



Juvenile Justice Commission
Delinquency Prevention Commission

Joint Meeting

November 18, 2025, 5:15 p.m.

5:15 pm

Location and Public participation instructions are attached on page 3

AGENDA

Public comment will be accommodated under Item II for items not on the agenda. The Commission requests that members of the public, who wish to comment on items on the agenda, submit a request to the Chair prior to the start of the meeting or raise their hand to speak, so that they may be recognized at the appropriate time.

I. Preliminary Business

- a. Call to Order
- b. Translation Services for JJDPC meetings
- c. Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- d. Agenda Review and Approval
- e. Swearing in of Celina Chen and Enya Yuan
- f. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - o August 26, 2025
 - o September 30, 2025

II. Oral Communications - Public Comment

This item provides an opportunity for public comment on items not on the agenda (Time limit 3 minutes per person). There will be an opportunity for public comment on agenda items as they are considered.

III. Updates from System Partners

- a. Private Defender Program – Ron Rayes
- b. District Attorney – Nadia Hahn
- c. Probation Department: John Keene, Ivonne Bustos, Becky Powers
- d. County Office of Education – Sarah Notch
- e. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services–Regina Moreno
- f. Fresh Lifelines for Youth–Tatiana Castenada, Maria Delgado
- g. HSA–Children & Family Services – John Fong

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V. 2025 Annual Inspection Reports Presentations and Updates

- a. Canyon Oaks Youth Center: Educational Evaluation Report
- b. San Mateo County Maguire Correctional Facility Report
- c. Law Enforcement Holding Facilities Update

VI. Board of Supervisors: Update

- a. Letter regarding County's response to Civil Grand Jury
- b. Meeting with President Canepa
- c. Board Presentation

VII. 2026 Officer Nominations

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair Administration
- c. Vice Chair Membership

VIII. Delinquency Prevention Prevention in Action Conference Update

- a. Working Group
- b. Community Partners
- c. Sponsorships

IX. Announcements

- a. AB:1376 Signed into law by the Governor
- b. Proposal to convert Camp Kemp into a Youth Crisis Center
- c. In re H.T., Court of Appeal of California, 3rd Appellate District, Sacramento County

X. Adjournment



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500 County Center, 1st Floor
Redwood City, Ca. 94063

The only entrance to Manzanita Hall is located outside of the building, on the side of the building facing Marshall Street.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/96319106466>

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 5:15 p.m.

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Membership, Whitney Genevro, Shakeel Ali, Jennifer Blanco (joined
5:24pm), Paul Bocanegra, Asteris Ling (joined 5:24pm), Niklas Klemmer,
Trena Patton, and Jiya Venkatesh;, participating remotely.

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair, Administration, Karin Huber-Levy,
Staff Present: Sukhmani Purewal, County of San Mateo, Clerk's Office

Juvenile Court: Hon. Susan Etezadi, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court

System Partners Present:

Private Defender's Office - Ron Rayes

District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn

Probation - Ivonne Bustos, Becky Powers

BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - [absent]

County Office of Education - [absent]

FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Chrisbeth Cortez, Tatiana Castenada

Children & Family Services - [absent]

I. Preliminary Business:

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.
- b. **Translation Services:** Sukhmani Purewal, County Clerk, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. **Approval of Minutes from July Meeting:**
M: Bocanegra **S:** Ali, to approve the minutes for the July 29, 2025 meeting. Passed unanimously.
- d. **Agenda Review and Approval:**
M: Bocanegra **S:** Venkatesh, to approve the Agenda for August 26, 2025. Passed unanimously.

II. Oral Communications-Public Comment:

Melissa Wilson, former SMC JJDPC Commissioner, commented expressing concern regarding the recent changes to Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings to discuss Individual Rehabilitation Plans (IRPs), which no longer invite the full team, youth and other stakeholders. Formerly, she attended meetings to support the youth for whom she provides tutoring and coaching and found it very important to help keep them accountable for behavior on unit.



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- On Supervision: 223
- At Court: 107
- On Diversion: 14
- 8 Gang orders, under supervision
- Demographics:
 - Ethnicity: 38 Black-African American/ 226 Hispanic-Latino/ 32 White/48 Other-Unknown
 - Gender: 266 male/ 78 female
 - cities overrepresented:
 - Redwood City: 60
 - San Mateo: 54
 - East Palo Alto: 40
 - Out of County: 50

(II) Institutions:

- Juvenile Hall: (three housing units)
 - 32 youth as of July 31 - 29 male/2 female/ 1 non-binary
 - 37 youth as of today - 34 male/ 3 female
 - Felony charges: 28 male / 1 female
 - Misdemeanor charges: 1 male/ 1 female
 - 4 out-of-county (2 Santa Clara; 2 San Francisco)
 - **Ethnicity**: 27 Hispanic-Latino/ 4 Black- African American/ 1 Pacific Islander-Hawaiian/ 1 White/ 4 Other
 - **Avg daily population**: 25 - 21 pre-disposition/3 post-disposition males & 1 pre-disposition female
 - **Avg length of stay**: 56 days
 - For July: 18 bookings - 4 in county, 14 out of county; 18 releases
 - Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF): 8 youth
 - 7 male/1 female - all post-disposition, felony charges
- EMP (electronic monitoring program) and CAM (Continuous Alcohol Monitoring): 13 youth as of July 31; 11 youth on EMP/ 1 youth on CAM as of today:
 - Felony offences: 13 male



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- Misdemeanor offences: 1female
- 5 in-county referrals (no out-of-county referrals)
- 9 successful EMP completions
- **Avg daily # youth** - 15: pre-dispo: 10 male/0 female;
post-dispo: 4 males/1 female
- **Avg length on EMP**: 39 days
- Ethnicity: 10 Hispanic/Latino; 2 Native Hawaiian/Pacific
Islander; 1 White; 1 Black = 14 total

Other Updates:

- **Monthly IRP/MDT Meetings:** Chair Rasmussen reported on the email received last week from Probation (Moniae Wade) clarifying the Individual Rehabilitation Planning (IRP)/Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings for SYTF youth. Specifically, youth, parents, contracted service providers, mental health professionals, educators, advocates, and attorneys would be invited to attend and participate in the initial MDT/IRP meeting when youth are committed to the Secure Track program, as well as to the quarterly update meetings, the update meetings taking place every 6 months prior to court hearings, and re-entry planning meetings. This is a very positive clarification, and Chair Rasmussen expressed her appreciation for this result.
- **Family Nights in Juvenile Hall:** Chief Probation Officer Keene reported on the reinstatement of Family Nights for youth in Juvenile Hall - these had taken place regularly in the past and will be bringing this program back. We will see more on this over the next month.

D. County Office of Education:

Sarah Notch provided an update on the start to this academic year, emphasizing the work undertaken by Principal Siyam and Vice-Principal Arenas to orient administration, teachers and students with sessions on curriculum development, PBIS, Five Stars, and MTSS. The focus was on community building, academic planning, and creating a welcoming environment for students. Current enrollment includes students from grades 8 through 12: 2 – 8th grade; 1 – 9th; 1 – 10th; 11 – 11th; 8 – 12th.



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Ms Notch also congratulated former Commissioner Ameya Nori on his acceptance and start at Duke University and thanked him for his collaboration when leading the Educational Program Evaluations for the Commission last year.

E. FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth):

Re-Entry Program for In-Custody Youth (REPS): Tatiana Castenada reported that there are currently 10 youth in case management attending Life Skills sessions: 1 female and 9 males. This includes all 8 SYTF youth; as well as 2 youth with 707(b) charges. All but one of these youth are currently attending college classes remotely. Programs focus on time management, first-week of school preparation, and mentoring through the Credible Messenger Program. **Note:** there are 5 pre-disposition youth on the **waitlist** for REPS.

STAY FLY Program: Chrisbeth Cortez reported on the out-of-custody re-entry Program: currently supporting 30 youth, with 10 on a waitlist. This program provides pro-social activities, including participation in the Phoenix Garden program and 49ers Training Camp. Staff also advocate for youth integrating back into school environments. There is a need for youth to have opportunities and supportive connections to re-engage socially and academically.

IV. Presentation - K9 Therapy Program:

Commissioner Klemmer presented on the K9 Therapy Program, operated by Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services, the oldest all-volunteer pet therapy group in the South Bay. The program provides therapy dogs to youth in system-run facilities to support mental health. Commissioner Klemmer noted the value in providing these services to combat mental health issues in juvenile detention facilities. The program typically offers bi-weekly visits to schools, libraries, hospitals, but a pilot program could be possible to start. The program operates throughout the Bay Area and typically requires a contract at the county level. Under 18 youth would require a waiver and parent/guardian permission to participate. Chair Rasmussen requested a proposal for Chief Keene to review and consider for implementation at the Juvenile Hall.



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V. Gateway Court and Community School Study

Chair Rasmussen reported that the Commission's request to include Gateway Community School in the Juvenile Justice Commission's annual inspection for an evaluation of Educational Programs provided to students enrolled there was declined by the County Office of Education. Chair Rasmussen noted that the Commission has received numerous calls from students, parents, teachers and principals who had worked at Gateway about certain issues which caused some concern for the Commission. As Gateway is a safety net for students who are on probation, the Commission considers Gateway to be a vital resource for students in the juvenile justice system. Chair Rasmussen provided an overview of Gateway Community School, which serves justice-involved youth, foster youth, youth with special education requirements, youth at risk of not completing high school, and unhoused youth, among others.

As the Commission was denied access to Gateway by the County Office of Education for the purpose of an Educational Program evaluation, a proposal was made to independently conduct a comprehensive study of the educational programming and services offered at Gateway specifically directed at ensuring the needs of system-involved youth are met.

Motion to Approve Project to Conduct Study of Educational Programs offered at Gateway Community School:

M: Bocanegra **S:** Genevro. Passed unanimously.

VI. Commission Updates:

- a. **Education Subcommittee:** School District Partnership Initiative - Commissioner Blanco reported on the subcommittee's efforts to structure Commissioner liaison support for the 23 school districts by dividing them up into North, Central, and South areas. Chair Rasmussen noted the unique challenges of school districts on the coast.



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- b. **Delinquency Prevention Conference.** Commissioner Blanco provided an update on the planned youth delinquency prevention conference. Approximately 27 partners are being contacted to participate, including PHP, CASA, YUCA, LIUNA, Youth Law Center, OYCR, Live in Peace, Fortitude Careers, PAL, CALKids, Probation, and Project Change, amongst others to facilitate a workshop or a table. Youth will be offered stipends to participate in panel discussions. They will be seeking sponsorships as well as an advocate for keynote speaker. Chair Rasmussen encouraged leveraging personal networks to support the event. A date and further details will be shared at the next meeting.
- c. **Annual Inspections - Educational Program Evaluations:** Site visits to Hillcrest School at YSC, and to Canyon Oaks Youth Center are scheduled for September 23 and 30, respectively.
- d. **Annual Commission Retreat** - scheduled for September 20, 2025, with the location and agenda to be announced.
- e. **Other Announcements:** Governor Newsom made judicial appointments, including SMC Commissioner Michael Mau.

Updates were provided on:

- Sexual abuse civil lawsuits filed against the county
- BSCC Title 15 and 24 revisions, which included the inclusion of SYTF regulations, individual case plans and prohibition on group punishment.
- Jennifer Blanco shared about attending Cultura Fest, where youth in custody participated in creative writing projects connecting them with youth in schools, allowing them to feel heard and recognizing similarities with peers. Chair Rasmussen inquired if the book is available on Amazon.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.



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Probation - Ivonne Bustos, Becky Powers

OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration) - [absent]

BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - [absent]

County Office of Education - Sarah Notch (provided report in advance)

FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Tatiana Castenada, Adriana Canales

Children & Family Services - [absent]

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- b. **Translation Services:** Sukhmani Purewal, County Clerk, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. **Agenda Review and Approval:**
M: Bocanegra **S:** Huber-Levy, to approve the Agenda for September 30, 2025. Passed unanimously.
- d. **Vote on New Commissioner Candidates:**
 - 1) Celina Chen
M: Rasmussen, to recommend Celina Chen for appointment to the Commission. Passed unanimously.
 - 2) Enya Yuan
M: Rasmussen, to recommend Enya Yuan for appointment to the Commission. Passed unanimously.
- e. **Acknowledgements:**
 - 1) Chair Rasmussen acknowledged the much appreciated support of our County Clerk, Sukmani Purewal over the past two years



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and thanked him for his service. Mr Purewal is leaving his position at the County this week, and we will all miss him and wish him well.

- 2) Commissioner Huber-Levy welcomed Revant Dadoo, as the Commission's 2025-26 Youth Liaison from the San Mateo County Youth Commission, and thanked him for attending the meeting in person. We look forward to working with him.

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B. District Attorney - Nadia Hahn, for the period 8/27 to 9/29 :

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- 15 charges were rejected

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C. Probation— Becky Powers, Ivonne Bustos provided updates for July:

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 - At Court: 116
 - On Diversion: 15
 - 8 Gang orders
 - 8 DPOs
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 - **Ethnicity**: 23 Hispanic-Latino/ 3 Black- African American/ 1 Pacific Islander-Hawaiian/ 3 White/ 1 Other/ 0 Middle-Eastern/ 0 Asian
 - **Avg daily population**: 25 - 21 pre-disposition/3 post-disposition males & 1 pre-disposition female/ 0 post-disposition female
 - **Avg length of stay**: 74 days
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- **SOARR Program**-Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF):
 - 8 youth all post-disposition, felony charges:
 - 7 males/1 female
- EMP (electronic monitoring program) and CAM (continuous alcohol monitoring): 14 youth as of July 31; 11 youth as of today:
 - Felony: 13 male / 0 female
 - Misdemeanor: 0 male/ 3 female
 - 5 in-county referrals (no out-of-county referrals)
 - Successful completions: 9 EMP; 0 CAM
 - **Avg daily # youth** - 12:
 - 15 pre-dispo: 10 male/0 female; post-dispo: 4 males/1 female
 - **Avg length on EMP**: 39 days
 - Ethnicity: 10 Hispanic/Latino; 2 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 1 Black; 1 White
 - Referrals: EMP - 8 in-county, 0 out-of-county; CAM - 1 in custody.

D. County Office of Education:

Sarah Notch provided a written report in advance of the meeting as she is on vacation. There are currently two classes in session at Hillcrest School: 7 students in Group C, and 12 students in the Forrest Class for a total of 19 students. There are 6 in 12th grade, 9 in 11th grade, 3 in 10th grade, 1 in 9th grade. Chair Rasmussen noted that 18 students at Hillcrest School currently have IEPs (Individual Education Plans for special education needs).

E. FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth):

Re-Entry Program for In-Custody Youth (REPS) - Tatiana Castenada: there are currently 10 youth with in-custody care management - 1 female and 9 males. This includes all 8 SYTF youth, as well as 2 youth with 707(b) charges. Nine of these youth are attending college, and one is completing high school. They are all completing a restorative justice program right now. FLY is still building out their credible messenger program and are training 3 credible messengers to work with youth in juvenile hall.

STAY FLY Program - Adriana Canales: As Chrisbeth Cortez is leaving the program in order to attend Stanford University, they are interviewing for a replacement case manager. The pre-release phase of the transition program is



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almost ready for implementation. There is a wait list for the program currently but are working on adding more staff. Youth are still attending pro-social activities and completing community service hours.

IV. Gateway Reimagined Report - Abigail Trillan, Associate Director, Youth & Education Law Project, Stanford Law School:

Ms Trillan described how this report was created during Winter/Spring 2024 in the Policy Lab Program that she teaches at Stanford Law School. Students worked collaboratively with Youth Law Center and the County Office of Education to contemplate what Gateway Community School could look like in the future.

By summer 2023, the COE had made the decision to keep Gateway School open but committed to having discussions about what it could like and how it could be different. COE next engaged the National Equity Project to do a report working with various stakeholders throughout the county to talk about the challenges and benefits of the Gateway school program. In January 2024, Stanford was provided with that report and given a mandate to consider the concerns raised along with the incredible opportunities in our county, particularly Project Change and the community college system, and come up with ideas as to how these elements could work together to solve some of the issues raised. Ms Trillan emphasized the unique resources of Project Change, as the oldest support system in the state - it was the first and an excellent partner for an innovative model. The model created here for Gateway could also be utilized state-wide.

Major concerns with a program like Gateway fall into two buckets: (1) providing for a large variety of needs in a very small program, and (2) from the students' perspective, how it feels to be at a school like Gateway, visibly located at a juvenile hall campus. The proposal in the report solves for both of these problems. The recommendations of the report build on the 'middle college' model utilized elsewhere in the county.

V. 2025 Inspection Report for Elysian STRTP & Receiving Home TSCF:

On behalf of the 2024-25 inspection team, which included Commissioners Blanco and Patton, Commissioner Genevro presented the reports on the inspection of the Elysian STRTP (Short Term Residential Treatment) facility, serving youth 6-17 years of age and the Receiving Home (Temporary Shelter Care Facility), serving youth 12-17 years of age in San Mateo County. After the site visits and review, there were no



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recommendations or concerns noted by the inspection team. After some discussion, the reports were presented for vote of approval by the Commission.

M: Huber-Levy; **S:** Klemmer, to approve the 2024-25 Inspection Reports of Elysian STRTP facility and the Receiving Home TSC facility with minor edits to be made. Passed unanimously.

VI. San Mateo County Grand Jury Report: Vacant, Valuable, and Vulnerable: Reimagining SMC Youth Services Facilities:
Chair Rasmussen noted that she had not been aware of this report prior to its release and encouraged all Commissioners and the public to read it. Chair Rasmussen expressed appreciation for the time and effort of the Grand Jury in considering these issues.

VII. 2026 Officer's Nominating Subcommittee
Chair Rasmussen requested volunteers to manage the nominating process for next year's slate of officers for the Commission, namely, Chair, and Vice-Chairs Administration and Membership. Volunteers should be Commissioners who are not interested in running for those positions. Commissioners Klemmer, Venkatesh, Ling, and Bocanegra volunteered to manage the process.

VIII. Announcements

- a. **Legislation:** California **Assembly Bill (AB) 1376** is the bill aiming to end "endless probation" for youth by establishing a 12-month time limit on community probation supervision, after which the court must find continued probation is in the youth's best interest. This bill requires probation conditions to be tailored to the youth's individual needs, developmentally appropriate, and not excessive. If probation is extended beyond the initial 12 months, the court must conduct periodic check-ins every six months to evaluate the youth's progress. Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to the Governor's office to support signing this bill into law.
- b. **Commission retreat** was held on September 20, 2025 with a special zoom listening session with 2 youth in the SOARR/SYTF program at Hillcrest Juvenile Hall.



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IX. Matters of Commissioner Interest

- a. **OYCR Working Group:** OYCR Director Lucero has offered to meet with JJC's across the state to develop a needs assessment for JJC's to provide support for the development of consistent training materials, onboarding materials, etc. Chair Rasmussen has been asked to join the Juvenile Justice Legislative Subcommittee in Sacramento.
- b. **Transfer Hearings:** are on the rise in SF with 6 applications from the SF DA for youth transfer to adult criminal court this year. Chair Rasmussen reported that the first hearing was successful in keeping the youth in the juvenile system.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted: 10/7/25, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice-Chair, Administration



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**Private Defender Program
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New Filings

- There was a total of 29 appointments.
- 11 cases were detentions. 2 of them contained 707(b) allegations.
- 18 cases were out of custody arraignments. 3 out of the 18 contained 707(b) allegations.

