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Juvenile Justice Workgroup

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Agenda

Time	Topic:
12:45 PM	Welcome and Introductions
12:50 PM	Discussion on Restorative Justice
1:10 PM	California Alliance of Children and Family Services
1:30 PM	Trinity Youth Services
1:50 PM	Rancho San Antonio



Agenda

Time	Topic:
2:10 PM	Q&A with Councilmember Advisors
2:30 PM	Open Public Comment
2:40 PM	Announcements
2:45 PM	Adjourn



Discussion on Restorative Justice

Emily Mantsch, *Associate Governmental Programs Analyst, CCJBH*



Restorative Justice Definition

- Consider adopting [CPOC's definition of restorative justice](#) with an emphasis on:
 - ✓ Accountability and active participation from all parties involved, including the young person, their families, the victim, and the community
 - ✓ Understanding the importance of building connections and support networks within the community
 - ✓ Addressing the underlying causes of behavioral health issues while providing support and resources to promote healing
 - ✓ Recognizing the impact of trauma and behavioral health challenges on the youth's actions



California Alliance of Children and Family Services

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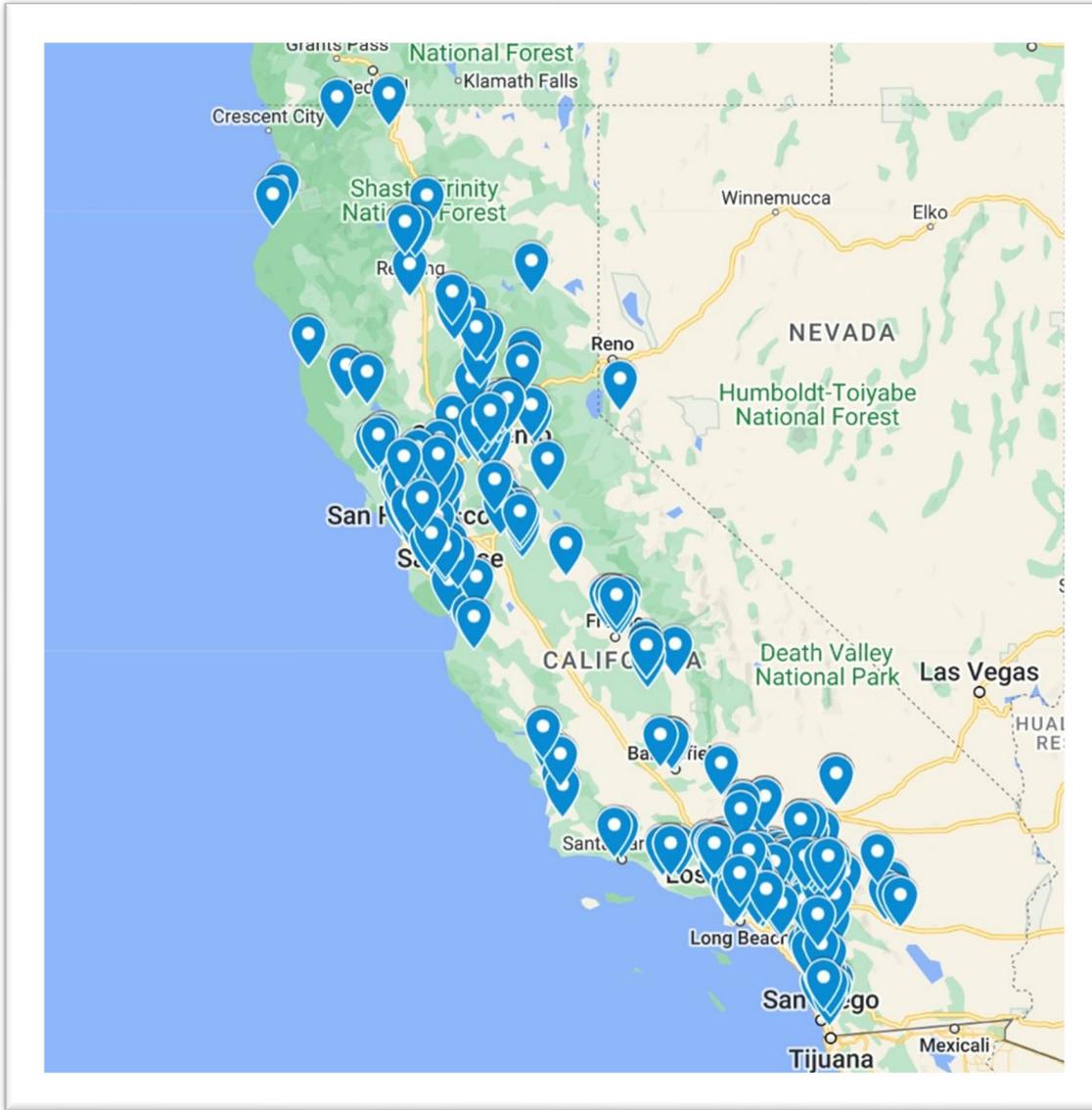
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The California Alliance of Child and Family Services

