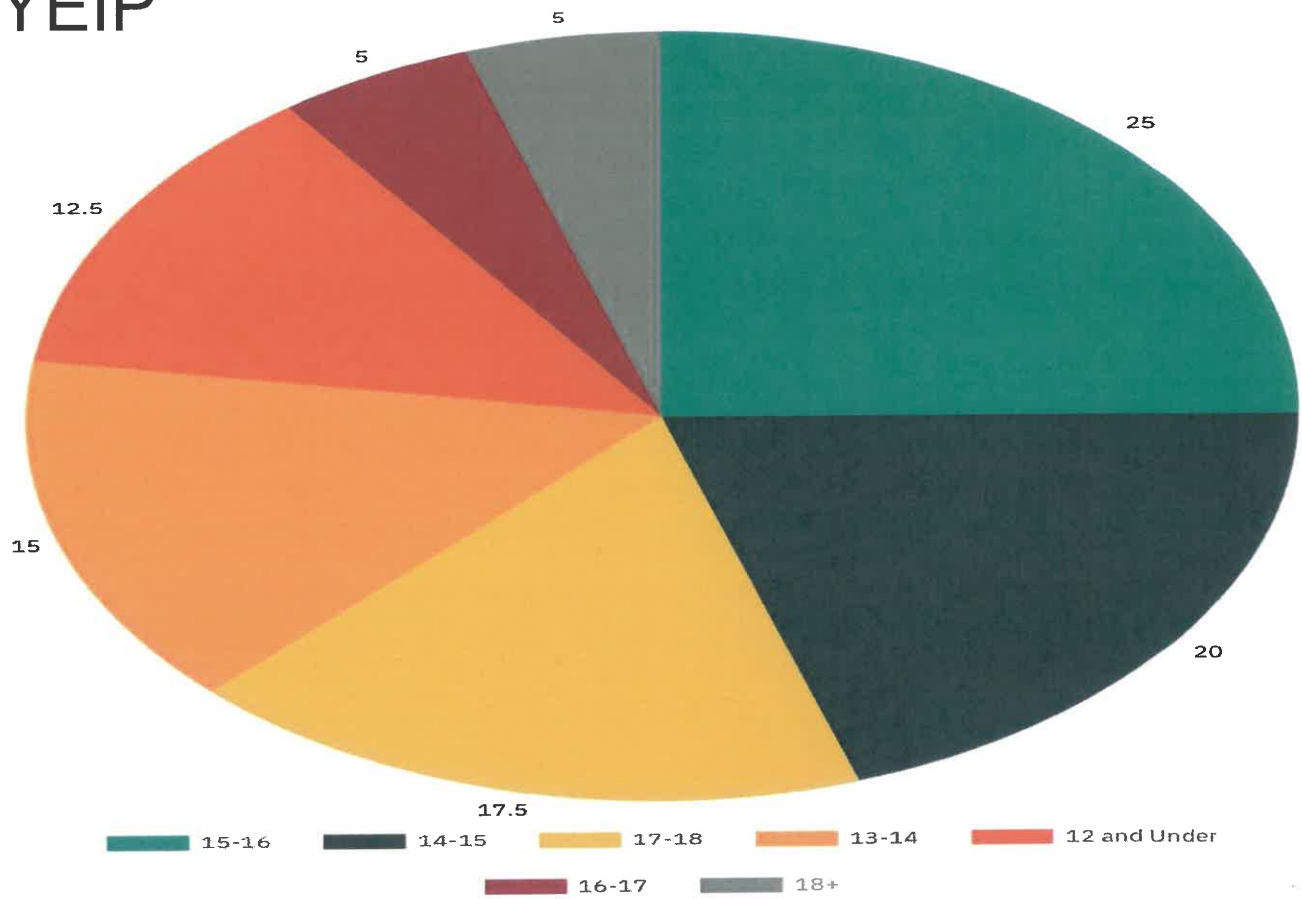
# RACE OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN YEIP

