



VALLEY OAK YOUTH ACADEMY RE-ENTRY

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

SENATE BILL 823

IN SEPTEMBER 2020, SENATE BILL 823 (SB 823) WAS SIGNED INTO LAW, INITIATING THE CLOSURE OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (DJJ), AND SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION AND REHABILITATION TO LOCAL COUNTIES.

VALLEY OAK YOUTH ACADEMY (VOYA)

A SECURE-TRACK TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM OPERATED
INSIDE THE YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY.

VOYA HOUSES AND PROVIDES TREATMENT, EDUCATION, AND REHABILITATIVE
SERVICES TO YOUTH WHO, BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 823, WOULD
HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

WHO CAN BE COMMITTED TO VOYA

- **A YOUTH AGE 14 OR OLDER WHO HAS COMMITTED A SERIOUS OR VIOLENT OFFENSE IDENTIFIED UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE (WIC) 707(B)**
- **COMMON WIC 707(B) OFFENSES:**
 - MURDER OR ATTEMPTED MURDER
 - ARSON
 - ARMED ROBBERY
 - KIDNAPPING
 - SEXUAL OFFENSES
 - ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM

VOYA COMMITMENT

ONCE THE YOUTH IS COMMITTED TO THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY SECURE TRACK – VALLEY OAK YOUTH ACADEMY (VOYA) AT THE YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY. THEY ARE GIVEN A MINIMUM BASELINE TERM TO SERVE INSIDE THE FACILITY AND PROBATION CONDITIONS

VOYA RE-ENTRY INSIDE THE FACILITY

- **BEGINS AT THE TIME OF COMMITMENT**
 - ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE VOYA MODEL IS THAT RE-ENTRY PLANNING BEGINS AS SOON AS A YOUTH ENTERS THE PROGRAM
- **INDIVIDUALIZED FOR EACH YOUTH**
 - VOYA OFFICERS MEET WITH THE YOUTH TO DEVELOP A RE-ENTRY PLAN TAILORED TO THEIR TREATMENT NEEDS.
- **GUIDED BY THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)**
 - THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM WORKS COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE YOUTH TO DEVELOP REALISTIC GOALS AND CREATE A PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY

DEVELOPING A RE-ENTRY PLAN

OFFENSE INFORMATION & ASSESSMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS

- **THE RE-ENTRY PLAN IS DEVELOPED THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - **OFFENSE INFORMATION**
 - THIS ALLOWS THE VOYA OFFICER TO ASSESS THE YOUTH'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THEIR PAST BEHAVIOR(S) AND LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY
 - **ASSESSMENTS AND REGISTRATIONS**
 - REVIEW OF ASSESSMENTS TO IDENTIFY RISK FACTORS, STRENGTHS, AND TREATMENT NEEDS
 - DOCUMENT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND EDUCATE THE YOUTH ON THEIR OBLIGATIONS BEFORE RELEASE

DEVELOPING A RE-ENTRY PLAN

PLACEMENTS & VITAL RECORDS, HEALTHCARE AND TRANSPORTATION

- **PLACEMENTS**

- IDENTIFYING A STABLE AND SUPPORTIVE RESIDENCE
- YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PLACEMENT OPTIONS
- RE-ENTRY OFFICER WILL CONDUCT HOME EVALUATION TO ASSESS SAFETY AND SUITABILITY OF EACH RESIDENCE

- **VITAL RECORDS, HEALTHCARE AND TRANSPORTATION**

- ENSURING THE YOUTH HAS NECESSARY IDENTIFICATION, HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND TRANSPORTATION PLANS TO SUPPORT A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION INTO THE COMMUNITY

DEVELOPING A RE-ENTRY PLAN

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT & ACTIVITIES, FREE TIME AND SUPPORTS

- **EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

- REVIEW THE YOUTH'S EDUCATION HISTORY
- IDENTIFY EDUCATIONAL GOALS
- IDENTIFY EMPLOYMENT GOALS
- ADDRESS POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

