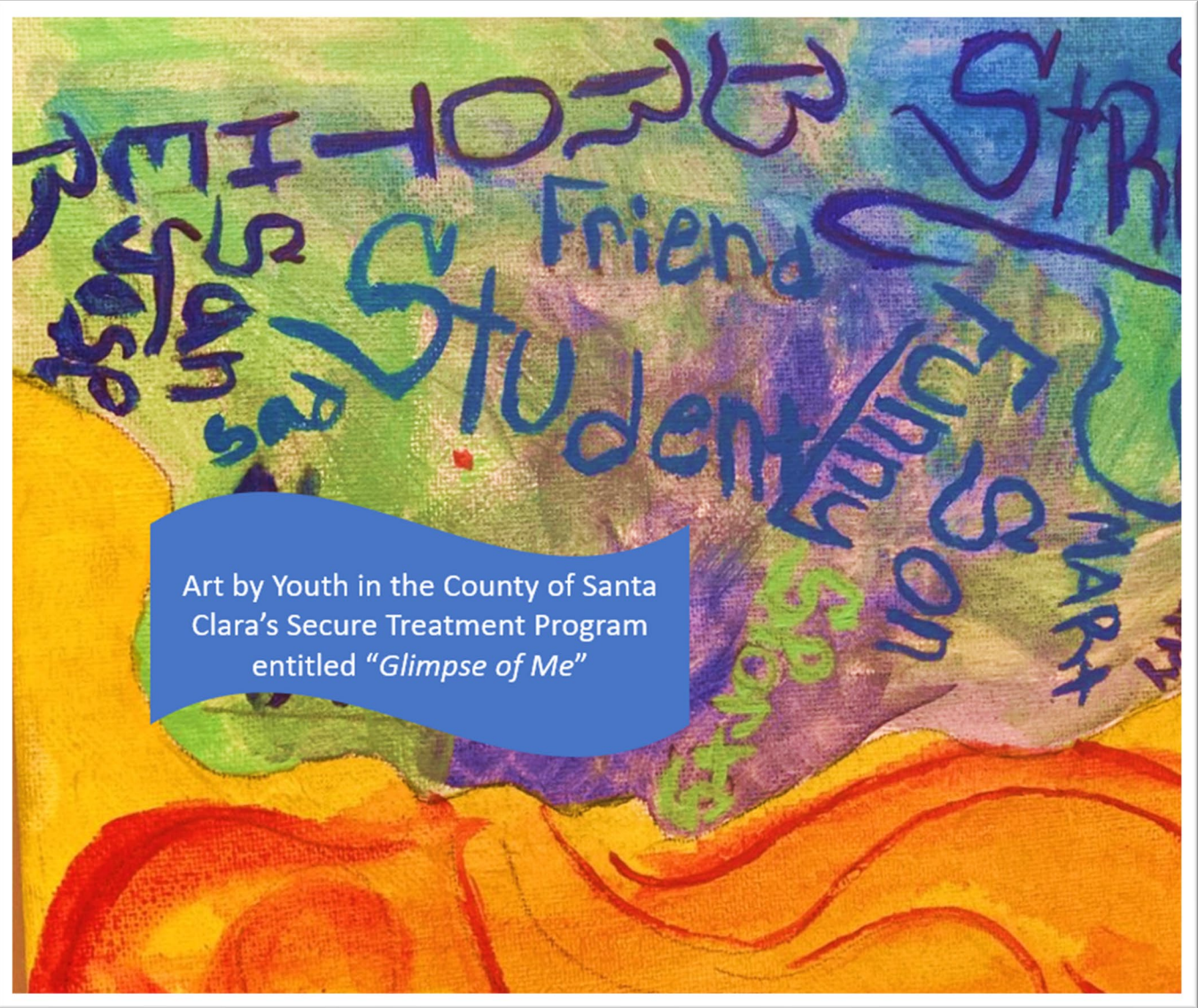


Introduction to Office of Youth & Community Restoration (OYCR)





WHO WE ARE



OYCR
MANDATES



OVERLAPPING
AUTHORITY



UPDATES

Presentation Outline

WHO WE ARE:

OYCR Mission

- OYCR's mission is to promote trauma responsive, culturally informed services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system that support the youths' successful transition into adulthood and help them become responsible, thriving, and engaged members of their communities.



