

## Interventions

### 421.1 PROVISION

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Youth Development and Community Support Services (YDCSS) officers shall pursue diverse and individualized strategies and responses to assist youth in meeting their primary needs and other personal factors. The interventions process is a continuum and officers shall review the least restrictive options to assist the youth. Interventions should be considered tools officers can utilize to address dynamic risk factors, encourage positive change, and promote accountability and self-efficacy.

Officers are to review the Juvenile Interventions Response GRID (see attachment) prior to citing a youth to return to Court and consult with their supervisor as needed.

### 421.2 IMPLEMENTATION

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Similar to case plan goals, interventions should be SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and timely) and consider the youth's readiness for change, family input and available natural supports. Interventions should be applied at the earliest opportunity, ideally within one week of the officer learning of the youth's behavior. A face-to-face meeting shall be scheduled; however, if the meeting cannot occur in person, alternative contact methods may be applied. Intervention dosage should match the behavior. For example, a youth truant to school a few days should not result in a citation to court. Rather, the officer shall consider and impose less restrictive options and responsivity factors. See the Juvenile Interventions Response GRID attached for guidance.

Should an intervention require the youth to be temporarily removed from the community for an out-of-home custodial placement to address probation violations, the officer shall refer to the Screening Committee Guidelines.

### 421.3 DOCUMENTATION

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The officer will note the youth's behavior, their response, and the intervention imposed in the Client Action Plan (CAP) along with a contact in the Probation Case Management System (PCMS).

### 421.4 REFERENCES

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See the Juvenile Case Plans Policy and Procedure for additional guidance.

See Screening Committee Guidelines.

### 421.5 ATTACHMENTS

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# San Diego County Probation Department

Administrative Services Procedure Manual

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[See attachment: Juvenile Interventions Response GRID.pdf](#)

## Attachments

## Juvenile Interventions Response GRID.pdf

## JUVENILE INTERVENTIONS (RESPONSE) GRID

This grid serves <i>only</i> as a guideline to assist officers with case planning. Each youth's case should be reviewed on an individualized basis.		RISK LEVEL			
		LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	
<b>VIOLATION SEVERITY LEVEL</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pattern of school attendance issues</li> <li>• Failure to enroll/suspended from an educational program</li> <li>• Pattern of attendance issues related to treatment/programs/services</li> <li>• Failure to participate in Court ordered Community Service Work</li> <li>• 1 positive drug screen for marijuana/alcohol</li> <li>• Attends but does not participate/engage in probation appt.</li> <li>• Pattern of curfew issues</li> <li>• Failure to report new address/employment/school</li> <li>• Inappropriate social media posts (not involving a weapon and/or illegal substances/paraphernalia)</li> <li>• Violates a no contact order/stay away order from business or property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal counseling</li> <li>• Restrict activities</li> <li>• Limit privileges: contact with friends, video games, cell phone, internet, electronics, social media</li> <li>• Geographical restrictions</li> <li>• Adjust curfew</li> <li>• Apology letter</li> <li>• Written assignment/essay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased reporting</li> <li>• Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting</li> <li>• Restrict activities</li> <li>• Limit privileges: contact with friends, video games, cell phone, internet, electronics, social media</li> <li>• Geographical restrictions</li> <li>• Adjust curfew</li> <li>• Written assignment/essay</li> <li>• Apology letter</li> <li>• Increased drug testing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased reporting</li> <li>• Daily check-ins/call-ins to PO</li> <li>• Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting</li> <li>• Restrict activities</li> <li>• Limit privileges: contact with friends, video games, cell phone, internet, electronics, social media</li> <li>• Geographical restrictions</li> <li>• Adjust curfew</li> <li>• Written assignment/essay</li> <li>• Apology letter</li> <li>• Increased drug testing</li> <li>• Referral to additional programs or services</li> <li>• Referral for assessment/treatment</li> </ul>
	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to attend/terminated from treatment/program/service</li> <li>• Expulsion from school for weapons, fighting, gang activity</li> <li>• Violates a no contact order with co-participant</li> <li>• Leaves the State without Probation/Court permission</li> <li>• Engages in illegal behavior, not resulting in arrest</li> <li>• New delinquency referral that was addressed as probation violations (may need to elevate based on totality of circumstances)</li> <li>• Inappropriate/concerning items found during search, not resulting in arrest (i.e., paraphernalia)</li> <li>• Pattern of failing to report to Probation (Officer to use discretion and consider risk level in determining what constitutes a "pattern")</li> <li>• Refusal to submit to a drug screen or attempted manipulation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All options listed for low risk, low severity violations</li> <li>• Increased reporting</li> <li>• Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting</li> <li>• Increased drug testing</li> <li>• Referral to appropriate services</li> <li>• Increased intensity of existing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All options listed for moderate risk, low severity violations</li> <li>• Referral to appropriate services</li> <li>• Increased intensity of existing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All options listed for high risk, low severity violations</li> <li>• Referral to appropriate services</li> <li>• Increased intensity of existing services</li> </ul>
	<b>HIGH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 positive drug screen for any illegal substance, excluding marijuana (or amphetamines if related to medication), meth, cocaine, fentanyl</li> <li>• 3 positive drug screens for marijuana/alcohol</li> <li>• Violating a gang association order</li> <li>• Out of compliance with a sex offense treatment plan</li> <li>• Violates a no contact order with victim (individual)</li> <li>• Inappropriate social media posts involving weapons/illegal substances</li> <li>• Pregnant youth engaged in unsafe and/or illicit drug behavior</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All options listed for low risk, low or moderate severity violations</li> <li>• Daily check-ins/call-ins to PO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All options listed for moderate risk, low or moderate severity violations</li> </ul>	<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> INCIDENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All options listed for high risk, low or moderate severity violations</li> <li>• <b>2<sup>ND</sup> INCIDENT</b> – Cite for Violation of Probation (potential custodial intervention – REARREST)</li> </ul>

**AGGRAVATORS (Increase one severity level for each aggravating factor that applies):**

- Underlying offense is a firearm offense, robbery, or violent felony
- Youth has a prior intervention for similar behavior
- Threats to themselves or the community

***Any action located within the shaded area of the grid requires screening with a probation supervisor before imposition of any intervention. \*\*Some interventions require a Court order. Increasing severity level due to extenuating circumstances requires SPO approval.***