

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

**FY 2020-2021  
Consolidated Annual Plan**

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# Imperial County

## Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Delinquency Prevention Plan 2020/2021

JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA)  
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER BLOCK GRANT (YOBG)

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# Introduction

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The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) was passed in 2000 and California subsequently took significant steps towards sweeping reform of juvenile justice practices. Several years later in 2007, the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) restricted State level commitment to youth who committed the most serious offenses, commonly referred to as “707(b)” offenses after the Welfare and Institutions Code section.

As a result, non-707(b) offenders who might have been committed to a State facility in previous years are to be served at the local level using community resources and programs with the belief that remaining closer to their families and communities would support positive outcomes. The YOBG authorized State funding to counties to offset the cost of providing these resources and programs to youth, consistent with an annual plan submitted by counties to the State.

Through these reform efforts, local jurisdictions have been provided funding to support initiatives and strategies that target juvenile crime and delinquency, juvenile offenders and at-risk youth. Over the past decade, juvenile justice has continued to evolve and has experienced numerous improvements. The field has embraced evidence-based practices and focuses on the delivery of treatment and other services to improve youth and system outcomes. Accurate and timely data have become a priority and are required to ensure interventions and operations reflect evidence-based practices and are aligned with rehabilitative goals.

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# Overview

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In an effort to encourage coordination and collaboration among the various local agencies serving at-risk youth and young offenders, the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) advises county Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils (JJCC) to update and refine the county's juvenile justice plan each year. This document will provide an overview of JJCPA and YOBG, goals and objectives for the coming year, and strategies that will be deployed.

## **Assembly Bill (AB) 1998 Consolidation**

AB 1998 combined reporting requirements for the JJCPA and the YOBG programs. As of January 1, 2018, counties may submit a consolidated annual plan describing the programs, placements, strategies, services, and system enhancements supported by either JJCPA or YOBG funding.

## **Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)**

In order to implement evidence-based practices, the Imperial County Probation Department recognized this effort would be a radical departure from normal business practices. Through this funding, the Probation Department continues to collaborate with Rite Track Youth Services for juveniles at risk of being removed from their homes and sent to placement and for juveniles returning from placement and reintegrating into the community. The allocation of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds helps to support probation supervision of juvenile probationers with the intent of reducing recidivism and the evidence-based probation supervision practices will improve public safety outcomes among our juvenile probationers.

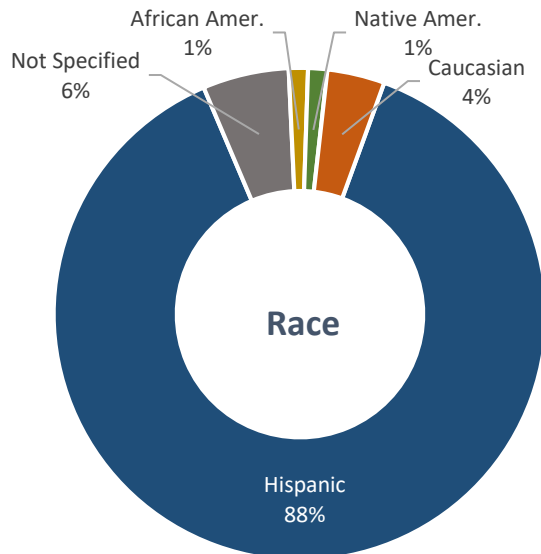
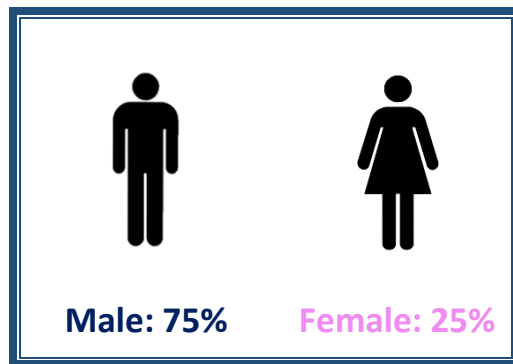
## **Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG)**

Through this funding from the Board of State and Community Corrections of California, the Imperial County Probation Department is able to provide necessary and effective services to youth by keeping juvenile offenders in the proximity of their families and communities to enhance public safety. Additionally, contracts have been implemented with Behavioral Health Services to provide psychiatric assessments and counseling of minors in Juvenile Hall. This funding has allowed for the development of an evidence based risk assessment program for all juveniles and supports diversion programs such as the Community Work Service (CWS) Program, the Police Athletic League/Sheriff's Athletic League, the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Juvenile Hall Garden of Dreams, the Imperial County Youth Summit, the National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM), and the Assembly Bill 12 (AB 12) Recognition Ceremony.

# Juvenile Supervision Population Breakdown

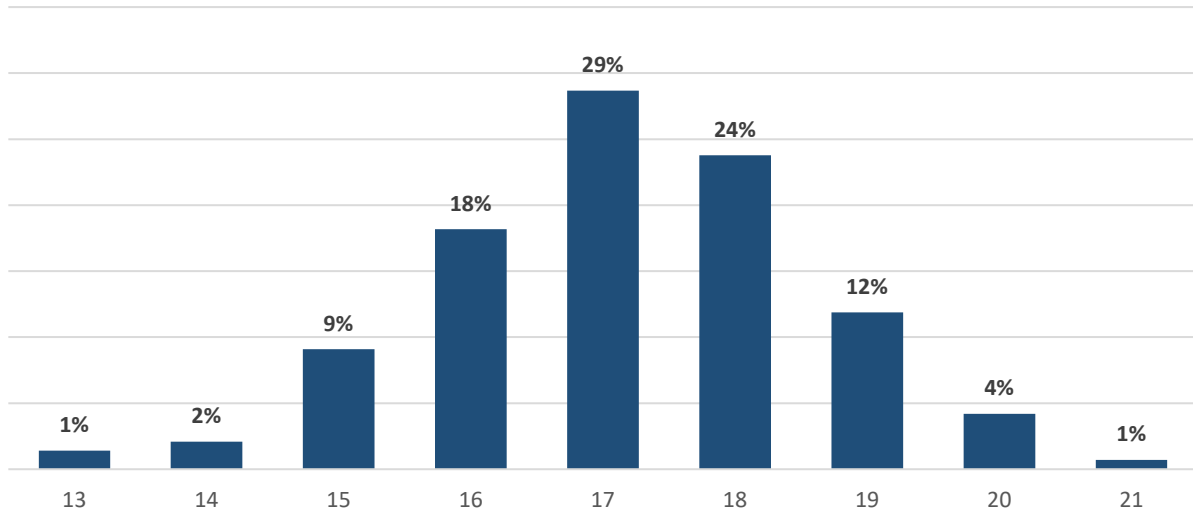
The Imperial County Probation Department reports yearly to the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), and between June 30 in 2018 and June 30 in 2019, the Imperial County Probation Department’s Juvenile Supervision population decreased from 206 clients to 177 clients, almost a 15% reduction in population that continues to trend downward. The Probation Department’s continued use of effective strategies and programs has had a positive impact on the juvenile supervision population. Currently, the majority of juveniles under supervision at the Imperial County Probation Department are between the ages of 16 and 18, Male, and Hispanic.

