

# Juvenile Facilities Programming Update

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**01 Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Demographics**

**JJC Partner Updates**

Partner updates that reflect our shared commitment to improving outcomes for youth and families.

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**Update on Efforts to Reduce Reliance on OC Spray**

An overview of OC spray use at JJC, including demographic data and current investments and initiatives aimed at reducing reliance on chemical agents.

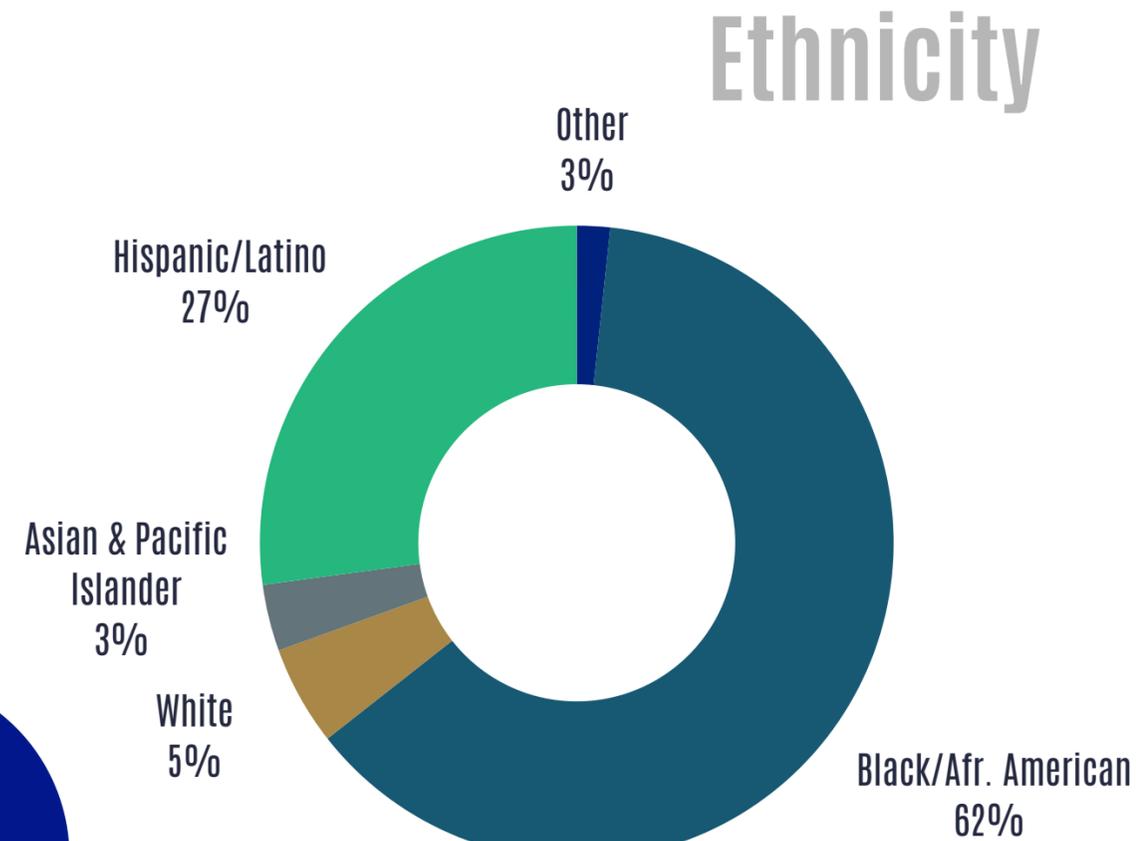
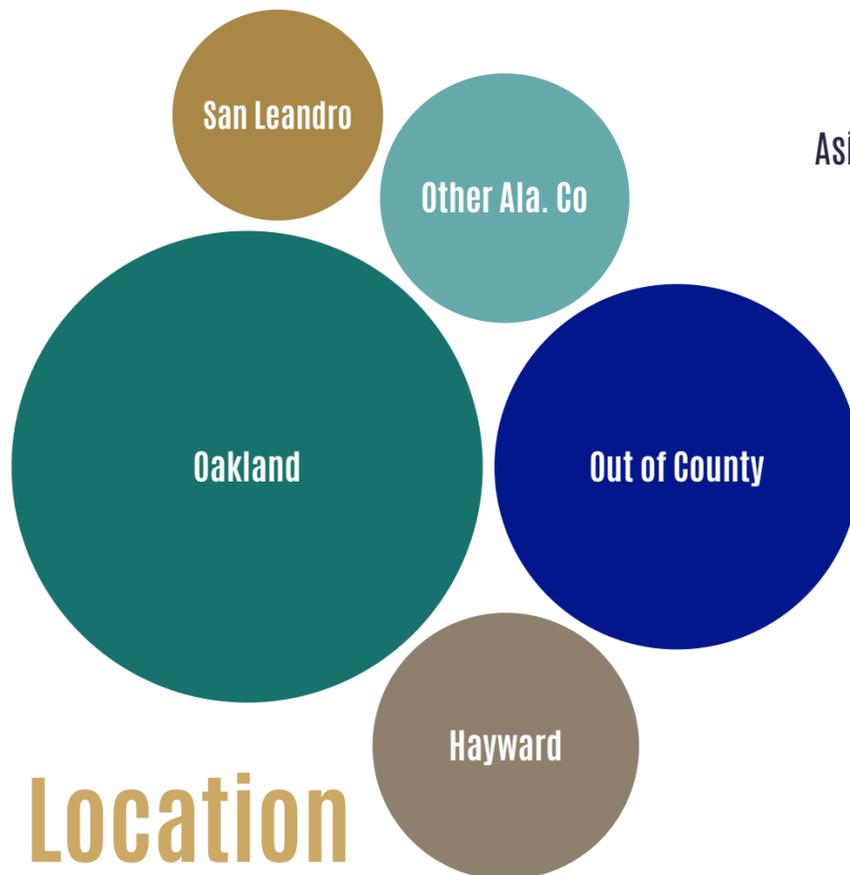
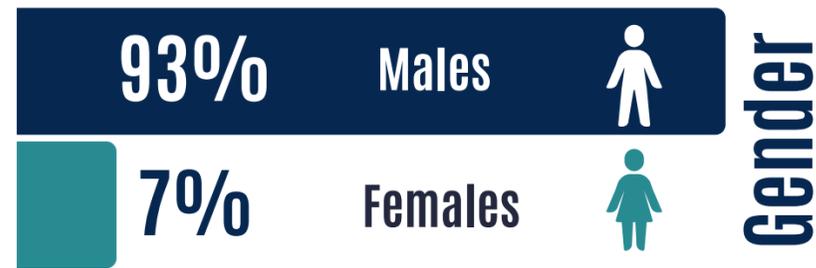
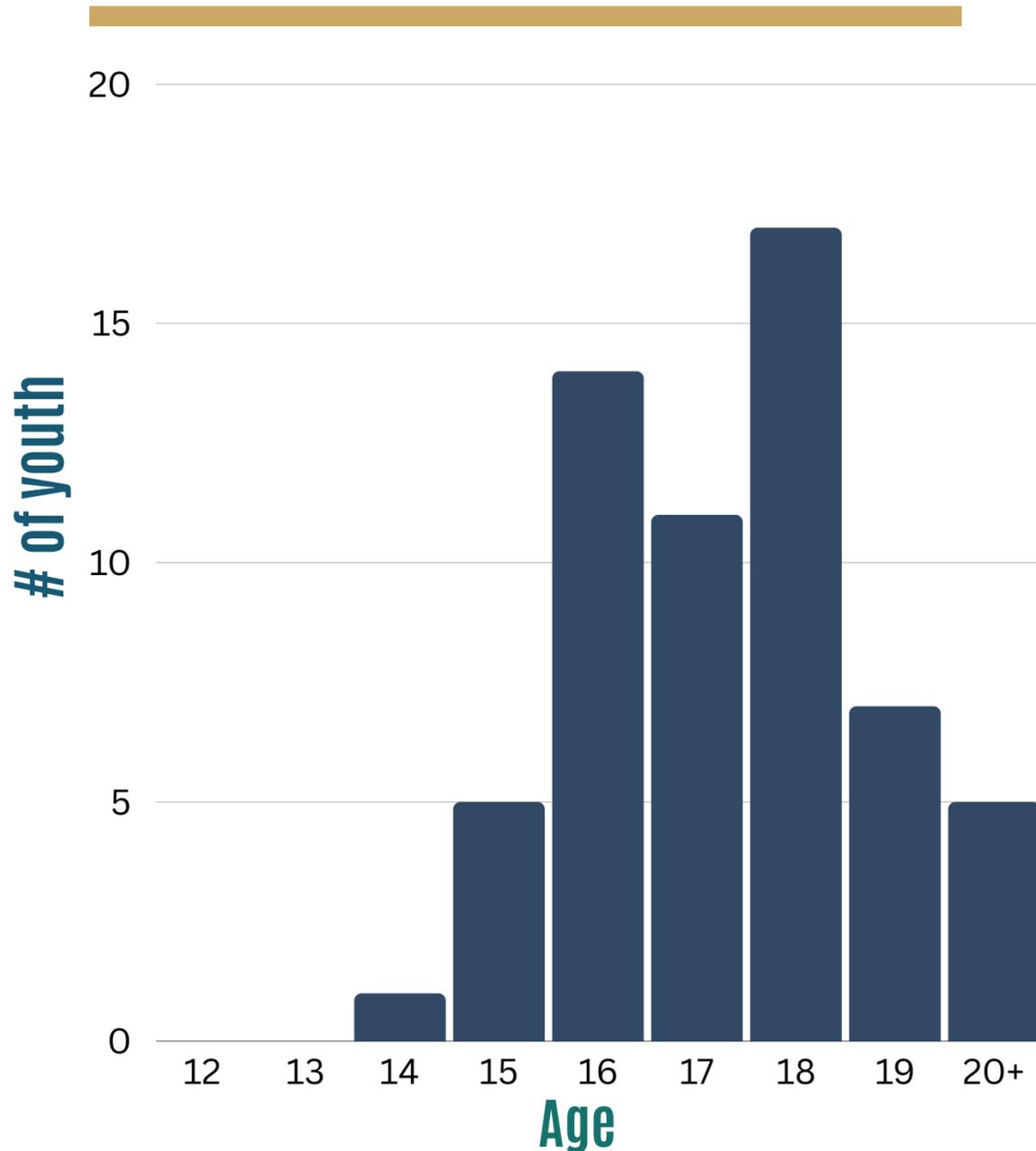
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# OVERVIEW



