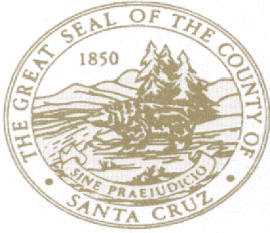


County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, March 23, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Special Meeting/Annual Retreat

PVPSA Offices
411 E. Lake Avenue
Watsonville, CA 95076

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Present: Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Deutron Kebebew, Elaine Johnson, Elias Gonzales, Jasmine Najera, Maria Rodriguez, Reyna Ruiz, Sierra Thompson, Forrest Revere

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan

Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Kebebew motioned to approve Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2024, and Monthly Statistical Information from Probation and Juvenile Hall); Commissioner Rodriguez seconded.

Motion Passed

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Johnson, Gonzales, Najera, Rodriguez, Ruiz

No: None

Abstention: Thompson, Revere

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Rodriguez shared about the Prom Dress donations and volunteer opportunities; please contact Commissioner Rodriguez.

IV. GUEST AGENCY: Cynthia Cuéllar/Meeting Facilitator – Leads team building exercise and the Action Items discussion on the agenda.

Chair Druley introduced Cynthia Cuéllar to the Commission. Cynthia Cuéllar gave an overview of how the agenda, activities, and day will go and began with an ice-breaker activity.

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V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Affirm and adopt a shared vision and purpose of the JJDPDC among the Commissioners (ATTACHED – Draft Bylaws and JJDPDC relevant Welfare & Institutions Code Sections): Amended motion to adopt the draft language and empower the Steering Subcommittee to finalize and bring back to the Commission for a vote at the April 11 meeting made by Commissioner Kebebew; Commissioner Ruiz seconded.

Motion Passed

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Johnson, Gonzales, Najera, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Thompson, Revere

No: None

Abstention: None

2. Define the focus of the activities of the Commission for the next 1-2 years. Vice-Chair Brook moved to define the three focused activities: 1. The summit/convening with ability to create space to define and explore what it will be. 2. The 14 Development Assets Project. 3. Juvenile Hall Inspection. Commissioner Kebebew seconded.

Motion Passed

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Johnson, Najera, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Revere

No: None

Abstention: Gonzales, Thompson

3. Outline of how to strengthen relationships, alignment, and coordination with Probation. Motion to table made by Commissioner Brody; Commissioner Kebebew seconded. ITEM TABLED

Motion Passed

Aye: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Johnson, Gonzales, Najera, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Thompson, Revere

No: None

Abstention: None

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Proposed new SCC Ordinance 2.48 that defines the JJDPDC (ATTACHED)

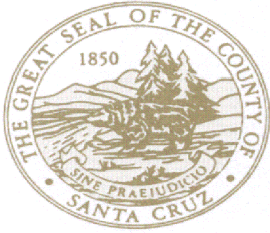
VII MEETING SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS: Will discuss SCC Ordinance 2.48, Probation Strategic Plan, and feedback of the Retreat at the April 11 meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

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County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION AGENDA

Saturday, March 23, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Special Meeting/Annual Retreat

PVPSA Offices
411 E. Lake Avenue
Watsonville, CA 95076

For questions regarding the meeting process, please contact Gerardo Leon, staff for the JJDCP, at 831-454-3105 or PRB1150@santacruzcounty.us

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2024
Monthly Statistical Information from Probation and Juvenile Hall
- III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Any member of the public will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each to address the Commission on any item listed on today's Agenda and/or any other topic within the scope of the responsibility of the Commission. If the issue or matter is not listed on today's agenda, Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public comment, but may follow up later, either individually or at a subsequent meeting.
- IV. GUEST AGENCY: Cynthia Cuéllar/Meeting Facilitator
Leads team building exercise and the Action Items discussion in the Agenda.
- V. ACTION ITEMS:
 1. Affirm and Adopt a shared vision and purpose of the JJDCP among the Commissioners (ATTACHED – Draft Bylaws and JJDCP relevant Welfare & Institutions Code Sections)
 2. Define the focus of the activities of the Commission for the next 1-2 years
 3. Outline of how to strengthen relationship, alignment, and coordination with Probation

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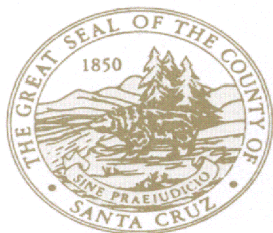
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County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2024
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Probation Offices
303 Water St., 2nd Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody (arrived at 6:26 p.m.), Deutron Kebebew, Elaine Johnson, Jasmine Najera, Maria Rodriguez

Absent: Elias Gonzales (Excused), Reyna Ruiz (Excused)

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan

Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation: Fernando Giraldo, Valerie Thompson

II. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda (Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2024); Vice-Chair Brook seconded.

Motion Passed

Aye: Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Johnson, Najera, Rodriguez

No: None

Abstention:

*Brody not present at time of vote

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Tony Guadarrama from MENtors, Donnie Veal from Rising Scholars, and Hillary Gayheart from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) introduced themselves.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Commissioner Rodriguez shared that Community Action Board (CAB) and Annie E. Casey Foundation will hold a webinar on Thursday, February 22nd from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. See attached flyer.

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Commissioner Kebebew shared information and invited the Commission to take the Comprehensive Prevention Plan: Training Support Survey and to attend the Fatherhood Engagement: Bias, Barriers, and Best Practices Workshop. See attachments.

Chair Druley shared that she attended CASA's 20th Annual For the Love of Children Luncheon, and that it was a great event.

V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION/JUVENILE HALL (ATTACHMENTS Accept and File): Accepted and filed.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. March 23 Retreat Update – The Retreat will be from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., location is still TBD. Commissioner Najera shared that the Commission will receive donations from a few Supervisors, MENtors, and PVPESA to pay for the facilitator and Retreat. The Commission is deciding between two facilitators.

2. Commission Officer Elections in April – Chair Druley made a quick reminder to the Commissioners regarding the officer descriptions and that voting will take place in April.

3. Ruby Marquez, Chief Asst. County Counsel: Proposed County Ordinance 2.48 Overview – Please see attached PowerPoint.

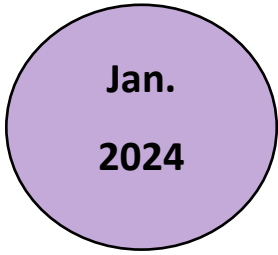
4. Fernando Giraldo, Chief Probation Officer: Bylaws input – Chief Giraldo shared his input and concern with a section of the JJDPC Bylaws; it was a productive and positive discussion.

VII. GUEST AGENCY: Assistant Chief Probation Officer Valerie Thompson: Probation Department's Strategic Plan – Please see attachment.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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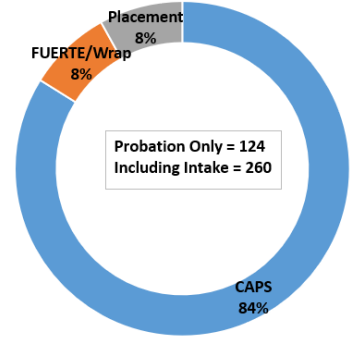
Intake

- 23 Intake RAIs administered: 3 overrides
- Held by Probation/Released by the Judge @ Detention Hearing: 0
- ATD admissions: 14
- Diversions: 0
- EC Referrals: 7
- Recidivism Rate: 1% (1 youth)
- EPIC Sessions: 11
- Field Contacts: 9
- Video Contacts: 0
- Secure Track Youth: 4

Investigations

- Court reports: 0
- Transfer reports ordered: 0

January Caseload Supervision Totals



- # Cases Closed: 13 – All Successful 😊
- # New Supervision Cases w/Low Initial Risk Level: 1

Title IV-E (Does not include Placement IV-E)

Last Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 10
- New: 2
- Reassessments: 2
- Overdue reassessments: 0
- Reassessments due last month: 1

This Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 11
- New: 1
- Reassessments: 0
- Overdue reassessments: 1
- Reassessments due this month: 2

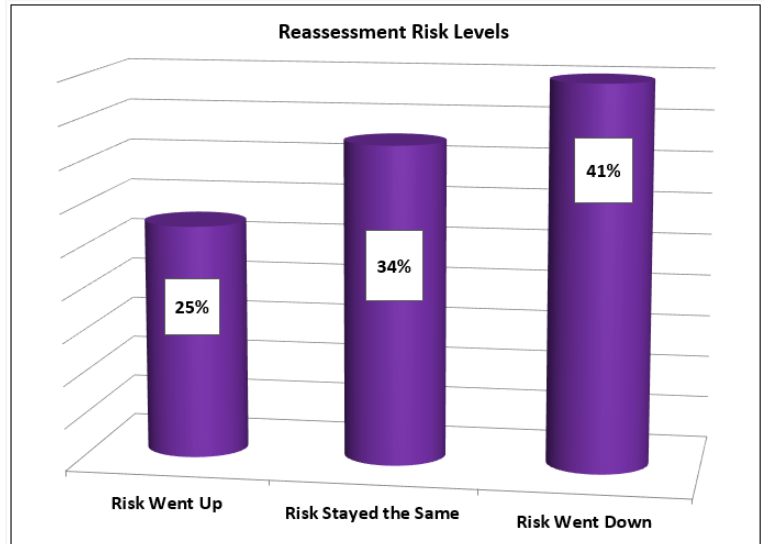
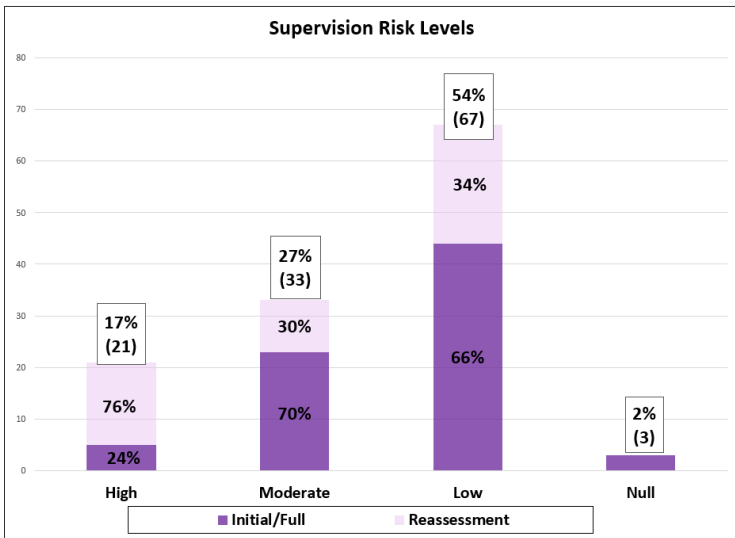
JAIS

Last Month

- 86% of youth eligible received a full assessment, 18 youth still needed one.
- Overdue reassessments: 23
- Reassessments due last month: 10

This Month

- 87% of youth eligible received a full assessment, 17 youth still need one.
- Overdue reassessments: 28
- Reassessments due this month: 4



Demographics

Probation Caseload

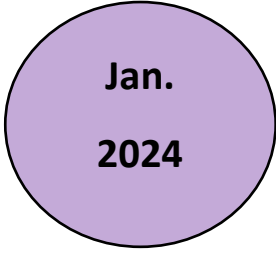
- African American: 2% (3)
- Latinx: 77% (95)
- White: 20% (25)
- Other/Unknown: 1% (1)

Probation Violations

- Latinx: 100% (3)

Warrants

- Latinx: 100% (3)



Population Info

- IEP's: 6
- 504's: 0
- Graduations: 0
- Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 8
- Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 10
- Youth open to MH services: 14
- Medical Referrals: 3
- MAT: 0
- Physical Altercations: 0
- Room confinements: 0
- Pending transfer hearing: 3

Booking Charges (most serious offense)

- Bench Warrant: 9% (2)
- Drugs/Alcohol: 9% (2)
- PV: 4% (1)
- Remand: 4% (1)
- Violent/Weapons: 56% (13)
- Other: 17% (4 *obstruction*)

Booking Demographics (area of residence)

- North County: 17% (4)
- South County: 70% (16)
- Out of County: 13% (3)

JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) ¹	6.7	0.2	6.9
Population in-custody at start of time period	7	0	7
Admitted during time period	16	7	23
Released during time period	16	7	23
Population in-custody at end of time period ¹	7	0	7
Average daily attendance	6.7	0.2	6.9
Average length of stay	7.4	1.9	5.7
Average length of stay without STYF youth	7.4	1.9	5.7
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	2.0	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 1008	1 - 4	1 - 1008
Range of age	13 - 19	13 - 17	13 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	14	6	20
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	2	1	3
Percentage from out-of-county	12.5%	14.3%	13.0%
Total child care days	225	13	238
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total child care days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): January 2024	16	7	23
Total intake to date (prior year): January 2023	18	2	20

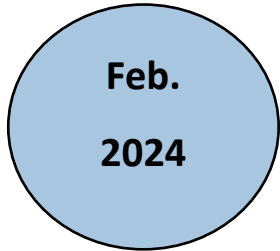
Overall Population Demographics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latinx: 22 (73%) • White: 8 (27%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys: 23 (77%) • Girls: 7 (23%) 	<p>ALOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latinx: 5 days • White: 6 days 	<p>% Youth on Probation: 50%</p>
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There was one firearm related booking in February: a 15-year-old Latino boy from Watsonville.

