

Frequently Asked Questions STOP THE CYCLE

What is Stop the Cycle?

Stop The Cycle is a prevention program for siblings and parents of youth involved in the juvenile justice system. This program seeks to stop the next generation of youth from entering the juvenile justice system by providing tools and support to the parents and their children.

Where is this program being conducted?

The program collaborates with Orange County (OC) Probation to conduct the program in various community probation sites.

How does a family enroll into STC?

Stop The Cycle is a referral-based program. A referral can be faxed, mailed, or given by phone to a program staff. Following a screening (in-home or by phone assessment), the family will be enrolled into the next open series.

Who is eligible to attend?

Since the program is designed to work with the families involved in the juvenile justice system, eligibility is determined by the following 2 criteria: (1) parent/caregiver has at least one youth involved in the juvenile justice system, and (2) has at least one child not in the juvenile justice system under 18 years old.

Can my kids attend? Can I bring my neighbor or friend with me to program?

Stop the Cycle is designed to work with the family. Family members will be screened and informed of eligibility after an assessment is conducted. If neighbors or friends are interested in attending, we can provide referral forms and information about eligibility.

Will child-care be available?

Yes. Child-care is provided at no cost for children too young to participate in the Children's groups.

What is the cost to attend this program?

There is no cost for participating in the program as services are funded by the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63).

Do you provide transportation to the program?

Transportation assistance is available to those in need.

What if I can't attend all of the groups?

Attendance to the STC program is voluntary. All participants who have attended at least one group will receive a "Certificate of Participation."