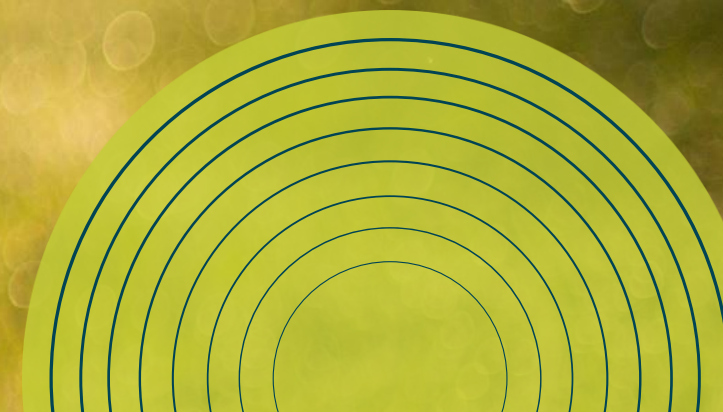


Interface Children & Family Services

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MISSION

Strengthening children, individuals, families, and communities to be safe, healthy, and thriving through comprehensive social services.



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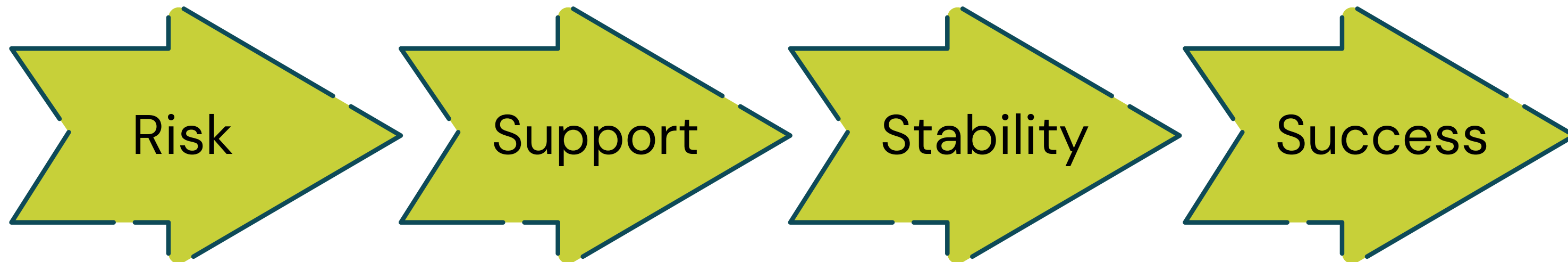
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Youth Advocate Program Overview

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YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM

The Youth Advocate Program provides individualized case management, mentoring, and advocacy to youth and transitional-aged youth under probation supervision - bridging supervision with meaningful, real-world support.



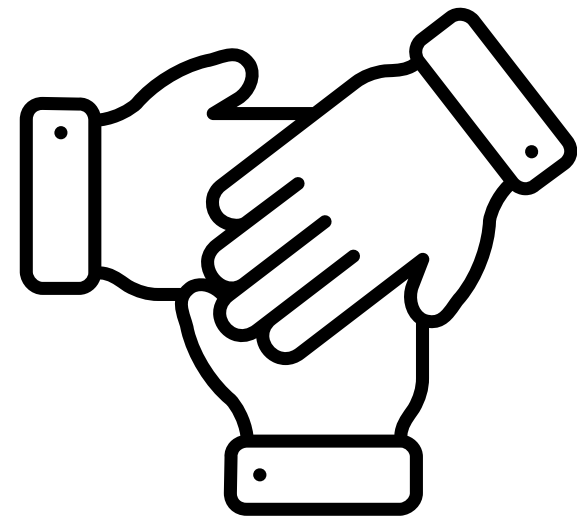
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Program Goals & Objectives

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PROGRAM GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- 1 - Provide **support and advocacy** to youth and transitional-ages youth under probation supervision
- 2 - **Reduce recidivism** by addressing barriers that contribute to re-offending
- 3 - **Link youth to supportive services** that promote long-term stability and community integration