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About Us

- ❖ The California Alliance advocates for over [165 nationally accredited non-profit community-based organizations](#) across California's 58 counties.
- ❖ Our primary objective is to ensure California's children, youth, and families facing vulnerable circumstances thrive in their communities.
- ❖ To achieve this, we provide legislative and regulatory advocacy to the Governor, the Legislature, and a wide range of state departments.
- ❖ From policy reform to building stronger networks, our collective efforts are shaping a more inclusive and empowered future for all children, youth, and families.
- ❖ Our advocacy efforts are shaped by member committees, whose collective expertise and passion guide our strategic direction and policy efforts throughout the year.





Residential Services Committee

- ❖ Many of the members within our Residential Services Committee, which consists of private non-profit organizations, provide residential care to their communities through Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs).
- ❖ A STRTP is a residential facility that serves the highest-need youth and non-minor dependents with an integrated high-quality, short-term, 24-hour program of specialized and intensive services:
 - ❖ Care and Supervision
 - ❖ Child Welfare Services
 - ❖ Mental Health Treatment
- ❖ All services are designed to stabilize, support, and transition children to a lower level of care on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the child's needs and case plan.
- ❖ A child is eligible for an STRTP if they meet the medical necessity criteria for:
 - ❖ Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services,
 - ❖ are seriously emotionally disturbed, or
 - ❖ exhibit behavioral or treatment needs that can only be met by a STRTP.

Residential Services Committee

- ❖ A STRTP may have a specialized program to serve:
 - ❖ a juvenile sex offender/sexually reactive youth,
 - ❖ a child who is affiliated with or impacted by a gang,
 - ❖ a commercially exploited child, and
 - ❖ a private, voluntary placement if the youth exhibits status-offender behavior, uncontrollable behavior, or if short-term intervention is needed to transition the child back into the home.
- ❖ Youth with unmet complex needs face many challenges:
 - ❖ There has been a significant reduction in available STRTP beds
 - ❖ There are challenges in finding placements for youth with the most intense behaviors
 - ❖ There is not as high an increase in Resource Family Homes as anticipated by CDSS
- ❖ Without STRTPs, these youth risk being institutionalized in long-term group care because of their risk of causing harm to themselves or others.
- ❖ STRTPs give children the support, treatment, and tools they need so they can once again thrive in a family home.

Juvenile Justice Committee

- ❖ Many of the members of our Juvenile Justice Committee also provide residential care to their communities through Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs).
- ❖ In statute, County Probation Departments are a designated placement agency that finds homes or other places for young people who need temporary (STRTP) or permanent care.
- ❖ As part of their services, our members provide a wide array of services to their justice-involved youth, including:
 - ❖ Anger Management/Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) Program
 - ❖ Emancipation Preparation
 - ❖ Expungement of Records
 - ❖ Individual, Group, and/or Family Therapy
 - ❖ SUD Treatment
 - ❖ Life/Social Skills Training
 - ❖ Transitional Housing
 - ❖ Motivational Interviewing
 - ❖ Education Assistance
 - ❖ Linkage to Legal Services
 - ❖ Daycare/Parenting Education in Jails with TAY (18–25-year-olds)
 - ❖ Stages Approach to Family Education and Trauma Treatment for Youth (SAFETTY) Program
 - ❖ Vocational Training/Apprenticeships (Masonry, Welding, Landscaping, Culinary/Baking, Digital Printing, Warehousing, Construction, & More)

