

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

GOALS 2023-24

Ensure that the JJC views all its work through an equity and justice lens, thereby promoting healthier families, communities, and school environments striving to disrupt the pathways to system involvement.

Critical Inspections

Complete all scheduled inspections by June 30, 2024. The Chair of each inspection committee shall report in executive Session the status of all inspection recommendations within 180 days from report publication.

Committee Activities

- Monitor and report to the Commission all incident Reports (IR's) filed in juvenile Hall and James Ranch (bi-monthly) and the Welcoming center (quarterly)
- Respond to emerging needs and issues through ad hoc committees.
- Individual committees should prepare and post minutes of each meeting on the shared drive and report out to the entire Commission during the executive session monthly, yearly evaluate their goals for the long term and for the year and develop a mission statement Goals for the subsequent year should be available to the Commission at the June executive session.
- Conduct periodic reviews of Commission by-laws and policies and procedures.
- Recruit prospective candidates.
- Track pending legislation and new laws and regulations impacting the dependency and juvenile justice systems.

Collaboration with Others

- Inform the commission and its partners on juvenile justice and child welfare issues thorough presentations by partners and experts to promote collaborative solutions.
- Monitor the changes in the dependency and juvenile justice systems that result from the imposition of practices dictated by the Families First Prevention Services Act
- Monitor the continued development of Santa Clara county's STYF program, its creation of required step downs, and its development of programming for females. Monitor the development of STYF for youth who have returned from DJJ.
- Meet regularly with the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Chief of Probation, and the DFCS Director to discuss and report on juvenile justice and child welfare issues.
- Continue working with OYCR and statewide JJC's to improve outcomes for all California Justice and Dependency youth.
- Include presentations, every other month, in public and executive sessions.

- Meet with the new County Executive, James Williams. And new County Supervisors to introduce them to the purpose and activities of the commission.
- Host an informal in-person “get-together” of stakeholders.
- Chair and Vice Chair to serve on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and its subcommittees.
- Participate in other meetings and committees that are relevant to the work of the commission.