

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))

List the subcommittee members, agency affiliation where applicable, and contact information:

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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 realignment target population would be the highest level, serious juvenile offenders requiring long-term treatment and custodial care who could not have their needs addressed through intensive community-based services and who would otherwise be sentenced to the California Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) prior to the enactment of Senate Bill 823/Senate Bill 92.

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

Yolo County currently has [redacted] youth placed at the Division of Juvenile Justice. [redacted] are projected to parole in early 2022. Our current youth population does not indicate the need for a secure track program in the short-term. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Yolo County’s DJJ Placements from 2015 to 2020

Total youth placed at DJJ: [redacted]

Sex

Male 100%

Race

Hispanic [redacted]
Black [redacted]
White [redacted]
Other [redacted]

City of Residence

Woodland [redacted]
West Sacramento [redacted]
Sacramento [redacted]

Most Serious Offense

Assault/Gang [redacted]
Robbery/Gang [redacted]
Robbery [redacted]
Manslaughter/Gang [redacted]
Murder [redacted]

<u>Gang Involvement</u>	
Admits Norteño	[REDACTED]
Admits Sureño	
Admits Other	
Admits/Dropout	
Denies	
<u>Year of DJJ Commit</u>	
2015	[REDACTED]
2017	
2018	
2019	
<u>Age at DJJ Commit</u>	
16 yo	[REDACTED]
17 yo	
18 yo	
<u>Length of Stay at DJJ</u>	
High	5 years, 8 months
Low	1 year
Average	2 years, 6 months
<u>Total Youth 11/09/21:</u>	
Projected Release 2022:	[REDACTED]
Pending Secure Track:	0

Describe any additional relevant information pertaining to identified target population, including programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.

Yolo County has joined the Consortium and will utilize appropriate needs-based secure track treatment programs, including specialized treatment services. These programs are currently being developed by other counties. Once secure track treatment program information is released, it will be included in this section.

Yolo County’s priority is to maintain youth near their community of origin. If youth require a secure track placement facility, every effort will be made to retain youth close to their community, family and natural supports.

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:

Secure track treatment programs, including specialized treatment services, are currently being developed by other counties. Once the programs are established and Yolo County is in need of such programs, we will assess the needs of the youth and treatment programs to determine the best programming available to meet their needs. Yolo County will simultaneously engage youth in its Community Re-Entry Program beginning from the date of sentencing.

Yolo County's Community Re-Entry Program

Yolo County's Community Re-Entry Program's primary focus will be to provide parallel support to the highest-risk youth adjudicated by the Court to a secure youth treatment program, as well as to their families. For the youth, this will be done in the therapeutic environment and after successful completion of the secure treatment program as the youth transitions back into the community.

The treatment facility will provide the youth with an array of individualized services and activities intended to reduce overall risk level, address criminogenic needs, treat behavioral health needs and address academic/career objectives. Re-Entry Program services and activities will be provided simultaneously by developing strategies to improve family functioning as well as building a network of community-based supports and activities. This is accomplished by implementing structured, focused, treatment-based, skills-oriented, community-based interventions and community involvement opportunities, while integrating as many natural supports as possible.

The goals of the Re-Entry Program are as follows:

- Maintain a decreased risk level
- Maintain decreased highest risk factors
- Increase and maintain youth's protective factors
- Enhance family relationships and overall functioning
- Improve or expand upon youth's school and/or vocational performance
- Engage youth in pro-social recreational outlets
- Develop a support network of extended family, neighbors and friends to assist parents/caregivers in achieving/maintaining treatment goals, as well as the trajectory of positive youth development and interaction within the community

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 County has created a separate fund to account for receipt of this revenue and to appropriate funds if there is a need for support and care of youth needing secure track treatment and re-entry programming. Until such a time, Block Grant funding will accumulate as restricted fund balance. This will financially prepare Yolo County to be able to pay for treatment services should the need arise.

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))

The department plans to apply grant funds to the development of a robust Community Re-Entry Program which will promote healthy adolescent development by establishing a Parent and Family Support Program for the families of justice-involved juveniles. Establishing programs that keep youth connected to their family and community will promote healthy adolescent development. A description of the Community Re-Entry Program can be found in the section below.

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

The department plans to apply grant funds to the development of a robust Community Re-Entry Program by establishing a Parent and Family Support Program for the families of justice-involved juveniles. As proposed, the program would be multi-pronged and would include the following:

Parent Orientation: Parents are provided the opportunity to attend a Secure Youth Treatment Program orientation provided by Probation staff. The orientation gives a comprehensive program overview to parents of youth committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility. Attendance dates, times and topics will be established after the initial intake is conducted and family needs are determined.

Family Counseling: Family therapy/counseling involves all members of the family and/or individuals the family deem to be an integral part of the family’s cohesiveness. Sessions are provided by clinical providers and consist of family supportive services, case management and therapy grounded in family systems theory. Additionally, other children within the home are eligible for collateral treatment services through community-based providers.

Individual Parent Counseling: Individual counseling sessions for parents are separate from family counseling. They give parents the opportunity to process their own trauma, grief, frustration, etc., which may be standing in the way of positive family interactions. Services are provided by community-based clinical providers.