Youth on Probation by area of residence:

Count	Zip Code
1	76208 Total
1	90007 Total
1	93630 Total
1	93905 Total
1	94531 Total
1	94565 Total
8	95003 Total
3	95005 Total
6	95006 Total
4	95010 Total
1	95012 Total
3	95018 Total
4	95019 Total
11	95060 Total
5	95062 Total
2	95065 Total
1	95066 Total
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1	95717 Total
1	98387 Total
119	Grand Total



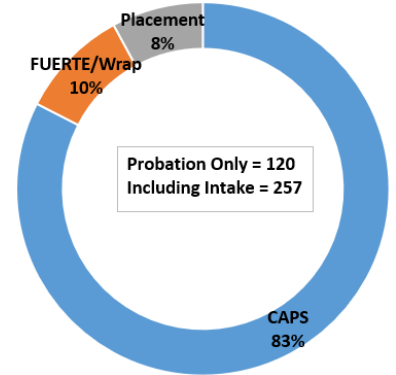
Intake

- 15 Intake RAIs administered: 0 overrides
- Held by Probation/Released by the Judge @ Detention Hearing: 0
- ATD admissions: 16
- Diversions: 3
- EC Referrals: 3
- Recidivism Rate: 2% (2 youth)
- EPIC Sessions: 24
- Field Contacts: 20 (6 home, 4 placement, 10 school)
- Video Contacts: 0
- Secure Track Youth: 4

Investigations

- Court reports: 1
- Transfer reports ordered: 0

February Caseload Supervision Totals



- # Cases Closed: 10 – 9 Successful
- # New Supervision Cases w/Low Initial Risk Level: 4

Title IV-E (Does not include Placement IV-E)

Last Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 11
- New: 1
- Reassessments: 0
- Overdue reassessments: 1
- Reassessments due last month: 2

This Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 11
- New: 2
- Reassessments: 0
- Overdue reassessments: 2
- Reassessments due this month: 3

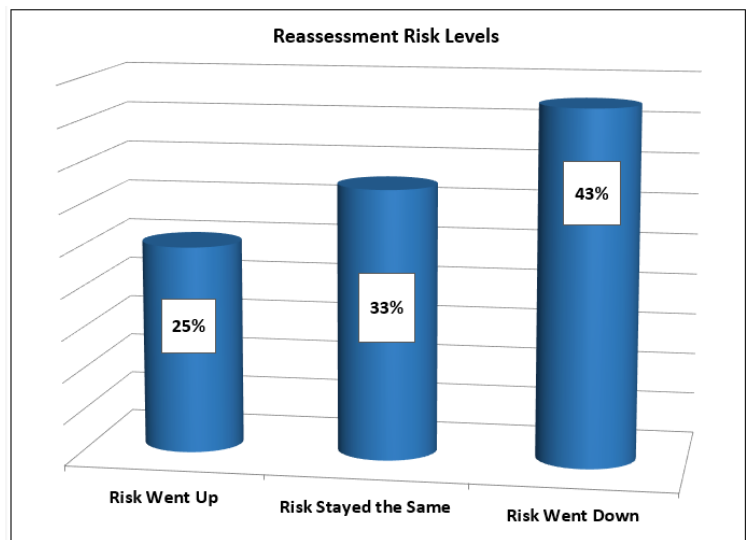
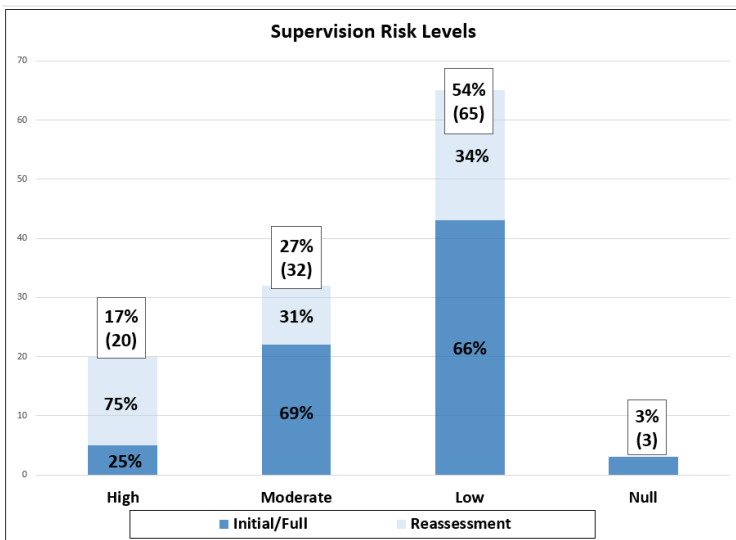
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Last Month

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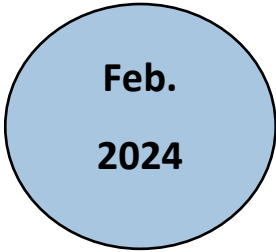
This Month

- 86% of youth eligible received a full assessment, 17 youth still need one.
- Overdue reassessments: 25
- Reassessments due this month: 4



Demographics

Probation Caseload	Probation Violations	Warrants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American: 2% (2) • Latinx: 74% (89) • White: 23% (28) • Other/Unknown: 1% (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latinx: 100% (8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero



Population Info

- IEP's: 4
- 504's: 0
- Graduations: 0
- Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 4
- Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 5
- Youth open to MH services: 11
- Medical Referrals: 5
- MAT: 0
- Physical Altercations: 1
- Room confinements: 3
- Pending transfer hearing: 3

Booking Charges (most serious offense)

- Bench Warrant: 7% (1)
- Drugs/Alcohol: 13% (2)
- EM Violation: 7% (1)
- Property: 7% (1)
- PV: 7% (1)
- Violent/Weapons: 53% (8)
- Other: 7% (1 felony prostitution)

Booking Demographics (area of residence)

- North County: 47% (7)
- South County: 40% (6)
- Out of County: 13% (2)

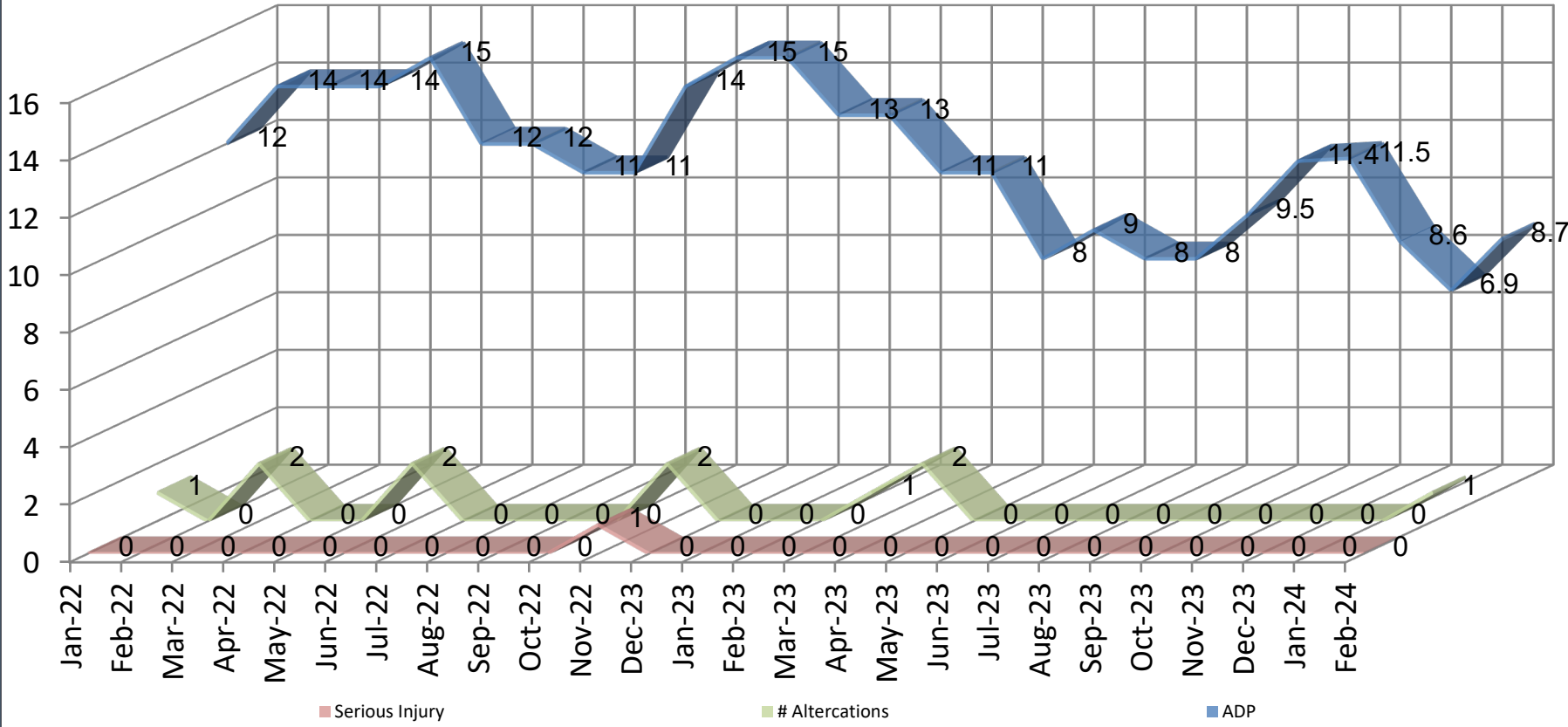
JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
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Admitted during time period	11	4	15
Released during time period	9	3	12
Population in-custody at end of time period ¹	9	1	10
Average daily attendance	8.3	0.4	8.7
Average length of stay	5.6	2.3	4.8
Average length of stay without STYF youth	5.6	2.3	4.8
Length of Stay MODE	5.0	n/a	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 1037	1 - 7	1 - 1037
Range of age	13 - 19	14 - 16	13 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	10	3	13
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	1	1	2
Percentage from out-of-county	9.1%	25.0%	13.3%
Total childcare days	250	14	264
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total childcare days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): February 2024	27	11	38
Total intake to date (prior year): February 2023	31	6	37

