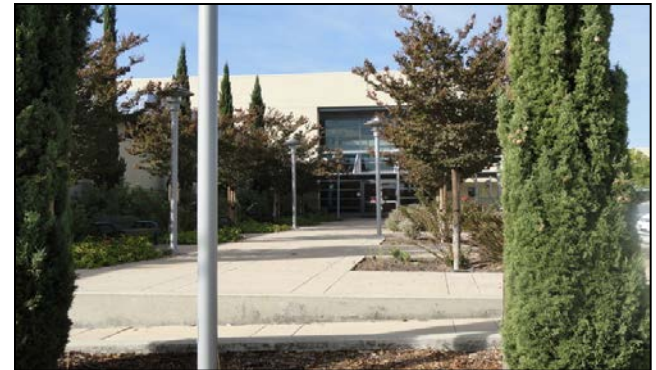


CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING IN SECURE SHORT-TERM SETTINGS



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CALIFORNIA JUVENILE JUSTICE

Probation Departments

- **Committed** to the support of public safety by providing evidence-based prevention, investigation and supervision services, **as well as to provide a safe environment for staff and youth placed in custodial care**

Mission

to join our justice partners in service and support of our communities, courts, and victims

County Offices of Education

- **Responsible for the education of youth detained in juvenile court schools** (Ed. Code 48645)
- **Creates an MOU with Probation to operate a school program within each detention facility**

Mission

to ensure academic improvement and successful transition while promoting pro-social skills



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



Probation Department

Two secure
detention facilities:

**John A. Davis
Juvenile Hall**

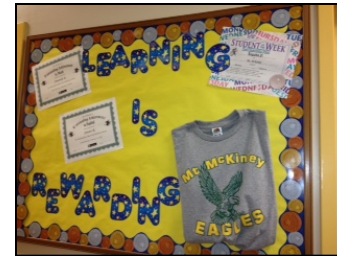


**Orin Allen Youth
Rehabilitation Facility**



An accredited school
within each facility:

Mt. McKinley School



Delta Vista High School



ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING

Cross-Agency Collaboration

- Positive relationships and mutual respect with key partners (Probation, Court Commissioners, Medical and Mental Health, and other support providers)
- Frequent communication with partner agency leaders
- Mutual trainings (extremely difficult, but hugely beneficial)



ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING

Safe Supportive Climate

- Personalized environment that fosters positive relationship with students
- Ongoing individual meetings with students
- Collaboration with Probation
- Frequent interaction with a variety of caring adults
- Expectation of positive behavior



ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING

Accurate and Timely Student Data

➤ Assessment Center

- Administer Pre-tests in Reading & Math
- Assess English language ability
- Assess writing skills (essay)

➤ Contact District

- Most recent transcript (for HS students)
- IEPs or 504 Plans from Special Education department (schedule interim placement IEP meeting ASAP)

➤ Inform Teacher

- Create student profile in Datawise
- Incorporate state mandated test data
- Create an Individual Learning Plan (with student input that includes transition goals)



ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING

Adequate Instructional Time

➤ Small Class Size

- Maximum of 15 - 20 students
- One teacher and another adult (i.e. instructional assistant or special education teacher or assistant)

➤ Block Scheduling

- 45–90 minute blocks of instructional time
- Minimize transitions



SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Tremendous Benefits

- ❑ Program gains credibility
- ❑ Staff participation in the process results in tremendous learning, growth, and buy-in
- ❑ Students benefit from program improvement

