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No Longer Invisible: Foster Youth Still in the Shadows

The Sacramento County Grand Jury this year followed up on the 2023-2024 Grand Jury report entitled “Invisible Foster Teens: Where Are They Now?” (<https://www.sacgrandjury.org/docs/reports/23-24/gj-hhs-report-final-061324.pdf>). That report identified serious deficits in the county’s foster care system that did not fully protect the youth entrusted to the County’s care.

This year’s report, “No Longer Invisible: Foster Youth Still in the Shadows,” found that, two years later, Child Protective Services (CPS) has made significant progress toward addressing the problems outlined in the 2023-2024 report. However, the Grand Jury found a lack of a long-term strategic plan, faulty communication among agencies and advisory boards established to protect children, and State policies that impede the county’s efforts still leave many of Sacramento County’s foster youth at risk.

Meanwhile, the County is struggling to find suitable placements for youth, many of whom may suffer from trauma-induced disorders and require therapeutic services.

The Grand Jury’s recommendations, along with the full report is available for public review on the Grand Jury website: <https://www.sacgrandjury.org/reports.aspx>.