## Probation Department Juvenile Field Services

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### Positive Youth Justice Initiative

- One year planning grant 2012-2013, to create an implementation plan
- Implementation grant awarded October 2013 (2yrs \$400K)
- San Diego's implementation plan creates a pilot unit in 92105 & 92113 regions
- Working with up to 50 high need probation wards, with prior Child Welfare involvement (crossover youth)

### Positive Youth Justice Initiative

- The pilot unit is supported by two Probation Officers, a contracted Mental Health Counselor and a Substance Abuse Specialist
- Work with caregivers, educational support personnel and community and justice partners to support youth and family.
- Utilizing an intensive case management approach, the team will engage resources according to youth and family strengths and needs.
- Pilot goals include increasing resiliency (building the youths' assets), utilizing evidence based-best and promising practices toward recidivism reduction and ultimately shortening the youth's exposure to and engagement in the delinquency system.

## Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM)

- Partnership between Probation, Child Welfare Services, District Attorney, Public Defender, Juvenile Court, local law enforcement, County Office of Education, Behavioral Health Systems to address issues unique to youth who are in both the dependency and delinquency systems
- Designed to prevent youth in all regions of San Diego County who engage in low level delinquent conduct, including status offenses, from escalating into more serious delinquent activity (gangs, violent offenses, substance abuse)

## CYPM Target Population/Goals

- Youth who have an open child welfare case who receive a referral to Probation.
- Goal: Reduce the number of youths with open Child Welfare cases from entering the delinquency system and reduce the number of youths placed outside of their homes

#### **Restorative Justice Program**

- Collaboration between the Probation Dept., District Attorney and Public Defender's office, San Diego Unified School District, Mid-City CAN and National Conflict Resolution Center/San Diego Youth Services
- Restorative Justice Definition: "A process which involves to the extent possible, those who have a stake in a specific offense and to collectively identify and address harms, needs, and obligations, in order to heal and put things as right as possible."

#### Restorative Justice Target Population

 Youth who commit low level crimes (e.g. burglary, weapon possession, misdemeanor assault, battery, theft)

or

 Youth who reside within the following geographical areas: The Mid-City area of San Diego with a specific focus on zip-codes 92105, 92104, and 92115

### **Restorative Justice Target Goals**

The three primary goals are:

- To better include community members in the justice process;
- To identify and rectify harm caused by a criminal offense,
- To successfully reintegrate youthful offenders into a law abiding lifestyle.

### Special Operations Division



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