JJCPA FUNDS SUPPORT REGIONAL COLLABORATION TO PREVENT JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Since the late 1990s, juvenile justice stakeholders across the San Diego region have worked collaboratively to identify the needs and service gaps for youth and their families and to make recommendations to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to invest in proven programs that span from prevention to graduated sanctions. Since 2002, when State funding became available to counties through what is now known as the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), San Diego County, in an unprecedented move, brought together key stakeholders and community organizations to collaborate on identifying early prevention and intervention programs and services that are community based and address youth and family needs. To support data-driven decision making and accountability, SANDAG has been tracking program effectiveness in the justice system and other outcomes for JJCPA programs, which includes reporting standardized measures to the State and preparing an annual report. An overview of the six countywide programs, their target populations, and justice system outcomes for the period of participation is provided below.

	Community Assessment Teams CAT	Truancy Suppression Program TSP	Substance Abuse Services SAS	Drug Court DC	Breaking Cycles BC	Juvenile Forensic Assistance for Stabilization & Treatment JFAST
Overview	CBOs provide referrals and case management, including gender-responsive services	Intensive probation supervision to address underlying needs and reduce truancy	Case management, drug testing, and referrals for youth with no prior substance abuse treatment history	Intensive case management and supervision through a specialized court model for youth who have been non-compliant in drug treatment	Continuum of services and graduated sanctions through a multi-disciplinary team for youth committed to the program by the Court	Rehabilitation program, based on the drug court model, for mentally ill youth that provides access to individualized treatment
Collaboration	Probation and 5 CBOs across the region[1]	Juvenile Court, DA, Probation, County Office of Education, school districts	Probation and Vista Hill	Juvenile Court, Public Defender, DA, Probation, treatment providers, law enforcement	Probation and 5 CBOs across the region	Juvenile Court, Public Defender, DA, Vista Hill, NCL, and STAT Program

	CAT	TSP	SAS	DC	BC	JFAST
FY 2014-15 Sample	5,435 referrals	371 served	1,249 served	121 served	957 served	64 served
Avg. # of Risk Factors at Intake (of 30)	6.9	14.0	NA	12.5	12.7	11.3
Client Demographics	56% male 13.3 avg. age 61% Latino	54% male 14.5 avg. age 72% Latino	84% male 16.5 avg. age 60% Latino	80% male 16.2 avg. age 63% Latino	78% male 15.8 avg. age 58% Latino	81% male 15.4 avg. age 34% Latino
During Program Participation:						
Arrested	3%	7%	19%	29%	22%	34%
Referral	2%	5%	7%	26%	18%	31%
Sustained Petition	1%	2%	3%	17%	13%	9%

[1] CAT services are currently provided by five agencies across the region: Central by Social Advocates for Youth (SAY), East County by San Diego Youth Services (SDYS), North Coastal by North County Lifeline (NCL), North Inland by Mental Health Systems (MHS), Inc., and South by South Bay Community Services (SBCS). For more information on the CAT teams and how to receive services or make a referral, please visit http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/probation/at_risk.html

Across the nation and locally, juvenile arrest rates are at record lows as more attention is paid to community-based solutions and effective prevention and intervention programs. The County of San Diego has continued to renew its commitment to best practices by providing countywide services working with local community-based organizations to meet the underlying needs of youth and their families. These efforts are to be commended and encouraged to continue as our knowledge of evidence-based practices grows.

To access the full JJCPA report, please visit: www.sandag.org/cj .