# JUVENILE FACILITIES POPULATION BY AGE, GENDER, ETHNICITY & LOCATION (IN-CUSTODY) - JJC & CAMP SWEENEY



**TOTAL POPULATION:**  
**60**

(Data as of 8/31/2025)



# Additional Data & Insights



**179 Days** is the average length of stay for predisposition youth in Juvenile Hall

45

66

70%



## Average admissions per month

- 769 Admissions during the reporting period
- 517 Distinct youth



## Average daily population

- 59 Youth - Average daily population for Juvenile Hall
- 7 Youth - Average daily population for Camp



## Of youth booked into Juvenile Hall for a 707b Offense



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# Probation's Operational Priorities

- Implementation of the integrated care model
- Enhancement of reentry services
- Adherence to and surpassing state regulatory standards
- Expansion of evidence-based programming
- Strategic workforce growth



# JJC Programming

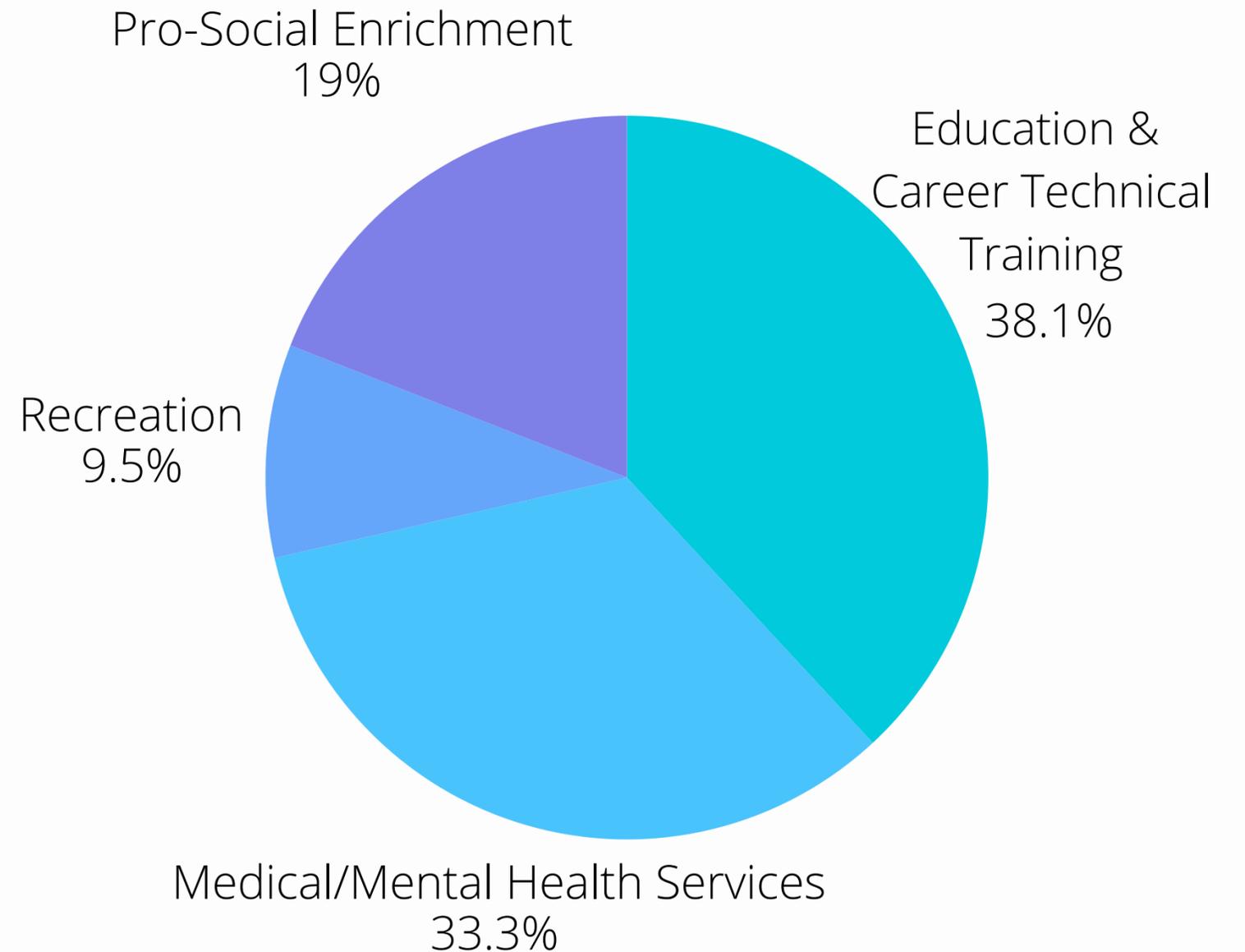
A diverse array of probation-funded programs centered on education, career technical training, therapeutic services, and recreation, all designed to promote youth success.

**\$3.5M**

Investments for  
FY 24-25

**20**

Programs &  
Services





# Path Forward

- Invest in family-focused services and expand family engagement
- Focus on increasing the number of evidence-based programs
- Staff development
- Broaden post-secondary and career-technology efforts
- Increase life skills programming



# Alameda County Behavioral Health Department

## Guidance Clinic Updates

September 25, 2025



**Behavioral Health  
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# Background: Quality Improvement Initiative

- The Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) has been committed to serving detained youth for well over 30 years through the Guidance Clinic.
- Needs and services for the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) have fluctuated over the years from crisis model to more therapeutic supports.
- ACBHD is committed to expanding the role of the Guidance Clinic; including improving interagency coordination and collaboration in support of youth and their families.
- In August 2024, the department engaged a process to improve quality and operations across the facility and in partnership with other agencies.