Youth
Centered



Community



Equity Focus



Compassion



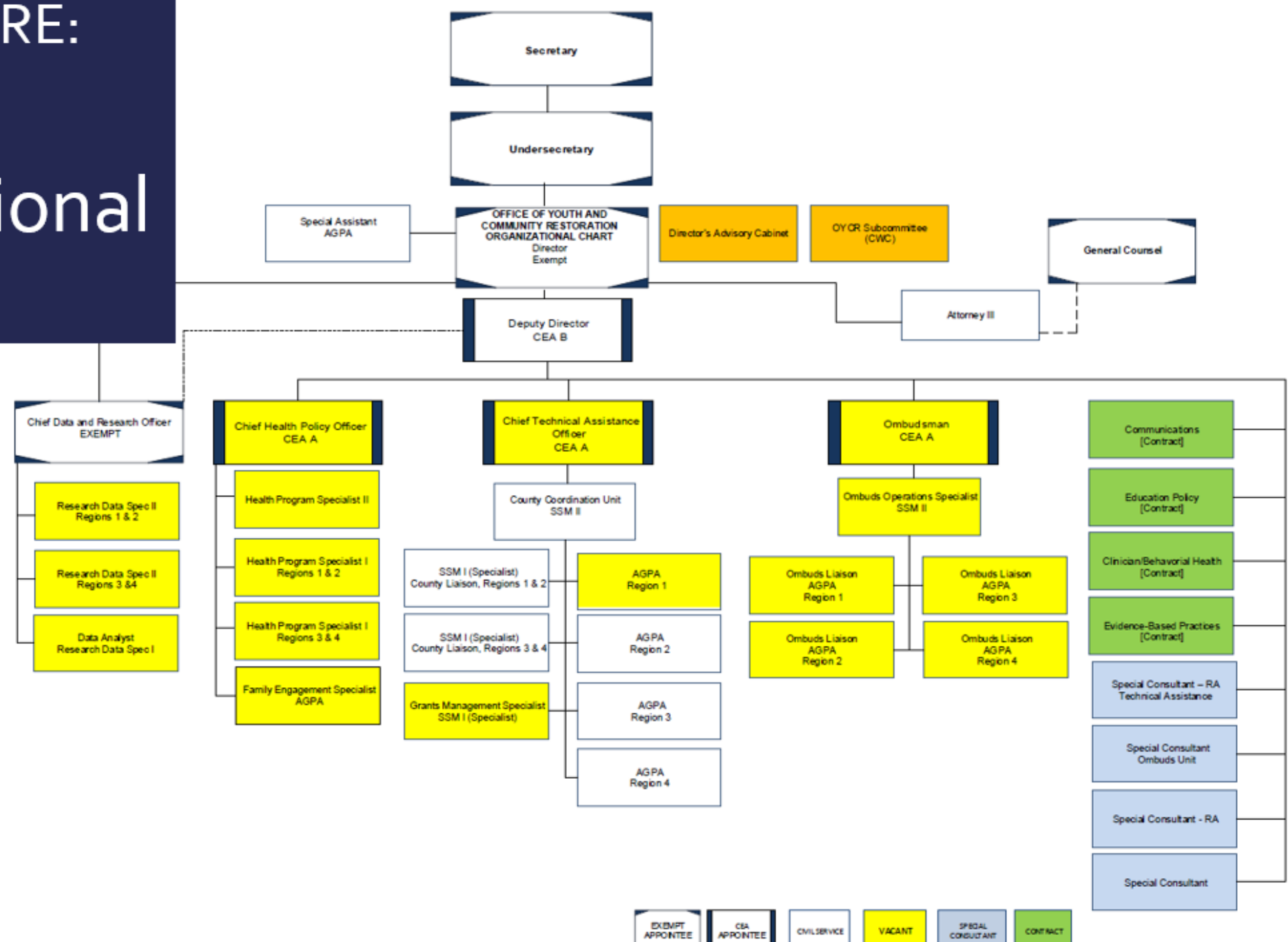
Innovate



Data Driven

"Identify policy recommendations for improved outcomes Welfare and Institutions Code integrated programs and services to best support delinquent youth." Welfare and Institutions Code 2200(c)(2).

WHO WE ARE: OYCR Organizational Chart



OYCR MANDATE: Best Practices

OYCR is mandated, among other responsibilities, to identify and disseminate best practices to inform healing and restorative youth practices and to provide technical assistance to counties in their care of youth.



