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SOLANO COUNTY
Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
AGENDA
April 16, 2025
County Events Center
601 Texas Street, Conference Room A
Fairfield, CA 94533

1:00pm Meeting

PURPOSE STATEMENT – Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

The mission of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is to develop a comprehensive, multiagency plan that identifies the resources and strategies for providing an effective continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment, and incarceration of male and female juvenile offenders, including strategies to develop and implement locally based or regionally based out-of-home placement options for youths who are persons described in Section 602 of the Welfare & Institutions Code. Counties may utilize community punishment plans developed pursuant to grants awarded from funds included in the 1995 Budget Act to the extent the plans address juvenile crime and the juvenile justice system or local action plans previously developed for this program

The membership of the Council is outlined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 749.22 and shall, at a minimum, include the chief probation officer, as chair, and one representative each from the district attorney's office, the public defender's office, the sheriff's department, the board of supervisors, the department of social services, the department of mental health, a community-based drug and alcohol program, a city police department, the county office of education or a school district, and an at-large community representative. In order to carry out its duties pursuant to this section, a coordinating council shall also include representatives from nonprofit community-based organizations providing services to minors.

The County of Solano does not discriminate against persons with disabilities. If you wish to participate in this meeting and will require assistance in order to do so, please contact Tami Robinson, 475 Union Street, Fairfield CA 94533 (707.784.7564) during regular business hours, at least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting, to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

If you wish to address any item listed on the Agenda by written comment, please submit comments in writing to Tami Robinson at trobenson@solanocounty.gov no later than 9:00am the day prior to the meeting. Copies of written comments received will be provided to the Council and will become a part of the official record but will not be read aloud at the meeting. There will be opportunity during the meeting for public comment as well. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.

- | | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>AGENCY/STAFF</u> |
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| I. | CALL TO ORDER (1:00pm) | Probation/Chief Farrah |
| II. | APPROVAL OF AGENDA
(Action Item)
Attachment:
Agenda April 16, 2025 | |
| III. | OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Pursuant to the Brown Act, each local legislative body must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter of the jurisdiction of the legislative body and which is not on the legislative body's agenda for that meeting. Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker. Items from the public will be taken under consideration without discussion by the Council and may be referred to staff. | |
| IV. | CONSENT CALENDAR
<u>Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2024</u>
(Action Item)
Attachment:
Minutes September 18, 2024 | Probation/Chief Farrah |
| V. | DISCUSSION CALENDAR | |
| | 1. <u>Juvenile Detention Facility Updates</u>
(No Action) | Probation/Zoey Alexander
Probation/Janelle Grace |
| | The Council will receive updates on family engagement, programming and activities at the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) including Reaching into Successful Endeavors (RISE) program. | |
| | 2. <u>Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) Update</u>
(No Action) | SCOE/Nicole Ruiz |
| | The Council will receive an overview of highlights from SCOE on the graduation and guest speakers in the classrooms. | |
| | 3. <u>Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Annual Plan</u>
(Action Item) | Probation/Joseph Herman |
| | The Council will receive information regarding the JJRBG annual plan for 2025. Consider a recommendation to approve the plan as presented. | |
| | 4. <u>Program Highlights</u>
(No Action) | Probation/Shakita Thomas |
| | The Council will receive information regarding the Developmental Assets Framework. | |

5. **Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) / Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) Plans** Probation/Jennifer Washington
(Action Item)

The Council will receive information regarding the JJCPA and YOBG annual plans for 2025. Consider a recommendation to approve the plans as presented.

6. **Probation Grant Activity Updates** Probation/Amy Potter
(No Action) Probation/Shakita Thomas
ARC/Julie Hilt

The Council will receive an update on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant, the Juvenile Assistance Grant (JAG), and the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) grant.

7. **Request For Proposals (RFP) for Preventive Services** Probation/Chief Farrah
(Action Item)

The Council will receive an update on the RFP for Preventive Services. Consider a motion to approve the top three (3) proposals as determined through the evaluation.

