California Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

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COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

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INTRODUCTION

California SB 823 Background

On September 30, 2020, Senate Bill (SB) 823 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. Some of the SB 823 bill highlights included the cessation of intakes to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the complete closure of DJJ, adjustment of the local age of jurisdiction for commitments, establishment of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) program.

The bill initiated the closing of DJJ and realigned the responsibility for those youth formerly eligible for commitment to DJJ to the counties. Effective July 1, 2021, intake to DJJ ceased, transferring custodial care, supervision and rehabilitative needs and requirements to local jurisdictions. Youth already committed to DJJ remained until completion of their program or the complete closure of all DJJ facilities on June 30, 2023. The bill also amended Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 607 to extend the age of juvenile court jurisdiction up to age 23 or 25 and amended Section 208.5 to extend the age of confinement up to age 25 for youth adjudicated for serious offenses.

SB 823 established the JJRBG program providing funding allocations to counties based upon custody, care, and supervision of youth who are realigned to their originating counties from DJJ or who were otherwise eligible for commitment to DJJ. To be eligible for the JJRBG funding, counties are required to create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan. Pursuant to WIC §1995(e), to continue receiving funding, the subcommittee shall convene no less frequently than twice per year to consider the plan and shall update the plan annually. The plan shall be developed with review and participation of the subcommittee community members and shall be approved by a majority of the subcommittee. The plan shall be submitted to the OYCR by May 1st of each year.

Effective July 1, 2021, pursuant to SB 823 the OYCR was created and operates within the Health and Human Services Agency. The mission of the OYCR is to promote trauma responsive, culturally informed, gender honoring, and developmentally appropriate services

for youth involved in the juvenile justice system that support the youths' successful transition into adulthood.

Funding and Mendocino County Projected Allocations

The JJRBG county funding allocations are based on a weighted formula with a minimum $250,000 base per county. The weighted formula is calculated based on the following:

- 20% = County population ages 10-17
- 30% = County prior number of wards committed to DJJ
- 50% = County adjudications for "DJJ-eligible crimes" WIC §707(b) offenses

SB 823 required the establishment of a new distribution methodology for FY 2024-25; however, state Administration is proposing to maintain the existing formula calculations until fiscal year 2027-28.

Based on the weighted formula the below table identifies the projected allocations for Mendocino County as known in 2021 and the actual funding received.

	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Projected Allocation	$250,000	$370,370	$613,591	$332,044	$836,579
					$3,067
					$839,646
Actual Allocation	$250,000	$276,055	$304,002	$802,445	$380,320
Actual Growth					
Actual Funding					

Effective FY 2024-2025 the allocations determined shall be adjusted annually by a rate commensurate with any applicable growth in the Juvenile Justice Growth Special Account in the prior fiscal year. Each year this growth shall become additive to the next year's base allocation.

PART 1: SUBCOMMITEE COMPOSITION

(WIC 1995 (b))

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PART 2: SUBCOMMITTEE PROCESS & MEETINGS

(WIC 1995 (b,c,e))

Co-Chair Selection Process

Any subcommittee member can be selected as a Co-Chair following a nomination or request and a majority vote of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee Meetings

Mendocino County JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee meetings were held on March XX, 2026, and MarchXX, 2026.

Plan Update and Approval

The 2026 Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan was updated and approved on March XX, 2026, by the JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee.

PART 3: TARGET POPULATION

(WIC 1995 (d)(1))

Target Population

Mendocino County's target population is male youth ages 17-23 who have committed serious, violent offenses as listed in Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) involving physical and/or psychological harm to a victim. The youth served in this population are those who have been found unsuitable for a less restrictive alternative disposition by the Court. Based on recent historical information, it is anticipated the number of Mendocino County youth supported by the block grant will be fewer than five (5) youth. Mendocino County will not be able to serve youth requiring specialized therapeutic needs such as sex offenders or severely mental ill offenders. Additionally, Mendocino County will not be able to serve female youth. For these youth, Mendocino County plans to contract with a Host county or regional facility.

DJJ Historical Demographics

Effective July 1, 2021, DJJ facilities were closed, and all remaining youth were transferred to local jurisdictions. The following data represents the last five (5) years of DJJ eligible adjudications, youth demographics and DJJ commitments.

