



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Mission Statement:

The Tuolumne County Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) is a state mandated group of community members who perform a variety of advocacy and regulatory functions on behalf of the youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

The mission of the Tuolumne County Juvenile Justice Commission is to inquire into the administration of juvenile court law in this county and to ensure that the highest standards of care and services are maintained for the youth within the juvenile justice system.

Overview:

Pursuant to the mandates of the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), the JJC conducts an annual inspection and review of operations of the Juvenile Detention facility in Tuolumne County. Inspections are done to ensure residents are treated with dignity and respect, are safe and treated in a humane manner, and that their education, social, and recreational needs are met. The Commission also examines programs and policies for youth involved in the juvenile justice system; investigates citizen complaints regarding treatment of children in the juvenile justice system, and advocates for needed services.

The Commission is comprised of a minimum of seven and no more than 15 community members. Two of the positions are youth members between the ages of 14 and 21, provided there are suitable applicants. Commission members are appointed by the Presiding Judge for a term of four years and meet quarterly or as needed. Adult Commissioners may apply for reappointment. Youth Commissioners are asked to make a minimum one-year commitment. All adult and youth Commissioners are community volunteers. The Commission elects a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson annually.

Tuolumne County is establishing this Commission and is actively seeking applications for the Commission from county residents. Applications are available at tuolumne.courts.ca.gov, or by contacting Joyce Barnes, Executive Assistant, Superior Court of California, County of Tuolumne, 41 W. Yaney Avenue, Sonora, CA, 95370, phone: (209) 533-5650 *or* Linda Downey, Juvenile Division Manager, Tuolumne County Probation Department, 465 S. Washington Street, Sonora, CA, 95370, phone: (209) 533-7500.