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We are pleased to announce Sacramento County's launch of the Georgetown University's Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) and a more targeted focus on strengthening how the juvenile justice and child welfare systems serve the unique needs of the population of youth who fluctuate between and are known to both systems. The power of the CYPM is found in the cross-system collaboration between agencies and their community partners, all committed to improving the outcomes for these youth and their families through targeted programming and service options. Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) works in and with communities across the country to implement the CYPM and since 2010 has implemented the model in 96 counties in 21 states across the country. We are delighted to be part of this cadre of dynamic communities.

With the implementation of the CYPM, Sacramento County will establish a service model designed to enhance best practices that will assist the Sacramento Juvenile Court, Probation Department, Division of Child Protective Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services, Sacramento County Office of Education and all of their partners in addressing the needs of our youth who are involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. In doing so, we will establish and strengthen a culture of collaboration to best meet the needs of crossover youth. This includes establishing a culture of teamwork and consistent communication between system and community partners as well as youth and families.

In the coming weeks, each of our agencies will be training staff to implement the CYPM Protocol across systems beginning on October 17, 2016.

We intend to create positive change in our systems to better serve crossover youth and their families, so all youth have what they need to become healthy, productive adults.

Sincerely,

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Probation Department

David Gordon, Superintendent
Sacramento County Office of Education

Dr. Sherri Z. Heller, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Stacy Boulware Eurie, Presiding Juvenile Judge
Sacramento Juvenile Court

Crossover Youth Practice Model

Who Are Crossover Youth?

A “crossover youth” is any youth who has current and simultaneous involvement in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

What We Know About Crossover Youth

Research and experience tell us crossover youth are:

- likely to have spent a long time in the child welfare system;
- likely to have experienced complex trauma as a result of abuse, neglect, and multiple placement disruptions; and
- disproportionately youth of color and girls.

Outcomes for Crossover Youth

Improved outcomes for crossover youth include:

- a reduction in the number of youth placed in out-of-home care;
- a reduction in the disproportionate representation of children of color;
- a reduction in the number of youth crossing over into—and staying within—the justice system;
- an increase in positive social and academic outcomes, including post-secondary education and career readiness; and
- a positive future shaped by persevering through transformational life experiences.

These young people have the potential to complete their education, build successful careers, and live happy and productive lives.



The Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM)

Developed at the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University, the model was designed to help address the issues these youth are presenting in our communities and develop strategies to meet their needs.

Information on the upcoming training will be available soon.