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Title

Collaborative Justice | Addressing Racial Disparities and Improving Equity in California's Adult Collaborative Programs (Action Required)

Summary

The attached report, *Addressing Racial Disparities and Improving Equity in California's Adult Collaborative Programs*, provides actions that the council can take to support collaborative court and diversion programs with advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion to improve participant outcomes and program success. The report provides four priority areas inclusive of data-driven strategies that are designed to promote progress at the state and local levels while navigating current political, economic, and public health landscapes. The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the council receive the report and direct the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee to implement the identified priority areas.

Recommendation

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective April 25, 2025:

1. Receive the attached report, *Addressing Racial Disparities and Improving Equity in California's Adult Collaborative Programs*;
2. Direct the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee to implement the report's Priority Area 2: "Encourage all adult collaborative programs to assess equity and inclusion within program operations, and take dedicated actions to improve equity within program participation, retention, and participant outcomes"; and
3. Direct the advisory committee to implement the report's Priority Area 4: "Support collaborative program operations and encourage engagement with justice system partners who represent and reflect the local, racial, and ethnic diversity of the county."

Speakers

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