"[T]o promote trauma responsive, culturally informed services for youth involved in the juvenile justice system that support the youths' successful transition into adulthood and help them become responsible, thriving, and engaged members of their communities." Welfare and Institutions Code 2200(b).



OYCR MANDATE: County Support

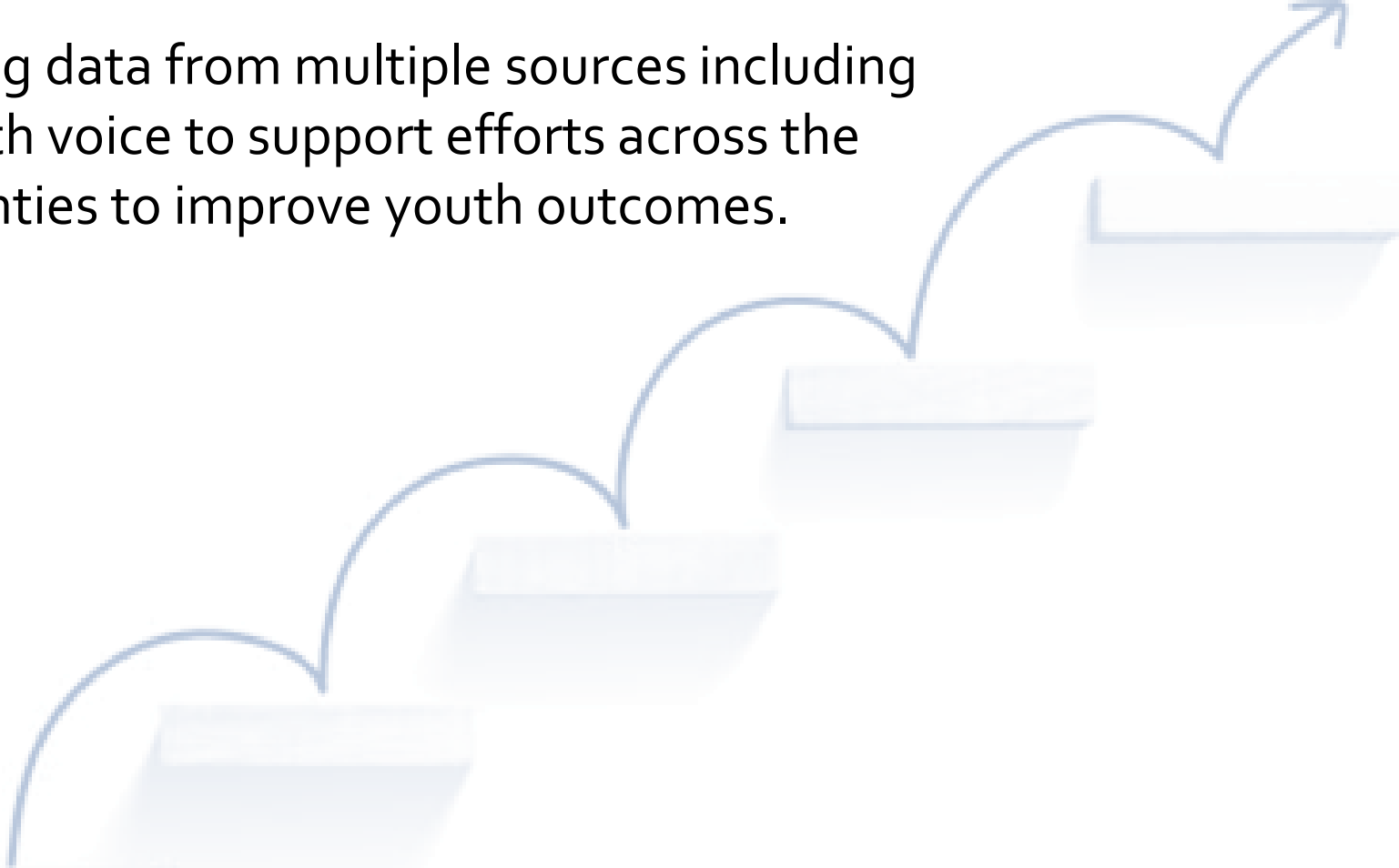
Technical Assistance

“Provide technical assistance as requested to develop and expand local youth diversion opportunities to meet the varied needs of the delinquent youth population, including but not limited to sex abuse, substance abuse, and mental health treatment.” Welfare & Institutions Code 2200(c)(4).