# Guidance Clinic Services



Treatment &  
Crisis  
Intervention

- **Increased Staffing:** Clinical team increased by 6 FTE. Current team has 12 staff and 3 vacant positions.
- **Increased Coverage:** Clinicians are on site 8:30AM – 8:00PM Sunday-Friday & 9:00AM – 6:30PM Saturdays.
- **Enhanced Treatment:** Focus on treatment plans, trauma-focused interventions, crisis intervention, expansion of groups.

# Care Coordination



Referrals,  
Linkage &  
Post-Release

- **Re-Entry Planning:** Identifying service/treatment needs while a youth is in detention and initiating referrals.
- **Support with Placement:** Contracting with therapeutic placements, review of placement recommendations, support transition to placement and linkage to additional behavioral health services/support as needed--in placement or with primary caregiver.
- **Post-Release Follow Up:** Direct contact with youth & families to confirm appointments or assist with navigation.

# System Next Steps...

## Over the Next 12 months:

- Continue to hire new GC staff to support **more client-driven, specialized care.**
- Fully **implement CalAIM change** processes and coordination strategies.
- **Fully develop and improve therapeutic support model** across housing units.
- Continue to **provide evidence-based practices training** to staff and team members.



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# Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) Medical Services

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Medical Department Overview



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# Who We Are

- Staffed by UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland
  - Team includes: 4 MD pediatric providers, 1 dentist, RNs, LVNs, nurse manager, discharge/referral coordinator
- Contracted since 2006 to provide high-quality pediatric & young adult care
- Mission: Provide hope-driven, success-oriented medical care, focused on managing the social determinants of health
- Approach: Treat youth as more than detainees, wrap-around care with goal to reduce recidivism

# Core Medical Services

- Comprehensive pediatric and young adult primary care
- Follow Title 15 State Correctional Guidance
  - 96 hour TAT for H&Ps
  - Routine screening and health surveillance
- Acute and chronic medical condition management
- Dental and Optometry services
- Medical and Behavioral health medication management & coordination with specialty pharmacy
- Substance Use Disorder screening, treatment & referrals
- Collaboration with Probation, Behavioral Health, ACOE and community partners

# Spotlight: Substance Use Treatment & MOUD

- 60% of youth in custody nationwide meet criteria for substance use disorder

- In Alameda JJC: Weekly Substance Use Disorder Clinic (partner with Bridge Clinic/AHS)

- Over 60 youth engaged in SUD services in 2024-2025

- 10–15% of daily census treated with MOUD (medications for opioid use disorder)

- Buprenorphine offered when indicated (FDA-approved  $\geq 16$ , used off-label younger)

- Discharge planning & linkage to Alameda Health Services Addiction Medicine & community providers

- Goal: Expand access to life-saving treatment, reduce overdose risk, support long-term recovery

# JJC Post Secondary Program

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# ACOE JJC Post-Secondary Program

- 3 ACOE post-secondary program managers
- Academic coursework support
- In-person college classes and asynchronous online courses offered through Laney College and College of Alameda with counseling support
- All students have an assigned UC Berkeley tutor through a partnership with Underground Scholars
- Students are able to earn their AA, ADT and BA and expanding career/CTE opportunities
- Assistance with FAFSA completion, school enrollment and academic advocacy
- Assistance with AB540 and CA Dream Act Application
- Ed-Partners weekly collaboration meeting
- Milestone celebrations (K-12 & College graduations)
- Family Outreach



# Post-Secondary Program: Current # of Youth

## High School Dual Enrollment students:

- 7 students



## Full Time College Students:

- 29 students @JJC or Camp Sweeney
- 2 students attending 4-year universities full-time off site

## Colleges:

- 27 Laney College
- 1 UC Berkeley
- 1 CSU East Bay
- 1 CSU Sac State
- 1 Xavier University

