

# Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Youthful Offender Block Grant (JJCPA-YOBG)

## FY 2020-2021 Consolidated Annual Plan

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### Instructions:

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4) and Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(b) call for consolidation of the annual plans required for JJCPA and YOBG.

Please submit your most up-to-date consolidated plan.

The rest of this document is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. If you find it helpful to use this template, please do so.

Your submission will be posted, as submitted, to the BSCC website.

*Please e-mail your plan to:*

**JJCPA-YOBG@bscc.ca.gov**

# **Juvenile Justice Plan**

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**Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A))**

**A. Assessment of Existing Services**

Include here an assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth services resources that specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

Refer to JJCPA Program Statement

Describe what approach will be used to facilitate collaboration amongst the organizations listed above and support the integration of services.

Refer to JJCPA Program Statement

## **B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas**

Identify and prioritize the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas of the county that face the most significant public safety risk from juvenile crime.

Fresno County, the County of Fresno, is a county located in the central portion of California. As of July 2019, the population was 999,101. The county seat is Fresno, the fifth most populous city in California. There are 38 cities in the county which includes both the East and West regions of the County. With the exception of the Criminally Sexual Exploitation of Children (see Program Statement), we ensure we identify those youth deemed moderate-risk or high-risk to re-offend based on PACT assessments who reside in the general Fresno area and youth will be linked to services identified by the case plan.

Services will also be provided to the juvenile institution to support youth committed to those programs (see Program Statement).

## **C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy**

Describe your county's juvenile justice action strategy. Include an explanation of your county's continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency as well as a description of the approach used to ensure a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Please refer to the attached Program Statement for more information.

Fresno County Probation is an integral component of the juvenile justice system. We perform investigative and supervision services of youth who have demonstrated delinquent behavior. We utilize evidence-based practices to include motivational interviewing skills. Our Intake Unit is the gatekeeper of law enforcement referrals which determine the appropriate course of action. Supervising DPO's also determine the best course of actions based on the identified needs of the youth and individualized case plans, and non-compliant behaviors.

Juvenile Supervision: Once placed on formal probation by the Court, Juvenile Supervision units are responsible for the supervision of youth and for ensuring they are following the terms and conditions of their probation. Officers are instrumental in ensuring youth enroll in a school setting and continue to work at ensuring they receive the identified services. Based on results from the PACT assessments, cases are determined to be low to high-risk to re-offend. Officers then work collaboratively with youth and their families to develop and fulfill their case plans.

Supervising DPO's serve both the metropolitan and rural communities in the County of Fresno. Officers continue to work collaboratively with their School Resource Officers and other local area law enforcement officers in each area and share information to stay abreast of ongoing area activity. Officers continue to utilize the department's risk/needs assessment tool to develop a case plan by identifying the top criminogenic needs of each youth and matching them with the proper referrals needed, utilizing evidence-based programs where possible.

A Probation Services Manager acts as the department contact for Interstate Compact. The supervisor processes all new requests for transfer between states as well as other inquiries from the State Interstate Compact office via the Juvenile Interstate Data System (JIDS).

The Placement unit is responsible for supervising youth in out of home placements and AB 12 youth. Officers must maintain monthly face to face contact with each youth in out of home placement. Placement officers are

diligent in finding the least restrictive, most family like environment possible. The ongoing implementation of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), which includes recruiting and developing Resource Families, participation in Child and Family Team meetings with allied agencies and those invested in youth's lives, and remaining aware of group home transitions to Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTPs) remain at the forefront of Placement unit activity.

The SB 163 Wraparound program is a family-focused, strength based program used as an alternative to out of home care in order to provide in-home support. Screenings for this program flow through the Placement unit. It is unique in that it allows a youth to remain in their home through a foster care agency, which in turn provides intensive in-home services in a collaborative effort with Probation and BHRS. Weekly team meetings in the youth's home are held. Additionally, one officer assigned to the Placement unit works with youth who have been victims of sexual trafficking in collaboration with Friday Court, EOC Human Trafficking Coalition, and Probation Crime Victim Assistance Center Victim Advocate.

Pre-GPS program is a predisposition program a youth is placed on in lieu of incarceration. The Probation Department actively supervises and incarcerates the youth if there is a violation. Some flexibility is retained by the Probation staff in regard to incarceration.

