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We protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments. Increasingly, our youth and staff face new issues that require us to operate in new ways. To meet these evolving needs, OYA must become a more resilient and responsive agency, adapt to changing circumstances, and continue to provide high-quality services that support both youth and community safety.

Resilient

Ensure our youth, facilities, programs, and workforce are prepared for the future

Preserve current staffing levels to increase staffing ratios

Adopt Governor's Proposed Budget

Ensure each youth gets the right placement or service

SB 816: Expand Use Of County Pass-Through Dollars

By allowing Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funds to be used for pre-adjudication services, we can help prevent deeper justice involvement and improve outcomes for youth.

SB 818: Allow Capacity Payments for Contracted Providers

Authorizing a capacity payment model will ensure a range of appropriate placements, reducing reliance on close custody and promoting better rehabilitation outcomes.

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OUR MISSION

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OUR VISION

Youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.



Responsive

Proactively address emerging challenges of youth, staff, and communities

Enhance health for staff and youth

SB 813: Testing for Communicable Diseases

OYA and county juvenile staff are at risk of exposure to bodily fluids. We want to correct an oversight, granting them the same rights as other public safety workers to petition the court for communicable disease testing following exposure.

POP 304: MacLaren Infirmary & Pharmacy Renovations/Expansion

Upgrade infirmary space at our largest facility to ensure youth receive healthcare in safe environments, and staff have the workspaces they need.

POP 550: Medicaid Waiver Support

Waiver implementation staffing to ensure continuity of care for youth with behavioral health needs.

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Strengthen Infrastructure

POP 106: Facilities 10-Year Plan

Engage in a long-term infrastructure and population planning process to better align our services with best practices and anticipated future needs.

POP 301: JJIS Modernization

Continue upgrading the Juvenile Justice Information System to achieve anywhere, anytime access and better tracking of youth progress for both OYA and county juvenile departments.

Improve Safety

POP 303: Deferred Maintenance & Capital Improvement

Provides funding to address critical facility maintenance and improvements to ensure a safe and effective environment for youth and staff.

POP 302: CCTV & Access Control

Enhancing security measures through upgraded surveillance and access control systems to ensure facility safety.

Support Youth Housing Stability

SB 814: Ensure OYA youth can access state housing services

Youth committed to OYA are vulnerable to housing instability. We want to reduce that vulnerability and position youth for success.

POP 551: Housing and Reentry Coordinator

A full-time coordinator will work to secure stable housing and other reentry needs for youth, reducing recidivism and promoting long-term success.

Promote Equity and Accessibility

POP 103: Interpreter / Translation Services