# Post-Secondary Partners

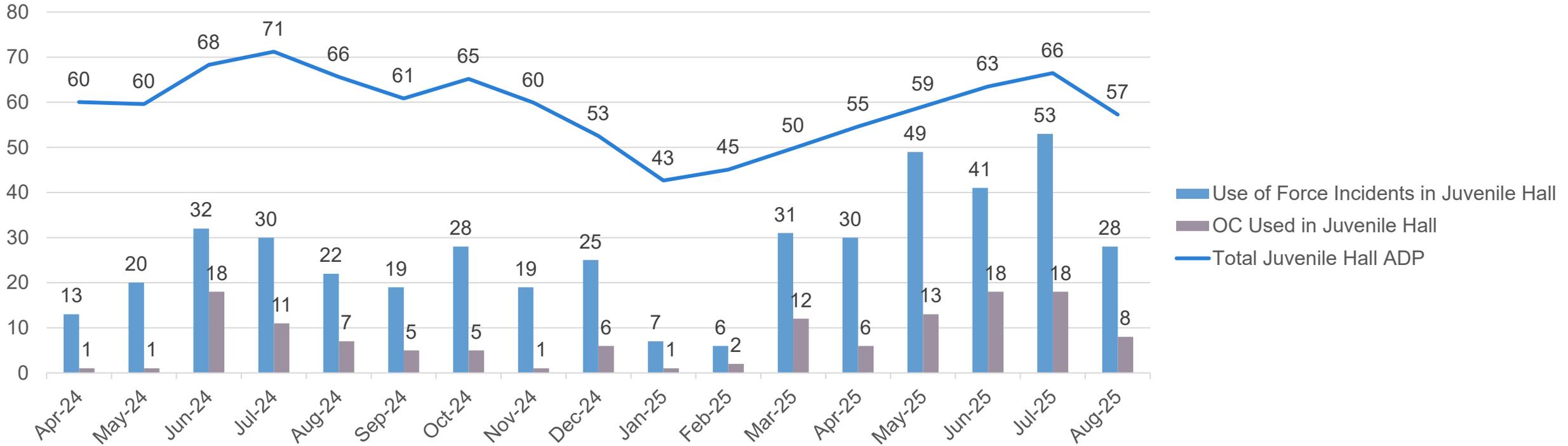
- **Laney Community College ([Restoring our Communities](#)):**
  - Laney college professors provide in-person classes
  - Asynchronous online courses
  - Dual-enrollment opportunities (in-person courses and asynchronous)
- **College of Alameda**
  - Professors provide in-person Business and Entrepreneurship courses
- **UC Berkeley [Underground Scholars](#):**
  - Academic tutors for graduates and dual-enrollment students
  - UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies Class
- **Cal State East Bay and Sac State [Project Rebound](#)**
  - Provide wrap-around support for CSU students
- **Northern California Teamsters Apprentice Training**
  - Provides forklift certification opportunities
- **Volunteers**
  - Support with college classes, financial aid, enrollment and advocacy
- **Alameda County Office of Probation (ACPD)**
  - Fund ACOE's Post-Secondary team
  - Provide staffing to escort youth

# Update on Efforts to Reduce OC Spray



# USE OF FORCE IN JUVENILE HALL

Use of Force in Juvenile Hall  
April 2024 - August 2025



Note: This chart reflects Juvenile Hall only. There were no incidents of Use of Force or OC Use at Camp Sweeney from April 2024 – August 2025.



## Ongoing Efforts to Reduce Reliance on OC Spray



### Reinforce a culture of safety and accountability

- Strengthened oversight and safeguards on OC spray use through revised policy emphasizing youth safety, de-escalation, and accountability
- Collaboration with JJC partners to advance the aligned care framework
- Ongoing investment in staff training, coaching, and strategic workforce growth



### Reviewing safer use of force practices

- Evaluating a new physical intervention model that builds on existing practices to enhance safety, prioritize minimal force, and reinforce de-escalation
- Evaluation of alternatives to OC spray, including discovery of safer chemical deterrents

*Thank you*