## RACE Q1-Q4 2024

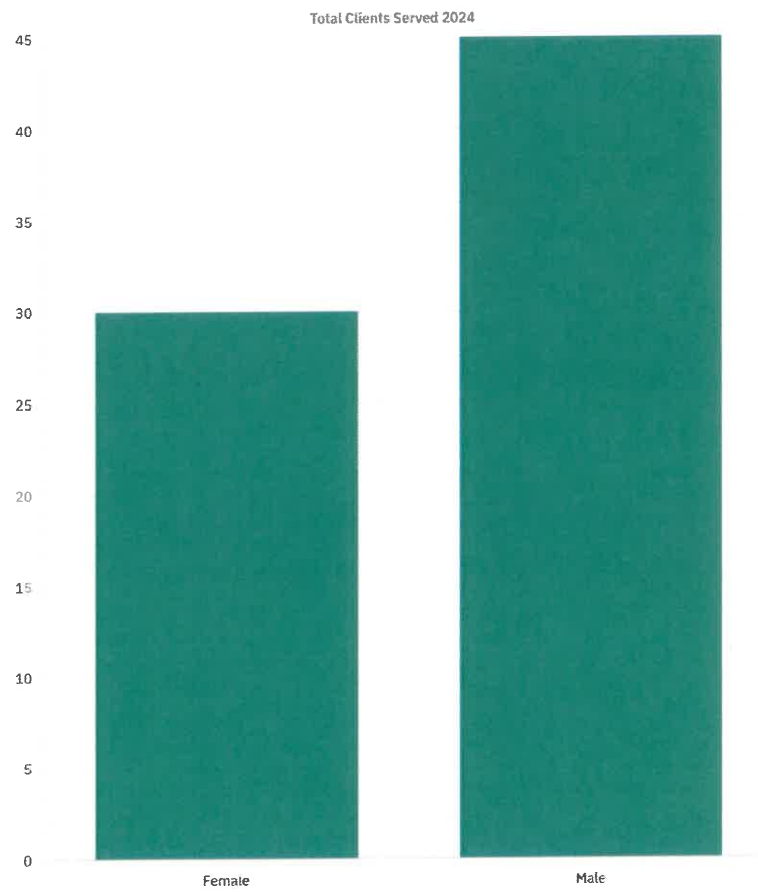
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Latino/Latinx
- White
- Two or More Races
