

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee

Annual Agenda¹—2026

Approved by Executive and Planning Committee: November 18, 2025

I. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Chair:	Hon. Charles A. Smiley, III, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, District One
Lead Staff:	Ms. Carrie Zoller, Supervising Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts Ms. Emily Chirk, Senior Analyst, Criminal Justice Services
<p>Advisory Body's Charge/Membership:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Rule 10.56(b) sets forth additional duties of the advisory body:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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; and7. 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 organization. <p>Rule 10.56(c) sets forth the membership position of the advisory body. The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee currently has 20 members (nine judicial officers, two court administrators, one district attorney, one criminal defense attorney, one treatment court coordinator,</p>	

¹ The Annual Agenda outlines the work an advisory body will focus on in the coming year or cycle and identifies areas of collaboration with other advisory bodies and Judicial Council staff resources.

one probation officer, one treatment provider, one representative from the mental health field, one non-profit community organization representative, and two public members). The current advisory body [roster](#) is available on the advisory body’s webpage.

Subgroups of the Advisory Body²:

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

Advisory Body and Subgroup Meetings Planned for 2026³

- Videoconferences every fourth Wednesday of the month.
- Subcommittee meetings as needed.

☐ Check here if in-person meeting is approved by the internal committee oversight chair.

² For the definition of “subcommittee” see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.30(c); for “working group,” see rule 10.70; for “workstream,” see rule 10.53(c); and for “education curriculum committee,” see rule 10.50(c)(6).

³ Refer to section IV. 2 (Meeting frequency) of the [Operating Standards for Judicial Council Advisory Bodies](#) for governance on in-person meetings.

Note: Because of the current budget and staffing constraints, advisory body chairs and staff must first consider meeting remotely. The chair of the Executive and Planning Committee is extending the suspension of advisory body in-person meetings for the 2025–2026 annual agenda cycle. If an in-person meeting is needed, the responsible Judicial Council office head must seek approval from their advisory body’s internal oversight committee chair. Please see the prioritization memo dated July 1, 2025, for additional details.

II. COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Priority Levels and Branch Goals Key:

Refer to the following key for populating your project priority levels and branch goals. For each Priority Level 1 proposal, the advisory body **must** provide a specific reason why it should be done this year and how it fits within the identified category. If an advisory committee is interested in pursuing any Priority Level 2 proposals, please include justification as to why the proposal should be approved at this time.

Priority Levels for Non-Rules/Forms	
1	Must be done
2	Should be done
Priority Levels for Rules/Forms Proposals	
1a (Legal Compliance)	Proposal urgently needed to conform to or accurately reflect the law.
1b (Council Directive)	Council has directed the committee to consider new or amended rules and forms.
1c (Urgent Remedial Action)	Change is urgently needed to remedy a problem that is causing significant cost or inconvenience to the courts or the public.
1d (Financial/ Legal Risk Mitigation)	Proposal is otherwise urgent and necessary, such as a proposal that would mitigate exposure to immediate or severe financial or legal risk.
2a (Useful Changes in Law)	Useful, but not necessary, to implement changes in law.
2b (Responsive to Concerns)	Responsive to identified concerns or problems.
2c (Helpful Advancing Branch Goals)	Helpful in otherwise advancing Judicial Council goals and objectives.

Judicial Branch Strategic Plan–Branch Goals	
I.	<u>Access, Fairness, Diversity, and Inclusion</u>
II.	<u>Independence and Accountability</u>
III.	<u>Modernization of Management and Administration</u>
IV.	<u>Quality of Justice and Service to the Public</u>
V.	<u>Education for Branchwide Professional Excellence</u>
VI.	<u>Branchwide Infrastructure for Service Excellence</u>
VII.	<u>Adequate, Stable, and Predictable Funding for a Fully Functioning Branch</u>

