

Each of the criteria will be taken into consideration to identify those students that demonstrate that they are motivated for success. Prior to being accepted at Pathways Academy, students and the student's parent will meet with their probation officer who will make the referral for admission. The parent and student will be indoctrinated to the program's expectations and guidelines.

### **Probation Officers**

The YRC probation officer is the on-site case manager and will assist the student in being successful with their attendance and transition back into the community school system.

The probation officer provides counseling, guidance and referral services to probationers for long-term educational and counseling services.

The probation staff actively works with collaborative agencies, to ensure that the student's needs are properly assessed and that services are provided.

### **Transportation Services**

Transportation is provided for each student who is enrolled in the Youth Reporting Center. Several van routes operate daily; daily bus passes will be provided if no van route is accessible for the student.

### **Meals**

Three free meals are provided for the students at the Youth Reporting Center.

### **Clothing**

There is no uniform for the students who attend the YRC. Each student will dress in attire that is not disruptive to the peaceful atmosphere of the program. No sports clothing, gang attire, provocative or revealing clothing, or clothing with vulgar language or suggestive messages will be permitted to be worn.

### **Community Service**

Students will have the opportunity and be encouraged to complete court ordered Volunteer Community Service hours while they attend the YRC.

### **Education**

The Pathways Academy, in collaboration with the Orange County Probation Department is dedicated to the vision of creating a learning environment where students are empowered to develop self-sufficiency and a sense of pride in their academic success. The program is designed to promote a culture of high academic performance and encourages logical and critical thinking.

#### **Youth Reporting Center Locations**

##### **Central Region**

1001 S. Grand Ave., #B  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 667-7770

##### **North Region (Temporary Location)**

1001 S. Grand Ave., #B  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 687-6700

\* All educational programs are available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender or disability.

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## **Orange County Probation Department**

### **Youth Reporting Center**

The Youth Reporting Center (YRC) is a collaborative partnership that includes the Orange County Probation Department, Orange County Department of Education, and the Orange County Health Care Agency Children and Youth Services. The Youth Reporting Center is dedicated to the vision of creating a learning environment where students are empowered to develop self-sufficiency and a sense of pride in their academic success.



**Bryan Prieto**  
**Interim Chief Probation Officer**

## **The Youth Reporting Center**

The Orange County Probation Department operates two Youth Reporting Centers (YRC). The Central YRC is in the city of Santa Ana and the North YRC is in the city of Anaheim. Each of the YRC programs service 60 students.

The Mission of the YRC program is to reduce the use of secure detention by providing a highly structured community based alternative program. The staff at the YRC strives to promote lawful and productive lifestyles of its students by providing proven intervention and programming. Lastly, a reduction in detention will assist the Probation Department in redirecting public funds towards additional effective juvenile justice strategies while ensuring public safety.

The YRC operates within the local community to provide the student with the opportunity to modify poor behavior, and to learn the skills needed to comply with their court orders and terms of probation. The student will attend a full academic program, participate in afternoon group counseling, individual counseling, and random drug testing with an emphasis on obtaining and maintaining sobriety. On site job coaches assist youth in seeking, obtaining and maintaining employment as well as vocational training access.

## **The Educational Program**

To ensure proper educational placement for all students, each student will participate in placement testing.

The Pathways Academy is an educational program operated by the Department of Education-ACCESS.

The year-round school supports a structured, academic and rigorous alternative to "traditional classes." The program is based on curriculum offerings aligned with local districts and with the California State Frameworks and Standards.

Through a variety of powerful learning strategies, students may achieve basic skills proficiency. Credentialed teachers are encouraged to bring critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills into the classroom.

The Pathways school evaluates students for special education services and conducts annual Individualized Educational Programs (IEP), to ensure the educational needs of the student are met. The State of California makes every effort to continue the education of each child, with the long-term goal of reaffirming their abilities and renewing a sense of responsibility to the community.

## **Treatment and Counseling**

The County of Orange Health Care Agency (HCA) provides a variety of services for students at the Youth Reporting Center. A psychiatrist is available to provide psychiatric evaluations and treatment as needed.

A cadre of graduate interns, supervised by HCA staff, volunteers each year to provide clinical services for all students.

The students are provided individual case management, psychological testing, as well as family counseling as needed.

Family support and education is designed to serve the parents and siblings of youth. The emphasis is to build and improve protective factors that may reduce the impact or progression of mental illness, substance abuse and other behavioral problems, as well encourage parents to build lasting support networks in the community.

Substance abuse counseling is used to identify triggers for drug use and to establish positive linkage with community support.

Anger Management groups focus on identifying physical symptoms, environmental triggers and on teaching cognitive/behavioral techniques that clients can employ to avoid losing control of emotions and behavior.

Decision Points is a problem-solving program using both cognitive restructuring and social skills interventions.

## **Admission Requirements**

Some students have developed a pattern of chronic truanancies, delinquency, at-risk behaviors and violations of their terms and conditions of probation. Students will be selected for the YRC program based on several criteria. This criteria includes: 602 WIC wards of the Juvenile Court between the ages of 13 and 18-years-old who are currently in violation of the terms and conditions of their probation and who are at risk of arrest and/or referral to the Juvenile Court, minors who have been arrested for a new law violation, or those minors ordered by the Court to attend.