



DJJ Realignment Subcommittee

SAN FRANCISCO JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL'S
DJJ REALIGNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
11.8.22, 4PM – 5:30PM

Agenda

1. Statement on making public comment
2. Introductions – Roll call
3. FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e). (Discussion and Action)
 - The DJJ Realignment Subcommittee will discuss and possibly adopt a resolution setting forth findings required under Assembly Bill 361 that would allow the Subcommittee to hold meetings remotely according to the modified Brown Act teleconferencing set forth in AB 361.
4. Public comment on any item not on the agenda
5. DJJ Realignment Subcommittee Updates (Discussion)
6. Less Restrictive Alternatives Workgroup (Discussion & Possible Action)
7. Future Scheduling & Agenda items (Discussion & Possible Action)
8. Adjournment



Statement on Making Public Comment

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Introductions & Roll Call

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Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e)

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Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e)

- On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amends the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a state of emergency....provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days
- Most recent emergency order by the Mayor requires all bodies, except BOS and disciplinary hearings, to continue meeting virtually
- Subcommittee must make two findings (and vote) today on whether to continue remote meetings

Teleconferencing Meetings Continued

Must make two findings:

1) That the DJJ Realignment Subcommittee has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency and 2) that one of the following circumstances exist:

(a) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person

OR

(b) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing



Public Comment on Any Item Not on the Agenda

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- Subcommittee does gap analyses; determines funding priorities for SF's DJJ Realignment Plan

- Subcommittee votes to approve plan; votes to approve funding priorities for Year One & Year Two of funding; submits plan to OYCR

- Prepare Requests for Proposals for Credible Messenger Life Coaches and Whole Family Support/Direct Funding

- Discuss Step Up/Down Programs, and Out of County Vetting Process
- Release, score, and select grantees for Credible Messenger Life Coaches and Whole Family Support

- Release RFPs for Additional Programming
- Planning period for new life coach and family support grantees; programming and services begin

- Year One & Two JJRBG programs and services are delivered
- Planning for FY 2023-24 funding; update DJJ Realignment Plan as juvenile hall replacement is determined

- Review of first full year of DJJ Realignment and SYTF



DJJ Realignment Updates

- SYTF Updates
 - Currently 2 young people committed to the hall and 7 committed to SYTF (2 currently in county jail)
 - 2 units operating
 - New Facilities Director Announced: Shane Thomas
 - Programming Update
 - Success Stories
 - Saturday Basketball
 - Samoan Community Development Center's Transforming Our Attitudes (TOA)
 - Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG)

DJJ Realignment Updates

- JJRBG Updates

- Credible Messenger Life Coaches grantees:

- Success Centers – *in-custody*; \$450,000
 - Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) – *out of custody*; \$200,000
 - Renaissance Parents For Success/Us4Us – *out of custody*; \$100,000

- Flexible Funding for Youth & Their Families

- Young Community Developers (YCD) - \$172,500
 - SF Pretrial Diversion Project - \$172,500
 - City Youth Now - \$75,000

DJJ Realignment Updates

- JJRBG Updates (continued)
 - In-custody programming RFP through DCYF currently open
 - [Community Grants RFP — SF Department of Children, Youth and Their Families \(dcyf.org\)](https://www.dcyf.org/Community-Grants-RFP)
- Subcommittee Member Bios
 - Putting bios on newly redesigned JPD website – please send if you haven't already along with a photo if you'd like
- Membership Changes
- Staffing Update



Less Restrictive Alternatives Workgroup Updates & Recommendations

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Less Restrictive Alternatives Workgroup

RECOMMENDATIONS AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Challenge

- Currently we have our secure facility (SYTF), limited access to intensive group homes (STRTPs), and a few family-based settings (foster homes), without many other options.

Goal

Ensure that there is a comprehensive continuum of options for placement so that no young person is in confinement longer than absolutely necessary, if at all.

Create additional options along this continuum that are either:

- Viable alternatives to a secure facility (to prevent commitments when not needed)
- A place where young people can transition upon release from a secure facility (step-down)

Foundation

- All options must be structured, safe, and supportive enough to serve as alternatives across a variety of settings
- Though we are focused on post-adjudicated young people (after their charges have been sustained), in the future, we should consider how to make decisions and act earlier to reduce the need for the highest level placements
- Though many of these alternatives will be expensive, they *still* ultimately cost less per person than confinement (both juvenile and adult)

Foundation

- Options and considerations are different for young people based on their age and circumstance:
 - Under 18
 - Over 18
 - Between 18-21 with a foster care commitment order
 - 18-25 without a foster care commitment order AND/OR between 21-25

Overview of Workgroup Recommendations


1. Create a housing/residential alternative continuum that is integrated with probation, is connected to robust and comprehensive support services, resources, and treatment, and is viable alternative to SYTF.
2. Ensure options include:
 - a. Attaching enhanced supports to both family-based and the full array of placement settings for youth under age 18, who are 18-21 and who have aged out of foster care.
 - b. Piloting a placement/housing array with enhanced supports and services for young people that are not eligible for AB 12 (in foster care on their 18th birthday) and to create a bridge of housing support until age 26.