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Core Services

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CORE SERVICES

Youth Advocates provide hands-on, individualized support by:

- Transporting and assisting youth with **employment searches**
- Coordinating transportation for **probation, school, and service appointments**
- Supervising youth in the completion of court-**ordered community service**
- Connecting youth with **pro-social and community activities**
- Hosting and participating in **monthly pro-social group events**
- Assisting youth with **Medi-Cal, CA IDs, school enrollment, and other essential needs**
- Coordinating **referrals and linkages** to community resources and partner agencies
- **Case Management** using evidence-based practices and programs

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Program Framework Approach

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PROGRAM FRAMEWORK APPROACH

Everything we do with youth is:

- **Relationship-Based** - Building Trust through consistent, positive engagement
- **Trauma-Informed** - Recognizing stress responses and meeting youth where they are
- **Strengths-Focused** - Leveraging existing youth capabilities to build independence
- **Systems-Integrated** - Co-located with probation for seamless coordination.



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FY 24-25 Data Snapshot

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2024-2025 FY DATA SNAPSHOT



Data Indicators	FY 24/25 Totals
Referrals Received	53
Active Clients	46
Conversation Rate	86%
Completed	12
Avg Length of Service	207 days
Total Youth Interactions*	1070

*Includes duplicative clients

Accomplishments

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Key Highlights:

- Successfully engaged 26 youth in pro-social activities across FY 24-25 (group & individual)
- Expanded to add pro-social meals in June 2025
- 29 youth participated in evidence-based journaling program
- Facilitated 1070 interactions with youth
 - includes case management, mentoring, helping youth complete volunteer hours, educational and vocational assistance, and transportation across all programming

Indicator of Success:

Through rapport building and probation partnership, Youth Advocates were able to connect and actively program over 86% of probation referrals

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Reducing Recidivism


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REDUCING RECIDIVISM

The YA program works to support a reduction in recidivism through programming that increases protective factors and decreases risk factors such as:

- **Increased protective factors** - employment, education, and prosocial activities
- **Decreased risk factors** - idle time, transportation barriers, and lack of access
- Positive relationships with caring adults and mentors
- Skill building and social-emotional supports through evidence-based practices and programming

Individual recidivism data is tracked by Probation.

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Barriers & System Enhancements

