



Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA)

SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY

New Beginnings

- ▶ SB 823: closes the California Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- ▶ Local county -based custody/ supervision and treatment
- ▶ DJJ stopped accepting new juvenile intakes on July 1, 2021
- ▶ DJJ will completely close in 2023



Foundation of VOYA

- ▶ The Secure Track for Sacramento County
- ▶ Ages up to 25 years old
- ▶ 707(b) offense (murder, robbery, rape, etc.)
- ▶ Keep youth local and support Re-Entry



Staff Break Down and Duties

- ▶ Probation Aides and Assistant Probation Officers (APO)
 - ▶ Daily Unit Supervision
- ▶ VOYA Deputy Probation Officer (DPO)
 - ▶ Case manager
 - ▶ Court Reports
 - ▶ Contact with families/support
 - ▶ Communicating with community members
 - ▶ MDT meetings
 - ▶ Work with re-entry field officers/out of county Probation Officers



DPO Case Managers

- ▶ Follow YDF residents during Court process for potential VOYA recommendations
- ▶ Upon a VOYA recommendation, DPO Case Managers prepare for their commitment by...
 - ▶ Reading prior and current Social Studies Report, Police Reports, Minute Orders
 - ▶ Coordinating with VOYA staff for preparation
 - ▶ Collaborating with Stanford Sierra Youth and Families
 - ▶ Communicate with Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)



Orientation Process

- ▶ Committed to VOYA/Transferred to VOYA Unit
- ▶ Meets with DPO Case Manager
- ▶ Review Minute Order/Terms and Conditions
- ▶ Contact family to explain VOYA Program
- ▶ Resident will complete...
 - ▶ Orientation Check List
 - ▶ Rules & Expectations of VOYA
 - ▶ Answer Questions
 - ▶ Oak Tree Assignment
 - ▶ List People of Their Support System
 - ▶ List Goals They Have For Themselves



First 30 Days

- Case manager completes Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) assessment
- Documents are forwarded to Stanford Sierra Youth and Families (SSYAF) or HOPE Therapeutic
- Resident completes an assessment with SSYAF clinician to formulate an individualized treatment and rehabilitation plan
- Case manager contacts family and support system for additional input
- MDT Meeting hosted in Visitors Center
- 30 Day Report is developed as an individualized plan for each resident
- Resident attends Court for 30 Day Individualized Rehabilitation Plan Hearing

Treatment and Rehabilitation



Stanford Sierra
Youth & Families

Connect. Inspire. Empower.

- ▶ Stanford Sierra Youth and Families (SSYAF)
- ▶ Address risks and needs by assessment
- ▶ 6 month treatment plan
- ▶ Individual and group rehabilitation

- ▶ HOPE Therapeutic for JSOs

- ▶ Residents still receive access to YDF mental health services

Programs/Vocations

▶ Programs

- ▶ Attendance is mandatory
 - ▶ WEAVE
 - ▶ The Beat Within
 - ▶ STEP
 - ▶ ATV Capacity Changers
 - ▶ SOAR
 - ▶ LEAP
 - ▶ ProjectME



▶ Vocation

- ▶ Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)
- ▶ SCOE Culinary Program
- ▶ Working on additional programs with JJCC subcommittee

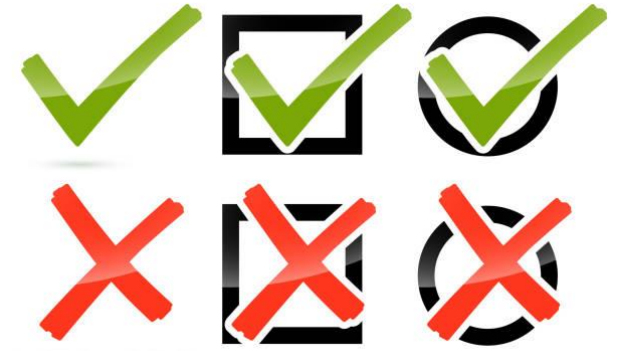
YDF vs. VOYA Residents



- ▶ Behavioral System
 - ▶ Strike system
 - ▶ Good/Bad day
 - ▶ Level system
- ▶ Clothing
 - ▶ Purple shirts and sweaters
 - ▶ Tan pants
 - ▶ Boxers
- ▶ Commissary