In addition, the Courts act in accordance to statutes which include some of the following:

\*Jurisdiction Hearings - Upon a motion by the District Attorney or on its own motion, the Court may request a hearing to determine if a minor is an appropriate candidate to be dealt with in Juvenile Court. It will also be requested that minors who have been found not amenable for Juvenile Court be detained in jail upon reaching the age of eighteen (WIC 707(a), WIC 707(c), and WIC 208.5).

\*WIC 709 Hearings - These hearings are initiated by the Court to address issues related to youth competency. The evaluation is conducted by a Court appointed psychiatrist and includes a determination of whether the youth is competent to participate in court proceedings.

\*Deferred Entry of Judgment - Youth eligible for the Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) Program pursuant to WIC 790 are referred for a DEJ Assessment to determine suitability for the program. Investigations officers will report to the Court concerning DEJ suitability. If granted DEJ, youth are placed on probation without wardship for a period of no less than 12 months and no greater than 36 months. Status hearings to evaluate compliance of Court ordered probation terms are calendared every 12 months, at which time the assigned probation officer reports on the youth's progress. If, after 12 months the youth is found to be following the orders and has met all financial obligations, probation may be terminated by the Court. If, however, at any time during the DEJ term, the youth is not compliant or has committed a new law violation, DEJ status may be lifted pursuant to WIC 793, and the youth will be adjudged a ward of the Court.

\*Probation Without Wardship - Youth who have a sustained petition for certain misdemeanors, with less than \$1000.00 restitution, can be placed on probation for a period not to exceed six months pursuant to WIC 725. The Court may order specific terms of probation, excluding incarceration. Once granted, the matter is calendared for a Status Hearing just prior to the expiration of the probation term for a compliance report. If the youth has complied with the terms, the probation officer may submit a memorandum prior to the status review and request probation be terminated, vacating the pending status hearing. If the youth has not satisfied all the orders of the Court, the Court may adjudge the youth a Ward and place him/her on formal status for a specified term of up to their 21st birthday.

**D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions**

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year.

The Community Service Work Program contract with the previous vendor, ANKA, no longer exists as they filed fore Bankruptcy and said program was temporarily stopped. Therefore, rather than contracting the service, Fresno County Probation is considering implementing the program with Probation personnel.

If your Plan has not been updated this year, explain why no changes to your plan are necessary.

**Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4))**

**A. Information Sharing and Data**

Describe your information systems and their ability to facilitate the sharing of data across agencies within your county. Describe the data obtained through these systems and how those data are used to measure the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.

Fresno County Probation has an internal case management system that allows officers to manage the juvenile probation population. The Probation Department routinely reports information in the JCPSS system and annually through the CPOC Annual Report, and collects monthly statistical reports from probation officers. This information is used to direct resources and helps guide decision making for the department management team.

**B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils**

Does your county have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Council (JJCC) as Prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code 749.22?

YES

NO

If no, please explain what vacancies exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies began and your plan for filling them.

### **C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements**

Using the template on the next page, describe each program, strategy and/or system enhancement that will be supported with funding from JJPCA, identifying anything that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) moneys. For additional template pages, simply click the "copy template" button below.

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## **JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement**

*This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, strategy and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.*

### **Program Name:**

See JJPCA Program Statement

### **Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:**

### **Description:**

**Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) – (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a))**

**A. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders**

Describe your county's overall strategy for dealing with non-707(b) youthful offenders who are not eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice. Explain how this Plan relates to or supports that strategy.

The Juvenile Justice Development Plan for Fresno County Probation was designed to provide the supervision and services needed for the non-707(b) offenders who are no longer eligible to be committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Youth are screened for the New Horizons Commitment Program. Services such as mental health and substance abuse counseling are provided as well as the "Thinking for a Change" program. The "Thinking for a Change" program is an integrated, cognitive behavior change model consisting of 25 modules that includes cognitive restructuring, social skill development, and development or problem solving skills involving correctional staff and committed minors. Other services include educational and vocational programs are also available. A case plan is developed upon the minor's release to identify the needs and risks of the youthful offender. Based on the identified needs, referrals are made to the service providers and the probation officer maintains regular contact and conducts reassessments as necessary.

**B. Regional Agreements**

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported with YOBG funds.

N/A

**C. Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies and/or System Enhancements**

Using the template on the next page, describe the programs, placements, services, strategies, and system enhancements to be funded through the YOBG program. Explain how they complement or coordinate with the programs, strategies and system enhancements to be funded through the JJCPA program. For additional template pages, simply click the "copy template" box below.