- Other
- Prefer not to state



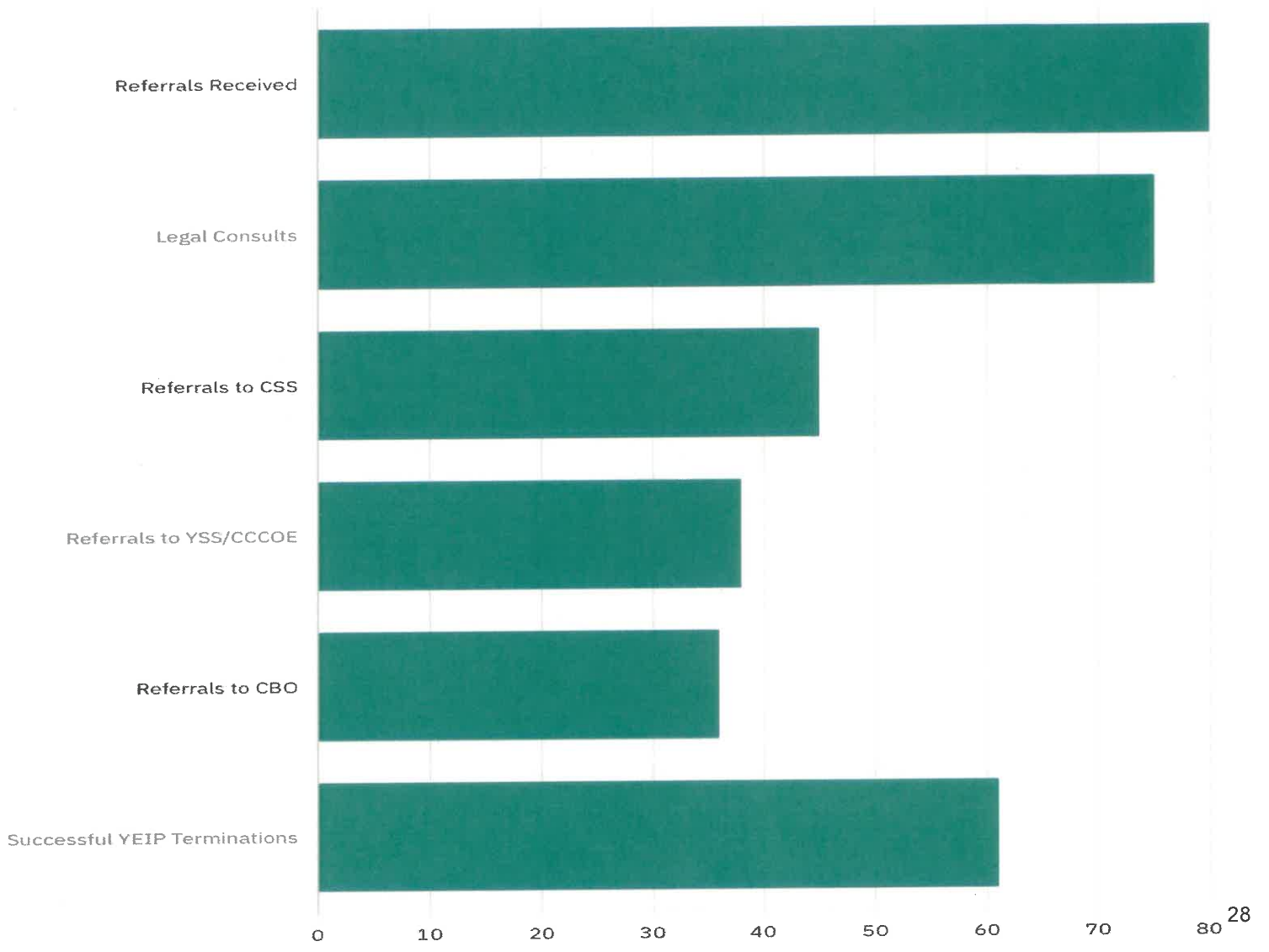
# AGE OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN YEIP



