

# Mendocino County Probation Department

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Chief Probation Officer

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Director Katherine Lucero  
Office of Youth and Community Restoration  
California Health and Human Services Agency

Dear Director Lucero:

Thank you again for meeting with us to review and discuss Mendocino County's realignment block grant plan. We have been working on gathering the information requested by your office as outlined in the four bullet points below:

- Please provide disaggregated demographic and offense data for all of your youth with 707(b) and/or 290.008 offenses for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available)
- Please provide the disaggregated placements for all of your youth with 707(b) offenses and/or 290.008 offenses [e.g., placed in juvenile hall, ranch, home etc.] for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available)
- Please provide the classification tool that you will use to make initial housing placements to ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics in the secure facility
- Thank you for explaining that you provide culturally responsive programming through several of your programs. You noted that your family engagement program is facilitated by the Redwood Valley Rancheria. You also noted that you have programming that pairs Latino staff with Latino facilitators, and other programs that connect youth with mentors who have lived experience in the justice system. If you have further information to provide on these programs, please include that information as well.

Mendocino County Juvenile Hall currently uses New World Systems - Aegis case management system. The case management system includes questionnaires such as "Initial Screening Assessment", "Classification" and "Gang Classification" that are conducted at the time of youth bookings and are utilized in making initial housing placements. Following our meeting, we began to research more formal Latino curriculum opportunities to further enhance our culturally responsive programming. We are close to identifying the additional programming opportunity. Last, we are near completion on gathering the requested data in relation to 707(b) offenses and/or 290.008 offenses but are unable to complete this within the 30 days. We will be prepared to submit this information for next year's report or respectfully request an extension as to the data. Please let us know what is your preference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Izen Locatelli".

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Chief Probation Officer