Total 707(b) Offense Adjudications by Adjudication Date

FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
5	10	14	5	3	37

Total 707(b) Offense Types by Adjudication Date

Offense Types	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	6	6	4	2	20
Attempted Homicide	1	0	1	0	0	2
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	1
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	2	0	0	2
Sex Offense	2	0	1	1	1	5
Use of Firearm	0	4	3	0	0	7
Violence Against Aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon of Mass Destruction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Witness Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0

Unduplicated Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
4	3	9	5	2	23

Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
4	3	10	5	3	25

Youth Demographics by Gender

Gender	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Female	0	1	0	1	0	2
Male	4	2	10	4	3	23

Youth Demographics by Age of Offense Date

Age	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
13	1	0	1	0	0	2
14	0	1	0	0	1	2
15	0	0	4	0	1	5
16	2	1	2	3	0	8
17	1	1	3	2	1	8

Youth Demographics by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
American Indian/Native/Indigenous	1	2	4	1	1	9
Hispanic/Latino/a/x	2	1	5	3	1	12
White/Caucasian	1	0	1	1	1	4

Youth Demographics by Residence

Incorporated	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Fort Bragg	0	0	0	0	0	0
Point Arena	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukiah	4	2	4	4	2	16
Willits	0	0	2	0	0	2
Census-Designated						
Covelo	0	1	2	0	1	4
Hopland	0	0	1	0	0	1
Potter Valley	0	0	0	1	0	1
Out of County						
Los Angeles	0	0	1	0	0	1

Youth Demographics by Gang Involvement

Gang Involvement	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Norteno	3	0	2	2	0	7
Sureno	0	1	2	2	1	6
N/A	1	2	6	1	2	12

Youth Dispositions

Disposition Outcomes	4 Youth from FY 16/17	3 Youth from FY 17/18	10 Youth from FY 18/19	5 Youth from FY 19/20	3 Youth from FY 20/21	Total
	Resulted in the Following Findings					
*Adult Direct Filed - Formal Probation Granted	1	0	0	0	0	1
*Adult Direct Filed - Sentenced to CDCR	1	0	0	0	0	1
Transferred Out of County	0	0	1	1	0	2
Committed to DJJ	0	1	1	1	1	4
Declared Ward	2	2	5	2	0	11
Declared Ward with OHP	0	0	0	0	1	1
Remains Ward	0	0	2	1	1	4
Remains Ward with OHP Ordered	0	0	1	0	0	1

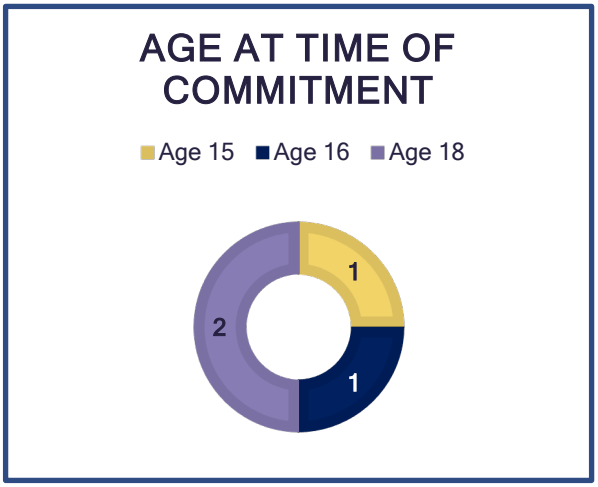
*At the time the youth committed the 707(b) offense they were a ward of the court