# GENDER OF YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN YEIP







# Our Clients Voices on the Impact of YEIP

Chris

## Success means to our clients:

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- Getting connected to pro-social activities
- Engaging in therapy
- Engaging in substance abuse treatment
- Attending school
- On track to graduate
- Improving peer and family relationships
- Develop coping skills

## Success means to us:

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- ❑ After referral, we are almost always able to build and sustain a long term relationship.
- ❑ Very rarely are youth engaging in conduct that results in a case being filed against them during or after participating in YEIP.
- ❑ The vast majority of our clients terminate successfully from YEIP.

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Coordinating  
Council**

**Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funded components currently include:**

**Program design support by Resource Development Associates (RDA)**

***An Early Intervention Attorney in the Public Defender's Office***

***A Client Services Specialist in the Public Defender's Office***

***Case Managers in the Contra Costa County Office of Education***



# Capacity for Increased Community Outreach

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**Presentations  
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**Presentations  
to Schools**

## Capacity for Increased Community Outreach

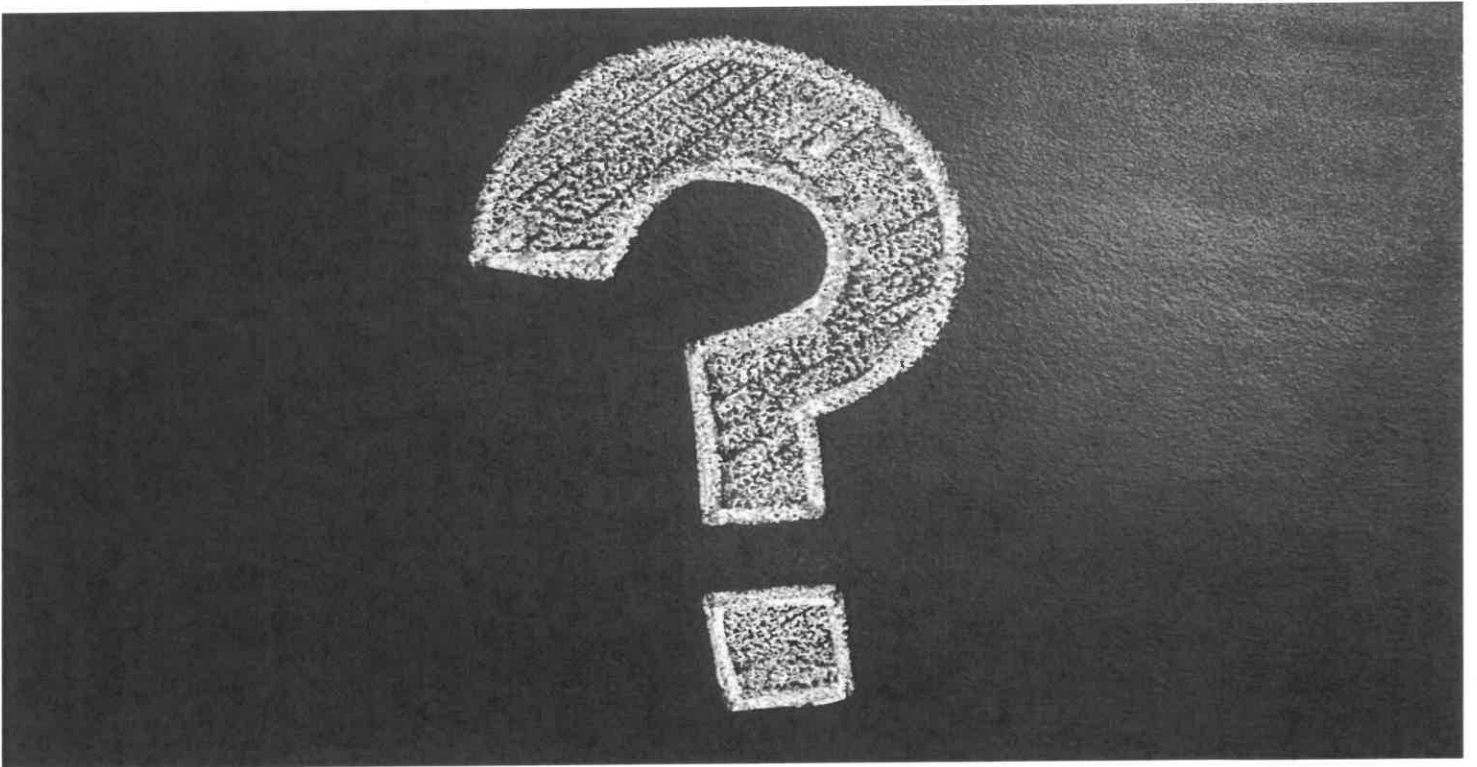
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- Expand to the point where every law enforcement agency and school in the county are regularly referring youth to YEIP.
- Increase outreach and at least double our numbers which would require additional staff to meet the programmatic needs.

# Our Clients Voices on the Impact of YEIP

Avery

# Questions





# Creating Spaces of Hope, Healing, & Liberation



Presenters: Briana Urrutia & Nicole Rodriguez

**ROOTED IN**

# Belonging & Liberation

*Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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# SAFE SPACES

