



California Youth Regional Treatment Center Update





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COMMISSION



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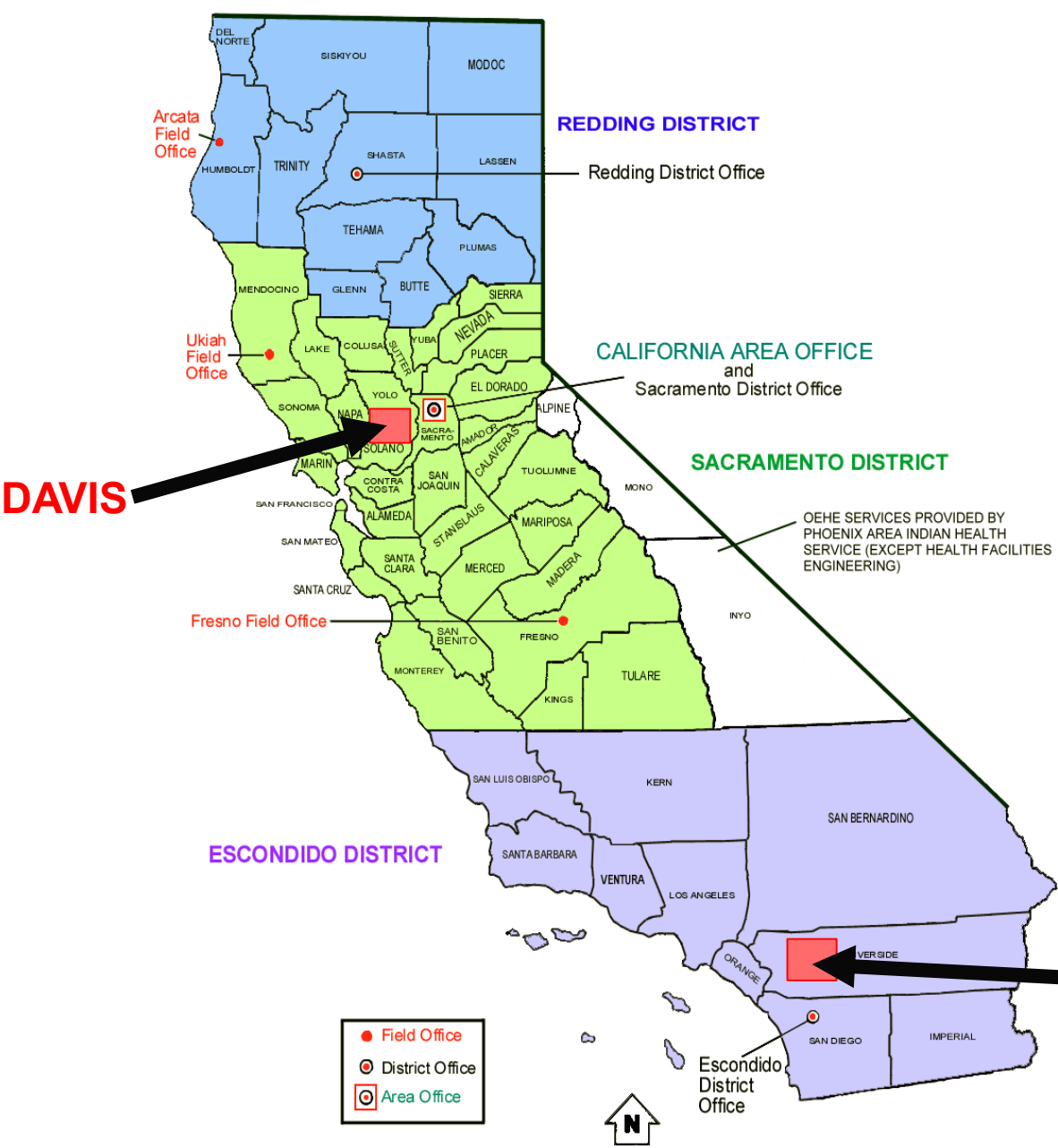
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THE JOINT COMMISSION

- ∅ Sacred Oaks Healing Center was successfully accredited in 2024 after passing their first accreditation. Next Joint Commission survey will be in 2027.
- ∅ Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center was successfully reaccredited in August 2025. The Nutrition and Facilities departments had zero deficiencies. Next Joint Commission survey will be in 2028.