Overall Population Demographics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latinx: 18 (82%) • White: 3 (14%) • Other: 1 (4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys: 18 (82%) • Girls: 4 (18%) 	<p>ALOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latinx: 5.4 days • White: 3.5 days • Other: 5.0 days 	<p>% Youth on Probation: 36%</p>
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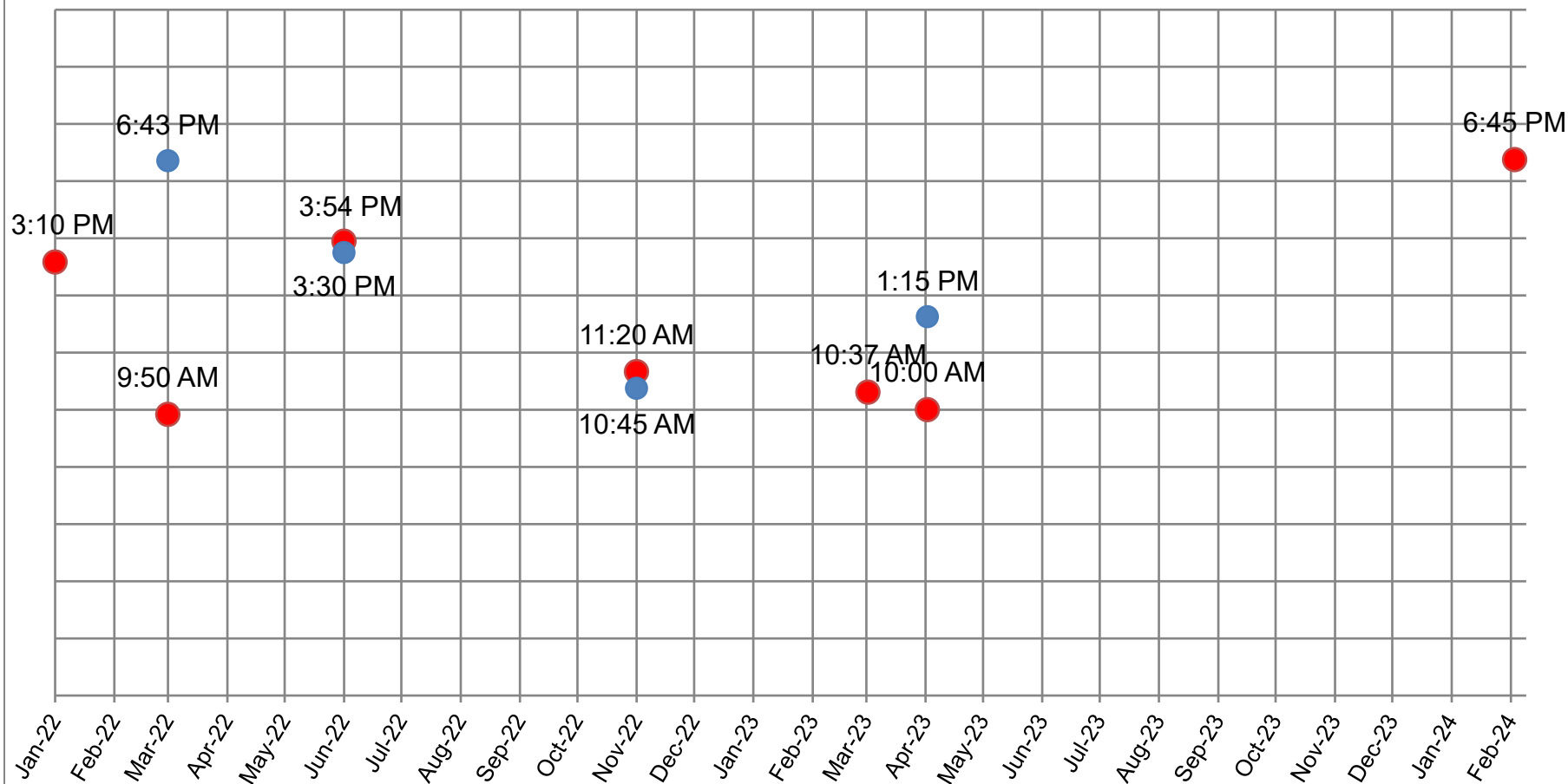
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Overview



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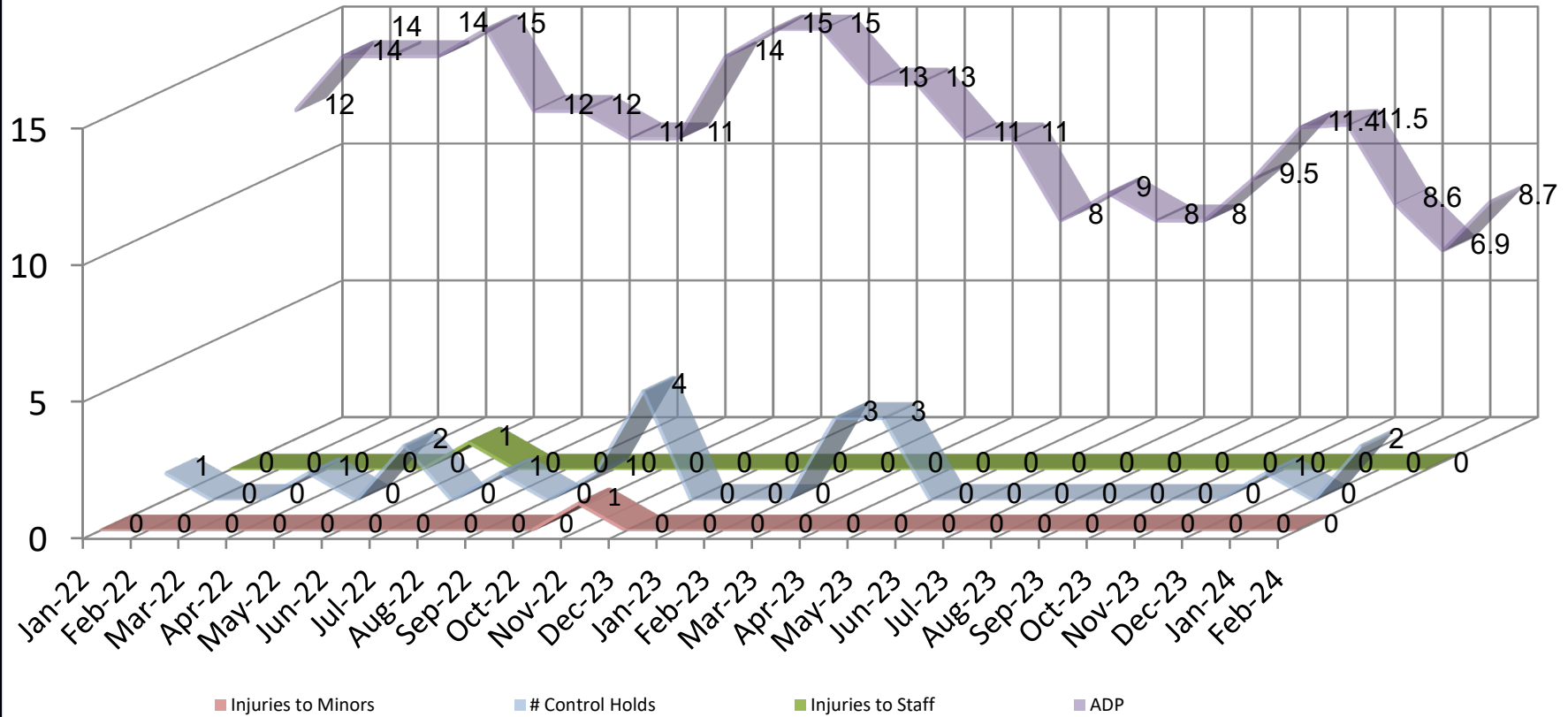
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Time of Day

● Time of Altercation
 ● Time of 2nd Altercation
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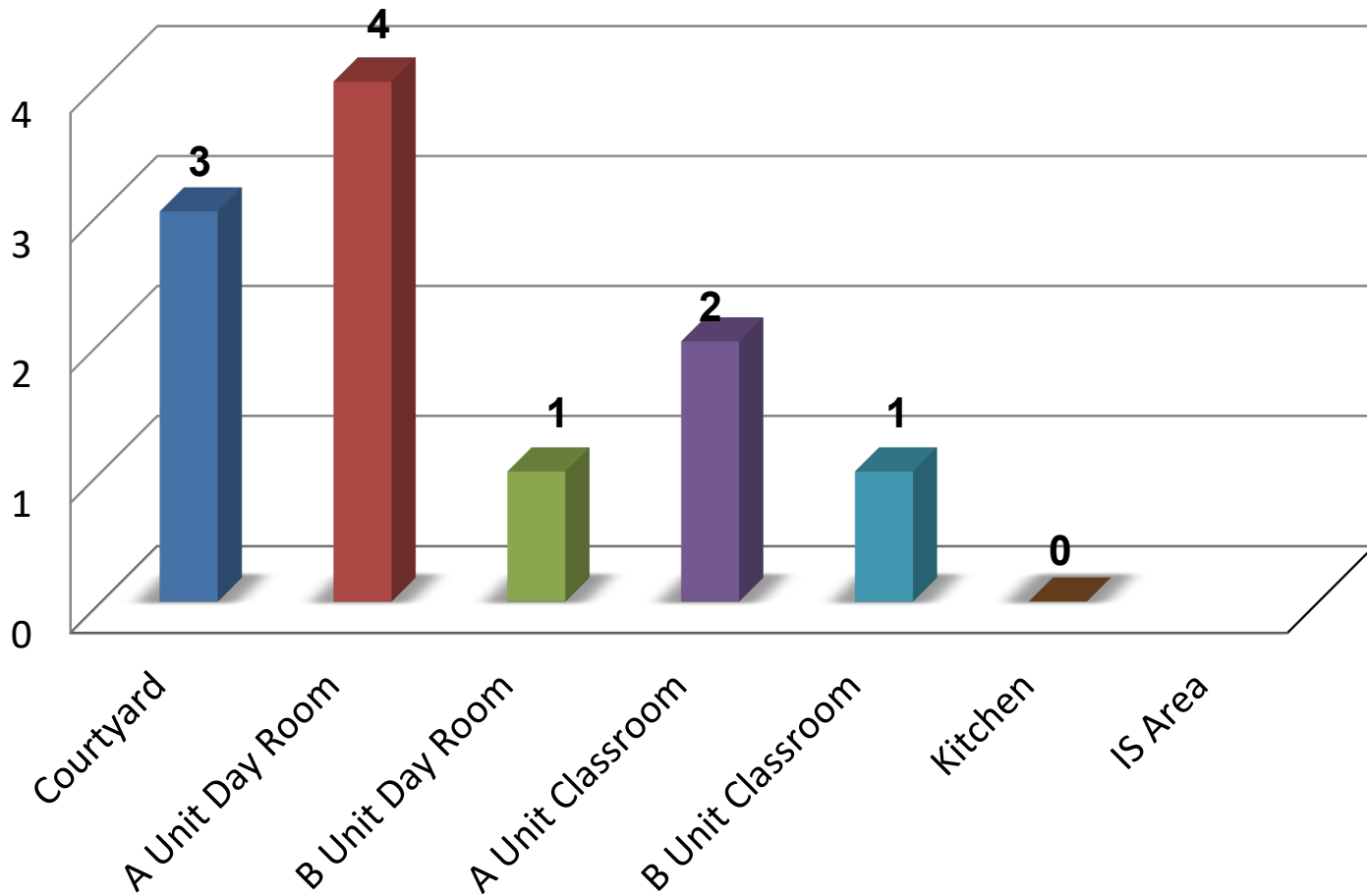
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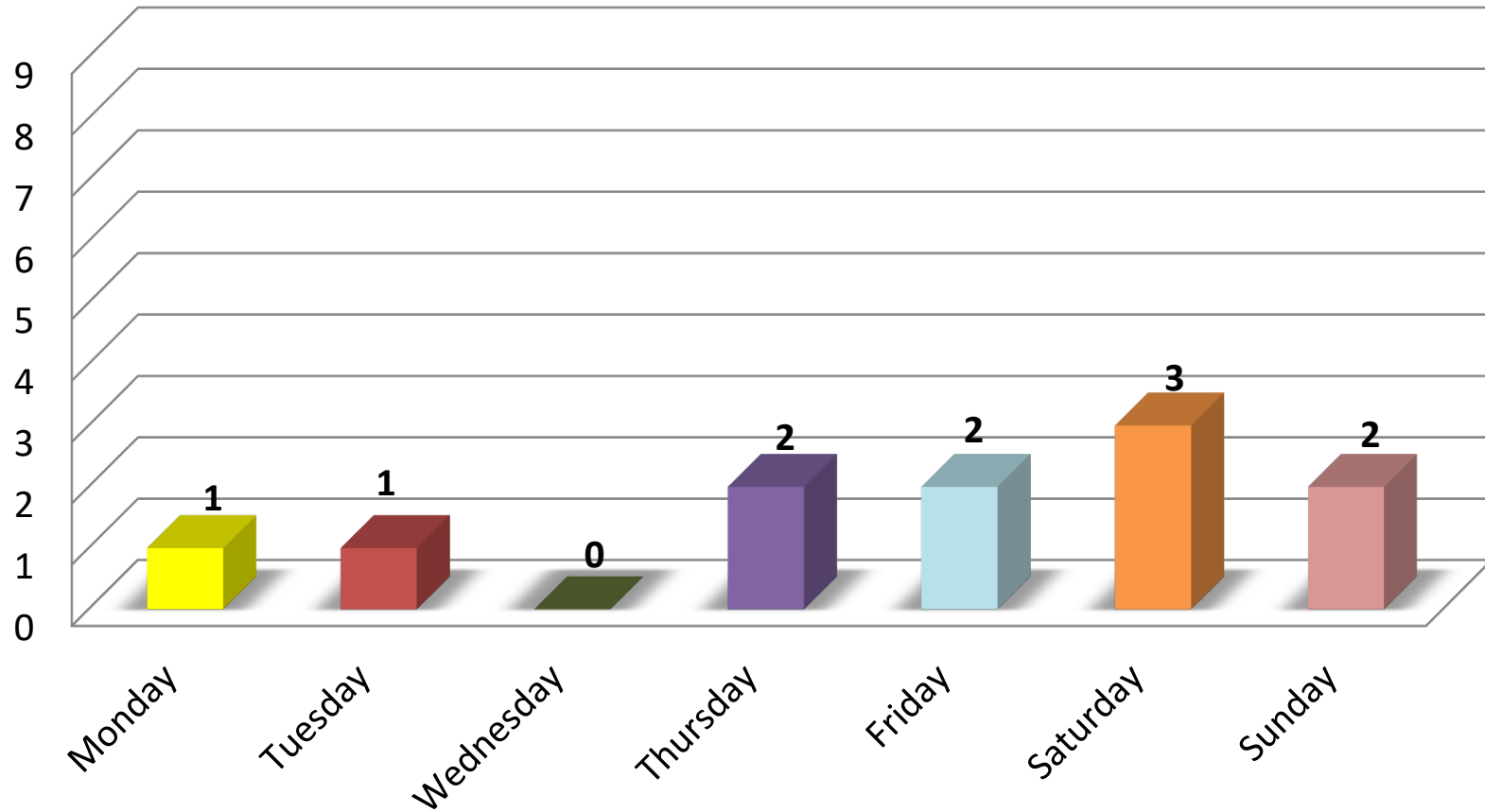
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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Location