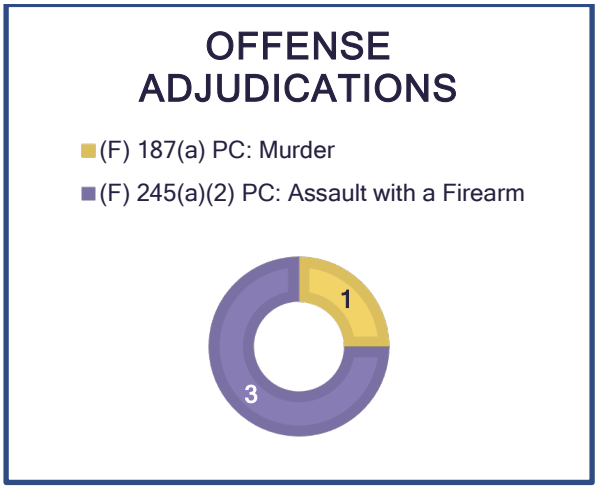
Youth Case Closure Outcomes

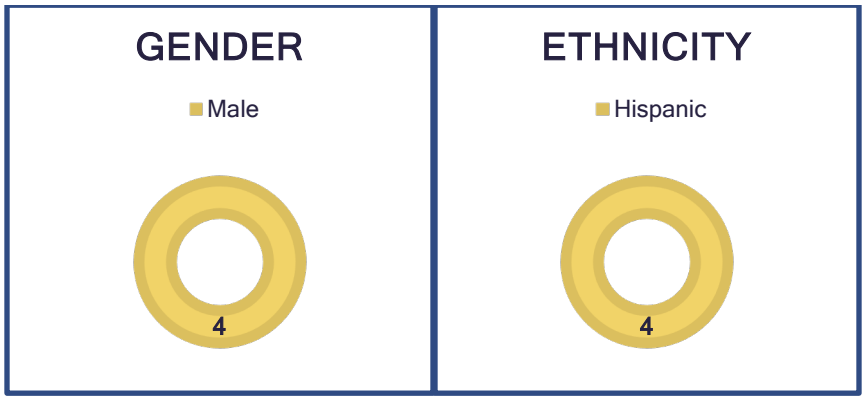
Case Closure Outcomes	4 Youth from FY 16/17	3 Youth from FY 17/18	10 Youth from FY 18/19	5 Youth from FY 19/20	3 Youth from FY 20/21	Total Unduplicated
	Resulted in the Following Findings					
Deceased	1	0	1*	0	0	1
Out of County Transfer	0	1	1	1	0	3
Successful	1	1	4	2	2	10
Unsuccessful	2	1	3	2	1*	8
Remaining Active Cases						
Active Wardship	0	0	0	0	0	0
SYTF Reentry Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer from DJJ to SYTF	0	0	1	0	0	1

*Duplicated Youth

Prior to 2018, Mendocino County had not committed a youth to DJJ since 2007. However, in 2010, a youth whose case was handled as an adult direct filing, under today's law would have been committed to DJJ due to the age of the youth. As noted above, there were four (4) Mendocino County youth who were committed to DJJ from May of 2018 through December of 2020. The below charts identify the youths' ages at commitment, their gender and ethnicity, and the types of offenses adjudicated in their cases:







Prior to the closure of DJJ, Mendocino County had one (1) remaining youth who was transferred to an out-of-county secure youth treatment facility to continue his individualized programming needs and complete his commitment, and as of June 30, 2024, that youth's housing status remained the same. The other three youth who were committed to DJJ were discharged in 2020, 2021, and 2022. One youth upon reentry was transferred to another county jurisdiction due to residency and the other two youth have since been terminated from supervision.

SYTF Demographics

Since the transition from DJJ to local jurisdiction commitments, Mendocino County has committed one (1) youth to STYF, which occurred in the current fiscal year and is not reflected below. The following data represents the first two (2) years of SYTF eligible adjudications, youth demographics and SYTF commitments.

Total 707(b) Offense Adjudications by Adjudication Date

FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
1	3	11	8	23

Total 707(b) Offense Types by Adjudication Date

Offense Types	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	1	9	7	18
Attempted Homicide	0	0	2	0	2
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	1	2
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Firearm	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Aged	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon of Mass Destruction	0	0	0	0	0
Witness Tampering	0	1	0	0	1

Unduplicated Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
1	3	10	8	22

Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
1	3	10	8	22

Youth Demographics by Gender

Gender	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
Female	0	1	4	1	6
Male	1	2	6	7	16

Youth Demographics by Age of Offense Date

Age	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
13	0	0	0	0	0
14	1	0	4	1	6
15	0	0	1	2	3
16	0	1	3	3	7
17	0	2	2	2	6

Youth Demographics by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
American Indian/Native/Indigenous	0	0	5	5	10
Black/African American	0	1	0	0	1
Hispanic/Latino/a/x	1	1	3	0	5
White/Caucasian	0	1	2	3	6

Youth Demographics by Residence

Incorporated	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
Fort Bragg	0	0	1	0	1
Point Arena	0	0	1	0	1
Ukiah	1	0	6	5	12
Willits	0	1	1	1	3
Census-Designated					
Covelo	0	0	0	2	2
Hopland	0	0	0	0	0
Potter Valley	0	0	0	0	0
Unincorporated					
Elk	0	1	0	0	1
Out of County					
Sacramento	0	1	0	0	1
Lake	0	0	1	0	1

Youth Demographics by Gang Involvement

Gang Involvement	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	Total
Norteno	1	1	2	3	7
Sureno	0	0	0	0	0
N/A	0	2	8	5	15

Youth Dispositions

Disposition Outcomes	1 Youth from FY 21/22	3 Youth from FY 22/23	10 Youth from FY 23/24	8 Youth from FY 24/25	Total
			Resulted in the Following Findings		
Adult Direct Filed - Formal Probation Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Direct Filed - Sentenced to CDCR	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred Out of County	0	1	2	0	3
Committed to SYTF	0	0	1	0	1
Declared Ward	0	2	6	7	15
Declared Ward with OHP	0	0	0	0	0
Remains Ward	1	0	1	1	3
Remains Ward with OHP Ordered	0	0	0	0	0