## Gender



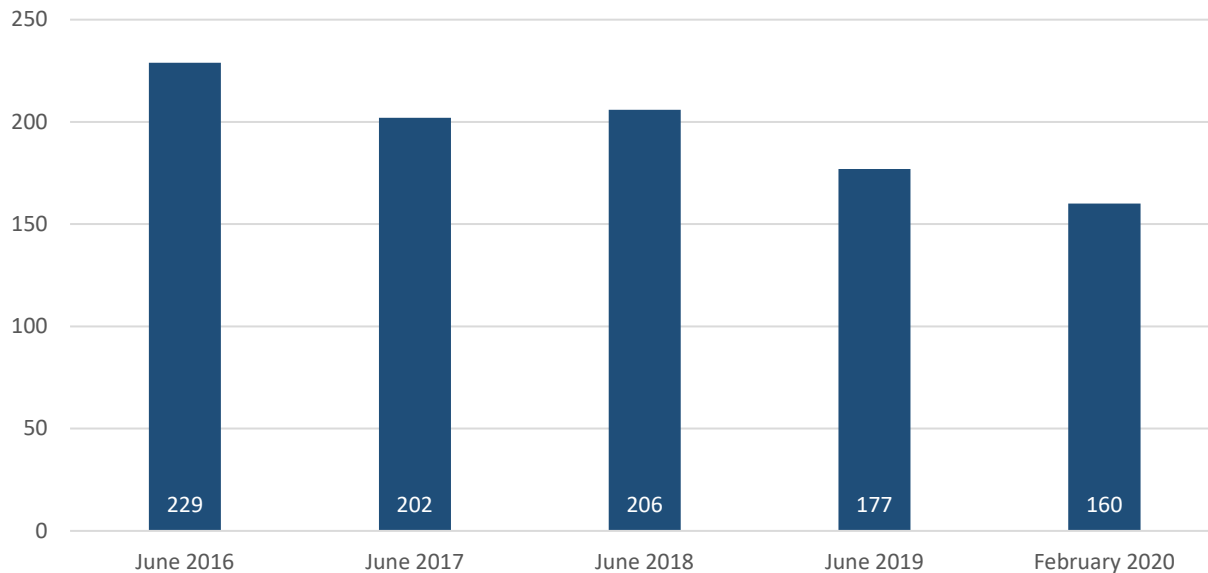
# Imperial County Juvenile Population Trends

## Current Juvenile Supervision Age Breakdown



## Juvenile Supervision Population (2016 - 2020)

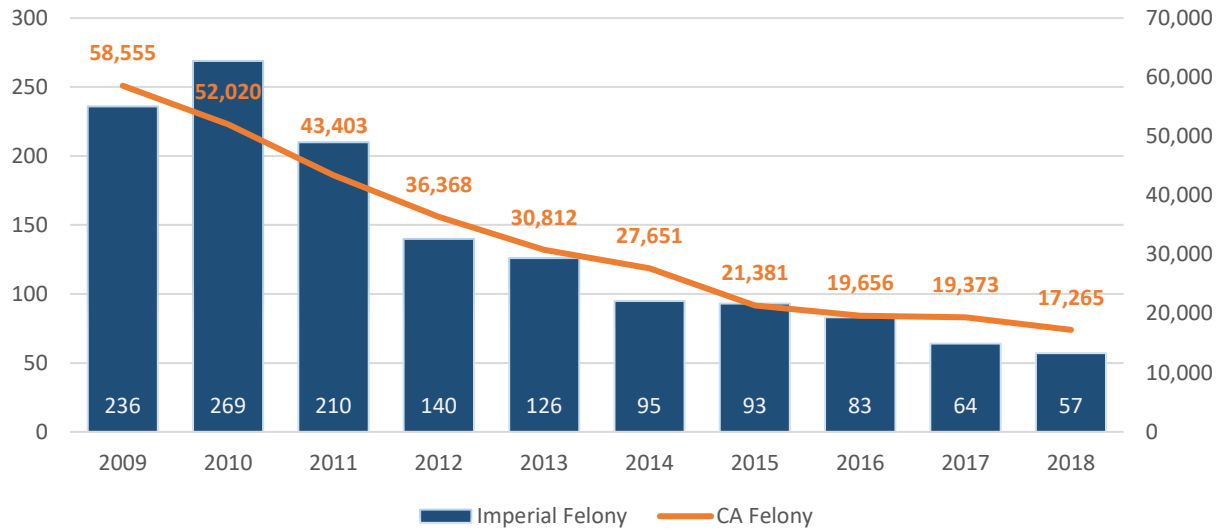
### Juvenile Supervision Population as of June 30



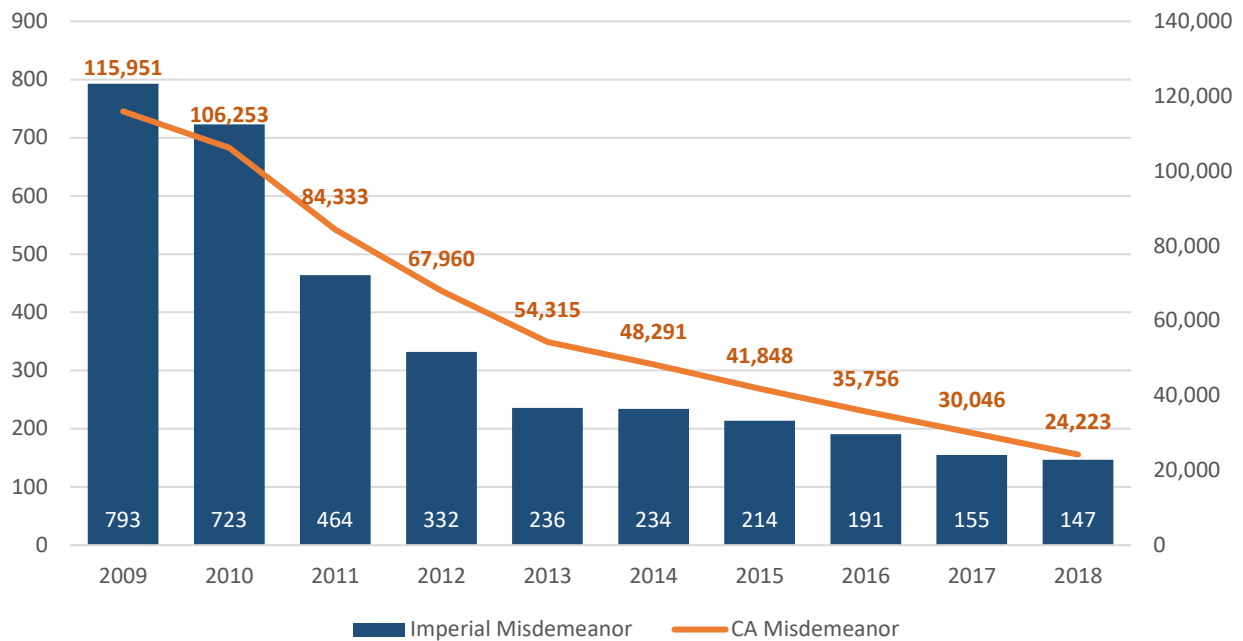


# Imperial County Juvenile Population Trends

Juvenile Felony Arrests: California vs Imperial County (2009 - 2018)



Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests: California vs Imperial County (2009 - 2018)



State and County data provided by the California Department of Justice Statistics Center – “Open Justice”

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

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## A. Assessment of Existing Services

### Rite Track Youth Services

Rite Track Youth Services is a community-based organization that provides a wide array of effective services for teens that are supported by research and evidence-based practices. Rite Track works with agencies on the County and State level, as well as directly with youth and



families, with the goal of building a successful future for youths participating in their programs. Rite Track’s mission is to teach youth the skills they need to succeed and to guide them in a positive direction by providing a continuum of services that include the Evening Learning Center and the Mentoring and Tracking Program.

Rite Track’s Evening Learning Center and Mentoring and Tracking Program has been in operation for over a decade since the program first began operating on December 21, 2009. The Evening Learning Center is a joint effort between Rite Track Youth Services and the Imperial County Probation Department, as well as the Juvenile Court of Imperial County. There are a total of 60 students enrolled in the programs at any given point, which includes up to 26 students in the Evening Learning Center program and approximately 35 students enrolled in the Mentoring and Tracking Program. Through collaboration with Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools (ATCS) and the Imperial County Probation Department, Rite Track also operates the Proud Parenting Program, which is designed to teach pro-social parenting skills and anger management skills to 50 at-risk teen parents using a validated

parenting curriculum. Additionally, in 2019 Rite Track and the Imperial County Probation Department received 2018 Youth Reinvestment Grant funding, and through this grant, up to 50 low level at-risk youth ages 13 and 18 receive diversion services, mentoring services, case management services, peer-to-peer counseling services, cognitive behavioral therapy, supportive services, linkage to supporting agencies, vocational training, and accreditation through RISE UP – a customer service and sales curriculum that gives participants the opportunity to gain over 80 hours of hands-on work experience.

