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FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE 2023

Pathways to Prevention and Wellness



JUNE 27 – 28, 2023



SACRAMENTO, CA



AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

8:00am **REGISTRATION**

➤ *Ballroom A Foyer*

8:30am – 3:00pm **PROVIDER FORUM**

➤ *Ballroom A2 & A7*

9:00am – 9:10am **WELCOME**

Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department;
President, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

9:10am – 10:25am **KEYNOTE**

BUILDING RESILIENCY IN THE YOUTH WE SERVE

Trauma is a force that affects all people in countless ways, including their professional lives. In this general session, through MelRo's experience, learn about how to lead our youth and families through a trauma informed lens to promote resiliency.

Speaker: MelissaRoshan "MelRo" Potter, MelRo's Voice LLC

Moderator: Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

10:25am – 10:45am **BREAK**

➤ *Ballroom A2 & A7*

10:45am – 11:45am **GENERAL SESSION**

VOICES OF THOSE WITH LIVED EXPERTISE - WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM FORMER JUSTICE INVOLVED YOUTH

This general session will highlight the voices of former probation youth in foster care, what was most impactful to them that led to their path to wellness and success. We will hear their important messages that can improve our work with young people today.

Panel: Youth Panel

Moderator: Chief Wendy Mondfrans, Lake County Probation Department

➤ *Ballroom A1*

11:45am – 12:45pm **LUNCH**

➤ *Ballroom A1*



TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 CONTINUED

12:45pm – 2:45pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

★ LOVE OVER LABELS

This breakout session is part of the Love Over Labels training that is provided by the Glenn County Office of Education. Often people label individuals because of their current or past behaviors rather than looking deep within the person and understanding their past trauma. This session will look at removing the stigma that youth in foster care carry and further look into providing a better support system for them to build resiliency. Part of the session will include a panel of current or former probation-supervised youth. They will share their experiences and provide feedback on how staff can better support youth in foster care.

Speaker: Leilani Miller, School Resource Specialist/Officer, Glenn County Office of Education Youth Panel

Moderator: Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department; President, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ **Ballroom A3-A4**

★ KIN-FIRST AND FAMILY-CENTERED PRACTICES IN PROBATION

This session will highlight methods and strategies to increase a youth's network of support by focusing on family finding efforts that help to keep youth connected with family members so they may remain with family in their communities. The session will include an overview of legal mandates for probation around family finding efforts and feature a panel of probation staff from around the state who will highlight their work at upfront family finding and the utilization of the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) to support their family finding efforts. The session will conclude with a presentation by the Center for Excellence in Family Finding, Engagement and Support. The Center will share how they can assist probation departments in family finding efforts.

Panel: Paul Vinetz, Bureau Chief, Placement and Child Welfare Services Bureau, Los Angeles County Probation Department
Jennifer Martinez, Assistant Division Director, Santa Cruz County Probation Department

Angie Schwartz, Deputy Director, California Department of Social Services

Stacey Jackson, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Siskiyou County Probation Department

Moderator: Robert Friend, Director of the National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness (NIPFC)

➤ **Ballroom A5-A6**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 CONTINUED

★ THE 'INVISIBLE INJURIES' OF NEURODEVELOPMENTAL TRAUMA: WHAT IT MEANS AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT FOR SYSTEM-INVOLVED YOUTH

Pre-and-postnatal trauma exposure impacts the way in which a new brain organizes and develops. Trauma histories are strongly associated with youth with conduct problems whose 'visible' behaviors may consequently include impulsivity, chronic truancy, use of violence, risk-taking, substance abuse, emotional blunting, and a pattern of engagement that demonstrates a disregard for the rights of others. The persistence of maladaptive brain functions leaves many youth struggling to fit and belong.

Speakers: Dr. Kate Messina, PhD, LCSW, Wisdom PathWay Institute

Moderator: Chris Van Orden, Deputy Probation Officer II, Napa County Probation Department

📍 **Ballroom A8-A9**

2:45pm – 3:00pm **BREAK**

📍 **Ballroom A2 & A7**

3:00pm – 4:50pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

★ UTILIZING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS FOR YOUTH WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

This session will look at the various funding streams to support youth who are in foster care with complex needs. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will discuss the availability of Innovative of Model of Care (IMC) rates to support foster children and Non-Minor Dependents (NMDs) with complex needs unable to be met in existing Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) programs. Also, CDSS will provide a high-level overview of two different state complex care funding resources: 1) county capacity building to address gaps within the continuum of care and 2) child-specific funding. Following CDSS' presentation, there will be a panel that will consist of Monterey, Riverside, and San Bernardino Probation Departments. They will share their experience submitting for and utilizing child-specific funds. This session will also include how to easily complete the child-specific request form. County probation departments are encouraged to come to this breakout session with a possible child-specific funding case scenario they have in mind. There will be Q&A to follow to assist in the child-specific submittal process.

