

**Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee**

**Annual Agenda<sup>1</sup>—2024**

**Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: March 14, 2024**

**I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

<b>Chair:</b>	Hon. Lawrence G. Brown, Chair, Judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County
<b>Lead Staff:</b>	Ms. Deanna Adams, Supervising Analyst, Criminal Justice Services Ms. Carrie Zoller, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

**Committee’s Charge/Membership:**

[Rule 10.56 \(a\)](#) of the California Rules of Court states the charge of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee, which is to make recommendations to the Judicial Council on criteria for evaluating and improving adult and youth collaborative programs that incorporate judicial supervision, collaboration among justice system partners, or rehabilitative services.

[Rule 10.56 \(b\)](#) sets forth additional duties of the committee:

1. Make recommendations to the council on best practices and guidelines for collaborative programs;
2. Assess and measure the success of collaborative programs, including assessing and recommending methods for collecting data to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs;
3. Identify and disseminate to trial courts locally generated and nationally recognized best practices for collaborative programs, and training and program implementation activities that support collaborative programs;
4. Recommend to the Center for Judicial Education and Research Advisory Committee minimum judicial education standards on collaborative programs, and educational activities to support those standards;
5. Advise the council of potential funding sources, including those that may advance collaborative programs;
6. Make allocation recommendations regarding Judicial Council-administered grant funding programs that support collaborative programs; and
7. Identify and disseminate appropriate outreach activities needed to support collaborative programs, including but not limited to collaborations with educational institutions, professional associations, and community-based organizations.

[Rule 10.56 \(c\)](#) sets forth the membership position of the committee. The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee currently has 23 members (nine judicial officers, two court administrators, one district attorney, one criminal defense attorney, one law enforcement officer, one treatment court coordinator, one probation officer, one treatment provider, one treatment court graduate, one representative from the mental

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<sup>1</sup> The annual agenda outlines the work a committee will focus on in the coming year and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and the Judicial Council staff resources.

health field, one social services representative, one non-profit community organization representative, and two public members). The current committee [roster](#) is available on the committee's web page.

**Subcommittees/Working Groups<sup>2</sup>:**

1. Juvenile Subcommittee
2. Mental Health Subcommittee (including the joint subcommittee with the Criminal Law Advisory Committee to review mental health legislation)
3. Veterans in the Court and Military Families Subcommittee
4. Racial Justice Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee (*New*, previous ad hoc workgroup was approved on the 2022 Annual Agenda)

**Meetings Planned for 2024<sup>3</sup> (Advisory body and all subcommittees and working groups)**

Date/Time/Location or Teleconference:

1. Full in-person committee meeting in summer or fall 2024, if possible.
2. Teleconferences every fourth Wednesday of the month.
3. Subcommittee and working group meetings as needed.

Check here if exception to policy is granted by Executive Office or rule of court.

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<sup>2</sup> California Rules of Court, [rule 10.30 \(c\)](#) allows an advisory body to form subgroups, composed entirely of current members of the advisory body, to carry out the body's duties, subject to available resources, with the approval of its oversight committee.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to [Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies](#) for governance on in-person meetings.

## II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

#	New or One-Time Projects <sup>4</sup>	
1.	<b>Project Title: Monitor Opportunities to Enhance the Role of Collaborative Programs in Connecting Participants to Treatment and Rehabilitation Services</b>	<b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b> <b>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> IV</b>
<p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> This project was initiated in response to courts’ requests for information about opportunities and challenges arising out of state-level changes to mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health service that may impact court administration for collaborative courts and division programs. The committee will monitor state-level changes and, if appropriate, develop informational resources for the courts. State-level changes of particular concern are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state’s Medi-Cal transformation under California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) and its Justice Involved Initiatives;</li> <li>• Drug Medi-Cal;</li> <li>• The Governor’s forthcoming 2024 ballot initiative, Modernizing Our Behavioral Health System &amp; Building More Mental Health Housing, which would revise the distribution and use of Mental Health Service Act funds, a funding source regularly leveraged by local justice partners to provide services to collaborative court and diversion participants; and</li> <li>• Senate Bill 326 (Stat. 2023, ch. 790), which serves as enacting legislation if the 2024 ballot initiative is approved by voters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing from Criminal Justice Services and Governmental Affairs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p>		

<sup>4</sup> All proposed projects for the year must be included on the Annual Agenda. If a project implements policy or is a program, identify it as *implementation* or a *program* in the project description and attach the Judicial Council authorization/assignment or prior approved Annual Agenda to this Annual Agenda.