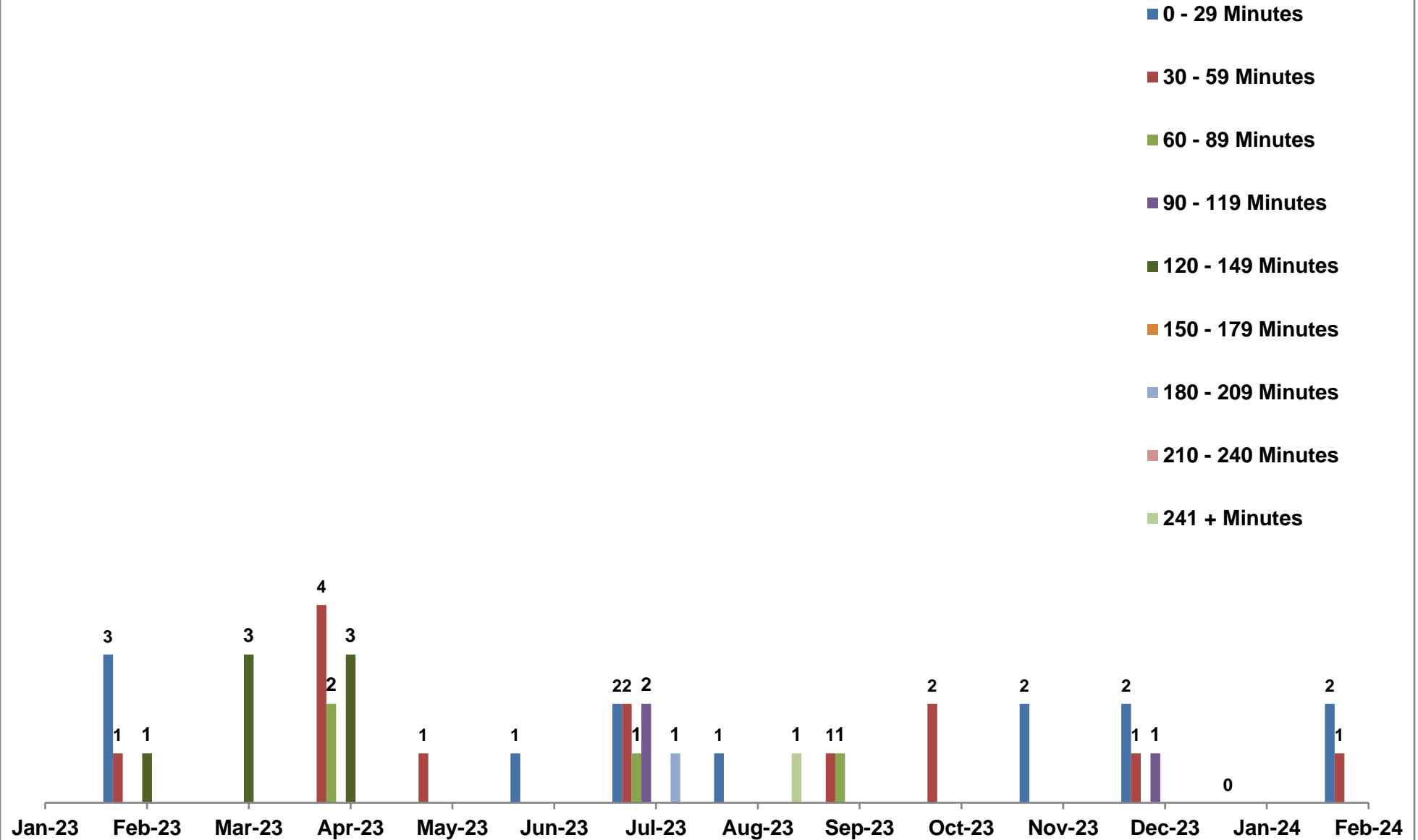
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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Day of the Week



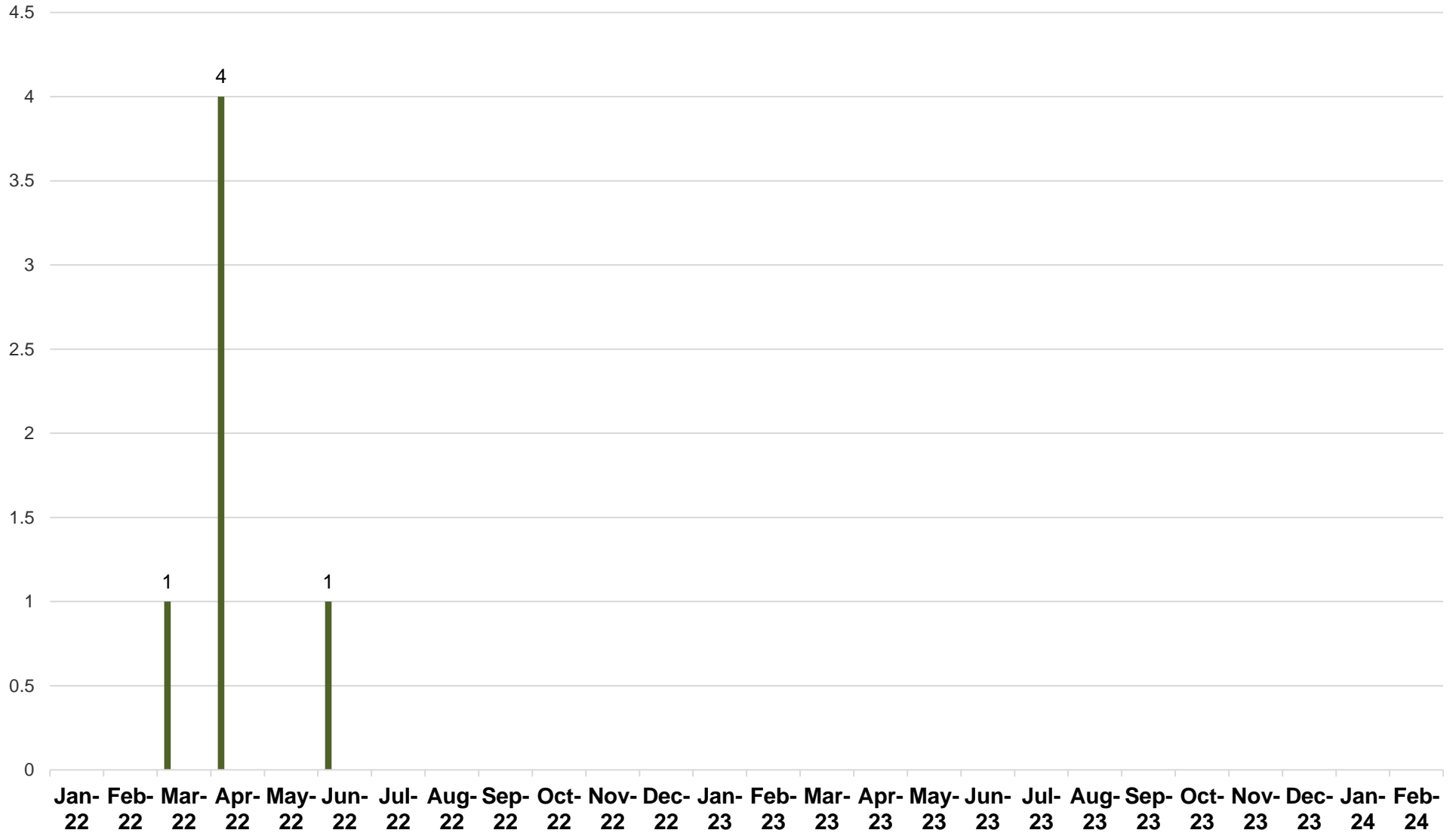
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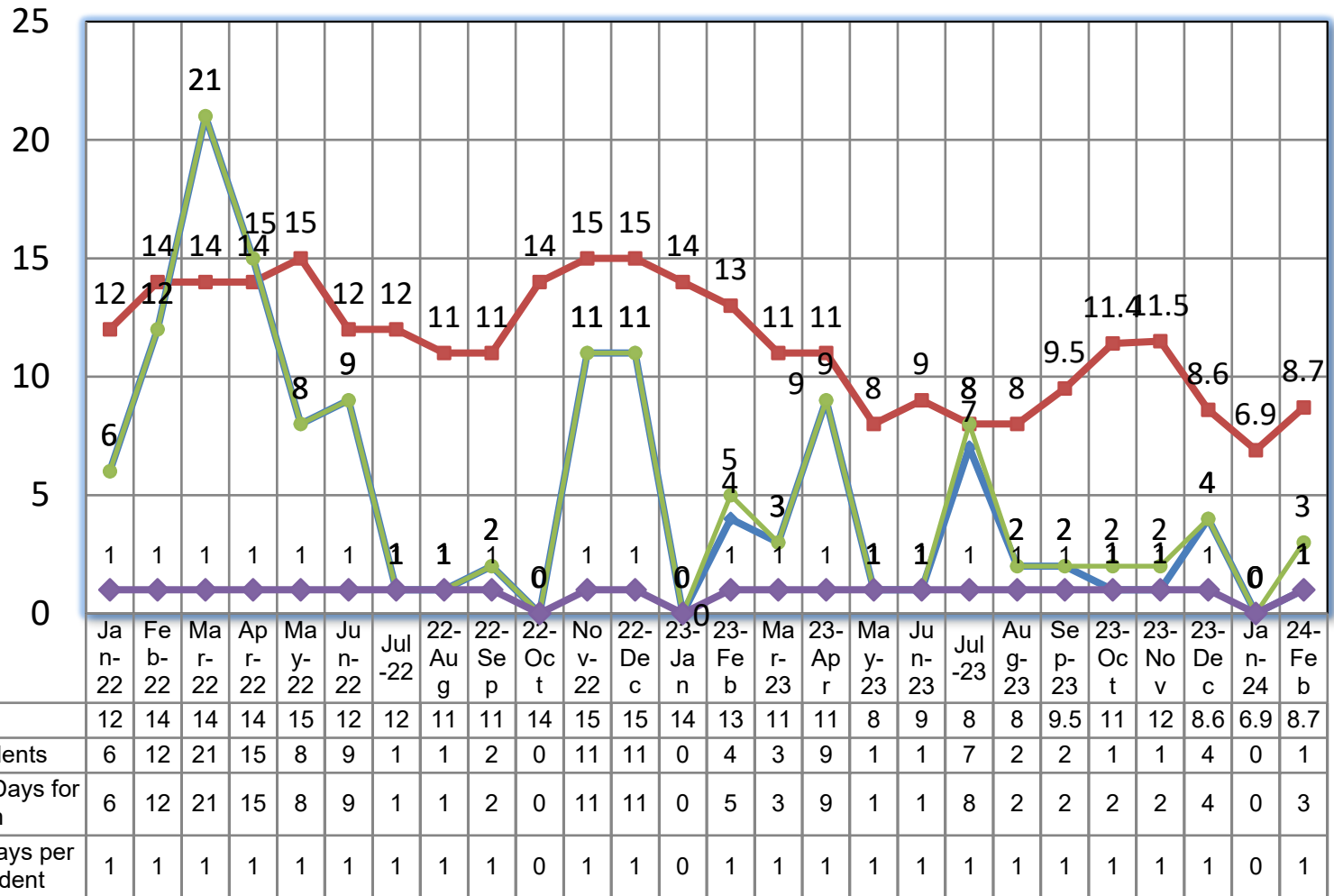
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement by Minute January 2023 - February 2024



Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement over 4 Hours January 2022 - February 2024