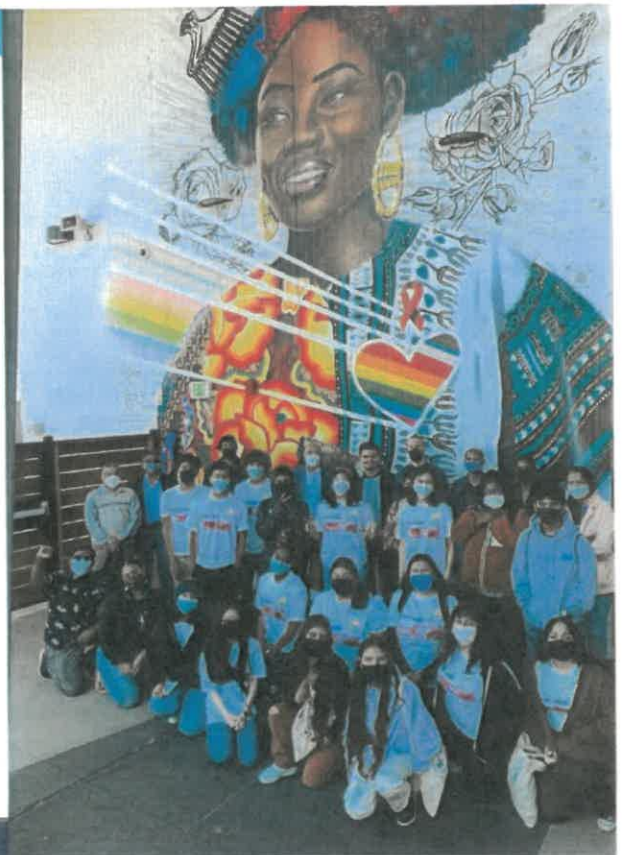
Grounded In Social Justice

## RYSE is a:

- Home
- Center
- 'Beloved Community'
- Movement

## RYSE Departments:

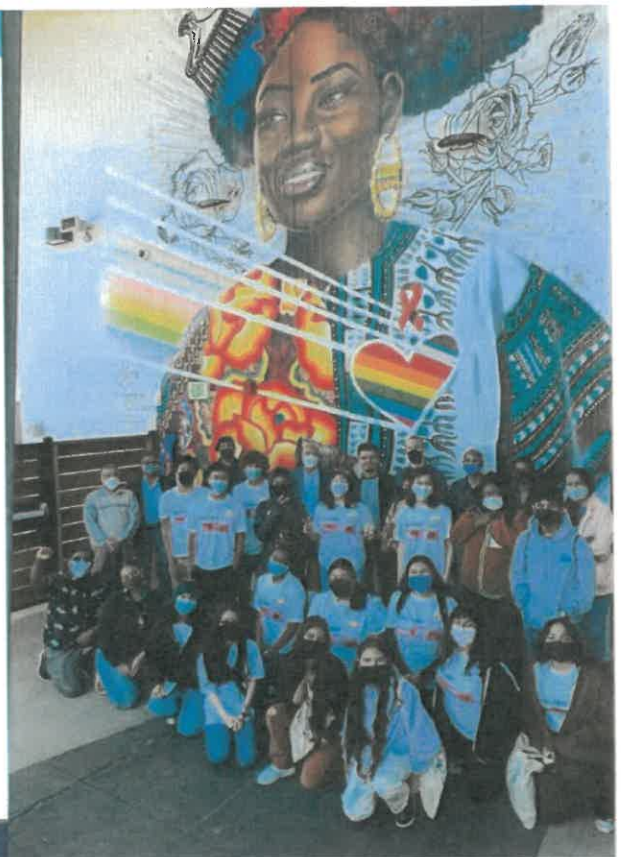
- Health Justice
- Media Arts & Culture
- Youth Power Building
- Education & Justice



# WHO WE SERVE

## Youth Demographics

- Youth ages 13-21
  - Select Health Justice and Youth Justice programs support TAY up to age 26.
- There is no cost to participate in RYSE programs
- Our main campus is in Richmond and is open to ALL youth in the County
  - Youth from East/Central County are members of the center
  - Staff also travel East/Central County to support youth
- Services are provided virtually, in-person, group, 1:1
- Diverse referral sources include Probation, schools, CBOs





# WHO WE SERVE

## Youth Demographics

|                |                                |                             |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Male - 53.4%   | Asian/Pacific Islander - 10.2% | LGBTQ - 15%                 |
| Female - 41.3% | Black/African American - 32.8% | Transition Aged Youth - 32% |
| Nonbinary - 4% | Latinx - 40.7%                 | Housing Insecure - 20%      |
|                | Multiracial - 12.8%            |                             |
|                | White - 5.4%                   |                             |

**RYSE provides services in English and Spanish.** We provide translation services whenever needed for additional language needs.







# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Core RYSE Programs

- Young Men's Group
- Sister Circle
- Alphabet Group (LGBTQIA)
- Clinical Support and Therapy
- Education and Career Supports
- Referrals, crisis intervention, and case management
- Youth Participatory Action Research
- Anger Management/ Substance Use (starting Spring 2025)
- Art-based Programs



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Core Youth Justice Programs

- Transition & Reentry
  - Supporting youth who have been incarcerated
  - Ages 13-24
- RESTOR
  - Restorative justice diversion-Pre-charge
  - Ages 13-17
- Freedom Beatz (Hall)
- Civil Legal Clinic 2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Partnership with Bay Legal)
- Stay FLY (Partnership with Fresh Lifelines for Youth)
- Policy & Advocacy



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# PROGRAM MODEL & OUTCOMES

## Case Management

### The Name

- Hip Hop Group Dead Prez
- Public Education
- Prison System
- Economic Inequity
- Food Injustice
- And More...