Youth Case Closure Outcomes

Case Closure Outcomes	1 Youth from FY 21/22	3 Youth from FY 22/23	10 Youth from FY 23/24	8 Youth from FY 24/25	Total Unduplicated
			Resulted in the Following Findings		
Deceased	0	0	0	0	0
Out of County Transfer	1	1	2	0	4
Successful	0	2	3	0	5
Unsuccessful	0	0	2	0	2
Remaining Active Cases					
Active Wardship	0	0	2	8	10
SYTF Commitment	0	0	1	0	1
SYTF Reentry Supervision	0	0	0	0	0

***Duplicated Youth**

Additional Relevant Information

Additional notable information, of the two (2) youth committed to out-of-county secure treatment youth facilities, both their individualized rehabilitative programming required intensive mental health services.

PART 4: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

(WIC 1995 (d)(2))

Description of Facility

Mendocino County operates a juvenile detention facility named Mendocino County Juvenile Hall (MCJH). MCJH is a 42-bed facility with three (3) units, known as A-Unit, B-Unit and C-Unit. The layout of A and B units includes a long hallway of housing with living areas for each unit at the end of the hallway. Currently B-Unit is the only living area utilized. C-Unit is a self-contained unit, including dining area and an attached classroom, formally used for housing male violent offenders. This unit is currently closed but is the identified location to house the target population. C-Unit houses 10 youth with the ability to double-up in two (2) rooms for a maximum occupancy of 12.

Description of Secure Youth Treatment Facility

All SYTF youth will be provided access to treatment and services that promote and support rehabilitation and a reduction in recidivism. Additionally, Mendocino County Probation Department will promote and provide a safe, healthy, and secure environment at the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall and a seamless, supported reentry into the community.

Upon entry into the facility, each youth will be initially screened using our current case management system Aegis New World Systems which includes questionnaires such as Initial Screening Assessment, Classification and Gang Classification. Additionally, each youth will be assigned to the Transition Plan Committee for further assessment. This committee which will consist of a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officer, Mental Health Clinician, Education Representative, and Medical Staff Representative who will also serve as the SYTF Treatment Team and be responsible for all assessment and treatment plan development and oversight. During the first 30 days, all assessments and case plans will be developed to support the youth's treatment goals. During this time family members as well as other pro-social adults will also be identified and encouraged to visit weekly and support the youth's treatment goals and case plan.

The Mendocino County Juvenile Hall utilizes the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). This comprehensive assessment instrument measures a youth's Adverse Childhood Experiences score (ACEs) and their risk and protective factors in the following 12 domains:

- Use of Free Time
- Criminal History
- School
- Employment
- Relationships
- Family
- Living Arrangements
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Mental Health
- Attitudes/Behaviors
- Aggression
- Skills

Assessment of criminogenic risk factors and treatment directed toward changing dynamic characteristics provides the best chance of reducing recidivism. MCJH will focus case plans based upon the youth's top three identified criminogenic needs. The PACT assessment tool will be used as a pre and post assessment. More specifically, an initial assessment, every six-month's re-assessments and a final assessment will be completed for each youth.

Youth assessed and requiring more specialized programming in the areas of Gang Involvement or Substance Abuse Treatment will be referred to an appropriate provider. The program will operate on a weekly schedule and be in compliance with all Title 15 regulations. MCJH will structure the daily activities around the treatment program but will include ample inside free leisure time, as well as, structured outside recreation activities.

The SYTF Treatment Team will provide a progress report at 6-month intervals outlining progress in the program and milestones reached, as well as, a description of additional treatment, educational and vocational needs. Additional areas that may be addressed in this report may include but are not limited to input from family members, victim notification, restitution, and written statement from the youth. This report will be submitted to the Juvenile Court for review. At the time of this 6-month review hearing the Court may continue the youth in the Secure Youth Treatment Facility or order the youth into a less restrictive program which could be in either a custodial or non-custodial setting. The less restrictive placement will be considered part of the baseline term. The Court may also reduce the baseline term by 6 months.