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## **YOBG Funded Program, Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement**

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### ***Program Name:***

Risk and Needs Assessment/Commercial Sexual Exploitation - Identification Tool (CSE-IT)

### **Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:**

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### **Description:**

The Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) risk and needs assessment tool will be used by the Deputy Probation Officer to develop a case plan that will identify the needs and treatment program specifically for the minors. The PACT and case managed services are both evidence-based practices. Once the case plan is developed, appropriate referrals are made to a full range of service providers and treatment programs.

The CSE-IT tool is an evidence-based tool designed to improve early identification of children who are commercially sexually exploited. It will be used by the Deputy Probation Officers at the time of the youth's dispositional interview or after the youth has been adjudicated a ward of the Court. The tool will also be used by the DPO assigned to the CSEC caseload and link the youth to the appropriate resources and/or screen for Friday Court.

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### **Program Name:**

Community Justice Conference (Restorative Justice)

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### **Description:**

This program is a contract that provides restorative justice and victim offender mediation for youth and their families as an early intervention service. Restorative Justice focuses on the harm caused by crime, repairing the harm done to victims, and requires offenders to take responsibility for their actions and the harm they have caused.

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### **Program Name:**

Boys and Girls Clubs and Targeted Re-entry Program

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### **Description:**

The Boys and Girls Club provides recreational services and a Targeted Re-entry Program (TRE) to youth detained at the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus (JJC). Youth participating in the TRE program receive both pre-release and post-release services. Pre-release services include, but are not limited to social and life skill building, vocational and career development, character development, leadership, and recreational opportunities. The Boys and Girls also provides recreational services to non-TRE in custody youth. During the post-release re-entry process from the JJC into the community, TRE program youth transition to a designated Boys and Girls Club near their residence zip code and continue their relationship with the Club including case management and supervision with the goal to successfully transition back into the community.

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Girls Circle Program

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### **Description:**

The Girls Circle program provides uniquely powerful, interactive, and experiential training to Juvenile Correctional Officers in order for them to help promote the girls who are detained at the Juvenile Justice Campus, strengths and critical thinking concerning their behavior and choices. The Girls Circle curriculum offers an approach that increases positive connections as they pertain to the girls health relationships with adults, peers, and the community for the purpose of helping girls to take full advantage of their talents, academic interests career pursuits, and potential for healthy relationships.

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### **Program Name:**

Mentoring

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### **Description:**

The community based organization provides a mentoring program for youth in both the commitment and detention facilities at the Juvenile Justice Campus. The program is continued to be provided to the youth upon their release from the Juvenile Justice Campus. The organization also provides mentoring services to youth that have been assessed and determined to be at-risk of group home or foster care placement or family disruption.

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### **Program Name:**

Truancy Intervention Program

### **Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:**

Fresno County Probation currently uses the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds for a program that primarily focuses on school based interventions, as well as other specialized supervision caseloads, for juveniles who are on probation in the rural areas of East and West Fresno County. Success of this program is measured by the average daily attendance levels with the Districts participating in TIP.

### **Description:**

The Truancy Intervention (TIP) is a collaborative program between Fresno County Probation and the Fresno County Office of Education. School Districts within Fresno County participate in this prevention program that helps decrease truancy, improve attendance, and increase learning opportunities. Success of this program is measured by the average daily attendance levels within the Districts participating in TIP. There are two Deputy Probation Officers assigned to this program. They provide support to the TIP system as developed by the Districts and Probation, participate in school site meetings with parents/guardians, attend School Attendance Review Board meetings when possible, assist schools in supervising identified chronic truants, and participate in the training of school district personnel.



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### **Program Name:**

Juvenile Commitment (Camp)

### **Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:**

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### **Description:**

The program consists of 60 beds in our Commitment facility, of which 30 beds are the New Horizons program. The New Horizons program is designed for males 14 to 18 year old who had the benefit of less restrictive commitment options or have committed an offense that could have resulted in a DJJ commitment. The program utilizes contracted services that include mental health and substance abuse counseling as well as aggressive behavior reduction therapy by using a cognitive learning model. The other 30 beds also receive the full range of services provided at the Commitment facility by contracted services not paid for with YOBG funds. These include the cognitive learning model "Thinking for a Change." Contracted psychological services are used to provide referral and psychotherapy to minors. The Deputy Probation Officer develops a case plan that includes transition and aftercare services for juveniles within the Commitment facility.