LOCATION OVERVIEW





STAFFING UPDATES



- Ø Staffing continues to be a challenge at Sacred Oaks Healing Center. Currently, their vacancy rate is approximately 50% (33/65). All staff are CNACI (Child Care National Agency Check with Written Inquiries) cleared.
- Ø Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center is at a 19% (54/67) vacancy rate with all staff being CNACI cleared.
- Ø Overall, CNACI clearance turnaround times have improved.
- Ø Hiring freeze has been lifted.
- Ø IHS as an agency is planning a massive recruitment and hiring effort to reduce the 30% vacancy rate. Many positions are open continuous and being updated weekly.
- Ø Desert Sage staff continues to travel and provide support to Sacred Oaks during their staffing challenges. This helps continue with a safe and therapeutic environment for the youth on site.
- Ø Currently, both sites are finalizing succession plans for all positions.



2025 CENSUS

1/2025-12/2025

DESERT SAGE YOUTH WELLNESS CENTER

- ❖ Total youth admitted: 27
- Successful Completion
 - 6 males
 - Average length of stay: 101 days
 - 4 females
 - Average length of stay: 105 days
- Early discharge
- AMA: 10
- ADM: 7 (one emergency)
 - 7 males
 - Average length of stay: 38 days
 - 10 females
 - Average length of stay: 40 days

UNSUCCESSFUL ADMISSIONS

- ❖ Total youth unsuccessfully admitted: 4
 - Reasons:
 - Eloped during transit
 - Youth eloped twice from their mother's car after they arrived at the facility
 - In need of detox

SACRED OAKS HEALING CENTER

(ONLY ADMITTING MALES)

- ❖ Total youth admitted: 11
 - Successful Completion
 - 5 males
 - Average length of stay: 107 days
- Early discharge
 - AMA: 2
 - ADM: 4
 - 6 males
- Average length of stay: 29 days



YOUTH INFORMATION BY STATE

1/2025-12/2025



State	Percent	State	Percent
California	62	Mississippi	3
Arizona	26	Alaska	3
South Dakota	3		
Oklahoma	3		



CURRENT CENSUS

as of 3/3/2026

DESERT SAGE YOUTH WELLNESS CENTER

- 2 males
 - Average age: 16.5
 - 50% CA
 - 50% NV

- 4 females
 - Average age: 16.25 years
 - Tribal Affiliation
 - 25% CA
 - 25% NV
 - 50% MT

SACRED OAKS HEALING CENTER (ONLY ADMITTING MALES)

- 1 male
 - Average age: 15 years
 - 100% CA

APPROVED ADMISSIONS

- 4 pending admissions
 - Tribal Affiliation
 - 2 males
 - 50% CA
 - 50% AK
 - 2 females
 - 50% CA
 - 50% AZ

***Tribal affiliation doesn't always equal state of residence**



OUTREACH INITIATIVE

1/2025-12/2025

- **TIMELINE:**
 - Outreach initiative began 6/2025
 - Outreach teams formed 8/2025
 - Cold calls were made from 9/25-11/25
- **EVENTS/VIRTUAL MEETINGS: 38**
 - Desert sage: 30
 - Sacred Oaks: 8
- **DESERT SAGE SITE TOURS: 8**





