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Mission

It is the mission of the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department to serve the needs of youth and families who are brought to our attention with care and compassion; to identify and respond to the individual risks and needs presented by each youth; to engage fiscally sound and culturally competent strategies that promote the best interests of the youth; to provide victims with opportunities for restoration; to identify and utilize the least restrictive interventions and placements that do not compromise public safety; to hold youth accountable for their actions while providing them with opportunities and assisting them to develop new skills and competencies; and contribute to the overall quality of life for the citizens of San Francisco within the sound framework of public safety as outlined in the Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC).

Vision & Priorities

- Equitably right-size and operate the Juvenile Probation Department.
- Center the voices, experiences, and well-being of young people and their families.
- Effectively serve the needs of justice-involved youth through strengths-based youth-and family-centered strategies that are grounded in the community.
- Improve coordination across government agencies, community-based organizations, and youth and families to provide holistic support that helps justice-involved youth thrive and prevents future justice involvement.
- Keep youth in their communities whenever possible; provide safe alternatives to detention for youth who cannot return home; reserve secure detention as a last resort when it is necessary to protect the safety of youth and those around them; develop secure long-term setting(s) that are healing-centered, family-centered, community-centered, and culturally responsive.
- Collaborate with the community and partner agencies to expand diversion opportunities that prevent justice system involvement.
- Reinvest and redirect juvenile justice funding to the community, including directly to youth and families.
- Advance transparency and accountability through data-driven operations, and evidence-based and promising practices.