

Renovation of Three Aging Secure Juvenile Housing Units

Supporting trauma-informed facilities conducive to the treatment and rehabilitation to youth served by Juvenile Justice and Youth Services (JJYS)

\$4,192,800

One-time General Fund request

Importance of Trauma-informed Environments

Youth entering JJYS facilities typically have significant histories of past trauma and mental health. Research shows that youth receiving evidence-based treatment in the right way, and in the right settings are less likely to return to care.*

Many of the state's Juvenile Justice and Youth Service (JJYS) facilities were constructed in the 1980s and 1990s, and built on punitive correctional principles focused on security.

Currently juvenile housing units at Slate Canyon Youth Center, Decker Lake Youth Center, and Southwest Youth Center are in need of renovations in order to bring about the best public safety outcomes.

Updating these facilities will create a safer, more trauma-informed and rehabilitative environment for the youth we serve, their families, and our staff.

Before



Decker Lake Youth Center

After



Decker Lake Youth Center
(trauma-informed renovation)



Slate Canyon Youth Center



Newly constructed Weber Valley Youth Center

1983

Decker Lake Youth Center opens

1987

Southwest Youth Center opens

1997

Slate Canyon Youth Center opens

*Burrell, S. (2013). Trauma and the Environment of Care in Juvenile Institutions. Los Angeles, CA & Durham, NC: National Center for Child Traumatic Stress.