

Interventions

421.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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The purpose of this policy is to set written guidelines for Youth Development and Community Support Services (YDCSS) officers to pursue interventions that include diverse and individualized strategies and responses to assist youth in meeting their primary needs and other personal factors. This policy applies to all YDCSS members.

421.2 DEFINITIONS

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Intervention: A program or service that a youth is referred to, or completes with a Probation Officer (PO), or a response by a PO to address the youth's primary needs or other personal factors to support positive behavior change and development. It is intended to hold a youth accountable and correct behavior to prevent a youth from violating probation and going further into the juvenile justice system. See the Juvenile Interventions Response GRID for further guidance.

Dynamic Risk Factors: the risk factors in the San Diego Risk and Resiliency Check-Up (SDRRC-II) tool which can change over time.

Primary Needs: These refer to criminogenic needs.

421.3 POLICY

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As part of a comprehensive graduated response system, officers shall utilize rehabilitative interventions to address case planning needs prior to their escalation to formal violation proceedings when appropriate. Interventions are designed to hold youth accountable and correct behaviors while reducing the need to return youth to court for a formal violation of probation.