Panel: Michael Ford, Manager, Rates Oversight Unit, California Department of Social Services

Ty Morgan, Manager, California Department of Social Services

Kyle Borg, Supervising Probation Officer, San Bernardino County Probation Department

Eric Raley, Division Director II, San Bernardino County Probation Department

Gregory Glazzard, Probation Division Manager, Monterey County Probation Department

Marlo Mendoza, Probation Service Manager, Monterey County Probation Department

Shannon Crosby, Division Director, Riverside County Probation Department

Moderator: Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California

📍 **Ballroom A3-A4**



TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 CONTINUED

★ SUPPORTING YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: CREATING A SUPPORT NETWORK FOR YOUTH TO THRIVE

This session will look at how probation and community-based providers support youth in foster care by maintaining connections to their family, natural supports, and their community. In this session attendees will hear how programs in three different counties are working together to support youth in foster care. Santa Barbara County Probation will discuss their Wraparound Program, Shasta County Probation will share their approaches to supporting foster youth while in an STRTP program and San Diego County based Voices for Children will discuss how their program serves youth in foster care by assigning CASA volunteers to youth who may be residing in an STRTP and Resource Family setting. The session will provide attendees with an opportunity to enhance their existing support efforts for youth in Foster Care or consider new approaches to increase support.

Panel: *Brittany Nelson, PsyD, RPT-S, Program Manager Wraparound/FURS, CASA Pacifica*

Jeremy Kenyon, Juvenile Division Director, Shasta County Probation Department

Kelly Grant Jones, Juvenile Justice Program Manager, Voices for Children, CASA Program, San Diego County

Alyssa Lowery, Deputy Probation Officer II, Juvenile Division, Shasta County Probation Department

Erin Cross, Probation Manager, Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Moderator: *Rob Doty, Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California; Retired Juvenile Division Director; Santa Cruz County Probation Department*

➤ **Ballroom A5-A6**

★ UNDERSTANDING THE COURT PROCESS FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS (NMDS)

This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of AB 12 and the requirements and procedures related to extended foster care for probation supervised youth. Requirements for youth who remain wards under Welfare and Institutions section 602 past their eighteenth birthday will be addressed, and how this compares to youth under section 450 jurisdiction.

Speaker: *Daniel Richardson, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Judicial Council of California*

Moderator: *Kathy Martinez, Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California; Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer; Santa Clara County Probation*

➤ **Ballroom A8-A9**

4:50pm – 5:00pm END OF DAY WRAP-UP

Moderator: *Stephanie Anderson, Probation Foster Care Specialist, Chief Probation Officers of California*

➤ **Ballroom A1**

5:00pm – 6:30pm NETWORKING RECEPTION – SHERATON GRAND HOTEL, GRAND NAVE FOYER

➤ **1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA (Directly across from the Convention Center)**



AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

7:30am REGISTRATION

➤ *Ballroom A Foyer*

8:30am – 8:40am WELCOME

Chief Tracie Neal, Shasta County Probation Department;
Juvenile Services Committee Chair, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

8:40am – 10:10am KEYNOTE

MANAGING AND UNDERSTANDING WELLNESS WHILE SUPPORTING FOSTER YOUTH - PART 1

Dr. Pickens, a national trauma expert and CEO & Founder of iOpening Enterprises, will highlight the importance of self-care and wellness in his keynote address as well as evidence-based practices for attendees to sustain staff wellness. This presentation will leave participants inspired, re-energized, and equipped to support foster youth in a trauma-informed way while taking care of themselves in the process!

Speaker: Dr. Isaiah Pickens, Chief Executive Officer, iOpening Enterprises

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*

10:10am – 10:30am BREAK

➤ *Ballroom A2 & A7*

10:30am – 11:45am GENERAL SESSION

DISCUSSION ON WELLNESS FOLLOWED BY SKILLS AND TOOLS FOR ADDRESSING SECONDARY TRAUMA - PART 2

This session shifts the focus to agency staff and provides strategies for managing stressors that impact staff's ability to effectively do their jobs. Participants generate and practice self-care strategies that can promote their health at work and in life. Strategies include identifying secondary traumatic stress and burnout, incorporating supervision processes that support staff who are involved in traumatic situations at work and how to sustain well-being through organizational strategies that proactively support staff.

Speaker: Dr. Isaiah Pickens, Chief Executive Officer, iOpening Enterprises

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ *Ballroom A1*



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023 CONTINUED

11:45am – 12:45pm **LUNCH**

➤ **Ballroom A1**

12:45pm – 2:45pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

★ **IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS: FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY AS ONE PROVEN PREVENTION STRATEGY**

This interactive session will cover the stages of implementation strategies of evidence-based practices, challenges and how to overcome those through one county's experience implementing various EBPs. Participants will learn about the core phases of Functional Family Therapy as one therapeutic intervention proven to prevent further system involvement for youth of color and lessons learned applicable to any evidence-based program.

Speakers: Robert Edmisten, Probation Supervisor, Sacramento County Probation Department
Sasha-Noelle Udom, LCSW, Senior Consultant, Functional Family Partners

Moderator: Kathy Martinez, Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California; Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer; Santa Clara County Probation

➤ **Ballroom A3-A4**

★ **GUIDELINES FOR TREATING AND SUPERVISING YOUTH WHO HAVE COMMITTED A SEXUAL OFFENSE**

Youth ordered into foster care sometimes require a specialized treatment program centered around their sexual offense and any trauma or victimization they may have previously suffered. At the end of 2022 the California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) released its report titled "Guidelines for Treating and Supervising Youth Who Have Committed a Sexual Offense" This breakout session will feature Dr. Heather Bowlds of CASOMB, outlining the report recommendations and review best practices for working with youth who have committed a sexual offense.

Speaker: Dr. Heather Bowlds, Director, California Division of Juvenile Justice, CASOMB Member

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ **Ballroom A5-A6**



AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023 CONTINUED

★ PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION: WHAT EVERYONE WORKING WITH YOUTH SHOULD KNOW

A multitude of resources and programs exist to help foster youth achieve their academic goals. Many times, it's about knowing who and/or where to go to seek out the resources and what to ask for. This session will highlight various community college and four-year university programs and tuition assistance programs that you can help foster youth access as well as review the educational and vocational services available to probation foster youth via the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR).

