The YOR California project’s framework is based on the following key principles for successful outcomes:

**Culturally Relevant and Responsive**
Services are responsive to youth and family values, beliefs, norms, and socio-economic and cultural context. Policies, procedures, and practices demonstrate respect for, and build on, the values, preferences, beliefs, culture, and identity of youth and families served.

**Youth-guided**
Youth are full partners in all aspects of service delivery. A safe environment is created that enables youth to have a decision-making role in their care, as well as in the development and implementation of organizational policies and procedures governing their received services.

**Family oriented**
Services and interventions take family concerns and dynamics into consideration.

**Trauma-informed**
The widespread impact of trauma and its signs and symptoms in youth, families, staff, and others is recognized. Knowledge about trauma and its connection to substance use disorders and potential paths for recovery is fully integrated into policies, procedures, and practices to actively avoid re-traumatization.
Positive Youth Development
Intentional, pro-social approaches are used that enhance youths’ strengths and help them engage in a productive and constructive manner within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families. Opportunities are provided, positive relationships are fostered, and the support needed to build on youths’ leadership strengths is furnished.

Evidence-based
Age-appropriate evidence-based interventions and practice are used along the continuum of prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery, and care coordination to address opioid and stimulant misuse and use disorders.

Needs-focused
The focus is on high-risk youth populations, prioritizing those with unmet treatment needs and at risk for overdose death.

Co-occurring Disorders
The high prevalence of co-occurring mental and substance use disorders among youth who have, or are at risk of, opioid or stimulant use disorders is recognized and addressed.

Targeted Outreach and Engagement
Individualized outreach and engagement strategies taking into consideration each youth and family’s unique experiences, priorities, and readiness for change are used, and the focus is on increasing timely access to needed services and resources.

Destigmatizing
Misinformation is addressed and education about medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for youth with opioid use disorders is provided. The language used is selective and purposeful, while advocating for non-judgmental, non-coercive provision of services and resources.

Data-driven and Outcome based
Data is collected and used to make informed decisions. Goals and strategies are tied to observable or measurable indicators of success. Progress is monitored in terms of these indicators and as a result, the approaches are revised or adjusted accordingly.

Community Partnerships
Collaboration and shared responsibility with system partners occur to ensure youth gain access to enrichment activities; MAT; and evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery services that are integrated with the local system of care.

Accountable
Fiscal, legal, and programmatic responsibility are maintained and operate with the highest degree of integrity, mutual accountability, transparency, and continuous quality improvement.

Innovative
Positive outcomes are fostered by pioneering unique evidence-informed solutions spanning across multiple service delivery systems, including the medical system, community and adolescent health, schools, youth outreach-serving organizations, and the public.

Sustainable
Sustainable services, programs, and interventions are planned for and developed.

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