Rite Track Youth Services utilizes a “Restorative Solutions” model, which emphasizes repairing the harm students have caused by giving back to the community. Rite Track students are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service in order to complete the program and, in 2019, Rite Track Students completed **1,105 hours** of Community Service. The participants worked in the following community projects and aided the following community organizations:

- ❖ Imperial County Humane Society
- ❖ Imperial County Salvation Army
- ❖ Woman Haven
- ❖ Calexico Neighborhood House
- ❖ Westmorland Honey Festival
- ❖ Food Distribution to the homeless
- ❖ 2019 Youth Summit
- ❖ Beautification of First Baptist Church
- ❖ CAP Council Clean Up
- ❖ Holiday Food Basket Distribution

Rite Track operates utilizing best-practices and evidence-based programming; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is the therapeutic milieu utilized by the Evening Learning Center. In 2019, Rite Track students completed 2,468 total hours of cognitive based interventions with an average of 16 students in daily treatment groups, and an average of 126.3 hours of treatment completed by each ELC student. Rite Track utilizes the following treatment groups:

- ❖ Thinking For a Change (English & Spanish)
- ❖ Aggression Replacement Training
- ❖ Seeking Safety
- ❖ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Substance Abuse
- ❖ Restorative Solutions
- ❖ Positive Skill Development
- ❖ Independent Living Skills
- ❖ Free Talk: A Motivational Interviewing Based Substance Abuse Curriculum

Additionally, in order to better serve the largely Hispanic population, Rite Track translated one Cognitive Behavioral Therapy curriculum course into Spanish to help native Spanish speakers better absorb the material being presented and to optimize their learning experience. In order to promote success and keep students engaged, Rite Track incorporated fun and interactive ways of learning by adding a jeopardy-style game to help review the material and reflect on their daily lessons.

Rite Track continues to support the Imperial County Office of Behavioral Health by providing transportation for students, which allows them to attend the Rite Track program. Additional transportation is provided to students for appointments, such as Drug and Alcohol groups that are facilitated by Behavioral Health. Rite Track also works with Behavioral Health by referring Rite Track students to their programs when needed and will often receive referrals from Behavioral Health for their participants. Rite Track's partnership with Behavioral Health has expanded to include a Monday music class, which promotes craftsmanship among students and develops areas of the brain related to language and reasoning in order to improve students' overall quality of work. Rite Track provides students with numerous opportunities to participate in fun, educational and pro-social activities such as excursions to local restaurants and movie theaters, quarterly field trips, bowling, laser tag, flag football, softball, and soccer. The Evening Learning Center continues to collaborate with the Solo Fitness Gym to give youth the opportunity to improve upon their health and wellness and visits the gym three to four times per week. Additionally, Rite Track staff ensures that each youth has their birthday recognized and celebrated, and hosts holiday events to create new traditions and a sense of normalcy for its students.

Additionally, in 2019, all of Rite Track's programs implemented the **Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment** in order to provide services tailored to the specific needs of the participating students. Rite Track staff members come together to review the survey and determine the needs and strengths of the student and his or her caregiver. The information collected in the survey allows staff to identify specific target areas where students require additional assistance. By identifying the students' needs and strengths, there is a clear

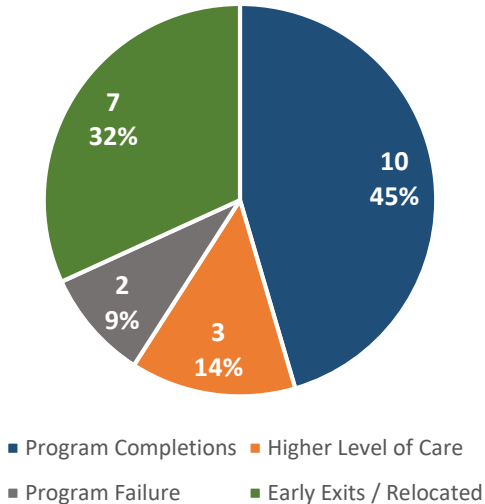
expectation as to what the student needs to work towards in order to successfully complete the program and improve their aspects of life. Staff encourage students by focusing on their strengths and helping students identify how their strengths can help them achieve their goals.

Throughout the delivery of these services, Rite Track staff work to mitigate the youth's risk factors and increase their protective factors. Individual case plans include the identified needs of each student as identified in each of the domains presented in the **Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT)** and **CANS Assessments**. Youth are linked with all applicable and available community resources including employment opportunity programs that may provide experience needed to succeed in the workplace. Community resources that are featured include visiting Job Corps, and local community colleges such as Imperial Valley College (IVC) and San Diego State Imperial Valley Campus (SDSU-IV). In addition, Rite Track provides supportive services such as meal support assistance through monthly meal boxes provided by the Imperial County Food Bank, assistance in obtaining copies of birth certificates, obtaining California identification cards or driver's licenses, work and school supplies, and clothing.

[Rite Track - Evening Learning Center \(ELC\)](#)

The Evening Learning Center (ELC) is an after school program designed to meet the needs of “at-risk” teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18 by providing these at-risk teenagers with the opportunity to engage in a number of pro-social and therapeutic interventions during peak times for high-risk teen behavior. Through these practices, Rite Track works to lower the recidivism risk of these young men and women and prevent their further involvement with the juvenile justice system. Rite Track staff pick students up at their various

ELC Program Exits 2019



schools at 2:30 PM to bring them to the Evening Learning Center and returns them to their homes by 8:30 PM.

The Evening Learning Center has twenty-six (26) slots available for Imperial County youth referred to the program through the Imperial County Probation Department, where accepted youth are expected to complete six months of the program which consists of three phases. The initial phase's length is eight weeks and requires youth to attend the program every weekday. The second phase of the program is ten weeks in length and requires the youth to attend the program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The last phase of the program is six weeks and requires youth to attend the program on Tuesdays and Thursdays and gives youth the option to attend on Fridays. If the participants struggle to meet certain program milestones, the six month time frame may also be extended. In addition to this, the Evening Learning Center offers an aftercare program for youth who are integrating back into the community following their return from out-of-home care. This program is designed to last three months and mirrors the Evening Learning Center's six month program.

Throughout 2019, the Evening Learning Center provided services to **forty (40)** individual students, with an average length-of-stay of 8.6 months per student. Additionally, in 2019, the Evening Learning Center had **ten (10)** participants successfully complete the program and **seven (7)** participants that relocated or exited the program early due to terminating their probation. Students may complete the program for a number of reasons, such as completing the requirements of the program, obtaining a job, participating in pro-social activities, moving to a lower level of care, or completing the terms of their probation. **Three (3)** students left the program for a higher level of care due to unstable households, academic noncompliance, being absent without official leave (AWOL), needing additional rehabilitative services, or for committing new crimes. **Two (2)** students left the program unsuccessfully due to non-compliance with program conduct policies. In 2019, **twenty-three (23)** youth were referred to the Evening Learning Center by Imperial County Probation, and **twenty (20)** of those referred were enrolled into the Evening Learning Center Program.

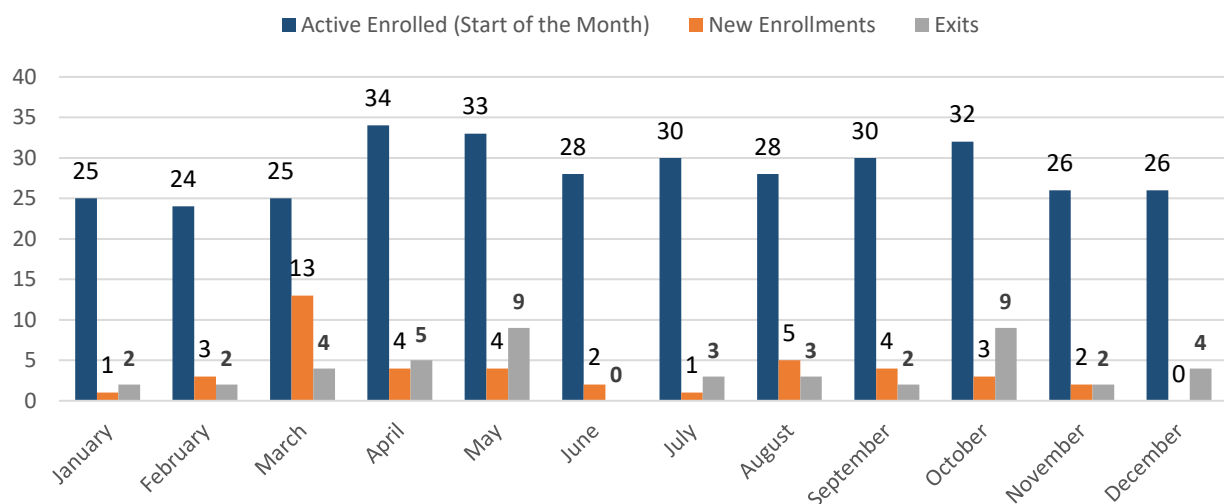
The Evening Learning Center added a **CPR/First Aid Certification Course** to their list of services in 2019. Students are trained in CPR/First Aid for adults, children, and infants by an in-house staff member who is trained and certified as an instructor through the American Red Cross. Students participate in the course for one hour, two times a week. Upon completion of the 10-hour course, students take a test to become certified in CPR and First Aid. The certification program is accredited by the American Red Cross, which validates the certification for 2 years.

