

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 19.1  
(ID # 29927)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: HARMONY HAVEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTER: Submittal of the Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center Program Overview Report for October 2025 through March 2026.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Governing Board:

1. Receive and file the Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center Program Overview Report for October 2025 through March 2026, of the facility's operation, activities and census.

ACTION: Consent

  
Charity Douglas, DPSS Director


4/8/2026

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: April 14, 2026  
xc: DPSS

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	FY 25/26

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-267 adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2023, item number 3.23, to appoint Board of Directors for Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center, to perform duties as described in publication LIC 9165, up to and including, conduct Board of Directors' meetings at least on a quarterly basis, be active in ensuring accountability, and review and discuss the facility's operation that shall include the incidents concerning a child/youth in the facility involving contact with law enforcement that were reported to California Department of Social Services (CDSS).

Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center (HHCYC) is a Transitional Shelter Care Facility (TrSCF) that offers 24-hour care and supervision to youth who need immediate care and supervision while awaiting a more permanent placement solution. HHCYC serves youth in Riverside County who are removed from their homes or experiencing disruption in placement. By implementing transitional shelter provisions, the County strives to meet the need for brief, temporary care for displaced youth.

A highlight during this period is the launching of the BeWell program that provides integrated services to vulnerable youth while integrating staff through a trauma-informed lens. The program takes place onsite on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. During this time, the program saw strong engagement through creative activities like sewing, clay art, painting and games that build trust and connection. Attendance averaged 15-16 youth actively participating.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

By providing consistent feedback on the status of all children/youth at the facility through the daily census report and analyzing those reports during the Board of Directors' meetings, HHCYC shall ensure accountability to the safety and health of children/youth and staff, as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1520.1(f).

**Additional Fiscal Information**

There will be no impact on the County's general fund.

**ATTACHMENT A.** Harmony Haven Overview Report with summary of Census Reporting for months of October 2025 through March 2026.

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Stacey Pena, EO Management Analyst 4/9/2026

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Jamila Purnell, CHF DEP COUNTY COUNSEL 4/9/2026

# HARMONY HAVEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTER

A Licensed 72-Hour Transitional Shelter Care Facility



## SEMIANNUAL REPORT

October 2025 through December 2025  
and January 2026 through March 2026



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**Julissa Castillo**  
Executive Director



## Executive Director's Message

The last six months marked continued growth, healing, and resilience at Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center. I have witnessed the courage of our youth and the dedication of staff who serve them. Our mission to provide trauma-informed, individualized support during a youth's most vulnerable moments have guided every decision, goal, and partnership.

We've seen great progress in expanding onsite services, including behavioral health support, increased therapeutic activities, oral health screenings, mobile medical clinics, and educational coordination. Partnerships with Beaumont

Unified School District, RUHS-Behavioral Health, the Juvenile Defense Panel, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, county departments, and faith-based organizations continued to deepen.

Our staff achieved new milestones as well. We are continuing to increase our staffing, supported by Temporary Assignment Program staff to maintain ratios. Enhanced staff development, trauma-informed training, and Friday Night Live activities continue to make HHCYC a place where youth feel seen, supported, and safe.

Youth engagement thrived through creative programming such as sewing, clay art, painting,

group activities, sports, Friday Night Live events, and expanded recreational outings. Partnerships with community organizations strengthened positive youth experiences through donated backpacks, luggage, and access to local civic programs.

Though challenges persist, particularly the limited availability of complex-care placements and youth participation in behavioral support services, our team's dedication is unwavering. Through innovation, teamwork, and compassion, we are stabilizing youth, uplifting their voices, and supporting their transition to safe, nurturing homes.

### VISION AND PURPOSE

**VISION** – Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center (HHCYC), a 72-hour Transitional Shelter Care Facility, provides therapeutic and individualized trauma-informed care and supervision to Riverside County foster youth.

**PURPOSE** – HHCYC strives to stabilize foster youth with complex care needs through supportive services as they await placement into loving homes.

# COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE **SERVICE FIRST**


In partnership with Children and Family Services, our Monday morning huddles with the Youth and Community Resources region have improved coordination for youth awaiting placement, expediting timelines and aligning support more effectively.

**48 BEDS**

Licensed 72-Hour Transitional Shelter Care Facility



**COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES**



**24/7 Access**  
Therapeutic Setting

**STAY**

AVERAGE LENGTH

**5 DAYS**  
October to December 2025

**6 DAYS**  
January to March 2026

**SERVICES AND SUPPORT**

**EDUCATION • BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
CASE MANAGEMENT • BE WELL**

We coordinate with county departments and community based organizations to connect youth to the services they need as they transition out of shelter care. The Central Placement Unit operates around the clock to secure appropriate placements and reduce each youth’s length of stay.