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### **Program Name:**

Intensive Supervision

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### **Description:**

This program consists of five Deputy Probation Officers that provides youthful offenders intensive supervision services. The caseload provides supervision for juvenile offenders that have a high number of needs (based on an evidenced based needs assessment) that need to be addressed and/or are considered to be at high risk of recidivism. The Probation Officers for these caseload will screen clients by developing a case plan that assesses risks and needs. This is to ensure proper referral opportunities and reduce the risk of re-offending.

# YOBG Funded Program, Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

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## **Program Name:**

University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI)

## **Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:**

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## **Description:**

The University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) will work with Fresno County to expand and improve the delivery of evidence-based practices in and across the Juvenile Justice Campus and Juvenile Services Divisions. UCCI will work with the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus in the following ways:

- Enhance the contingency/behavioral management system.
- Improve consistency of the contingency/behavioral management system through training, coaching, and quality assurance.
- Enhance staff use of core correctional practices through training, coaching, and quality assurance.

UCCI will work with the Fresno County Juvenile Services in the following ways:

- To enhance staff use of core correctional practices.
- To enhance staff ability to develop meaningful case plans

UCCI will set up committees and meet with Multidisciplinary Implementation Team (MIT) teams regularly to review current program components, update components in need of better alignment with evidence-based practices, monitor both successful and challenging components, and update implementation efforts as needed to best support practices adopted.

Training in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) will be conducted for staff and supervisors. Case Planning (CP) training will also be conducted for those juvenile justice staff responsible for developing and monitoring case plans. The goals of the training are threefold: (1) review the principles of effective intervention and how they relate to assessment and case planning; (2) discuss the importance of assessment-driven case planning; and (3) enhance staff skills and knowledge to develop case plans with individuals involved in the criminal justice system on their caseloads. The training provides staff with many opportunities to practice each component of an effective case plan, as well as offers a "putting it all together" activity whereby staff will work in small groups to create a full case plan for individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

Another area includes technical assistance as research supports coaching and quality assurance measures is reliable means to ensure program fidelity and effectiveness. UCCI will provide both on and off-site technical assistance through any of the following services to support successful implementation and fidelity of programing.

***JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT***



***PROGRAM STATEMENT***

***MAY 29, 2020***

## **(1) Informal Probation Prevention Program**

Informal probationers although at the entry level of the Juvenile Justice system, are not necessarily considered high risk, but may have high needs. Unless effective evidence-based practices are employed with this population, further and more criminogenic behavior can be expected.

The program goals are to reduce arrest and incarceration while working towards a higher level of restitution collection and community service completion. As a component of their program, youth and families are assessed promptly after Court and seen by the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) to review their terms and conditions of Informal probation.

In a collaborative environment, they will also be referred to agencies which will monitor their compliance of special conditions such as therapy, family counseling, and other programs designed to meet their overall rehabilitative needs which have been shown to be effective in reducing recidivism with this population.

DPO's supervising minors on Informal probation can refer them to the Community Justice Conferencing (CJC), which is a program of Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) of the Central Valley. Both CJC and VORP utilizes evidence-based practices including cognitive behavioral therapy. With the assistance of locally trained mediators, CJC facilitates a mediation and restitution process which considers the impact, needs, and concerns of the victim, offender, and the community.

CJC gives the people involved an opportunity to decide how to best address the offense and how to keep it from re-occurring. Once the agreement is met with the offender and the victim, CJC reports to the Court the outcome of the mediation. CJC monitors the plan and assists the parties in keeping agreements. The DPO's also work in collaboration with school districts and treatment providers to ensure compliance with the orders of the Court and restitution collection.

## **(2) Fresno County School Based Officers Intervention Program**

The second identified area of the program focuses on intervention. The Fresno County Probation Department's plan is to strategically place DPO's in the communities where the youth live and spend most of their days. By placing the DPO's at the youth's school, they can be aware of the youth's behavior, his/her study habits, and other factors that can help officers gain a realistic perspective of the overall adjustment. The DPO can more readily intervene when called upon, where situations demand, in order to affect more timely resolutions to problems as they arise. Parents too, as well as other family members, can be called upon to assist when needed. For those who live in the rural areas, this plan also addresses their needs.

The School Based Program is well established for creating a partnership between Juvenile Probation Departments and local school that place DPO's directly within the confines of the school. The program efforts focus on youth who are under the supervision of the Court.

The benefit of school-based probation is that it offers interaction between the officers, youth, and families in their natural communities. The primary focus is a collaborative effort of probation, police, and schools to closely monitor juvenile probationers attending high school campuses while developing and implementing school-based interventions i.e. restorative justice, youth court, informal sanctions and interventions. Some interventions also include non-traditional event such as school sporting events, graduations, and other school large happenings where “high visibility” and proactive approaches avoid delinquency and promote a safe environment for youth and the community.