Record Sealings

- 12 petitions

SB 206 Miranda Consultations

- Total calls 18
- Youth 16/17 – 8 calls
- Youth 15 years old - 6 calls
- Youth 14 and under – 4 calls



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2025 Educational Programs Evaluation

Date of Evaluation: September 30, 2025

Facility Name: Canyon Oaks Youth Center -
Short Term Residential Treatment Facility
(STRTP)
Address: 400 Edmonds Rd, Redwood City,
94062

Date of Last Evaluation: September 4, 2024

Commissioner(s) Conducting Evaluation:
Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy

Contact Person:
Dr. Jesús, Jiménez, Director, School Programs,
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Phone Number: (760) 902-7794

Principal/Administrator:
Freedom Siyam
Principal, San Mateo County Court &
Community Schools

Executive Summary:

Number of Students on date of Site Visit: 5 (1 x 8th, 3 x 9th, 1 x 10th)

Full-time Teacher(s): Misty Seago

Academic Counselor: Dr. Lauren Sneed

Paraeducator: Jose Giacoman

Resource Specialist: Mark Squire

Background

The school at Canyon Oaks Youth Center (“Canyon Oaks School”, the “School”) educates youth who face serious emotional and behavioral challenges for which they were provided placement in this short-term residential treatment facility. The facility is operated by San Mateo Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS). The San Mateo County Office of Education (COE) provides educational programs. All students have Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Canyon Oaks School has operated with one full-time teacher since June 2024. At the end of the 2024-25 summer session, the School’s long-time teacher, George Rehmet, left to take on another assignment within the County special education system. At the start of this school year, Misty Seago, an experienced teacher who began her SMCOE career at Gateway Community School and who has taught at Canyon Oaks School before (2022-23) started as the full time teacher at COYC. Ms. Seago was highly recommended by Mr. Rehmet for this position.

Ms. Seago is teaching all subjects (Math, Science, Social Studies, English, Physical Education) with the support of an experienced full-time paraeducator (Jose Giacoman, who has taught at the School for many years). Mr. Giacoman interacts with students as a ‘co-educator’ with the teacher. Also, new this year, Special Education instruction is provided by Mark Squire, RSP, who provides individual instruction and co-teaches on a daily basis from 8:30am - 12:30pm.



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The current staffing model at the School is intentionally designed to be flexible to respond to changes in the number of students in residence at COYC, which typically fluctuates from 6 to 12 (maximum) students. Over recent months, the School has had 5-7 students in residence. Should the student population rise above 10 students, an additional paraeducator would be brought in. For instance, earlier this year (Jan/Feb 2025), there were over 10 students in residence so paraeducator Peter Nibbelin was brought in to provide additional teaching capacity at the School.

Mark Squire, RSP leads the students' Individual Education Plan meetings, supported by Tina Perdices, School Psychologist, Hillcrest School as needed.

Academic and vocational counseling is provided to students by Academic Counselor, Dr. Lauren Sneed, who serves all SMCOE County Court & Community Schools. For credit recovery, a team approach is currently in development, with the objective of creating a cohesive process across all Court & Community Schools, guided by a vision for the 'arc of learning'. The team is comprised of Dr. Sneed, Principal Siyam, and Courtney Parreira (TOSA credit recovery specialist).

Currently, COYC students are free to work on credit recovery in the classroom as appropriate and outside of school hours and have been typically supported by Ms. Parreira on Friday mornings. However, given the demographics of the current student cohort (middle school and high school freshmen/sophomore), credit recovery is not a critical focus for the students at this time. To recognize the time students spend in various electives, Teacher Seago and Principal Siyam are working together to identify any academic credits which students may earn for hours spent in elective coursework.

Past and present teachers shared their view that students seem to benefit most from spending 1 - 1.5 years at COYC, and they observed declining benefits for any individual student overall after that amount of time.

During my site visit to Canyon Oaks School, I had the opportunity to speak with Principal Siyam, Dr. Jiménez, Dr. Sneed, and Teacher Misty Seago. I did not interview any students. My evaluation is based on my conversations with each of the persons I spoke with that day and follow up questions posed.

School Summary and Comments

The teacher and paraeducator maintain a school environment that serves students in a therapeutically appropriate way through strong collaboration with each other and with therapeutic staff. Teaching staff are particularly skilled in working with special needs students, and focus on interacting with sensitivity and caring. Instruction is a combination of computer-based learning, individual instruction, and group teaching.

Students arrive at COYC with a very diverse range of capabilities - some are performing below grade level upon arrival, so teaching focuses on basic skills acquisition and proficiency.



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Other students are academically successful, but were experiencing difficulties in their home school setting. In that case, teaching focuses on preserving academic skills while allowing students to fully benefit from the therapeutic support offered at COYC. Instruction is also guided by the teacher's awareness of what students will need in order to transition back to their home school. California's Common Core Standards guide instruction, and new curricula for Science (STEM Scopes) and Social Studies (TCI - Teachers' Curriculum Institute) were adopted earlier this year.

A trauma-informed model of teaching is applied in the classroom at Canyon Oaks School. New students are asked to fill out a survey to assist the teacher in meeting their needs. Many students have processing issues which are noted in IEPs, as well as dysgraphia, which impacts writing and communication skills.

The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test is no longer applied or in use at the School. Student academic progress metrics are embedded in the individual course curricula and measured through teacher observation and student performance in the classroom and on tests. A new system of academic progress metrics for use across the San Mateo County Court & Community Schools is under development and the goal is to implement this new system by the end of Q1 2026.

Commendations: Educational Program and Staff Engagement

The approach to teaching and learning at Canyon Oaks School reflects a thoughtful, flexible, and trauma-informed understanding of the unique and often complex needs of students in residence. Instruction is highly individualized and supported by close collaboration between educational and therapeutic staff, ensuring that each student's academic progress is aligned with their emotional and behavioral readiness.

The San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) administrators demonstrated a clear commitment to maintaining strong oversight and ensuring that the educational program at COYC is well resourced and responsive to the evolving needs of the youth. During my visit I was provided with generous time, transparency, and support in conducting the evaluation, which was greatly appreciated.

Teacher Seago exemplified enthusiasm and professionalism, expressing genuine energy and passion for her work and a deep commitment to the success and well-being of her students. Her comments and demeanor reflected an understanding of the challenges and potential of each student, as well as a clear dedication to fostering engagement, and academic growth.

Findings & Recommendations

1. Continue to strengthen differentiated instruction for higher-achieving students to ensure they are appropriately challenged and able to progress at their skill level, supporting a smooth transition back to their home school or postsecondary setting without academic regression.



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2. Support the development and implementation of appropriate, standardized academic assessment metrics to monitor and strengthen individual student progress across grade levels and subject areas. The goal that was shared with us is to establish baseline benchmark data by the end of Q1 2026.

The *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)* system for tracking student performance has been discontinued, so it will be important to ensure that new student performance metrics be developed and implemented as soon as possible for consistent use across all Court and Community Schools. The development of valid, differentiated assessment tools for the wide range of grade levels and learning needs represented at Hillcrest will require thoughtful design and alignment. To maximize their value, these metrics should be standardized enough to be recognized and transferrable when students transition from Court and Community Schools back to their home district or other high school, ensuring academic continuity and appropriate placement.

3. Continue to look for opportunities to offer students access to Career and Technical Education programming, and ensure students share in opportunities to participate in college information programs along with other Court & Community Schools. Please follow up on the intention to invite Canyon Oaks students to participate in the Keys to Success dual-enrollment course provided in coordination with Project Change.

Notes for Next Year's Inspection

Follow up on the implementation of new student academic performance metrics (replacing MAP) which we were informed would be implemented for consistent use across the Court & Community Schools. We were informed that school administrators intend to complete assessments to have benchmark data in place once Hillcrest School staffing issues have been resolved. The expressed goal is to have this in place by the end of Q1 2026.



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Inspection Report:

Number of Full-Time Instructors: one (1) credentialed teacher, with Multiple Subject credentials, currently responsible for teaching Math, Social Sciences, Science, Physical Education, English, Credit Recovery and serving as teacher of record for the Art Therapist.

The teacher also teaches the 4 week Summer Session, a more flexible learning environment than during the school year. The teacher is also responsible, with the support of the academic counselor and occupational therapist, for assessing students' interests in careers, job prospects and supporting related interviewing, and resume writing skills-building.

Number of Part-Time Instructors: 1 - Mark Squire, RSP, with Special Education credentials

Number of Full-Time Instructional Aides: 1 experienced Paraeducator - Jose Giacoman

Number of Tutors (Paid? Volunteer?): 0

Frequency of Substitute Teachers: We were advised that there is currently a substitute teacher and paraeducator shortage in the county. However, there is a retired teacher with special education certification (Karen Strogstrom) who is available to substitute in case of teacher absence. If this teacher is unavailable, teacher absences are covered by an administrator or TOSA (teacher on special assignment). There are currently not enough substitute paraeducators available to provide coverage in case of paraeducator absence.

Number of youth attending School: At the time of inspection, there were 5 students in residence (1 - 8th grade; 3 HS freshmen; 1 HS sophomore). The capacity of the facility is 12 residents.

Average Classroom Size: 6

Max Classroom Size: 6

When the number of students exceeds the maximum classroom size, the need for additional teaching resources to utilize the second classroom becomes important.

School Day: M,T, Th, F - 8:30am to 12:30pm; W - 9am to 12:10pm

Number of youth on independent study: 0

Reason: There is no independent study program; students have individualized instruction built into their school day. The teacher creates individual learning opportunities with the academic resources in place.

Number of youth not attending school: All youth attend school currently, however, as a general policy, students are not forced to attend school.



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Reason: COYC residents receive intense therapeutic care and on any given day may be adjusting to changes in medications, need additional sleep, or dealing with anxiety or other psychiatric symptoms. There may also be social dynamics with other students that make attending school on a given day difficult. Sometimes a student will have therapy during class time, although typically therapy takes place in the afternoons, after the school day has ended.

Describe the general atmosphere of the classrooms: There are two classrooms. Often, the teacher instructs in one classroom and the paraeducator or Resource Specialist may work with individual students in the other room. This two classroom setting also accommodates curricular differences between students (for example, a student working on algebra when the rest of the class is learning geometry) or interpersonal conflict that prevents certain students from being in the same classroom at once.

The teacher pays great attention to the social and emotional needs of the students in the classroom, taking into account energy levels and social situations on any given day. For example, Mondays are particularly challenging for students as they have been on home visits on the weekend. As well, there may be anxious energy in anticipating visits from family during the week.

Adequate Supplies, Books, Paper, Computer?

Acceptable **Unacceptable**

It was noted in last year's evaluation that Social Studies and Science textbooks are over 16 years old. However, this year, new Science (STEMscopes) and Social Studies (TCI Social Studies) curricula have now been adopted and are being used in the classroom. In addition, it was explained to us that the textbooks are generally only used as a resource as needed, and the focus is on relevancy through referring to current events (using CNN 10 for news) and undertaking project work to encourage students to take more ownership of the subject matter and incorporate more creativity in the learning process.

Are youth given access to computers/internet?

Yes **No**

Details (when, purpose, supervision):

The school typically uses a blended learning approach and students often use classroom computers as part of their education. In addition to Edgenuity, the teacher uses Khan Academy and MATHia. COE provides a list of approved sites. Security is provided by the program "Go Guardian".

Credit Recovery work is typically done on a student's own time outside of school hours; students are assigned packets to do with pencil/paper. Students do not have access to school computers outside of the school day. The credit recovery packets are no longer Starline - they are more individualized to best match students' reading levels. During the school day, students may use the Edgenuity individualized learning platform for Credit Recovery. We were informed that students with high academic abilities like to use Edgenuity for the 'test out' option, but packets work well given the shorter academic day. The current cohort at Canyon Oaks School prefers learning through direct teacher contact over working online.



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Describe the relationship between school and facility staff: There is close collaboration. Typically, teachers and therapeutic staff have bi-weekly meetings to discuss each student, and therapeutic staff participate in IEP meetings and support compliance. Therapeutic staff are also accessible outside of the classroom to manage emotional issues that present themselves in the classroom. Teaching staff read students' therapeutic logs before class each day for an up to the moment understanding of the recent therapeutic status of their students.

Describe access to school, recreation, etc. for youth confined to their rooms: COYC is a residential treatment facility. Youth are not confined to their rooms. They always have access to school, recreation and counseling during the day as scheduled, as well as opportunities for field trips, local hikes, and visits home on weekends.

When is school held on the unit instead of in the classroom? Not applicable.

Academic Counselling: Dr. Lauren Sneed provides a one month check-in for students, to ensure they understand their academic status and to explain the whole process and what lies ahead for them. For the current student cohort, who are middle school and mostly HS freshmen, she is introducing the idea of college access to them as well as vocational training. She encourages them to consider all post-secondary options. Dr. Sneed has an "honor roll" for students who achieve a 3.0 GPA or higher, which she calls out with a mini-celebration with house staff, therapists and special treats, like Jamba Juice. Her focus is strengths-based, and viewing progress through an asset-based lens. Dr. Sneed knows most of the students from the prior academic year and so is 'pushing in a little' for more social-emotional support.

Post High School/GED:

Are there educational opportunities available for youth who have completed high school or have their GED?

Yes No

Describe:

College Education: A student may attend college (in-person or online) while at the facility. If a child is a minor, they require permission of parent/guardian to attend college. The therapeutic staff facilitates a student's enrollment and registration, transportation, and provides educational support. The current cohort of students is quite young, so there are no students currently contemplating enrolling in college. In the past, we were told that it is rare for students to attend college while at COYC; also, the few students that graduate while at COYC tend to be more interested in getting jobs when they graduate.

Vocational Training: The school does not offer vocational education other than California CareerZone, an interest inventory and career exploration website. However, vocational counseling is provided by Dr. Lauren Sneed, the academic counselor and also Ms Tiina Jensen, the occupational therapist on staff, who supports students with the entire job application process, including writing resumes, and preparing for job interviews.



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In the past, a grant supported students participating in “WorkAbility”, a program which provided job skills training and internships with coaching. In our discussion with Principal Siyam, he expressed interest in revisiting this opportunity.

Students who are graduating may also be eligible to enroll in the Workforce Development Services program currently supported by a joint partnership between OYCR and the Department of Rehabilitation to support youth with qualifying barriers to succeed in their educational and career endeavors. Enrollment is facilitated by Jonas Barbour, Coordinator, Transition Services, SMCOE.

In the past, we noted that many of the students at Canyon Oaks school were interested in vocational opportunities for training and working, or in taking a gap year upon graduation, rather than directly enrolling in and attending college after graduation.

Are youth given info/counseling on community college & 4-year college options? Yes No

Describe: There is currently no option for 4-year college entry from COYC—when youth spend 2+ years of their high school education at COYC, they are only eligible to graduate with a COE diploma, which does not meet the UC/CSU ‘A-G’ requirements. The academic counselor visits COYC once per month for one-on-one check-ins with students to provide information about career and community college options. Also, students are offered the opportunity to participate in field trips to community colleges and high school college information events.

Are youth given information/counseling about financial aid options for college? Yes No

Describe: The school academic counselor offers this information and helps fill out financial aid applications.

Are youth given resources for college entrance exam prep when appropriate? Yes No

Describe: Materials to study for college entrance exams are available to students by special request.

Are youth able to take courses for college credit online? Yes No

Describe: Students have access to computers, and interested students could enroll in online (through Project Change) or in-person college courses. Scheduling at COYC is flexible enough to allow them to participate, and the hope is that this will be offered in the near future.

Special Education/IEP Programs:

How many youth in the facility have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)? All students at Canyon Oaks School have an IEP.

Do credentialed special education teachers participate in lesson planning and curriculum development? Yes No



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How many credentialed special education teachers are at the facility full-time? The RSP teacher is credentialed in Special Education and co-teaches daily from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Are regular IEP meetings held? Yes No

Describe: The youth will have had an IEP meeting prior to/coincident with placement at COYC. The education plan is created in anticipation of the student's arrival at COYC unless the student is an emergency placement or if there is a delay in receiving school records. Transcripts are typically received in advance. The next IEP meeting would be held at the triennial with retesting as needed, and the final IEP meeting is held as part of the youth's transition back to their home school or next school. The county also follows-up with all IEP students 1-year post graduation if they graduated from a SMCOE school. Therapeutic staff (and probation staff if the student is also under the supervision of a probation officer) are part of the IEP meetings. Student records are accessed via the SEIS system.

Are parents notified of these meetings? Yes No

Describe: The appropriate holder of the student's educational rights attends. Parents are notified if they have these rights.

Are parents permitted to attend these meetings? Yes No

Describe: Yes, if they have educational rights.

Describe the most common obstacle to IEP compliance: IEP compliance is not an issue because IEP meetings occur as part of the placement process. IEPs are typically up-to-date and documentation is prompt.

Signature of Commissioner(s) preparing this report:

Karin Huber-Levy

Date: October 8, 2025



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Attachment 1: School Supplement

How many minutes of instruction per week do students receive? Instructional minutes are per Educational Code (240 minutes per day). Actual minutes vary by student based on their attendance. The school schedule provides ½-hour for P.E., 1-hour for Science/Math, 1-hour for English, and 40 minutes for Social Science daily. Therapeutic time is also a for-credit “class” that results in Life Skills elective units. Teacher Seago and Principal Siyam look for opportunities to provide additional credits to students for elective courses where appropriate. For instance, participating in Equine Therapy weekly may accrue enough hours to accord PE credits, and Art Therapy hours may accrue Art credits.

Do students attend school within three (3) days of placement? Does the school create a preliminary education plan for each new student before the student attends school or once the student has started? Yes, the students attend within 3 three days if the student is emotionally ready to do so. Although sometimes there is a delay in receiving IEP information, students have an educational plan upon arrival.

Are there difficulties obtaining transcripts from the student’s prior school? Are these typically received before or after the student has started attending school?

The education plan is created in anticipation of the student’s arrival unless the student is an emergency placement or if there is a delay in receiving school records. Transcripts are typically received in advance.

How are limited English-speaking students identified and served? How are these services provided once the student has been identified as non-English proficient?

There are no non-English-speaking youth at the school because a youth must speak English to benefit from the therapeutic services. At times, there are limited English speakers, and the teacher provides individualized instruction employing universal design for learning methodology (UDL).

Is credit recovery offered? Please describe. Yes, credit recovery is offered via the computer application Edgenuity, but is mostly accomplished through individually created paper packets. Students work on credit recovery at a dedicated time each day, after the academic day ends, and a credit recovery teacher works with students every Friday morning (Courtney Parreira). Currently, due to staff vacancies at Hillcrest School, Ms. Parreira is teaching at Hillcrest School. The current cohort at Canyon Oaks school is not concerned with credit recovery at this time, and Ms. Parreira will return to this role in the future. The teacher is also responsible for working with students on credit recovery and supervising student progress, and would provide feedback to the credit recovery teacher to allow her to adapt credit recovery work for each student based on their progress.

Is homework assigned? When and where do students do homework?

Canyon Oaks School does not assign homework. The after-school program is therapeutically demanding and the school does not add schoolwork to the students’ schedules. In addition, there is no formal testing



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per se, but rather normative assessment: the teacher assesses students' abilities through observing their performance and activity in progressing through materials.

How is transition back to a student's home district handled?

The goal at Canyon Oaks School is for students to transition back to their home school to graduate. Because all students have IEPs, Canyon Oaks School initiates an IEP planning meeting with the receiving school before a student returns. The teacher manages this process with the receiving school.

Student Interviews

As none of the 5 students currently in residence and attending school were at COYC as a result of placement by the SMC Superior Court, these students are not considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Justice Commission and were not available for us to interview.