Rite Track - Mentoring and Tracking

Rite Track’s Mentoring and Tracking Program is designed to assist students that require additional community-based services in order to fulfill the terms of their probation or that need assistance in accessing community-based services. Each student assigned to the program is matched with an age-appropriate role model who mentors them through their program, interacts with the student in multiple ways in the community, and is available to them twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

The Mentoring and Tracking services include: crisis intervention, job readiness, educational assistance, court attendance, monthly reports to probation, daily phone “check-ins”, in-person contacts, and family re-unification services. Other services provided to Rite Track Mentoring and Tracking students during the last reporting period included: obtaining ID cards, assisting with Imperial Valley College enrollment, tattoo removal assistance, doctor’s appointment

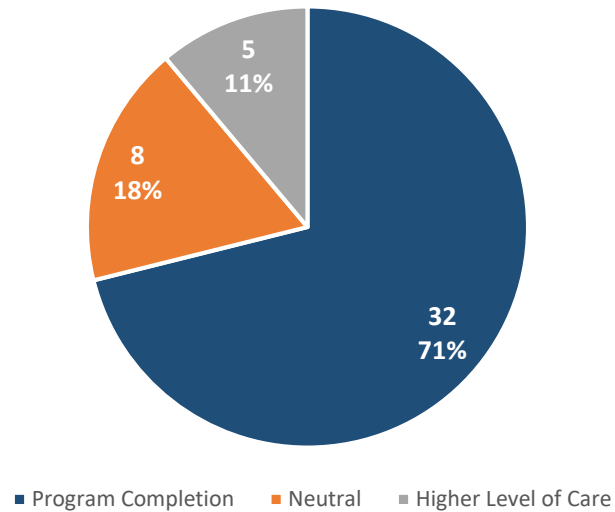
Mentoring & Tracking Enrollments 2019



assistance, driver’s license test assistance, GED test prep and registration, vocational field trips, and soft skills workshops.

In 2019, Mentoring and Tracking welcomed **forty-two (42)** new students and had an average of **twenty-eight (28)** students enrolled in the program throughout the year. Additionally, the Mentoring and Tracking program had **forty-five (45)** participants exit the program, with **thirty-two (32)** participants that successfully completed the

Mentoring & Tracking Exits 2019



program, **eight (8)** exiting the program due to probation terminations, and **five (5)** exits where participants were moved to a higher level of care or transferred to the Evening Learning Center.

Rite Track’s Mentoring and Tracking Program focused on building strong mentor-mentee relationships through an array of soft skills workshops and group sessions in 2019. The sessions were provided at local schools and at the Rite Track center. Through the soft skills workshops, students developed the tools and skills necessary to have a successful school year, obtained full mindfulness, built strong resumes, prepared for job fairs, learned how to dress professionally, prepared for job interviews, learned to identify unhealthy relationships, and learned how to establish healthy relationships.



## Imperial County Behavioral Health - Youth and Young Adult Services (YAYA)

The Imperial County Behavioral Health

Youth and Young Adult (YAYA) Services

Program focuses on the individual's

strengths and needs in an effort to

promote mental health recovery and

stability. The YAYA Program consists of the Adolescent Habilitative Learning Program (AHLP),

the Alcohol & Drug Adolescent Outpatient Drug Free (ODF) Program, Full Service Partnership

Program, Anxiety and Depression Clinics, Juvenile Hall Services, and Adolescent Alcohol/Drug

Prevention Program. These services are designed to meet the needs of Imperial County youth

and young adults between the ages of 14 and 25 years old. All services provided through the

YAYA program are integrated, individualized, and developed to promote individual and family

centered recovery, resiliency, and wellness. The program focuses on the individual's strengths

and needs in an effort to promote mental health recovery and stability.



### YAYA Anxiety and Depression Clinic

Imperial County Behavioral Health Service's YAYA Anxiety and Depression Clinic provides a

comprehensive set of services that serve individuals diagnosed with depression and anxiety

disorders. The focus of treatment is therapy and, when needed, medication support.

Services available to youth and young adults include the following:

- ❖ Individual/Group Counseling
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Medication Support
- ❖ Mental Health Services / Therapy
- ❖ Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- ❖ Targeted Case Management
- ❖ Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)
- ❖ Substance Abuse Treatment
- ❖ Rehabilitation Technician
- ❖ Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS)

### Full Service Partnership Program

This program consists of a full range of integrated community services and support structures

for youth and young adults, ages 12 to 25, which include direct delivery and use of available

community resources. The services provided include individual case management, rehabilitative

services, "wrap-like" services, integration of community mental health and substance abuse

treatment, crisis response, alternative to juvenile hall, home and community re-entry from juvenile hall, youth and parent mentoring, supported employment or education, transportation, housing assistance, benefit acquisition, and respite care. The targeted population consists of:

- **Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) adolescents**, ages 12 to 15, who, as a result of a mental disorder, have substantial impairment in at least two of the following areas: self-care, school functioning, family relationships, or the ability to function in the community, and who are either at risk of or have already been removed from their home; **or** whose mental disorder and impairments have been present for more than six months or are likely to continue for more than one year without treatment; **or** who display at least one of the following: psychotic features, risk of suicide, or risk of violence due to a mental disorder. These individuals may also be diagnosed with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.
- **SED or Severely Mentally Ill (SMI) Transition-Age Youth**, ages 16 to 25, who, as a result of a mental disorder, have substantial impairment in at least two of the following areas: self-care, school functioning, family relationships, or the ability to function in the community and are unserved or underserved and are experiencing either homelessness or are at risk of being homeless; aging out of the child and youth mental health system; aging out of the child welfare system; aging out of the juvenile justice system; have involvement in the criminal justice system; are at risk of involuntary hospitalization or institutionalization; or are experiencing a first episode of serious mental illness. These individuals may also be diagnosed with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

In addition to traditional mental health services, individuals are provided with supportive services or linkage to agencies in order to meet their individual needs. These services include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Linkage to Education
- ❖ Employment & Vocational Training
- ❖ Financial Aid Services
- ❖ Socialization Activities
- ❖ Housing and Independent Living Assistance
- ❖ Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- ❖ Physical Health Services
- ❖ Fitness Program
- ❖ Peer Support
- ❖ Family Education Support Groups

It should be noted that Mental Health Services provided at the Anxiety & Depression Clinics, as well as at the Full Service Partnership Programs, include the implementation of Evidence Based Practices by therapists and mental health rehabilitation technicians. These research based practices have been proven effective in targeting specific mental health disorders and promoting recovery. The models used in Youth and Young Adult Services include:

- ❖ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- ❖ Cognitive Processing Therapy
- ❖ Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- ❖ Parent Research Achieve & Excel through Empowerment Strategies (PRAXES)
- ❖ Motivational Interviewing

### YAYA Adolescent Habilitative Learning Program (AHLP)

The Adolescent Habilitative Learning Program provides a combination of mental health and educational services to adolescents enrolled in junior high or high school whose emotional/behavioral disturbances prevent them from learning and functioning in a regular classroom setting. The program is designed for youth who have symptoms of anger, distress, depression or anxiety that severely impair their daily functioning and need higher levels of outpatient care that may also require prescribing and frequent monitoring of psychotropic medication and consist of the following goals:

- ❖ To treat and stabilize acute, brief emotional and behavioral disorders which may otherwise require inpatient care.
- ❖ To alleviate serious behavioral excesses or deficits which interfere with personal, family, and social functioning.
- ❖ To provide a structure and supportive environment that serves as transition between the school and outpatient services.  
To provide comprehensive, multi-disciplinary assessment as a basis for creating psychosocial and behavioral treatment plans.