The program goals are to reduce entry into the justice system, arrest, incarceration and violation of probation rate and to increase the successful completion of probation rate, a higher level of collection of restitution and a greater level of community service completion.

Under a traditional probation model, an officer may contact the youth only once a month, but with DPO’s directly in the schools, officers can provide informal contact as well as much more formal meetings during, before, and after school hours. Being located at the schools also permits the DPO’s to check attendance, discipline records, and other information about youth, as well as to check with teachers about academic progress. Consequently, DPO’s develop more substantial personal relationships with youth, resulting in improved communication and understanding.

The Department will utilize five separate mainstream high schools in the Fresno Unified School District, the largest school district in the City and County of Fresno: Bullard, Sunnyside, Roosevelt, Edison and Cambridge/DeWolf. They also have access to the connected alternative high school as well as their feeder elementary and middle schools. Supervision of youth on formal probation will be carried out by DPO’s who are assigned full-time to the Campus Unit.

Two DPO’s are assigned to Central Unified School District, which will also provide supervision for youth on probation, in order to ensure support and assistance for youth to comply with Juvenile Court orders. Officers assigned to the campuses will help to maintain school safety, monitor student attendance, develop relationships with students through informal contacts, and behavior and provide a partnership with other local law enforcement officers assigned by their agencies. A probation/police partnership also exists in order to take enforcement action when necessary.

There is also one DPO assigned to the Sanger Unified School District and two assigned to the Kings Canyon Unified School District. These DPO’s also provide supervision for youth on formal probation in order to ensure support and assistance for youth to comply with Juvenile Court orders. Officers assigned to the campuses will help to maintain school safety, monitor student attendance and behavior, develop relationships with students through informal contacts, and provide a partnership with other local law enforcement officers assigned by their agencies. A probation/police partnership also exists in order to take enforcement action when necessary.

The Fresno, Central, Sanger and Kings Canyon Unified School Districts have collaboratively agreed to promote youth development to include an appropriate prevention/intervention program for youth enrolled in their respective School District elementary schools. The goal is to promote positive behaviors in the school, home and community by fostering positive, proactive relationships with DPO's. Contact with probationers will be made on campus, in the youth's home, and in other areas of the community. In addition, many of the FUSD high schools involved in this project operate Youth Courts, an evidence-based practice, where students who are first-time offenders are held accountable by their peers. Sanger Unified and Central Unified also implement the Juvenile Youth Court practice. The Campus DPO can also use the Youth Court as an alternative to filing a formal petition, thus avoiding the Delinquency Court.

The next school partnership is found in the geographical outlying rural areas of the County. East and West Fresno County Supervision Officers will provide supervision with collaborative partners, school and police partners. There will be four DPO's assigned full-time to the rural areas of Fresno County. Two DPO's will be assigned to East Fresno County area and there will be two DPO's focusing on West Fresno County communities.

The DPO's will build collaborative partnerships with law enforcement entities, schools, as well as community-based organizations in various towns located within their assigned areas. They will also become familiar with the local Mental Health Service Providers and Public Health Services in each community. The DPO will manage a caseload for their geographical area and will make personal contact with probationers in their home, school, and in the community.

### **(3) Violet Heintz Educational Academy/Day Reporting Center Intervention Program**

The Violet Heintz Educational Academy (VHEA) is a Community School Program that provides educational programming for students who are referred by the Probation Department or home school district. Students are also identified and referred through the Transition Team from the Juvenile Justice Campus for those probationers who were not attending any other school or have been expelled from district programs. Grade 7-12 students are provided with an educational program tailored to meet their individual academic learning level and behavioral needs.

VHEA also provides the Day Reporting Center Program (DRC) for those probationers that are Court ordered to complete 180-day substance abuse or mental health component of the program, which also consist of 30 days on the Global Positioning System (GPS). Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible to continue with their education at the school site or reintegrate back into their home school district. The students eligible for DRC are youth in grades 9-12.

The DPO assigned to VHEA provides supervision for youth on formal probation, in order to ensure support and assistance to youth to comply with Juvenile Court orders. The Fresno Police Department also partners with the school to provide a collaborative approach to ensuring safety, security, mentoring, and to take enforcement action when necessary. Officers assigned



to the campus will help to maintain safety, monitor school attendance and behavior, and provide partnership with other local law enforcement officers assigned by their agencies.