#	New or One-Time Projects								
1.	Project Title: Juvenile Behavioral Health Judicial Resource Guide (New)	Priority: 2							
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	<p>Project Summary: The committee will develop a user-friendly guide for judges and court professionals working in juvenile collaborative courts to educate them on the various types of mental health therapies, services, and other resources available for youth in their communities. The objective of the project is to help courts working with youth and families better serve those populations.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: This project is anticipated for completion by December 31, 2026.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing from the Center for Families, Children & the Courts.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Juvenile courts and justice system partners.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Center for Judicial Education and Resources Advisory Committee</p>								
2.	Project Title: Monitor Opportunities to Enhance the Role of Collaborative Programs in Connecting Participants to Treatment and Rehabilitation Services (One-Time)	Priority: 1							
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	<p>Project Summary: In response to requests from courts, the committee will monitor state and federal changes to mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health services that impact collaborative programs. The committee will explore opportunities to develop informational resources, if appropriate, to support court responses to those changes. State and federal changes may include, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Medicaid policy and guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Medi-Cal transformation under California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) and its Justice-Involved Initiatives; 								

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	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug Medi-Cal;• Proposition 1 (approved by voters in March 2024), Modernizing Our Behavioral Health System & Building More Mental Health Housing. Prop. 1 revises the distribution and use of Behavioral Health Service Act funds, a funding source regularly leveraged by local justice partners to provide services to collaborative court and diversion participants; and• Proposition 36 (approved by voters in November 2024), Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act, which made changes to penalties for certain drug and theft crimes. The changes include the creation of Treatment-Mandared Felony Act.</div> <p>This project was started as part of the 2024 annual agenda. It remains in progress to monitor the ongoing state and federal changes that continue to impact behavioral health services and funding availability.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: This project is anticipated for completion by December 31, 2027.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The ongoing work is conducted using existing resources and staffing from Criminal Justice Services, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and Governmental Affairs.</p> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i></div> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: 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>AC Collaboration: None.</p>						
3.	Project Title: Update Standards of Judicial Administration (<i>One-Time</i>)					Priority: 1	
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	<p>Project Summary: The committee will continue to update the Standards of Judicial Administration, standard 4.10 (Guidelines for diversion drug court programs), to fulfill the requirements of Senate Bill 910 (Stats. 2024, ch. 641). SB 910 requires the Judicial Council to amend the Standards of Judicial Administration to reflect state and nationally recognized best practices and guidelines for adult collaborative treatment court programs.</p> <p>This project was started as part of the 2024 annual agenda prior to the introduction of SB 910. It continues in progress to incorporate the statutory requirements specified in the bill.</p>						

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	<p><i>Status/Timeline:</i> Anticipate circulating for comment in winter 2025, for an effective date of July 1, 2026.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources:</i> This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing from Criminal Justice Services and Center for Families, Children & the Courts; the Joint Rules Subcommittee of Trial Court Presiding Judges and Court Executive Advisory Committees (TCPJAC/CEAC JRS) will review proposals for court operations impacts as necessary.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts. <i>Advisory body staff will coordinate with Budget Services to ensure its review of relevant materials.</i></p> <p><i>Internal/External Stakeholders:</i> Trial courts and justice system partners.</p> <p><i>AC Collaboration:</i> Criminal Law Advisory Committee and Rules Committee.</p>

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1.	Project Title: Substance Abuse Focus Grant Allocations (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
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	<p>Project Summary: 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"> • Report to the Judicial Council on grant activities. • Recommend to the Judicial Council grant allocations to local courts based on the Judicial Council approved allocation methodology. • Review biannual reports regarding funding distribution, invoicing, budgets, and deliverables reports from local courts. • Recommend methods of allocation and grants administration, if needed, for next annual funding cycle. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: 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"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and collaborative court coordinators.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>								
2.	Project Title: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Allocation (<i>Implementation Project</i>)	Priority: 1							
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	<p>Project Summary: Make recommendations for the allocation and administration of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP). Byrne SCIP provides federal funding for certain specialized court-based programs that address the behavioral health needs of people likely to commit or become victims of gun violence. Specialized programs include drug courts, mental health courts, and veterans treatment courts. Byrne SCIP 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. Subject to the availability of federal funding, the Judicial Council may provide funding, training, and technical assistance to local courts.</p> <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: The funding amount will be determined by the federal government. Funds received by the Judicial Council will be allocated to the courts. Resources include council staff from Criminal Justice Services, Budget Services, and Branch Accounting and Procurement.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and the California Board of State and Community Corrections.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>								
3.	<p>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 (<i>Implementation Project</i>)</p> <p>Supported Strategic Plan Branch Goals:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>I Access <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>II Independence <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>III Modernization <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>IV Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>V Education <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>VI Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>VII Funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	I Access <input type="checkbox"/>	II Independence <input type="checkbox"/>	III Modernization <input type="checkbox"/>	IV Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	V Education <input type="checkbox"/>	VI Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/>	VII Funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Priority: 1</p>
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	<p>Project Summary: Distribute information on state and federal funding opportunities that may support collaborative programs and assist local courts with pursuing funding resources. Additional project activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying federal and state grant opportunities. Collaborating with justice partners to support efforts to increase funding for courts. Partners may include, among others, the California State Legislature, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Juvenile Court Improvement Program. Assisting courts in preparing grant applications. This may include, among other activities, sharing research findings on collaborative court outcome and cost studies, compiling reports and studies from local collaborative courts, and providing letters of support. Pursuing opportunities to secure permanent funding. This may include exploring the Budget Change Proposal process and encouraging the expansion of local treatment and evaluation capacity, as appropriate. 								

