

CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA



WHAT IS JUVENILE PROBATION?

Youth are referred to probation departments in California for a variety of reasons and severity of risk factors but their initial referral is because they are alleged to have committed an offense. It is probation's duty to assess the youth's needs and make recommendations to the court. Probation may recommend to the court any of the following:

- allow youth to return home with their family;
- placement in a foster care setting; or
- order youth into a local or state commitment facility.

Often youth on probation are dealing with multiple challenges. Probation's role is to prevent entry into the adult system by reducing juvenile recidivism; to heal and reconnect families; and to respond to youth behavior with interventions that reduce re-offense and teach youth healthy and positive tools for dealing with adversity.

RECENT JUVENILE TRENDS

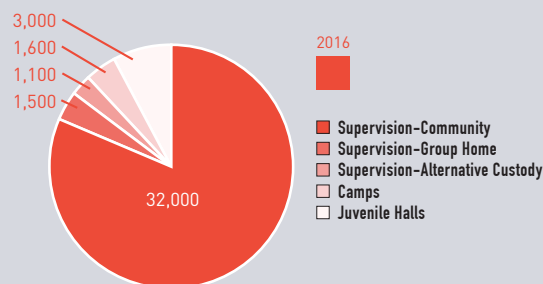
- Juvenile arrests have fallen to a multi-year low, going from 303,000 juvenile arrests in 2007 to 82,000 in 2014, which represents a 73% decline.
- Approximately 39,000 youth are served by probation departments across California.
- Youth in foster care placements have declined by 50 percent since 2010.
- Average length of stay in a juvenile hall is 30 days.

HOW DO WE SERVE YOUTH ON PROBATION?

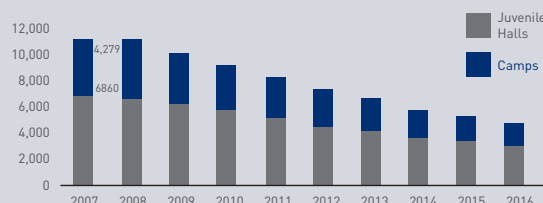
Probation offers a range of services to youth served in the community including multi-systemic therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, wraparound services, aggression replacement training, referrals to mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment, and vocational and educational programming among others. Many of these same programs are offered to youth in secure detention facilities located in 49 of our 58 counties.

Juvenile justice realignment in 2007 shifted the **responsibility for 98% of juveniles to county probation departments.** During this time frame probation has worked hard to divert youth from our detention settings through a myriad of services and programs tailored for youth and/or their families and by partnering with community based agencies. The result of successful diversion from detention facilities has led to the youth who are sent to our facilities being of the highest risk to public safety and/or to themselves and who have the highest needs.

90% OF PROBATION YOUTH ARE SUPERVISED IN THE COMMUNITY



JUVENILE DETENTION USAGE IS DOWN 60% SINCE 2007; DJJ USAGE IS DOWN 74%



JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS HAVE DECLINED 73% SINCE 2007