After the 12-month review and dependent upon rehabilitative goals, the youth will be assessed for vocational training opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Mendocino College Certificate Completion Program (Rising Scholars)
- Culinary Certificates
- Gardening/Horticulture
- Other Regional Facility Training Programs

Description of Placements

Mendocino County has contracted with a few out-of-county Secure Youth Treatment Facilities to house youth who are ineligible for housing at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall. Further, less restrictive opportunities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Description of Services and Service Providers

To meet this need, the core services provided to SYTF will aim to promote pro-social changes in attitude and behavior and prepare youth for a positive reentry into the community. The services MCJH aims to provide are:

- Anger Management – Handling Difficult Feelings group provided by GEO Reentry Services (GEO) utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling Series Change Companies Cognitive-behavioral series that uses evidence-based strategies to assist youth involved in the criminal justice system. Handling Difficult Feelings encourages participants to identify their difficult feelings and how they connect to irresponsible behaviors. They will explore seven proven strategies that will help them cope with their difficult feelings and then develop a plan to deal with them as they arise.
- What Got Me Here group provided by GEO utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling Series Change Companies Cognitive-behavioral series. In What Got Me Here?, participants explore the consequences of past decisions and begin to learn skills for controlling anger, handling negative peer pressure, working with authority figures and strengthening family ties.
- Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) provided by GEO includes group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT) and MRT-based workbooks, a CCI MRT cognitive-behavioral treatment system that leads to enhanced moral reasoning, better decision-making, and more appropriate behavior. Juvenile MRT: *How to Escape Your Prison* workbooks are used with all types of juvenile offenders including juveniles with substance abuse disorders. Topics include but are not limited to Honesty, Trust and Acceptance, Goal Planning, Raising Awareness and Helping Others.
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment provided by Mendocino County Behavioral Health Services.
- Peaceful Warrior Project – Aikido provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Instructors provide structured classes of the Japanese martial art where the youth are taught self-

defense while offering a peaceful path to conflict resolution, teaching the practical skills in order for youth to center and calm themselves. The program teaches critical life skills such as respect, focus, perseverance, self-awareness, compassion, and self-discipline.

- Peaceful Warrior Project – Mindfulness Meditation provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Through structured classes of meditation, youth are taught to proactively observe their present moment experience consisting of sensations, thoughts, memories or images, without reacting to it and ultimately learning to make conscious healthy decisions.
- Peaceful Warrior Project – Trauma Resiliency and Emotional Regulation Skill Development provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Youth are provided one-on-one sessions of structured coaching and skill building to assist youth in developing resiliency to internal and external trauma triggers and emotional, cognitive and behavioral patterns. The instructors specialize in working with youth who have grown up in highly adverse environments including but not limited to: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other highly traumatic experiences.
- Mental Health Counseling provided by Mendocino County Youth Project utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy which focuses on the connection between thoughts, behaviors, and emotions to help teens develop healthy coping skills. Solution-focused brief therapy places focus on a person's present and future circumstances and goals. Harm Reduction and Dialectical Behavior Therapy clients learn how to manage strong emotions and develop mindfulness. Further, MCYP Success Coaches utilize Motivational Interviewing to help build awareness and youth development of the motivation they need to change their lives including substance abuse issues. Mendocino County Behavioral Health Recovery Services (BHRS) also provides mental health therapeutic services.
- Music Program provided by Mendocino County Probation staff provides music education and composition options. Youth have an opportunity to learn how to navigate music making software and creating and recording their own music. Additionally, the music program includes Native American Singing, where youth can share their traditional songs and storytelling providing a cultural, spiritual, and emotional connection for native youth.
- Gardening Project aims to introduce youth to sustainable and organic gardening practices that can be used to grow food in backyards. Some produce will also be used

to provide nutritional workshops to our youth, increasing their understanding of nutrition, how it affects the body and making healthy food choices.

- The Council for Boys and Young Men (One Circle Foundation curriculum) provided by Mendocino County Probation staff addresses risk factors and empowers boys and young men to find belonging, build assets, and deconstruct harmful masculinity beliefs on their journey toward becoming respectful leaders and connected allies in their community. Through guided discussions, the group inspires young men to be self-motivated to change and to develop and practice skills that can be transferred to classrooms, neighborhoods, job training, or sports.
- Risks and Decision a New Freedom A.R. Phoenix Resources, Inc. curriculum aims to prevent or reduce violence, gang involvement and criminal behavior.
- Red Road and White Bison curriculum uses a holistic approach to emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual wellness based on Native American healing concepts and traditions.
- Life Skills curriculum is provided by Mendocino County Probation staff to equip youth with the necessary skills to make informed decisions, solve problems and confidently navigate their lives. The program strives to develop youth interpersonal and social skills including communication, critical thinking, time management, financial management, and self-care.
- Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program provided by Mendocino County Probation staff aims to assist youth transition to young adulthood. The TAY Program will provide support, recreational and life skills building groups, case management services, personal coaching for learning and linkage to education and employment. Life skills include planning, focus, self-control, awareness, and flexibility.
- The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program is an evidence-based program that gives parents tips on how to manage the challenges of family life.
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) provided by Mendocino Inland Intergroup.
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA) provided by Mendocino Area Narcotics Anonymous.
- Positive Behavior Management System provided by MCJH is a point system designed to reward specific youth behaviors while positively reinforcing the facility standard expectations. The program encourages youth to improve upon behaviors identified as below the standard expectations and encourages youth to go above and beyond those expectations.
- Culinary Arts vocational certificates through Mendocino College.