### Approach

- Collaborative development
- ID assets & cultivate
- ID barriers & solutions
- SMART Goals
- ID supportive services
- Regular review and revision
- Minimum of 6 months of follow-up service

### Components

- Strengths
- School
- Job/Extracurriculars
- Relationships
- Safety
- Health & Wellness



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# PROGRAM MODEL & OUTCOMES

## Evidence Based & Evidence Informed Models

*RYSE's holistic model is a community defined, community evaluated practice. Since opening we have trended consistently across the scales and measures tied to our values (Member Survey 2009-2024). **The Transition & Reentry Program** incorporates the following evidence based and evidence informed models:*

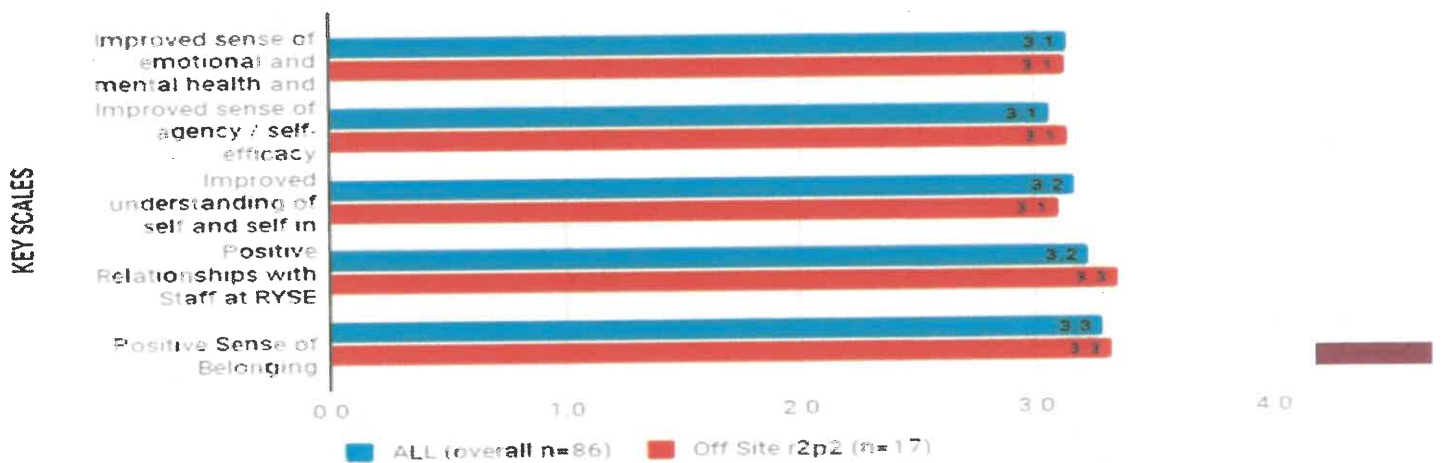
- Establishing services 1-3 months prior to release with a designated reentry specialist.
- Intensive case management, utilizing practices of Nonviolent Communication, engagement of Family Systems, Thinking for a Change, Motivational Interviewing, and Creative Youth Development.
- Afterschool Programming rooted in a positive youth development model, and in the trauma-informed practice wherein young people most impacted have significant voice and leadership in shaping program design and delivery.
- Individual and Group Therapy utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, whole-family approaches, art therapy and Seeking Safety from Substance Use.

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# 2023 Member Surveys: Disaggregated System Involved Youth\* + General Membership

Items rated on 4-point scale: 1 = *strongly disagree*; 4 = *strongly agree*

## 2023 Average Ratings for Key Scales



\*Restorative Pathways Project, diversion, community service, Youth Justice Initiative



## 2024 Member Surveys: Counseling & Case Management (n=57)

"It's someone I can talk to about anything and not feel like they'd have a bias, even towards me"

"It feels like a community"

"I felt very safe and respected despite what I did wrong."

"I get to be myself & have that safe space to do so"

"I liked the energy my case manager brought when she first met me . She made me comfortable to start talking to her , other staff and kids. I also like all the services they give to support some of my favorite hobbies like music and art."

"One thing I like best about this RYSE service is that I always have someone to rely on."

- Being in this program has helped me pay more attention to MY emotions and feelings (98%)
- Pay more attention to OTHERS emotions and feelings (93%)
- Feel more connected to friends, family, community (90%)

# THANK YOU!

## Questions

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