Advocacy Efforts

AB 2711 (Ramos, 2024), AB 2802 (Maienschein, 2024),
& CDSS Permanent Rates

AB 2711 (Ramos, 2024)

- ❖ AB 2711 requires supportive services before suspending students for drug-related infractions.
- ❖ California statutes allow discretion in suspensions and expulsions for substance-related offenses, but the discretion is unevenly applied.
- ❖ Over 60% of drug-related suspensions are boys, over 75% are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and 59% are youth of color.
- ❖ For students who encounter drug infractions, suspensions and expulsions have proven to be ineffective.
- ❖ Suspensions and expulsions can have long-lasting consequences, like increasing dropout rates and accelerating delinquency in students.
- ❖ Supportive services provide flexibility and address health needs, aiming to reduce future substance abuse.



AB 2802 (Maienschein, 2024)

- ❖ AB 2802 creates gender-inclusive options for housing arrangements within Transitional Housing Placement (THP) Programs, which serve current and former foster youth over the age of 18.
- ❖ These options would improve access for transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex (TGNCI) individuals, as well as siblings and co-parenting youth who are not of the same gender.
- ❖ County contracts would be mandated to be more inclusive to prevent exclusionary practices.
- ❖ Between 2019 and 2023, the combined number of gender non-binary and gender-questioning people experiencing homelessness increased by at least 183%.
- ❖ Gender-expansive youth of color are twice as likely to experience homelessness compared with their white counterparts.
- ❖ This practice would promote flexibility in gender identification for room assignments that accommodate the diverse needs of all residents.



CDSS Permanent Rates Ask

- ❖ Statute requires CDSS to establish an “ongoing payment structure no later than January 1, 2025.”
- ❖ The current payment structure of “interim” rates has existed since 2017.
- ❖ The CDSS Rate Reform proposal needs to:
 - ❖ Require that CDSS and DHCS return to the Legislature in January 2025 to review the proposal, the progress on implementation, and feedback from counties, providers, and children’s advocates.
 - ❖ Direct CDSS to review further the amounts and distribution of funding within the various components of the rate structure, such as Care and Supervision and Administration funding.
 - ❖ Direct CDSS to work with providers and counties to significantly reduce duplication of documentation, reporting, and other administrative burdens associated with STRTP regulations and Medi-Cal documentation.
 - ❖ Include an annual COLA on the Administrative component of the rate.
- ❖ Without increased engagement with service providers, many STRTP programs will begin to actively close their programs and services before this proposal is scheduled for implementation.

Rancho San Antonio

“Beyond just protecting these programs, California needs to invest in every young person who needs the support of a resource family or organization that provides a higher level of care... I don't know what would have happened to me if I hadn't found Rancho San Antonio.”

- Manny P., Former Youth at RSA



Mountain Valley Academy

“MVA has taught me more than just academics, it has taught me kindness and perseverance through example. I'm positive that I speak for everyone that the welcoming nature of the school is felt by us all.”

- Valedictorian Elena C., Class of 2023



Progress Ranch

“This is intense, minute-by-minute work we do here to get them to a family. Sometimes we are saving their life.”

- Alyssum Maguire, Executive Director



Trinity Youth Services

“Trinity staff were amazing. They would try to relate to us and make us feel like we weren’t criminals. They also treated us with respect.”

- Manuel M., Former Youth at TYS



Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services

“I would not have been prepared to raise a child who experienced trauma were it not for the education I received from the amazing staff here.”

- Susan C., and her newly adopted son Joshua, Former Family Served at VDM



Sycamores

“Without Sycamores, I wouldn’t have had the support system to graduate from Cal Poly Pomona as a former foster youth and a first-generation college student.”

- Martine J., Former Youth at Sycamores



THANK YOU!

FOR WATCHING THIS PRESENTATION

Do you have any questions?

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TRINITY YOUTH SERVICES

STAGES APPROACH TO FAMILY EDUCATION
AND TRAUMA TREATMENT FOR YOUTH (SAFETY)

HANNAH CHUAPOCO, LMFT

Trinity Youth Services: History



Date Opened: 1966

Number of Children Currently Served: 150

Cumulatively Served: 65,000+

Primary Counties Served: Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside

Populations Served: boys, girls, and gender-expansive youth ages 0-18

Helping children and families create a better future.