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FACILITY NAME: San Mateo County Jail - Maguire Correctional Facility
FACILITY CAPACITY: 688

FACILITY ADDRESS: 300 Bradford Street Redwood City, CA 94063
FACILITY PHONE NUMBER: (650) 363-4000: ext. 6070
INSPECTION CONTACT: Sargent Christofer Serrano

INSPECTION DATE: October 23, 2025
PREVIOUS INSPECTION: N/A

COMMISSION INSPECTORS: Johanna Rasmussen, Commissioner
JUVENILE PRESIDING JUDGE: The Honorable Susan I. Etezadi

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Commission wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to Sergeant Cristofer Serrano, Captain William Fogarty, and Captain Frank Dal Porto for their time, assistance, and transparency throughout the inspection process. Their cooperation and professionalism were reflected in every aspect of the inspection, and we are grateful for their partnership.

This inspection took place during a period of significant organizational transition, as Sheriff Corpus had been removed from office just nine days earlier. Despite this challenging period for the Sheriff's Department, they remained responsive and cooperative, which allowed the Commission to carry out its oversight responsibilities with accuracy and confidence.



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BACKGROUND

With the passage of Senate Bill 823, California began the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), ending the state’s youth prison system and shifting responsibility for the supervision and rehabilitation of youth with the highest needs to California’s 58 counties. Counties were required to develop local Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) to provide custody and individualized rehabilitative services for youth previously eligible for DJJ commitment. New DJJ commitments ended on July 1, 2021, and the state officially closed all DJJ facilities on June 30, 2023.

Under SB 823, counties may serve SYTF youth until their 25th birthday, providing individualized treatment, rehabilitative programming, education, mental health care, and reentry services tailored to each young person’s needs. In 2021, San Mateo County established the Success and Opportunities Aspiring Readiness for Reentry (SOARR) Secure Track program within Hillcrest Juvenile Hall to serve youth committed to the SYTF. San Mateo County received its first SYTF commitment in 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2024 to 2025 inspection represents the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice Commission’s first formal assessment of the Maguire Correctional Facility as a placement site for youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility program. This assessment was initiated following an unprecedented event in November 2024 when an SYTF youth, who remained under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, was transferred from Hillcrest Juvenile Hall to the adult county jail. The youth’s legal status did not change, yet the conditions and services available in the adult jail do not satisfy the statutory requirements of the SYTF model.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 875 requires that SYTF youth receive individualized rehabilitative services, including post secondary and career education, mental health and substance abuse treatment, life skills instruction, family reunification services, and comprehensive reentry services. The inspection found that court orders services were not provided. The youth’s post secondary education, which had been progressing prior to transfer, ceased entirely once they were placed in the jail. No Individual Rehabilitation Plan meetings occurred, and there was no evidence that this youth received **ANY** individualized or developmentally appropriate programming.



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Incident reports documented a marked escalation in the youth's behavioral issues, rule violations, and criminal thinking patterns as their confinement in the adult jail continued. The combination of absent SYTF level rehabilitative services and adult correctional practices appears to be reinforcing antisocial behavior rather than reducing it.

Placement in the adult county jail further undermines the Youth Bill of Rights, codified in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 224.71 through 224.77. These statutes guarantee developmentally appropriate conditions of confinement and establish protections that cannot be reliably met in a facility that is designed for adults.

Based on document review, facility assessment, and a forty five minute individual interview with the youth, the Commission finds that the adult jail environment is fundamentally incompatible with the legal and rehabilitative requirements of the SYTF. The youth's placement in this setting has interrupted core SYTF services, exposed the youth to prohibited punitive practices, and coincided with a documented rise in criminogenic behavior. The Commission outlines recommendations below to correct these conditions, restore compliance with statutory obligations, and promote both youth wellbeing and long term community safety upon release.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Discontinue the Use of Prohibited Sanctions for SYTF Youth in a County Jail Setting

The Sheriff's Office immediately discontinued the use of solitary confinement, extended 23 hour lockdowns, and communication based sanctions for SYTF youth.

Evaluate the Youth for Placement in a Least Restrictive Program

The youth be evaluated for transfer to a court approved least restrictive program. Continued placement in a county jail setting is harmful to the youth and inconsistent with the legislative and rehabilitative intent of the SYTF model.



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RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

Individual Treatment Plan (IRP) Compliance

The Probation Department, in partnership with the Sheriff's Department, takes immediate corrective steps to implement all court ordered IRP treatment, programming, and services in the county jail setting. IRP's typically include: access to post secondary and career technical education, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, mentors and credible messengers, life skills, family reunification and parenting classes, case management transition and transition services and comprehensive reentry supports. This inspection cycle identified a lack of programming for the youth, contrary to the rehabilitative expectations established under SB 823 and WIC 875. This lapse has interrupted the youth's rehabilitative and treatment path. Reestablishing all services required by the IRP is essential to promoting stability and enhancing long-term public safety.

Resume Quarterly IRP Meetings

The Probation Department take immediate action to resume the youth's quarterly IRP meetings with their multidisciplinary team, including arranging Zoom meetings when in person access is limited, and coordinating with the Sheriff's Department to ensure the youth receives all court ordered treatment and rehabilitative services. The Commission recommends that the Probation Department promptly restore quarterly IRP meetings with the youth's multidisciplinary team to ensure delivery of all court ordered treatment and rehabilitative services consistent with the requirements of the Individual Rehabilitation Plan.

Post Secondary Education

The Commission recommends that the Probation Department work with the Sheriff's Department and the youth's college to immediately restore access to post secondary education and ensure the youth is able to continue their coursework without further interruption.

Address the Increase in Criminality Associated with Housing SYTF Youth in an Adult Jail

The Probation and the Sheriff's Office jointly examine the significant increase in incidents and criminality the longer the youth remains in the adult jail setting. This environment is not designed for youth and appears to be reinforcing criminality, which creates long term risks to both youth well being and public safety.



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RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

Ensure SYTF Youth Have Access to Visiting

The Probation Department work with the Sheriff's Department to ensure SYTF youth are provided meaningful and consistent opportunities to visit with their children, family members, and natural support persons while housed at the county jail. These connections are essential to the youth's stability, emotional well being, and long term success.

Remove Fees for Tablets and Telephone Calls for SYTF Youth Housed in County Jail

The Commission recommends that all fees associated with tablet use and telephone calls be removed for SYTF youth housed in either county jail facility. SYTF youth are legally entitled to access communication without financial barriers in order to maintain regular contact with family, children, and natural support persons.

Ensure Regular Probation Check Ins for SYTF Youth in County Jail

The Probation Department establishes and documents regular in-person check-ins with all SYTF youth housed in county jail settings. Ongoing monitoring is necessary to ensure safety, treatment progression, and compliance with all SYTF requirements.

Transfer Notification Procedures

The Probation Department establish a clear communication process and procedures outlining families and natural supports know who to contact following a youth's transfer to the county jail

Update Website to Provide County Jail Contact Information

The Commission recommends that the Probation Department update the Institutions Division website to include current county jail contact information to ensure parents, family members, and natural support persons can promptly reach the facility following an SYTF youth's transfer.

**THE COMMISSION REQUESTS THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT PROVIDE A WRITTEN
RESPONSE ADDRESSING EACH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS
INSPECTION REPORT WITHIN 45 DAYS OF OFFICIAL RECEIPT OF REPORT**



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PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
			X	In 2024, San Mateo County впервые detained an SYTF youth, who remained under juvenile court jurisdiction, in the adult county jail facility.

DOCUMENT REVIEW				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Board of State and Community Corrections Facility Inspection Reports	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jill Farris, Field Representative, BSCC Facilities Standards and Operations Division Biennial Inspection dates: September 11-13, 2023 Targeted Inspection date November 6, 2024
San Mateo County Environmental Health Services Report	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection Date: September 18, 2024 Report Number: 00358376 Notes: report stated “There were no significant health code violations observed.”
San Mateo County Corrections Procedures Manual	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last updated on January 1, 2023 A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.
San Mateo County Corrections Policy Manual	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last updated on July 9, 2024 A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.
San Mateo County Jail Training Manual	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last updated in 2023 A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.



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Orientation Handbook	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The handbook applies to all incarcerated individuals at this facility.																		
Incident Reports	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There were a total of 11 incident reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 resulted in sanctions • 5 were informational 																		
Incident Report: Sanctions	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth received the following punitive sanctions during this inspection period. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">Sanction</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Number</th> <th style="width: 40%;">SYTF Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Solitary Confinement</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10 days</td> <td>Not allowed in SYTF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lockdown: Confined to cell 23 hour per day</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5 days¹</td> <td>Not allowed in SYTF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss of telephone calls</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 days</td> <td>Not allowed in SYTF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss of tablet use</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7 days</td> <td>Impacts: Communication Visiting & Mail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss of commissary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14 days</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sanction	Number	SYTF Notes	Solitary Confinement	10 days	Not allowed in SYTF	Lockdown: Confined to cell 23 hour per day	5 days ¹	Not allowed in SYTF	Loss of telephone calls	3 days	Not allowed in SYTF	Loss of tablet use	7 days	Impacts: Communication Visiting & Mail	Loss of commissary	14 days	N/A
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DOCUMENT REVIEW CONTINUED												
Youth Grievances	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There were no grievances filed by youth during this inspection period. We did receive documentation for one grievance dated after the inspection period closed, and it will be noted in a future report.								
Orientation Handbook	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The handbook applies to all incarcerated individuals at this facility.								
Medical, Dental, Mental Health Request Forms	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reported dated January 2024, which covered January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023. A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.								
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The most current report available was submitted on April 11, 2023 for 2022. The PREA Resource Center indicates there is an audit currently in progress.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REDWOOD CITY, CA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maguire Correctional Facility</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p> <hr/> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">ONSITE START DATE</td> <td style="width: 50%;">ONSITE END DATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 17, 2025</td> <td>Nov 21, 2025</td> </tr> </table> <hr/> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">AUDIT TYPE</td> <td style="width: 50%;">STATUS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facility</td> <td>In Progress</td> </tr> </table> <p>AUDITOR Eric Woodford</p>	ONSITE START DATE	ONSITE END DATE	Nov 17, 2025	Nov 21, 2025	AUDIT TYPE	STATUS	Facility	In Progress
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Sheriff Department Website	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Probation Department Website: Juvenile Institutions Services	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no information available to parents, family, and natural supports indicating who to call or contact should a youth be transferred to the county jail
Workplace Violence Prevention Plan Per <u>SB 553</u> – Effective July 1, 2024	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Employers in California must establish, implement, and maintain a "Workplace Violence Prevention Plan" that includes: prohibiting employee retaliation, accepting and responding to reports of workplace violence, and emergency response. The County’s Workplace Violence Prevention Plan is in place.
Comments	<p>The youth received several sanctions that are not permissible for any young person committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility in California. These included ten days of solitary confinement and five days of 23 hour lockdown, both of which are prohibited in SYTF settings because isolation cannot be used as punishment. The youth also lost telephone and tablet access, which directly restricted communication with family and natural support persons and violated SYTF standards and the Youth Bill of Rights.</p> <p>These restrictions undermine stability and the youth’s ability to maintain essential supportive relationships, and incident data shows a noticeable increase in behavioral issues the longer the youth remains in this adult jail environment.</p>			
Recommendations	The youth should be evaluated for placement in a least restrictive program, as the current jail environment is actively reinforcing criminality and increasing risks to both the youth and public safety.			



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REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IRP Quarterly MDT Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Post Secondary Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vocational Programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Life Skills Including Financial literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consist of intermittent 5-10 minute check in at the youth's cell door.
Substance Abuse Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family Reunification Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING CONTINUED

Mentorship	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Case Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transition Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reentry Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Records were provided indicating the youth had attended a one hour class facilitated by FLY, on September 19, 2025. As this date falls outside this inspection period it will be noted in the next inspection cycle
Religious Services	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recommendations	<p>The Probation Department, in partnership with the Sheriff’s Department, takes immediate corrective steps to implement all court ordered IRP treatment, programming, and services in the county jail setting. IRP’s typically include: access to post secondary and career technical education, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, mentors and credible messengers, life skills, family reunification and parenting classes, case management transition and transition services and comprehensive reentry supports.</p> <p>This inspection cycle identified a lack of programming for the youth, contrary to the rehabilitative expectations established under SB 823 and WIC 875. This lapse has interrupted the youth’s rehabilitative and treatment path. Reestablishing all services required by the IRP is essential to promoting stability and enhancing long-term public safety.</p>			



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YOUTH INTERVIEW				
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Do you have any immediate needs, questions, or concerns?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth was concerned that they had not been in contact with their child since being transferred to the this facility.
Are your medical, dental, and mental health care needs being met?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you receiving the court ordered programs and services listed in your IRP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you meeting regularly with your IRP Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the treatments, programs, and services effective in helping you address your needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you receiving the education and training that will help you be self-sufficient upon your release?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the rights guaranteed to you under the Youth Bill of Rights being honored?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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How many hours do you spend locked inside of your cell on an average day?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	“Sometimes up to 23 hours a day. We are on lockdown a lot”
Can you explain the types of punishment you have received since you arrived?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	“I have been to the hole several times since I came here”
Have you filed a grievance during this inspection period?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you able to receive in-person visits from your parents, child(ren) & siblings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	In person visits were not conducted during this inspection period. The youth also had no contact with their child.
Do you have access to a telephone to make calls?	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are fees attached to telephone calls. The youth must call “collect” placing the charges on the family or natural support system. Privileges can be revoked as punishment.
Are you sending and receiving mail at this facility?	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical mail is not permitted inside the facility. All incoming correspondence is sent to an out-of-state vendor, where it is scanned and uploaded into a digital system. Incarcerated individuals can then access their scanned mail using the electronic tablets provided within the facility.
Do you have access to a tablet to send and receive electronic mail and communications?	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Credits must be purchased to send electronic communications. Youth have no ability to earn money while incarcerated at the facility. Privileges can be revoked as punishment.



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YOUTH INTERVIEW CONTINUED				
Describe the meals and snacks at this facility	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	“The meals are horrible”, “they are even worse than the juvenile hall.” “I’m always hungry, " The youth mentioned that purchasing food through the commissary system helps keep hunger at bay, however, the youth has no way to earn funds and must rely on others to provide the necessary funding.
Does your probation Officer check in regularly to assess your needs here?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there anything else you would like me to know?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove Fees for Tablets and Telephone Calls for SYTF Youth Housed in County Jail: The Commission recommends that all fees associated with tablet use and telephone calls be removed for SYTF youth housed in either county jail facility. SYTF youth are legally entitled to access communication without financial barriers in order to maintain regular contact with family, children, and natural support. 2. Ensure SYTF Youth Have Access to Visits: The Commission urges the Probation Department to work with the Sheriff’s Department to ensure SYTF youth have consistent and meaningful opportunities to visit with their children, families, and natural support persons.. 3. Ensure Probation Officers Regularly Check In with SYTF Youth The Commission recommends that Probation establish and document regular in person check ins with all SYTF youth housed in county jail settings. Ongoing monitoring is necessary to ensure safety, treatment progression, and compliance with all SYTF requirements 			



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APPEARANCE OF YOUTH				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
General Appearance and Demenour	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth was very respectful, calm, and engaging throughout the 45 minute interview. They did however, express concern over the lack of programming and conditions at the jail. They were very concerned that they would not have the education, skills, and resources needed to be successful upon release.
Clothing and Shoes	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Personal Hygiene	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth was clean and well groomed.
Skin	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No visible injuries, conditions, or bruising was noted.
Hair	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nails	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FACILITY INSPECTION				
HOUSING UNIT - 5 WEST				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
General Description	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The housing unit reflects the same prison model design used in the juvenile hall. Cells are arranged in two tiers along the perimeter, with a large open common area at the center. There is a large staff desk located near the entrance to the unit, in front of the meeting room.



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HOUSING UNIT - 5 WEST CONTINUED

Capacity	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The 5 West housing unit can hold up to 96 individuals.
Cleanliness	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Temperature	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No issues noted
Air Quality	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No issues noted
Fixtures	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Windows and Doors	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows need cleaning
Flooring	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Notices and Signage	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notices are posted on the outside of the staff desk
Individual Cells	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Showers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Muti-Purpose Meeting Room	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The rooms serves as a quiet space to do legal research, hold meetings, or other approved activities.
Common Areas	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The common area in the housing unit appeared to be very clean and well organized. There were no odors noted.
Furniture	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Visiting Area	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Confidential Visiting Areas	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephones	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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HOUSING UNIT - 5 WEST CONTINUED

Indoor Recreation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outdoor Recreation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The housing unit has an attached outdoor recreation area.
First Aid Emergency and Evacuation Supplies	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Security Cameras & Communications Equipment	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire and Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Detectors, and Fire Extinguishers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Food Storage: Refrigeration & Ovens				
Comments	The housing unit was observed to be clean, orderly, and well maintained. All fixtures and equipment appeared to be in proper working condition, and no areas of concern were noted.			



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CORRECTIONAL HEALTH				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Medical Services	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The facility is staffed to provide onsite medical services twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Medical care includes routine health screening, treatment, health education, and continuous emergency response. Clinic appointments are available both by referral and upon request. Services include chronic care for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and HIV as well as orthopedic care and urgent medical treatment.
Dental Offices	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a dental office in the medical wing of the jail.
Mental Health	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health services for the youth are extremely limited. The youth stated that therapeutic contact consists of brief five to ten minute check ins that occur infrequently at their cell door. The facility maintains a separate Behavioral Health Unit that houses individuals with acute mental health needs.
Medical Observation Unit	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Observes and treats individuals detoxing from drugs and alcohol.
Emergency Care	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patients are triaged and treated on site or transported to San Mateo County Medical Center as needed.
Speciality Care	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provided through the San Mateo County Medical Center



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COURT HOLDING AREAS

REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Upper: Arraignments	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2A Court Holding	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

MAIN LOBBY

REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Windows and Doors	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Front Desk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Meals are consumed on the housing unit.
Security	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are refrigeration units located on the housing unit.
Furniture	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are portable ovens located on the housing units.
Service Legue Office	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inmate Deposit Kiosk	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a kiosk in the lobby that allows individuals to deposit funds to inmate accounts.
Other: Narcan Vending Machine	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The vending type machine provides emergency doses of Narcan, an opioid overdose reversal medication for free.
Signs and Notices	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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MAPLE STREET CORRECTION FACILITY 1300 MAPLE STREET REDWOOD CITY, CA. 94063				
KITCHEN				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Kitchen	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Incarcerated individuals and dietary staff prepare all meals at the Maple Street Correctional Facility in Redwood City. Meals are prepared twenty four hours in advance, packaged, refrigerated, and transported to the Maguire Correctional Facility. Once received, meals are delivered to the housing units for storage until mealtimes, when they are reheated and served to the incarcerated population the following day. The SYTF facility also receives its meals from the county jail. However, incarcerated individuals are prohibited from preparing meals for SYTF youth.
Dining Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Meals are consumed on the housing unit.
Food: Heating, Refrigeration and Storage	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are refrigeration units and ovens are located on the housing unit.
Recommendations	Preparing and serving meals on the same day would substantially improve the quality, taste, and texture of the food served at the county jails and juvenile secure detention facilities supplied by the Maple Street Correctional Facility.			



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Signature of Juvenile Justice Commissioners preparing this inspection report:

Johanna Rasmussen, Commissioner

Date: November 10, 2025

REPORT ATTACHMENTS

All referenced attachments are available through the link below.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16glwW_EWKIlvCH4oOV3gfWzPwsaX11P?usp=sharing

- BSCC Biennial Inspection Report: September 11-13, 2023
- BSCC Targeted Inspection Report: November 6, 2024
- PREA Annual Report: 2022
- PREA Audit Report: 2023
- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Corrections Procedures Manual: January 1, 2023
- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Corrections Policy Manual: January 1, 2023
- San Mateo County Jail Training Manual: 2023
- In re H.T., Court of Appeal of California, Third Appellate District, Case No. C102265. Certified for publication October 28, 2025, Sacramento County.



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October 6, 2025

RE: Consent Agenda Item Number 22

The County's Response to the 2024–25 Civil Grand Jury Report
“Vacant, Valuable, and Vulnerable: Reimagining San Mateo County's Youth Services Facilities”

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) respectfully submits this letter to express concern regarding several statements contained in the County's draft response to the 2024–25 Civil Grand Jury Report cited above.

Finding One: Underutilization of Youth Facilities

Camp Kemp: Since the closure of Camp Kemp in October 2023, the Commission has made multiple formal recommendations regarding its potential use in our state-mandated annual inspection reports. Despite our ongoing efforts and repeated recommendations, the Commission was not included in any discussions concerning the proposed Youth Crisis Healing Campus at Camp Kemp.

Through our direct work with justice-involved youth and their families, we have developed a comprehensive understanding of the unmet needs and critical gaps in developmentally appropriate services. We remain deeply concerned that, more than two years after its closure, Camp Kemp continues to sit vacant while youth in crisis lack adequate housing, treatment, and transition options.

When formulating our recommendations, the Commission considered three primary factors:

- The unmet needs of system-impacted and vulnerable youth in San Mateo County
- The location, layout, and existing amenities available at Camp Kemp
- Opportunities for repurposing the site quickly and cost-effectively to maximize public benefit



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Based on these criteria, the Commission has recommended the following potential uses for Camp Kemp:

- **Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program for Youth:** San Mateo County does not currently have a single substance abuse treatment bed for youth, a critical gap that has persisted despite the ongoing opioid epidemic. The need for youth-specific treatment is urgent and profound.
- **Transitional Housing Program for Unhoused Youth:** With the closure of StarVista’s Daybreak program earlier this year, the County lost its only emergency housing option that was exclusively for youth. The number of unhoused young people continues to grow, with many sleeping in cars, on couches, or in the streets. A transitional housing program at Camp Kemp would provide immediate, safe, and stable housing for these youth.
- **Least Restrictive Program for Youth Committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF):** San Mateo County currently lacks a designated SYTF Least Restrictive Program, even as the SYTF population has grown at a higher rate than originally anticipated. Public safety demands a proactive, comprehensive approach that provides step-down and reentry opportunities for these youth to transition successfully back into the community.

Camp Glenwood: While we recognize the vital role Cal Fire plays across the region and the state, the County’s response overlooks the fact that Camp Glenwood remains a youth facility that is no longer being used for its intended purpose. Camp Glenwood once provided structured, rehabilitative programming that transformed lives and reduced recidivism. Since its conversion, not a single justice-involved youth has received services there. Given the growing number of system-impacted and vulnerable transitional-age youth sleeping in cars, on the streets, and resorting to “survival stealing,” it is difficult for us to concur that the current lease with Cal Fire represents the best use of this publicly funded youth facility.

Finding Two: Disparities in Services for 18–25-Year-Olds Incarcerated in the Adult Jail

The County’s assertion that rehabilitative services for 18–25-year-olds in the adult jail are “comparable” to those offered at the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) is factually inaccurate and fundamentally misleading.



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- By law, the juvenile court must approve an Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) for each youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) within 30 days of commitment, pursuant to **California Welfare and Institutions Code § 875.5**. Each IRP includes components such as postsecondary and vocational education, mental health treatment, family therapy, and victim impact and awareness programming. Youth also have access to mentors and credible messengers, as well as additional developmentally and therapeutically appropriate interventions as needed.
- Youth at the SYTF are further entitled to robust reentry supports designed to ensure a successful transition back into the community. These services include housing, transportation, continued educational and vocational programming, substance abuse treatment, and any other resources the court deems necessary to promote long-term stability and success.
- Youth housed at the county jail can sometimes spend up to 23 hours a day in their cells. Educational opportunities are nonexistent, What limited programming is available is sporadic, inconsistent, and wholly inadequate to meet the developmental or therapeutic needs of our youth. They do not have adequate access to mental health services or family therapy and many routinely go months without seeing their loved ones when the elevators break and visiting is cancelled. Physical mail is prohibited, and youth must pay to communicate with their families through tablets, which not all families can afford. There are no Multi-Disciplinary Teams, no Individualized Rehabilitation Plans to ensure that therapeutic or educational goals are being met, and no judicial oversight to hold the system accountable. These youth are left alone to navigate incarceration in near invisibility, without mentors, without advocates, and when their sentences end, they are released without coordinated reentry planning, no continued treatment, and no supports to help them reintegrate into their communities and many of them become homeless.

Clearly, the rehabilitation services available to youth at the SYTF and county jails are **not** comparable in anyway. The stark differences are not only negatively affecting outcomes for our youth, they are undermining public safety throughout our county.



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Request for Board Action

Given these inaccuracies and omissions in the purposed response, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission respectfully asks that this item be pulled from the consent agenda to allow the necessary corrections to be made and to provide both the Civil Grand Jury and the public the opportunity to review accurate information and respond appropriately.

Grounded in our mission and aligned with San Mateo County's Shared Vision 2025, we remain committed to working alongside our County partners to ensure that our youth facilities, programs, services, and policies reflect the County's core values, advance equity, and improve public safety.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Rasmussen
Chair, Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commissions
San Mateo County

Filed 10/2/25; Certified for Publication 10/28/25 (order attached)

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
THIRD APPELLATE DISTRICT
(Sacramento)

In re H.T., a Person Coming Under the Juvenile Court
Law.

C102265

THE PEOPLE,

(Super. Ct. No. JV140490)

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

H.T.,

Defendant and Appellant.

The juvenile court ordered H.T. discharged from a secure youth treatment facility to a period of probation supervision in the community,

pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 875.¹ After the probation department struggled to find housing for H.T. that would comply with the terms of his probation, H.T. asked the court to order the County of Sacramento to pay for his housing at a transitional housing facility. The court initially granted this request, but then refused to order further payments because it believed it lacked the statutory authority to do so.

On appeal, H.T. contends the juvenile court misunderstood the scope of its discretion. We agree that the court had discretion to grant H.T.'s request under section 900, subdivision (b). Accordingly, we will vacate the court's order and remand the matter for the court to exercise that discretion.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

H.T. admitted committing a crime, and the juvenile court adjudged him a ward of the court pursuant to section 725, subdivision (b). The court committed H.T. to a secure youth treatment facility pursuant to section 875.

When H.T.'s baseline term of confinement ended, he was 21 years old. The juvenile court held a series of probation discharge hearings pursuant to section 875, subdivision (e)(3) to discuss a reentry plan prior to discharging him to a period of probation supervision in the community. The parties struggled to find housing for H.T. because of the confluence of three unusual constraints. First, the proposed terms of his probation prevented him from living at home with his mother. Second, H.T. could

¹ Undesignated statutory references are to the Welfare & Institutions Code.

not live at a community organization housing facility because it did not accept people required to register under Penal Code section 290. Third, the probation department could not place H.T. at its normal housing facility because it was too close to a high school, which would violate the proposed terms of his probation.

Given these constraints, H.T. requested the juvenile court order the County of Sacramento to pay for him to live at a transitional housing facility, at a cost of \$500 for the security deposit and \$850 for monthly rent. The probation department objected, arguing that it could not pay for transitional housing without a contract and that the property did not have sufficient insurance to meet the contracting requirements. While “exploring additional options” and “funding streams,” the probation department suggested providing three days of hotel vouchers and then helping H.T. get on a waiting list for a spot at an emergency shelter. Counsel for the County of Sacramento objected that the juvenile court was not authorized to make an order requiring the County to pay to house H.T. Over these objections, the court ordered H.T. placed at the transitional housing facility for 30 days and ordered the probation department to ensure the security deposit and monthly rent were paid.

At the next hearing 30 days later, the probation department proposed providing two weeks’ worth of hotel vouchers to H.T. plus gift cards for food purchases and paying for a ride share service for transportation instead of continuing to pay H.T.’s rent at the transitional housing facility. The probation department also asserted that H.T. did not need housing because

the emergency shelter program “is the County’s plan for dealing with homelessness.” The counsel for the County of Sacramento reiterated and expanded upon its prior objection that no statute explicitly authorized the juvenile court to require the County to pay for H.T.’s housing. County counsel also objected that the court could not order the County to pay for something that violated its contracting regulations. H.T. continued to request that the court order the County to pay his rent at the transitional housing facility.

The juvenile court explained that it did not feel that it had “a clear basis to grant the request.” Accordingly, the court ordered the probation department to provide two weeks of hotel vouchers to H.T. plus transportation and food support; the court scheduled another hearing in two weeks.

At the next hearing, the parties agreed to continue the hearing for a week with the probation department providing additional hotel vouchers for the interim. At the continued hearing, held on September 11, 2024, H.T.’s counsel informed the court that H.T. had secured employment and would receive his first paycheck in approximately 24 days. H.T. again asked the court to order the County to pay for his housing in the transitional housing facility for that time period, at which point he would be able to pay for his own housing. County counsel again objected and asserted that the court lacked authority to make such an order. The court agreed and denied H.T.’s request, explaining: “[T]he Court finds it doesn’t have any further

authority to direct the county or the probation department to use -- to direct them to use resources to address the housing needs of [H.T.]”

After the juvenile court denied H.T.’s request, the owner of the transitional housing facility informed the court that H.T. was planning to move back to her facility in seven days in order to avoid the unsafe conditions around the hotel where he had been living and that they had a “financial arrangement.” The court noted that H.T.’s mother had offered to cover six days in a hotel for him and that the probation department had offered to provide vouchers to cover a small number of additional days if necessary. The owner of the transitional housing facility also offered to provide an extra night or two for free if necessary.

H.T. filed a timely notice of appeal from the court’s two orders denying his requests to have the County pay for his housing at the transitional housing facility.

DISCUSSION

H.T. contends the juvenile court abused its discretion when it incorrectly determined that it lacked discretion to order the County to pay for his rent at the transitional housing facility for the period of approximately 24 days between the final hearing and his receipt of his first paycheck. The People respond that the issue is moot and, in any event, the court correctly determined that it lacked discretion to issue such an order. We agree with H.T.

I

Mootness

As an initial matter, the People contend H.T.’s claim is moot because he “secured housing at [the transitional housing facility] without additional assistance from [the] probation [department],” which means “any ruling from this [c]ourt would have no practical effect on [H.T.]’s claim.” The People miss the point, which centers on payment as opposed to merely housing.

“ ‘A case becomes moot when a court ruling can have no practical impact or cannot provide the parties with effective relief.’ ” (*In re Stephon L.* (2010) 181 Cal.App.4th 1227, 1231.) In this case, our review can have a practical impact if we decide in H.T.’s favor and the juvenile court exercises its discretion to require the County to pay for H.T.’s housing as he requested. Because H.T. made a “financial arrangement” to pay for at least some portion of his housing himself, a ruling in his favor on this appeal can provide him with effective relief. (Cf. *In re M.W.* (2021) 67 Cal.App.5th 586, 590 [holding minor and his family not liable for costs of probation treatment program and ordering appropriate agency to reimburse them for amounts they had paid].) We therefore consider the merits of the appeal.

II

Discretion to Order a County to Pay for a Ward’s Housing

The parties disagree about the scope of the juvenile court’s discretion to order the County to pay for housing for a ward of the court who is being discharged to a period of probation supervision in the community, pursuant to section 875, subdivision (e)(3). H.T. contends that

section 900, subdivision (b) and section 727 authorize the court to order such payments, in accordance with the aims of juvenile court law, as outlined in section 202, subdivision (d). The People argue that these sections are not specific enough to authorize the court to order payments for housing and that section 900 does not apply to H.T. H.T. has the better argument.

Section 900, subdivision (b) provides: “If it is necessary that provision be made for the expense of support and maintenance of a ward of the juvenile court or of a minor person concerning whom a petition has been filed to declare the person a ward of the juvenile court in accordance with this chapter, the order providing for the care and custody of the ward or other minor person shall direct that the whole expense of support and maintenance of the ward or other minor person be paid from the county treasury. All orders made pursuant to this subdivision shall state the amounts to be paid from the county treasury, and those amounts shall constitute legal charges against the county.”

We review a juvenile court’s interpretation of a statute de novo. (*In re D.H.* (2020) 58 Cal.App.5th 44, 51; accord *Haraguchi v. Superior Court* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 706, 711-712 [trial court’s conclusions of law in exercising its discretion are reviewed de novo].) “We start with the statute’s words, which are the most reliable indicator of legislative intent.” (*In re R.T.* (2017) 3 Cal.5th 622, 627.) “ ‘We interpret relevant terms in light of their ordinary meaning, while also taking account of any related provisions and the overall structure of the statutory scheme to determine

what interpretation best advances the Legislature’s underlying purpose.’ ” (*Ibid.*) “When, however, a term has developed a particular meaning in the law, we generally presume the legislative body used the term in that sense rather than relying on ordinary usage.” (*In re Friend* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 720, 730.) “[C]ourts do not construe statutory provisions ‘so as to render them superfluous.’ ” (*In re J. W.* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 200, 210.) Rather, we give statutes “ ‘a reasonable and common sense construction which will render them valid and operative rather than defeat them’ ” (*ibid.*), and “harmonize statutory provisions to avoid absurd results” (*John v. Superior Court* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 91, 96).

The plain language of section 900, subdivision (b) authorizes the juvenile court to order a county to pay “for the expense of support and maintenance of a ward of the juvenile court” when “necessary.” The People’s objections fail to create any ambiguity.

First, the objection that the statute is not specific enough to authorize expenditures for housing ignores the meaning of the term “maintenance” in this context, which has always included the cost of lodging, among other necessities. (Black’s Law Dict. (12th ed. 2024) p. 1139, col. 2 [defining “child maintenance” as “furnishing of necessities . . . including food, clothes, lodging, and school supplies” or as a “regular monetary contribution sufficient to furnish such necessities, esp. when made in accordance with a court order”]; accord Black’s Law Dict. (4th ed. 1957) p. 1106, col. 1 [defining “maintenance” as “[t]he furnishing by one person to another, for his support, of the means of living, or food, clothing, shelter,

etc., particularly where the legal relation of the parties is such that one is bound to support the other, as between father and child”]; *County of San Mateo v. Dell J.* (1988) 46 Cal.3d 1236, 1249 [discussing “ ‘costs incurred in supporting and maintaining the juvenile’ ” as including “ ‘the necessities of life—food, clothing, shelter’ ”].) In other words, section 900 does specifically authorize the court to order the County to pay for a ward’s housing.²

Second, section 900 has long been considered legislative authorization for courts to mandate payments from public funds. (*In re Roger S.* (1977) 19 Cal.3d 921, 935 [citing § 900, among other authorities, for the proposition that juvenile courts may order wards placed in private or public facilities and given psychiatric treatment at public expense]; 64 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 567 (1981) [determining that “[§] 900 gives the juvenile court the authority to order the county in which a juvenile proceeding takes place [(as opposed to the county where the juvenile resides)] to pay for the support and maintenance of a minor in a court-ordered placement”].) This means such an order does not violate the separation of powers doctrine or make an improper gift of public funds. (See *Payne v. Superior*

² Because section 900 authorizes such payments, we decline to reach H.T.’s contention that section 727 also authorizes the juvenile court to order the County to pay his rent at the transitional housing facility. Section 727 also authorizes orders for the maintenance and support of a ward of the court but is not as specific as section 900 regarding whom the court can order to make such payments.

Court (1976) 17 Cal.3d 908, 919-920, 924 & fn. 6 [Legislature must authorize expenditure of public funds before court can order such payments]; *In re William M.W.* (2019) 43 Cal.App.5th 573, 580, 592-595 [no separation of powers violation or improper gift of public funds when juvenile court ordered social services agency to expend funds to provide discovery free of charge].)

Finally, the People's apparent argument that subdivision (c) of section 900 makes subdivision (b) inapplicable to H.T. evidences a lack of understanding of the statutory scheme. Each subdivision of section 900 governs distinct categories under the juvenile law. Subdivision (a) governs payments for "support and maintenance of a dependent child of the juvenile court or of a minor person concerning whom a petition has been filed to declare the person a dependent child of the juvenile court." Subdivision (b) governs payments for "support and maintenance of a ward of the juvenile court or of a minor person concerning whom a petition has been filed to declare the person a ward of the juvenile court." And subdivision (c) of section 900 governs children who are placed under supervision pursuant to section 301 "in lieu of filing a petition or subsequent to dismissal of a petition already filed," as well as children who are under supervision under section 654, subdivision (a) "in lieu of filing a petition to declare a minor a ward of the court under Section 601 or requesting that a petition be filed by the prosecuting attorney to declare a minor a ward of the court under subdivision (e) of Section 601.3 or Section 602." Thus, as the juvenile court recognized when the People made this argument below, subdivision

(c) *expands* the application of section 900 to additional categories under the juvenile law rather than restricts its application. The People's position--that a ward must fit in one of the categories in subdivision (c) to be eligible for maintenance--would render subdivision (b) mere surplusage because the category is mutually exclusive with the categories covered by subdivision (c). Our construction harmonizes the subdivisions instead.

The amendment history of section 900 further corroborates the conjunctive purpose of subdivision (c). When the Legislature first moved provisions relating to expenditures by counties for the support of wards to section 900 in 1961, the section lacked subdivisions and governed only wards and dependents. (Stats. 1961, ch. 1616, § 2, p. 3499; cf. Stats. 1943, ch. 676, § 1, p. 2431.) In 1972, the Legislature added former subdivision (b), which expanded the section to cover minors under supervision pursuant to section 654. (Stats. 1972, ch. 924, § 1, p. 1651.) In 1976, the Legislature expanded former subdivision (b) to cover minors under supervision pursuant to former section 330. (Stats. 1976, ch. 1068, § 77, p. 4798.) Finally, in 2017, the Legislature split former subdivision (a) into subdivision (a), governing dependents, and subdivision (b), governing wards, moving former subdivision (b) to subdivision (c). (Stats. 2017, ch. 678, § 17.) This expanded the juvenile court's discretion to order payments for the support and maintenance of wards of the court because the Legislature did not include the statutory cap on the amount of monthly payments in subdivision (a) in the new subdivision (b). The amendment also removed the ability of the county boards of supervisors to control the

amount of the cap for wards, instead entrusting the determination of the amount necessary to the discretion of the juvenile court. This history demonstrates that the Legislature intended to expand, not limit, the juvenile court's power to order payments for the support and maintenance of wards when it added subdivision (b) to the statute.

As evidenced by both the plain language and the history of section 900, subdivision (b), the Legislature has authorized juvenile courts to order counties to pay for housing for wards of the court when necessary. Thus, the juvenile court erred when it concluded it had no "further authority to direct the county or the probation department to use . . . resources to address the housing needs of [H.T.]" A "court abuses its discretion when it misinterprets or misapplies the law." (*In re M.W.* (2018) 26 Cal.App.5th 921, 931.) "Alternatively stated, if a trial court's decision is influenced by an erroneous understanding of applicable law or reflects an unawareness of the full scope of its discretion, it cannot be said the court has properly exercised its discretion under the law." (*F.T. v. L.J.* (2011) 194 Cal.App.4th 1, 15.) In such a situation, "remand to the trial court is required to permit that court to exercise *informed* discretion with awareness of the full scope of its discretion and applicable law." (*Id.* at p. 16.)

Accordingly, we will vacate the juvenile court's order denying H.T.'s request to direct the County to pay for his rent at the transitional housing facility for the period of approximately 24 days between the final hearing and his receipt of his first paycheck. On remand, the juvenile court must consider, under section 900, whether it was "necessary that provision

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(Super. Ct. No. JV140490)

ORDER CERTIFYING
OPINION FOR
PUBLICATION

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Sacramento
County, Joginder S. Dhillon, Judge. Order vacated and remanded.

Courtney M. Selan, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for
Defendant and Appellant.