VI. JJCC CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 1pm-3pm at the County Events Center—Conference Room A.

Solano County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)
Fall Meeting
September 18, 2024

Present: **JJCC Committee Members**

Dean Farrah, Probation Department
Elena D'Agustino, Public Defender
Kevin Tali, DA's Office
Neely McElroy, Child Welfare
Julie Hilt, Member of the Public
Erin Hannigan, Board of Supervisors
Leticia De La Cruz, Mental Health
Andrea Lemos, SCOE

Non-Member Participants

Sarah Holmes, Probation
Dean Wilder, Probation
Jennifer Washington, Probation
Tami Lukens, County Administrator's Office
Shawna Albright, Probation
Cheryl Celones, Probation
Sharon Reyff, Probation
Jennifer Ramirez, Probation
Nadia Hollomon, Probation
Nilsa Thomas, Probation
Jessica Fraser, Probation
Damian Spieckerman, Public Defender
Damon L.C., ARC
Angelo Moreno, ARC
Robert Elster, ARC

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm. Chief Farrah welcomed everyone to the meeting and did brief introductions.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to move item 2 under the Consent Calendar to item 5. Supervisor Hannigan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Neely McElroy. No opposition. Motion carried (8-0).

Approval of Minutes

Leticia De La Cruz made a motion to approve the Minutes. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hannigan. No opposition. Motion carried (8-0).

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Juvenile Detention Facility Updates

The Committee was given a few highlights on activities at the Juvenile Detentions Facility (JDF) to include the Solano Community College graduate from the RISE program who started his first semester at Sacramento State University. Also noted, JDF has an in-person college professor onsite and the majority of youth that have graduated high school at JDF are now enrolled in college. Supervising Juvenile Corrections Counselor Celones also talked about the RISE Family Day event which was a huge success and a great opportunity for youth to reconnect and rebuild relationships with their families. Guest speakers included: Mario Chiodo (Artist & Sculptor) who spoke to the youth about moments that inspired his art, and Dr. Samuel Huddleston author of "Five Years to Life", who shared his life experiences and how mercy and restoration changed his life for the better after turning down a dark path as a youth. A few of the other programming services at JDF include ART (Aggression Replacement Training), Interactive Journaling, CBT 2.0 (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), Carey Guides, El Joven Noble, Hidden Genius and the Barber program.

Solano County Office of Education (SCOE)

The Committee received an overview of highlights from Solano County Office of Education to include the partnership with Solano County Probation providing work readiness preparation for justice involved youth ages 16-24. Of the 24 referrals from Probation for the 2024 school year, 5 are in work-readiness, 5 are pending internships, 2 are currently in internships, 2 have completed internships, and 1 is employed out of internship. 10 youth declined or were unavailable.

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

The Committee received updates on the programs and activities that were made possible due to the funding from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to include taking 11 youth to the Giants game in a party bus and the Chase your Dreams (formerly Elevate) event at JDF. There were two amazing guests at the event, local rapper LaRussell, as well as Entrepreneur and star of the Netflix show “Cali K9”, Jas Leverette. Two examples of men who chased their dreams. In addition to the speakers, lunch was catered by Bossalini’s, a Food Truck owned by a local Solano County resident and former JDF youth. In addition, Julie Hilt, along with a few mentors, were there to talk about the 2024 XL Mentoring program and the trip to London. Angelo, one of the youth that was on the trip spoke about the impact making that trip had on his life and where he is at now.

Probation Grant Activity Updates

Updates were provided on the OYCR grant, which provided funding for the Rise Up Home in Vallejo. The 3-bedroom 1 bath house was officially funded as of July 1st. The house is staffed 24 hours a day and houses 4 youth at a time. There was also an update on the Juvenile Accountability Grant (JAG) which will provide a one stop early intervention center with programs for at-risk youth and pre-arrest diversion. Lastly, there was an update on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant which is focused on contracting with an organization that will lead a design and planning process to help launch and sustain a family resource and intervention center. Third sector is a nonprofit technical assistance organization that advises government agencies on effective ways to reshape policies, systems, and services for better outcomes for all people.