Trinity Youth Services: History

Populations Served:

- STRTP specialty populations (Sexually Reactive Youth)
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in Shelter and in Long-Term Foster Care

EBPs Currently Used:

- Managing and Adapting Practice (MAP)
- Together Facing the Challenge (TFTC)
- Motivational Interviewing (MI)
- TF-CBT
- Seeking Safety

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Stages Approach to Family Education and Trauma Treatment for Youth (SAFETTY)

- ▶ Treatment for children with problematic sexual behaviors and adolescents with harmful sexual behavior
- ▶ Primary goals:
 - ▶ To keep community safe
 - ▶ To prevent further victimization
 - ▶ To maximize each youth's potential to live a responsible and healthy lifestyle
- ▶ Population served: 12-18 years old

Treatment Program Outline

- ▶ Treatment program is influenced by the Andrews and Bonta's Risk Needs and Responsivity Model and Tony Ward's Good Lives Model
 - ▶ Matching treatment intensity according to the youth's learning style, cognitive abilities, and treatment needs
 - ▶ PROFESSOR (Protective + Risk Observations for Eliminating Sexual Offense Recidivism): facilitates treatment planning by identifying dynamic protective and risk factors that can inform interventions that will facilitate healthy relationships
- ▶ Treatment is focused on establishing safe, healthy relationships, social skills competence, executive functioning, stress management,
- ▶ Average length of treatment is 9 – 12 months
 - ▶ Length of treatment influenced by family reunification, victim readiness, treatment adherence/response

SAFETY© STAGES OF TREATMENT

- Primarily Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Behavior is viewed not as an isolated problem but rather symptomatic of psychological turmoil, a lack of knowledge, skills, and resources.



Success:

- ▶ Low recidivism rate while in treatment as measured by incident reports.
- ▶ Permanency Rate is 100% as measured at 3-, 6-, 9-, and 12 months after completion of treatment.
- ▶ Some success with family reunification with victim clarification sessions
 - ▶ Family Reunification: Trinity follows the guideline set by the Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), 2019)
 - ▶ Clarification and Safety Planning

Challenges:

- ▶ Difficulty with referring youth with moderate to severe SUD problems to substance abuse programs.
- ▶ Challenges with reunification
 - ▶ We've had to get creative with solutions on how to serve youth who have completed treatment but whose families are not ready to reunify
- ▶ Aftercare services: treatment programs specifically for youth with problematic/harmful sexual behaviors are not readily available
- ▶ Staffing
 - ▶ Staff burnout
 - ▶ Not a lot of staff with experience with working with children with problematic sexual behaviors and adolescents with harmful sexual behaviors.
 - ▶ Upon licensure, therapists and case managers often seek remote work, private practice work

Resources

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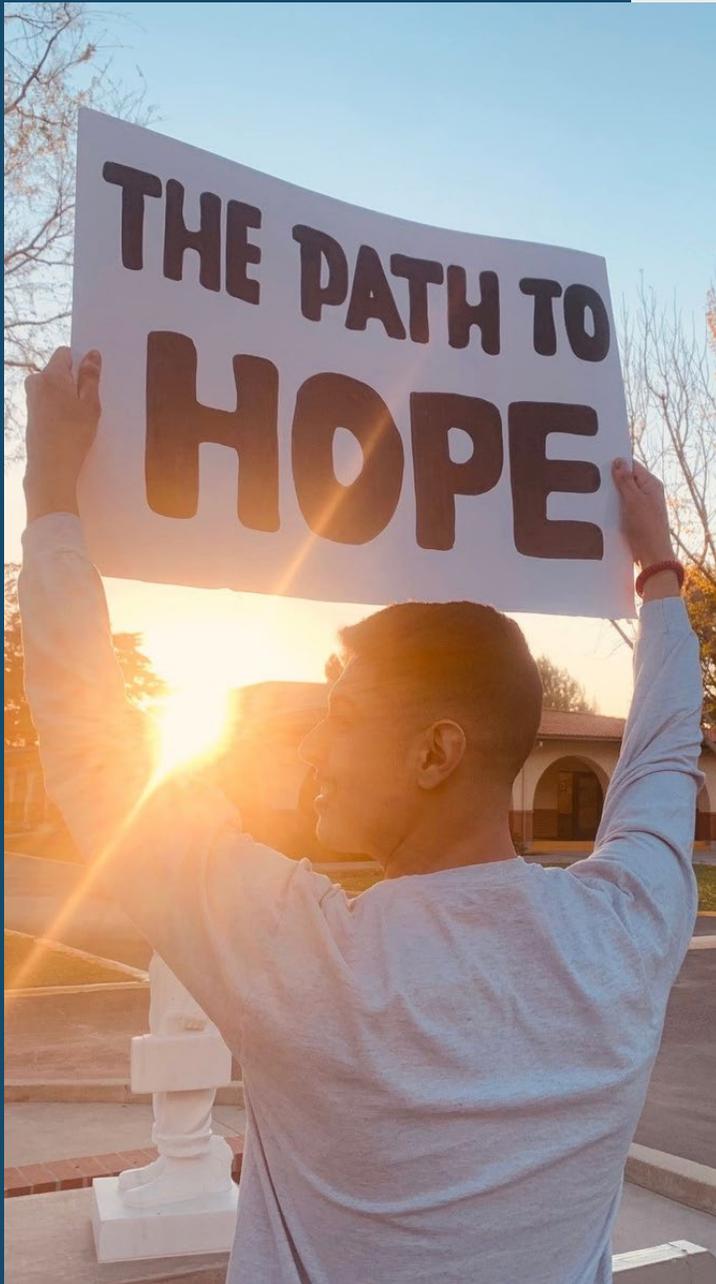
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Rancho San Antonio

Aubree Sweeney, *Executive Director, Rancho San Antonio*





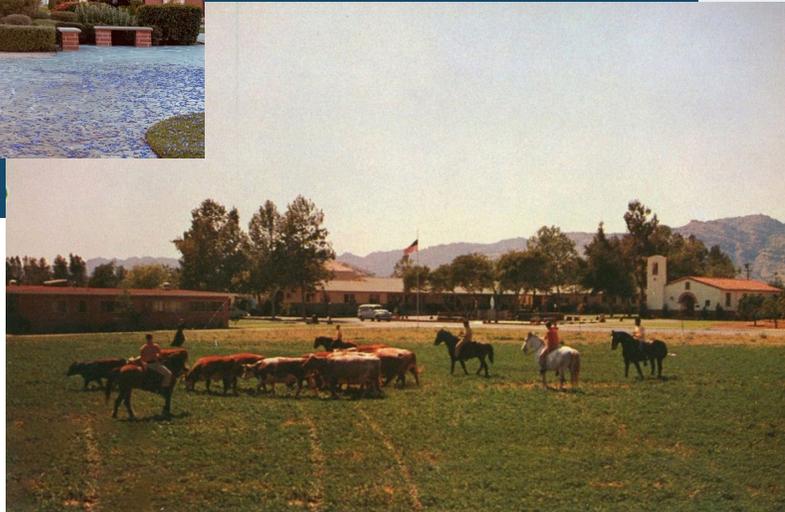
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Rancho

San Antonio

Friday, June 7th 2024

Our Campus



Look at our

History

Rancho San Antonio is a place where people come to heal their lives. Rancho was founded in 1933 by the Catholic Big Brothers as a home to care for 18 male youth who needed a safe haven and a helping hand.

In 2008, Rancho San Antonio separated from Catholic Charities and became an independent corporation.

For decades Rancho was licensed as a Group Home for disenfranchised youth and in 2018, transitioned from licensed Group Home to STRTP. Legislative changes resulting from CCR and FFPSA expedited the diversification of programming that Rancho will proudly present today.

Overview of

Programs

Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program

Rancho's trauma-informed STRTPs serve court referred male youth aged 13-18, including nonminor dependents, to address the life patterns that led to their placement outside of home. All residents receive Specialty Mental Health Services including individual, family, and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, and up to one year of Aftercare Services.

Trauma Informed Services and Training

Rancho integrates trauma-informed Attachment, Regulation, and Competency (ARC) framework into its programs and workplace. Rancho has been designated as a Complex Trauma Training Consortium (CTTC) site to provide an array of complex trauma training throughout the Greater Los Angeles metropolitan and Southern California areas.

Creative Healing Arts

Rancho's Creative Healing Arts program promotes healing and self-expression through collaboration between staff and youth. The music studio serves as a platform for creative expression, skill development, and trauma-informed approaches.

Substance Use Services

This program offers prevention, early intervention, and Recovery Services for youth aged 12-20, both outpatient and to our STRTP residents, following a life recovery model with best practice principles like assessment, relapse prevention, trauma informed treatment, and psychoeducation.

Youth Diversion

Rancho's Youth Diversion program supports at-risk youth to prevent their involvement in the youth justice system. Using a strength-based approach, individual assessments identify clients' unique needs and connect them with appropriate community resources.

Transitional Age Youth Apartments

Rancho offers 18-23 year old males that are facing housing insecurity an opportunity to build a solid base for the future. Participants are encouraged to establish financial security and pursuit of educational goals.

Youth Diversion

Key Program Components

- Trauma-informed care
- Strengths based assessments
- Weekly check ins
- Individualized care plans
- Mentorship
- Independent living skills
- Academic engagement and support
- Workforce development
- Behavioral interventions
- Skill building activities
- Motivational interviewing
- Social skills and self regulation training
- Linkages to community resources
(Educational, Recreational, Legal, etc.)

Rancho's Youth Diversion Program partners with local law enforcement agencies to receive referrals of youth who have come to the attention of law enforcement. Youth Diversion Case Managers engage and support youth who are at risk of offending or entering the formal youth justice system. We offer field-based, culturally sensitive, person-centered, evidence-based case management services. Case Managers utilize a trauma-informed care model to deliver services, from initial engagement to program completion.



Residential Care

Treatment and permanency services:

- Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)
- Trauma Informed Care (ARC)
- Family Therapy, Group, and Individual Therapy
- Substance Use Tx/Life Recovery
- Social Skills & Self-Regulation Training
- Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems
- Young Father's Curriculum
- Empowerment Training (CSEC)
- LGBTQIA+ Programming
- Neurofeedback
- Psychiatric Services/Medication Management/Psychological Testing
- Creative Healing Arts



Mental Health

Rancho currently has a Mental Health contract through Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) to provide SMHS to all youth in the STRTP and Aftercare.

Our goal is to augment the contract to provide services to youth in the community in an outpatient setting, not only to youth placed at Rancho's STRTP.

Substance Use Disorders

Rancho's Substance Use Treatment Program focuses on the best practice principles of treatment such as initial screening and assessment of the client to offer the appropriate level of care and the most efficient individualized treatment plan.

We offer individual, family, and group counseling. Our specialized counselors and therapists work with teens (12 - 17 years old) and young adults (18 - 20 years old) who have experienced issues with family life, school, and work due to substance abuse.

Our program also provides drug treatment for pregnancy, parenting teens, and parenting young adults. We offer Recovery Services and collaborate with Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT), when clinically and medically appropriate for a successful road to recovery.



BHCIP

Rancho was awarded \$4,197,699 of grant funding by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 4: Children and Youth grants. to construct, acquire, and expand behavioral health facilities and community based care options.

The goal will be to expand capacity to provide therapeutic programming areas for outpatient and intensive outpatient services for Substance Use Disorders (SUD) treatment, Mental Health services including prevention and wellness interventions, and non-traditional modalities of treatment such as creative healing arts and neurofeedback.



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Hoping to break ground by the end of 2024!



Impact

100%

of parents reported being overall satisfied with the services that their child received at Rancho upon STRTP program completion.