Rob Bonta, Attorney General, Lance E. Winters, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Kimberley A. Donahue, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Eric L. Christoffersen, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, and Caitlin Franzen, Deputy Attorney General for Plaintiff and Respondent.

THE COURT:

The opinion in the above-entitled matter filed on October 2, 2025, was not certified for publication in the Official Reports. For good cause, it now appears that the opinion should be published in the Official Reports and it is so ordered.

BY THE COURT:

_____/s/
Robie, Acting P. J.

_____/s/
Duarte, J.

_____/s/
Renner, J.



**Juvenile Justice Commission and
Delinquency Prevention Commission
MINUTES of Joint Meeting
August 26, 2025 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Chair, Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair
Membership, Whitney Genevro, Shakeel Ali, Jennifer Blanco (joined
5:24pm), Paul Bocanegra, Asteris Ling (joined 5:24pm), Niklas Klemmer,
Trena Patton, and Jiya Venkatesh, participating remotely.

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair, Administration, Karin Huber-Levy,
Staff Present: Sukhmani Purewal, County of San Mateo, Clerk's Office

Juvenile Court: Hon. Susan Etezadi, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court

System Partners Present:

Private Defender's Office - Ron Rayes

District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn

Probation - Ivonne Bustos, Becky Powers

BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - [absent]

County Office of Education - [absent]

FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Chrisbeth Cortez, Tatiana Castenada

Children & Family Services - [absent]

I. Preliminary Business:

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:17pm.
- b. **Translation Services:** Sukhmani Purewal, County Clerk, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. **Approval of Minutes from July Meeting:**
M: Bocanegra **S:** Ali, to approve the minutes for the July 29, 2025 meeting. Passed unanimously.
- d. **Agenda Review and Approval:**
M: Bocanegra **S:** Venkatesh, to approve the Agenda for August 26, 2025. Passed unanimously.

II. Oral Communications-Public Comment:

Melissa Wilson, former SMC JJDPC Commissioner, commented expressing concern regarding the recent changes to Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings to discuss Individual Rehabilitation Plans (IRPs), which no longer invite the full team, youth and other stakeholders. Formerly, she attended meetings to support the youth for whom she provides tutoring and coaching and found it very important to help keep them accountable for behavior on unit.



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- On Supervision: 223
- At Court: 107
- On Diversion: 14
- 8 Gang orders, under supervision
- Demographics:
 - Ethnicity: 38 Black-African American/ 226 Hispanic-Latino/ 32 White/48 Other-Unknown
 - Gender: 266 male/ 78 female
 - cities overrepresented:
 - Redwood City: 60
 - San Mateo: 54
 - East Palo Alto: 40
 - Out of County: 50

(II) Institutions:

- Juvenile Hall: (three housing units)
 - 32 youth as of July 31 - 29 male/2 female/ 1 non-binary
 - 37 youth as of today - 34 male/ 3 female
 - Felony charges: 28 male / 1 female
 - Misdemeanor charges: 1 male/ 1 female
 - 4 out-of-county (2 Santa Clara; 2 San Francisco)
 - **Ethnicity**: 27 Hispanic-Latino/ 4 Black- African American/ 1 Pacific Islander-Hawaiian/ 1 White/ 4 Other
 - **Avg daily population**: 25 - 21 pre-disposition/3 post-disposition males & 1 pre-disposition female
 - **Avg length of stay**: 56 days
 - For July: 18 bookings - 4 in county, 14 out of county; 18 releases
 - Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF): 8 youth
 - 7 male/1 female - all post-disposition, felony charges
- EMP (electronic monitoring program) and CAM (Continuous Alcohol Monitoring): 13 youth as of July 31; 11 youth on EMP/ 1 youth on CAM as of today:
 - Felony offences: 13 male



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- Misdemeanor offences: 1female
- 5 in-county referrals (no out-of-county referrals)
- 9 successful EMP completions
- **Avg daily # youth** - 15: pre-dispo: 10 male/0 female;
post-dispo: 4 males/1 female
- **Avg length on EMP**: 39 days
- Ethnicity: 10 Hispanic/Latino; 2 Native Hawaiian/Pacific
Islander; 1 White; 1 Black = 14 total

Other Updates:

- **Monthly IRP/MDT Meetings:** Chair Rasmussen reported on the email received last week from Probation (Moniae Wade) clarifying the Individual Rehabilitation Planning (IRP)/Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings for SYTF youth. Specifically, youth, parents, contracted service providers, mental health professionals, educators, advocates, and attorneys would be invited to attend and participate in the initial MDT/IRP meeting when youth are committed to the Secure Track program, as well as to the quarterly update meetings, the update meetings taking place every 6 months prior to court hearings, and re-entry planning meetings. This is a very positive clarification, and Chair Rasmussen expressed her appreciation for this result.
- **Family Nights in Juvenile Hall:** Chief Probation Officer Keene reported on the reinstatement of Family Nights for youth in Juvenile Hall - these had taken place regularly in the past and will be bringing this program back. We will see more on this over the next month.

D. County Office of Education:

Sarah Notch provided an update on the start to this academic year, emphasizing the work undertaken by Principal Siyam and Vice-Principal Arenas to orient administration, teachers and students with sessions on curriculum development, PBIS, Five Stars, and MTSS. The focus was on community building, academic planning, and creating a welcoming environment for students. Current enrollment includes students from grades 8 through 12: 2 – 8th grade; 1 – 9th; 1 – 10th; 11 – 11th; 8 – 12th.



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Ms Notch also congratulated former Commissioner Ameya Nori on his acceptance and start at Duke University and thanked him for his collaboration when leading the Educational Program Evaluations for the Commission last year.

E. FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth):

Re-Entry Program for In-Custody Youth (REPS): Tatiana Castenada reported that there are currently 10 youth in case management attending Life Skills sessions: 1 female and 9 males. This includes all 8 SYTF youth; as well as 2 youth with 707(b) charges. All but one of these youth are currently attending college classes remotely. Programs focus on time management, first-week of school preparation, and mentoring through the Credible Messenger Program. **Note:** there are 5 pre-disposition youth on the **waitlist** for REPS.

STAY FLY Program: Chrisbeth Cortez reported on the out-of-custody re-entry Program: currently supporting 30 youth, with 10 on a waitlist. This program provides pro-social activities, including participation in the Phoenix Garden program and 49ers Training Camp. Staff also advocate for youth integrating back into school environments. There is a need for youth to have opportunities and supportive connections to re-engage socially and academically.

IV. Presentation - K9 Therapy Program:

Commissioner Klemmer presented on the K9 Therapy Program, operated by Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services, the oldest all-volunteer pet therapy group in the South Bay. The program provides therapy dogs to youth in system-run facilities to support mental health. Commissioner Klemmer noted the value in providing these services to combat mental health issues in juvenile detention facilities. The program typically offers bi-weekly visits to schools, libraries, hospitals, but a pilot program could be possible to start. The program operates throughout the Bay Area and typically requires a contract at the county level. Under 18 youth would require a waiver and parent/guardian permission to participate. Chair Rasmussen requested a proposal for Chief Keene to review and consider for implementation at the Juvenile Hall.



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V. Gateway Court and Community School Study

Chair Rasmussen reported that the Commission's request to include Gateway Community School in the Juvenile Justice Commission's annual inspection for an evaluation of Educational Programs provided to students enrolled there was declined by the County Office of Education. Chair Rasmussen noted that the Commission has received numerous calls from students, parents, teachers and principals who had worked at Gateway about certain issues which caused some concern for the Commission. As Gateway is a safety net for students who are on probation, the Commission considers Gateway to be a vital resource for students in the juvenile justice system. Chair Rasmussen provided an overview of Gateway Community School, which serves justice-involved youth, foster youth, youth with special education requirements, youth at risk of not completing high school, and unhoused youth, among others.

As the Commission was denied access to Gateway by the County Office of Education for the purpose of an Educational Program evaluation, a proposal was made to independently conduct a comprehensive study of the educational programming and services offered at Gateway specifically directed at ensuring the needs of system-involved youth are met.

Motion to Approve Project to Conduct Study of Educational Programs offered at Gateway Community School:

M: Bocanegra **S:** Genevro. Passed unanimously.

VI. Commission Updates:

- a. **Education Subcommittee:** School District Partnership Initiative - Commissioner Blanco reported on the subcommittee's efforts to structure Commissioner liaison support for the 23 school districts by dividing them up into North, Central, and South areas. Chair Rasmussen noted the unique challenges of school districts on the coast.



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- b. **Delinquency Prevention Conference.** Commissioner Blanco provided an update on the planned youth delinquency prevention conference. Approximately 27 partners are being contacted to participate, including PHP, CASA, YUCA, LIUNA, Youth Law Center, OYCR, Live in Peace, Fortitude Careers, PAL, CALKids, Probation, and Project Change, amongst others to facilitate a workshop or a table. Youth will be offered stipends to participate in panel discussions. They will be seeking sponsorships as well as an advocate for keynote speaker. Chair Rasmussen encouraged leveraging personal networks to support the event. A date and further details will be shared at the next meeting.
- c. **Annual Inspections - Educational Program Evaluations:** Site visits to Hillcrest School at YSC, and to Canyon Oaks Youth Center are scheduled for September 23 and 30, respectively.
- d. **Annual Commission Retreat** - scheduled for September 20, 2025, with the location and agenda to be announced.
- e. **Other Announcements:** Governor Newsom made judicial appointments, including SMC Commissioner Michael Mau.

Updates were provided on:

- Sexual abuse civil lawsuits filed against the county
- BSCC Title 15 and 24 revisions, which included the inclusion of SYTF regulations, individual case plans and prohibition on group punishment.
- Jennifer Blanco shared about attending Cultura Fest, where youth in custody participated in creative writing projects connecting them with youth in schools, allowing them to feel heard and recognizing similarities with peers. Chair Rasmussen inquired if the book is available on Amazon.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.



**Juvenile Justice Commission and
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September 30, 2025 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Chair, Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership, Whitney Genevro, Shakeel Ali, Jennifer Blanco, Paul Bocanegra, Asteris Ling (joined at 5:39pm), Niklas Klemmer, Trena Patton, and Jiya Venkatesh

Commissioners Absent: none

Staff Present: Sukhmani Purewal, County of San Mateo, Clerk's Office

Juvenile Court: Hon. Susan Etezadi, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court

System Partners Present:

Private Defender's Office - Ron Rayes

District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn (provided report in advance)

Probation - Ivonne Bustos, Becky Powers

OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration) - [absent]

BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - [absent]

County Office of Education - Sarah Notch (provided report in advance)

FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Tatiana Castenada, Adriana Canales

Children & Family Services - [absent]

I. Preliminary Business:

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
- b. **Translation Services:** Sukhmani Purewal, County Clerk, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. **Agenda Review and Approval:**
M: Bocanegra **S:** Huber-Levy, to approve the Agenda for September 30, 2025. Passed unanimously.
- d. **Vote on New Commissioner Candidates:**
 - 1) Celina Chen
M: Rasmussen, to recommend Celina Chen for appointment to the Commission. Passed unanimously.
 - 2) Enya Yuan
M: Rasmussen, to recommend Enya Yuan for appointment to the Commission. Passed unanimously.
- e. **Acknowledgements:**
 - 1) Chair Rasmussen acknowledged the much appreciated support of our County Clerk, Sukmani Purewal over the past two years



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and thanked him for his service. Mr Purewal is leaving his position at the County this week, and we will all miss him and wish him well.

- 2) Commissioner Huber-Levy welcomed Revant Dadoo, as the Commission's 2025-26 Youth Liaison from the San Mateo County Youth Commission, and thanked him for attending the meeting in person. We look forward to working with him.

II. Oral Communications-Public Comment: none

III. Updates From System Partners - reports for September:

A. Private Defender - Ron Rayes:

- s.602 assignments - 39 cases assigned: 3 detentions, 1 with 707(b)¹ allegations
- out of custody arraignments - 28 cases: 5 with 707(b) allegations
- record sealings - assisted with 1 case (after probation terms completed, youth qualified to have records sealed under WIC 786 or 781)
- Youth Miranda Rights Hotline - 14 calls from arresting law enforcement agencies, 28 consultations:
 - 9 youth aged 16-17 yrs/ 2 youth aged 15 yrs and under/ **3 youth aged 14 yrs and under**
 - all youth elected to remain silent

B. District Attorney - Nadia Hahn, for the period 8/27 to 9/29 :

- 21 filings: 13 felonies/misdemeanors; 6 misdemeanor/infractions.
- 15 charges were rejected

¹ 707(b) Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC): considered serious offences in the criminal justice system (robbery, murder, attempted murder).



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C. Probation— Becky Powers, Ivonne Bustos provided updates for July:

(I) Juvenile Services:

- 355 youth on Probation (9 Probation Officers)
 - On Supervision: 224
 - At Court: 116
 - On Diversion: 15
 - 8 Gang orders
 - 8 DPOs
- Demographics:
 - Ethnicity: 230 Hispanic-Latino /37 Black-African American/33 White/ 55 Other-Unknown
 - Gender: 273 male/ 81 female/ 1 non-binary
 - cities overrepresented:
 - Redwood City: 67
 - San Mateo: 52
 - East Palo Alto: 44
 - Daly City: 35
 - Out of County: 49

(II) Institutions:

- Juvenile Hall: (three housing units)- for month of July
 - 37 youth as of today - 32 male/2 female/ 1 non-binary
 - 29 youth as of July 31 - 28 male/ 1 female
 - Felony charges: 26 male / 0 female
 - Misdemeanor charges: 2 male/ 1 female
 - 4 out-of-county (2 Santa Clara; 2 San Francisco)
 - **Ethnicity**: 23 Hispanic-Latino/ 3 Black- African American/ 1 Pacific Islander-Hawaiian/ 3 White/ 1 Other/ 0 Middle-Eastern/ 0 Asian
 - **Avg daily population**: 25 - 21 pre-disposition/3 post-disposition males & 1 pre-disposition female/ 0 post-disposition female
 - **Avg length of stay**: 74 days
 - For July: 18 bookings - 4 in-county, 14 out-of-county; 18 releases



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- **SOARR Program**-Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF):
 - 8 youth all post-disposition, felony charges:
 - 7 males/1 female
- EMP (electronic monitoring program) and CAM (continuous alcohol monitoring): 14 youth as of July 31; 11 youth as of today:
 - Felony: 13 male / 0 female
 - Misdemeanor: 0 male/ 3 female
 - 5 in-county referrals (no out-of-county referrals)
 - Successful completions: 9 EMP; 0 CAM
 - **Avg daily # youth** - 12:
 - 15 pre-dispo: 10 male/0 female; post-dispo: 4 males/1 female
 - **Avg length on EMP**: 39 days
 - Ethnicity: 10 Hispanic/Latino; 2 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 1 Black; 1 White
 - Referrals: EMP - 8 in-county, 0 out-of-county; CAM - 1 in custody.

D. County Office of Education:

Sarah Notch provided a written report in advance of the meeting as she is on vacation. There are currently two classes in session at Hillcrest School: 7 students in Group C, and 12 students in the Forrest Class for a total of 19 students. There are 6 in 12th grade, 9 in 11th grade, 3 in 10th grade, 1 in 9th grade. Chair Rasmussen noted that 18 students at Hillcrest School currently have IEPs (Individual Education Plans for special education needs).

E. FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth):

Re-Entry Program for In-Custody Youth (REPS) - Tatiana Castenada: there are currently 10 youth with in-custody care management - 1 female and 9 males. This includes all 8 SYTF youth, as well as 2 youth with 707(b) charges. Nine of these youth are attending college, and one is completing high school. They are all completing a restorative justice program right now. FLY is still building out their credible messenger program and are training 3 credible messengers to work with youth in juvenile hall.

STAY FLY Program - Adriana Canales: As Chrisbeth Cortez is leaving the program in order to attend Stanford University, they are interviewing for a replacement case manager. The pre-release phase of the transition program is



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almost ready for implementation. There is a wait list for the program currently but are working on adding more staff. Youth are still attending pro-social activities and completing community service hours.

IV. Gateway Reimagined Report - Abigail Trillan, Associate Director, Youth & Education Law Project, Stanford Law School:

Ms Trillan described how this report was created during Winter/Spring 2024 in the Policy Lab Program that she teaches at Stanford Law School. Students worked collaboratively with Youth Law Center and the County Office of Education to contemplate what Gateway Community School could look like in the future.

By summer 2023, the COE had made the decision to keep Gateway School open but committed to having discussions about what it could like and how it could be different. COE next engaged the National Equity Project to do a report working with various stakeholders throughout the county to talk about the challenges and benefits of the Gateway school program. In January 2024, Stanford was provided with that report and given a mandate to consider the concerns raised along with the incredible opportunities in our county, particularly Project Change and the community college system, and come up with ideas as to how these elements could work together to solve some of the issues raised. Ms Trillan emphasized the unique resources of Project Change, as the oldest support system in the state - it was the first and an excellent partner for an innovative model. The model created here for Gateway could also be utilized state-wide.

Major concerns with a program like Gateway fall into two buckets: (1) providing for a large variety of needs in a very small program, and (2) from the students' perspective, how it feels to be at a school like Gateway, visibly located at a juvenile hall campus. The proposal in the report solves for both of these problems. The recommendations of the report build on the 'middle college' model utilized elsewhere in the county.

V. 2025 Inspection Report for Elysian STRTP & Receiving Home TSCF:

On behalf of the 2024-25 inspection team, which included Commissioners Blanco and Patton, Commissioner Genevro presented the reports on the inspection of the Elysian STRTP (Short Term Residential Treatment) facility, serving youth 6-17 years of age and the Receiving Home (Temporary Shelter Care Facility), serving youth 12-17 years of age in San Mateo County. After the site visits and review, there were no



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recommendations or concerns noted by the inspection team. After some discussion, the reports were presented for vote of approval by the Commission.

M: Huber-Levy; **S:** Klemmer, to approve the 2024-25 Inspection Reports of Elysian STRTP facility and the Receiving Home TSC facility with minor edits to be made. Passed unanimously.

VI. San Mateo County Grand Jury Report: Vacant, Valuable, and Vulnerable: Reimagining SMC Youth Services Facilities:

Chair Rasmussen noted that she had not been aware of this report prior to its release and encouraged all Commissioners and the public to read it. Chair Rasmussen expressed appreciation for the time and effort of the Grand Jury in considering these issues.

VII. 2026 Officer's Nominating Subcommittee

Chair Rasmussen requested volunteers to manage the nominating process for next year's slate of officers for the Commission, namely, Chair, and Vice-Chairs Administration and Membership. Volunteers should be Commissioners who are not interested in running for those positions. Commissioners Klemmer, Venkatesh, Ling, and Bocanegra volunteered to manage the process.

VIII. Announcements

- a. **Legislation:** California **Assembly Bill (AB) 1376** is the bill aiming to end "endless probation" for youth by establishing a 12-month time limit on community probation supervision, after which the court must find continued probation is in the youth's best interest. This bill requires probation conditions to be tailored to the youth's individual needs, developmentally appropriate, and not excessive. If probation is extended beyond the initial 12 months, the court must conduct periodic check-ins every six months to evaluate the youth's progress. Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to the Governor's office to support signing this bill into law.
- b. **Commission retreat** was held on September 20, 2025 with a special zoom listening session with 2 youth in the SOARR/SYTF program at Hillcrest Juvenile Hall.



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IX. Matters of Commissioner Interest

- a. **OYCR Working Group:** OYCR Director Lucero has offered to meet with JJC's across the state to develop a needs assessment for JJC's to provide support for the development of consistent training materials, onboarding materials, etc. Chair Rasmussen has been asked to join the Juvenile Justice Legislative Subcommittee in Sacramento.
- b. **Transfer Hearings:** are on the rise in SF with 6 applications from the SF DA for youth transfer to adult criminal court this year. Chair Rasmussen reported that the first hearing was successful in keeping the youth in the juvenile system.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted: 10/7/25, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice-Chair, Administration



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**Private Defender Program
Monthly Report - October 2025**

New Filings

- There was a total of 29 appointments.
- 11 cases were detentions. 2 of them contained 707(b) allegations.
- 18 cases were out of custody arraignments. 3 out of the 18 contained 707(b) allegations.

