Youth Development Academy Fire Program

1011.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To provide guidance to staff who support the Youth Development Academy (YDA) Fire Program that is designed to reduce institutional violence and future criminal behavior by teaching anti-criminal attitudes and providing youth with personal skills to better manage their environments.

The Youth Development Academy (YDA) Fire Program equips participants with practical skills to better manage their emotions, behaviors and environments. The Fire Program staff, from every professional discipline, work as a team to assess the unique needs of each youth. Staff develop an individualized training program to address those needs. Collaborating with the youth, the team administers a case plan that utilizes their personal strengths to maximize treatment and reduce risk of re-offending.

1011.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the San Diego County Probation Department to provide youth with a Fire Program that aligns with the Positive Youth Development (PYD) approach to support the youth's successful exit of the juvenile justice system and reentry into the community.

1011.3 RFERENCES

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