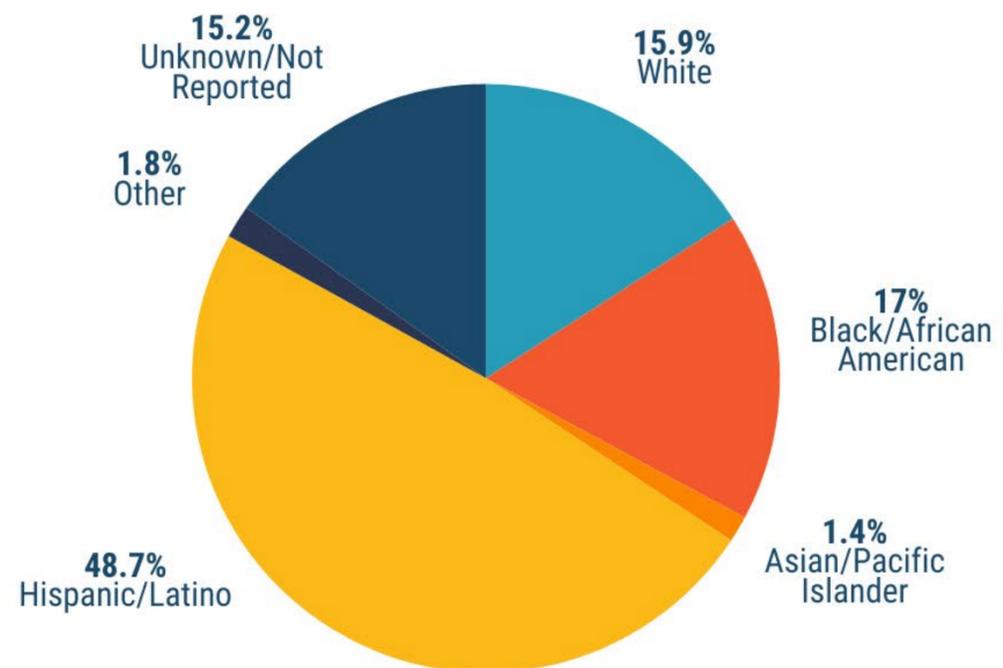
90%

of youth reported being overall satisfied with the services that they received at Rancho upon STRTP program completion.

<2%

of discharged youth returned to placement within 1 year of STRTP program completion.

YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS



277
YOUTH
AND THEIR
FAMILIES SERVED



Success Story

Nati

Nati, who resides in our TAY housing, was recently accompanied to Sacramento by a Rancho staff to make public comment to Senator Menjivar at the Health and Human Services Subcommittee 3 regarding rate reform for STRTPs. He spoke confidently and passionately about his experience at Rancho and the support he received.

He graduated yesterday from Pierce Community College, was accepted to multiple prestigious universities, and recently committed to UCLA.



Challenges & Take Aways

Funding: There is current legislation to create tiered permanent STRTP rates that in theory are designed to support youth needs, but the structure and actual rates for care/supervision and administration are not adequate. Without advocacy and change, many STRTPs will not continue and youth will be in unlicensed facilities.

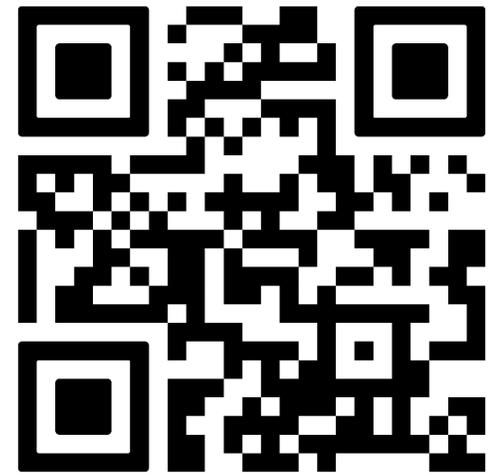
Residential Care: Residential facilities support family preservation and family reunification when possible. For some, residential is the safest and most appropriate intervention. Residential care has been misrepresented in the media and our industry. I encourage you to tour a facility if you never have and think of Nati's story if you doubt that change is possible.

Justice Involved Youth: Treatment and intervention is a balance of healing trauma and consequences for behaviors and decisions. Restorative Justice is about repairing harm, not dismissing it.

Thank You For Your Attention

Please check out our website:

www.ranchosanantonio.org



Q&A With Councilmember Advisors



Public Comment



Upcoming Events

[Juvenile Justice Workgroup Meeting](#): Friday, August 16, 2024, from 12:45-2:45 PM

[Diversion/ Reentry Workgroup Meeting](#): Friday, August 16, 2024, from 3:00-5:00 PM

[Full Council Meeting](#): Friday, September 27, 2024, from 2:00-4:30 PM

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