

Middle School Program

Responding to the school-to-prison pipeline along with the need identified by our older program participants to “stop crime before it starts,” FLY designed its Middle School Program to focus on prevention for 7th and 8th grade youth. The Middle School age is when many of FLY’s probation clients report having started to get in trouble with the law.

FLY’s Middle School strengths-based case management provides services to 10 youth selected by actuarial risk tool scores and referrals by school administrators, teachers, counselors, probation officers, and police officers. Case managers spend 1-on-1 time as well as group time (team-building and service learning activities) to build assets and life skills that will help each student make healthy/positive decisions and steer clear of future system involvement.

Program Components

- Up to 6 months of targeted case management (including potential group case management and pro-social activities)
- Bi-monthly check-in meetings with parents and school
- Probation meetings and court hearings (MDTs, CFTs, juvenile hall visits, etc.)
- Participation in school meetings (parent/teacher conferences, MSTs, IEP Meeting, PBIs, etc.)
- Individualized Service Plan focused on academic and behavioral goals
- In-school and out-of-school support and check-in during the school day (elective period, lunch, teacher approved core period, etc.) and after school (study sessions, 1-on-1 check-ins, family meetings, etc.)
- Activities (pro-social events, community service, team-building, skill development specific to youth needs, etc.)

Target Population

- 7th and 8th grade students (approximately 11 to 14 years old)
- Diversion: Identified by school as “at risk of suspension or expulsion”
- Truancy: Have a high level of absences
- Prevention/early intervention: High-risk referrals from prevention/early intervention team, (probation officers, police, court etc.)

Referral Process and Contact

- Referrals are made contacting Middle School Case Manager Felicia Cantu at felicia@flyprogram.org or 669-234-2465.

Reentry Program (Pro-CSR)

The Reentry Program helps youth in long-term incarceration build social emotional learning skills and connections in the community, such that they can successfully transition back into the community and remain free from the justice system.

Program Components

- Case management and coaching
- Pro-social events & civic engagement
- System and community collaboration
- Mental health services through Seneca

Target Population

Youth/adults ages 13-21 exiting Juvenile Hall, foster care placement, or the Ranch following a commitment of longer than 60 days.

Referral Process and Contact

Probation Officers submit referral through the Universal Referral Form (URF) system to Maria Delgado, maria@flyprogram.org, or fax to 408-263-2631. You will be contacted within 72 hrs.

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CAFA Mentor Program

The FLY CAFA Mentor Program matches motivated and trained volunteers with youth ages 13-18 on probation in Santa Clara County. Through the mentoring relationship, youth have a consistent sounding board and a caring person who helps them judge their life choices. Mentors and mentees are supported throughout the match by a FLY case manager.

Mentors and mentees spend time together weekly doing healthy things they like to do. They also participate in FLY's monthly activities like river rafting, go-kart racing, and beach BBQs. In addition, CAFA mentors are granted legal standing to act as an advocate for their mentees in the courtroom and at school.

As a result of participation in the program, youth report that they want to make positive changes, that they now have hope for their futures, and that the program has given them more confidence to deal with negative peer pressure.

Program Components

- Year-long individualized attention from a FLY case manager and volunteer FLY CAFA Mentor
- Monthly pro-social group activities (at no cost) such as go-kart racing, kayaking, and horseback riding
- Court, academic, behavioral, probation, employment, and family support

Target Population

Youth ages 13-18 who are on formal probation or DEJ and are court-involved. The youth must be willing to participate in the program.

Referral Process and Contact

Probation Officers submit referral through the Universal Referral Form (URF) system to Rosa Chihuahua at rosa@flyprogram.org or fax to 408-263-2631. Juvenile justice system partner referrals receive priority, but FLY accepts referrals from any source and will follow up with the Probation Officer within 72 hours.

Law Program

FLY's Law Program teaches youth about the law and consequences of crime. Youth meet with our FLY facilitators once a week where they learn about topics including Police Encounters, Theft, Vandalism, Hate Crimes, Gangs, and Three Strikes. The Law Program's nationally recognized curriculum uses role plays, debates, and mock trials to capture youth interest, educate them about the laws, and build skills like anger management, problem solving, communication, and resisting negative peer pressure. The goal of the program is to empower youth to make healthier life choices.

Program Components

- 12-week interactive CBT-based legal education curriculum includes weekly two-hour sessions and key experiential components (role plays, juvenile system stakeholder visit, field trip, and a recognition ceremony)
- Delivered by a well-trained team of staff and volunteer facilitators

Target Population

Youth ages 14-17 who are at risk of entering the justice system or are currently involved with the system.

Referral Process and Contact

Please contact Danielle Olmos, danielle@flyprogram.org or at 669-225-6496.



Leadership Training Program

The Leadership Training Program is a 10-month program that provides individualized support and leadership development activities in a group setting. The program's objective is to help youth make change to transform their lives.

Program Components

- 10 months of intensive individualized youth advocacy including 1-on-1 case management and court, academic, behavioral, probation, employment, and family support
- Leadership development includes a three-day wilderness retreat plus pro-social group activities and service learning projects

Target Population

- Youth ages 14-18
- Moderate- to high-risk
- Ready for change
- On probation or formerly on probation

Referral Process and Contact

Youth will be required to go through an application and interview process. For information, please contact Kris Scott at kris@flyprogram.org or 408-887-7809.