Record Sealings

- 12 petitions

SB 206 Miranda Consultations

- Total calls 18
- Youth 16/17 – 8 calls
- Youth 15 years old - 6 calls
- Youth 14 and under – 4 calls



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2025 Educational Programs Evaluation

Date of Evaluation: September 30, 2025

Facility Name: Canyon Oaks Youth Center -
Short Term Residential Treatment Facility
(STRTP)
Address: 400 Edmonds Rd, Redwood City,
94062

Date of Last Evaluation: September 4, 2024

Commissioner(s) Conducting Evaluation:
Commissioner Karin Huber-Levy

Contact Person:
Dr. Jesús, Jiménez, Director, School Programs,
San Mateo County Office of Education
Phone Number: (760) 902-7794

Principal/Administrator:
Freedom Siyam
Principal, San Mateo County Court &
Community Schools

Executive Summary:

Number of Students on date of Site Visit: 5 (1 x 8th, 3 x 9th, 1 x 10th)

Full-time Teacher(s): Misty Seago

Academic Counselor: Dr. Lauren Sneed

Paraeducator: Jose Giacomani

Resource Specialist: Mark Squire

Background

The school at Canyon Oaks Youth Center (“Canyon Oaks School”, the “School”) educates youth who face serious emotional and behavioral challenges for which they were provided placement in this short-term residential treatment facility. The facility is operated by San Mateo Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS). The San Mateo County Office of Education (COE) provides educational programs. All students have Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Canyon Oaks School has operated with one full-time teacher since June 2024. At the end of the 2024-25 summer session, the School’s long-time teacher, George Rehmet, left to take on another assignment within the County special education system. At the start of this school year, Misty Seago, an experienced teacher who began her SMCOE career at Gateway Community School and who has taught at Canyon Oaks School before (2022-23) started as the full time teacher at COYC. Ms. Seago was highly recommended by Mr. Rehmet for this position.

Ms. Seago is teaching all subjects (Math, Science, Social Studies, English, Physical Education) with the support of an experienced full-time paraeducator (Jose Giacomani, who has taught at the School for many years). Mr. Giacomani interacts with students as a ‘co-educator’ with the teacher. Also, new this year, Special Education instruction is provided by Mark Squire, RSP, who provides individual instruction and co-teaches on a daily basis from 8:30am - 12:30pm.



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The current staffing model at the School is intentionally designed to be flexible to respond to changes in the number of students in residence at COYC, which typically fluctuates from 6 to 12 (maximum) students. Over recent months, the School has had 5-7 students in residence. Should the student population rise above 10 students, an additional paraeducator would be brought in. For instance, earlier this year (Jan/Feb 2025), there were over 10 students in residence so paraeducator Peter Nibbelin was brought in to provide additional teaching capacity at the School.

Mark Squire, RSP leads the students' Individual Education Plan meetings, supported by Tina Perdices, School Psychologist, Hillcrest School as needed.

Academic and vocational counseling is provided to students by Academic Counselor, Dr. Lauren Sneed, who serves all SMCOE County Court & Community Schools. For credit recovery, a team approach is currently in development, with the objective of creating a cohesive process across all Court & Community Schools, guided by a vision for the 'arc of learning'. The team is comprised of Dr. Sneed, Principal Siyam, and Courtney Parreira (TOSA credit recovery specialist).

Currently, COYC students are free to work on credit recovery in the classroom as appropriate and outside of school hours and have been typically supported by Ms. Parreira on Friday mornings. However, given the demographics of the current student cohort (middle school and high school freshmen/sophomore), credit recovery is not a critical focus for the students at this time. To recognize the time students spend in various electives, Teacher Seago and Principal Siyam are working together to identify any academic credits which students may earn for hours spent in elective coursework.

Past and present teachers shared their view that students seem to benefit most from spending 1 - 1.5 years at COYC, and they observed declining benefits for any individual student overall after that amount of time.

During my site visit to Canyon Oaks School, I had the opportunity to speak with Principal Siyam, Dr. Jiménez, Dr. Sneed, and Teacher Misty Seago. I did not interview any students. My evaluation is based on my conversations with each of the persons I spoke with that day and follow up questions posed.

School Summary and Comments

The teacher and paraeducator maintain a school environment that serves students in a therapeutically appropriate way through strong collaboration with each other and with therapeutic staff. Teaching staff are particularly skilled in working with special needs students, and focus on interacting with sensitivity and caring. Instruction is a combination of computer-based learning, individual instruction, and group teaching.

Students arrive at COYC with a very diverse range of capabilities - some are performing below grade level upon arrival, so teaching focuses on basic skills acquisition and proficiency.



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Other students are academically successful, but were experiencing difficulties in their home school setting. In that case, teaching focuses on preserving academic skills while allowing students to fully benefit from the therapeutic support offered at COYC. Instruction is also guided by the teacher's awareness of what students will need in order to transition back to their home school. California's Common Core Standards guide instruction, and new curricula for Science (STEM Scopes) and Social Studies (TCI - Teachers' Curriculum Institute) were adopted earlier this year.

A trauma-informed model of teaching is applied in the classroom at Canyon Oaks School. New students are asked to fill out a survey to assist the teacher in meeting their needs. Many students have processing issues which are noted in IEPs, as well as dysgraphia, which impacts writing and communication skills.

The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test is no longer applied or in use at the School. Student academic progress metrics are embedded in the individual course curricula and measured through teacher observation and student performance in the classroom and on tests. A new system of academic progress metrics for use across the San Mateo County Court & Community Schools is under development and the goal is to implement this new system by the end of Q1 2026.

Commendations: Educational Program and Staff Engagement

The approach to teaching and learning at Canyon Oaks School reflects a thoughtful, flexible, and trauma-informed understanding of the unique and often complex needs of students in residence. Instruction is highly individualized and supported by close collaboration between educational and therapeutic staff, ensuring that each student's academic progress is aligned with their emotional and behavioral readiness.

The San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) administrators demonstrated a clear commitment to maintaining strong oversight and ensuring that the educational program at COYC is well resourced and responsive to the evolving needs of the youth. During my visit I was provided with generous time, transparency, and support in conducting the evaluation, which was greatly appreciated.

Teacher Seago exemplified enthusiasm and professionalism, expressing genuine energy and passion for her work and a deep commitment to the success and well-being of her students. Her comments and demeanor reflected an understanding of the challenges and potential of each student, as well as a clear dedication to fostering engagement, and academic growth.

Findings & Recommendations

1. Continue to strengthen differentiated instruction for higher-achieving students to ensure they are appropriately challenged and able to progress at their skill level, supporting a smooth transition back to their home school or postsecondary setting without academic regression.



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2. Support the development and implementation of appropriate, standardized academic assessment metrics to monitor and strengthen individual student progress across grade levels and subject areas. The goal that was shared with us is to establish baseline benchmark data by the end of Q1 2026.

The *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)* system for tracking student performance has been discontinued, so it will be important to ensure that new student performance metrics be developed and implemented as soon as possible for consistent use across all Court and Community Schools. The development of valid, differentiated assessment tools for the wide range of grade levels and learning needs represented at Hillcrest will require thoughtful design and alignment. To maximize their value, these metrics should be standardized enough to be recognized and transferrable when students transition from Court and Community Schools back to their home district or other high school, ensuring academic continuity and appropriate placement.

3. Continue to look for opportunities to offer students access to Career and Technical Education programming, and ensure students share in opportunities to participate in college information programs along with other Court & Community Schools. Please follow up on the intention to invite Canyon Oaks students to participate in the Keys to Success dual-enrollment course provided in coordination with Project Change.

Notes for Next Year's Inspection

Follow up on the implementation of new student academic performance metrics (replacing MAP) which we were informed would be implemented for consistent use across the Court & Community Schools. We were informed that school administrators intend to complete assessments to have benchmark data in place once Hillcrest School staffing issues have been resolved. The expressed goal is to have this in place by the end of Q1 2026.



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Inspection Report:

Number of Full-Time Instructors: one (1) credentialed teacher, with Multiple Subject credentials, currently responsible for teaching Math, Social Sciences, Science, Physical Education, English, Credit Recovery and serving as teacher of record for the Art Therapist.

The teacher also teaches the 4 week Summer Session, a more flexible learning environment than during the school year. The teacher is also responsible, with the support of the academic counselor and occupational therapist, for assessing students' interests in careers, job prospects and supporting related interviewing, and resume writing skills-building.

Number of Part-Time Instructors: 1 - Mark Squire, RSP, with Special Education credentials

Number of Full-Time Instructional Aides: 1 experienced Paraeducator - Jose Giacoman

Number of Tutors (Paid? Volunteer?): 0

Frequency of Substitute Teachers: We were advised that there is currently a substitute teacher and paraeducator shortage in the county. However, there is a retired teacher with special education certification (Karen Strogstrom) who is available to substitute in case of teacher absence. If this teacher is unavailable, teacher absences are covered by an administrator or TOSA (teacher on special assignment). There are currently not enough substitute paraeducators available to provide coverage in case of paraeducator absence.

Number of youth attending School: At the time of inspection, there were 5 students in residence (1 - 8th grade; 3 HS freshmen; 1 HS sophomore). The capacity of the facility is 12 residents.

Average Classroom Size: 6

Max Classroom Size: 6

When the number of students exceeds the maximum classroom size, the need for additional teaching resources to utilize the second classroom becomes important.

School Day: M,T, Th, F - 8:30am to 12:30pm; W - 9am to 12:10pm

Number of youth on independent study: 0

Reason: There is no independent study program; students have individualized instruction built into their school day. The teacher creates individual learning opportunities with the academic resources in place.

Number of youth not attending school: All youth attend school currently, however, as a general policy, students are not forced to attend school.



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Reason: COYC residents receive intense therapeutic care and on any given day may be adjusting to changes in medications, need additional sleep, or dealing with anxiety or other psychiatric symptoms. There may also be social dynamics with other students that make attending school on a given day difficult. Sometimes a student will have therapy during class time, although typically therapy takes place in the afternoons, after the school day has ended.

Describe the general atmosphere of the classrooms: There are two classrooms. Often, the teacher instructs in one classroom and the paraeducator or Resource Specialist may work with individual students in the other room. This two classroom setting also accommodates curricular differences between students (for example, a student working on algebra when the rest of the class is learning geometry) or interpersonal conflict that prevents certain students from being in the same classroom at once.

The teacher pays great attention to the social and emotional needs of the students in the classroom, taking into account energy levels and social situations on any given day. For example, Mondays are particularly challenging for students as they have been on home visits on the weekend. As well, there may be anxious energy in anticipating visits from family during the week.

Adequate Supplies, Books, Paper, Computer?

Acceptable **Unacceptable**

It was noted in last year's evaluation that Social Studies and Science textbooks are over 16 years old. However, this year, new Science (STEMscopes) and Social Studies (TCI Social Studies) curricula have now been adopted and are being used in the classroom. In addition, it was explained to us that the textbooks are generally only used as a resource as needed, and the focus is on relevancy through referring to current events (using CNN 10 for news) and undertaking project work to encourage students to take more ownership of the subject matter and incorporate more creativity in the learning process.

Are youth given access to computers/internet?

Yes **No**

Details (when, purpose, supervision):

The school typically uses a blended learning approach and students often use classroom computers as part of their education. In addition to Edgenuity, the teacher uses Khan Academy and MATHia. COE provides a list of approved sites. Security is provided by the program "Go Guardian".

Credit Recovery work is typically done on a student's own time outside of school hours; students are assigned packets to do with pencil/paper. Students do not have access to school computers outside of the school day. The credit recovery packets are no longer Starline - they are more individualized to best match students' reading levels. During the school day, students may use the Edgenuity individualized learning platform for Credit Recovery. We were informed that students with high academic abilities like to use Edgenuity for the 'test out' option, but packets work well given the shorter academic day. The current cohort at Canyon Oaks School prefers learning through direct teacher contact over working online.



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Describe the relationship between school and facility staff: There is close collaboration. Typically, teachers and therapeutic staff have bi-weekly meetings to discuss each student, and therapeutic staff participate in IEP meetings and support compliance. Therapeutic staff are also accessible outside of the classroom to manage emotional issues that present themselves in the classroom. Teaching staff read students' therapeutic logs before class each day for an up to the moment understanding of the recent therapeutic status of their students.

Describe access to school, recreation, etc. for youth confined to their rooms: COYC is a residential treatment facility. Youth are not confined to their rooms. They always have access to school, recreation and counseling during the day as scheduled, as well as opportunities for field trips, local hikes, and visits home on weekends.

When is school held on the unit instead of in the classroom? Not applicable.

Academic Counselling: Dr. Lauren Sneed provides a one month check-in for students, to ensure they understand their academic status and to explain the whole process and what lies ahead for them. For the current student cohort, who are middle school and mostly HS freshmen, she is introducing the idea of college access to them as well as vocational training. She encourages them to consider all post-secondary options. Dr. Sneed has an "honor roll" for students who achieve a 3.0 GPA or higher, which she calls out with a mini-celebration with house staff, therapists and special treats, like Jamba Juice. Her focus is strengths-based, and viewing progress through an asset-based lens. Dr. Sneed knows most of the students from the prior academic year and so is 'pushing in a little' for more social-emotional support.

Post High School/GED:

Are there educational opportunities available for youth who have completed high school or have their GED?

Yes No

Describe:

College Education: A student may attend college (in-person or online) while at the facility. If a child is a minor, they require permission of parent/guardian to attend college. The therapeutic staff facilitates a student's enrollment and registration, transportation, and provides educational support. The current cohort of students is quite young, so there are no students currently contemplating enrolling in college. In the past, we were told that it is rare for students to attend college while at COYC; also, the few students that graduate while at COYC tend to be more interested in getting jobs when they graduate.

Vocational Training: The school does not offer vocational education other than California CareerZone, an interest inventory and career exploration website. However, vocational counseling is provided by Dr. Lauren Sneed, the academic counselor and also Ms Tiina Jensen, the occupational therapist on staff, who supports students with the entire job application process, including writing resumes, and preparing for job interviews.



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In the past, a grant supported students participating in “WorkAbility”, a program which provided job skills training and internships with coaching. In our discussion with Principal Siyam, he expressed interest in revisiting this opportunity.

Students who are graduating may also be eligible to enroll in the Workforce Development Services program currently supported by a joint partnership between OYCR and the Department of Rehabilitation to support youth with qualifying barriers to succeed in their educational and career endeavors. Enrollment is facilitated by Jonas Barbour, Coordinator, Transition Services, SMCOE.

In the past, we noted that many of the students at Canyon Oaks school were interested in vocational opportunities for training and working, or in taking a gap year upon graduation, rather than directly enrolling in and attending college after graduation.

Are youth given info/counseling on community college & 4-year college options? Yes No

Describe: There is currently no option for 4-year college entry from COYC—when youth spend 2+ years of their high school education at COYC, they are only eligible to graduate with a COE diploma, which does not meet the UC/CSU ‘A-G’ requirements. The academic counselor visits COYC once per month for one-on-one check-ins with students to provide information about career and community college options. Also, students are offered the opportunity to participate in field trips to community colleges and high school college information events.

Are youth given information/counseling about financial aid options for college? Yes No

Describe: The school academic counselor offers this information and helps fill out financial aid applications.

Are youth given resources for college entrance exam prep when appropriate? Yes No

Describe: Materials to study for college entrance exams are available to students by special request.

Are youth able to take courses for college credit online? Yes No

Describe: Students have access to computers, and interested students could enroll in online (through Project Change) or in-person college courses. Scheduling at COYC is flexible enough to allow them to participate, and the hope is that this will be offered in the near future.

Special Education/IEP Programs:

How many youth in the facility have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)? All students at Canyon Oaks School have an IEP.

Do credentialed special education teachers participate in lesson planning and curriculum development? Yes No



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How many credentialed special education teachers are at the facility full-time? The RSP teacher is credentialed in Special Education and co-teaches daily from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Are regular IEP meetings held?

Yes **No**

Describe: The youth will have had an IEP meeting prior to/coincident with placement at COYC. The education plan is created in anticipation of the student's arrival at COYC unless the student is an emergency placement or if there is a delay in receiving school records. Transcripts are typically received in advance. The next IEP meeting would be held at the triennial with retesting as needed, and the final IEP meeting is held as part of the youth's transition back to their home school or next school. The county also follows-up with all IEP students 1-year post graduation if they graduated from a SMCOE school. Therapeutic staff (and probation staff if the student is also under the supervision of a probation officer) are part of the IEP meetings. Student records are accessed via the SEIS system.

Are parents notified of these meetings?

Yes **No**

Describe: The appropriate holder of the student's educational rights attends. Parents are notified if they have these rights.

Are parents permitted to attend these meetings?

Yes **No**

Describe: Yes, if they have educational rights.

Describe the most common obstacle to IEP compliance: IEP compliance is not an issue because IEP meetings occur as part of the placement process. IEPs are typically up-to-date and documentation is prompt.

Signature of Commissioner(s) preparing this report:

Karin Huber-Levy

Date: October 8, 2025



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Attachment 1: School Supplement

How many minutes of instruction per week do students receive? Instructional minutes are per Educational Code (240 minutes per day). Actual minutes vary by student based on their attendance. The school schedule provides ½-hour for P.E., 1-hour for Science/Math, 1-hour for English, and 40 minutes for Social Science daily. Therapeutic time is also a for-credit “class” that results in Life Skills elective units. Teacher Seago and Principal Siyam look for opportunities to provide additional credits to students for elective courses where appropriate. For instance, participating in Equine Therapy weekly may accrue enough hours to accord PE credits, and Art Therapy hours may accrue Art credits.

Do students attend school within three (3) days of placement? Does the school create a preliminary education plan for each new student before the student attends school or once the student has started? Yes, the students attend within 3 three days if the student is emotionally ready to do so. Although sometimes there is a delay in receiving IEP information, students have an educational plan upon arrival.

Are there difficulties obtaining transcripts from the student’s prior school? Are these typically received before or after the student has started attending school?

The education plan is created in anticipation of the student’s arrival unless the student is an emergency placement or if there is a delay in receiving school records. Transcripts are typically received in advance.

How are limited English-speaking students identified and served? How are these services provided once the student has been identified as non-English proficient?

There are no non-English-speaking youth at the school because a youth must speak English to benefit from the therapeutic services. At times, there are limited English speakers, and the teacher provides individualized instruction employing universal design for learning methodology (UDL).

Is credit recovery offered? Please describe. Yes, credit recovery is offered via the computer application Edgenuity, but is mostly accomplished through individually created paper packets. Students work on credit recovery at a dedicated time each day, after the academic day ends, and a credit recovery teacher works with students every Friday morning (Courtney Parreira). Currently, due to staff vacancies at Hillcrest School, Ms. Parreira is teaching at Hillcrest School. The current cohort at Canyon Oaks school is not concerned with credit recovery at this time, and Ms. Parreira will return to this role in the future. The teacher is also responsible for working with students on credit recovery and supervising student progress, and would provide feedback to the credit recovery teacher to allow her to adapt credit recovery work for each student based on their progress.

Is homework assigned? When and where do students do homework?

Canyon Oaks School does not assign homework. The after-school program is therapeutically demanding and the school does not add schoolwork to the students’ schedules. In addition, there is no formal testing



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per se, but rather normative assessment: the teacher assesses students' abilities through observing their performance and activity in progressing through materials.