Panel: Kellie Nadler, Regional Coordinator, Rising Scholars, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Thalia Marroquin, Program Manager, NextUp, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Colleen Ganley, Program Specialist, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

Aaron Michael Greene, Director, Project Rebound, California State University Sacramento

Mark Erlichman, Deputy Director, Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Division, California Department of Rehabilitation

Moderator: Chief John Keene, San Mateo County Probation Department

➤ **Ballroom A8-A9**

2:45pm – 3:00pm **CLOSING**

Moderator: Rosemary Lamb McCool, Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

➤ **Ballroom A1**

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STEPHANIE ANDERSON

*Probation Foster Care Specialist,
Chief Probation Officers of California*

Stephanie Anderson is the Probation Foster Care Specialist at the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). In 2018, she joined CPOC and assisted with the implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform and has most recently been working on the implementation of Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and other foster care policy matters. Prior to this role, she was an Arts in Corrections (AIC) Program Manager at the California Arts Council, where she assisted in the expansion of art programs in all the California state institutions. She also previously worked at CPOC, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Division of Rehabilitative Programs and served in the Governor Gray Davis Administration. Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University, Sacramento.

KYLE BORG

*Supervising Probation Officer,
San Bernardino County Probation Department*

Kyle Borg works as a Supervisor in the Placement Unit of the San Bernardino County Probation Department. He has been in the public sector for 13 years, the last 10 of which he has spent at Probation. In addition to his expertise in juvenile placement, Kyle also has experience in Adult Probation, Field Work, and Professional Standards (POBOR). He holds a dual bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

DR. HEATHER BOWLDS

*Director, Division of Juvenile Justice,
California Department of Corrections and
Rehabilitation*

Dr. Heather Bowlds, Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), has a long-term relationship with DJJ that began in 1999. During her twenty-two-year career with DJJ, Dr. Bowlds has held various positions, including Coordinator of the Sexual Behavior Treatment Program, Associate Director of Mental Health, and Deputy Director. She specializes in the treatment of adolescents who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior, and her career trajectory has led her to achieve national prominence in the treatment of juvenile sexual offenders

CHIEF JENNIFER BRANNING

*Lassen County Probation Department;
President, Chief Probation Officers of California*

Chief Jennifer Branning is the Chief Probation Officer of Lassen County Probation Department and serves as the President of the Chief Probation Officers of California. With 16 years of dedicated service, she has been leading the Lassen County Probation Department since March 2013. Jennifer embraces the unique challenges of a rural community and excels in finding innovative solutions to meet the population's needs. Her passion for both work and living in this setting drives her commitment to making a positive impact on the community she serves..



SHANNON CROSBY

*Division Director, Special Services Division,
Riverside County Probation Department*

Shannon Crosby is a Division Director at Riverside County Probation Department, where she currently oversees operations involving foster youth/non-minor dependents (NMDs) and youth exiting secured treatment. She has held assignments in juvenile probation, adult probation, and administration. Shannon's passion is working with foster youth/NMDs. She is committed to ensuring youth receive quality rehabilitative services and successfully transition into young adulthood.

ERIN CROSS

*Probation Manager, Juvenile Division,
Santa Barbara County Probation Department*

Erin Cross is a Probation Manager with the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, where she began her career when she was 21 years old. Erin has extensive experience in the Adult, Juvenile, and Facilities Divisions, with a particular focus on the Juvenile Division. Currently, she holds the position of Manager in the Juvenile Division. Erin takes pride in presenting alongside our wraparound provider, as she was the first officer to work with wraparound when it was initially introduced. She is incredibly proud of the significant progress we have made in reducing the number of youth on probation in out-of-home placements, which is largely attributable to the effectiveness of the wraparound program.

ROB DOTY

*Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California;
Retired Juvenile Division Director; Santa Cruz County
Probation Department*

Robert Doty is a consultant at Robert S. Doty Consulting, LLC. He specializes in consulting on Juvenile Justice projects for California Probation Departments, County System partners, and Community-Based Organizations. His focus is on supporting and guiding system improvements to enhance outcomes for youth and families. Previously, he retired from the Santa Cruz County Probation Department, where he served as Division Director for the Juvenile Division for seven years. With over 35 years of experience in Probation, he has worked at all levels. Currently, he provides consulting services to the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) and the Judicial Council of California, while also designing a Juvenile Justice program for CASA of Santa Cruz County. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Sentencing Alternatives Program of Santa Clara County and the Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center of Santa Cruz County.

ROB EDMISTEN

*Supervising Probation Officer,
Sacramento County Probation Department*

Supervising Probation Officer Rob Edmisten has worked with the Sacramento County Probation Department for almost 26 years, taking on various assignments including institutions, community intervention, and juvenile field services. He possesses expertise in assessment, evidence-based programming, outcome measurement, fidelity, implementation, collaboration, placement, wraparound, and integrating these practices within probation. Mr. Edmisten holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and has engaged in contract work with their Corrections Institute. Moreover, he actively participates as a teacher with the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) and serves as a board member/Regional Vice President for the International Community Justice Association.



MARK ERLICHMAN

*Deputy Director, Vocational Rehabilitation
Employment Division,
California Department of Rehabilitation*

Mark Erlichman is the Deputy Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Division at the California Department of Rehabilitation. In this capacity, he is responsible for the operation of the general vocational rehabilitation and student services program in California, serving over 100,000 individuals with disabilities annually. Mark has over thirty years of experience in providing support and services to individuals with disabilities. Previously, Mark was the Assistant Deputy Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Employment and Policy and Resource Divisions, and he also served as the District Administrator of the Department's Northern Sierra District. Mark holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from U.C. Santa Barbara and a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Fresno State University.

MICHAEL FORD

*Manager, Rates Oversight Unit,
California Department of Social Services*

Michael Ford is a Manager in the Systems of Care Branch at the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), with over five years of experience developing statewide foster care rate setting policies and regulations

ROBERT FRIEND

*Director, National Institute for Permanent Family
Connectedness at Seneca Family of Agencies,
Seneca Family of Agencies*

Robert Friend, LCSW, is the Director of the National Institute for Permanent Family Connectedness at Seneca Family of Agencies. He is also a member of the California Child Welfare Council and co-chairs its Permanency Committee. Previously, he has co-chaired or participated in several statewide initiatives that promoted system change, permanency for young people, and greater access and inclusion for families and connections. Robert provides national training, coaching, and consultation services to positively impact individuals, agencies, and system change efforts that promote belonging and connectedness for children.

COLLEEN GANLEY

*Program Specialist,
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office*

Colleen Ganley currently serves as a Program Specialist with the California Community College Chancellor's Office. In her current position, Colleen works to increase access to health, mental health, food, and housing resources, as well as other unmet basic needs for students in the California Community College system. Colleen is also part of a team that supports two statewide foster youth services programs within the California Community Colleges system, including the Foster Youth Success Initiative and the NextUp programs. Prior to joining the Chancellor's Office, Colleen worked at the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the non-profit organization that supports the Chancellor's Office. During her 12-year tenure with the Foundation, she developed and implemented multiple statewide initiatives designed to support at-risk students.



GREGORY GLAZZARD

*Probation Division Manager, Juvenile Division,
Monterey County Probation Department*

Gregory Glazzard is currently the Probation Division Manager for the Juvenile Division of the Monterey County Probation Department. Mr. Glazzard has over 20 years of experience with probation, including over 10 years as a supervisor in the probation foster care unit. He has also served as an instructor for Title IV-E for CPOC.

KELLY GRANT JONES

*Juvenile Justice Program Manager,
Voices for Children, Court Appointed Special
Advocate Program (CASA), San Diego County*

Kelly Grant Jones is the Program Manager for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) juvenile justice program in San Diego County. Kelly holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Affairs and Political Science from Northeastern University, as well as a Master's Degree in Conflict, Security, and Development from King's College London. Before joining Voices for Children, Kelly gained professional experience in researching and understanding criminal activity. This background, combined with her recent experience advocating for trauma-impacted foster youth, has prepared her to manage one of the largest CASA programs in the nation, advocating on behalf of juvenile justice youth.

AARON MICHAEL GREENE

*Director, Project Rebound,
California State University Sacramento*

Aaron Greene is the Director of Project Rebound at Sacramento State and a Lecturer at Columbia Community College. He is also a formerly incarcerated Foster Youth. Upon his release in 2015, he returned to school and earned a certificate in Drug and Alcohol Counseling from Fresno City College, as well as a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Psychology from Fresno State. Aaron has worked for Project Rebound for seven years, progressing from a student in the program to his current position as the Director.

CHIEF JOHN KEENE

San Mateo County Probation Department

Chief Keene was appointed Chief Probation Officer of San Mateo County Probation in June of 2013. Chief Keene brings more than 30 years of law enforcement experience to his role. Prior to his appointment, he served as Deputy Chief Probation Officer in Alameda County. Chief Keene earned his Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chief Keene is committed to Public Protection, Victim Restoration, and Offender Rehabilitation. He believes that the development, implementation, and sustainability of Evidenced Based Programming is the future of Community Corrections.

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JEREMY KENYON

*Juvenile Division Director,
Shasta County Probation Department*

Jeremy Kenyon, the current Juvenile Division Director of Shasta County Probation Department, entered public service after earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science from Morningside College. Since 2006, Director Kenyon has dedicated his entire 15-year career to the field of probation services and community corrections, working in both the Adult and Juvenile Divisions of the Shasta County Probation Department. Having progressed through the ranks of line staff, he was promoted to Division Director three years ago. Director Kenyon actively seeks, develops, and implements innovative methods to problem solve, encouraging staff to employ better approaches in effecting change for individuals impacted by the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems. He is committed to forging partnerships with community allies, promoting evidence-based programming, and utilizing technology to enhance the lives of all members of the community he serves.

ALYSSA LOWERY

*Deputy Probation Officer II, Juvenile Division,
Shasta County Probation Department*

Alyssa Lowery is a Deputy Probation Officer II in the Juvenile Division at Shasta County Probation Department. She has been with the department since February 2020, primarily focusing on the juvenile intake and placement units. Alyssa played a key role in implementing River's Edge Academy, an in-custody camp commitment program, and transitioning from STRTP outcomes. She also contributed to the adoption of the Family First Prevention Services Act and the Qualified Individual process. Currently, Alyssa manages high-risk and sexually offending juveniles in the supervision unit. She is an advocate for youth in Shasta County, serving on the Review, Evaluate, and Direct (RED) team, which screens child abuse reports in partnership with Children and Family Services. Alyssa is dedicated to creating positive change within her department and the community.

THALIA MARROQUIN, MPA

*Program Manager, NextUp, California Community
Colleges Chancellor's Office*

Thalia Marroquin is the Community College Program Manager at Next Up. She has worked at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for four years in various roles, including Foster Kinship Care and Education (FKCE), NextUp, Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI), and most recently, Disabled Student Program and Services (DSPS). Thalia, a Central Valley native born in Fresno and raised in Merced, is a first-generation college student with degrees from UC Merced, a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, and the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, a Master's in Public Administration. Her background includes higher education policy, funding, program management, and working with disadvantaged youth in K-12. She is passionate about helping others and is dedicated to serving community colleges and students.

JENNIFER MARTINEZ

*Assistant Division Director,
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Probation Department*

Jennifer Martinez is the Assistant Division Director for the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Probation. With over 15 years of experience in the probation field, she has worked extensively in both juvenile and adult community supervision, as well as the juvenile detention facility. Jennifer is dedicated to ensuring that all youth are given the chance to achieve their maximum potential through education, community engagement, and the support of their families and caring adults.



KATHY MARTINEZ

*Consultant, Chief Probation Officers of California
Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer; Santa Clara
County Probation*

Kathy Martinez is a retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer from Santa Clara County. She is currently a consultant for Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), working on a number of foster care training sessions. Additionally, she is leading the statewide implementation of Part I of the Families First Prevention Services Act, focusing on prevention for CPOC.

ROSEMARY LAMB MCCOOL

*Deputy Director,
Chief Probation Officers of California*

Rosemary Lamb McCool serves as Deputy Director at the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), where she primarily focuses on juvenile justice policy and assists in overseeing the association's day-to-day operations. With nearly nine years of experience at CPOC, Rosie previously worked on public safety policy at the California State Association of Counties. She began her career as an Executive Fellow in Attorney General Bill Lockyer's Office through the Capitol Fellows Program, relocating from southern California to Sacramento. Prior to that, Rosie worked at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California, and engaged with youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems in Tucson, Arizona after completing her studies at the University of Arizona.

MARLO MENDOZA

*Probation Service Manager, Special Services,
Monterey County Probation Department*

Marlo Mendoza is currently the Probation Service Manager at Monterey County Probation Department. Mrs. Mendoza began her career 23 years ago. Her current assignment has been in the probation foster care unit, which she has worked the last 1.5 years.

DR. KATE MESSINA, PHD, LCSW

WisdomPath Way Institute

Dr. Kate Messina is the Creator and Author of The WisdomPath Way Approach, a therapeutic family systems model designed to help trauma-affected youth and families recover and heal. She has over 35 years of experience working with system-involved youth. In addition to her practice, Dr. Messina serves as a clinical consultant to the California Department of Social Services and the UC Davis Resource Center for Family-Focused Practice. She is also a speaker and trainer, focusing on the neurodevelopmental impact of trauma on the young brain.

LEILANI MILLER

*School Resource Specialist/Officer,
Glenn County Office of Education*

Leilani Miller is a School Resource Specialist with Glenn County Office of Education who was a former foster youth making a change for current youth in foster care. Leilani has a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science from Southern New Hampshire University.



CHIEF WENDY MONDFRANS

Lake County Probation Department

Chief Wendy Mondfrans has worked for Probation since 2010 and has held several positions from Deputy Probation Officer, Senior, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, Assistant Chief Probation Officer and most recently Chief Probation Officer of Lake County, CA. She has experience in managing all divisions and functions within the probation department, including foster care placement. Chief Mondfrans is committed and dedicated to providing youth and family centered services to youth under her jurisdiction. Prior to her work with Probation, Chief Mondfrans was a practicing attorney.

TY STARKS MORGAN, JD

*Manager, Foster Care Rates Policy Unit,
California Department of Social Services*

Ty Starks Morgan, JD, is the Manager of the Foster Care Rates Policy Unit at the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), which she is responsible for foster care rate related policy. She has worked in the foster care payment program with CDSS for 30 years. She holds a juris doctorate from the McGeorge School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Sacramento.

KELLIE NADLER

*Regional Coordinator,
Rising Scholars*

Kellie Nadler is a Regional Coordinator at Rising Scholars. She partners with colleges, students, correctional staff, and organizations to design and implement programs for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students. She has been integral in moving the Rising Scholars Network from a program with one-time funding of \$5 million to a \$25 million dollar per year program. Kellie specializes in building resilient statewide networks of support and is dedicated to resolving issues that hinder Rising Scholars students from accessing high-quality higher education. Prior to working with Rising Scholars, Kellie was the Deputy Director of Corrections to College, an advisory board member for a global gender-equity non-profit, and an English instructor at Eastern Michigan University.

CHIEF TRACIE NEAL

*Shasta County Probation Department;
Juvenile Services Committee Chair, Chief Probation
Officers of California*

Tracie Neal has been the Chief Probation Officer of Shasta County since 2013. Chief Neal has worked in the field of probation services and community corrections since 1996. She started her career at Humboldt County Probation as a Juvenile Group Counselor and Deputy Probation Officer. Later, she worked at Mono County Probation, where she progressed to Assistant Chief Probation Officer before joining Shasta County Probation in 2012. Throughout her career, Chief Neal has implemented numerous programs and practices aimed at improving the lives of young people involved in the juvenile justice system and their families, as well as adults involved in the criminal justice system. She remains dedicated to public safety by implementing best practices and evidence-based approaches to enhance rehabilitative options for both youth and adults, as well as community alternatives to detention.



BRITTANY NELSON, PSYD, LMFT

*Program Manager, Wraparound/FURS,
Casa Pacifica*

Brittany Nelson, PsyD, LMFT, has specialized in working with at-risk youth for over 16 years, and throughout those years has gained extensive experience working with youth and families who have complex trauma histories and/or struggle with addiction. She has worked within the Wraparound model, providing program management, clinical supervision, and direct services to youth and families for the past seven years. Brittany has collaborated with community partners such as probation, child welfare, mental health, education, and substance abuse providers to support clients in maintaining family-based placements. Additionally, she has presented on Wraparound services at multiple conferences across the state.

DR. ISAIAH PICKENS

*Chief Executive Officer,
iOpening Enterprises*

Dr. Isaiah Pickens is a licensed clinical psychologist, trauma expert, and CEO & founder of iOpening Enterprises (iOE), which supports organizations at the intersection of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and mental health. Dr. Pickens is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Fellow, a former clinical Assistant Professor at NYU, and a former Assistant Director at the UCLA-Duke National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. He has been awarded numerous times by the American Psychological Association for his contributions to the field of psychology. Dr. Pickens aims to create systemic culture change by unlocking the full potential of individuals and organizations alike.

MELISSAROSHAN “MELRO” POTTER

*Speaker,
MelRo’s Voice LLC*

MelissaRoshan (MelRo) Potter is an advocate for youth who have experienced abuse and neglect.

ERIC RALEY

*Division Director II, Juvenile Services,
San Bernardino County Probation Department*

Eric Raley is the Division Director II in Juvenile Services at the San Bernardino County Probation Department. With over 25 years of experience, he has held various assignments, including Director of the Training Division. He attempts to embody Marian Wright Edelman’s statement, that service is the rent we pay to be living, the very purpose of life and not something we do in our spare time. His work leading change in complex environments and collaborating with community-based organizations has resulted in several awards, the most prestigious being the Brian Johnson Award for Innovation from C.A.P.I.A. in 2022.

DANIEL RICHARDSON

*Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Judicial Council of California*

Daniel Richardson is an attorney with the Judicial Council of California Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and has been employed by the Judicial Council since June 2016. Daniel is a member of the Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency Unit and Judicial Resources and Technical Assistance (JRTA) Team. Daniel comes to the Judicial Council from East Bay Children’s Law Offices in Oakland where he has represented clients, primarily children, in dependency proceedings since the inception of the firm in 2009. Daniel also represented “dually involved” children (i.e., children in the child welfare system with simultaneous informal probation).



ANGIE SCHWARTZ, JD

*Deputy Director, Children and Family Services Division,
California Department of Social Services*

Angie Schwartz, JD, is the Deputy Director of the Children and Family Services Division at the California Department of Social Services. With nearly two decades of experience in child welfare reform, she designs and oversees programs and services to promote the well-being of at-risk children and families in California. Her focus is on creating a proactive support system that values the child's family and community, addresses disparities, and ensures healing, thriving, and equity within the child welfare system. Previously, Angie served as the Vice President of Policy and Advocacy at the Alliance for Children's Rights, where she championed inclusive rates and services for kinship families, foster care benefits extension, and access to social security benefits for foster youth with disabilities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from American University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

SASHA-NOELLE UDOM, LCSW

*Senior Consultant,
Functional Family Therapy Partners*

Sasha-Noelle Udom, LCSW is a Senior Consultant with FFT Partners. She started her journey with FFT in 2015 in New York City. She was part of a successful pilot program, FFT Behavioral Health, that worked with high-risk adolescents and young adults struggling with mental health concerns directly out of the hospital, PHP, inpatient and other community partners. The success of the pilot has since led to other FFT-BH programs being implemented. Sasha-Noelle is passionate about helping clinicians, agencies and organizations make an impact through the lens of FFT. She continues to do so as part of the team implementing a system-wide transformation of Foster Care through FFT-Foster Care in Connecticut.

CHRIS VAN ORDEN

*Probation Officer/CFT Facilitator,
Napa County Probation Department*

Chris Van Orden has been a Probation Officer with the Napa County Probation Department for the past 15 years. Chris is also a Child and Family Teaming (CFT) Facilitator, and currently trains for CPOC on the subjects of family teaming and facilitation.

PAUL VINETZ

*Bureau Chief,
Los Angeles County Probation Department*

Paul Vinetz is a Bureau Chief for the Los Angeles County Probation Department and currently provides executive oversight of the Department's Placement and Child Welfare Bureau. With 37 years of experience as a veteran in the Los Angeles County Probation Department, he possesses a wide range of experience in the criminal justice system, encompassing both adult and juvenile operations. Additionally, he has served as the past President of the California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Association (CPPCA) and has been a member of its Legislative Committee for seventeen years. He has also led numerous multi-agency partnerships and was instrumental in establishing the Department's first Juvenile Day Reporting Center.



Aldea

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Aldea is the essential community partner for children and families in crisis.

We believe that in a family's most critical moments, the company of a trusted professional can mean the difference between strength and suffering.

Every day, our expert staff walks with young people on their journey to healing, providing care that brings both short-term comfort and long-term resilience.

Because with a community of support, they discover their own ability to create a new life, one moment at a time.

Aldea offers a wide range of therapeutic and support services that equip people with the tools needed to improve their health, relationships, and, ultimately, their community. We divide our programs into two major areas: Behavioral Health Services and Social Services.

Aldea's mission is to improve lives and create bright futures for people we serve by providing professional mental health, child welfare and support services in a manner that respects the dignity and individuality of each person.

Aldea's vision is that all people we serve will achieve emotional wellness and become engaged members of the community, despite past abuse or emotional challenges.



Boys Republic STRTP

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Educational Services: Boys Republic STRTPs have an on-grounds, four-year, WASC-accredited high school through the Chino Valley Unified School District.

Vocational Programs and Work Experience: Vocational training programs include Masonry, Culinary Arts, Teaching Bakery, Landscaping, Farming, Digital Printing, Warehouse Distribution, Welding, Woodworking, and Auto Technology. Students learn the specific skills in a trade and important work habits including reporting to work punctually, following a supervisor's instructions, and caring for equipment and tools.

Mental Health Treatment Services: The case management process is organized around developing positive peer experiences through guided group interaction and is tailored to the needs of the individual resident. Daily group therapy, supervised by social work staff, is the primary treatment modality along with individualized treatment for each youth based on his/her assessment and unique trauma history. A comprehensive range of multidisciplinary clinical services, including psychosocial assessment, individual psychiatric evaluation and treatment, crisis management, individual and family therapy, are integrated within a continuously monitored treatment plan.

Aftercare/Family Reunification Program: Successful discharges are a result of careful assessment, proper treatment, and long-term aftercare planning to meet the youth's needs in a therapeutic manner. Accordingly, the establishment of cooperative alliances with family, referral/placement authorities, and other resources in the social system surrounding the resident is seen as an important programmatic goal.

Substance Abuse Services: The program provides the evidence-based Matrix substance abuse treatment program for all youth assessed to need such services along with weekly group treatment for the purpose of reinforcing the formation of and adherence to a drug free value system.





Oakendell, Inc.

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Oakendell is a STRTP exclusively serving Probation-placed male youth who have committed sexual offenses. Nestled within a secluded valley of 124 acres, Oakendell offers the peace and tranquility needed by troubled youth to heal from their own traumas, and to have the space to work through their emotional, behavioral and cognitive issues that led them to carry out their offense/s.

Oakendell's approach of treating the whole person focuses on cognitive and emotional health, physical well-being, and life skills development. Our treatment program has been developed using research and evidence-based practices, as well as the experience gained by working directly with traumatized youth for over 40 years. Oakendell utilizes restorative justice practices to help residents learn how their actions impact their community and the people around them and emphasizes repairing harm done through one's actions.

The Calaveras County Office of Education has a classroom on Oakendell property which provides a non-public education setting for all of our residents in which Oakendell staff can work closely with the teaching staff to help support our residents and their variety of educational needs.

Learn more at Oakendell.org, by calling (209)754-1249, or by emailing Executive Director Paul Mertens at paul@oakendell.org



Pacific Clinics

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Pacific Clinics serves children, transitional age youth, families, adults, and older adults. We offer a full range of mental and behavioral health services, foster care and social services, housing, continuing adult education and early childhood education programs to qualifying individuals and families. Our dedicated team of local experts offer culturally and linguistically relevant services in over 22 languages to meet the needs our communities.



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Paradise Oaks Youth Services is a not-for-profit organization located in Sacramento County that serves at-risk youth throughout California. There are currently 2 programs within the agency: Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) and a Foster Family Agency (FFA). Within our STRTP, there is 1 home dedicated to the specific treatment of Sexually Aggressive Youth, formerly referred to as JSO youth. Our team provides a comprehensive array of programs and services to children and youth, which are guided by core principles and leading practices. Our agency is committed to our unique, family and client-centered approach. By offering support and resources to the entire family, we strengthen and encourage long-term stability and success. We hold ourselves to a high standard of care across all programs and services to ensure children, youth, and their families receive the level of care they deserve. COMING SOON- a 6-bed Substance Use Disorder group home for males ages 12-17 years old.



Promesa Behavioral Health

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Promesa Behavioral Health has been in the business of helping children and youth for over thirty years. Promesa operates 8 Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs for at-risk youth. We offer specialty programs that include a male Sex Offenders program and a Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program, in addition to our traditional Adolescent Behavior Modification programs.

In our Foster Family Agency, Permanency is always the underlying goal at Promesa. We hold ourselves highly accountable for all Resource Homes we approve. Our objective is to reduce the number of placement changes for all children in our care. All foster parents undertake basic PRIDE training, as well as continuing education. The foster parents who are providing Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC), take an additional level of training along with ongoing continuing education.

Promesa also has a THP NMD program. We offer two types of housing opportunities for young adults; two-person apartments and a single site home both conveniently located near a variety of shopping centers.





Rite of Passage

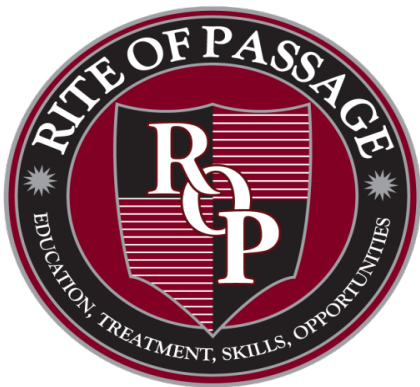
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Rite of Passage is dedicated to improving the lives of youth, families, and communities.

Our dedication to youth demands our full participation in providing services that empower them to become advocates in their own lives. Our values reflect those of a business founded by people who want to help youth succeed. Our youth-centered approach, with a focus on providing normalized environments, safety, and caring relationships, as well as positive opportunities for learning and personal growth, reflects our commitment to tomorrow's generation.



Stanford Sierra Youth Families

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Stanford Sierra Youth & Families (SSYAF) believes each and every child deserves the love, safety, and unconditional commitment of a family and the opportunity to develop as a healthy and productive adult. SSYAF provides a continuum of care to empower youth and families to overcome challenges together, as well as connects youth in foster care to the permanent loving families they need and deserve. This includes the following array of comprehensive programs: family advocacy and support; behavioral and mental health services; substance use prevention and treatment services; juvenile justice intervention, mentoring, foster care, adoption services, and pre- and post- adoption support. SSYAF supports the entire family with professional treatment and compassionate care, so every youth has the opportunity to thrive at home, in school, and in the community.

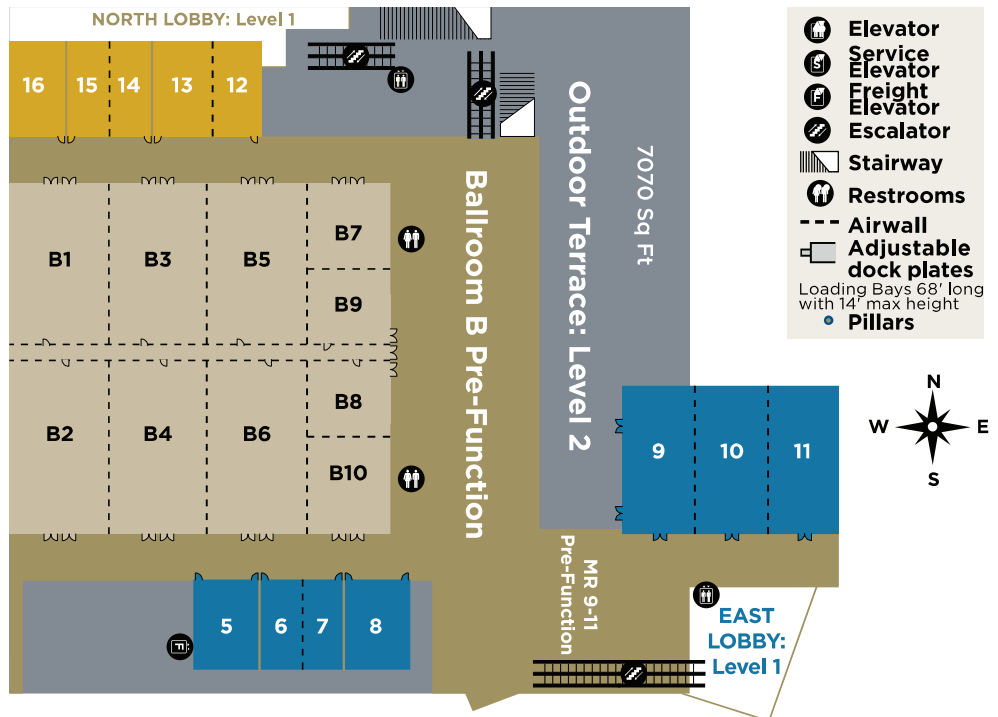
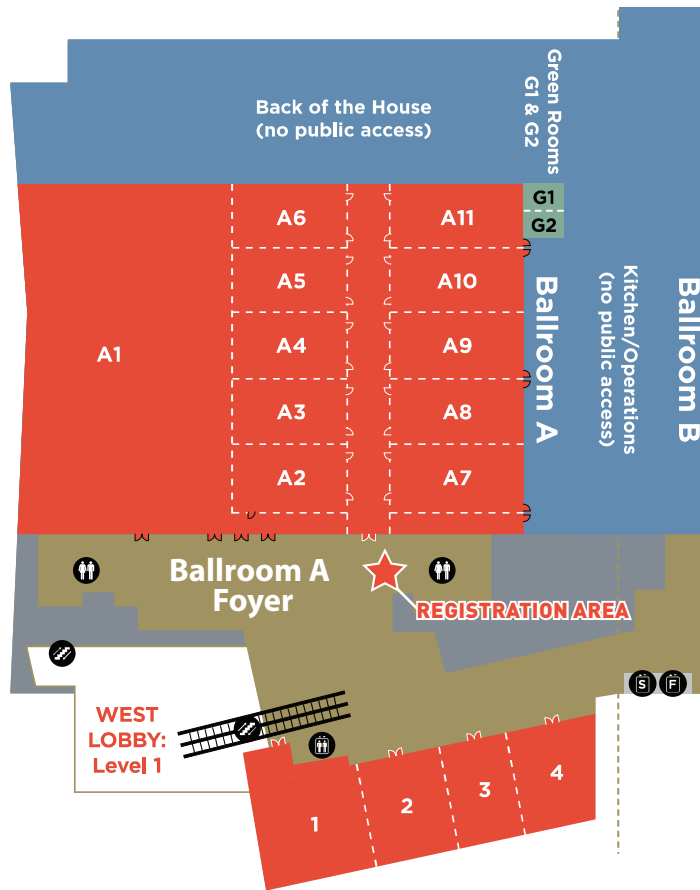
SSYAF's Pathways to Permanency (Foster Care & Adoption) program provides several paths to permanency to ensure every youth has a lifelong connection to family and the opportunity to thrive. In many cases, the first and best option is to reunify the youth with their existing family, where possible. If reunification is not possible, SSYAF works to identify a compassionate and qualified family who is willing to make a lifelong commitment to the youth.



The provider forum is intended as a means for conference attendees to learn more about various STRTP and FFA providers whom they can partner with in their region. CPOC has not evaluated any participating provider.



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