- Post-Secondary Education opportunities (Rising Scholars) and community college coursework available through Mendocino College. Additionally, Mendocino County Office of Education collaborates with Orijin PBC to provide digital content tablets for the youth to use during school hours providing post-secondary education and vocational certification opportunities.

Supervision and Other Responses

The youth are supervised by Youth Corrections Officers, Supervising Youth Corrections Officers and overseen by the facility Division Manager. Probation Assistants also monitor youth movement in Intake through video and audio surveillance.

PART 5: JJRBG FUNDS

(WIC 1995 (d)(3)(A-F)

Mental Health, Sex Offender Treatment and Related Behavioral or Trauma-Based Needs

Currently, MCJH is contracted to have a Mental Health Clinician (8 hours per week), Youth Success Coaches (32 hours per week) psychiatric assessments and medication management (5 hours per month), and crisis services. Additionally, Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is on site approximately five (5) hours per week providing mental health services. Mendocino County plans to enhance existing Mental Health Services by completing a comprehensive Intake and Clinical Assessment to identify each youth's needs and create a treatment plan, as well as, implementing new treatment programs and group therapy (i.e. Aggression Replacement Therapy).

MCJH staff will perform Intake Assessments to identify and address trauma in youth. Further, staff will receive ongoing training on adolescent development, trauma informed approaches, mental health needs, cultural responsiveness, motivational interviewing and de-escalation techniques.

Mendocino County plans to contract with other Secure Youth Treatment Facilities to provide the programming for a youth needing sex offender treatment.

Healthy Adolescent Development

Mendocino County will continue to work with its community-based organizations to offer appropriate programs such as life skills development. MCJH plans to implement an assessment of each youth's psychological functioning, academic and vocational interests, physical health and maturation, family history and support, social development, and leisure activities and interests. Additionally, MCJH staff will provide mentoring and role modeling and the TAY program.

Family Engagement

Mendocino County will provide family counseling through Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and plans to continue to enhance family engagement through

Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT-M) and utilizing family strengthening curriculum, such as Functional Family Therapy (FFT). The County will also utilize family finding tools and resources to locate additional family members to connect and develop enhanced family support and to strengthen healthy family relationships. SYTF youth who are parents will also receive parenting support through First 5 Mendocino.

Reentry Planning and Linkage

Mendocino County will create a Reentry Case Plan including a detailed transition plan to community services, as well as implement employment support and vocational skills training and enhance post-secondary educational opportunities.

Youth will be assessed for eligibility for transitional housing programs such as Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) offered through Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Children's Services.

THP-Plus is a transitional housing program for young adults who exited foster care on or after their 18th birthday and are not yet 24 years of age. Eligible young adults may participate in the program for up to 24 cumulative months. The program provides supportive services to help participants successfully transition to independence, including case management, housing, educational advocacy and guidance, employment counseling and job readiness training, linkage to health care and health insurance, linkage to community resources and assistance in finding and maintaining affordable housing upon completion of the program.

Evidence-Based, Promising, Trauma-Informed and Culturally Responsive Practices

Mendocino County has participated in the Trauma Informed Implementation Project (TIIP) with the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care and Mendocino County Youth Project. Mendocino County Probation Department has been assessed by the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care for its department baseline agency report and recommendation. Staff have received training as participants of the TIIP. Additionally, Mendocino County can use the resources offered through the PACEs Connection a social network for Positive & Adverse Childhood Experiences and agencies implementing trauma-informed and resilience-building practices made available by CASA of Mendocino County.

MCJH will also have a supervisor and the division manager responsible for programming coordination, addressing evidence-based services and data collection. MCJH will continue to ensure its program and services are either evidence-based, evidence informed, or based on promising practices. MCJH plans to identify new programs that are trauma-informed and culturally responsive.

Additionally, Mendocino County will continue to utilize the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to assess and identify a youth's risk level to reoffend as well as their criminogenic needs. This allows for an individualized case plan identifying both their risk factors and protective factors. The PACT is validated for youth up to age 21. For youth over the age of 21, the Static Risk and Needs Assessment (SRNA) will be used.

Mendocino County will also implement the use of interactive journaling with Thinking for Change and Courage to Change workbooks. Additionally, the County plans to implement the New Freedom A.R. Phoenix Resources curriculum to address alternatives to gangs.

