



SAN DIEGO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our **Guiding Principles** emphasize prevention and early intervention for at-risk youth to redirect delinquent behavior and foster healthy development. We involve families in our initiatives to strengthen support networks and offer comprehensive treatment for mental health, substance use, and trauma. We also focus on facilitating successful reentry for youth while supporting victims of youth crime through restorative services. By integrating family engagement, treatment, reentry, and victim support, we aim to enhance community safety and achieve positive youth outcomes.

**1. YOUTHS ARE
FUNDAMENTALLY
DIFFERENT FROM ADULTS**



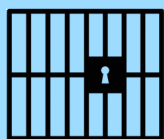
**2. REHABILITATION OVER
PUNISHMENT**



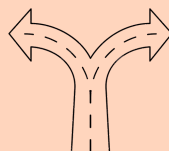
**3. EARLY INTERVENTION
AND PREVENTION**



**4. LIMITING THE UTILIZATION
OF DETENTION FACILITIES**



**5. KEEPING YOUTH IN THE
COMMUNITY – DIVERSION**



**6. PROGRAMMING IS
IMPORTANT FOR
YOUTH SUCCESS**



**7. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT IS ESSENTIAL**



**8. EMPOWERMENT OF
YOUTH VOICE**



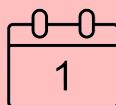
**9. ACADEMIC GROWTH
AND OPPORTUNITY**



**10. INDIVIDUALIZED
TREATMENT AND CARE**



**11. REENTRY PLANNING
STARTS DAY ONE**



**12. LISTENING TO AND
SUPPORTING VICTIMS**



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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES, PLEASE
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