



## JUVENILE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Presentation for the Juvenile Probation Commission

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## OUR BELIEF

**The SF JAC model is founded in the belief that previous clients' stories, experiences and successes are helpful to young people who are coming onto probation and in search of strategies that will help them make positive choices.**



## LEADERSHIP & YOUTH VOICE AT JPD

**The JAC is made up of a group of previously incarcerated and probation-involved young adults who utilize their experiences and growth to inspire and provide resources to youth.**

- 3 representatives from Bayview Hunters Point
- 4 representatives from the Mission District
- 2 representative from the Fillmore
- 1 representative from Sunnydale



## HOW IT WORKS...

Probation Officers  
recommend &  
Judges Court Order

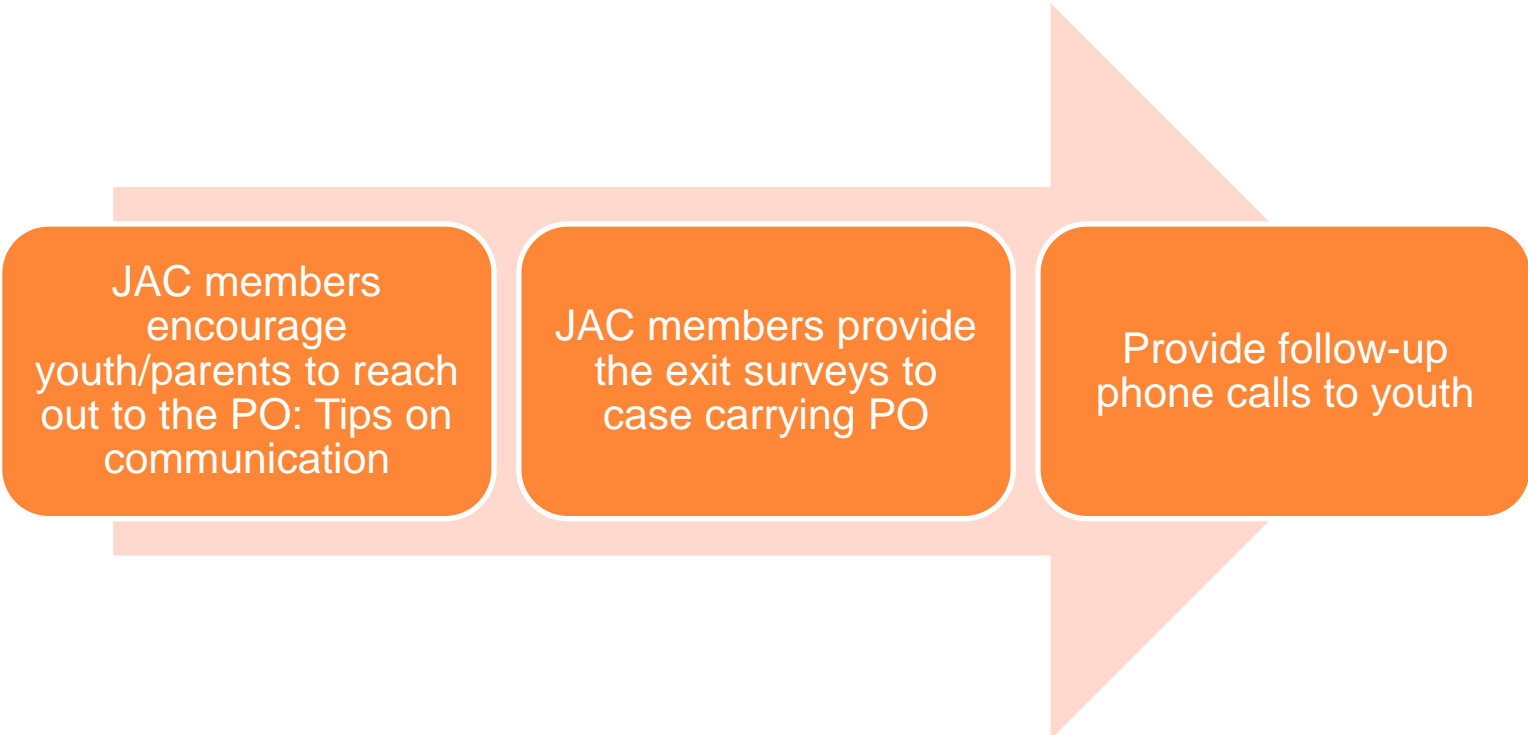
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
of each month,  
youth & parents  
attend the  
Orientation

JAC use their  
stories, a quiz, and  
stats on inequity to  
teach the rules of  
probation

Parents leave with  
a 'Tool Kit' and JAC  
members reach out  
to the youth with  
additional  
resources



# BRIDGE BUILDING



JAC members encourage youth/parents to reach out to the PO: Tips on communication

JAC members provide the exit surveys to case carrying PO

Provide follow-up phone calls to youth



# ACTIVITIES

## **Saturday Probation Orientations**

Lead monthly court-mandated introductory Orientations to youth, & their parent/guardian, who have recently been placed on Probation (Post-Adjudicated).

### **The topics of the Orientations include:**

- Adolescent Brain development and the impact on decision making/peer pressure
- Understanding the Rules of Probation
- To gain a better understanding of the Prison Industrial Complex and how ***not*** to become a statistic



## ACTIVITIES

**Present at SFUSD schools and community agencies.**

**The goals of the presentations are:**

- For youth to reflect on their choices and be properly informed on the consequences of their decisions.
- For youth to understand the impact that their decisions may have on themselves, their family, and their future.
- Increase the understanding of the Criminal Justice System and the importance of Education



# BEST PRACTICES AND AREAS OF FOCUS

- 1. Increase program beyond 1<sup>st</sup> time probationers**
- 2. Increase consistent follow-up with participants w/in 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months**
- 3. Hone in on 16 year olds.**
- 4. Analyze data regularly and follow up with a participant evaluation**
- 5. Increase Department's effort to engage parents**
- 6. Share this model with Juvenile Justice colleagues**





# 4+ YRS OF ORIENTATION PARTICIPANTS 2009-PRESENT

- 400 youth have participated
- 305 males
- 95 females
  
- 152 African American
- 136 Latino youth
- 112 Other



## IS IT EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE? DATA FROM 2009-2012

- 3 yrs of program implementation
- \$60,000 total budget
- If we have prevented 18-20 youth from violating probation = program is cost neutral.
- Unintended benefits: Member's personal development and PO positive impact



# VIOLATION OF PROBATION RATES OUT OF 192 YOUTH THAT WE HAVE AT LEAST 1 YR OF DATA

- Only 12.5% post orientation sustained probation violation
- 87.5% Did not violate probation

**\* We are Currently running Data for a full 5year review.**



# WE ARE STORIES IN THE MAKING

- The JAC exemplifies the model that clients have great potential for leadership within the Probation Department.
- We are proving through the JAC that our experiences give us the expertise & credentials needed to reach out and support other youth throughout their Probation Experience.



**Thank you !!**

**Any Questions?**