Parent Partner Program: The Parent Partner Program is provided by a community-based organization and is responsible for helping to coordinate support services for the parent/family. They serve as liaison for the family's involvement and offer support in whatever way is most helpful to each individual family. They serve as the consumer representative to program activities, develop skill-building with the family, facilitate introduction and engagement support for families entering services and provide linkages for families to appropriate services, advocating for them when necessary and serving as role model and advocate for parents/families.

Parenting Support Group: This serves as a supportive environment where parents can exchange ideas and support one another in their process. The parenting groups provide psycho-educational topics and supportive services referrals. The groups meet monthly and are facilitated by Probation staff.

Support Services: This service is provided by Probation Department staff, community-based providers and/or community volunteers, and aims to link the youth and family to various community services, including but not limited to transportation, facilitation of appointments and time management support. Youth and parent satisfaction surveys are conducted.

Family Team Meetings: Family Team Meetings are facilitated by the re-entry officer and are a structured approach to involving youth, families, caregivers and identified supports in case planning. These meetings are conducted during the secure portion of the youth's program and once the youth is reintegrated into the community. The re-entry officer conducts Family Team Meetings monthly with the family, or more often as needed. If the youth is unable to be included in person at visits or via teleconferencing in the Family Team Meeting, the officer provides an overview to the youth in custody and allows the youth to give feedback to discuss at the next family meeting.

Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings: The team meets monthly and consists of secure youth treatment program staff, staff from Probation, Health and Human Services Agency, Yolo County Office of Education, CommuniCare Health Centers and the Public Defender's Office and family members. All participants have the opportunity to discuss what the youth is working on, the plan moving forward, court updates, medication compliance, school updates, treatment compliance, etc. The team members also share information and ask questions of the other agencies regarding specific services being provided to the youth. Current and future concerns are discussed, as well as supportive strategies for the youth and partner agencies.

Risk/Needs Assessment & Rehabilitation Plan: At the outset of all cases, an assessment is conducted to determine the youth's risk level and needs. Based on the identified needs, a rehabilitation plan is developed by the re-entry officer in collaboration with the youth and family. Assessment and rehabilitation planning are conducted every six months unless the need arises sooner. The rehabilitation plan is reviewed and updated monthly in collaboration with the youth, family and

treatment team. The rehabilitation plan provides an outline of services being provided to the youth and family. Rehabilitation plans and treatment plans are aligned with goals, interventions, target behaviors and youth/family needs. Risk/needs assessments are re-done prior to sentencing, as well as just prior to release from the in-custody program.

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))

In addition to the Community Re-Entry Program described above, the County is exploring options for expanding an existing partnership with the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) to provide vocational work experience to the target population. Yolo County already participates in a YCOE-sponsored vocational program, but which is mostly focused on Information Technology. We recognize that a multi-pronged approach to vocational experiences for youth is required and an expanded program will provide multi-disciplinary experiences, i.e. carpentry, audio-visual, welding, etc. Block grant funding has not yet been considered as a funding option for this program expansion, but if appropriate, could be used to reach more youth or provide for additional trade experiences.

The County is also partnering with a local community college to engage incarcerated and post-incarceration youth in post-secondary education services and would use grant funds for these services.

The County is also actively planning for expansion of an existing mentorship program that would promote employment and continuing education. Tacitly, a component of this program would provide assistance in securing housing and develop the skills necessary to maintain safe and secure housing for secure track youth returning to the community.

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))

Secure track treatment programs, including specialized treatment services, are currently being developed by other counties. After the programs are established, Yolo County will determine how to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive services for the target population.

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))

The County partners with various community-based organizations for the purposes of programming and services provided to the target population. Mental health services are provided by CommuniCare Health Centers, while programming within Yolo County communities is supported through funding to organizations such as the Woodland Police Activities League, YoloArts and Brown Issues. At this time, the County does not anticipate utilizing Block Grant funds to support existing partnerships but may explore use of funding for new partnerships.

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))

Secure track treatment programs are currently being developed by other counties. After the programs are established, Yolo County will assess how the facilities will ensure the safety and security needs of our youth.

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))

Retaining the target population under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court is a goal of the grant funds. Bolstering current programming and rehabilitative options, as well as pursuing additional services through non-governmental agencies, will allow the Yolo County Probation Department to recommend retention in Juvenile Court at a Transfer Hearing. With increased services, it is the hope that youth will be more likely to stay in the Juvenile Court system. Additionally, grant funds will likely increase the ability to secure proper placement, as well as appropriately supervise and treat youth of increased age upon re-entry.

Part 7: Regional Effort

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

Yolo County is in discussions with nearby counties regarding contracting for secure track treatment program placement should youth need placement. Yolo County will place priority on programs with the closest proximity to the youth's family and community.

Part 8: Data

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

The Yolo County Probation Department uses an in-house case management system. All pertinent information will be entered into the system including, but not limited to age, gender, race/ethnicity, adjudications, criminal referrals, program participation and detention services. Access to data and outcome measures within contracted secure track placement facilities will be negotiated.

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

Prior to contracting for specific programs, treatment modalities or services, outcome measures will be established in partnership with the secure track treatment facility to determine the rate of effectiveness and whether modifications, new programs or continued implementation should occur.