The program goals are to reduce the arrest, incarceration and violation of probation rate and to increase the successful completion of probation rate, a higher level of collection of restitution and a greater level of community service completion.

The DRC at VHEA is a multi-disciplinary, community-based alternative to incarceration for juvenile offenders. It is a treatment-oriented program comprised of probation, mental health, substance abuse programs, and a school for students who are having mental health or substance abuse problems. Through a combination of intensive interventions and direct services for these youthful offenders, they will be encouraged to live criminal free lifestyle.

School-based DPO's can also provide the following:

- Intervene in crisis situations involving juvenile probation clients
- Assist schools in handling disruptive behavior by probationers or other youth
- Coordinate interventions with the schools and other agencies
- Coordinate re-entry efforts for youth returning from a Juvenile Justice facility
- Serve as an agent of early intervention for disruptive or truant youth who are not yet involved in the juvenile justice system

#### **(4) Fresno County Family Behavioral Health Court Intervention Program**

The Juvenile Delinquency Mental Health Court was one of the projects of the Juvenile Justice Services Collaborative. To avoid the stigma attached to "Mental Health Court," the court was renamed "Behavioral Health Court" or BHC, and then subsequently changed to Family Behavioral Health Court or FBHC to underscore the importance of family involvement. FBHC is a Juvenile Delinquency Superior Court program designed to adjudicate and provide treatment plans for youth who are at high risk to the community as indicated by their assessed and demonstrated mental health impairment.

DPO's will be assigned to a caseload of high needs probationers, who have demonstrated mental health needs requiring specialized assistance. Many have a history of violence and failed response to past treatment or lack thereof. The program goals are to reduce the arrest, incarceration and violation of probation rate, and to increase the successful completion of probation rate.

The focus of FBHC is the protection and safety of the community, the youth and their families, the assessment and treatment of youth needing mental health services; and the monitoring of the youth's subsequent mental health treatment plan. FBHC establishes connections with community-based organizations and family support systems that previously were not being effectively utilized. FBHC also includes procedures to evaluate the success of the program.

The focus of the FBHC supervision is:

- Provide protection to the community, youth, and their families
- Ensure that each youth appearing before the Court is held accountable and receives treatment and services, they need to effectively address their delinquent behavior and behavior and to avoid further contacts with the juvenile justice system
- Ensure government, non-profit, and private organizations provide the treatment and services they are obligated or have agreed to provide
- Reduce placement in custodial facilities and group homes by engaging participants and their families in the treatment process

The FBHC team comprised of the assigned Juvenile DPOs (2), FBHC Coordinator, Defense Counsel, Deputy District Attorney, Department of Behavioral Health clinician, and the Juvenile Court Judge. The FBHC team uses a collaborative approach to review and suitably address each youth and family referred to the program and sustain participation based on the youth's and family's needs.

The youth must be an adjudicated ward of the Court unless the FBHC Team agrees the youth is suitable for diversion. The youth must have a diagnosed mental illness (i.e., major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, mood/anxiety disorders) or a developmental disability (i.e., intellectual disability, autism) or organic brain disorder. Exclusionary diagnosis is of a youth with Conduct Disorder or ADHD only. The mental illness or developmental disability primarily contributed to the delinquent conduct. The youth and family must agree to voluntarily participate in the program and cooperate with team members, including compliance with and medical protocol.

The FBHC team will meet prior to each FBHC session to review referrals for suitability. The team will review the probation report, mental health assessment, and any other evaluations to determine if the youth is suitable for the FBHC. All members of the FBHC team may present additional information and opinions regarding the youth's suitability.

Subject to the capacity limitations, cases deemed both eligible and suitable will be accepted into the program. If there is not a unanimous agreement of the team members, the FBHC Judge's decision regarding eligibility and suitability will be final.

The DPO's assigned to the FBHC serves as part of the FBHC team in the development, documentation and implementation of the individualized treatment plan. The DPO is also responsible for supervision of the youth. The DPO is trained to recognize and empathetically handle issues of youth and family in FBHC. Based on the needs of the youth and family, the DPO may increase contacts at school and home, participate in Child Family Team (CFT) meetings with treatment provider, attend Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) meetings, attend community outings, mediate free exchange of information amongst invested parties to include school, treatment, and medical providers, and assist with ensuring compliance with developed treatment plan.

