



# **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM on** **Girls in Conflict with the Law**

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IN  
PARTNERSHIP  
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# San Francisco Close Juvenile Hall Workgroup Update

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## Close Juvenile Hall Ordinance

- Close Juvenile Hall Ordinance was passed on June 18, 2019
- It requires San Francisco to close Juvenile Hall by December 31, 2021, expand community-based alternatives to detention, and provide a rehabilitative, non-institutional place or places of detention in location(s) approved by the Court.

# Chronology

- January/February 2020
  - Establishment of Workgroup
  - First Meeting
    - Election of Chair & Establishment/Populating Subcommittees
- March/May
  - COVID-19 SHUTDOWN
  - Creation of Executive Committee and Management Structure
- June/July
  - Subcommittee Definition/Specific Tasks Assigned
- August/September
  - Assignments Undertaken

# Subcommittees

- Data and Needs Assessment
  - 20 youth is target (Now youth prison DJJ population)
  - Majority of Youth are Detained for Technical Violations, Warrants and Non-Violent Offenses
  - Greatest Proportion of Detention for "Technical Violations or Warrants" are "Warrant 602"
  - Despite Numeric Reductions, Significant Racial and Ethnic Disparity Persists
  - Girls comprise small percentage but with serious behavioral and mental health issues
  - Odds of Detention in Juvenile Hall, Once Referred to Probation, are Increasing
  - Proportionally, Youth Detained for Less Serious Reasons, Has Increased
  - Costs of Incarceration per Youth Increasing (\$275,000 annually)

# Subcommittees (cont.)

- Programs/Mental Health
  - 42 Programs Serving Incarcerated Youth Identified (out of custody)
  - 32 Programs (In-Custody)
  - Identifying Gaps in Mental Health Services especially gender responsive services
- Reinvestment and Policy
  - DPH,SFUSD,DCYF & JPD= 24 million

# Subcommittees (cont.)

## Facilities

- Physical Plant
- Location(s)
- Security Levels
- Space Function
- Staffing
- Transportation
- Behavioral Management/Youth Development Model
- Labor



# Qualities of a Youth Development Centered Youth Facility

- No more than 30 youth
- Non-correctional setting
- Therapeutic environment
- Home-like living units/rooms
- Adequate space to support and equipment to support high quality education
- Adequate space and equipment for program and for individual counseling
- Adequate recreation space in and outdoors
- Kitchen and dining space including youth participation
- Positive Youth Development trained staff
- Behavior management/youth development program

## Next Steps

- Expand community alternatives mandated in legislation
- Reach alignment on “rehabilitative non-institutional place of detention”
- Timeline for budgets and data necessary to meet our deadline
- Secure actual real estate for secure residential homelike centers