



Proposal for Developing a Camp Program in Santa Cruz

**SERVING OUR YOUTH
LOCALLY TO IMPROVE
OUTCOMES**

FEBRUARY 2025

2025:
1 youth ordered into
Camp Placement:
Camp Singer



2019-2024 Camp Placement Data

Total Sent: 18

Avg Sent Per Year: 3-4

Placement Locations:

16 Camp Singer - Yuba County

1 Coastal Valley Academy - San Luis Obispo County

1 William James Ranch - Santa Clara County

Rationale for Developing a Local Camp Program



**PROXIMITY TO FAMILY
IMPROVES
REHABILITATION
OUTCOMES**



**LOCAL EXPANSION OF
CONTINUUM OF CARE
STEP-DOWN AND
TRANSITIONAL
SUPPORT FOR SYTF**



**MINIMIZE OUT-OF-
COUNTY PLACEMENT
COSTS AND
LEVERAGING
EXISTING STAFF AND
FACILITIES**



**FOSTER SUCCESSFUL
REENTRY AND
EQUITABLE
OPPORTUNITIES**

Timeline Review

OCTOBER 8, 2024

Board of Supervisors Meeting

- Probation Department directed to hold town hall meetings

OCTOBER 31, 2024

Community Town Hall

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council SB823 Sub Committee

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

Youth Justice Convening: Transformations in Juvenile Justice: *Reflecting on the Past and Shaping the Future*

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Chief met with Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Chair

Community Town Hall Rescheduled

- *Youth & Family survey participation*

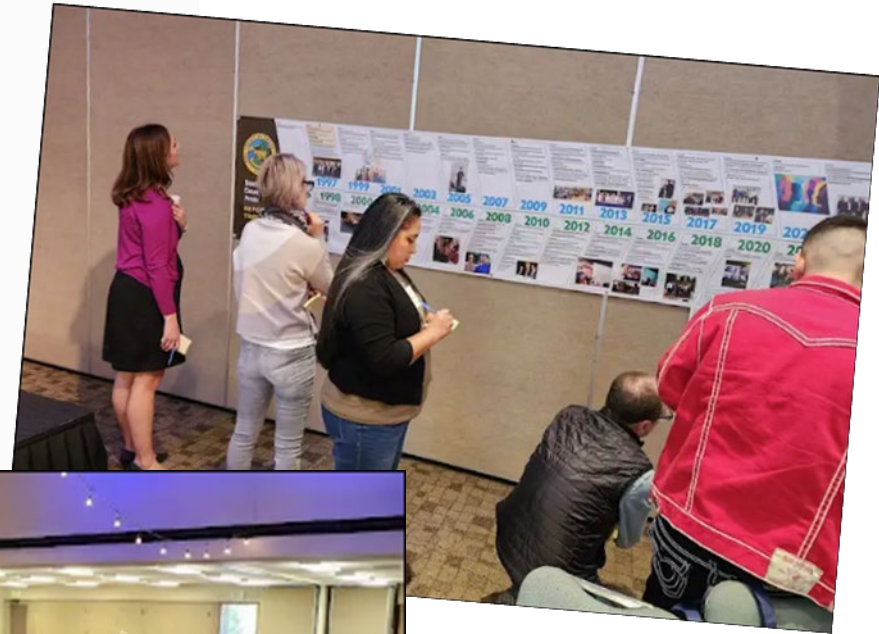
Probation Town Hall – Oct. 31, 2024



*Together, we are not just
imagining a better future—
we are building it.*



Youth Justice Convening – Nov. 8, 2024



Community Town Hall Report

Community
Engagement &
Planning

Services for
Youth &
Families

Facility &
Program
Development

Training &
Collaboration

Funding &
Resources

Holistic &
Restorative
Focus

Community
Input &
Oversight

Advocacy &
Accountability

*"Office of Youth and Community
Restoration Technical Assistance"
resource provided to community*

Community Town Hall Summary

Program accessibility:

- bilingual translators, family involvement, cultural relevancy

Wraparound services:

- mentorship, therapy, vocational training

Less Restrictive Programs (LRPs) close to communities:

- emphasize home placement

Expanded opportunities; partner with employment unions, colleges, CBOs:

- education and vocational/employment training

Sustainable reentry strategies:

- education and employment pathways; restorative justice framework

Community Forum Report – Nov. 20, 2025

Invest in
Community
Resources

Reform the
System

Expand
Community Based
Alternatives

Prioritize
Prevention

Empower Youth
Voice

Community Forum Themes

Insufficient Accessible Resources and Opportunities:

- poverty, housing insecurity, accessible healthcare, positive engagement

Systemic Issues:

- police maltreatment, racial profiling, lack of transparency in the juvenile justice system, overuse of incarceration, systemic reforms needed

Desire for Community-Based Solutions:

- community outreach, impactful diversion programs, access to restorative justice interventions, more culturally relevant programs

Importance of Prevention:

- focus on early intervention prevention programs, youth development opportunities, addressing root cause of youth crime

Need for Youth Voice and Engagement:

- listening to youth, engage in decision making, creating listening spaces

Financial Impact Overview



- Current out-of-county
Camp Program appropriations:
\$469,000
- Estimated annual cost savings:
\$300,000 in County General Funds
- Serving our youth locally reduces
costs and maximizes the use of
existing resources and staff while
improving youth outcomes

Detailed Cost Breakdown

CURRENT OUT-OF-COUNTY CAMP PROGRAM PLACEMENTS:

Yuba County:

Per Youth \$150/day | \$54,000/year

Santa Clara County:

Per Youth \$522/day | \$190,530/year

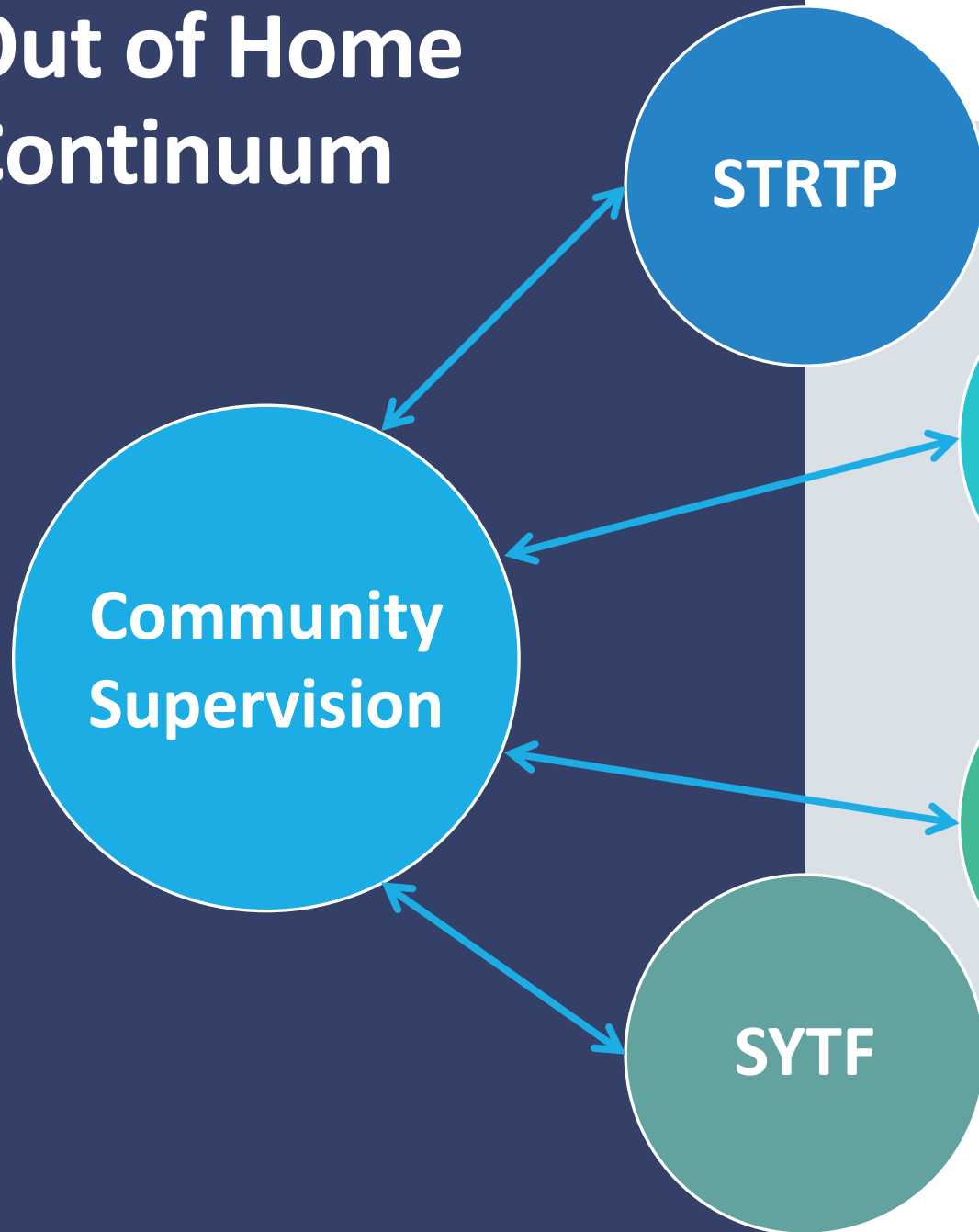
ANNUAL ESTIMATED
OUT-OF-COUNTY
PLACEMENT COST:

~ \$469,000

3-4 YOUTH PER YEAR

LOCAL CAMP PROGRAM ESTIMATED COST: SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER

Out of Home Continuum



Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program

- Program completion: when therapeutic goals are met
- Foster care order - goal to return to community
- Extended Foster Care for youth 18 and older

Secure Facility Camp Program

- Program completion: 6-9 months
- Home visits- furloughs may be offered towards program end

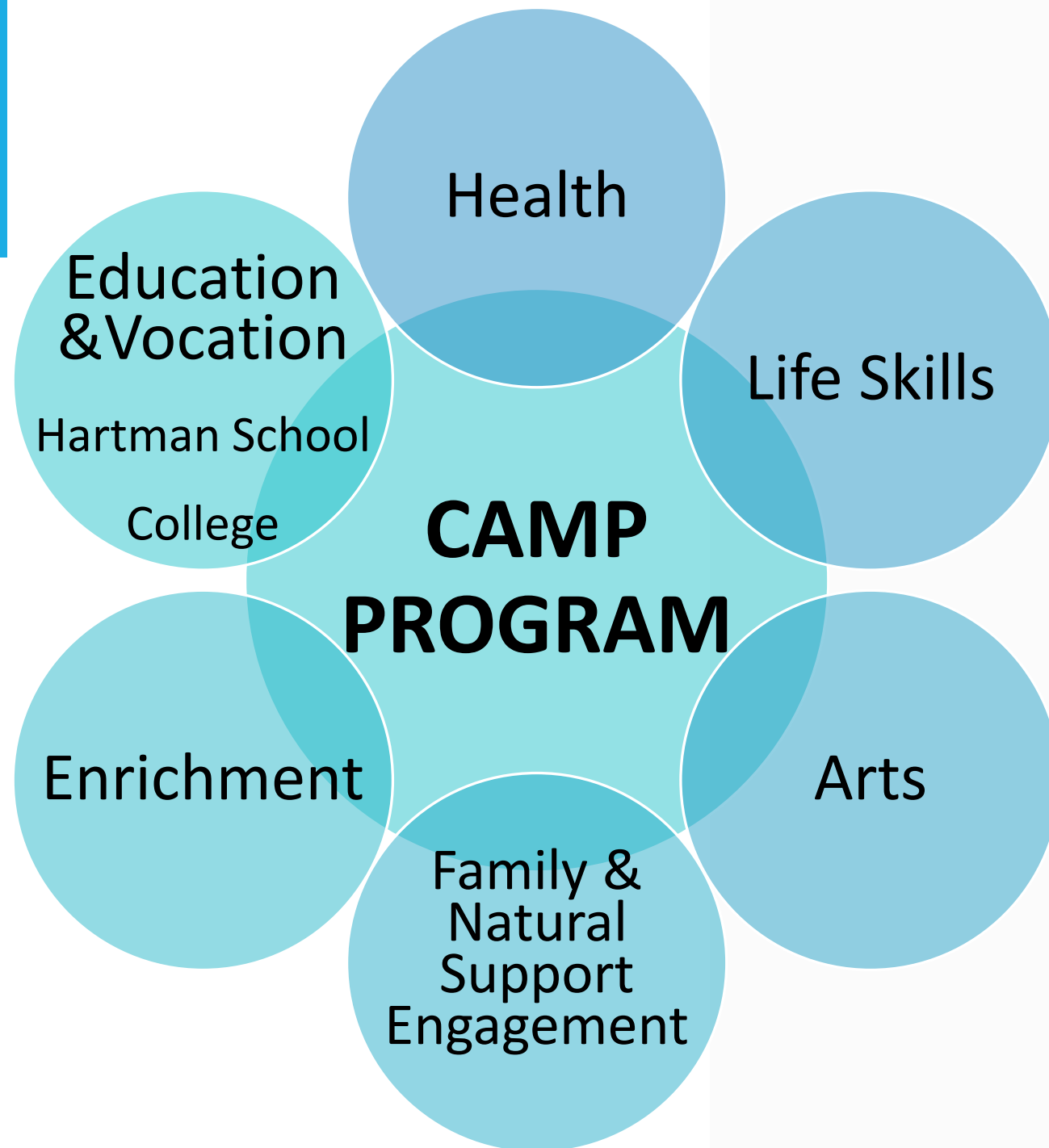
Juvenile Hall Commitment

- Ordered by the Court
- Length of stay determined by the Court

Secure Youth Treatment Facility

- Commitment completion: Determined by baseline term
- Baseline reductions possible at each 6-month review

Program and Services



CAMP As A Reentry Pathway

Less Restrictive Placement Services (LRP)



- Furlough possibility
- In class learning, off-site and on-campus
- Employment / ID

SYTF

Community/
Home
Supervision
(LRP)

- SLE (Sober Living Environment)
- Program Housing
- ATD (Alternatives to Detention)
- Prosocial

Fire
Camp
(LRP)

- Youth 18-25
- Vocational education
- Cal-Fire employment opportunities

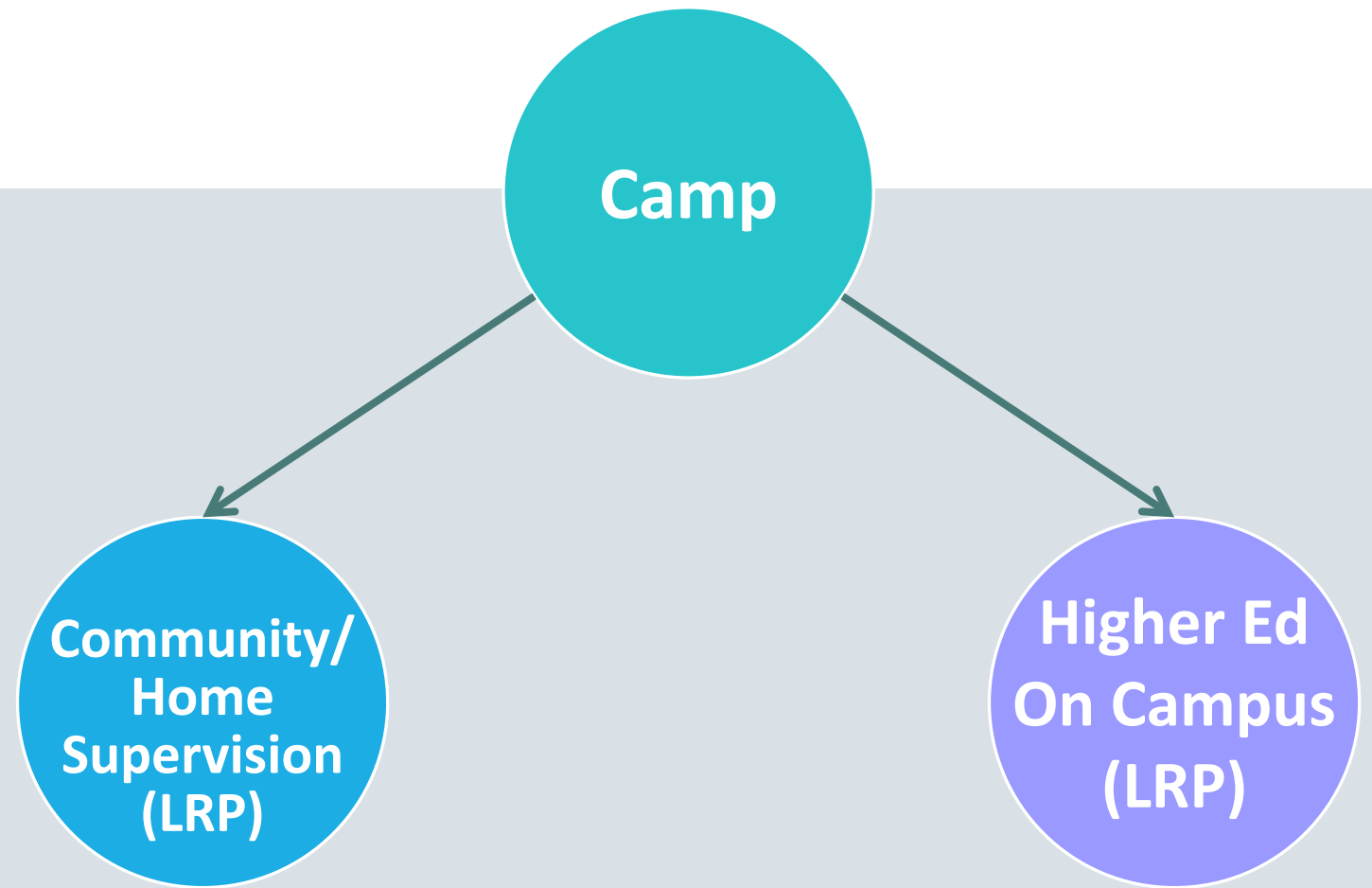
Higher Ed
On Campus
(LRP)

- Includes supportive services
- Community College or University

Step Down from Camp Program

LRP AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

- STAR program reentry support
- Sober Living Environment (SLE)
- Prosocial activities
- Alternatives To Detention (ATD)
- Individualized treatment / services
- Employment services
- Cultural engagement
- Life skills



Recommended Actions

1	2	3	4	5
Accept and file report on community outreach and feedback regarding establishment of a Camp Program at Juvenile Hall	Approve in concept the ordinance for Redwoods Coastal Academy Camp Program	Direct the Clerk to place the ordinance on March 11, 2025, agenda for final adoption	Direct the Clerk to publish the Notice of Proposed Ordinance in accordance with the government code section.	Approve the Chief of Probation to sign necessary paperwork to implement the Camp Program

Thank you

QUESTIONS?