Data

The committee was given the data regarding JDF and Juvenile statistics and asked for feedback on what data the committee would find relevant moving forward. Some discussion regarding a prior request to add graph of JDF and RISE population over last 6 months, as well as the average age of those youth. There was an interest in knowing the areas where violent felonies are being committed and ethnicity of those youth. The location of the crime is not currently in our case management system.

RFP for Preventive Service

The committee received an update on the RFP for the remaining \$450,000 in designated funding for prevention services. As only two of the community grants were awarded, the determination was made to run another round of request for proposals to award the remaining three.

Committee Comments

The next JJCC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 1:30PM-3:30PM at the County Events Center, Conference Room A.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned.



Solano County Juvenile Justice
Coordinating Council Meeting
April 16, 2025





Welcome & Introductions

Juvenile Detention Facility Updates



Family Engagement

Empowering Families Through Support & Education

Family Workshops

- RISE & Juvenile Justice
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Family Incentives

- Special Visits: Strengthened communication and promoted family bonding
- Incentives: Focused on mental, emotional, and physical wellness, as well as household needs

Family Engagement

Family Feedback

- Family Togetherness: Encouraged unity, stronger connections
- Non-Judgmental Space: Families felt understood, supported & welcomed
- Refuge & Self-Care: Workshops a sanctuary, space to recharge, care for themselves & good for the soul

Future Family Workshops

- Grief/trauma & forgiveness
- Setting boundaries
- Mental & emotional wellness

Reaching into Successful Endeavors (RISE) Highlights

RISEmas

Youth & Family Engagement

- Family Holiday Meal
- Family Gift Exchange
- Family Fun



Reaching into Successful Endeavors (RISE) Highlights

RISE Culinary Class

- Development & curriculum
- Eligibility
- Training requirements



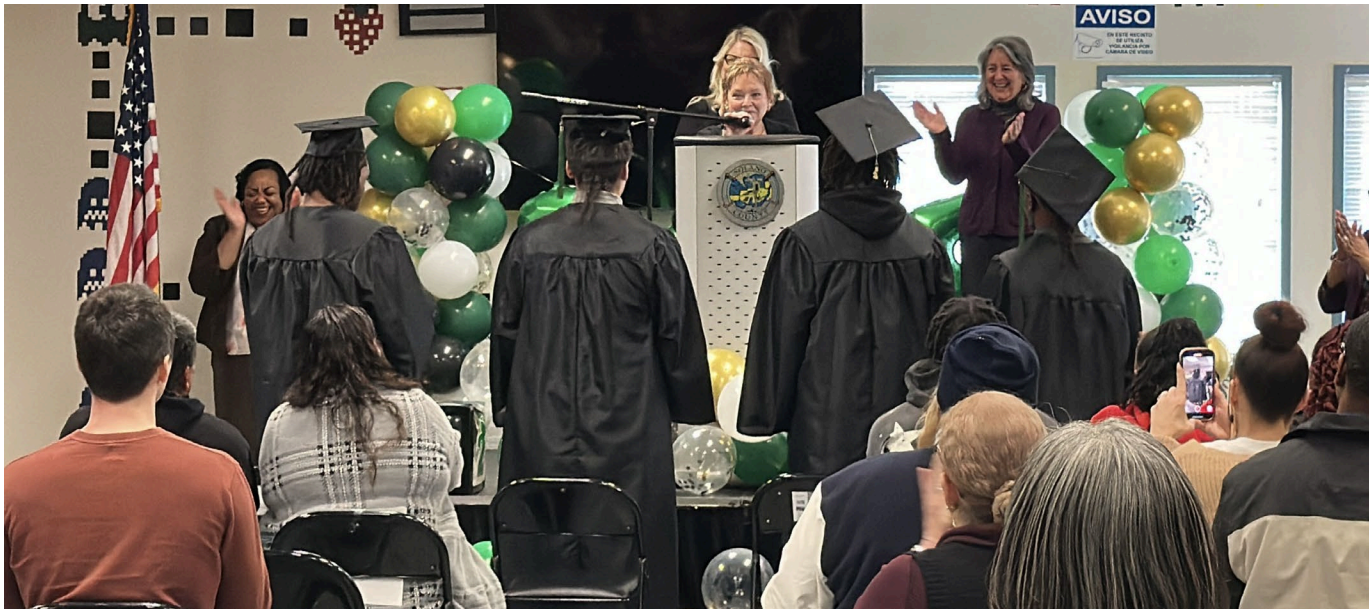


Supporting Youth in Solano County:

**Highlights from the
Solano County Office of Education
(SCOE)**

SCOE

- January 2025 High School graduation
- Guest speakers





Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG)

Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Updates

- In August 2024, the Barber Apprenticeship Program facilitated by the California Barbering & Cosmetology Unilateral Apprenticeship Learning Center staff officially began
- On August 6, 2024, RISE staff hosted the first RISE Family Day
- In August & September 2024, the Social Services Worker facilitated a three-part family engagement workshop for RISE youth & families
- On September 20, 2024, the first youth took advantage of the Pine Grove Fire Camp, a less restrictive program
- On December 17, 2024, staff hosted the first “RISEmas” holiday celebration for RISE youth & family members
- In February 2025, the facility kitchen received camera upgrades to support the culinary program for youth
- In February 2025, cameras in the Barber Apprentice Program were updated to provide better coverage allowing for the use of additional tools in the program

Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG)

Recommendation

Consider approving the JJRBG
recommendations as presented by
Probation

Probation Programs Update



Juvenile Field Services

Developmental Assets Framework

40 Developmental Assets

- **What it is**
- **Who the asset builders are**
- **Benefits of developmental assets**

External Assets



Support



Empowerment



Boundaries &
Expectations



Contructive Use of Time

Internal Assets



Commitment to Learning



Positive Values



Social Competencies



Positive Identity



JJCPA/YOBG Plan

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)

Youth Achievement Centers

- Contracted Services
 - Mental Health screenings
 - Substance abuse treatment
 - Diversion services
 - ✓ Juvenile Accountability Program (JCAP)
- Program Supplies
- Educational Support
 - SCOE youth tutoring
- Work Readiness
 - SCOE experimental job program

Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)

Continued

Prevention / Early Intervention Services

- After School services for At Promise Youth
 - ✓ Fairfield PAL
 - ✓ Leaven Kids

Culturally Relevant Programming

- MILPA

Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG)

- Juvenile Detention Facility Program Staff
- Mental Health Assessment and Services
- Substance Use Treatment Services
- Electronic Monitoring

Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG)

Continued

- Youth Placement Supports
- Transitional Education Support
- Aramark Services

JJCPA/YOBG Annual Plan for 2025

Recommendation

Consider approving the JJCPA and YOBG recommendations as presented by Probation

Probation Grant Activity Updates



Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Contracted with Third Sector, a non-profit technical assistance organizer

- Providing guidance in the design and plan to launch & sustain the prevention/intervention center
- Completed a landscape assessment
- Next Step to reconvene a leadership committee to provide input on the development of the Center

Juvenile Accountability Grant (JAG)

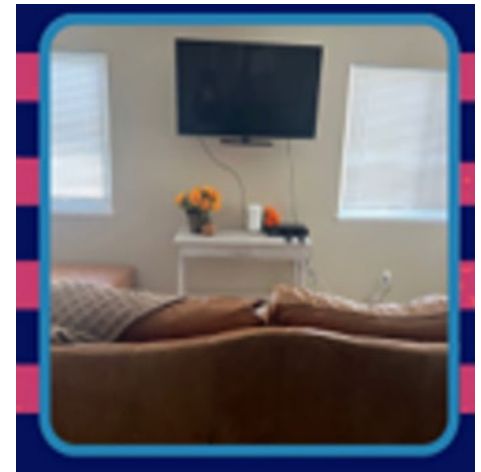
Prevention/Reduction of Violence & Empowering New Transitions (PReVENT)

Department JAG Highlights:

- School Community Prevention Specialist
- Cannabis-use prevention
- Mental Health/wellbeing
- Mentorship

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Grant

Rise Up House



Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Grant

An original film presented by

Rise Up House



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RFP for Prevention Services

Timeline for the RFP

- Proposals submitted April 11, 2025
- Evaluation and award
- Contract development and approval



Closing Comments