NEW REFERRAL/INTAKE PHONE LINE



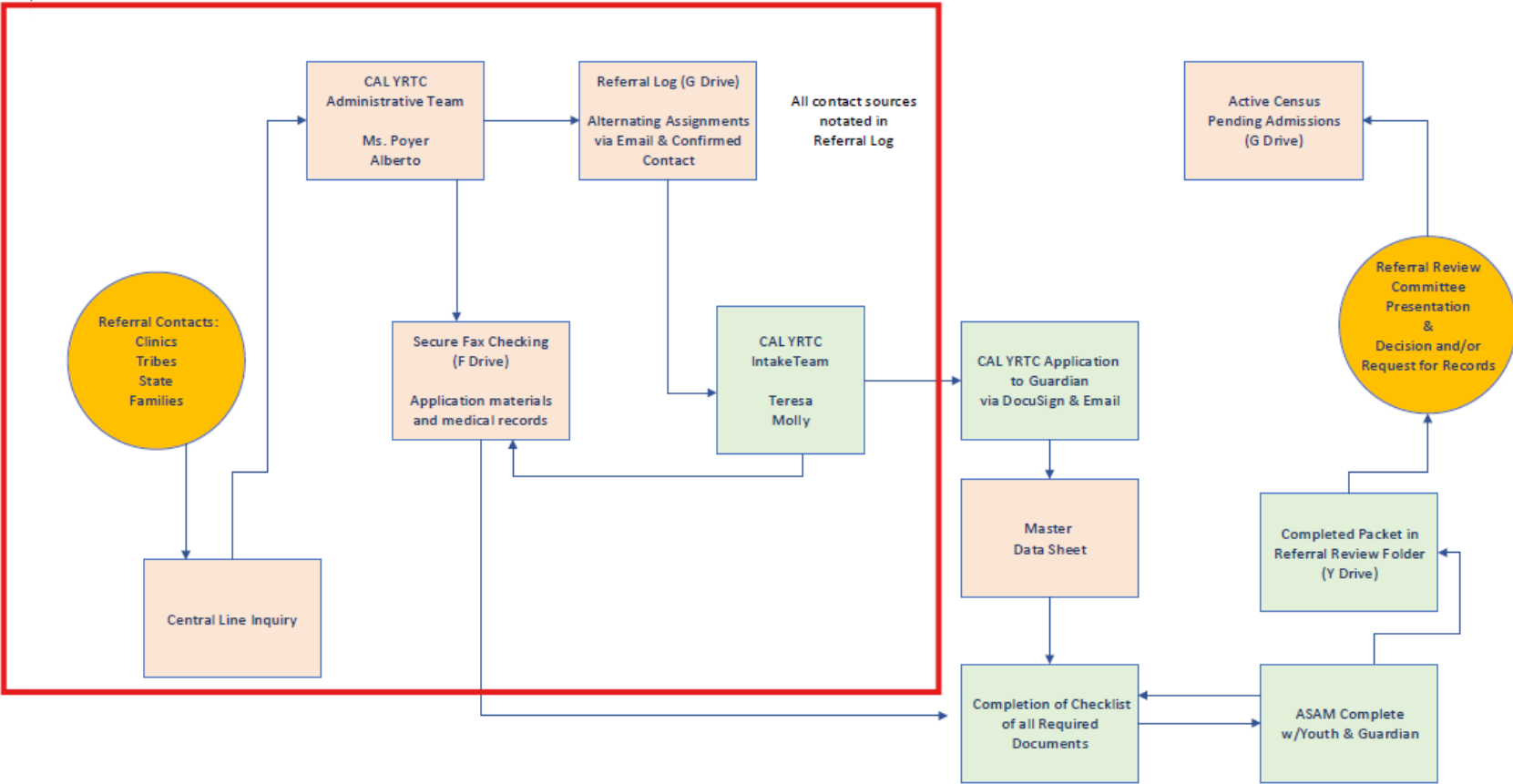
- CENTRALIZED REFERRAL/INTAKE LINE:

● 951-364-3214

- TIMELINE AND PURPOSE
 - Initiated 6/2025
 - Established 10/2025
 - Helps track life cycle of possible referral
 - All calls are recorded on a spreadsheet with pertinent information
 - Minimizes confusion when multiple sources call regarding the same potential youth



CAL YRTC Intake Workflow Diagram



NEW REFERRAL/INTAKE PHONE LINE

REFERRAL/INTAKE CALL/EMAIL-LOG TRACKING

Total calls Q4 CY25: 32

Total emails Q4 CY25: 9

Total calls Q1 CY26: 28

Total emails Q1 CY26: 3

Data collection starting Q1 CY26:

- Percentage of calls:
 - Inquiries (not looking to admit)
 - Inquiries (looking to admit)
 - Need for different services (no substance use diagnosis)
 - Referral review
 - Admission (Y/N)



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- CA IHS YRTC WEBSITE
 - <https://www.ihs.gov/california/index.cfm/about-us/yrtc/>