

Senate Bill 823

**Juvenile Justice Realignment: Office of Youth and
Community Restoration**

**County of San Diego Juvenile Justice Coordinating
Council Subcommittee on SB 823**


April 21, 2021

Age of San Diego Youth Admitted to DJJ in 2020

Age Upon Admission	Count
16	4
17	6
18	8
19	5
20	1
Grand Total	24

2020 San Diego DJJ Commitments by Most Serious True Finding Description

Most Serious True Finding	Count of
ASSAULT BY MEANS LIKELY TO PRODUCE GREAT BODILY INJURY	8
ROBBERY	5
MURDER	3
ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON OTHER THAN FIREARM OR GBI FORCE	2
VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER	2
LEWD ACT UPON A CHILD	2
KIDNAPPING FOR ROBBERY, RAPE, SPOUSAL RAPE, ETC.	1
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME	1
Grand Total	24



San Diego Youth Paroled from DJJ in 2020

18 youths were paroled

Average Length of Stay at DJJ – 879 days

Longest Stay – 1402 days

Shortest Stay – 434 days

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Major Provisions

- **Closes DJJ on June 30, 2023**
- **Establishes a framework of Secure Youth Treatment Facilities** for higher need youth.
- **Requires the court to hold regular progress review hearings** for youth who are in a secure youth treatment facility and allows for probation or the youth to make a motion to the court for transfer to a less restrictive program.

Hearings

Progress Review Hearing – 6 months

- Recommendations - Relevant to the Youth's Progress
 - Ward may remain in custody for remainder of baseline term
 - Modify the baseline term downward by a reduction of confinement not to exceed 6 months
 - Court may order youth to a Less Restrictive Program
 - Progress in relation to Plan & any educational, vocational, counseling, housing or other services made available through the program

Probation Discharge Hearing – At conclusion of baseline term

- Less Restrictive Program at the end of the period or modified period of placement
- Review Youth's Progress
- Probation Supervision – Conditions
- Imminent Harm to Others – Retained in Custody
- Reasonable Conditions of Probation
- Periodic Review of Youth's Progress
- Failure to Comply

DJJ Realignment Action Plan

Goals:

- Education & Employment
- Treatment
- Facility Environment and Staffing
- Program Fidelity
- Re-entry

Setting for Secure Youth Treatment

East Mesa Juvenile
Detention Facility

- Possible facility improvements to make our setting more homelike, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and acceptable for longer commitments:
 - Resurface or replace sleeping room doors
 - Paint walls
 - Resurface concrete floors in sleeping rooms
 - Purchase homelike (but heavy duty) furniture
 - Area rugs
 - Large photo murals of local outdoor scenes
 - Removal of upper bunks in rooms that have them
 - Extend utilities to the quad area for a Career Technical Education portable building

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High School Completion	San Diego County Office of Education
Community College	Partnership with community college for higher education credits (Sandy and Scott will meet with community colleges for district boundaries restrictions)
Career Technical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract with career technical education provider(s) (TBD)• Construction Trades• Licensure and trade union support/connection to apprenticeship opportunities• Computer Programming• Paid internships
Assessment of Risks and Needs	Youth entering the program will be assessed using the SDRRC-II as well other recognized assessment tools such as the Family Wellbeing Assessment (TBD by sub committee)
Treatment and Therapeutic programing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract with provider(s) (TBD)• Cognitive behavior type therapies• Individual and group counseling• Alcohol and drug treatment• Art and pet therapy

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Recreation program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract with local recreation provider (TBD)• Running club• Team sport activities
Programming and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract and/or with community providers (s) (TBD)• Religious services• Life skills• Financial literacy• Youth development• Restorative practices• Barber services• Reading club
Behavior Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Achievement System with a modified version of the long-term incentive program used in the YOU.• Expanded selection of incentive options due to longer length of stay
Re-entry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential to share re-entry service across commitment programs.• Re-entry case plan needs to be developed and presented at a review hearing 30 days after commitment and progress followed up at 6-month reviews

Stepdown & Furloughs

Stepdown Options

- Existing custodial programs
- Community-based

Furlough Practice in similar program

- Riverside YTEC
 - 6 months before release with full concurrence of the MDT team, positive behavior
- Furloughs for:
 - Family Reunification
 - Job Search
 - Work
 - Education
 - Obtaining California I.D.



Next Steps

- Next Virtual Meeting May 19 @ 3:15