Services Provided by Nongovernmental or Community-Based Providers

Mendocino County is committed to a collaborative approach to develop and implement innovative services to support the needs of realigned youth, including expanded programming and services with its community-based providers. It is recognized there will likely be gaps in services and programs that will be discovered as the County plan develops or new legislation is enacted. In those instances, the County would be looking to its nongovernmental agencies and community-based organizations to help fill any gaps.

Office of Youth and Restorative Services Impartial Investigations

Mendocino County will track staff time and costs related to preparing responses to OYCR impartial investigations into youth complaints. Mendocino County will utilize JJRBG funding to offset this workload increase which was created by the closure of DJJ and passing of AB 505.

PART 6: FACILITY PLAN

(WIC 1995 (d)(4))

SYTF Housing, Treatment Needs and Facility Improvements

Mendocino County's intention is to utilize what is currently known as C-Unit to accommodate its realigned youth. This wing of Mendocino County Juvenile Hall is a secure, self-contained residential facility with the capacity of 10 rooms. C-Unit has its own day room for structured inside activities, dining area as well as an attached classroom to meet the educational needs of youth. Exiting C-Unit to the East, youth will utilize the outdoor physical recreation area equipped with a basketball court, exercise area, covered walkways (shade and rain), landscaped grass area and trees.

C-Unit will allow for some separation by age or other needs as identified during classification. Realigned youth will also be assessed using the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) as well as additional risk assessment tools as deemed appropriate. Historically, Mendocino County has committed male youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice at a very low rate and no record of a female commitment in the last 20 years. Based upon that data, female commitments would be better served in a setting where additional female youth can be housed and undertake the program together. Therefore, the County would contract with another county to provide the SYTF housing and treatment for the female population. To better serve realigned male youth and surround them with other like-gendered youth, Mendocino County would consider accepting commitments from other counties of similar size and demographics, if C-Unit becomes necessary. Mendocino County will not be accepting commitments for sex offenses or severe mental illness.

Security camera systems have been upgraded and added throughout the facility to ensure the safety of our youth, staff and community partners. Technology has been added to the C-Unit classroom to allow student access to post-secondary educational opportunities. C-Unit will also be painted with a splash of color and include upgraded furniture and fixtures to promote comfortable living and learning environments.

MCJH has re-purposed a previously closed classroom and created a Multi-Use Resource Room to offer youth access to community-based services, family engagement workshops and

an adequate space for group facilitation. The Multi-Use Resource Room upgrades included security camera installation, new technology to allow youth access to webinars and other online learning platforms, as well as furniture and cosmetic alterations.

Additional Safety Measures and Protections

Prison Rape Elimination Act: MCJH has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual harassment or abuse. Youth will have access to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) hotline. The Probation Department has a policy in place to investigate all sexually based accusations or complaints as serious, truthful, and time sensitive. PREA investigators include supervisory staff at all levels within the facility. At any time during an investigation, outside law enforcement agencies may be called to conduct a criminal investigation. Victim Advocates will be made available should they need to be utilized in any case. All information is considered confidential.

Transgender Youth: Policies are in place to protect transgender and intersex youth. Upon initial entry, youth will identify their preferences, which will help in determining housing, clothing, and supervision based on their gender identification.

Special Education: In cooperation with the Mendocino County Office of Education, youth will have access to continued education and services. Individual Education Plans (IEP) and Education Related Mental Health Service (ERMHS) are available for those youth who qualify. Schools also work in cooperation with behavioral health providers, medical staff, Redwood Coast Regional Center staff and Probation to individualize each youth's program to meet their specific needs.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The Department will ensure youth with disabilities have equal access to programs, education and activities by providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aides. The Supervising Youth Corrections Officers (SYCO) monitor accommodations for youth requiring additional assistance due to a disability. The SYCO's conduct quality control of the documentation in unit binders, follows up with staff to ensure accommodations are understood and being followed, serves as an ADA liaison with partnering agencies and evaluates ADA training needs for the facility. The SYCO will ensure youth accommodations are communicated during intake, initial assessment, school, and multidisciplinary team meetings. The SYCO's will work closely with the Mendocino County

Office of Education to ensure information regarding educational accommodations are received and documented.

Suicide Prevention: Probation is committed to deterring and preventing self-harm and suicide within its facilities. Policies are in place for the identification and supervision of youth identified as high-risk for this behavior. A youth's history, current state of mind, and potential for self-harm or suicidal ideation will be assessed. Youth deemed an immediate risk will be immediately assessed by behavioral health to determine programming needs and supervisory objectives. Youth may be placed on Suicide Watch or Special Watch depending on their needs. Programs can be changed at any time during their stay with behavioral health input and approval.

Youth Grievances: Each youth will have access to grievances and will be able to file a grievance at any time. A confidential grievance box is made available or youth may give them directly to an SYCO. Grievances are taken seriously, handled in a timely manner, and are reviewed by the Juvenile Hall Division Manager.