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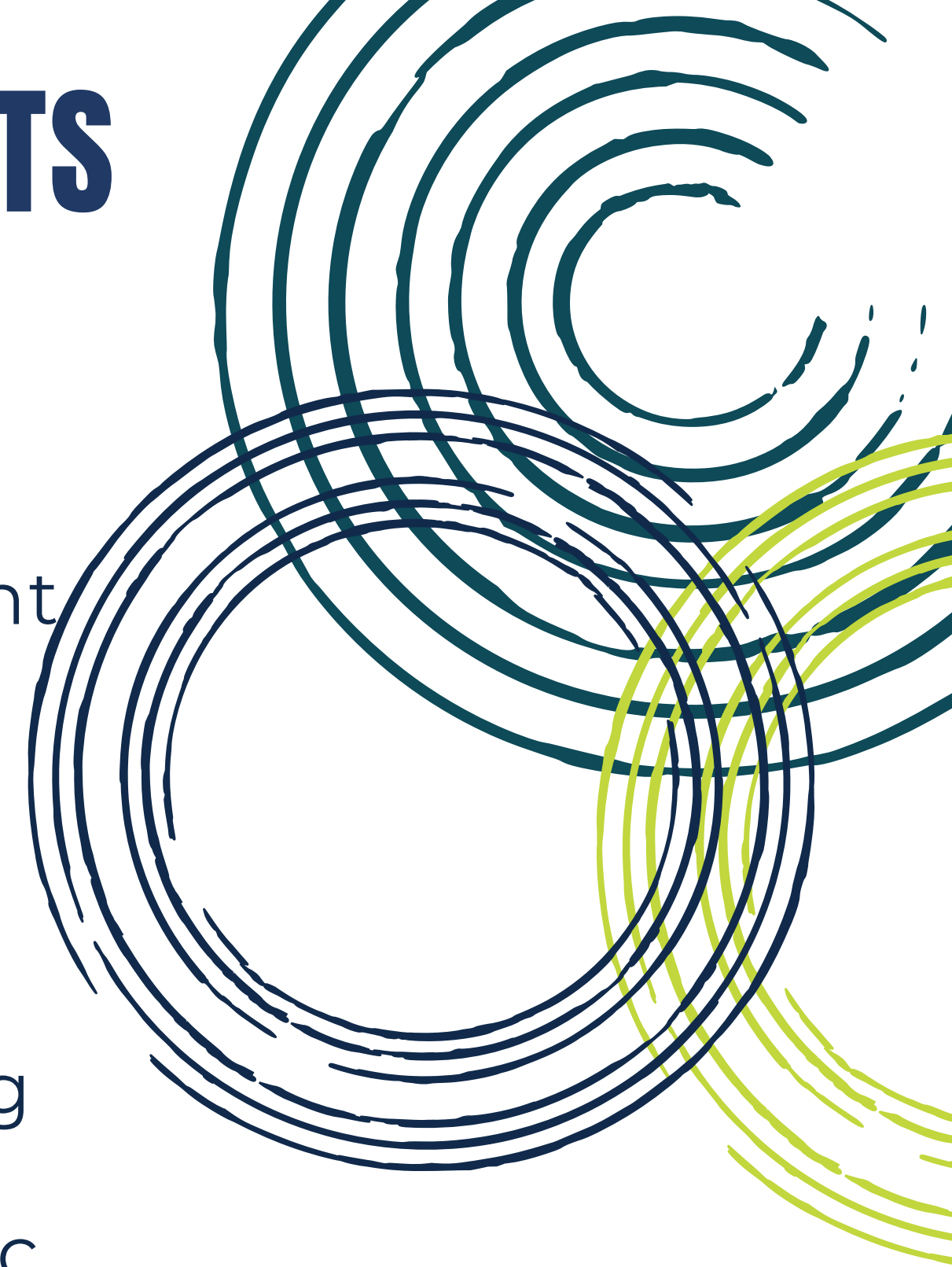
BARRIERS & SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS

Barriers:

- Scheduling conflicts due to overlapping commitments
- Occasional transportation or re-engagement challenges

System Enhancements:

- Co-location in the probation field office for immediate collaboration
- Monthly reports for consistent data tracking and transparency
- Quarterly partnership meetings for strategic program alignment
- Strengthened probation collaboration by attending bi-weekly meetings with ROPP team and CFT meetings as needed



Success Story

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SUCCESS STORY

“One participant came to the program struggling with repeated probation violations and disconnect from school. With steady encouragement, reliable transportation support, and guidance through a job-readiness program, this young person not only completed their community service, but also re-enrolled in school and proudly secured part-time employment.”



Looking Ahead & Closing

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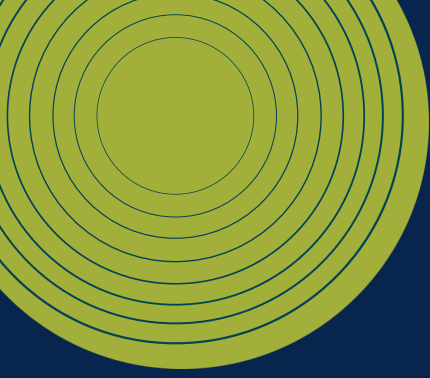


LOOKING AHEAD & CLOSING

Next Steps:

- Continue strengthening vocational and educational partnerships
- Enhance data-sharing metrics with Probation by co-developing shared outcomes, establishing monthly data reviews and aligning key indicators to track program impact more effectively
- Expand group-based mentorship and skill building opportunities

“Our mission is to support youth not just to comply, but to thrive - by connecting them to hope, skills, and community.”



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