



Nevada County
Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant
Annual Plan Addendum

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After meeting with the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) staff there were a few questions regarding the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan submitted by Nevada County. This addendum is respectfully submitted to answer those questions and provide additional context regarding the target youth population and our ongoing efforts to best meet the needs of the youth and our community.

Addressing the question regarding the demographics of those adjudicated for certain offenses we pulled data in a way that we felt would not compromise the confidentiality of the youth. In the years 2019, 2020, and 2021 there were [REDACTED] youth adjudicated for 707(b) and/or 290.008 offenses. All [REDACTED] youth were white males. 75% were for 290 Offenses. 50% were dispositioned to short term residential therapeutic programs, 25% were placed on deferred entry of judgement, and one was transferred to adult court given the age of the accused once the offense came to the attention of the criminal legal system.

There was also a question from OYCR regarding culturally responsive programming. Despite Nevada County being one of the least culturally diverse counties in California, there has been an identified need for culturally responsive programming. This need is particularly apparent on the eastern side of the county. We continue to gather criminal legal system population data so that we can best serve our clients and match to their individual needs. This is difficult at times as we lack the economy of scale present in more populous counties. We started with the recruitment of a bi-lingual staff member and document translation. Our next step is working with local providers to offer programming that is both effective and culturally responsive. We are also having discussions with agencies that make system referrals about some disparities and overrepresentation that have been identified.

Lastly, OYCR had a question around program outcomes. In the next year Nevada County intends to explore the concepts around the positive youth development (PYD) framework. The belief being that recidivism alone does not give a complete picture of the growth and potential of the youth that we serve. We have already begun to explore how the PYD framework can fit into our existing Functional Family Probation case management model. We are excited the possibilities of highlighting even more ways that youth in the community are thriving.