



HUMBOLDT COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

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Background and Instructions:

Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program for the purpose of providing county-based care, custody, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the state Division of Juvenile Justice or who would otherwise be eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure.

To be eligible for funding allocations associated with this grant program, counties shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth.

County plans are to be submitted and revised in accordance with WIC 1995, and may be posted, as submitted, to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website.

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Part 1: Subcommittee Composition (WIC 1995 (b))

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Part 2: Target Population (WIC 1995 (C) (1))

Briefly describe the County's realignment target population supported by the block grant:

The Humboldt County Secure Youth Treatment Program (SYTP) is established to provide services to court ordered youth who meet statutory criteria. The program combines a standard set of services and supports with a rehabilitation plan tailored to each youth. The juvenile court may order a youth be committed to the STYP only if the following conditions have been met: the youth is 14 years of age or older and a ward of the court; the youth's most recently adjudicated of an offense is listed in Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code; the court finds on the record that a less restrictive, alternative disposition for the youth is unsuitable.

Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and offense/offense history:

As part of the plan development process, the Humboldt County Probation Department (HCPD) reviewed the cases of youth committed to DJJ by the Humboldt County Juvenile Justice System in the past decade. The data collected from the review was de-identified and shared with the subcommittee and community partners.

From January 1, 2010, to December 1, 2020, Humboldt County committed █ youth to the state program, or about 1 youth per year. █ additional youth were added to the reviewed data set who were committed to DJJ in 2008 but were still serving their sentence in 2010, bringing the total to 13 youth. This is an extremely small number of youth and caution should be used in extrapolating patterns or conclusions from it.

The 13 youth committed to DJJ were all male. They ranged from 15 to 19 years of age at the time of their commitment. The ethnicity of the committed youth were White █%, American Indian █%, and Hispanic █%. For context, the general community distribution in Humboldt County for these ethnicities is White █%, Hispanic █%, and American Indian █%. The disproportionate representation of indigenous youth in the DJJ data set is consistent with similar disparities in the general juvenile justice, dependency, and adult criminal justice populations.

All the youth ordered to DJJ were committed for serious offenses. These included manslaughter, robbery, sexual assault, assault with great bodily injury, and burglary with a firearm. Most had extensive delinquency referral histories indicating ongoing involvement with the juvenile justice system prior to their commitment.

All the youth had prior contact with the Child Welfare System (CWS). Most had multiple child welfare referrals. Of the DJJ youth from Humboldt County, 92% had at least 1 substantiated referral, and █% were removed from the custody of their parents at some point prior to entering the juvenile justice system.

The Probation staff also reviewed each committed youth's educational experience. The probation records as it applied to their education found some gaps in data; however, even with that limitation, over half of the youth committed had an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). When considered in conjunction with the CWS history, it indicates significant adverse childhood experiences and trauma.

All of the youth in the dataset had a mental health diagnosis and most had multiple diagnoses. The most prevalent mental health concerns were substance use disorder (SUD), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and conduct disorder. This was reaffirmed by the probation data and assessments. The probation records found behavior patterns of drug use, assaultive behavior, assaultive behavior on detention staff, and weapon use. Most of these behaviors persisted through multiple law enforcement referrals with one young person having 39 referrals prior to being committed to DJJ. The probation records further revealed that alternative placements and interventions were attempted before the youth was committed. These included foster care, short term residential treatment programs, an intensive in-custody mental health treatment program, and out-patient services.

Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2))

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population:

The STYP is located in the Humboldt County Juvenile Hall located in Eureka, Ca. It is a secure 30 bed facility laid out with the sleeping rooms opening onto a large shared rectangular living space. Classrooms, dining area, and programming rooms are accessible from the common area. The detained youth in the juvenile hall range from ages 12 to 25 (SYTP youth may be held through age 23 or 25 depending on their adjudicated offense). Detained youth, regardless of their status, commingle as they attend school, participate in programming, share meals, and recreate.

All youth will receive the following services:

- Medical Services
 - Wellpath which includes screening, detoxification, and provision of offsite medical care.
- Educational Services
 - Von Humboldt County School operated by the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) is year round and provides a learning environment that focuses on themes that address academic and mental health needs, incorporating activities that promote self-esteem.
 - Youth who have not graduated high school will attend Von Humboldt and receive services including supports for and individualized education plan (IEP) or a 504 plan.
 - Youth who have obtained their high school diploma or equivalency will be provided the opportunity to enroll and virtually attend the Redwoods Community College District. Enrollment in College of the Redwoods (CR) allows the youth access to an array of student services.