### Behavioral Health Services in Juvenile Hall

Imperial County Behavioral Health (ICBHS) provides specialty mental health services to high risk youth who are detained at the facility and meet medical necessity. All incarcerated youth are screened for mental health services by Juvenile Hall staff at the point of admission using the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI-2). If a need for mental health services is

identified, Juvenile Hall staff completes a referral to Imperial County Behavioral Health Services. All youth referred to Imperial County Behavioral Health Services receive a comprehensive intake assessment by a clinician who recommends mental health services at the point of intake. Referrals to ICBHS can also be initiated by juvenile hall staff, probation officers, or nursing staff at any time during a youth's stay at Juvenile Hall if mental health needs are identified after the youth's admission or if a youth requests services. During 2019, ICBHS Juvenile Hall Services received a total of 114 referrals and provided the following services:

- ❖ Mental Health Services
- ❖ Individual Therapy
- ❖ Medication Support
- ❖ Targeted Case Management
- ❖ Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment

Part-time psychiatrists provide psychiatric services, medication, and support services to youth at Juvenile Hall. Services include psychiatric evaluations and medication management. ICBHS clinicians are also on-call afterhours, on weekends and holidays to conduct crisis interventions for those youth who present risk of harm to self or others. The role of the on-call clinician is to conduct a risk assessment and provide interventions geared towards reducing the risk. The clinician works closely with Juvenile Hall staff to determine the appropriate supervision level for the youth and coordinate further mental health treatment when necessary.

In efforts to maintain the youths' participation in mental health treatment after their release from Juvenile Hall, ICBHS has assigned community service and mental health workers to participate in scheduled visitations at Juvenile Hall to educate youth in custody and their families regarding the availability of mental health services. These services assist in engaging youth and families in reducing stigma associated with accessing mental health services and through these efforts, parents will have a better understanding of the importance of supporting their youth's mental health needs.

### Alcohol & Drug Adolescent Outpatient Drug Free (ODF) Program

The Adolescent Outpatient Drug Free (ODF) Program provides services to youth ages 12 to 21 residing in Imperial County that have a substance abuse/dependence problem. Skills are taught to make recovery possible through group and individual substance abuse treatment. Treatment

services are provided at the El Centro Outpatient Clinic, the Juvenile Hall, and at the satellite school clinics. The Adolescent ODF Program also provides crisis counseling and HIV/TB early intervention as necessary to individuals enrolled in the program. Participants between the ages of 12 and 17 and their families are provided with alcohol and drug case management, screening, and additional aftercare services. All services are provided by substance abuse counselors, who are Certified Addiction Specialists (CAS).

### Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services for Adolescents

Imperial County Behavioral Health Adolescent Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program provides quality professional services to youth suffering from substance use. Substance abuse counselors, mental health counselors and psychiatric social workers provide youth ages 12 to 18 with substance use disorder treatment. Youth are serviced through the SUD program at their local high school, the Behavioral Health adolescent SUD clinic, and at Imperial County Juvenile Hall. SUD services provided to youth include: Outpatient Services, Intensive Outpatient Services, Recovery Services, Case Management and Residential Treatment.

**Outpatient Services** consist of a maximum of 6 hours per week of any of the following:

- ❖ Intake/Assessment
- ❖ Individual Counseling
- ❖ Group Counseling
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Collateral Services
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Discharge Planning & Coordination

**Intensive Outpatient Services** consist of a minimum of 6 hours with a maximum of 19 hours per week of any of the following:

- ❖ Intake
- ❖ Individual Counseling
- ❖ Group Counseling
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Collateral Services
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Discharge Services & Coordination

**Recovery Services** consist of support to manage the client's health and health care, use effective self-management support strategies, and use community resources to provide ongoing support; recovery services may be provided face-to-face, by telephone, or elsewhere in the community.

- ❖ Outpatient Counseling Recovery
- ❖ Monitoring/Coaching

- ❖ Substance Abuse Assistance
- ❖ Education and Job Skills
- ❖ Family Support
- ❖ Ancillary Services
- ❖ Relapse Prevention

**Case management services** support beneficiaries as they move through the DMC-ODS continuum of care from initial engagement through treatment and recovery supports. This includes:

- ❖ Comprehensive assessment, periodic reassessment
- ❖ Transition to a higher or lower level of SUD care
- ❖ Development and periodic revision of a client plan
- ❖ Communication, coordination, referral and related activities
- ❖ Monitoring service delivery
- ❖ Monitoring the beneficiary's progress
- ❖ Patient advocacy and linkages – medical, educational, social, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community service

**Residential Treatment Services** is a 24-hour, short-term service that provides residential rehabilitation services to youth. This includes:

- ❖ Assessment
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Client Education
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Collateral Services
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Individual and Group Counseling
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Transportation to medically necessary treatment
- ❖ Discharge planning and coordination

### [YAYA Family Resource Center](#)

The Imperial County Behavioral Health Services' YAYA Family Resource Center provides services to local high school students between 12 to 18 years of age that are diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance or severe mental illness. The services offered vary depending upon the individual's specific needs and impairments.

### [Department of Social Services](#)

The Department of Social Services (DSS) continues to work collaboratively with the Probation Department in providing services to youth in foster care through the Independent Living Program, Transitional Housing, Wraparound Services, and the Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) Program. The Department of Social Services is responsible for coordinating the financial reimbursement of the programs that benefit delinquent youth and for which the Probation Department receives funds for.

## Wraparound Program



Wraparound was implemented in 1997 pursuant to Senate Bill (SB 163). This legislation allowed California counties to pilot the Wraparound process using non-federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care dollars to provide children and families with family-based service alternatives to group home care. As a result of SB 163, the Department of Social Services in partnership with the Probation Department, Behavioral Health, and the Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE) met for the purpose of planning and implementing a Wraparound Program. Wraparound Services are utilized to reduce the risk of out of home placement and recidivism by bringing individuals, agencies, and the community together to focus on meeting the needs of the child and family. The Imperial County Board of Supervisors approved the Imperial County's Wraparound Plan which was reviewed and accepted by the California Department of Social Services in 2011, and in March 2015, the Probation Department officially began servicing families through the Wraparound Program.

The Wraparound Program brings youth and their families to the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST) and Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) meetings in order to identify the family's needs and strengths. Following this, Child Family Team (CFT) meetings are held on the youth's behalf and are generally scheduled on a quarterly basis, but can take place as often as needed. The Wraparound Officer maintains constant communication with the client and their family to ensure they participate in rehabilitative programs, meet their terms and conditions of probation, and provide support to strengthen the family. Referrals are also made to rehabilitative services for the client and their family in order to ensure their success within the Wraparound Program.

In 2019, the Wraparound Program expanded its services to the greatest number of youth to date and provided services to an increasing number of youth in the community, which has resulted in a decreased number of youth ordered into a higher level of care. The utilization of Wraparound services has been an effective tool in preserving families and keeping youth in

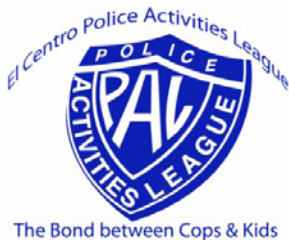
their homes as they receive more intensive services. The Wraparound Program currently offers the following services to all youth:

- ❖ Multi-Disciplinary Services Team (MDST) Meetings
- ❖ Child Family Team Meetings (CFT)
- ❖ Individualized/Family Case Management
- ❖ Strengths-Based Level of Care
- ❖ Intensive Supervision
- ❖ 24/7 Availability of Probation Officer

### Imperial County Office of Education

Imperial County Office of Education maintains three academies, Del Rio Academy, Valley Academy and Calexico Academy that specifically target at-risk juveniles who are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The Esther Huff School located at Juvenile Hall provides educational services to detained offenders and tailors courses specific to the needs of each student. The school provides pre assessments and post assessments that are completed upon enrollment and exit to measure academic progress for all students, as well as maintain and develop individual education plans as necessary. The Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) provides services for truants and high-risk students at the school level. Intensive supervision is provided by a probation officer to students and families whose school attendance problems may lead to a School Attendance Review Board Hearing.

### Police and Sheriff Athletic Leagues (PAL & SAL)



The PAL and SAL Programs provide at-risk youth in the community an opportunity for positive, participatory sport experiences with law enforcement officers who serve as both coaches and role models. The El Centro Police Activities League (PAL) fosters positive police and community relationships with youth in the City of El Centro and across Imperial County and strives to lead in the engagement of Imperial County youth, police officers, and the community.

The Sheriff's Activities League (SAL) provides quality activities for the youth in Imperial County, with the goal to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency. The program's activities are designed to pair law enforcement officers with young people to develop discipline, mutual trust, and respect.