How is transition back to a student's home district handled?

The goal at Canyon Oaks School is for students to transition back to their home school to graduate. Because all students have IEPs, Canyon Oaks School initiates an IEP planning meeting with the receiving school before a student returns. The teacher manages this process with the receiving school.

Student Interviews

As none of the 5 students currently in residence and attending school were at COYC as a result of placement by the SMC Superior Court, these students are not considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Justice Commission and were not available for us to interview.



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FACILITY NAME: San Mateo County Jail - Maguire Correctional Facility
FACILITY CAPACITY: 688

FACILITY ADDRESS: 300 Bradford Street Redwood City, CA 94063
FACILITY PHONE NUMBER: (650) 363-4000: ext. 6070
INSPECTION CONTACT: Sargent Christofer Serrano

INSPECTION DATE: October 23, 2025
PREVIOUS INSPECTION: N/A

COMMISSION INSPECTORS: Johanna Rasmussen, Commissioner
JUVENILE PRESIDING JUDGE: The Honorable Susan I. Etezadi

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Commission wishes to extend our sincere appreciation to Sergeant Cristofer Serrano, Captain William Fogarty, and Captain Frank Dal Porto for their time, assistance, and transparency throughout the inspection process. Their cooperation and professionalism were reflected in every aspect of the inspection, and we are grateful for their partnership.

This inspection took place during a period of significant organizational transition, as Sheriff Corpus had been removed from office just nine days earlier. Despite this challenging period for the Sheriff's Department, they remained responsive and cooperative, which allowed the Commission to carry out its oversight responsibilities with accuracy and confidence.



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BACKGROUND

With the passage of Senate Bill 823, California began the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), ending the state’s youth prison system and shifting responsibility for the supervision and rehabilitation of youth with the highest needs to California’s 58 counties. Counties were required to develop local Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) to provide custody and individualized rehabilitative services for youth previously eligible for DJJ commitment. New DJJ commitments ended on July 1, 2021, and the state officially closed all DJJ facilities on June 30, 2023.

Under SB 823, counties may serve SYTF youth until their 25th birthday, providing individualized treatment, rehabilitative programming, education, mental health care, and reentry services tailored to each young person’s needs. In 2021, San Mateo County established the Success and Opportunities Aspiring Readiness for Reentry (SOARR) Secure Track program within Hillcrest Juvenile Hall to serve youth committed to the SYTF. San Mateo County received its first SYTF commitment in 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2024 to 2025 inspection represents the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice Commission’s first formal assessment of the Maguire Correctional Facility as a placement site for youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility program. This assessment was initiated following an unprecedented event in November 2024 when an SYTF youth, who remained under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, was transferred from Hillcrest Juvenile Hall to the adult county jail. The youth’s legal status did not change, yet the conditions and services available in the adult jail do not satisfy the statutory requirements of the SYTF model.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 875 requires that SYTF youth receive individualized rehabilitative services, including post secondary and career education, mental health and substance abuse treatment, life skills instruction, family reunification services, and comprehensive reentry services. The inspection found that court orders services were not provided. The youth’s post secondary education, which had been progressing prior to transfer, ceased entirely once they were placed in the jail. No Individual Rehabilitation Plan meetings occurred, and there was no evidence that this youth received **ANY** individualized or developmentally appropriate programming.



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Incident reports documented a marked escalation in the youth's behavioral issues, rule violations, and criminal thinking patterns as their confinement in the adult jail continued. The combination of absent SYTF level rehabilitative services and adult correctional practices appears to be reinforcing antisocial behavior rather than reducing it.

Placement in the adult county jail further undermines the Youth Bill of Rights, codified in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 224.71 through 224.77. These statutes guarantee developmentally appropriate conditions of confinement and establish protections that cannot be reliably met in a facility that is designed for adults.

Based on document review, facility assessment, and a forty five minute individual interview with the youth, the Commission finds that the adult jail environment is fundamentally incompatible with the legal and rehabilitative requirements of the SYTF. The youth's placement in this setting has interrupted core SYTF services, exposed the youth to prohibited punitive practices, and coincided with a documented rise in criminogenic behavior. The Commission outlines recommendations below to correct these conditions, restore compliance with statutory obligations, and promote both youth wellbeing and long term community safety upon release.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Discontinue the Use of Prohibited Sanctions for SYTF Youth in a County Jail Setting

The Sheriff's Office immediately discontinued the use of solitary confinement, extended 23 hour lockdowns, and communication based sanctions for SYTF youth.

Evaluate the Youth for Placement in a Least Restrictive Program

The youth be evaluated for transfer to a court approved least restrictive program. Continued placement in a county jail setting is harmful to the youth and inconsistent with the legislative and rehabilitative intent of the SYTF model.



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Individual Treatment Plan (IRP) Compliance

The Probation Department, in partnership with the Sheriff's Department, takes immediate corrective steps to implement all court ordered IRP treatment, programming, and services in the county jail setting. IRP's typically include: access to post secondary and career technical education, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, mentors and credible messengers, life skills, family reunification and parenting classes, case management transition and transition services and comprehensive reentry supports. This inspection cycle identified a lack of programming for the youth, contrary to the rehabilitative expectations established under SB 823 and WIC 875. This lapse has interrupted the youth's rehabilitative and treatment path. Reestablishing all services required by the IRP is essential to promoting stability and enhancing long-term public safety.

Resume Quarterly IRP Meetings

The Probation Department take immediate action to resume the youth's quarterly IRP meetings with their multidisciplinary team, including arranging Zoom meetings when in person access is limited, and coordinating with the Sheriff's Department to ensure the youth receives all court ordered treatment and rehabilitative services. The Commission recommends that the Probation Department promptly restore quarterly IRP meetings with the youth's multidisciplinary team to ensure delivery of all court ordered treatment and rehabilitative services consistent with the requirements of the Individual Rehabilitation Plan.

Post Secondary Education

The Commission recommends that the Probation Department work with the Sheriff's Department and the youth's college to immediately restore access to post secondary education and ensure the youth is able to continue their coursework without further interruption.

Address the Increase in Criminality Associated with Housing SYTF Youth in an Adult Jail

The Probation and the Sheriff's Office jointly examine the significant increase in incidents and criminality the longer the youth remains in the adult jail setting. This environment is not designed for youth and appears to be reinforcing criminality, which creates long term risks to both youth well being and public safety.



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Ensure SYTF Youth Have Access to Visiting

The Probation Department work with the Sheriff's Department to ensure SYTF youth are provided meaningful and consistent opportunities to visit with their children, family members, and natural support persons while housed at the county jail. These connections are essential to the youth's stability, emotional well being, and long term success.

Remove Fees for Tablets and Telephone Calls for SYTF Youth Housed in County Jail

The Commission recommends that all fees associated with tablet use and telephone calls be removed for SYTF youth housed in either county jail facility. SYTF youth are legally entitled to access communication without financial barriers in order to maintain regular contact with family, children, and natural support persons.

Ensure Regular Probation Check Ins for SYTF Youth in County Jail

The Probation Department establishes and documents regular in-person check-ins with all SYTF youth housed in county jail settings. Ongoing monitoring is necessary to ensure safety, treatment progression, and compliance with all SYTF requirements.

Transfer Notification Procedures

The Probation Department establish a clear communication process and procedures outlining families and natural supports know who to contact following a youth's transfer to the county jail

Update Website to Provide County Jail Contact Information

The Commission recommends that the Probation Department update the Institutions Division website to include current county jail contact information to ensure parents, family members, and natural support persons can promptly reach the facility following an SYTF youth's transfer.

**THE COMMISSION REQUESTS THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT PROVIDE A WRITTEN
RESPONSE ADDRESSING EACH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS
INSPECTION REPORT WITHIN 45 DAYS OF OFFICIAL RECEIPT OF REPORT**



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PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
			X	In 2024, San Mateo County впервые detained an SYTF youth, who remained under juvenile court jurisdiction, in the adult county jail facility.

DOCUMENT REVIEW				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Board of State and Community Corrections Facility Inspection Reports	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jill Farris, Field Representative, BSCC Facilities Standards and Operations Division Biennial Inspection dates: September 11-13, 2023 Targeted Inspection date November 6, 2024
San Mateo County Environmental Health Services Report	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection Date: September 18, 2024 Report Number: 00358376 Notes: report stated “There were no significant health code violations observed.”
San Mateo County Corrections Procedures Manual	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last updated on January 1, 2023 A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.
San Mateo County Corrections Policy Manual	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last updated on July 9, 2024 A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.
San Mateo County Jail Training Manual	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last updated in 2023 A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.



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Orientation Handbook	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The handbook applies to all incarcerated individuals at this facility.																		
Incident Reports	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There were a total of 11 incident reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 resulted in sanctions • 5 were informational 																		
Incident Report: Sanctions	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth received the following punitive sanctions during this inspection period. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">Sanction</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Number</th> <th style="width: 40%;">SYTF Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Solitary Confinement</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10 days</td> <td>Not allowed in SYTF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lockdown: Confined to cell 23 hour per day</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5 days¹</td> <td>Not allowed in SYTF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss of telephone calls</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 days</td> <td>Not allowed in SYTF</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss of tablet use</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7 days</td> <td>Impacts: Communication Visiting & Mail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Loss of commissary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14 days</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sanction	Number	SYTF Notes	Solitary Confinement	10 days	Not allowed in SYTF	Lockdown: Confined to cell 23 hour per day	5 days ¹	Not allowed in SYTF	Loss of telephone calls	3 days	Not allowed in SYTF	Loss of tablet use	7 days	Impacts: Communication Visiting & Mail	Loss of commissary	14 days	N/A
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Youth Grievances	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There were no grievances filed by youth during this inspection period. We did receive documentation for one grievance dated after the inspection period closed, and it will be noted in a future report.								
Orientation Handbook	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The handbook applies to all incarcerated individuals at this facility.								
Medical, Dental, Mental Health Request Forms	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>									
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reported dated January 2024, which covered January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023. A copy is included in the attachment section of this report.								
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The most current report available was submitted on April 11, 2023 for 2022. The PREA Resource Center indicates there is an audit currently in progress.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">REDWOOD CITY, CA</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">Maguire Correctional Facility</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 5px auto;"/> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">ONSITE START DATE</td> <td style="width: 50%;">ONSITE END DATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 17, 2025</td> <td>Nov 21, 2025</td> </tr> </table> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 5px auto;"/> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">AUDIT TYPE</td> <td style="width: 50%;">STATUS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Facility</td> <td>In Progress</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 5px;">AUDITOR Eric Woodford</p>	ONSITE START DATE	ONSITE END DATE	Nov 17, 2025	Nov 21, 2025	AUDIT TYPE	STATUS	Facility	In Progress
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Sheriff Department Website	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Probation Department Website: Juvenile Institutions Services	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no information available to parents, family, and natural supports indicating who to call or contact should a youth be transferred to the county jail
Workplace Violence Prevention Plan Per <u>SB 553</u> – Effective July 1, 2024	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Employers in California must establish, implement, and maintain a "Workplace Violence Prevention Plan" that includes: prohibiting employee retaliation, accepting and responding to reports of workplace violence, and emergency response. The County’s Workplace Violence Prevention Plan is in place.
Comments	<p>The youth received several sanctions that are not permissible for any young person committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility in California. These included ten days of solitary confinement and five days of 23 hour lockdown, both of which are prohibited in SYTF settings because isolation cannot be used as punishment. The youth also lost telephone and tablet access, which directly restricted communication with family and natural support persons and violated SYTF standards and the Youth Bill of Rights.</p> <p>These restrictions undermine stability and the youth’s ability to maintain essential supportive relationships, and incident data shows a noticeable increase in behavioral issues the longer the youth remains in this adult jail environment.</p>			
Recommendations	<p>The youth should be evaluated for placement in a least restrictive program, as the current jail environment is actively reinforcing criminality and increasing risks to both the youth and public safety.</p>			



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REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IRP Quarterly MDT Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Post Secondary Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vocational Programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Life Skills Including Financial literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mental Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consist of intermittent 5-10 minute check in at the youth's cell door.
Substance Abuse Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family Reunification Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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Mentorship	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Case Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Transition Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reentry Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Records were provided indicating the youth had attended a one hour class facilitated by FLY, on September 19, 2025. As this date falls outside this inspection period it will be noted in the next inspection cycle
Religious Services	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recommendations	<p>The Probation Department, in partnership with the Sheriff’s Department, takes immediate corrective steps to implement all court ordered IRP treatment, programming, and services in the county jail setting. IRP’s typically include: access to post secondary and career technical education, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, mentors and credible messengers, life skills, family reunification and parenting classes, case management transition and transition services and comprehensive reentry supports.</p> <p>This inspection cycle identified a lack of programming for the youth, contrary to the rehabilitative expectations established under SB 823 and WIC 875. This lapse has interrupted the youth’s rehabilitative and treatment path. Reestablishing all services required by the IRP is essential to promoting stability and enhancing long-term public safety.</p>			



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YOUTH INTERVIEW				
QUESTIONS	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Do you have any immediate needs, questions, or concerns?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth was concerned that they had not been in contact with their child since being transferred to the this facility.
Are your medical, dental, and mental health care needs being met?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you receiving the court ordered programs and services listed in your IRP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you meeting regularly with your IRP Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the treatments, programs, and services effective in helping you address your needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you receiving the education and training that will help you be self-sufficient upon your release?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the rights guaranteed to you under the Youth Bill of Rights being honored?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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How many hours do you spend locked inside of your cell on an average day?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	“Sometimes up to 23 hours a day. We are on lockdown a lot”
Can you explain the types of punishment you have received since you arrived?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	“I have been to the hole several times since I came here”
Have you filed a grievance during this inspection period?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you able to receive in-person visits from your parents, child(ren) & siblings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	In person visits were not conducted during this inspection period. The youth also had no contact with their child.
Do you have access to a telephone to make calls?	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are fees attached to telephone calls. The youth must call “collect” placing the charges on the family or natural support system. Privileges can be revoked as punishment.
Are you sending and receiving mail at this facility?	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical mail is not permitted inside the facility. All incoming correspondence is sent to an out-of-state vendor, where it is scanned and uploaded into a digital system. Incarcerated individuals can then access their scanned mail using the electronic tablets provided within the facility.
Do you have access to a tablet to send and receive electronic mail and communications?	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Credits must be purchased to send electronic communications. Youth have no ability to earn money while incarcerated at the facility. Privileges can be revoked as punishment.



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Describe the meals and snacks at this facility	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>“The meals are horrible”, “they are even worse than the juvenile hall.” “I’m always hungry, " The youth mentioned that purchasing food through the commissary system helps keep hunger at bay, however, the youth has no way to earn funds and must rely on others to provide the necessary funding.</p>
Does your probation Officer check in regularly to assess your needs here?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there anything else you would like me to know?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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APPEARANCE OF YOUTH				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
General Appearance and Demenour	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth was very respectful, calm, and engaging throughout the 45 minute interview. They did however, express concern over the lack of programming and conditions at the jail. They were very concerned that they would not have the education, skills, and resources needed to be successful upon release.
Clothing and Shoes	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Personal Hygiene	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The youth was clean and well groomed.
Skin	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No visible injuries, conditions, or bruising was noted.
Hair	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nails	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FACILITY INSPECTION				
HOUSING UNIT - 5 WEST				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
General Description	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The housing unit reflects the same prison model design used in the juvenile hall. Cells are arranged in two tiers along the perimeter, with a large open common area at the center. There is a large staff desk located near the entrance to the unit, in front of the meeting room.



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Capacity	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The 5 West housing unit can hold up to 96 individuals.
Cleanliness	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Temperature	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No issues noted
Air Quality	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No issues noted
Fixtures	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Windows and Doors	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows need cleaning
Flooring	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Notices and Signage	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Notices are posted on the outside of the staff desk
Individual Cells	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Showers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Muti-Purpose Meeting Room	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The rooms serves as a quiet space to do legal research, hold meetings, or other approved activities.
Common Areas	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The common area in the housing unit appeared to be very clean and well organized. There were no odors noted.
Furniture	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Visiting Area	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Confidential Visiting Areas	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephones	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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Indoor Recreation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outdoor Recreation	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The housing unit has an attached outdoor recreation area.
First Aid Emergency and Evacuation Supplies	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Security Cameras & Communications Equipment	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire and Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Detectors, and Fire Extinguishers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Food Storage: Refrigeration & Ovens				
Comments	The housing unit was observed to be clean, orderly, and well maintained. All fixtures and equipment appeared to be in proper working condition, and no areas of concern were noted.			



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CORRECTIONAL HEALTH				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Medical Services	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The facility is staffed to provide onsite medical services twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Medical care includes routine health screening, treatment, health education, and continuous emergency response. Clinic appointments are available both by referral and upon request. Services include chronic care for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and HIV as well as orthopedic care and urgent medical treatment.
Dental Offices	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a dental office in the medical wing of the jail.
Mental Health	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental health services for the youth are extremely limited. The youth stated that therapeutic contact consists of brief five to ten minute check ins that occur infrequently at their cell door. The facility maintains a separate Behavioral Health Unit that houses individuals with acute mental health needs.
Medical Observation Unit	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Observes and treats individuals detoxing from drugs and alcohol.
Emergency Care	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patients are triaged and treated on site or transported to San Mateo County Medical Center as needed.
Speciality Care	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provided through the San Mateo County Medical Center



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COURT HOLDING AREAS

REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Upper: Arraignments	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2A Court Holding	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

MAIN LOBBY

REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Windows and Doors	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Front Desk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Meals are consumed on the housing unit.
Security	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are refrigeration units located on the housing unit.
Furniture	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are portable ovens located on the housing units.
Service Legue Office	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inmate Deposit Kiosk	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is a kiosk in the lobby that allows individuals to deposit funds to inmate accounts.
Other: Narcan Vending Machine	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The vending type machine provides emergency doses of Narcan, an opioid overdose reversal medication for free.
Signs and Notices	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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MAPLE STREET CORRECTION FACILITY 1300 MAPLE STREET REDWOOD CITY, CA. 94063				
KITCHEN				
REVIEWED	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
Kitchen	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Incarcerated individuals and dietary staff prepare all meals at the Maple Street Correctional Facility in Redwood City. Meals are prepared twenty four hours in advance, packaged, refrigerated, and transported to the Maguire Correctional Facility. Once received, meals are delivered to the housing units for storage until mealtimes, when they are reheated and served to the incarcerated population the following day. The SYTF facility also receives its meals from the county jail. However, incarcerated individuals are prohibited from preparing meals for SYTF youth.
Dining Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	Meals are consumed on the housing unit.
Food: Heating, Refrigeration and Storage	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are refrigeration units and ovens are located on the housing unit.
Recommendations	Preparing and serving meals on the same day would substantially improve the quality, taste, and texture of the food served at the county jails and juvenile secure detention facilities supplied by the Maple Street Correctional Facility.			



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Signature of Juvenile Justice Commissioners preparing this inspection report:

Johanna Rasmussen, Commissioner

Date: November 10, 2025

REPORT ATTACHMENTS

All referenced attachments are available through the link below.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16glwW_EWKIlvCH4oOV3gfWzPwswaX11P?usp=sharing

- BSCC Biennial Inspection Report: September 11-13, 2023
- BSCC Targeted Inspection Report: November 6, 2024
- PREA Annual Report: 2022
- PREA Audit Report: 2023
- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Corrections Procedures Manual: January 1, 2023
- San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Corrections Policy Manual: January 1, 2023
- San Mateo County Jail Training Manual: 2023
- In re H.T., Court of Appeal of California, Third Appellate District, Case No. C102265. Certified for publication October 28, 2025, Sacramento County.