- Restorative Justice
 - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – The juvenile hall has an established a behavior modification program that is also used by HCOE staff.
- Behavioral Health Services
 - The program supports 1 mental health clinician who works in conjunction with a supervising mental health clinician, 2 mental health clinicians and 2 case managers who are assigned to the New Horizons Program.
 - A peer coach will be available to work with youth in the program.
 - Clinical Staff will be trained in Trauma Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.
 - In addition to group and individual counseling, youth will also have a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) assessment and participate in group counseling following the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA) model.
- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Program
 - The STYP includes participation in Aggression Replacement Training (ART), which is an evidence based curriculum that provides training in social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning.
 - Youth will be provided the opportunity for interactive journaling through a series called *Forward Thinking*.
- Enrichment Programs
 - HCPD contracts with the Ink People, Center for the Arts to provide artist mentorship for services such as Origami, painting, music, and poetry classes weekly.
 - HCPD also contracts with Niroga Institute to provide dynamic mindfulness training for staff, which will then allow staff and trained youth facilitate daily mindfulness exercises.
 - The Humboldt County Library offers books, e-books, audiobooks, magazines, and online library catalog to detained youth.
 - The Juvenile Hall will be adding a youth maintained garden. Detained youth have the opportunity to participate in the Boys to Men program offered by the Humboldt County Office of Education.
 - Project Rebound provides a 10-week course to promote education and educational mentorship for justice-involved college students.
 - Youth Educational Services is a student led community engagement program at Humboldt State University that provides weekly recreation program
 - Youth have the opportunity to participate in weekly Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings
 - Non-denominational religious services are offered every Sunday.
- Independent Living Skills (ILS)
 - All youth participating in the SYTP are provided services as identified by the Casey Life Skills Assessment (CLSA) to assist with the transition to independent living.
 - Included in the SYTP is a job system within the facility to practice interviewing and employment skills.

- Cultural Services
 - Appropriate cultural services as identified by youth could include Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islanders (HAPI) in Solidarity, Centro del Pueblo, Latino Net, Queer Humboldt, Black Humboldt, as well as services from the native tribes and rancherias.
- Vocational Services
 - Youth in the SYTP may enroll in job readiness curricula or vocation focused courses through College of the Redwoods in addition to Humboldt County Office of Education Career Technical Education.
- Re-Entry Supports
 - In the last 12 months of the youth’s baseline term the IRP becomes focused on creating a plan for re-entry into the community.
 - The plan identifies the services and supports necessary for the youth to transition from custody to self-sufficiency.
- Financial Supports
 - For youth re-entering the community who are over the age of 18. The method of support depends upon the youth’s status when leaving the juvenile hall.

Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995 (3)(a))

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population:

The HCPD plans on using funds for the following:

- A. Mental Health Clinician
- B. Mindfulness Training
- C. Ink People, Center for the Arts
- D. Trauma Informed CBT Training for all mental health staff working in the facility
- E. Direct youth support – including a financial stipend for youth re-entering the community.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (B))

Humboldt County Probation Department (HCPD) has developed a community of services providers and relationships with agency providers. HCPD is using the grant funds to compliment these relationships and expand the services already provided.

HCPD will be using the funding to expand behavioral health services by adding a mental health clinician to the staff available to youth detained in the program. In addition to the staff all current and future staff will receive Trauma Focus – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. This training will support mental health staff in working with youth with all types of trauma.

HCPD will be using some of this funding to provide more enrichment through providing funding for Ink People Center for the Arts. Supporting this community based organization will allow services to continue to youth detained in the facility as well as allow them to maintain services for other youth in the community.

HCPD is using the funding for training both correctional staff and behavioral health in Mindfulness, and provide guided services to youth. This training will allow all youth to receive support in all settings to provide a way to support calming practices on an ad hoc basis to provide support for youth in crisis, in addition to the daily mindfulness activities

HCPD will provided Interactive Journaling through Change Company. The *Forward Thinking* curricula is a program that is utilized by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and other detention facilities. It allows to youth to make positive changes in their thoughts, feeling, and behaviors.

HCPD plans to direct some of the funds for client support especially for removing barriers to reentry in the community. A stipend will be available to youth leaving the program to assist with housing and other services.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (C))

HCPD will be supporting the youth and family with individual and family counseling. The individual rehabilitation plan is developed with youth and youth identified supports. As youth reach the age a majority the support system may change from the traditionally identified family to another youth identified natural support. The HCPD will be working with theses supports through the IRP process along with Multi-Disciplinary Team process. This will also allow the youth and providers to identify community services needed and complete referral or linkage process for those services. The HCPD will also support the youth during re-entry to help stabilize the family during the youth's return to the community. This will allow the youth to transition into the community and family setting with their needs met as the focus on future goals such as employment, education, or vocational training.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (D))

While the MDT and youth identify needs and barriers, the department will use funding for services needed that are not already existing in the community.