<sup>5</sup> For non-rules and forms projects, select priority level 1 (must be done) or 2 (should be done). For rules and forms proposals, select one of the following priority levels: 1(a) Urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law; 1(b) Council or an internal committee has directed the committee to consider new or amended rules and forms; 1(c) Change is urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public; 1(d) Proposal is otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk. 2(a) Useful, but not necessary, to implement changes in law; 2(b) Responsive to identified concerns or problems; 2(c) Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

<sup>6</sup> Indicate which goal number of The Strategic Plan for California’s Judicial Branch the project most closely aligns.

<sup>7</sup> A key objective is a strategic aim, purpose, or “end of action” to be achieved for the coming year.

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	<p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local trial courts and justice system partners, California Department of Health Care Services, California Department of Health and Human Services, and County Behavioral Health Directors Association.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>	
2.	<b>Project Title: Mental Health Diversion Training</b>	<b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b>
	<p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> Mental health diversion training for courts and their local justice partners held remotely or in-person, subject to travel authorization. This project will support court implementation of new legislation impacting metal health diversion under Penal Code section 1001.36. Senate Bill 317 (Stat. 2021, ch. 599) repealed the restoration process for persons found incompetent to stand trial and who are charged with only misdemeanors or a violation of probation for a misdemeanor and authorized the courts to suspend criminal proceedings and take certain actions, including granting mental health pretrial diversion or dismissing charges. Senate Bill 184 (Stat. 2022, ch. 47) amended competency proceedings and court processes for persons found incompetent to stand trial and who are charged with at least one felony or a violation of probation for a felony and amended mental health pretrial diversion legislation. Senate Bill 1223 (Stat. 2022, ch. 735) and Assembly Bill 1412 (Stat. 2023, ch 687) further amended mental health pretrial diversion legislation by changing eligibility and suitability criteria. Assembly Bill 455 (Stat. 2023, ch. 236) amended mental health pretrial diversion to prohibit a participant from owning or possessing a firearm until they successfully complete diversion. This project will build upon judicial officer training offered under the 2023 Annual Agenda by developing and providing a training program for county teams comprising judicial officers, court staff, and local justice partners supporting mental health diversion.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Fall 2024.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> This work will be supported in part by Department of State Hospitals Interagency Agreement funds and existing resources and staffing from Criminal Justice Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local trial courts and justice system partners, California Department of State Hospitals, and County Behavioral Health Directors Association.</p>	

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	<i>AC Collaboration:</i> None.	
3.	<b><i>Project Title:</i></b> Update Standards of Judicial Administration	<b><i>Priority</i></b> <sup>5</sup> 2
		<b><i>Strategic Plan Goal</i></b> <sup>6</sup> IV
	<p><b><i>Project Summary</i></b><sup>7</sup>: This project seeks to update the Standards of Judicial Administration, standard 4.10 (Guidelines for diversion drug court programs), to better address judicial leadership and court responses impacting collaborative justice courts and diversion programs. The amendments would seek to (1) update the scope of standard 4.10 to more accurately align with the evolution of collaborative courts, and (2) updated the reference to national drug court standards to ensure standard 4.10 reflects current national treatment court best practices. This project would additionally seek the creation of a new standard of judicial administration focused on the role of courts in advising court users that certain provisions of the law are specifically designed for individuals who have active duty or veteran status and mechanisms to inform the court of their military status to the courts.</p> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> A proposal will be developed for submission to the Rules Committee in Fall 2024.</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Criminal Justice Services staff will prepare the proposal for the committee.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> Local trial courts and justice system partners.</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> Rules Committee.</p>	
4.	<b><i>Project Title:</i></b> Juvenile Collaborative Court Resource Repository	<b><i>Priority</i></b> <sup>5</sup> 1
		<b><i>Strategic Plan Goal</i></b> <sup>6</sup> 1, IV
	<p><b><i>Project Summary</i></b><sup>7</sup>: Create a repository of resources available for juvenile collaborative courts to help them start or improve their collaborative courts. Resource materials will be developed based on program manuals and other materials currently in use, as well as available research on effective practices, such as the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines. This project was begun as part of the 2023 annual agenda and is currently in progress.</p>	

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	<p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Winter 2024.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing from Center for Families, Children &amp; the Courts.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> None.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>