Cultural Responsivity & Inclusion

- This continuum must tailor its placements and supports to all young people, including: cis and trans youth, gender expansive youth, expectant and parenting youth, youth with mental health needs or disabilities, undocumented youth, youth with language barriers.

Funding Considerations

- To develop this continuum, we must leverage an array of funding sources: ensuring youth have access to AB 12 if eligible, as well as using state juvenile justice funds, MediCal Funding, complex care funding, housing funding, and other state/federal resources, such as Homekey.



Young People Under 18

(programs/services
to pilot or develop)

1. Develop enhanced family-based placements, especially for young people with high mental health needs and special populations. Setting should provide:
 - Case management
 - Structured activities during the day
 - Emergency in-home caretakers
 - Respite
 - Parenting training and support
 - Provision of funds to a family to make home repairs or to enable a relative to move into a larger home
 - Assistance applying for public benefits and programs
 - Assistance with arranging behavioral health services
 - Peer support for parent and child
 - Funding for extracurricular and enrichment activities
 - Additional staff support to provide support in the home
 - Specialized permanency services
 - In Home supports and Specialty Mental Health Services under Medi-Cal.
2. Pilot innovative intensive state-certified placements that can serve just one young person that come with all enhanced support detailed above.
3. Develop/pilot an enhanced and supportive transitional housing option for young people under 18 who have a demonstrated level of maturity, completed an intensive placement, and that serves as a segue to independent living.

Young People Under 18

(Exploration and
allocation funds/
programs/services)

1. Explore why young people run from placements and work to create programming that takes these challenges into consideration.
2. Partner with existing placements across the city, Bay Area, and state.
3. Allocate funds for recruitment of resources families closer to home and develop support systems for local resource families by trusted community partners.
4. Allocate funds to confront housing barriers for families in San Francisco willing to provide family-based placements.
5. Explore replicating innovative foster care models, such as Mockingbird Family Programs.
6. Explore if/when/how to use Out of State placements in rare but appropriate circumstances.
7. Explore additional supports to Catholic Charities to make the Boys Home stronger and more robust.

For Young People Over 18

Increase AB12 eligibility of young people on long-term commitments on or before their 18th birthday by seeking concurrent commitment and placement orders.


- ❑ AB12 is the entitlement to funding, services, and programs for young people when they have a foster care commitment order on their 18th birthday and lasts until age 21.
- ❑ Currently, young people who turn 18 when committed to the hall are not usually eligible for AB12.
- ❑ Establishing AB 12 eligibility creates funding and placement options.

For Young People 18-21

- Conduct analysis of transitional housing programs that are available to AB12 eligible youth (THP-NMD and THP+) to identify ways they could be expanded to include population of young people who were did not have a foster care commitment order on their 18th birthday.
- Provide and ensure availability of all legal placement options (whether that be a family-based placement, transitional housing, or independent living).
 - Develop innovative pilots to attach enhanced services and support to these placement types for youth with higher needs.
 - Allocate dedicated funds for the above placement array for young people who are not AB 12 eligible.
- Advocate for TAY-specific housing that include these populations in affordable housing opportunities across the city, region, and across the state.

For Young People 21 and Over

1. Ensure that we have housing for youth without placement orders (foster care commitment on 18th birthday) **and** who are not eligible for THP-Plus.
1. Maximize the use of transitional housing program (THP-plus) for 21-25 year olds
 - Provide services and programs to support youth in these programs by dedicating an allocation of funds and leveraging state resources (CaAIM).
 - Work with CBOs to establish a broad array of Community Supports available under CaAIM's Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Initiative.
2. Engage a housing service provider to partner with JPD and/or DCYF to apply for Homekey funds to develop subsidized housing for youth who are not eligible for AB12 and youth 21- 25 who are homeless/at risk of homelessness.



Homekey is a state funding opportunity to sustain and rapidly expand the inventory of housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness

Next Steps

1. Workgroup recommends that JPD convene partners to develop a proposal for the design of a continuum that includes:
 - a. Enhanced family-based placements for youth under age 18.
 - b. Innovative transitional housing pilot for youth age 18 and over.
 - c. Leveraging all available existing and potential funding streams, such as Medi-Cal and Homekey
 - d. Explore strengthening current less restrictive options, especially in San Francisco, so that they are suitable alternatives for secure track-eligible population



Future Scheduling & Agenda Items

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Future Scheduling

- Propose the subcommittee goes to quarterly meeting schedule:
 - January
 - Updates on Less Restrictive Alternatives Workgroup recommendations
 - April
 - Prior to resubmission of updated DJJ Realignment Plan to OYCR
 - August
 - October



Adjournment

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