

Who can be referred?

- * Wards of the Juvenile Court
- * Youth younger than 17.5
- * No 707(b) offenses
- * No previous Placement orders.

Partners:

Victor Community Support Services

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services



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CITA

Court for Individualized Treatment of Adolescents

San Joaquin County
Probation Department
Chief Probation Officer
Stephanie L. James

Purpose of CITA

CITA is a specialized juvenile court that focuses on the special needs of youth with serious mental health illnesses and the community system that serves them.

The target population are juveniles with serious mental illness that has contributed to their criminal activity or their failure of community based treatment efforts that have resulted in behaviors that are illegal, or dangerous to others.

Each CITA client is assigned to the CITA Probation Officer, Clinician, and Behavioral Health Specialist. These three individuals team together to work with the client and their family to promote positive change, and assist in dealing with their mental health needs. In some circumstances the family may be assigned a parent partner to assist the parent or guardian during the time the youth is in the program.



Expectations of CITA clients:

The CITA program is a 6 month to year long program. The average client completes the program in 9 months. The client and parents/guardians are expected to attend bi-weekly court reviews as needed. This holds the youth accountable to their court orders, treatment plans, and goals. This also holds the CITA team accountable in the monitoring of such goals and treatment plans. Once a youth is positively progressing, the frequency of their court appearances lessen. The youth is required to participate in weekly therapy with the CITA clinician, and weekly counseling with the CITA Behavioral Health Specialist. The youth and parent's/guardians are also required to participate in family therapy as needed. The CITA team meets with the parent's and the youth monthly to conduct case plans, and set goals for the client being served.



Services Provided:

Evidence Based Programing

Court Accountability

Medication Compliance

Case Management

Field Supervision

Parenting Classes

Family Therapy

Resume Assistance

*Linking (Housing/Gym/Community Service/
Pro-Social Groups/Transitional Services
Upon Completion)*

Jobs

Psychiatric Care/Appointments

CITA TEAM MEMBERS:

Probation Officer: Jordan Richards

Clinician; Sheree Lozano

Behavioral Health Specialist: Devon Digges

Parent Partner: Devenie Gonsalves

SUPERVISORS:

Probation: Rick James

VCSS: Heather Taylor

BHS: Fay Vieira