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	<p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: Increases funding for local courts.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local trial courts and justice system partners, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Association of Youth Courts, and National Center for State Courts.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>								
4.	<p>Project Title: Mental Health: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (<i>Implementation Project</i>)</p>	<p>Priority: 1</p>							
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	<p>Project Summary: Identify priority policy issues and best practices for improving court responses to individuals with mental illness. Project activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking the legislation impacting mental health in adult criminal, family law, dependency, and juvenile justice cases. This includes reviewing legislation and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. Identifying emerging mental health legislation, policies, and best practices to advocate for improvements, as appropriate. Topic areas may include, among others, incompetence to stand trial, diversion, and conservatorship. Identifying the emerging needs of court users with mental illness, as well as promising practices that respond to those needs. Topic areas may include, among others, court accommodations, informed consent, confidentiality, and accessing services. Tracking proposed rules and regulations by State departments and agencies that may impact people with mental illness who become court involved. This includes reviewing proposals and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. Supporting judicial education programs. This includes disseminating training, educational resources, research, and best practices for responding to mental health issues impacting collaborative programs. Making recommendations to committee staff on updates to the mental health court webpage and the behavioral health resources webpage on the California Courts website. Identifying opportunities to collaborate with mental health stakeholders, programs, and statewide initiatives. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p>								

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5.	<p>Project Title: Juvenile Collaborative Justice Courts: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (Implementation Project)</p>	<p>Priority: 1</p>							
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	<p>Project Summary: 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. Additional project activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing subject matter expertise and guidance by developing and maintaining up-to-date briefing papers on evidence-based practices, including juvenile assessments, juvenile collaborative courts, and human trafficking. • Creating webinars and other online education that will assist judicial officers, court staff, attorneys, and others working in juvenile collaborative courts. • Supporting local efforts to provide appropriate behavioral health screenings, access services, and medication assessments. • Consulting with Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee on ways juvenile collaborative courts can help meet the needs of the juvenile court. • Providing subject matter expertise on educational and training programs focused on substance use disorders and enhanced educational support in delinquency and dependency cases. • Assisting 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. • Providing education and technical assistance on the needs of homeless youth and families. This includes topics such as educational rights and issues of disproportionality. • Providing 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. • Consulting with youth and those with lived experience in identifying priorities and development of tools and resources. 								

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6.	<p>Project Title: Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (Implementation Project)</p>	<p>Priority: 1</p>							
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	<p>Project Summary: Identify best practices and priority policy issues for improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in collaborative programs. Project activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking the legislation that impacts diversity, equity, and inclusion within collaborative court and diversion programs. This includes reviewing legislation and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. Identifying emerging research, policies, and best practices impacting areas such as participant eligibility, program access, participation in rehabilitative treatment and social services, and participant outcomes. Supporting judicial education programs. This includes disseminating training, educational resources, research, and best practices for addressing racial and other inequities within collaborative programs. Creating educational resources to assist collaborative programs in adhering to best practices and improving program access. This may include developing webinars, toolkits, job aids, and educational resources for judicial officers, court staff, and justice partners. Providing subject matter expertise on educational and training programs to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion are embedded in learning objectives. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p>								