#	<b>Ongoing Projects and Activities<sup>4</sup></b>	
1.	<b><i>Project Title: Substance Abuse Focus Grant Allocations</i></b>	<b><i>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</i></b>
	<b><i>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> IV</i></b>	
<p><b><i>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</i></b> Implement the directives of the Judicial Council to allocate and administer the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant (SAFG), a legislatively mandated grant program, distributing funds from the State budget that are earmarked for collaborative and drug court projects that support local collaborative justice and drug courts throughout California, as well as supplementing dependency drug courts with federal funding from the Court Improvement Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to the Judicial Council on grant activities.</li> <li>• Recommend to the Judicial Council grant allocations to local courts based on the Judicial Council approved allocation methodology.</li> <li>• Review biannual reports regarding funding distribution, invoicing, budgets, and deliverables reports from local courts.</li> <li>• Recommend methods of allocation and grants administration, if needed, for next annual funding cycle.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Status/Timeline:</i></b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b><i>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</i></b> Funded through external earmarked funding for collaborative and drug courts. Resources include council staff from the Judicial Council’s Budget Services and Branch Accounting and Procurement.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i></b> Local courts, collaborative court coordinators, and California Association of Youth Courts.</p> <p><b><i>AC Collaboration:</i></b> None.</p>		
2.	<b><i>Project Title: Parolee Reentry Court Grant Allocations</i></b>	<b><i>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</i></b>
	<b><i>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> IV</i></b>	
<p><b><i>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</i></b> Continue the work of the Parolee Reentry Court program that distributes approximately \$1.1 million from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) through the Judicial Council to six parolee reentry courts. Funding for</p>		

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	<p>the project is reevaluated annually by CDCR. This project involves the identification of potential longer term, ongoing funding to assist parolee reentry courts in program planning in future years.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Current funding will expire June 30, 2024.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Resources include council staff from the Judicial Council’s Budget Services and Branch Accounting and Procurement.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local courts.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Project Title:</b> Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Allocation</p>	<p><b>Priority<sup>5</sup></b> 1</p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup></b> IV</p>
	<p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> Make recommendations for the allocation and administration of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP). Byrne SCIP provides federal funding for the creation and/or implementation of specialized court-based programs, such as drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans treatment courts that address the behavioral health needs of individuals likely to commit or become victims of gun violence. Byrne SCIP funding will be awarded annually over a four-year program period and will allow the Judicial Council to provide funding, training, and technical assistance to local courts. This funding is authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117- 159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Approximately \$15 million will be allocated to the courts and Judicial Council to implement the program. Resources include council staff from Criminal Justice Services, Budget Services, and Branch Accounting and Procurement.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p>	

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	<p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local courts and the California Board of State and Community Corrections.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Project Title: Assist Local Courts with Obtaining Funding and In-Kind Assistance for Local Collaborative Programs, such as Federal or State Grants or Ongoing Funding</b></p>	<p><b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b></p>
	<p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> Distribute information on grants and other funding opportunities and assist local courts, upon their request, to obtain funding and other assistance for local collaborative programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify funding and support efforts to increase funding for courts in collaboration with partners that may include, but are not limited to, the California State Legislature, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Court Improvement Program, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support existing and planned collaborative courts.</li> <li>• Assist local courts in identifying appropriate federal grant opportunities and preparing applications for funding of collaborative programs through the federal funding cycle.</li> <li>• Share findings from collaborative court outcome and cost studies, as well as compiled reports and studies from local collaborative courts, with collaborative court coordinators in quarterly meetings to assist courts in seeking local, federal, and private funding.</li> <li>• Explore and pursue potential avenues for permanent funding, including the potential submission of a Budget Change Proposal, and encourage the expansion of local treatment and evaluation capacity, as appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Increases funding for local courts.</p> <p>☒ <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local trial courts and justice system partners, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Association of Youth Courts, National Center for State Courts, and Center for Justice Innovation.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>	

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5.	<b>Project Title: Mental Health: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices</b>	<b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b>
<p data-bbox="195 326 1980 440"><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> Identify priority policy issues and best practices for improving court responses to individuals with mental illness in the court system through legislation tracking, continued support for education, research, and the improved dissemination of information as outlined below.</p> <ul data-bbox="254 448 1980 919" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Track and review proposed legislation that impacts mental health in adult criminal, family law, dependency, and juvenile justice cases; identify emerging mental health legislation, policies, and best practices in areas such as competency restoration, diversion, and conservatorship cases to advocate for improvements, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Track, review, and comment, as appropriate, on all proposed rules and regulations of State departments and agencies that relate to individuals with mental illness who become court involved.</li> <li>• Continue to support education, research, and the improved dissemination of information, including increasing the accessibility and relevancy of mental health resources on the California Courts website, and identify training and program implementation needs that support collaborative programs.</li> <li>• Assist in identifying emerging issues and needs for litigants with mental illness, such as accommodation needs, issues related to incompetence to stand trial, informed consent, confidentiality, accessing services, and serving veterans and military families.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities for collaboration with mental health stakeholders, programs, and initiatives (e.g., Stepping Up Initiative and Words to Deeds).</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="195 976 554 1008"><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p data-bbox="195 1052 1394 1084"><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p data-bbox="195 1097 1980 1170"><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p> <p data-bbox="195 1219 1461 1252"><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local courts and California Association of Collaborative Courts.</p> <p data-bbox="195 1300 537 1333"><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>		

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6.	<b>Project Title: Juvenile Collaborative Justice Courts: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices</b>	<b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b> <b>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> IV</b>
<p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> Identify priority policy issues and best practices regarding juvenile collaborative justice courts in areas such as juvenile mental health courts, truancy, youth courts, trafficking, girls’ court, and delinquency and family treatment courts. Continue work in support of youth and peer courts, including holding the annual Youth Summit in partnership with the California Association of Youth Courts, and providing local assistance to courts seeking to implement or improve their peer court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to provide subject matter expertise and guidance by developing and maintaining updates of briefing papers on evidence-based practices on assessments, juvenile collaborative courts, and human trafficking.</li> <li>• Create webinars and other online education that will assist judicial officers, court staff, attorneys, and others working in juvenile collaborative courts.</li> <li>• Support local efforts to provide appropriate mental health screenings, access services, and medication assessments.</li> <li>• Consult with Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee on ways juvenile collaborative courts can help meet the needs of the juvenile court.</li> <li>• Continue to provide subject matter expertise on educational and training programs that focus on substance use disorders and enhanced educational support in delinquency and dependency cases.</li> <li>• Assist in branch coordination efforts to address permanency for children in foster care by providing subject matter expertise and guidance to promote and expand the use of Family Treatment Courts as a best practice model.</li> <li>• Provide education and technical assistance in the area of the needs of homeless youth.</li> <li>• Provide subject matter expertise to the National Center for Youth Law for their work developing juvenile mental health related bench guides, information sheets, and webinars on accessing services.</li> <li>• Consult with youth and those with lived experience in identifying priorities and development of tools and resources.</li> </ul> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p>		

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	<p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, National Center for Youth Law, and California Association of Youth Courts.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee.</p>	
7.	<b>Project Title: Veterans and Military Families: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices</b>	<b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b>
	<p><b>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> IV</b></p> <p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> Identify priority policy issues and best practices regarding Veterans and Military Families in areas such as legislation tracking and continued support for the Veterans Treatment Court Strategic plan developed in coordination with the Center for Court Innovation and the California Association of Collaborative Courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review, track, and provide comment on legislation that impacts veterans treatment courts and involve veterans and military families, as appropriate.</li> <li>• Leverage judicial education programs to disseminate training materials, resources, and education job aids to assist judges, court staff, and veterans’ stakeholders to better serve justice involved veterans and military families.</li> <li>• Continue to support the improved dissemination of information relevant to veterans and military families by updating the Veterans Treatment Courts webpage on the California Courts website.</li> <li>• Update and review Veterans Treatment Courts roster to ensure accuracy of information.</li> <li>• Coordinate with system partners including, American Bar Association, the State Bar, California Lawyers Association, United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), local veterans agencies, veterans advocacy and affinity groups, and homeless groups to follow trends and developments regarding court-involved veterans and military families, and to seek opportunities to collaborate in providing education and resources to court staff and partners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</p>	