## Approach to facilitate collaboration

The approach the Imperial County Probation Department will utilize to facilitate collaboration amongst Imperial County agencies will include providing referrals to programs and services to ensure at-risk youth are being given the opportunity to receive rehabilitative services. In addition, probation officers will remain in constant contact with the programs and services staff, the participating clients, and the client's families to track clients' progress and make modifications to the clients' rehabilitation plan if necessary. Probation officers will also provide transportation for clients to participate in programs if needed. Additionally, the Imperial County Probation Department will utilize Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings when necessary to ensure all involved agencies meet at the same time to work in collaboration to assist the youth in meeting their rehabilitative goals.

## B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

The Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council remains committed to promoting public safety and improving the quality of life for the youth and families that come in contact with the juvenile justice system. To guide their efforts the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council will focus on:

- ✓ **Promoting** public safety and reducing juvenile delinquency by developing individual responsibility and accountability.
- ✓ **Deploying** individualized responses based on assessment of needs and risks through the use of evidence-based tools that are culturally informed and gender responsive.
- ✓ **Ensuring** long-term reform, detecting disparate treatment, and eliminating inequity by utilizing data, decision-point analysis.
- ✓ **Embracing** and nurturing collaboration, shared accountability, and increased community and family engagement.
- ✓ **Utilizing** confinement only when necessary for the safety of individual youth or the community.
- ✓ **Providing** evidence-based effective alternatives to detention.

The focus on these areas will allow the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council to better serve the Imperial County and ensure that justice-involved youth receive proper programming, treatment, care, and services.

## C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

The Imperial County Probation Department implements a number of different strategies in response to juvenile crime and delinquency as a means to decrease crime within our community and model graduated responses for at-risk juvenile offenders. At-risk youth, who are not under juvenile delinquency jurisdiction and who meet the program's criteria, can participate in the Community Work Service (CWS) Program. These youth are screened by a probation officer and recommended for the Community Work Service Program based on its criteria. Youths accepted into the program must complete a total of fifty (50) community work service hours in lieu of fines or as an alternative to the probation department filing a petition with the juvenile court. Additionally, at the completion of their Community Work Service Program commitment, youth are required to submit an essay that details the experiences gained through the program. The Probation Department organizes the work sites and provides direct supervision to the offenders participating in the program. The Community Work Service Program is utilized to offer young people an opportunity to repair community damage through unpaid work, which benefits communities, neighborhoods, charitable organizations, local schools, and other agencies throughout the Imperial Valley. The Community Work Service Program is designed to give young people an opportunity to avoid formal court proceedings as well as reinforce a restorative approach to juvenile justice.

Another strategy offered by Imperial County Probation Department is the S.T.A.R Program, which funds one probation officer assigned to the three different alternative academies maintained by the Imperial County Office of Education. The probation officer, along with school personnel, identifies students who are chronic truants and makes referrals to the S.T.A.R Program. The probation officer participates in the initial screening of each case and makes appropriate referrals for drug counseling, anger management or behavioral health services.

For juveniles that have been placed on probation there are additional strategies probation officers utilize to respond to juvenile delinquency. Probation officers utilize Motivational Interviewing when conducting a risk assessment, through an evidenced based assessment tool, to determine the youth's criminogenic needs. Officers input the information into the tool, and

once the youth's risk level is determined, the probation officer, in collaboration with the youth and guardians, develop a case plan to best map the clients rehabilitation process. This case plan is updated every six months, or as the minor's goals and needs change.

Additionally, juveniles already placed on probation can be referred to Rite Track's Evening Learning Center or Mentoring and Tracking Program based on the assessed level of needs of the client. The Probation Department assigns a probation officer to assist youth referred to the Evening Learning Center and to ensure that the Probation Department and Rite Track staff work collaboratively to properly service the needs of all youth within the program. The youth that are referred to the program have varying criminogenic risk factors and, through the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) assessment and the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment, Rite Track is able to determine the specific needs of each youth which results in an individualized case plan. Additionally, the Evening Learning Center provides the following Cognitive-Based Groups: Aggression Replacement Therapy, Thinking for a Change, Cultural Enrichment, Healthy Relationships, Seeking Safety, and Social Awareness. The Mentoring and Tracking Program attempts to reduce the risk of re-entry into the juvenile justice system by partnering the participants of the program with mentors who work closely with the youth and their families during their time in the program. Rite Track also offers monthly "Mentoring Mixers," where participants gather once a month and work on their social skills through a series of self-development workshops and peer-to-peer counseling.

Another prevention approach for probation youth is utilizing Electronic Monitoring to combat juvenile crime and delinquency. Electronic Monitoring is used as a means of intervention to mitigate recidivism and violations of probation. The minor is supervised in the community with electronic monitoring to ensure the minor fulfills the requirements of release, such as abiding by restrictive orders, curfew requirements, and, in certain circumstances, staying away from the victim's places of residence. Under Electronic Monitoring, the minor may be subjected to inclusion zones and exclusion zones, meaning the minor shall be at certain places at certain times, such as school and ELC programming while also alerting to exclusion zones, places the minor shall abstain from. Continuous monitoring is performed by Electronic Monitoring

personnel and communication is maintained with the probation department to ensure compliance with court orders.

High risk youth, including those in need of Wraparound services or those at risk of being placed in out of county residential treatment facilities, are referred to the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST) and Interagency Placement Committee (IPC). The meetings with the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team and Interagency Placement Committee are intended to ensure that all the circumstances impacting the child and family, especially those related to the potential strengths and needs, are fully identified and considered in formulating recommendations related to the youth's case. The Multi-Disciplinary Service Team and Interagency Placement Committee collaborative team meetings consist of representatives from the Imperial County Probation Department, Imperial County Department of Social Services, Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, Imperial County Office of Education, and Rite Track Youth Services. Additionally, the children, parents, and other community organizations, such as CASA and the Regional Center, participate in these meetings on an as-needed basis. The Multi-Disciplinary Service Team and Interagency Placement Committee Meetings are held weekly, or as needed, to review high-risk cases and determine the best rehabilitative and/or placement option for the client; agencies are able to begin the referral process for a client once meetings are completed.

Juvenile offenders can also be placed on the Wraparound program, which is an intensive form of probation supervision that is designed to enhance a family's inherent strengths. The Wraparound Officer maintains constant communication with the client and their family to ensure they participate in rehabilitative programs and meet their terms and conditions of probation. Probation officers will also make referrals to rehabilitative services for the client to ensure their success within the Wraparound Program.

Lastly, if clients on probation do not follow their probation terms and conditions, and pose a danger to themselves and/or the community, they may be detained at Juvenile Hall. The client's probation officer will meet with them while in custody to review and update their case plan, discuss the reason they are in custody, and make additional referrals to services to ensure the length of time in custody is minimized.

If a client has exhausted all aforementioned services and are unable to maintain themselves within the community in a safe manner, or should they continue to pose a threat to the community, the Probation Department will recommend that the client continue with rehabilitative services in an out-of-home placement.

## D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has made updates and revisions to its Delinquency Prevention Plan for 2020/2021 consisting of:

- ❖ **Overhauls to plan formatting in order to better align with BSCC guidelines and template**
- ❖ **Inclusion of statistics for Imperial County Probation Department Juvenile Supervision:**
  - Current Population Statistics
  - Population Trend Statistics
- ❖ **Updates to existing services:**
  - Rite Track Youth Services – Evening Learning Center, Mentoring & Tracking Program
  - Imperial County Behavioral Health Services for Juveniles
  - Wraparound Program
  - Police & Sheriff Athletic Leagues
  - Juvenile Hall Garden of Dreams
  - Youth Summit
  - Imperial Valley Desert Museum Projects
  - Community Work Service Program
- ❖ **Updating focus areas and goals for the Juvenile Justice Commission**
- ❖ **Revisions to the Juvenile Justice Action Strategy**
- ❖ **Inclusion of information for upcoming projects through YOBG**
- ❖ **The addition of new sections required for the updated plan per 2020/21 plan guidelines**

The Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council remains committed to providing annual updates to the Board of State and Community Corrections for California in order to demonstrate the successes and accomplishments of its funded programming and practices throughout the Imperial County.

