

## **SB823 Subcommittee Charter & Values**

### **Charter**

The Alameda County SB823 Subcommittee is charged with preparing a plan to serve youth realigned under SB823. This plan shall be comprehensive, addressing not only detention and housing, but also addressing treatment, services, reentry preparation, and reentry - preparing young people for success outside of the system.

We are charged to identify and use evidence-based and promising practices and programs that improve the outcomes of youth and public safety, reduce the transfer of youth into the adult criminal justice system, ensure that dispositions are in the least restrictive appropriate environment, reduce and then eliminate racial and ethnic disparities, and reduce the use of confinement in the juvenile justice system by utilizing community-based responses and interventions.

### **Values**

The Alameda County SB 823 Subcommittee is committed to the success of system-involved youth through the implementation of innovative strategies that promote healing and address their needs, the needs of victims and families, improve public safety, and promote overall community wellbeing.

The Subcommittee recognizes that system-involved youth have overwhelmingly experienced trauma and neglect on both individual and systemic levels, which has often resulted in their system involvement. Thus, the Subcommittee considers that providing youth with healing-centered and trauma-informed services that address these harms is vital in preventing harms from happening again. **To this end, we are committed to complying with the mandates of SB 823, including ensuring that impacted youth have access to education, programming, treatment, and services that are both developmentally and therapeutically appropriate.** We are committed to going above and beyond these requirements whenever possible, with the ultimate goal of best supporting youth success outside of the system. We also recognize that family (defined as broadly as possible) relationships and family reunification are often key components of successful treatment and reentry, and will seek every opportunity to promote and strengthen familial connections.

Acknowledging that victims of crime **and communities have been harmed**, & addressing the harms caused, ideally through a restorative justice process, the Subcommittee believes in utilizing restorative justice practices whenever possible. **In order to address the needs of victims in compliance with the California constitution and Marcy's law**, as well as provide a meaningful opportunity for accountability, the Subcommittee is strongly committed to the values and principles of restorative justice. This approach centers the needs of the person harmed, while providing support and structure to the young person as they seek to make things right.

The work of the Subcommittee is guided by a public health approach and is informed by evidence-based practices that improve outcomes for system-involved youth, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety. **The Subcommittee recognizes that the juvenile justice system disproportionately impacts communities, families, and youth of color. To**

this end, we are committed to reducing and eliminating racial/ethnic disparities. Importantly, we are committed to promoting racial and ethnic equity through culturally affirming practices and programming.