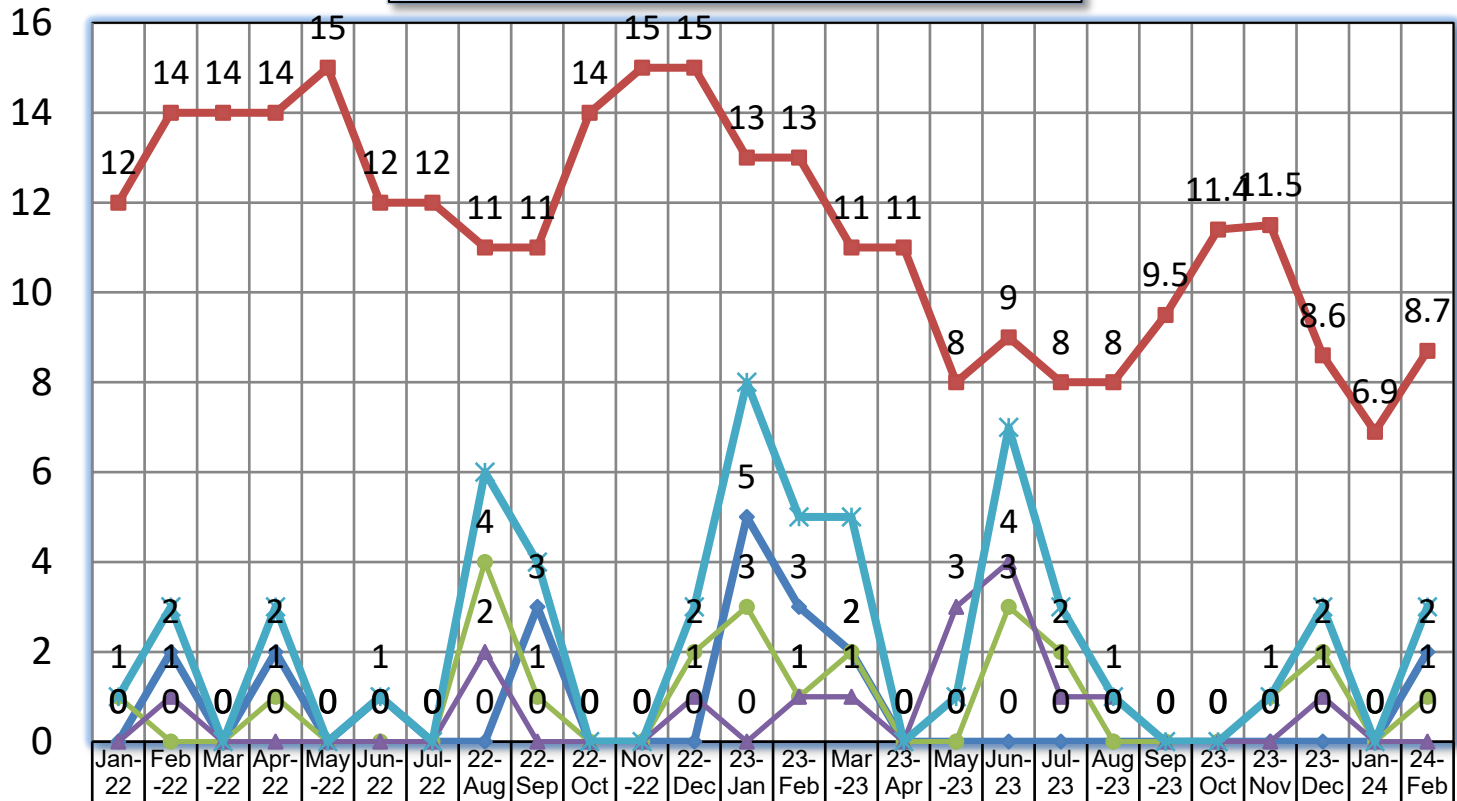
■ 4 - 5 Hours ■ 6 - 7 Hours ■ 8 - 9 Hours ■ 10 - 11 Hours ■ 12 Hours





Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall
Room Confinement: Overview
January 2022 - February 2024

Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Grievances: Overview



ADP	12	14	14	14	15	12	12	11	11	14	15	15	13	13	11	11	8	9	8	8	9.5	11.4	11.5	8.6	6.9	8.7
Conditions	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Discipline	1		0	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Staff/Policies	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total # Grievances	1	3	0	3	0	1	0	6	4	0	0	3	8	5	5	0	1	7	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	3

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This document contains the original 2005 Bylaws and includes the amendment of 10/11/12 in Article VI, Section 1. The amendment is underlined. This also includes edits approved at the 10-12-23 Commission Meeting.
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BYLAWS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION

ARTICLE I

Statutory Authority

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is a joint commission of the Santa Cruz County Superior Court and the County of Santa Cruz. The authority and duties of the Juvenile Justice Commission are established through California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 225 through 231. The authority and duties of the Delinquency Prevention Commission are established in Welf. & Inst. Code section 233. The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has designated the Juvenile Justice Commission to serve as the Delinquency Prevention Commission in Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) section 2.48 and this Commission operates in accordance with Santa Cruz County Code section 2.38.

The authority to create these bylaws is in Santa Cruz County Code (SCCS) section 2.38.140 (A) . Section 2.38.140(A) allows the creation of procedures for the conduct of their business and aid the Commission in more effectively discharging its statutory duties and responsibilities.

If one part of these bylaws is found to be invalid because it conflicts with state law, no other part of these bylaws shall be affected by such finding of invalidity.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission," is to inquire into the administration of Juvenile Court law in the County, advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of dependency and juvenile justice involved youth , and prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The Commission will provide oversight of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Law Enforcement Agencies, legislative action, and support and promotion of successful prevention and intervention programs.

The Commission is dedicated to promoting effective juvenile justice and dependency systems operated in an environment of credibility, dignity, fairness, and respect for system-involved youth and all residents of the County.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Commission recognizes that any youth, regardless of income, race/ethnicity, geography, and other factors, may become involved with the juvenile justice system of Santa Cruz County. The Commission is committed to educating itself on the experiences and presenting issues of Santa Cruz County's diverse youth population. This commitment includes addressing the needs and recruiting members of historically marginalized and under-served groups such as youth of color, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender youth, indigenous youth, and immigrant youth.

ARTICLE III

Business Duties

The Commission's business includes but is not limited to the following:

Section 1. The Commission shall annually inspect and report on any location responsible for housing Santa Cruz County system-involved youth under the jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz Juvenile Court where one or more Santa Cruz County youth have been held for more than 24 hours in the previous 12 months. These locations include but are not limited to Juvenile Hall, County Jail, any Ranch Facility, and, where feasible, other counties' facilities in connection with "Secure Youth Treatment Facilities" or other state-legislated facilities. The Commission will create a subcommittee to conduct the inspections which may utilize the Annie E. Casey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI) Detention Assessment Guidelines which provide inspection best practices. Membership on this subcommittee may include Commissioners and non-commission members as recommended by JDAI Guidelines and allowed by Santa Cruz County Code 2.38.230. The report regarding such inspections shall be in written form and provided to the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Court, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The Commission may also inspect any children's or youth shelter or licensed home (e.g., Short Term Residential Treatment Programs - STRTPs) holding youth under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The Commission shall also inspect secure and non-secure detention logs for Santa Cruz County law enforcement departments or jails.

Section 2. Notification in Writing. The Commission intends that with respect to youth confined in juvenile detention facilities or placed in emergency shelter homes or supervised on probation or under the supervision of the Juvenile Court and the Probation Department that the Commission Chair be notified in writing within 24 hours of any serious incidents or significant conditions affecting the youth who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. A "serious incident or significant condition affecting the youth who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court" shall include, but is not to be limited to, fatalities, near fatalities, serious bodily harm, suicide attempts, severe acts of violence between youth, incidents that require the use of leg or wrist shackles or the use of a weapon, evacuations, or significant damages to the facility that impact services to youth. Commission's attention on behalf of youth held in a Santa Cruz County facility by their parents, guardians, or legal counsel. It may seek subpoenas from the Juvenile Court Judge to secure necessary materials from any individual, agency, or entity.

Section 3. The Commission shall investigate complaints brought to the Commission's attention on behalf of youth held in a Santa Cruz County facility by their parents, guardians, or legal counsel. It may seek subpoenas from the Juvenile Court Judge to secure necessary materials from any individual, agency, or entity.

Section 4. The Commission may conduct public hearings on matters relevant to the administration of laws and identify needed prevention services and activities related to juveniles in Santa Cruz County. It may seek subpoenas from the Juvenile Court Judge to secure necessary materials from any individual, agency, or entity.

Section 5. The Commission may inquire into the administration of the juvenile justice system broadly, including but not limited to operations of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Social Services Agencies, Law Enforcement agencies, and any other agencies involved with or affecting system-involved youth. The Commission may propose, endorse, or oppose state or local legislative or administrative proposals that would impact the administration of juvenile court law or juvenile delinquency in Santa Cruz County.

Section 6. The Commission shall support the development of specific community programs with long-range plans that incorporate the Commission's goals of delinquency prevention.

Section 7. The Commission shall provide input into the selection process for the Chief Probation Officer.

Section 8. The Chair of the Commission, or their designee, shall participate in the County's

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Section 9. The Commission may provide the Board of State and Community Corrections, with information sought and related to establishing minimum standards for correctional facilities as outlined in California Penal Code 6030.

Section 10. The Commission may publicize findings and recommendations as approved by a vote of the Commission and as directed by the Chair.

ARTICLE IV

Members

Section 1. Membership on the Commission shall be composed of not less than seven and no more than fifteen (15) people. The Juvenile Court Judge and Chief Probation Officer shall serve as Ex Officio members.

Section 2. Five (5) at-large members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court with the concurrence of the Judge of the Juvenile Court, two of which shall be between the ages of 14 and 21. Commission members may recommend individuals to the Presiding Judge for at-large membership on the Commission. Ten (10) members, residents of Santa Cruz County, shall be nominated by the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor shall appoint two (2) persons who may reside within that Supervisor's District. Referrals for consideration and review by the Commission and the Presiding Judge may be made by community groups, elected or appointed public officials and individual citizens. The Commission will endeavor to be representative of the ethnic makeup of the County and shall maintain representation from geographic areas. All applicants are considered regardless of ethnicity, race, age, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or lived experiences, including but not limited to, previous incarceration.

Section 3. Appointments shall last four (4) years, in accordance with Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.100. A youth Commissioner is eligible for reappointment as an adult member upon reaching the age of 22, if a vacancy exists at the end of their appointed term. Whenever any vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the succeeding appointee shall hold office for the remaining unexpired term of their predecessor. A Commissioner wishing to serve additional term(s) shall notify the Commission Chair, their nominating Supervisor, if applicable and the Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court and complete the re-appointment process.

Section 4. Each person appointed shall appear before the appointing Judge or his/her designee and take an oath to faithfully perform the duties as a member of the Commission. The qualifications of each member shall be entered in the Juvenile Court record.

Section 5. Any member desiring to resign from the Commission shall submit their resignation in writing to the Juvenile Court Judge with copies to the Chairperson of the Commission.

Section 6. Any Commissioner who accumulates three (3) absences from any duly-noticed Commission meeting during the calendar year shall be referred to the Commission Chair and Juvenile Court Judge for possible termination unless it is determined there was "good cause" for the absences. Attendance of members shall be taken and recorded in the Minutes at all duly-called Commission or subcommittee meetings.

Section 7. All public appeals, applications, complaints, and other communications concerning the business of the Commission shall be referred to the Chairperson of the Commission for investigation and report to the full Commission.

ARTICLE V
Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Commission shall serve one (1) year term and shall be elected by a majority vote of the Commissioners at the Annual Meeting in April or as otherwise designated by a Commission vote. The Commission officers shall be the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, and the Immediate Past Chair.

Section 2. Commissioners shall make nomination(s) for the officers at the Annual Meeting, a designated meeting, or upon office vacancy.

Section 3. Each Commissioner shall hold one office at a time, and no Commissioner shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive years in the same office.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Secretary by death, resignation, or otherwise; the Commission shall immediately select a successor to the vacant office to fill the vacancy for the remaining term of office.

Section 5. The Chairperson or their designee shall be the official spokesperson for the Commission. No Commissioner may make a public statement regarding Commission business, findings, or viewpoints without first securing the Chair's authorization and after a vote by the Commission regarding the subject matter. Individual Commissioners cannot commit the Commission to any policy determination or course of action. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed to prevent Commissioners from expressing themselves as individuals. However, such action shall include a disclaimer that such expression is made in an individual capacity and not as a representative of the Commission's conclusions.