The primary contracted provider for FBHC is currently Uplift Family Services Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program, which is an evidence-based treatment modality designed to reduce barriers to accessing treatment services. The clinical staff of ACT may provide the following treatment services based on the needs of the youth and family. Higher intensity level of treatment with 24/7 availability to clients when needed

- Individual therapy
- Group therapy
- Family therapy (as indicated and therapeutically appropriate)
- Parenting coaching
- Behavioral coaching
- Addiction and prevention services
- Educational and vocational services
- Medication management
- Other various case management services to families as they are needed

The FBHC program takes approximately one year to complete and is comprised of three stages: assessment, intervention, and learning new skills to manage the mental health condition, and stabilization. In each stage, the goal is the behavior demonstrated in each area for a period of time before being eligible to promote to the next stage. The time period is flexible, and promotion may be based upon individual circumstances.

The FBHC team will determine whether the youth and family have successfully completed the FBHC program by considering the following factors: The youth has complied with the terms and conditions of probation for a significant period. The youth and his family are no longer in need of treatment services, the youth's condition has stabilized over a significant period and the family can obtain the needed services in the community without the involvement of FBHC.

##### **(5) Fresno County SAU Aftercare Intervention Program**

Another program component is a DPO assigned to the Fresno County Probation Department Juvenile Substance Abuse Aftercare caseload. Youth that have completed the 180-day Floyd Farrow Substance Abuse Unit (SAU) dual diagnosis treatment program is assigned to this caseload. While in the in-patient program, youth will be assigned to a group with approximately 10 to 15 youth, a mental health clinician, and a substance abuse counselor. Case management services are provided by the treatment team. Evidence based practices include Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Curriculum. Services included but not limited to the following: Individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, multi-family groups, psychoeducation, and case management. Medical treatment and medication therapy will be utilized when appropriate by Wellpath.

In addition, the substance and mental health counselors will apply the Therapeutic Community and Motivational Interviewing with the youth in the SAU program. These practices are evidence-based, and they also use Gender-Responsive Services. Once these youth complete the in-patient component of the program, they will be released back in the community.

The DPO assigned to this caseload has case management responsibility for the duration of the youth's period on probation. It is the responsibility of the DPO to refer the youth, living in the city of Fresno, to Family Youth and Alternatives (FYA) for their substance abuse treatment. This program uses the same modalities as the SAU program.

Further, for out-patient treatment, the provider uses the Teen Matrix Model, which incorporates Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Curriculum. The modality consists of research-based techniques integrated into an approach that includes individual sessions, family sessions, group sessions, Twelve Step programs, and separate parent and adolescent substance-education groups.

A transition meeting is held prior to the youth's release involving multiple collaborative agencies such as a home school district representative, Focus Forward, The Boys and Girls Club, the youth, the parents, and the DPO. The focus of the transition meeting is to determine the best school placement to meet the youth's educational needs, provide the youth with appropriate referrals that will assist in rehabilitation once released to the community, and connect the youth to any supportive services that will promote a positive integration back into the community.

Once the youth is released from custody, the DPO will support the youth's compliance with substance abuse treatment, they will also ensure compliance with all their conditions of probation, which will include drug testing. The program goals are to reduce the arrest, incarceration and violation of probation rate and to increase the completion of probation rate, and a higher level of collection of restitution.

The DPO will continue to work with law enforcement agencies, substance abuse treatment providers, and local school districts. Intensive supervision and increased services are provided for those high-risk offenders, which can include contact with the offender in the home, school site, or Probation Department. The DPO will work with families, treatment providers, law-enforcement agencies, school districts, to support the youth's compliance with his/her conditions of probation.

#### **(6) Fresno County Sex Offender Program**

Another program component will be a County Probation Department Juvenile Sex Offender caseload. This caseload is comprised of youth adjudicated in the Delinquency Court or who have been placed on Deferred Entry of Judgment for a sexual offense that requires them to complete out-patient Sex Offender Treatment. The program goals are to reduce the arrest, incarceration and violation of probation rate and to increase the successful completion of probation rate, a higher level of collection of restitution and a greater level of community service completion.

The assigned DPO will continue to work with treatment providers, to ensure compliance, as well as working with the offender's family and the local school districts. Intensive supervision is provided and can include contact with the offender in the home, school site, Probation Department, or at treatment facilities.

The DPO assigned to this caseload has case management responsibility for the duration of the youth's period on probation or DEJ. It is the responsibility of the DPO Officer to refer the youth to an acceptable out-patient Sex Offender Treatment program, which usually takes a minimum of 18 months to 3 years to complete, as well as individual and family counseling.