Behavioral Management System

- ▶ Strikes
 - ▶ 3 strikes = Failure to earn a Good Day
 - ▶ Strikes affect bedtime
- ▶ Good/Bad Days
 - ▶ Used for incentives/ privileges and to show a pattern of behavior
 - ▶ Commissary, Bi-weekly Pizza, Unit Celebrations
- ▶ Level System
 - ▶ Level 1-4 (6,8,6,4+ months)
 - ▶ Increase incentive privileges
 - ▶ Essay/Interviews for level ups



Level System

- ▶ **4 Levels Total:** each level receiving more incentives
- ▶ *INCENTIVE EXAMPLES:*
 1. Increase in Food Visits / Commissary
 2. Access to Buck\$ Store at Level 2+
 3. ZOOM Visits with Friends and Family
 4. Plush Shower Towel / Fleece Blanket

- ▶ **HOW ARE LEVELS EARNED?**

1. Typed two page essay answering assigned prompts
2. Thorough 30 Minute interview with VOYA Case manager, Senior, and Supervisor
3. Revising Essay (if needed)

LEVEL 1 GRADUATION ASSIGNMENT

Congratulations! You have made it Level 1 graduation. Before you may start receiving the privileges and incentives of a Level 2 VOYA resident the following must occur: you must write an essay answering questions specific to Level 1, participate in an interview with both the Unit Senior DPO and Case Manager, and make up any "Good Days" not earned.

WRITING ASSIGNMENT:

*Essay must be typed, double spaced, at least **2 pages**, and thoughtfully answered the questions below:*

1. Since your VOYA Commitment, name one way you have progressed toward a successful re-entry back into the community.
2. Explain a time you helped a peer get through a tough situation. What did you do and what was the result of the situation?
3. Explain an idea or lesson you have learned from a mandated unit program or Vocational Program. How do you plan to utilize it upon re-entry? (example: ATV, STEP, BeatWithin, NCCT, Culinary)

INTERVIEW:

Resident must have Level 1 essay completed in order to have an interview scheduled. Interview will last approximately 30 minutes. During the interview the essay will be reviewed, documented unit behaviors will be discussed, "Good Day" calculations will be confirmed, and an official graduation date will be set.


GOOD DAY COMPENSATION:

VOYA residents must have accrued exactly 6 months of "Good Days". If a resident fails to earn a good day, he

BUCK\$ STORE

- ▶ Residents start accumulating “Bucks” at **Level 2** promotion.
- ▶ 15 Bucks a day (1 strike = 5 Bucks)
- ▶ Opportunities for extra Bucks through writing assignments and earning Vocational Program Certificates
- ▶ ***What Can be bought with VOYA Bucks?***
 - Additional Commissary
 - Special ZOOM visits
 - Family Food Visits
 - Admittance into special events (Movie Nights, VOYA Tournaments, North Field Events)

BUCK\$

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RECEIPT OF PURCHASE	
INVOICE #:	0102
RESIDENT:	
XREF:	
DATE:	
ITEM:	VOYA COMM = \$150
COST:	\$0
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$0
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$0

VOYA BUCKS STORE

Subject to change (Last updated: 12/16/2021)

FOOD INCENTIVE	OTHER
Piece of VOYA Commissary = 150 Bucks	Event entry*= <i>dependent on event</i>
VC Food Visit = 300 bucks	Picture to send home= 100 bucks
"Outside Food" = 1500 bucks	Calling Card= 100 bucks
Outside Food + Visit= 2000 bucks	20 minute ZOOM visit= 250 Bucks

Writing Prompt Week of 2/6:

"You are awarded \$100,000 to start a non-profit in your community. Explain what you would create and how it would benefit youth in the Sacramento area." (30 EXTRA BUCK\$)



Questions?