ARTICLE VI
Meetings

Section 1. The Commission's Regular Meeting shall be noticed and held once each month unless otherwise ordered by the Chairperson. These meetings are open to the public and comply with the Brown Act.

Section 2. The Commission shall announce a schedule of meeting times, dates, and places. The location of meetings shall be within the County of Santa Cruz and at the discretion of the Commission.

Section 3. The Chair may call Special Meetings which shall be open to the public, held within the County of Santa Cruz, and comply with the Brown Act.

Section 4. The rules contained in the most current edition of Rosenberg's Rules of Order shall guide the Commission in all parliamentary and procedural matters not otherwise specified within or inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

Administration

Section 1. A quorum and a majority vote shall decide the business of the Commission. A quorum consists of one more than half of the seated members of the Commission. The ayes and noes shall be taken and recorded in the minutes. Abstentions shall be recorded as such. If there is no quorum, all discussion will be considered informal and no motions shall be considered.

Section 2. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission at which they are present. The Chair shall perform such duties and exercise such power as usually pertain to the Chair's office. Additional duties or powers may be granted by the Board of Supervisors or the Superior Court.

Section 3. The Vice-Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission in the absence of the Chair, and shall perform such other duties as may be enjoined upon them by the Commission. In the absence of the Chair or vacancy in the office of the Chair, all powers and duties of that office shall devolve upon the Vice-Chair, who shall continue to exercise such powers and duties until the Chair returns or the vacancy is filled.

Section 4 . In case of the absence, disability, or refusal to act of the Chair and the Vice-Chair at any meeting of the Commission the members present may elect a Chair Pro Tem for that meeting, by a majority vote of the members voting present. The Secretary shall determine whether a quorum is present by conducting a roll call vote.

Section 5. Agenda preparation is the responsibility of the Chair and the Secretary, or their designee. Any Commissioner may submit agenda items to the Chair for review and consideration for publication with the public Agenda packet in a timely fashion.

Section 6. The Chair shall receive requests by non-Commissioners to discuss a matter before the next Commission's meeting a minimum of ten days before the meeting date. The Chair may override this rule if they determine it is appropriate and within the time frame of the Brown Act.

Section 7. The Commission shall preserve the confidentiality of any personal information relating to individual juveniles. Written requests or an oral petition concerning a youth's welfare while housed in a County institution shall be presented at the Meeting of the Commission with redactions or abbreviated names, as necessary. The Supervising Judge of the Juvenile Court shall have the power to issue subpoenas requiring attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as production of documents at a specified hearing.

Section 8. The Commission may establish special or ad hoc sub-committees of its membership to perform task force functions on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Such sub-committees will then set meeting times(s) and location(s), define its task, and submit any updates and/or findings in writing to the Commission.

Section 9 The Commission shall keep a complete record of the Commission's Agendas, Minutes, Monthly "packets," actions, and any exhibits or other materials the Commission deems helpful for its historical record.

ARTICLE VII

Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Commission by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of a quorum, providing that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting of the Commission and is named on the agenda as a subject for discussion.

Ratified by the JJDPC and submitted to the Board of Supervisors on _____ (date).

**Welfare and Institutions Codes Relevant to the JJDC
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ARTICLE 2. Commissions and Committees [225 - 236]

(Article 2 added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1068.)

225.

In each county there shall be a juvenile justice commission consisting of not less than 7 and no more than 15 citizens. Two or more of the members shall be persons who are between 14 and 21 years of age, provided there are available persons between 14 and 21 years of age who are able to carry out the duties of a commission member in a manner satisfactory to the appointing authority. Each person serving as a member of a probation committee immediately prior to September 15, 1961, shall be a member of the juvenile justice commission and shall continue to serve as such until such time as his or her term of appointment as a member of the probation committee would have expired under any prior provision of law. Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of the commission and upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed by the presiding judge of the superior court with the concurrence of the judge of the juvenile court or, in a county having more than one judge of the juvenile court, with the concurrence of the presiding judge of the juvenile court for a term of four years. When a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the appointee to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

Appointments may be made by the presiding judge of the superior court, in the same manner designated in this section for the filling of vacancies, to increase the membership of a commission to the maximum of 15 in any county which has a commission with a membership of less than 15 members.

In any county in which the membership of the commission, on the effective date of amendments to this section enacted at the 1971 Regular Session of the Legislature, exceeds the maximum number permitted by this section, no additional appointments shall be made until the number of commissioners is less than the maximum number permitted by this section. In any case, such county's commission membership shall, on or after January 1, 1974, be no greater than the maximum permitted by this section.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 751, Sec. 1.)

226.

In lieu of county juvenile justice commissions, the boards of supervisors of two or more adjacent counties may agree to establish a regional juvenile justice commission consisting of not less than eight citizens, and having a sufficient number of members so that their appointment may be equally apportioned between the participating counties. Two or more of the members shall be persons who are between 14 and 21 years of age, provided there are available persons between 14 and 21 years of age who are able to carry out the duties of a commission member in a manner satisfactory to the appointing authority. The presiding judge of the superior court with the concurrence of the judge of the juvenile court or, in a county having more than one judge of the juvenile court, with the concurrence of the presiding judge of the juvenile court of each of the participating counties shall appoint an equal number of members to the regional justice commission and they shall hold office for a term of four years. Of those first appointed, however, if the number appointed be an even number, half shall serve for a term of two years and half shall serve for a term of four years and if the number of members first appointed be an odd number, the greater number nearest half shall serve for a term of two years and the remainder shall serve for a term of four years. The respective terms of the members first appointed shall be determined by lot as soon as possible after their appointment. Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of the commission and upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed by the presiding judge of the superior court with the concurrence of the judge of the juvenile court or, in a county having more than one judge of the juvenile court, with the concurrence of the presiding judge of the juvenile court of the county which originally appointed such vacating or retiring member. When a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the appointee shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 751, Sec. 2.)

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The clerk of the court of the appointing judge shall immediately notify each person appointed a member of a county or regional juvenile justice commission and thereupon such person shall appear before the appointing judge and qualify by taking an oath faithfully to perform the duties of a member of the juvenile justice commission. The qualification of each member shall be entered in the juvenile court record.

(Added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1068.)

228

A juvenile justice commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman annually.

(Added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1068.)

229.

It shall be the duty of a juvenile justice commission to inquire into the administration of the juvenile court law in the county or region in which the commission serves. For this purpose the commission shall have access to all publicly administered institutions authorized or whose use is authorized by this chapter situated in the county or region, shall inspect such institutions no less frequently than once a year, and may hold hearings. A judge of the juvenile court shall have the power to issue subpoenas requiring attendance and testimony of witnesses and production of papers at hearings of the commission.

A juvenile justice commission shall annually inspect any jail or lockup within the county which in the preceding calendar year was used for confinement for more than 24 hours of any minor. It shall report the results of such inspection together with its recommendations based thereon, in writing, to the juvenile court and to the Board of Corrections.

(Amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 12, Sec. 8. Effective February 14, 1996.)

229.5.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a juvenile justice commission may inquire into the operation of any group home that serves wards or dependent children of the juvenile court and is located in the county or region the commission serves. The commission may review the safety and well-being of wards or dependent children placed in the group home and the program and services provided in relation to the home's published program statement.

(b) In conducting its review, the commission shall respect the confidentiality of minors' records and other information protected under other provisions of law. It may review court or case records of a child provided it keeps the identities of minors named in those records confidential, and may review the financial records of a group home. However, the commission may not review the personnel records of employees or the records of donors to the group home.

(c) The commission shall give the group home manager at least 24 hours' advance notice of a visit to a group home. If the commission believes that there is a serious violation of applicable licensing laws or regulations or that residents of a group home are in danger of physical or mental abuse, abandonment or other substantial threat to their health and safety, the commission shall notify the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services for appropriate action, shall consult with the presiding judge of the juvenile court and chief probation officer as to whether or not a visit is appropriate, and shall notify other juvenile justice commissions of its actions, as appropriate.

(d) Upon the completion of a visit, if the commission finds any condition in the group home that poses a danger to its residents or otherwise violates any applicable law, ordinance, or regulation, the commission shall verbally advise the group home manager of its findings, unless it determines that the advisement could be detrimental to the children placed there, and shall send written confirmation of its findings to the group home manager within 14 days. The commission may also report its findings to the

presiding judge of the juvenile court, chief probation officer, State Department of Social Services, or other juvenile justice commissions as appropriate. A group home manager may meet with the juvenile justice commission, chief probation officer, county welfare director, juvenile court, or the State Department of Social Services to resolve any problem or to submit a plan of correction.

(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 908, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2001.)

230.

A juvenile justice commission may recommend to any person charged with the administration of any of the provisions of this chapter such changes as it has concluded, after investigation, will be beneficial. A commission may publicize its recommendations.

(Added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1068.)

231.

Members of a juvenile justice commission shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Such reimbursement shall be made by the county of appointment or, in lieu of such actual and necessary expenses the board of supervisors may provide that the members of the commission shall be paid not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per meeting not exceeding two meetings per month. In the case of a regional justice commission, the duty of reimbursement shall be divided among the participating counties in the manner prescribed by agreement of the boards of supervisors.

(Added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1068.)

232.

The board of supervisors may by ordinance provide for the establishment, support, and maintenance of one or more agencies or departments to cooperate with and assist in coordinating on a countywide basis the work of those community agencies engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile and adult delinquency; and such agencies or departments may cooperate with any such public or community committees, agencies, or councils at their invitation.

(Added by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1068.)

233.

The board of supervisors may by ordinance provide for the establishment, support, and maintenance of a delinquency prevention commission, composed of not fewer than seven citizens, to coordinate on a countywide basis the work of those governmental and nongovernmental organizations engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. If the board so elects, it may designate the juvenile

justice commission, or any other committee or council appointed pursuant to Section 232 or 235, to serve in such capacity.

The commission may receive funds from governmental and nongovernmental sources to hire an executive secretary and necessary staff and to defray needed administrative expenses. The board of supervisors may direct any county department to provide necessary staff service to the commission. The commission may expend its funds on specific projects designed to accomplish its objectives.

Members of the delinquency prevention commission shall be appointed by the board of supervisors to serve a term of four years, and they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership in the commission and upon the expiration in the term of office of any member, a successor shall be appointed by the board of supervisors. When a vacancy occurs for any reason other than the expiration of a term of office, the appointee to fill such vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

The board of supervisors may appoint initial members to any delinquency prevention commission created after the effective date of the amendment made to this section at the 1973–74 Regular Session of the Legislature to hold office for the following terms: one-half of the membership of an even-numbered commission for a term of two years and one-half plus one of the membership of an odd-numbered commission for a term of two years. The remaining initial members and the term of office of each successor appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on the expiration of a term thereafter shall be four years.

For a delinquency prevention commission existing on the effective date of the amendment made to this section at the 1973–74 Regular Session of the Legislature the board of supervisors may at any time upon the expiration of all the members' terms of office appoint members to hold office for the following terms: one-half of the membership of an even-numbered commission for a term of two years and one-half plus one of the membership of an odd-numbered commission for a term of two years. The remaining members and the term of office of each successor appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on the expiration of a term thereafter shall be four years.

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this section, the board of supervisors shall appoint two or more persons who are between 14 and 21 years of age to membership on a delinquency prevention commission, provided there are available persons between 14 and 21 years of age who are able to carry out the duties of a commission member in a manner satisfactory to the appointing authority.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 751, Sec. 3.)

**Chapter 2.48
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission**

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2.48.010 Established – Statutory Authority

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is established under the provisions of Government Code Section 31000.1 and Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 225 to 233, and in compliance with SCCC 2.38.060.

2.48.020 Purpose

The purpose of the Commission is to assist the juvenile court with monitoring the safety and well-being of youth housed in local facilities and to prevent juvenile delinquency by promoting services, programs, and activities that positively impact youth development in Santa Cruz County.

2.48.030 Membership

(A) The commission shall be comprised of not fewer than fifteen members, and include the following representation of members who have experience and interest related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention issues:

- (1) Five (5) at-large members as appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, with the concurrence of the judge of the juvenile court, including at least two members who shall be between 14 and 21 years of age;
- (2) Five (5) members, one from each supervisorial district who may reside within the Supervisor’s district, as nominated by the individual Supervisor and subject to concurrence by a majority of the Board;
- (3) Five (5) members, one representative from each of the following, as nominated by the Board of Supervisors:
 - (a) The District Attorney or their designee;
 - (b) The Public Defender or their designee;
 - (c) The Superintendent of the County Office of Education or their designee;
 - (d) The Division Director of the Behavioral Health Division of the County’s Health Services Agency, or their designee; and
 - (e) The Division Director of the Family and Children’s Services Division of the County’s Human Services Department, or their designee.

