

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE
EXECUTIVE AND STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE
Juvenile Justice Director's Office Conference Room
March 8th, 2023, at 12 PM

AGENDA

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **Probation Reform Update**
 - We are continuing to see a decrease in use of force incidents as well as employee injuries since the CASE Token System began. In the first quarter, we reduced room confinement approximately 75-80%. In the second quarter, we saw another reduction of room confinement of approximately 35%.
 - Acceleration Academies offer a blended learning model that allows students to work in person and from home at their own pace. With flexible on-site hours, students focus on one course at a time and can complete coursework around their schedule. When working from home, students can receive remote support to help keep them on track in their courses. This unique approach meets each student where they are and provides them the support they need. And because they are partnered with CCSD, funding follows the student. They get a real high school diploma and get to attend graduation.
 - Deputy County Manager Jeff Wells is retiring. JJ will fall under newly promoted Deputy County Manager Abigail Frierson.
 - We are considering replacing YAP services with Workforce mentoring services. YAP is still contracted to finish youth they are already programming with. This would allow more funding as we are partnered and be able to offer additional resources.
 - There are several bills we continue to monitor such as one that will expand services for autism programs, a certification bill specific to sex offenders, and others that will increase transition services for youth aging out of our system. Another important bill we are watching is 62G. If the bill passes, staff would be provided 270 days for a disposition for certain crimes. This timeline would be difficult to manage as we'd have to hold positions vacant. This goes for child abuse allegations as well. We were happy to see many bills regarding CSEC and will be in support.

- **Spring Mountain Residential Center Girls Program** - Spring Mountain Residential Center (SMRC) will open doors soon! Capacity is 12 but we are placing only 4-6 girls until we smooth out minor growing pains. Construction on the second home is now complete! It is an exact replica of the first house. We still plan to place girls in this home. Depending on the type of programming available in the house will depend on what contract is necessary. Will have more updates as decisions are made. Please email Shannon if interested in any facility tours.

- **Harbor Update**
 - Two pilot programs launched this month! Harbor Crisis Response Services, which is a grant funded collaboration with the Eighth Judicial District Court and

Harbor Mobile and Rural Services funded through ARPA dollars. This is exciting for us and the communities rurally who have not had a lot of on-hand support. Jack and Cheri have been visiting Moapa and Laughlin to help build trust. They plan to visit Searchlight as well. There are not a lot of numbers there but we would still like to extend services for those who need it.

- This also gives us the capability to intervene when no DV arrest is made and still work with the family and offer resources.
 - Crisis response services have begun as well. This team mainly handles DV calls when someone is placed on a 12-hour hold. They use this time to work with the families and the root of the issue. They create a 30-60 day stabilization plan to assist and provide specialized services. Once the family is stable, they will refer resources to continue working with the family.
 - We are provided more Harbor Overview Trainings to law enforcement officers. In addition, we are exploring a collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Department to ensure youth in need of mentoring services receive that valuable support.
 - The Harbor continues to provide tours to a variety of community agencies to establish partnerships and increase our reach. Jurisdictions across the country have visited The Harbor to learn from our model as they are in the planning and implementation stages in their communities.
- **Truancy Prevention Outreach Program (TPOP)**
 - We continue to grow our relationships with high schools and find creative ways to engage this age group. We are able to assist high schools with specific problems they are having and finding creative solutions.
 - Partnering with Acceleration Academy has made graduation more realistic for youth that are not a good fit for a regular school setting. We are able to assist youth that dropped out of high school graduate with an actual diploma!
- **Other Topics of Discussion**
 - There are currently over 50 vacant JPO positions. We are partnering with downtown County HR to expedite the hiring process and find creative ways to recruit. Shannon will share an informational poster once that is created.
 - JPO Academy started this week with 7 cadets.
 - Our 8 new Juvenile Probation Supervisors worked hard on new mission and value statements for DJJS. They presented to M-Team and everyone loved them. Vision statement: To inspire a successful future for youth, families, and our community. Mission statement: To improve and strengthen youth and families through positive relationships and targeted programming. We will be branding both statements for recruitment and will share with the group.