## E. Upcoming Projects

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Imperial Valley



In the upcoming year, the Imperial County Probation Department will provide funding and support through YOBG to the Boys & Girls Club of Imperial Valley to operate an after-school program in the City of Brawley that will provide a safe, enriching environment for youths between the ages of 12 and

18. The programs offered by BGCIV provide a sense of competence and belonging, serving to develop skills for problem solving and healthy life choices. For 53 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Imperial Valley has been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social, and family circumstances. The programs positively affect the quality of life in Imperial Valley for many residents; this funding will further enhance the partnership with the City of Brawley at the Brawley Teen Center and at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Holtville. BGCIV impacts youth positively in three priority areas: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles. The program will focus on five key elements for youth development:

1. **Safe and positive environment** – connected to feelings of emotional and physical safety
2. **Fun and a sense of belonging**
3. **Supportive relationships** – including positive adult connections
4. **Opportunities and expectations** – especially staff expectations of youth
5. **Recognition** – monthly award ceremonies and incentives

Additionally, the program activities will include:

- ❖ **Power Hour, Making Minutes Count** – Provides club professionals with the strategies, activities, resources, and information to create an engaging homework help and tutoring program that encourages Club members of every age to become self-directed learners.
- ❖ **Triple Play** – A comprehensive health and wellness initiative that strives to improve the overall health of members by increasing their daily physical activity, teaching them good nutrition and helping them develop health relationships
- ❖ **Youth of the Month** – Offers an opportunity to recognize youth for their accomplishments and efforts
- ❖ **Mentoring** – Helps kids connect and establish healthy relationships with caring adults.
- ❖ **Community Service** – Engages youth with community service that enables them to perform better in school, maintain positive relationships with adults, and avoid risky behaviors.

Enhancing Preventative Services for  
Underserved Youth in Imperial County

# PROJECT 2020

The Imperial County Probation Department, in partnership with County Parks and Recreation will develop after-school and Saturday programming for youth in outlying areas of Imperial County in 2020. Young people in Seeley, Ocotillo, Palo Verde, Heber, Calipatria, Niland and Salton City may benefit through the offering of recreation, homework assistance, arts and cultural activities. The Imperial County Probation Department will utilize Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds from the State of California in order to provide youth within these areas opportunities for structured, supervised, and pro-social activities after school and on the weekends.

The Probation Department will collaborate with the Imperial County Parks and Recreation Department and explore the possibilities of staffing rural sites and creating after school/weekend programming for youth in these areas. These sites would be staffed by a Youth Services Specialist, potentially a new classification of county employee within the Probation Department's Juvenile Division. The following entities are likely partners in this effort:

- ❖ **The Heber Community Center** – Currently has both meeting space and a basketball court that potentially could be utilized for Project 2020 activities.
- ❖ **The Imperial County Free Library** – A partner in offering services to promote reading and listening skills. This would allow the Library to build upon the services already being provided in the Juvenile Hall.
- ❖ **The Imperial Valley Desert Museum** – Located in Ocotillo; the Probation Department has existing service agreements with this organization which could be further expanded upon through Project 2020.
- ❖ **Ocotillo Community Park**
- ❖ **John Bates Memorial Park**

Creating additional prevention-related programs under Probation's umbrella is a critical aspect in reinforcing our role in delivering children's services countywide, and preserving the flow of state funds to Imperial County for these purposes. Identifying new partners and enhancing existing relationships in both the public and private sector to promote evidence-based approaches to positive youth development is a key component of Project 2020.

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

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### A. Information Sharing and Data Collection

The Imperial County Probation Department utilizes information systems to facilitate data sharing across agencies within the county to ensure successful juvenile justice programs and strategies. The Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST) and Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) Meetings allow for collaborative county agencies to work together to share information and data on certain cases to determine the best rehabilitative plan for the client and to ensure that all circumstances impacting the youth and family, especially those related to the potential strengths and needs, are fully identified and considered in formulating recommendations related to the youth's case. Child Welfare Services Case Management System (CMS/CWS) is software utilized by the Probation Department, the Department of Social Services, and Public Health to input information regarding youth serviced by the local agencies. The information inputted into the CWS/CMS database consists of the child's referral history, demographics, as well as past and current placement history to ensure that all agencies have access to a child's vital information in order to make better informed decisions. Information within the CWS/CMS database is submitted to the state of California and it is utilized to determine the amount of funding provided to agencies that service foster youth within the Imperial County. Rite Track also provides in-depth activity reports regarding their clients to probation officers, so that officers can determine how clients are progressing through the program and to make modifications to the client's treatment plan should issues arise. The Probation Department also works in collaboration with all school districts in Imperial County to obtain grades, disciplinary records, and attendance records for minors who are on probation. Through the utilization of these records, the Probation Department is able to ensure the client's educational needs are being met. In addition, with appropriate releases of information, Imperial County Behavioral Health is able to share information related to a client's diagnosis, treatment plans, and medication support, which is essential for the Probation Department to ensure the client's mental health needs are being properly treated and addressed.



## B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

The Imperial County has a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code 749.22. The Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is an established, multiagency committee that develops and implements a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime. The Coordinating Council includes the Imperial County Chief Probation Officer, as chair of the council, the Imperial County District Attorney, the Imperial County Public Defender, the Imperial County Sheriff, a member of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, the Director of Imperial County Department of Social Services, the Director of Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, the City of El Centro Police Department Chief, the Senior Director of the Imperial County Office of Education, and a City of El Centro Council Member. The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council also includes representatives from nonprofit community-based organizations that provide services to youth in the community.

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

### Evening Learning Center (ELC) / Mentoring and Tracking

The Imperial County Probation Department continues to contract with Rite Track LLC for operation of the Evening Learning Center (ELC) After School Program as well as the Mentoring and Tracking Program, which operate during the high crime periods. Rite Track continues to participate in monthly interagency meetings consisting of Imperial County Schools, the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP), the Imperial County Probation Department, and Rite Track program staff. Through these monthly interagency meetings, Rite Track staff are able to access students' progress, performance, and current setbacks in order to develop and deploy individualized service plans, tailored to the student's needs. In addition, Rite Track continues to collaborate with Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, allowing Rite Track participants to receive more expedient services and care. Through this partnership Rite Track students no longer have to wait thirty days to see a doctor and can receive individual, family, alcohol, drug, and crisis intervention in less than seven days. Rite Track participants can also complete community service hours and give back to their community due to continued collaboration with local community organizations and Rite Track.

The Evening Learning Center also continues to provide recreational activities to students, which helps students develop self-esteem, personal awareness, and learn to better manage their behaviors and feelings while at the same time reducing their levels of stress. The Evening Learning Center has expanded upon recreational activities by offering an additional day at a local gym, where students can continue to work on improving their physical health and endurance.

Rite Track also incorporated a Thursday Therapeutic Art Class, where students are able to strengthen their problem solving and critical thinking skills while obtaining full mindfulness and at the same time reduce their levels of stress. Rite Track's Mentoring and Tracking Program is designed to assist at-risk youth between the ages of 13 and 18 that require additional community-based services in order to fulfill the terms of their probation or that need assistance accessing community-based services and diversion services. Each student assigned to the program is matched with an age-appropriate role model who mentors them through their program and is available to them 24/7.

#### Evening Learning Center / Mentoring and Tracking Probation Officer

The Imperial County Probation Department through JJCPA continues to fund one (1) Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) that is assigned to the Evening Learning Center in an effort to decrease truancy, arrest rates, and admittances to Juvenile Hall for participants of the program, as well as to ensure that participants successfully complete their terms and conditions of probation. The deputy probation officer assigned to the Evening Learning Center supports and reinforces program staff in their efforts to guide and instruct youth in pro-social after school activities.

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

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

The Imperial County Probation Department's overall strategy for working with non-707(b) offenders is by providing the necessary amount of intervention to each client through evidence-based practices. At-risk youth, who are not under juvenile delinquency jurisdiction, participate in the Community Work Service (CWS) Program where they are given the opportunity to avoid formal court proceedings and repair community damage through unpaid work.

Additionally, at-risk youth along with probation youth, participate in the annual Youth Summit. The Youth Summit is an annual event that the Probation Department hosts where the intended outcomes are to develop problem solving skills among youth and parents, build awareness of community resources, and educate participants on the importance of education, life skills, and healthy lifestyles. As the Youth Summit has developed, it has been expanded to include foster care youth in both the delinquency and dependency arena, as well as non-probation youth.