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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
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October 6, 2025

RE: Consent Agenda Item Number 22

The County's Response to the 2024–25 Civil Grand Jury Report
“Vacant, Valuable, and Vulnerable: Reimagining San Mateo County's Youth Services Facilities”

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The San Mateo County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC) respectfully submits this letter to express concern regarding several statements contained in the County's draft response to the 2024–25 Civil Grand Jury Report cited above.

Finding One: Underutilization of Youth Facilities

Camp Kemp: Since the closure of Camp Kemp in October 2023, the Commission has made multiple formal recommendations regarding its potential use in our state-mandated annual inspection reports. Despite our ongoing efforts and repeated recommendations, the Commission was not included in any discussions concerning the proposed Youth Crisis Healing Campus at Camp Kemp.

Through our direct work with justice-involved youth and their families, we have developed a comprehensive understanding of the unmet needs and critical gaps in developmentally appropriate services. We remain deeply concerned that, more than two years after its closure, Camp Kemp continues to sit vacant while youth in crisis lack adequate housing, treatment, and transition options.

When formulating our recommendations, the Commission considered three primary factors:

- The unmet needs of system-impacted and vulnerable youth in San Mateo County
- The location, layout, and existing amenities available at Camp Kemp
- Opportunities for repurposing the site quickly and cost-effectively to maximize public benefit



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Based on these criteria, the Commission has recommended the following potential uses for Camp Kemp:

- **Inpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program for Youth:** San Mateo County does not currently have a single substance abuse treatment bed for youth, a critical gap that has persisted despite the ongoing opioid epidemic. The need for youth-specific treatment is urgent and profound.
- **Transitional Housing Program for Unhoused Youth:** With the closure of StarVista’s Daybreak program earlier this year, the County lost its only emergency housing option that was exclusively for youth. The number of unhoused young people continues to grow, with many sleeping in cars, on couches, or in the streets. A transitional housing program at Camp Kemp would provide immediate, safe, and stable housing for these youth.
- **Least Restrictive Program for Youth Committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF):** San Mateo County currently lacks a designated SYTF Least Restrictive Program, even as the SYTF population has grown at a higher rate than originally anticipated. Public safety demands a proactive, comprehensive approach that provides step-down and reentry opportunities for these youth to transition successfully back into the community.

Camp Glenwood: While we recognize the vital role Cal Fire plays across the region and the state, the County’s response overlooks the fact that Camp Glenwood remains a youth facility that is no longer being used for its intended purpose. Camp Glenwood once provided structured, rehabilitative programming that transformed lives and reduced recidivism. Since its conversion, not a single justice-involved youth has received services there. Given the growing number of system-impacted and vulnerable transitional-age youth sleeping in cars, on the streets, and resorting to “survival stealing,” it is difficult for us to concur that the current lease with Cal Fire represents the best use of this publicly funded youth facility.

Finding Two: Disparities in Services for 18–25-Year-Olds Incarcerated in the Adult Jail

The County’s assertion that rehabilitative services for 18–25-year-olds in the adult jail are “comparable” to those offered at the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) is factually inaccurate and fundamentally misleading.



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- By law, the juvenile court must approve an Individualized Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) for each youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) within 30 days of commitment, pursuant to **California Welfare and Institutions Code § 875.5**. Each IRP includes components such as postsecondary and vocational education, mental health treatment, family therapy, and victim impact and awareness programming. Youth also have access to mentors and credible messengers, as well as additional developmentally and therapeutically appropriate interventions as needed.
- Youth at the SYTF are further entitled to robust reentry supports designed to ensure a successful transition back into the community. These services include housing, transportation, continued educational and vocational programming, substance abuse treatment, and any other resources the court deems necessary to promote long-term stability and success.
- Youth housed at the county jail can sometimes spend up to 23 hours a day in their cells. Educational opportunities are nonexistent, What limited programming is available is sporadic, inconsistent, and wholly inadequate to meet the developmental or therapeutic needs of our youth. They do not have adequate access to mental health services or family therapy and many routinely go months without seeing their loved ones when the elevators break and visiting is cancelled. Physical mail is prohibited, and youth must pay to communicate with their families through tablets, which not all families can afford. There are no Multi-Disciplinary Teams, no Individualized Rehabilitation Plans to ensure that therapeutic or educational goals are being met, and no judicial oversight to hold the system accountable. These youth are left alone to navigate incarceration in near invisibility, without mentors, without advocates, and when their sentences end, they are released without coordinated reentry planning, no continued treatment, and no supports to help them reintegrate into their communities and many of them become homeless.

Clearly, the rehabilitation services available to youth at the SYTF and county jails are **not** comparable in anyway. The stark differences are not only negatively affecting outcomes for our youth, they are undermining public safety throughout our county.



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Request for Board Action

Given these inaccuracies and omissions in the purposed response, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission respectfully asks that this item be pulled from the consent agenda to allow the necessary corrections to be made and to provide both the Civil Grand Jury and the public the opportunity to review accurate information and respond appropriately.

Grounded in our mission and aligned with San Mateo County's Shared Vision 2025, we remain committed to working alongside our County partners to ensure that our youth facilities, programs, services, and policies reflect the County's core values, advance equity, and improve public safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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San Mateo County

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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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In re H.T., a Person Coming Under the Juvenile Court
Law.

C102265

THE PEOPLE,

(Super. Ct. No. JV140490)

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

H.T.,

Defendant and Appellant.

The juvenile court ordered H.T. discharged from a secure youth treatment facility to a period of probation supervision in the community,

pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 875.¹ After the probation department struggled to find housing for H.T. that would comply with the terms of his probation, H.T. asked the court to order the County of Sacramento to pay for his housing at a transitional housing facility. The court initially granted this request, but then refused to order further payments because it believed it lacked the statutory authority to do so.

On appeal, H.T. contends the juvenile court misunderstood the scope of its discretion. We agree that the court had discretion to grant H.T.'s request under section 900, subdivision (b). Accordingly, we will vacate the court's order and remand the matter for the court to exercise that discretion.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

H.T. admitted committing a crime, and the juvenile court adjudged him a ward of the court pursuant to section 725, subdivision (b). The court committed H.T. to a secure youth treatment facility pursuant to section 875.

When H.T.'s baseline term of confinement ended, he was 21 years old. The juvenile court held a series of probation discharge hearings pursuant to section 875, subdivision (e)(3) to discuss a reentry plan prior to discharging him to a period of probation supervision in the community. The parties struggled to find housing for H.T. because of the confluence of three unusual constraints. First, the proposed terms of his probation prevented him from living at home with his mother. Second, H.T. could

¹ Undesignated statutory references are to the Welfare & Institutions Code.

not live at a community organization housing facility because it did not accept people required to register under Penal Code section 290. Third, the probation department could not place H.T. at its normal housing facility because it was too close to a high school, which would violate the proposed terms of his probation.

Given these constraints, H.T. requested the juvenile court order the County of Sacramento to pay for him to live at a transitional housing facility, at a cost of \$500 for the security deposit and \$850 for monthly rent. The probation department objected, arguing that it could not pay for transitional housing without a contract and that the property did not have sufficient insurance to meet the contracting requirements. While “exploring additional options” and “funding streams,” the probation department suggested providing three days of hotel vouchers and then helping H.T. get on a waiting list for a spot at an emergency shelter. Counsel for the County of Sacramento objected that the juvenile court was not authorized to make an order requiring the County to pay to house H.T. Over these objections, the court ordered H.T. placed at the transitional housing facility for 30 days and ordered the probation department to ensure the security deposit and monthly rent were paid.

At the next hearing 30 days later, the probation department proposed providing two weeks’ worth of hotel vouchers to H.T. plus gift cards for food purchases and paying for a ride share service for transportation instead of continuing to pay H.T.’s rent at the transitional housing facility. The probation department also asserted that H.T. did not need housing because

the emergency shelter program “is the County’s plan for dealing with homelessness.” The counsel for the County of Sacramento reiterated and expanded upon its prior objection that no statute explicitly authorized the juvenile court to require the County to pay for H.T.’s housing. County counsel also objected that the court could not order the County to pay for something that violated its contracting regulations. H.T. continued to request that the court order the County to pay his rent at the transitional housing facility.

The juvenile court explained that it did not feel that it had “a clear basis to grant the request.” Accordingly, the court ordered the probation department to provide two weeks of hotel vouchers to H.T. plus transportation and food support; the court scheduled another hearing in two weeks.

At the next hearing, the parties agreed to continue the hearing for a week with the probation department providing additional hotel vouchers for the interim. At the continued hearing, held on September 11, 2024, H.T.’s counsel informed the court that H.T. had secured employment and would receive his first paycheck in approximately 24 days. H.T. again asked the court to order the County to pay for his housing in the transitional housing facility for that time period, at which point he would be able to pay for his own housing. County counsel again objected and asserted that the court lacked authority to make such an order. The court agreed and denied H.T.’s request, explaining: “[T]he Court finds it doesn’t have any further

authority to direct the county or the probation department to use -- to direct them to use resources to address the housing needs of [H.T.]”

After the juvenile court denied H.T.’s request, the owner of the transitional housing facility informed the court that H.T. was planning to move back to her facility in seven days in order to avoid the unsafe conditions around the hotel where he had been living and that they had a “financial arrangement.” The court noted that H.T.’s mother had offered to cover six days in a hotel for him and that the probation department had offered to provide vouchers to cover a small number of additional days if necessary. The owner of the transitional housing facility also offered to provide an extra night or two for free if necessary.

H.T. filed a timely notice of appeal from the court’s two orders denying his requests to have the County pay for his housing at the transitional housing facility.

DISCUSSION

H.T. contends the juvenile court abused its discretion when it incorrectly determined that it lacked discretion to order the County to pay for his rent at the transitional housing facility for the period of approximately 24 days between the final hearing and his receipt of his first paycheck. The People respond that the issue is moot and, in any event, the court correctly determined that it lacked discretion to issue such an order. We agree with H.T.

I

Mootness

As an initial matter, the People contend H.T.’s claim is moot because he “secured housing at [the transitional housing facility] without additional assistance from [the] probation [department],” which means “any ruling from this [c]ourt would have no practical effect on [H.T.]’s claim.” The People miss the point, which centers on payment as opposed to merely housing.

“ ‘A case becomes moot when a court ruling can have no practical impact or cannot provide the parties with effective relief.’ ” (*In re Stephon L.* (2010) 181 Cal.App.4th 1227, 1231.) In this case, our review can have a practical impact if we decide in H.T.’s favor and the juvenile court exercises its discretion to require the County to pay for H.T.’s housing as he requested. Because H.T. made a “financial arrangement” to pay for at least some portion of his housing himself, a ruling in his favor on this appeal can provide him with effective relief. (Cf. *In re M.W.* (2021) 67 Cal.App.5th 586, 590 [holding minor and his family not liable for costs of probation treatment program and ordering appropriate agency to reimburse them for amounts they had paid].) We therefore consider the merits of the appeal.

II

Discretion to Order a County to Pay for a Ward’s Housing

The parties disagree about the scope of the juvenile court’s discretion to order the County to pay for housing for a ward of the court who is being discharged to a period of probation supervision in the community, pursuant to section 875, subdivision (e)(3). H.T. contends that

section 900, subdivision (b) and section 727 authorize the court to order such payments, in accordance with the aims of juvenile court law, as outlined in section 202, subdivision (d). The People argue that these sections are not specific enough to authorize the court to order payments for housing and that section 900 does not apply to H.T. H.T. has the better argument.

Section 900, subdivision (b) provides: “If it is necessary that provision be made for the expense of support and maintenance of a ward of the juvenile court or of a minor person concerning whom a petition has been filed to declare the person a ward of the juvenile court in accordance with this chapter, the order providing for the care and custody of the ward or other minor person shall direct that the whole expense of support and maintenance of the ward or other minor person be paid from the county treasury. All orders made pursuant to this subdivision shall state the amounts to be paid from the county treasury, and those amounts shall constitute legal charges against the county.”

We review a juvenile court’s interpretation of a statute de novo. (*In re D.H.* (2020) 58 Cal.App.5th 44, 51; accord *Haraguchi v. Superior Court* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 706, 711-712 [trial court’s conclusions of law in exercising its discretion are reviewed de novo].) “We start with the statute’s words, which are the most reliable indicator of legislative intent.” (*In re R.T.* (2017) 3 Cal.5th 622, 627.) “ ‘We interpret relevant terms in light of their ordinary meaning, while also taking account of any related provisions and the overall structure of the statutory scheme to determine

what interpretation best advances the Legislature’s underlying purpose.’ ” (*Ibid.*) “When, however, a term has developed a particular meaning in the law, we generally presume the legislative body used the term in that sense rather than relying on ordinary usage.” (*In re Friend* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 720, 730.) “[C]ourts do not construe statutory provisions ‘so as to render them superfluous.’ ” (*In re J. W.* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 200, 210.) Rather, we give statutes “ ‘a reasonable and common sense construction which will render them valid and operative rather than defeat them’ ” (*ibid.*), and “harmonize statutory provisions to avoid absurd results” (*John v. Superior Court* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 91, 96).

The plain language of section 900, subdivision (b) authorizes the juvenile court to order a county to pay “for the expense of support and maintenance of a ward of the juvenile court” when “necessary.” The People’s objections fail to create any ambiguity.

First, the objection that the statute is not specific enough to authorize expenditures for housing ignores the meaning of the term “maintenance” in this context, which has always included the cost of lodging, among other necessities. (Black’s Law Dict. (12th ed. 2024) p. 1139, col. 2 [defining “child maintenance” as “furnishing of necessities . . . including food, clothes, lodging, and school supplies” or as a “regular monetary contribution sufficient to furnish such necessities, esp. when made in accordance with a court order”]; accord Black’s Law Dict. (4th ed. 1957) p. 1106, col. 1 [defining “maintenance” as “[t]he furnishing by one person to another, for his support, of the means of living, or food, clothing, shelter,

etc., particularly where the legal relation of the parties is such that one is bound to support the other, as between father and child”]; *County of San Mateo v. Dell J.* (1988) 46 Cal.3d 1236, 1249 [discussing “ ‘costs incurred in supporting and maintaining the juvenile’ ” as including “ ‘the necessities of life—food, clothing, shelter’ ”].) In other words, section 900 does specifically authorize the court to order the County to pay for a ward’s housing.²

Second, section 900 has long been considered legislative authorization for courts to mandate payments from public funds. (*In re Roger S.* (1977) 19 Cal.3d 921, 935 [citing § 900, among other authorities, for the proposition that juvenile courts may order wards placed in private or public facilities and given psychiatric treatment at public expense]; 64 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 567 (1981) [determining that “[§] 900 gives the juvenile court the authority to order the county in which a juvenile proceeding takes place [(as opposed to the county where the juvenile resides)] to pay for the support and maintenance of a minor in a court-ordered placement”].) This means such an order does not violate the separation of powers doctrine or make an improper gift of public funds. (See *Payne v. Superior*

² Because section 900 authorizes such payments, we decline to reach H.T.’s contention that section 727 also authorizes the juvenile court to order the County to pay his rent at the transitional housing facility. Section 727 also authorizes orders for the maintenance and support of a ward of the court but is not as specific as section 900 regarding whom the court can order to make such payments.

Court (1976) 17 Cal.3d 908, 919-920, 924 & fn. 6 [Legislature must authorize expenditure of public funds before court can order such payments]; *In re William M.W.* (2019) 43 Cal.App.5th 573, 580, 592-595 [no separation of powers violation or improper gift of public funds when juvenile court ordered social services agency to expend funds to provide discovery free of charge].)

Finally, the People's apparent argument that subdivision (c) of section 900 makes subdivision (b) inapplicable to H.T. evidences a lack of understanding of the statutory scheme. Each subdivision of section 900 governs distinct categories under the juvenile law. Subdivision (a) governs payments for "support and maintenance of a dependent child of the juvenile court or of a minor person concerning whom a petition has been filed to declare the person a dependent child of the juvenile court." Subdivision (b) governs payments for "support and maintenance of a ward of the juvenile court or of a minor person concerning whom a petition has been filed to declare the person a ward of the juvenile court." And subdivision (c) of section 900 governs children who are placed under supervision pursuant to section 301 "in lieu of filing a petition or subsequent to dismissal of a petition already filed," as well as children who are under supervision under section 654, subdivision (a) "in lieu of filing a petition to declare a minor a ward of the court under Section 601 or requesting that a petition be filed by the prosecuting attorney to declare a minor a ward of the court under subdivision (e) of Section 601.3 or Section 602." Thus, as the juvenile court recognized when the People made this argument below, subdivision

(c) *expands* the application of section 900 to additional categories under the juvenile law rather than restricts its application. The People's position--that a ward must fit in one of the categories in subdivision (c) to be eligible for maintenance--would render subdivision (b) mere surplusage because the category is mutually exclusive with the categories covered by subdivision (c). Our construction harmonizes the subdivisions instead.

The amendment history of section 900 further corroborates the conjunctive purpose of subdivision (c). When the Legislature first moved provisions relating to expenditures by counties for the support of wards to section 900 in 1961, the section lacked subdivisions and governed only wards and dependents. (Stats. 1961, ch. 1616, § 2, p. 3499; cf. Stats. 1943, ch. 676, § 1, p. 2431.) In 1972, the Legislature added former subdivision (b), which expanded the section to cover minors under supervision pursuant to section 654. (Stats. 1972, ch. 924, § 1, p. 1651.) In 1976, the Legislature expanded former subdivision (b) to cover minors under supervision pursuant to former section 330. (Stats. 1976, ch. 1068, § 77, p. 4798.) Finally, in 2017, the Legislature split former subdivision (a) into subdivision (a), governing dependents, and subdivision (b), governing wards, moving former subdivision (b) to subdivision (c). (Stats. 2017, ch. 678, § 17.) This expanded the juvenile court's discretion to order payments for the support and maintenance of wards of the court because the Legislature did not include the statutory cap on the amount of monthly payments in subdivision (a) in the new subdivision (b). The amendment also removed the ability of the county boards of supervisors to control the

amount of the cap for wards, instead entrusting the determination of the amount necessary to the discretion of the juvenile court. This history demonstrates that the Legislature intended to expand, not limit, the juvenile court's power to order payments for the support and maintenance of wards when it added subdivision (b) to the statute.

As evidenced by both the plain language and the history of section 900, subdivision (b), the Legislature has authorized juvenile courts to order counties to pay for housing for wards of the court when necessary. Thus, the juvenile court erred when it concluded it had no "further authority to direct the county or the probation department to use . . . resources to address the housing needs of [H.T.]" A "court abuses its discretion when it misinterprets or misapplies the law." (*In re M.W.* (2018) 26 Cal.App.5th 921, 931.) "Alternatively stated, if a trial court's decision is influenced by an erroneous understanding of applicable law or reflects an unawareness of the full scope of its discretion, it cannot be said the court has properly exercised its discretion under the law." (*F.T. v. L.J.* (2011) 194 Cal.App.4th 1, 15.) In such a situation, "remand to the trial court is required to permit that court to exercise *informed* discretion with awareness of the full scope of its discretion and applicable law." (*Id.* at p. 16.)

Accordingly, we will vacate the juvenile court's order denying H.T.'s request to direct the County to pay for his rent at the transitional housing facility for the period of approximately 24 days between the final hearing and his receipt of his first paycheck. On remand, the juvenile court must consider, under section 900, whether it was "necessary that provision

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ORDER CERTIFYING
OPINION FOR
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APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Sacramento
County, Joginder S. Dhillon, Judge. Order vacated and remanded.

Courtney M. Selan, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for
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THE COURT:

The opinion in the above-entitled matter filed on October 2, 2025, was not certified for publication in the Official Reports. For good cause, it now appears that the opinion should be published in the Official Reports and it is so ordered.

BY THE COURT:

_____/s/
Robie, Acting P. J.

_____/s/
Duarte, J.

_____/s/
Renner, J.