YOR California Key Principles

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

- **Need**: Prioritizing and addressing high-risk youth populations

- **Positive Youth Development**: Incorporating evidence-based practices, services, and supports to foster positive youth development

- **Families**: Involving families and taking family concerns and dynamics into consideration

- **Co-Occurring Disorders**: Recognizing and addressing the high prevalence of co-occurring mental and substance use disorders among youth with, or at risk of, an opioid use disorder (OUD)

- **Targeted Outreach and Engagement**: Designing outreach and engagement strategies that take into consideration where youth are, as well as their unique experiences and priorities

- **Stigma**: Addressing misinformation and stigma about medication-assisted treatment and youth with an OUD

- **Accountability**: Maintaining fiscal, legal, and programmatic responsibility and operating with the highest degree of integrity

- **Community Partnerships**: Creating or enhancing community partnerships and collaboration efforts, including participating in Learning Community meetings

- **Data-Driven**: Collecting and using data to make informed decisions

- **Evidence-Based Approaches**: Using age-appropriate evidence-based interventions along the continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery

- **Innovation**: Fostering positive outcomes spanning the continuum with innovative solutions going beyond one service delivery system, including the medical system, community and adolescent health, schools, youth outreach-serving organizations, and the public

- **Sustainability**: Planning for sustainable change through YOR California