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	<p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Judges Association, and Center for Justice Innovation.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Project Title: Conduct Multidisciplinary Education to Support Effective Practices and Beneficial Outcomes in Collaborative Programs; Identify and Distribute Information on New or Pending Policy Changes</b></p>	<p><b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b></p>
	<p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> Continue to develop and execute educational and training programs that support the development of effective practices and beneficial outcomes in collaborative programs. Outreach activities may include notifying collaborative programs of policy changes that may be of impact (mental health or competency issues, diversion, or human trafficking, etc.) and identifying promising practices developed in response to the changes. Educational and training activities include developing educational recommendations and assisting in the implementation of judicial and multi-disciplinary education curricula in areas related to collaborative justice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to collaborative with justice system partners on training activities. Partners may include, but are not limited to, California Association of Collaborative Courts (CACC), California Lawyers Association, the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, County Behavioral Health Director Association (CBHDA), Council of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH), All Rise (formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals), National Drug Court Institute Justice for Vets, the California Association of Youth Courts (CAYC), the Department of Veterans Affairs, California Judges Association (CJA), Center for Justice Innovation, and the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, and ABA Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking.</li> <li>• Continue to work with the CJER Advisory Committee to make recommendations for and assist in the implementation of judicial and multidisciplinary education curricula in the area of collaborative justice. This includes providing guidance to committee staff regarding the preparation of collaborative justice-related educational toolkits and job aids and identification of faculty.</li> <li>• Continue to distribute information on effective practices through regular webinars, and hosting listservs for collaborative court and mental health professionals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Ongoing.</p>	

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	<p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> Provides distance and in-person education for local courts at a reduced cost; provides information regarding effective/efficient court practices to reduce case processing costs and recidivism. Resources include council staff from Public Affairs and CJER.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Judges Association, All Rise (formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals), and Center for Justice Innovation.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Project Title: Report to the Judicial Council on Improving Equity and Inclusion in Collaborative Programs, and Recommendations on Priority Policy Areas for Addressing Equity Efforts and Challenges Across California’s Collaborative Programs</b></p>	<p><b>Priority<sup>5</sup> 1</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Goal<sup>6</sup> I, V</b></p>
	<p><b>Project Summary<sup>7</sup>:</b> The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee (CJCAC) convened an ad hoc working group in 2022 to identify best practices and priority policy areas for improving equity within collaborative programs. The working group began developing a report to the Judicial Council, as approved under its 2023 Annual Agenda. The committee will conclude the drafting of the report, which will include recommendations for improving equity, inclusion, access, and outcomes in collaborative programs.</p> <p><b>Status/Timeline:</b> Final report to be submitted in 2024.</p> <p><b>Fiscal Impact/Resources:</b> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing from Criminal Justice Services.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. We will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure their review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><b>Internal/External Stakeholders:</b> Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and local courts.</p> <p><b>AC Collaboration:</b> None.</p>	

### III. LIST OF 2023 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Administered the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant and the Dependency Drug Court Augmentation. Recommended a new allocation formula based on population to the Judicial Council, which adopted the recommendation.
2.	Youth Courts: With the California Association of Collaborative courts, held the in-person 2023 Annual Youth Court Summit. With the theme “Justice 101” this virtual three-day convening featured sessions designed to improve youth courts, including workshops on youth court models, substance use disorders, restorative justice, and bias.
3.	Provided guidance on the development of new juvenile mental health webinars, bench cards and bench guides posted on the <a href="#">Mental Health webpage</a> of the California Court’s website.
4.	Hosted an in-person training for judicial officers on recent amendments to mental health diversion legislation that included a hybrid session to accomodate remote attendees focused on diversion in cases moving through the competence to stand trial process. The training reached approximately 40 judicial officers from 13 counties and the Temporary Assigned Judges Program.
5.	Training for competence to stand trial evaluators: Hosted a hybrid training for current and prospective evaluators used by courts in competence to stand trial proceedings. The November 2023 training reached over 380 attendees joining both in-person and remotely.
6.	Conducted three quarterly virtual meetings for collaborative court coordinators where participants discussed best practices used in local programs and identified solutions to local challenges arising out of policy changes and other impacts to collaborative programs. Over 120 participants attended these meetings.
7.	<p>In partnership with the California Association of Collaborative Courts, hosted five sessions at the association’s 2023 Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary session: Placing in Context: New Laws Involving Veterans and Their Families.</li> <li>• Plenary session: Equity and Inclusion.</li> <li>• Breakout session: Homeless Court Programs: Best Practices for the Implementation of a Provider-Centered Model and Tools for the Transition of an Existing Program to a Provider-Centered Model.</li> <li>• Breakout session: Developing and Strengthening your Court Action Plan to Improve Racial Equity and Inclusion in Collaborative Courts; California Collaborative Court Data Improvement Project.</li> <li>• A series of Reentry Simulation workshops.</li> </ul>