Youth Bill of Rights: Each youth will have access to the Youth Bill of Rights and will have the ability to contact and speak to the Ombudsperson confidentially. The information is posted on the living unit in both English and Spanish.

PART 7: RETAINING TARGET POPULATION

(WIC 1995 (d)(5))

Juvenile Justice System Retention Plan

Mendocino County Probation will not be recommending transfer of youth cases to the adult court system, with the exception of extreme cases of serious and/or violent offenses. Through the planning efforts and involvement of the District Attorney, Public Defender and Court representatives on the subcommittee, Mendocino County justice partners will be informed of the local alternative to DJJ and the programming options available as a satisfactory alternative to state-level commitment through the adult court system and confinement.

Additionally, during the initial assessments and case planning development, the Transition Plan Committee members will encourage youth to play a major role in their individualized plan. Their input and insight into their own goals along with the criminogenic needs identified will allow youth buy-in and pre-contemplation for change. Focusing on creating smaller SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely) goals within the larger and more overwhelming objectives will allow more opportunities to celebrate the wins. It will also provide the youth a sense of accomplishment and confidence to continue to work towards achieving their larger goals. While it is anticipated some youth will be resistant to change, the programming goals are designed to meet the youth where they are. Using appropriate interventions and support proven to be most effective will assist the youth in recognizing the benefits of change and investing in their personal growth.

The Transition Plan Committee will periodically review the youth's progress. The team will provide input for case planning, general oversight of case progress and will make recommendations to the Supervising Probation Officer and Juvenile Division Manager. If a transfer to the adult criminal justice system is recommended by the Transition Plan Committee, the case will be presented to the Assistant Chief Probation Officer or Chief Probation Officer for approval to ensure significant administrative oversight of the assessment, recommendation and decision, prior to filing a motion of transfer with the Juvenile Court.

PART 8: REGIONAL EFFORT

(WIC 1995 (d)(6))

Partnerships

Mendocino County Probation Department contracts with out-of-county Secure Youth Treatment Facilities specifically to house female commitments, sex offenders, and those with severe mental illness.

PART 9: DATA

(WIC 1995 (d)(7))

Data Collection

The Probation Department will identify specific data to be collected on youth served including, demographics, case information, prior case information and services provided (if applicable), in-custody programming, assessment information and post release recidivism rates. Data will be collected by a SYCO and compiled on a monthly basis utilizing the case management system. The Juvenile Hall Division Manager will oversee the collection of data on the target population youth served.

The Probation Department will also identify specific data to be collected on youth program participation including, program dosage and frequency, participation in MDTs, timeliness of service delivery, program completion, warm hand off and transition to community programming, and participation levels while reintegrating into the community. The Probation Department will collaborate with its community partners on collecting the identified data and will monitor monthly submissions. Service and program providers will use a unique identifier to easily and confidentially track data and outcome measures.

To date, Mendocino County has not had a youth housed at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall for SYTF programming. The two (2) youth committed to an SYTF were not eligible for housing at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall due to their need for intensive mental health treatment.

Outcome Measures

DATA COLLECTION IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF PROGRAM SUCCESS AND MENDOCINO COUNTY PROBATION IS COMMITTED TO HAVING ACCURATE AND RELEVANT DATA IN ORDER TO MEASURE

WHAT IS WORKING AND WHAT IS NOT WORKING. OUTCOME MEASURES WILL INCLUDE RECIDIVISM RATES (NEW CRIMINAL ARRESTS, CONVICTIONS AND/OR SUPERVISION VIOLATIONS) AND PROGRAM COMPLETION RATES (TREATMENT PROGRAM COMPLETIONS, EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS). THE PRE AND POST ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES WILL BE USED AS AN ADDITIONAL MEASURING TOOL. FURTHER, THE YOUTH'S SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITY IN MAINTAINING THEIR EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, ETC. WILL BE REVIEWED BY MEASURING THE LENGTH IN TIME IN WHICH THEY SUSTAIN STABLE AND HEALTHY LIFE SKILLS.

PART 10: PROGRESS REPORT

(WIC 1995 (d)(8))

Description of Progress

Mendocino County continues to work on facility improvements and adding to our educational, vocational, and programming opportunities in preparation for the possibility of potentially housing SYTF commitments at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall. To open C-Unit and house SYTF commitments, there would need to be at minimum three (3) to four (4) youth programming at once. This is a best practice for the youth housed so they are not isolated and socially limited. Until such time, the Mendocino County Probation Department will continue to look towards contracting with other programs with larger capacities to best fit the needs of our youth.