(B) The commission shall also have two ex-officio, non-voting members: The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or their designee, and the Chief Probation Officer or their designee.

(C) Following the nomination of a member by an individual Supervisor and/or the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Sections (A)(2) or (A)(3) above, the nomination shall be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court for appointment with the concurrence of the judge of the juvenile court. If the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, with the concurrence of the juvenile judge, declines to appoint any individual nominated by the Board of Supervisors as set forth above, the Board will nominate and forward another candidate for consideration, and will repeat that process as necessary until all vacant seats are filled.

2.48.040 Term of Office

(A) Members shall serve a term of four years in accordance with SCCC 2.38.100. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with SCCC 2.38.200.

(B) Once the Presiding Judge has accepted a nomination for appointment, the appointed member shall appear before the Presiding Judge and take an oath of office to faithfully perform the duties of a commission member and begin their term of office.

2.48.050 Organization and Procedures

(A) General Organization. The Commission shall comply in all respects with SCCC 2.30.110 through 2.38.250, unless otherwise provided herein.

(B) Officers. The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson annually.

(C) Staff Support. The Probation Department shall provide administrative staff support for the Commission in accordance with SCCC 2.38.190.

2.48.060 Powers and Duties

The Commission shall hold the following powers and duties in achieving its purpose:

(A) Juvenile Justice Functions. In assisting the Juvenile Court with monitoring the safety, protection, and well-being of youth detained in local facilities, the Commission:

- (1) Shall annually inspect any publicly administered facility or institution within the County, including Juvenile Hall and, if applicable any jail or lockup, used during the preceding calendar year for the confinement or detention of any youth under the age of 18 for more than 24 hours;
- (2) Shall provide a written report of their inspection findings and recommendations to the Juvenile Court, Board of Supervisors, and the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC);
- (3) May hold public hearings related to administration of the above-referenced facilities or institutions as necessary, including requesting from the juvenile judge any subpoenas to require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documents at the hearings; and
- (4) May annually inspect and inquire into the operation of any group home, or equivalent licensed congregate care facility, located within the County that serves wards or dependent children, with advanced notice and in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in Welfare and Institutions code section 229.5.

(B) Delinquency Prevention Functions. In seeking to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system, the Commission may:

- (1) Advocate for needed youth-focused services by engaging with county agencies, schools, community groups, and other nongovernmental organizations to improve access to family services, healthcare, housing, education, employment, and other opportunities.
- (2) Promote effective and accessible prevention, early intervention, and diversion programs and services that are equity-focused, trauma-informed, and utilize evidence-based practices.
- (3) Support and engage in outreach activities, community forums, and other events related to advancing positive youth development and reducing delinquency risk factors.

(C) Other related functions. The Commission may also carry out the following specific functions:

- (1) Advise the Board of Supervisors and the Juvenile Court of pending federal and state legislation and their policy concerns and recommendations regarding such legislation.
- (2) Serve on other relevant local advisory bodies, if invited, and as assigned by the Chair of the Commission.
- (3) Advise the Board of State and Community Corrections, as permitted under Penal Code section 6030, and other state bodies as authorized by law.

(D) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow the Commission to directly participate in an open juvenile court case unless permitted by law or become involved in the day-to-day operations of the Probation Department.

2.48.070 Confidentiality of Information

Commissions members shall adhere to the confidentiality provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code sections 10850 and 827, and any other applicable federal or state law, in viewing and accessing juvenile case files, social services records, and any other privileged information received in the discharge of their duties.

Asset Builders Collaborative of Santa Cruz County

Our Vision

We believe youth in Santa Cruz County must have the supports they need to grow up feeling valued, respected and known.

Our Mission

To organize, coordinate and align the efforts of all Santa Cruz County youth serving organizations to strengthen the collective impact by utilizing the 41 Developmental Assets Framework.

Who We Are

The Asset Builders Collaborative of Santa Cruz County (ABC) is comprised of a network of youth serving organizations that share a commitment to building Developmental Assets in young people. ABC was created with the premise that aligning partner organizations at the policy level through a common framework for youth development will result in:

- A more interconnected web of youth supports and services anchored by a shared understanding of our young people's strengths and areas where adults and youth serving organizations can provide more support.
- A shared vision for youth success and common language to articulate our impact.
- Greater individual and collective impact that creates a community where all youth grow up feeling valued, honored, included, safe and supported.

The 41 Developmental Assets for Youth

Developmental Assets are the positive supports and strengths that young people need to succeed. These include the supports, opportunities, and relationships young people need across all aspects of their lives and the personal skills, commitments, and values they need to make good choices, take responsibility for their own lives, and be independent and fulfilled.

Since 1990, Search Institute's research-based framework of Developmental Assets® is one of the foundational frameworks in positive youth development. Search Institute has studied Developmental Assets in the lives of millions of young people across the United States and around the world. Research consistently shows that young people from all backgrounds do better when they have a strong foundation of these strengths in their lives.

Grounded in extensive research in youth development, resiliency, and prevention, it identifies:

1. The supports, opportunities, and relationships young people need across all aspects of their lives (called "external assets"); and
2. The personal skills, self-perceptions, and values they need (called "internal assets") to make good choices, take responsibility for their own lives, and be independent and fulfilled.

When youth have more assets, they are:

- More likely to thrive now and in the future
- Less likely to engage in a wide range of high-risk behaviors
- More likely to be resilient in the face of challenges

Through engagement efforts in the Silicon Valley, a 41st Asset has been added: *Positive Cultural Identity* - Youth feels comfortable with and proud of their identity, including but not limited to ability status,

body size, ethnicity, faith/religion, family status, gender, gender expression, gender identity, immigration status, language, race, and sexual orientation.

System and Cultural Shifts

- From an adult centered community to a community in which youth feel valued, honored, included, safe and supported.
- From a scarcity mindset to an abundance mindset where youth have access to opportunities to reach their full potential.
- From Youth Serving Organizations that work in silos to orgs that intentionally work on collective impact, through shared values, goals, and language.
- From Youth Servings Orgs that compete for resources (funding, youth, recognition) to orgs that leverage strengths through partnership and align services with regard to the larger ecosystem of services and programs.

Strategies

- Organizations commit to working together to build developmental assets for youth through existing youth spaces through Board resolutions and MOUs..
- Organizations intentionally build youth assets through program level design and goals.
- Empower youth voices by strengthening youth and adult partnerships.

Commitment of Collaborative Members

By joining ABC, Collaborative Member organizations commit to:

- Pass an organizational Board resolution adopting the 41 Developmental Assets for Youth as one of the organization's framework for youth development.
- Commit to intentionally build youth assets through program level design and goals.
- Actively participate in monthly Collaborative meetings for one year.
- Assign at least one staff member to a Collaborative subcommittee.

For More Information

<https://www.search-institute.org/our-research/development-assets/developmental-assets-framework/>
<https://www.ymcasv.org/projectcornerstone/>

- Add logos for member agencies
- Provide document to an artist to do something creative with
- Graphic for the asset model. Add clear definition of an Asset. Lead with this in that section.
- Focus on pajarito valley to begin with, buy ok with Santa Cruz County. Could expand to of the Monterey Bay or Tri County eventually.

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION 2024

JJDP Commission Retreat
March 23, 2024 • 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Pájaro Valley Prevention & Student Assistance
411 East Lake Ave, Watsonville, CA

Setting the Stage: Agenda Overview

1. Opening Activity ✓
2. Set the Stage
 - Review Retreat Goals & Retreat Working Agreements...
3. Shared Vision & Purpose Goal
4. Laser SWOT Analysis
5. Focus / Goals
6. Strengthening Relationship with Probation Exercise
7. Winding Down: Recap, Vote, Next Steps, Closing

Lunch:
12:30 PM

Setting the Stage: Proposed Working Agreements

1. Take care of yourself... Stand up, stretch, restroom & water breaks at your leisure.
2. Cell phones on vibrate or off.
3. Engage fully and with an open mind.
 - Embrace spirit of non judgement.
 - Acknowledge any frustration if it shows up but breathe through it and reconnect to conversation
4. Public Meeting
 - Voting in accordance to standard procedure. May do some at a glance checks about how things are landing to help guide the conversation. Strive for full support.
 - Chair will step in if/as needed help keep us (me) in compliance with any and all guidelines and requirements we need to abide by.
 - If possible; work through agenda and take a vote towards the end of retreat.



Setting the Stage: Retreat Goals & Action Items*

1. Build and/or strengthen relationships among Commissioners
(By product of work for goals/action items 2-4)
2. Affirm shared vision and purpose among the Commissioners*
3. Define focus of the activities of the Commission for next 1-2 years*
4. Outline of how to strengthen relationship, alignment & coordination with Probation*

Setting the Stage: Expectations, Facilitator Role & Request

Align Expectations	Facilitator Role
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambitious agenda • Focus = Creating the conditions for success e.g. Strengthening working relationship and outlining a shared focus for the work for an agreed upon time frame. • House vs blueprint • Minutes will cover action items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide the conversation towards retreat goals • Help create space where all Commissioners feel heard and a part of the effort • Provide a post retreat report capturing highlights from the discussion with additional recommendations and optional pathways forward • Questions about the Probation plan content can be directed to the Chief / Asst Chief directly

Setting the Stage / Process: What is a Hopper?

Questions, Flags, Follow Up, Future Discussion Topics

Future Commission Meeting:

- April
- May
- June
- Post June

Existing Sub-Committee

New Ad-hoc Committee for this specific purpose



Questions / Tasks in the Hopper

Commission Data: What data does the Commission need to review? Frequency?

- Connect to goals & objectives conversation)

Sub Committees: What is the ideal structure to support the Commissions work/workflow and the 2024- goals/objectives

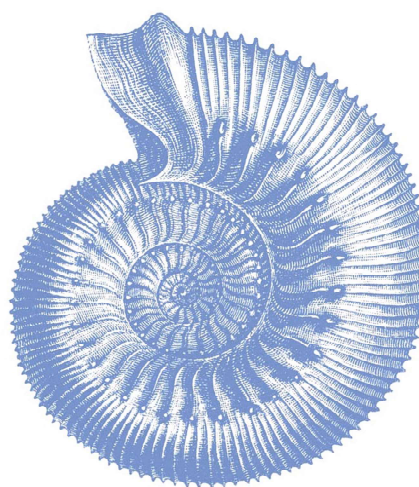
Meeting Schedule: What is the ideal length and frequency of meetings?



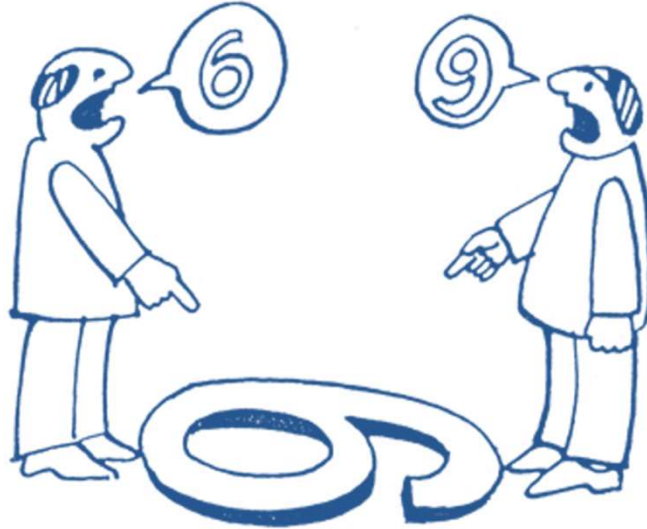
Source: Retreat Planning Committee Meeting 2/28/24

Setting the Stage: Approach to this Work

- Layered & connected
- Building together
- Invitation to invest our collective energy building what we want vs what we don't want
 - Conversations primarily forward facing