The HCPD already has relationships with other county resources and non governmental organizations. This collaboration will allow for youth to receive referrals to existing services to address the individual needs. As Humboldt County has a historically low population of youth that require this program, the expanding and supporting existing services allows for each individual rehabilitation program to be tailored to youth needs. Youth released after the age of 18 will be offered referrals and services through the Community Corrections Resource Center for employment support. Other community referrals will be identified and started during re-entry planning so that services for the youth are provided by the appropriate service entity.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma- informed and culturally responsive services for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (E))

HCPD will be using grant funds to train all mental health staff in the trauma informed - cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT). Youth will receive individual counseling with Mental Health Clinician each week. TF-CBT is an evidence based treatment for youth and their parents/caregivers impacted by trauma. This training provides staff with a trauma informed lens through which counseling and group work is conducted. TF-CBT training will be offered within the first year of the program.

In addition, SYTP youth will be provided the opportunity for interactive journaling through a series called Forward Thinking. Forward Thinking, is curricula developed by the Change Company and utilized by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and other detention facilities. It includes books on: links between thoughts, feelings and behaviors; handling difficult feelings; relationships and communication; victim awareness; reentry planning; substance use behaviors; and family.

HCPD will contract with Niroga Institute for Dynamic Mindfulness training for staff. Dynamic Mindfulness is an evidence-based, trauma-informed program that strengthens stress resilience and social-emotional learning. Staff and trained youth will facilitate daily mindfulness exercises as well as services to support youth in crisis.

The SYTP includes participation in Aggression Replacement Training (ART). ART is an evidence based curriculum that provides training in social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning. Trained behavioral health staff will offer the ART curriculum over a 10-week period. Because of the small numbers of youth in the SYTP, the group will include youth ordered to the New Horizons program as well. Participation of ART should occur during the initial stages of the Program, and youth may repeat ART groups throughout the youth's commitment to the program.

The youth will also be given the opportunity to identify cultural supports such as Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islander (HAPI) in Solidarity, Centro del Pueblo, Latino Net, Queer Humboldt, Black Humboldt or other identified services. In addition, HCPD has long standing relationships with several of the local native tribes and rancherias. The HCPD engages the tribe in the SYTP youth's case as it develops in the criminal justice system and are encouraged to participate in the development of the IRP.

Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers: (WIC 1995 (3) (F)

HCPD will be using these funds to help support our local art mentorship program, Ink People, Center for the Arts. Ink People provides professional artist mentor services to youth in the Juvenile Hall. The services include Origami, Painting, Music, and Poetry classes on a weekly basis. Participants in the SYTP will participate with the general juvenile hall population. HCPD will also continue their support of the Boys to Men Program, as well as Project Rebound and other community based services. Due to the limited population of youth that are eligible to this service, youth needs will be addressed as identified through accessing already existing community if available. If it is not available the HCPD will address how best to find and provided the services through the MDT process.

Part 5: Facility Plan

Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. (WIC 1995 (4))

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In addition to the Juvenile Hall, Humboldt County has a second juvenile detention facility located directly adjacent to the Juvenile Hall called the Regional Facility. The building, constructed in 1997, is a separate secure 18 bed facility, with program space, shared living space, and classroom. It is used for programming and population overflow.

Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

Describe how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system: (WIC 1995 (5))

Humboldt County has a very limited history of youth being transferred to the adult criminal system. A review of the case management system that has been in place since July 2012 shows that seventeen (17) youth were evaluated for fitness in the juvenile justice system and only [REDACTED] youth have ever been found unfit and transferred to the adult criminal system. Of these youth, [REDACTED] under the age of 18 when the decision was made.

Youth will continue to be evaluated on a case by case basis, with the presumption the youth will remain in the Juvenile Justice System. Following statute, the local system will consider factors such as public safety, the degree of criminal sophistication, and the success of previous attempts to rehabilitate the youth in determining whether the youth should remain in the delinquency system or a motion to transfer the case to the adult system ordered.

With the changes in the law under SB 823, youth who commit serious and/or violent offenses (WIC 707(b) offenses) and remain in the Juvenile Justice System will no longer be sent to a state operated facility. These youth will receive treatment and services designed to assist with rehabilitation that addresses each youth's specific risk/needs with service planning designed for successful reentry into the community while remaining connected to the community and pro-social individuals. The viability of this program will support the court system in determining it is in the best interest of the community to rehabilitate the youth in the juvenile system.

Part 7: Regional Effort

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation: (WIC 1995 (6))

No agreements have been formalized at this time.

Part 8: Data

Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant: (WIC 1995 (7))

HCPD utilizes a case management system called Juvenile Adult Management System. This allows for documenting services offered, as well as adjudicated offenses, referrals, interactions with probation officers, court dates, and reports. This systems data can be pulled and evaluated at a later date. While the past data reviews show such a small population of youth, a hand review of a case can also be conducted as needed.

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to determine the results of the programs and interventions supported by block grant funds: (WIC 1995 (7))

Limited analysis can be conducted on such a small projected population, however the following items will be tracked and reported:

- Successful Completion
- Violations upon reentry
- Adult convictions 12 months following release
- Re-arrests while in the community.