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OYCR MANDATE: Data, Research, & Reporting

Using data from multiple sources including youth voice to support efforts across the counties to improve youth outcomes.



- “[D]evelop a report on youth outcomes in the juvenile justice system” based on updated JCPSS System. Welfare and Institutions Code 2200(c)(1).
- “[E]valuate the efficacy of local programs being utilized for realigned youth” and provide a report to the Governor and Legislature by July 1, 2025.” Welfare and Institutions Code 2200(e).

The ombudsperson is responsible for:

- Investigating complaints from youth, families, staff, and others about harmful conditions or practices in juvenile facilities
- Deciding whether to investigate or refer complaints to other bodies for investigating
- Publishing regular reports to the Legislature about complaints and findings
- Informing youth and families of the rights of youth in the juvenile justice system

The ombudsperson can:

- Meet privately with a youth in a juvenile facility
- Visit juvenile facilities
- Request records
 - Welfare & Institutions Code 2200(d)

OYCR MANDATE: Ombudsperson Division

OYCR MANDATE: Review of County Plans



Office of Youth and Community Restoration's (OYCR) will publish a Summary Report of the county plans as anticipated by Senate Bill 823 (Chapter 337, Statutes of 2020).

These plans document a critical step in California's approach to caring for youth who have committed law violations.

The plans demonstrate the substantial work counties have undertaken in developing their approach to caring for youth— what programming they need, what facilities they will live in, and how counties will use data and outcomes to measure the success of their approach.

"The Office of Youth and Community Restoration shall review the plan to ensure that the plan contains the all elements described in this section and may return the plan to the county for revision as necessary prior to final acceptance of the plan." Welfare & Institutions Code 1995(f).

OYCR/BSCC
Overlapping Authority:

OYCR Concurrence on Juvenile Grants

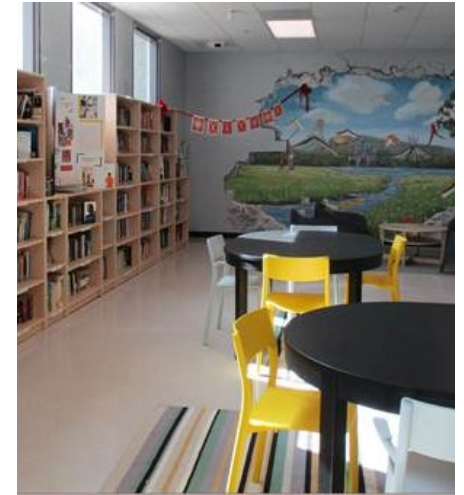
- “Juvenile grants shall not be awarded by the Board of State and Community Corrections without the concurrence of the office.”
- “All juvenile justice grant administration functions in the Board of State and Community Corrections shall be moved to the office no later than January 1, 2025.” Welfare & Institutions Code 2200(f).

OYCR/BSCC Overlapping Authority:

OYCR Concurrence on Facility Standard Regulations

“The Board of State and Community Corrections shall by July 1, 2023, review existing juvenile facility standards and modify or add standards for the establishment, design, security, programming and education, and staffing of any facility that is utilized or accessed by the court as a secure youth treatment facility under the provisions of this section.”

“The standards shall be developed by the board with the coordination and concurrence of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration established by Section 2200.” Welfare & Institutions Code 875(g)(3).



OYCR Update: Engaging with Counties

- County Coordination Unit
 - All SYTF visits completed
 - Attending JJC and JJDPC
 - Meeting with Community Partners



Community partners

Public Defenders

Youth Advocate groups

District Attorneys

County Partners

- Child Welfare
- County Office of Education
- Local Probations
- Tribal Groups
- Judges

Other State Level Partners

- CDSS
- COE
- CDPH
- DHCS
- CPOC

And many more!

OYCR Update:

Ombudsperson
Division is live

HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN WITH HOW YOU ARE
BEING TREATED OR THE CONDITIONS OF A JUVENILE
JUSTICE FACILITY?

THE OMBUDSPERSON CAN HELP!

CONTACT US TO MAKE A
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The Ombudsperson is an independent problem-solver responsible for investigating complaints and attempting to resolve them for the people involved. As a youth in a juvenile justice facility, you have the right to ask a question or file a complaint with the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Ombudsperson if your rights have been violated or ignored or you are concerned about the condition of the facility you are in. You cannot be punished or threatened for making a complaint. If you are not sure how we can help, please call.



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Thank you!