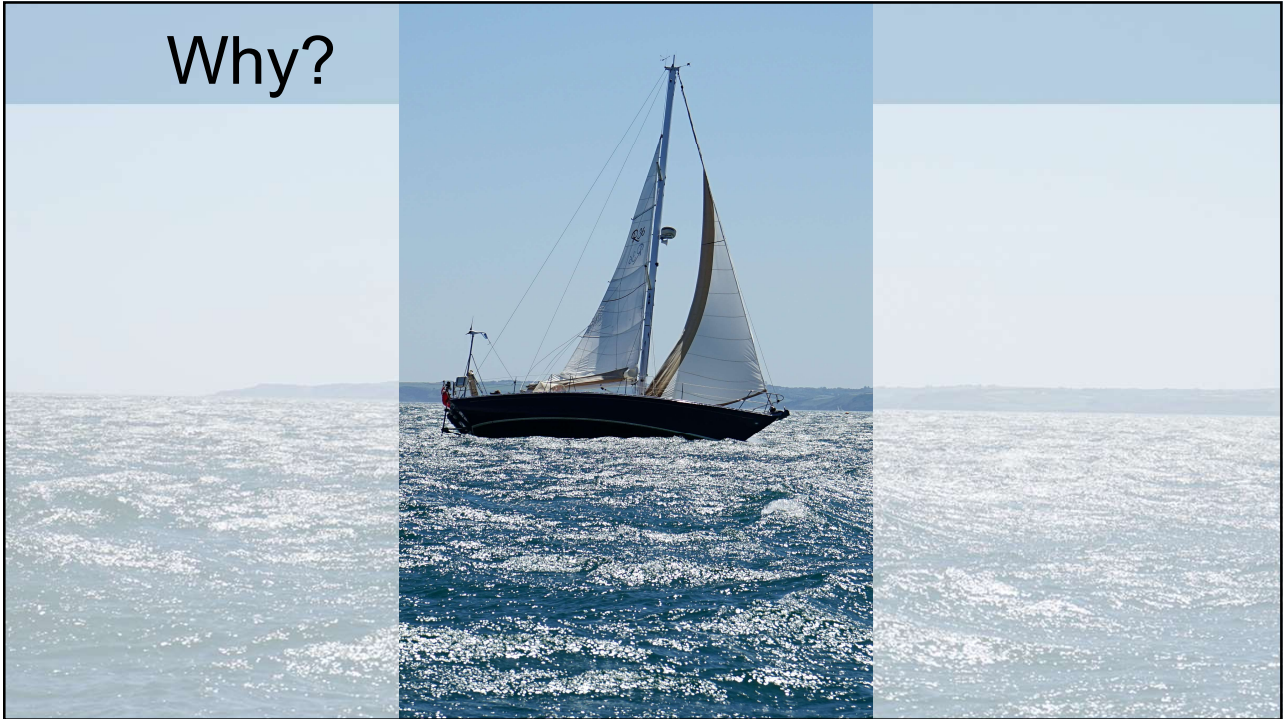


For your Consideration and Awareness



<https://trending.knowyourmeme.com/editorials/guides/does-this-meme-show-a-six-or-a-nine-the-answer-to-the-viral-debate-explained>

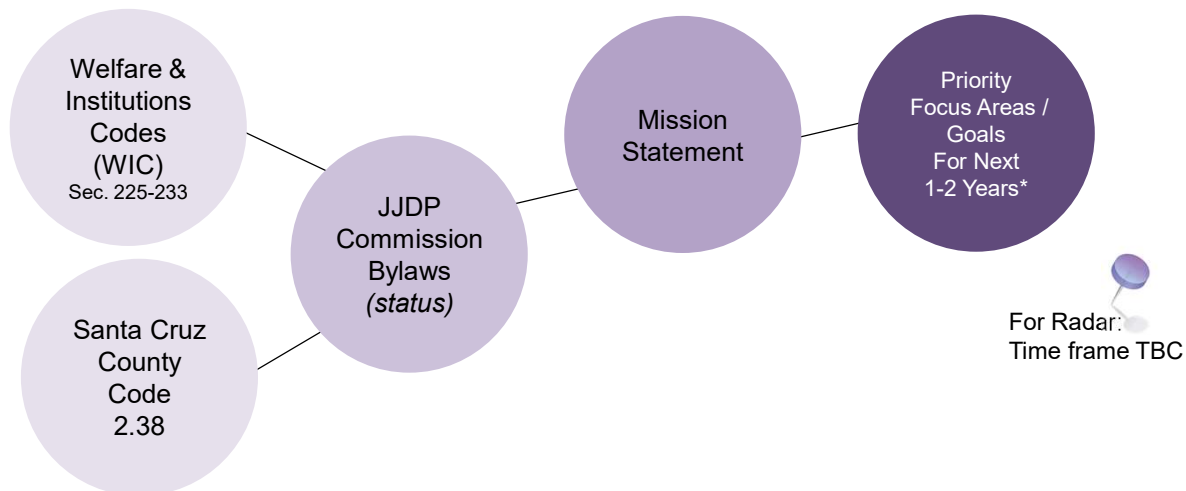
Why?



Goal / Action Item #2: Mission Alignment & Defined Purpose

Where do we start?

Retreat Goal: Affirm and adopt a shared vision and purpose among Commissioners



Mission Alignment & Defined Purpose

Probation Website:

The mission of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission is to **advocate for and protect the safety and well being of dependent and delinquent youth**, as well as **to promote intervention and prevention services and programs in Santa Cruz County**.

The Juvenile Justice mandate of the Commission is to **conduct a yearly inspection of the Juvenile Hall** and, after the investigation is complete, make recommendations to the Chief Probation Officer and the Board of Supervisors for changes which are deemed beneficial.

From Bylaws Draft:

The purpose of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, hereafter referred to as the "Commission," is to inquire into the administration of Juvenile Court law in the County, advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of dependency and juvenile justice involved youth, and prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The Commission will provide oversight of the Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Law Enforcement Agencies, legislative action, and support and promotion of successful prevention and intervention programs.

Check Point on Goal / Action Item #1:

Affirm & Adopt a shared **vision** and **purpose** for the JJDPC among Commissioners

Shared vision for work together?*

Shared vision statement?

Sample Vision for the Commission:

We are a highly effective Commission of with an active membership making progress towards our clearly defined shared goals.

Purpose: 1.) Overall or for the duration of this work plan? **OR** 2.) Claiming a strategic position/focus?

Samples:

Our purpose (2024 - ____) is to strengthen the Commission's infrastructure, resources, and capacity to better fulfill our mission.

OR

Our purpose is to elevate/promote positive youth development for all youth.

SWOT Snapshot

Refer to Word Document

Reflection:

Backdrop for Goals (Activities) Conversation

In light of the mission statement and the SWOT snapshot, and capacity...

What is the most promising or pressing priority focus (purpose) area for the next 1-2-3 years?

Bringing a Mission Statement to Life



Goal 2: Question to Assess Goal Setting Capacity

What are the regular / ongoing activities that will continue regardless of any specific or additional goal setting?

From DRAFT bylaws to open conversation

- Annual Juvenile Hall inspection & report
- Receive notifications in writing regarding “serious incidents” affecting youth who come within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.
- Investigate youth complaints
- **What else?**

Post Retreat Note:
See retreat report for details
on capacity conversation

Goal: Action Item #2

Define focus of the activities (goals) of the Commission for next **1-2** years

Pitching
Possibilities:

See Handout

Guiding Questions:

What is the most important change you want to make / see / contribute to over the next two years?

What change or contribution is this Commission, by virtue of it's role and composition, uniquely positioned to make over the next two years?

How do we decide?

1. Impact vs Effort: Rudder Analogy
2. Ripe opportunity? Timing....
3. Leverage
 - Efforts, opportunities, resources, partnerships....

Prioritizing Exercise

Sample Structure

1. Feedback on sample structure
2. Group check-point
3. Goal Drafts

Goal /Action Item #3:

Check- Point:

Ideal partnership with Probation Exercise


Recap, Next Steps & Closing

1. Recap: Confirm vote
2. **Vote**
3. Highlights
4. Closing



Thank you

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SWOT Analysis Snapshot

Exercise to help zero in on focus area(s) and frame goals conversation.

Mission Elements:

1. Advocating for and protecting the safety and wellbeing of dependent and delinquent youth
2. Promoting intervention and prevention services and programs in SCC
3. Annual Juvenile Hall Inspection

	Helpful to Our Mission	Hinder Our Mission
Internal	S: Strengths	W: Weaknesses
External	O: Opportunities	T/B: Threats / Barriers

HELPFUL / Support our Mission

S: INTERNAL Strengths

- Mission work:
 - Sharing concerns regarding sending our youth to a facility in Sonoma
 - Continuing work with the state's Office of Youth and Community Restoration to better serve our Secure Treatment youth (in and out of custody)
 - Highly engaged in supporting youth who have entered the Secure Youth Treatment Facility in Sonoma and have communicated the challenges in the Sonoma facility.
- **JH Inspection Experience**
 - For last 3 years, have done the most comprehensive inspections/assessments of Juvenile Hall that we have ever done.
 - Use of the Anne Casey tool for JH Inspections
- Commissioners
 - From organization who are key to the support of JJ youth = Greater visibility into the services and challenges for JJ youth
 - Diverse Commission
- Bylaws / Bylaw amendment
- Youth on commission
- Subcommittees
 - Focus on prevention via subcommittee work
- Commissioner relationships with kids that were sent away to Sacramento & Sonoma
- Added at retreat: Incoming Commissioners & community partners

O: EXTERNAL Opportunities

- Collaboration: Working with probation and the courts to better serve our incarcerated youth
- Added at retreat:
 - Focus / invest in prevention
 - Creativity limited / opportunities to change the status quo
 - Healing modality
 - Opioid settlement funds

HINDER our Mission

W: INTERNAL Weaknesses

- Commissioners' willingness to take a leadership role on the Commission
- Adequate staffing for the Commission, we need more staff support.
- Having a staff person from Probation be the Staff to the JJDPC is awkward.
- Lack of time to get to know each other to work together more effectively
- **Lack of clear direction, plans and SMART goals to focus our work**
- Vacancies due to recent resignations, filling vacancies and orienting new members is a challenge
- Difficult to get people to serve as officers. Part of the reason is our lack of staff resources.
- Disconnect with Probation: A lack of partnership / coordination / trust with Probation. Differences with Probation and County Counsel regarding proposed change bylaws + changes to the ordinances that govern our work
- Our aspirations to engage with children, families, local programs, and the Probation Department vs. our very scarce resources (time and money).
- Communication among Commissioners
- Lack of solid relationships across the board / Differences in work styles
- Collaboration to create win-win scenarios
- Dismantle / breakthrough / work through assumptions about our youth
- Build / strengthen relationship and from there have do the work; have policy conversations

T/B: Threats / Barriers

- Lack of support & recognition from the county (CAO's office, County Counsel and some supervisors) of the amount of work and advocacy this commission does
- New county structure of commission with respect to commissioners
- Fear based institutions

Promising Areas / Possible Projects: Possible Focus Areas and Goals

1. (4%) Providing Secure Treatment youth a local step-down option with a numerous resources and support
2. (0%) Diversion (Partnership Opportunity)
 - Better training of resource officers for diversion alternative.
3. (6%) Advocacy for Service Improvements: Creation of a Caminos-like diversion program within the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (and eventually in other police departments in the County)
4. (1%) Advocacy for Service Improvements: Support Probation Department in the creation of adequate step-down/support programming for youth returning from incarceration
5. (6%) SBA23
 - Work key to Commission & State
 - Create / host community engagement and education event
 - Design a model sight for reimagining how we serve these youth e.g. look at current investment and find alternative options e.g. buy a house and staff it to support these youth
6. (4%) Youth employment opportunities
7. (3%) Delinquency prevention general
 - We should be doing it. Historically, nothing concrete in place.
8. (10%) Prevention / Vaping Referral Focus
 - We have heard from Probation and other CBO's that education is the key to keeping kids out of the JJ system. There are 2 suggested specific things to partner with educators about stopping referrals to probation for vaping
9. (0%) Advocacy for Service Improvements: Promote strategies to eliminate referrals to probation for vaping while increasing behavioral health supports for young people in middle and high school settings.
10. (5%) Inventory of Positive Youth Development Resources
 - Would love to see the Commission co-brand an annually updated inventory of positive youth development resources/services in our community.
11. (2%) JH Inspection
 - Improving process to include more expert non-commissioner inspectors and improvements that would decrease the enormous work load that currently falls on the chair of the Commission to complete the inspection and related report.
 - Current roll = Meet and do JH inspection
12. (2%) Strengthen Partnership with Probation
 - Better trust & alignment with probation. There are areas that we can partner while still knowing that we have oversight in some areas and may have different opinions/thoughts on specific strategies.
13. (12%) Youth Engagement
 - Bringing youth with lived experience to the JJDPC would be transformative.
14. (15%) Developmental Assets Project
 - Uplifting the Development Assets Project (Pajaro Valley) activities in middle schools with two generational family support activities and resources.
15. (3%) Systems Work
 - More focus on systems work. Are we doing band-aid work?
16. (10%) Relationship Building
 - Relationship building between Commissioners, between Commissioners and Probation Staff as well as the presiding Judge
17. (18%) Convening / Summit