The Sex Offender Treatment programs utilize Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and/or Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) interventions, which are evidence based, in the group setting as well as others, but these interventions are effective for this population. The group environment is experiential in nature in order to minimize the participant's defenses so that the group therapists can experience the client as he would operate outside the office environment. Each treatment provider is responsible for reporting the progress and attendance in treatment.

The DPO will work with families, treatment providers, law-enforcement agencies, school districts, the District Attorney's Office, and the Child Abuse Review Team (C.A.R.T.) to ensure the minor's compliance with his/her conditions of probation or DEJ

## **(7) Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**

California law defines commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) as children who have been sexually trafficked, as described in Section 236.1 of the Penal Code, or who have received food, shelter, or payment in exchange for sexual acts (California Welfare & Institutions Code § 300(b)(2)). The Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act defines sex trafficking as "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act" 18 U.S.C. § 1591. According to these definitions, a young person can be considered commercially sexually exploited whether a third party (e.g. pimp) is involved in their exploitation. Additionally, any person who buys or sells sex from a minor can be considered an exploiter.

Two DPO's are assigned to intensive supervision caseloads for female youth who have been identified as at risk of human trafficking in conducting an assessment identified as the Commercial Sexual Exploitation-Identification Toll (CSE- IT, pronounced "See It". This is a tool which helps identify children and youth who have been, or are being, commercially sexually exploited. The completed CSE-IT will result in a total number that indicates the youth's level of risk as No Concern, Possible Concern, or Clear Concern.

The youth who score Possible and/or Clear Concern will be screened with the DPO for possible supervision under the CSEC DPO and may be referred to Friday Court. Friday Court is a specialized court hearing for youth at risk of trafficking or being trafficked. The youth is linked with various resources available to them. The youth's participation is voluntary and is not meant to be punitive, but rather positive and supportive.

The DPO's will work closely with the youth, service provider and the court in assisting the youth in developing a case plan that best meets their needs. The DPO's will also participate in various CSEC trainings, and educational forums in order to maintain awareness in this subject matter. The probation officers will work closely in collaboration with Human Trafficking providers including, but not limited to Fresno County EOC, Central Valley

Against Human Trafficking (CVAHT), Breaking the Chains, and with the Crime Victim Assistance Center, Human Trafficking Victim Advocate.

The DPO's will provide awareness, training, technical assistance, and advocacy about human trafficking and trafficking-related issues with fellow probation officers.

## Summary

The Fresno County Probation Department's JJCPA program focuses on programming for not only at-risk youth, but for juvenile offenders under the formal supervision of the department. The program design features seven separate programs with specialized populations and unique needs to be addressed. Though the provision of juvenile services in these seven areas, based on prevention, intervention and suppression, the Fresno County Probation Department will ensure that appropriate services for these identified populations are successfully addressed.

The Fresno County Probation Department utilizes the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to identify risk levels and needs for services. The PACT assessment process is described by the originators as the cornerstone of their efforts to implement evidence-based services and interventions throughout the Juvenile Justice System in the state where it originated. Therefore, there is consideration to review caseload designations.

Those probationers, male or female deemed to be at higher risk, as identified using a screening tool, PACT, may be referred to Thinking for a Change, (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) in lieu of returning the minor to Court for a violation of Probation. The program includes cognitive restructuring, social skills development and development of more effective problem-solving skills. The program is designed for delivery to small groups in 25 lessons and can be expanded upon to meet the needs of specific participant groups.

Fresno County also utilizes JJCPA appropriations to fund two Probation Tech positions. The Probation Techs are tasked with collection of data, documentation pertaining to the JJCPA programs, assisting with review/monitoring of the GPS/EM duties, assisting with JJCPA caseload management responsibilities to include conducting interviews with youth and their families and linkage to appropriate rehabilitative/supportive services. The Probation Tech is also responsible for DNA collection, DNA data entry and maintaining DNA records. Further, the Probation Techs are utilized to assist in any area of need that directly correlates to the JJCPA programs, the youth, and families on the respective JJCPA caseloads.

JJCPA appropriations are also utilized for a two Social Workers in the Placement Unit. The Social Workers are tasked with preparing necessary documentation as it pertains to youth who are ordered to or are considered for foster care placements. Said documentation is required under state and federal mandates. Further, the Social Workers is utilized to assist in any area of need that directly correlates to the JJCPA programs, the youth, and families on the respective JJCPA caseloads.