

POST - DISPOSITION

ADVOCACY

“Making a Critical Difference in Outcomes for Youth”

Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge,
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Court

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The Expanded Role and Responsibility of the Juvenile Defender California Rule of Court: 5.663

The juvenile defender is required to examine the interests of the client beyond the scope of the delinquency proceedings and monitor and inform the court if the client has other ancillary needs that may need to be addressed or protected until relieved by the Court.

Rationale for post – disposition representation:

- promised services not provided
- placement is a bad match and adequate re-entry plans for OHP clients
- inadequate probation supervision
- youth held under dangerous or inappropriate conditions
- youth on commitments to county camps or DJJ without counsel for add times, revocation proceedings, parole release advocacy, adequate re-entry plans and services
- Motions to reduce felony wobblers for record sealing

Attorney and Youth Advocate/Social Worker
Specialists

“A Model in Holistic Representation of the
Child”

- **Senior Licensed Clinical Social Worker:**
 - Prepares alternatives to DJJ or transfer to adult criminal court
 - * No DJJ commitment since 2006
 - * 14 out of 15 youth were found fit in juvenile court since 2007
 - Assists in parole release hearings with re-entry plan and case management

- **Placement Attorney Specialist:**

- _Expedited appropriate placement for all clients committed to OHP

- _Reduced placement detention delay time from 60- 90 days to 2 weeks

- Monitors child's well being in placement through visits, phone calls, and family intervention and services

- _Second Offender Chance Grant recipient:

Collaboration with the Courts, Juvenile Probation Department, Community based agency, Attorney and

Specialist Public Defender Re-entry Social Worker

- **Public Defender Youth Advocates (YA):**

- Educational advocacy in IEP's and expulsion hearings

- _ Prevention and diversion from the juvenile justice system

- _ Program alternatives to incarceration

- Case management through wardship for successful re-entry and public safety

- _ Family intervention and advocacy

- _ Culturally competent services for mono-lingual families

- Specialized roles: Girl's YA, Placement YA, Court School YA

Juvenile Defenders in Partnership with the Community

- Community Law Office
- Law School Clinic
- Neighborhood partnerships in the “hot spots” of San Francisco, provides necessary collaboration and access to community resources in which our clients reside

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