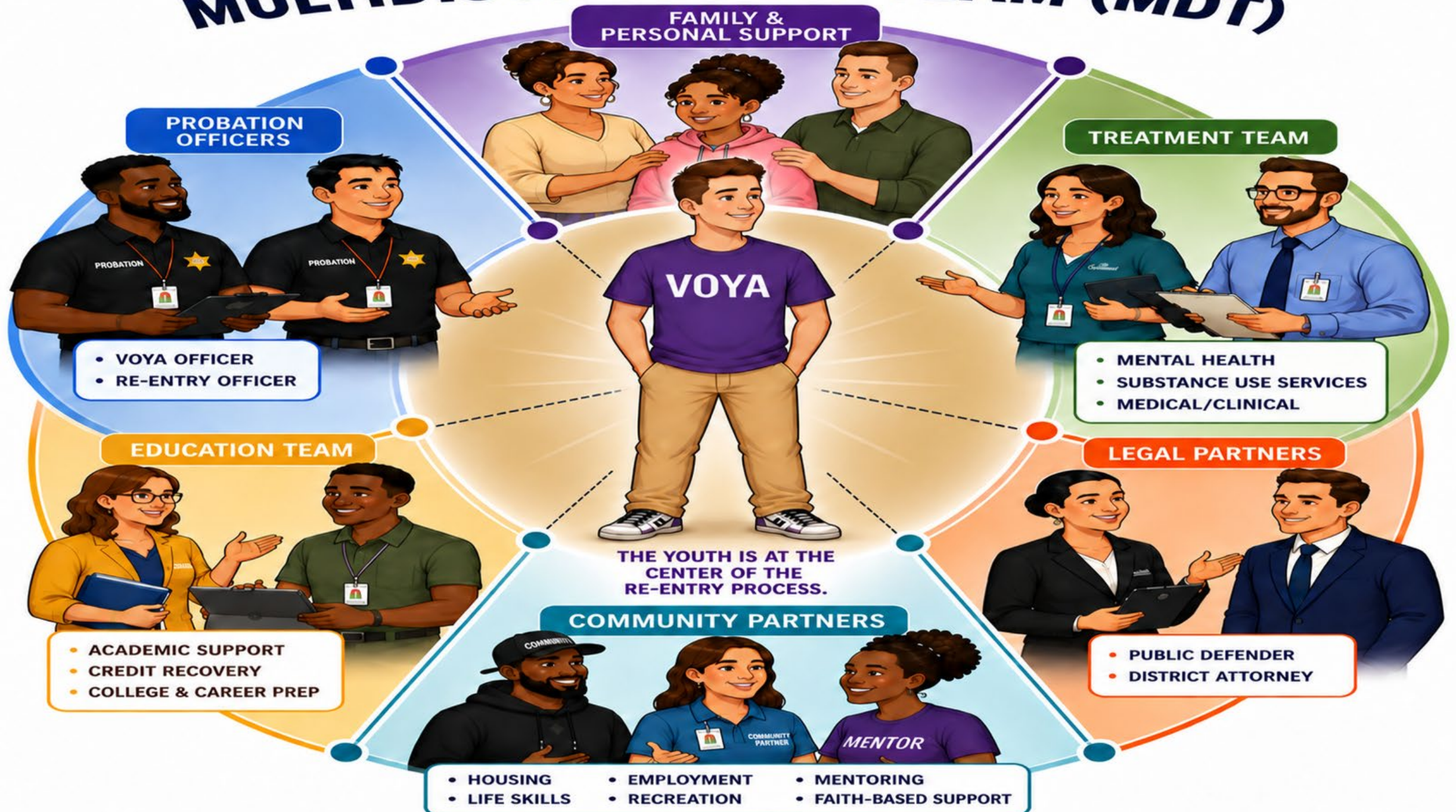
- **ACTIVITIES, FREE TIME AND SUPPORTS**

- IDENTIFY POSITIVE FAMILIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT SYSTEMS
- DEVELOP HEALTHY LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- CONNECT YOUTH WITH MENTORS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

- **THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM WILL GENERALLY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**
 - THE YOUTH
 - PROBATION
 - VOYA OFFICER
 - RE-ENTRY OFFICER
 - FAMILY AND SUPPORT SYSTEM
 - COMMUNITY PARTNERS
 - LEGAL PARTNERS
 - TREATMENT TEAM
 - EDUCATION TEAM

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)



VOYA PROGRAM GOALS

- REHABILITATION
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- EDUCATION
- TREATMENT
- FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
- SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION

VOYA PROGRESS REVIEW (VPR) HEARINGS

- **CONDUCTED EVERY 6 MONTHS UNTIL THE YOUTH COMPLETES THEIR BASELINE COMMITMENT.**
- **THE COURT EVALUATES THE YOUTH'S PROGRESS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**
 - BEHAVIOR
 - EDUCATION
 - COUNSELING PARTICIPATION
 - EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION
 - OVERALL ADJUSTMENT

**YOUTH MAY RECEIVE UP TO 6-MONTHS REDUCTION ON THEIR BASELINE COMMITMENT AT EACH VPR
HEARING BASED ON THEIR OVERALL PROGRESS**

VOYA PROGRESS REVIEW (VPR) HEARINGS Cont..

- **THESE HEARINGS ALSO HELP THE COURT DETERMINE WHETHER THE YOUTH MAY BE AN APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR:**
 - THE YOUTH COMMUNITY OUTREACH UNIT (YCOU)
 - A LESS RESTRICTIVE PROGRAM (LRP)

YOUTH COMMUNITY OUTREACH UNIT (YCOU)

YCOU PROVIDES ELIGIBLE VOYA YOUTH WITH A STRUCTURE STEP-DOWN OPPORTUNITY THAT ALLOWS THEM TO WORK WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS DURING THE DAY WHILE RETURNING TO THE YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY IN THE AFTERNOON

- **YCOU BENEFITS BOTH THE YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY BY PROMOTING:**
 - JOB READINESS
 - RESPONSIBILITY
 - SOCIAL/WORKPLACE SKILLS
 - CRITICAL THINKING
 - LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

YCOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- PROBATION HAS ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS WITH:
 - BRADSHAW ANIMAL SHELTER
 - COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO GENERAL SERVICES
 - SACRAMENTO COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS
 - COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVES



BRADSHAW ANIMAL SHELTER
SACRAMENTO COUNTY



LESS RESTRICTIVE PROGRAMS (LRP)

- LRP'S PROVIDE YOUTH WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSITION FROM THE SECURE SETTING OF THE YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY, INTO A STRUCTURED COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT.
- THE YOUTH'S ATTORNEY CAN PRESENT AN LRP REQUEST TO THE COURT. IF THE COURT AGREES WITH THE REQUEST, AN LRP HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED.

LESS RESTRICTIVE PROGRAMS (LRP) HEARING

- **AT THE LRP HEARING, THE YOUTH'S ATTORNEY PRESENTS A CASE PLAN THAT OUTLINES THE PROPOSED TRANSITION FROM CUSTODY TO THE COMMUNITY:**
 - HOUSING AND PLACEMENT
 - EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS
 - COUNSELING AND TREATMENT SERVICES
 - COMMUNITY SUPPORTS
 - TRANSPORTATION
 - INDIVIDUALIZED CONDITIONS BASED ON THE YOUTH'S NEEDS

**YOUTH PLACED IN A LRP CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARD THEIR VOYA
BASELINE TERM WHILE RESIDING IN THE COMMUNITY**

EXAMPLES OF LESS RESTRICTIVE PROGRAMS (LRPS)

CONTRACTED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS & EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT

- **CONTRACTED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS**
 - PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER
 - ELIJAH HOUSE
 - GOOD CAUSE
- **EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT**
 - LAKE TAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE & SIERRA COLLEGE (RISING SCHOLARS)
 - UC DAVIS (UNDERGROUND SCHOLARS)
 - CSU: SACRAMENTO (PROJECT REBOUND)

EXAMPLES OF LESS RESTRICTIVE PROGRAMS (LRPS)

PINE GROVE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP & FAMILY PLACEMENT

- **PINE GROVE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP**

- PROVIDES EDUCATION, TRAUMA-INFORMED TREATMENT, CONSERVATION TRAINING AND FIREFIGHTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELIGIBLE YOUTH UP TO AGE 25

- **FAMILY PLACEMENT**

- ACCOMPANIED WITH A STRICT SCHOOL AND/OR WORK PLAN

PROBATION CONTINUOUSLY WORKS TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL LRP OPPORTUNITIES THAT SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUALIZED NEEDS OF EACH YOUTH.

VOYA RE-ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY

- ONCE YOUTH COMPLETES THE CUSTODIAL PORTION OF THEIR VOYA COMMITMENT, THEY TRANSITION BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY UNDER VOYA RE-ENTRY SERVICES
- YOUTH MUST COMPLY WITH ALL COURT-ORDERED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROBATION
- RE-ENTRY OFFICERS' MONITORS COMPLIANCE, PROVIDES SUPPORT, COORDINATES SERVICES AND WORKS COLLABORATIVELY WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP THE YOUTH SUCCESSFULLY REINTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY

THANK YOU!