**SIX-MONTH CENSUS**

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025			JANUARY TO MARCH 2026		
<b>9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>
Lowest Census December	Average Census	Highest Census October	Lowest Census February	Average Census	Highest Census March

**STAFFING**

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025		JANUARY TO MARCH 2026
<b>86%</b>		<b>83%</b>

# COUNTY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## PARTNER HIGHLIGHT



### BE WELL

Be Well, a new initiative from the DPSS Office of Health and Wellness, launched in October to bring integrated, trauma-informed support to HHCYC youth while strengthening staff connection and practice. The onsite program takes place Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and has seen strong engagement through activities like sewing, clay art, painting and games that build trust and connection.

Staff play a central role in leading activities, resolving conflicts and deepening relationships. New supplies helped expand programming. About 15 youth actively participate. The Be Well initiative continues to grow as a safe, supportive space where youth can connect and feel grounded.

## PARTNERING FOR YOUTH SUCCESS

We are grateful for our many partners who have come alongside to improve the experiences of youth at HHCYC, including but not limited to:

- RUHS – Behavioral Health
- RUHS—Friday Night Live
- Riverside County Sheriff
- Beaumont Police Department
- Beaumont Unified School District
- Seneca Family of Agencies
- Pacific Clinics
- Olive Crest
- Beloved Ones
- Sigma Beta Xi (SBX)
- Riverside County Probation Department
- Riverside County Office of County Counsel
- DPSS Office of Health & Wellness
- RUHS—Public Health
- The Catalyst Center
- Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center
- Beaumont Presbyterian Church
- Juvenile Defense Panel
- Faith in Motion

TURNING  
CHALLENGES  
INTO

# PATHWAYS OF PROMISE



Commercial sexual exploitation shadows the lives of an estimated 145 youth in foster care on any given day in Riverside County. At Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center, as many as half the youth who come through our doors are believed to have been victimized or impacted. Many arrive amid cycles of substance use, self-harm and mental health diagnoses they resist treatment for, behaviors that traditional foster homes are not prepared to accommodate. Their trauma can surface as volatility that keeps adults at a distance, creating risk for themselves and others, even as they hold on to inner dreams of stability, family, school and a future filled with hope. Staff, agency partners and clinicians are building coordinated supports that help young people move out of crisis and into safer, more stable paths. We are here helping youth meet the challenge. Initiatives include:

- Innovative models of care, including enhanced Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) and Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) homes for youth whose needs cannot be safely supported in traditional foster homes.
- A collaborative system of care with Probation, the Riverside County Office of Education, Children and Family Services and Inland Regional Center to ensure visibility and communication across primary systems.
- School based prevention and early identification, Riverside County Office of Education.
- Legislative advocacy to pursue policy changes that better serve foster youth with complex needs, expand placement capacity and strengthen protocols.
- Specialized training for 85 cross agency staff through the Becoming Me curriculum at HHCYC and with Olive Crest's Promise program, along with expanded training on commercial exploitation to improve assessment of CSEC indicators.
- A coordinated response team with Olive Crest to provide intensive trauma informed case management for youth who do not qualify for specialized housing, and specialized housing for victimized youth between 16 to 18 who qualify.
- Multidisciplinary and executive level teams implementing tailored solutions designed to protect the most vulnerable and highest risk youth from life-threatening behaviors.

Through individually tailored interventions, youth with complex needs begin to reclaim pieces of themselves, even when the path forward is steep and the work demands a commitment of support. We know Harmony Haven may be the last stop between two very different futures for the youth who come through our doors. We are determined to give every young person every chance to find healing, hope and the future they dream about.





**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Riverside County Department of Public Social Services  
**HARMONY HAVEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTER**  
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Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak

Submit request to the Clerk of the Board (right of podium), individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form. The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

SPEAKER'S NAME: ERRA I Koschewl f

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda # 19.1

PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

Note: If you are here for an agenda item that is filed for "Appeal", please state separately your position on the appeal below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral

I give my 3 minutes to: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a Spanish translator? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## BOARD RULES

### Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" items:

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

### Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. **YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.** The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board.

### Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, ensuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please ensure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo. Speakers are prohibited from bringing signs, placards, or posters into the hearing room.

### Individual Speaker Limits:

**Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.** The Board may limit the public input on any item, based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Board. Please step up to the podium when the Chair calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chair adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

### Group/Organized Presentations:

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chair's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

### Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chair:

The Chair will determine what order the speakers will address the Board and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chair may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.