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	<p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts and the California Association of Collaborative Courts.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: Advisory Committee on Providing Access and Fairness and Tribal Court-State Court Forum.</p>								
7.	<p>Project Title: Veterans and Military Families: Identify Priority Issues and Best Practices (Implementation Project)</p>	<p>Priority: 1</p>							
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	<p>Project Summary: Identify priority policy issues and best practices regarding veterans treatment court and military diversion. Project activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the Veterans Treatment Court Strategic Plan developed in coordination with the Center for Court Innovation and the California Association of Collaborative Courts. Tracking legislation impacting veterans treatment courts and veterans and military families, as appropriate. This includes reviewing legislation and providing comment and technical assistance when necessary. Supporting judicial education programs. This includes disseminating training materials, resources, and job aids to assist judges, court staff, and veterans' stakeholders to better serve justice involved veterans and military families. Making recommendations to committee staff on updates to the veterans treatment courts webpage on the California Courts website. Collaborating with justice partners to follow trends impacting court-involved veterans and military families and to identify training activities. Partners may include the American Bar Association, the State Bar, California Lawyers Association, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, California Department of Veterans Affairs, local veterans agencies, veterans advocacy and affinity groups, and social services groups. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: This work will be conducted using existing resources and staffing.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, and California Judges Association.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: None.</p>								

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8.	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 (Implementation Project)	Priority: 1							
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<p>Project Summary: Promote effective practices and positive outcomes in collaborative programs through education and training. Project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifying collaborative programs of relevant policy changes and identifying promising practices that respond to those changes. • Developing educational recommendations related to collaborative justice. This includes working with the CJER Advisory Committee to recommend judicial and multidisciplinary education curricula, identifying faculty and other subject matter experts, and providing guidance to committee staff when developing educational toolkits and job aids. • Collaborating with justice partners on training activities. Partners may include, among others, All Rise (formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals), California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Lawyers Association, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, County Behavioral Health Director Association, Forensic Mental Health Association of California, National Drug Court Institute Justice for Vets, the California Association of Youth Courts, the Department of Veterans Affairs, California Judges Association, Center for Justice Innovation, the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, and ABA Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking. • Distributing resources on effective practices through webinars and listservs. <p>Status/Timeline: Ongoing.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact/Staff Resources: 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"/> Check this box if this project may result in an allocation or distribution of funds to the courts.</p> <p>Internal/External Stakeholders: Local courts, California Association of Collaborative Courts, California Judges Association, and All Rise.</p> <p>AC Collaboration: CJER Advisory Committee.</p>									

III. LIST OF 2025 PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#	Project Highlights and Achievements
1.	Conducted four quarterly virtual meetings for collaborative court coordinators. These meetings facilitated discussions on best practices used in local programs, hot topics important to the courts, solutions for local challenges arising out of policy changes, and other impacts to collaborative programs. More than 150 participants from over 30 counties attended these meetings.
2.	Presented the Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee report, <i>Addressing Racial Disparities and Improving Equity in California's Adult Collaborative Programs</i> , at the April 25, 2025, Judicial Council meeting.
3.	Administered the Collaborative Justice Substance Abuse Focus Grant and the Dependency Drug Court Augmentation.
4.	Advised on a budget change proposal to support the implementation of SB 910 , which requires counties and courts that choose to establish treatment court programs to ensure they are designed and operated in accordance with the state and national guidelines. Funding secured from this proposal will support training for treatment court teams and monitoring to ensure program compliance.
5.	Hosted a full-day, hybrid training on court-ordered competence to stand trial evaluations in May 2025. This training included best practices for enhancing the quality of competency reports. Over 280 current and prospective evaluators attended this training.
6.	Hosted two in-person judicial trainings on the intersection of mental health and the court system. The June 2025 training was held as part of the Cow County Judges Institute, and a standalone training was held in December 2025. This training is through the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative, a training curriculum developed by the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation.
7.	In partnership with the California Association of Collaborative Courts, hosted five sessions at the association's March 2025 conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuts & Bolts in Implementing Proposition 36 • Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative • Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: California Court Leaders Advancing Access and Fairness • Implementation of Firearm Prohibiting Policies: The Role of Collaborative Courts Under State and Federal Law • Competency to Stand Trial and Mental Health Conditions
8.	In partnership with the council's Beyond the Bench conference, hosted two sessions at the November 2025 convening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting with Young Minds - Understanding Emerging Adults and Young Adult Courts • Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative