

# JUVENILE JUSTICE INTERVENTION SERVICES (JJIS)

WALKING WITH FAMILIES THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES TO BRING TRANSFORMATION



Stanford Sierra Youth and Families, in partnership with the Sacramento County Probation Department, delivers the Juvenile Justice Intervention Services (JJIS) program. The program assesses each youth's individual treatment needs and matches the youth to the appropriate service intervention(s) to include: counseling, skill building, peer and family support services; and case management and linkage to community-based services.

Services are primarily community-based provided in the home, school, and/or community, based on the individual needs of each youth and their family. Consistent with best practices, probation officers work in collaboration with SSYAF's JJIS team, youth, families, advocates, educators, and natural supports to ensure the youth and family's needs are being met. The goals of the program are to build upon the youth's individual strengths, increase resiliency, reinforce positive family and peer connections, promote prosocial behaviors, improve overall mental health and well-being, and reduce risk factors and recidivism.

## PROGRAM FACTS:

- Youths ages 13–25 can be referred to our Juvenile Justice Intervention Services (JJIS) program through the Sacramento County Probation Department, based on eligibility criteria and an assessment administered by Probation.
- The JJIS program seeks to address the following needs: family circumstances; education/employment; peer relations; substance abuse; personality/behaviors; and attitudes.
- The program is strength-based and leads to self-sufficiency for youth.
- With our long-standing relationship with Probation, we have been able to help youth engage in positive, productive change to pro-social activities.
- We collaborate with the Sacramento County Probation Department and families to problem-solve, help families understand their role, and empower the youth to exit the juvenile justice system.

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### DESIRED PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- Keep youth and families together;
- Reduce out-of-home placements and recidivism;
- Promote well-being; Support behavior change, and;
- Target the following behaviors including, but not limited to: family circumstances/parenting; peer relations; substance abuse; leisure/recreation activities; personality/behaviors; and attitudes/orientation.

### WHAT SERVICES LOOK LIKE:

Our team of trained professionals provides the following services and supports to youth and their families:

- **ASSESSMENT, SCREENING, AND REFERRAL** - Comprehensive assessment and linkage to appropriate counseling and support services.
- **SPECIALIZED REHABILITATIVE & SKILL BUILDING SERVICES** - These services are offered in both individual and group sessions and are designed to address specific targeted behaviors identified in the youth's individualized treatment plan.
- **INDIVIDUAL, GROUP & FAMILY THERAPY** - Services include treatment planning, evidence-based treatment, and promising practice models.
- **TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH (TAY) SERVICES & SUPPORT** - Support services for transitional-aged youth (ages 14-25) are offered to help build their confidence and functioning in the area of independent life skills.
- **FAMILY & YOUTH ADVOCACY** - Peer advocacy and support services.
- **TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE** - Our staff are able to assist youth and families with accessing public transportation, if needed, to attend necessary appointments.
- **24/7 CRISIS INTERVENTION, SAFETY PLANNING & SUPPORT** - Twenty-four-hour crisis intervention and family on-call support is available to youth and families, during a time of crisis.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact our JJIS Program Director at (916) 344-0199.

