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## **Little Budget with Big Impact: Juvenile Justice Lobby Gets Facelift to Align with National Best Practices**

SAN JOSE, Calif. (July 3, 2013): the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (Court) and its justice partners are proud to announce the ribbon cutting of the Juvenile Justice Lobby Improvement Project.

Aimed at creating a welcoming environment for all court users, the project's improvements provide a comfortable, shared space for families and small children to wait, advance the safety and visibility of the lobby and improve the overall environment, including reducing the institutional feel of the lobby area and repairing the bathroom facilities.

"The results of this project and the collaboration between this County's justice partners are testaments to what can be achieved when committed professionals come together to improve the lives of young people and their families," said the Hon. Brian C. Walsh, Presiding Judge.

Funded through the Congressional Earmark Grant, the improvements to the lobby area are apart of efforts aimed at addressing specific recommendations for the Court based on the Juvenile Delinquency Model Court Action Plan. The three specific goals achieved under this project address the Juvenile Delinquency Model Court Guidelines' recommendations for the Court (Key Principal #2 - Adequate Resources).

The total cost of the project amounted to \$31,484 and included justice partner support from Santa Clara County's Sherriff's Department, Facilities & Fleet, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, Alternate Defender and Deputy Sherriff's Association.

"We could not have asked for a more collaborative, results oriented team. The Court wishes to express our profound gratitude to all of our justice partners who helped make this project successful, especially considering the financial limitations of the available resources," said Walsh.

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