

A person is seen from behind, climbing a rope structure. The person's hair is blowing in the wind. The background is a sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and some clouds. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt. The rope structure consists of a horizontal bar and two diagonal ropes. The person is holding onto the ropes with both hands. The overall mood is one of determination and achievement.

# Foster Youth and Juvenile Justice Involved Youth

# Juvenile Justice Involved Youth

- ▣ According to the 2021 Juvenile Justice in California report, 19,355 juveniles were arrested, and 31,370 juveniles were referred to county probation departments.
- ⦿ Up to 70% of justice involved youth have a diagnosable mental health condition (e.g., suicidal behavior and co-morbid psychiatric disorders), yet low rates of service use.





## Foster Youth



In California, an estimated 60,650 youth are in foster care.



In the 2021 school year, approximately 32,256 foster youth were enrolled in California public schools and up to 80 percent of them have significant mental health issues.



Mental and behavioral health is the largest unmet health need for children and teens in foster care. Through MHSSA funded programs, approximately 21,548 foster students can potentially be reached.