

PROMYSE ACT

AB 702 FOR CALIFORNIA YOUTH

AB 702 (JACKSON) THE PROMYSE (PROMOTING YOUTH SUCCESS AND EMPOWERMENT) ACT, WOULD HELP CALIFORNIA FULLY REALIZE THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT'S (JJCPA) VISION OF PROVIDING COLLABORATIVE, RESTORATIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ENSURE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION AND DECISION-MAKING WITHIN COUNTY OVERSIGHT BODIES.

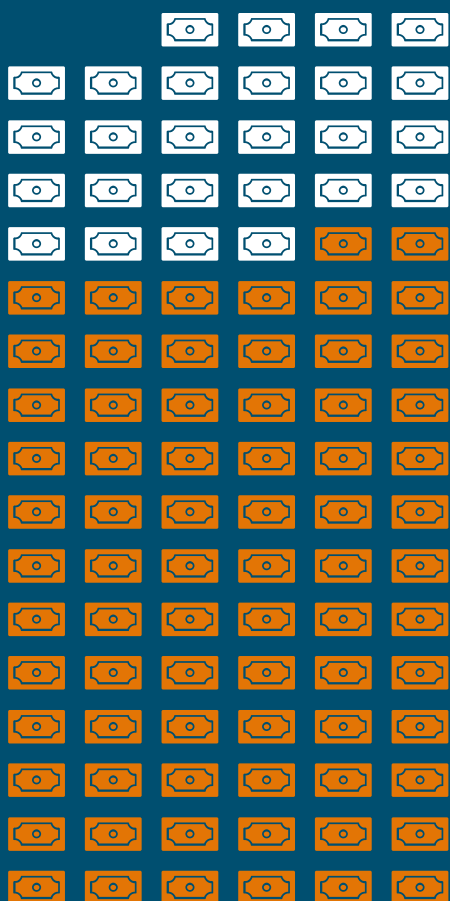
► PROBLEM

In 2020, the California State Auditor released a report verifying long-held concerns about poor Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) spending and decision-making.

AUDITS KEY FINDINGS

- 4 in 5 counties sampled spent over 75% of 2017-18 JJCPA funds on probation salaries & benefits, which runs counter to the program.
- Counties are required to make JJCPA funding decisions through a Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), yet 20% of all CA counties lacked a JJCC entirely, while many others left mandatory seats vacant.

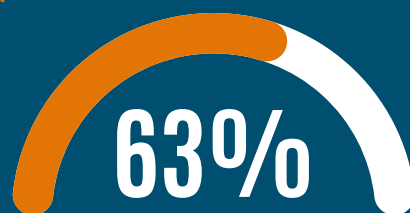
NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED IN 2022 MOST OF JJCPA FUNDS WERE SPENT ON PROBATION SALARIES & BENEFITS



1 in 2 counties used 70% or more of 2022 JJCPA funds on probation salaries and benefits. With half of small counties spending 90% or more on probation salaries & benefits.

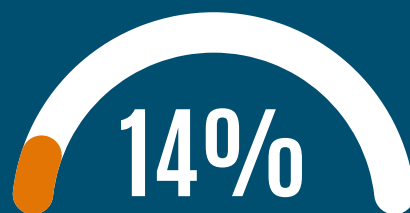
FUNDING GOING TO THE WRONG PROGRAMS

Less than half of one percent of youth are referred to probation. Yet in 2022 63 % of JJCPA funds were spent on probation staff for intensive probation supervision, truancy programming & school based probation officers- all programs that exasperbate the school-to-prison pipeline



COMMUNITIES GET FAR LESS

Many of these youth are Black or Brown, have disabilities, or histories of poverty, abuse, or neglect, and would benefit from additional support and resources, such as community based organizations (CBOs). Unfortunately, CBOs only received 14% of JJCPA funds in 2022.



► SOLUTION: PROMYSE ACT AB 702

AB 702 will center youth & community needs by:

- Giving community a voice at the decision making table by requiring 50% community seats on the juvenile justice coordinating council.
- Change JJCPA language from "at-risk" youth to "at-promise" youth
- Reinvest 95% of JJCPA funds back into the community for programs that center healing, education, arts and mental health.