During initial stages of the youth being adjudicated and placed on probation, probation officers will utilize Motivational Interviewing when they meet with an at-risk youth as well as throughout the youth's term of probation. Motivational Interviewing will assist the officers when conducting assessments to determine the client's criminogenic needs. Once the youth's risk level is assessed and/or reassessed through the evidence based assessment, an appropriate supervision level for the youth will be assigned based on the youth's risk level. This risk level will assist the probation officer in determining the appropriate amount and type of services that should be offered to the youth. After the youth's risk level is assessed, the probation officer, youth, and guardians jointly develop a case plan to best determine the client's needs and goals during their term of probation.

Probation officers may also recommend at-risk youth to continue rehabilitative services in out of home placement through an MDST/IPC process and court hearing if the above mentioned

strategies along with further means of interventions are unsuccessful. Youth can either terminate their probation while in out of home placement or prior to their probation expiration by successfully completing rehabilitative goals as indicated in their case plans and court orders. Additionally, if a youth returns from placement and remains on probation, the youth will participate in Rite Track's three-month aftercare program at the Evening Learning Center where they can receive additional aftercare services, receive help in reintegrating into their community, and reduce their opportunities to recidivate. Through the three-month aftercare program, and in collaboration with the Probation Department, the Evening Learning Center is able to provide returning youth an additional 30 dosage hours of evidence based practices, substance abuse support, employment linkage and preparation, educational/vocational support and individual and family-based therapy.

## B. Regional Agreements

Since 2016, the Probation Department has been facilitating the Garden of Dreams Project located within the Juvenile Hall, and with guidance from a Master Gardener, Esther Huff School teachers, Juvenile Hall staff, and additional personnel from the Probation Department, the participating youth have continued to raise gardens composed of a variety of organic vegetables. The Master Gardner provides the youth with lessons and instruction during the many phases of the growth cycle, which include, cultivation of the ground, adding compost to enrich the soil, building and installing an irrigation system and trellises, seeding, watering, harvesting, and transplantation of vegetables. The Esther Huff teacher incorporates lessons in the classroom that include relationships between water, soil, sun, photosynthesis, phototropism, earthworms, and the role of nutrients in soils. The Garden of Dreams has given youth at juvenile hall an opportunity to learn a vocational trade, receive education in nutrition, discover the differences between organic and non-organic, and develop a connection to nature. In addition, caring for the garden instills a sense of discipline and responsibility, as well as acts as a catalyst for building self-esteem within the participating youth. The Garden of Dreams has truly become a coveted work detail where the youth demonstrate a willingness to participate in the garden and often volunteer to water and assist in whatever maintenance the garden requires.

In addition, the Probation Department continued their partnership with the Rite Track LLC, which offers two programs to assist at-risk youth, the Evening Learning Center and Mentoring and Tracking Program, as alternatives to out of home placement.

Juvenile Hall also incorporated Tai Chi into their programming regimen, where the youth receive lessons in Tai Chi once a week from a certified instructor. Under the backdrop of the Garden of Dreams, youth participate in Tai Chi which promotes cardiovascular fitness, strengthening, and flexibility. In addition, Tai chi also helps clients to reduce stress, increase relaxation, improve concentration, and increase feelings of well-being.

The Imperial County Probation Department also has a regional agreement with the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department and coordinates the National Youth Project Using Motorbikes (NYPUM) Program. The NYPUM Program is a nationally successful program that has been proven to change the lives of youth in communities by allowing them the privilege to ride minibikes as an incentive for positive behaviors and by motivating youth to make positive changes in their lives.

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

### Moderate to High Caseload

The Imperial County Probation Department utilizes four (4) deputy probation officers that are assigned to high risk caseloads for juveniles, with caseloads of no more than 30 minors per officer, that are funded through the Youthful Offender Block Grant. These probation officers are able to identify and target criminogenic needs for the assessed youth and translate those risk factors into treatment objectives through an evidence-based risk assessment tool. In addition, these officers utilize evidenced-based tools and practices that lead to relevant interventions and supervision practices in order to reduce recidivism within the clients. Case plans are developed with each minor to ensure they have clear objectives and goals to work towards.

### Community Work Service (CWS)

The Community Work Service Program is offered to select juvenile offenders that meet program criteria to complete community work service hours in lieu of fines as an alternative to the Probation Department filing a petition with the juvenile court. The Probation Department organizes the work sites and manages the offenders subject to community work service ordered by the court. The Community Work Service Program offers offenders an opportunity to repair community damage through unpaid work and benefits local communities, neighborhoods, charitable organizations, schools and other agencies throughout the Imperial Valley.

The Community Work Service Program is designed to give youth an opportunity to fulfill the court's mandates as well as reinforce a restorative approach to juvenile justice. This program serves as a remedy to the behavior leading to the arrest and to avoid conviction and criminal record, as well as to build focus around positive and meaningful service to the community. Youth involved with this program have performed graffiti abatement, event staffing and clean-up, museum curation, and other meaningful activities.

The Probation Department has received many acknowledgments from other agencies including Cities and non-profits for the work performed by the Community Work Service crew.

Community Work Service barriers include weather extremes within our county, however, the program has been able to find alternative indoor locations that will accommodate the extreme weather conditions thus allowing the program to continue to operate twelve months a year.

### Police and Sheriff Athletic Leagues (PAL & SAL)

Outdoor activities provide youth with important life skills and experiences such as, relationship building, leading, following, providing support, planning and accepting responsibility for their own actions. These activities and skills increase the likelihood of successful reintegration into the community and reducing recidivism. The PAL and SAL programs provide youth in the community an opportunity for a positive, participatory sports experience with law enforcement officers serving as both coaches and role models. These programs strive to increase the physical activity among youth and decrease their risk-taking behaviors by providing opportunities for

youth to play on well-equipped, organized sports leagues. In addition to providing sports and recreation programs, PAL also hosts tournaments and encourages external independent teams to register and participate.

The Sheriff's Athletic League (SAL) provided activities to 181 youth in 2019 that included boxing, judo, soccer, flag football, as well as a Youth Leadership Program. The Police Athletic League (PAL) provided services to 1,120 youth and hosted activities that included soccer, boxing, golfing, martial arts, Polynesian dance, community events, and a summer camp program. YOBG funds were utilized to purchase boxing equipment, boxing coaching membership fees, martial arts equipment, summer program snacks, arts and crafts supplies, soccer equipment, and field maintenance supplies for the flag football program. YOBG funds were also allocated to a Back-to-School Shopping Spree, where low income youth received a backpack and school supplies for their upcoming school year.

### Imperial Valley Desert Museum



In 2019, the Probation Department continued their partnership with the Imperial Valley Desert Museum and their Artist-In-Residence Program. The partnership allowed youth within juvenile hall to receive educational instruction by the Imperial Valley Desert Museum where they learned about traditional culture and participated in art projects throughout the year. The classes and

workshops were held within the Imperial County Juvenile Hall and also at the Desert Museum site located in Ocotillo, California.

In addition, the Desert Museum received the Youth Arts Action Grant (YAAG) through the California Arts Council in 2019 which made it possible for them to expand their program offerings to youth involved with the Imperial County Probation Department. The Youth Arts Action Grant allows youth detained at Juvenile Hall to produce artwork, youth involved in the Community Work Service Program to install the artwork produced at juvenile hall, and provides additional educational instruction. The Youth Arts Grant project enabled youth to create

sculptures, exterior artworks, and make traditional objects and tools with clay. The second part of the project consisted of utilizing water colors and painting to encourage creative self-expression. Additionally, through the YAAG grant, some of these paintings were selected to be displayed at the Desert Museum for a future art exhibit. The final part of the project gave youth the opportunity to design and create mosaic tile sculptures, which were taken back to the Desert Museum to become part of the museum’s collection of artwork. In addition to the YAAG grant, the Desert Museum offered weekly fine arts and culture projects to youth in Juvenile Hall through their “History on the Go” program. The weekly classes included lessons on traditional Kumeyaay culture, science and technology, and earth science activities.

### Juvenile Hall – Garden of Dreams

The Garden of Dreams was initially presented in 2015 with the goal of offering youth the opportunity to learn about the delicate balance between living and surviving through a hands-on application. Currently, the Garden of Dreams continues to strive through the collaboration



between the Imperial County Probation Department, the Master Gardener, and the Esther Huff School teachers where participating youth can learn the importance of working collaboratively with one another, develop leadership skills, and learn responsibility. The Garden of Dreams facilitates lessons that include: creating positive relationships with the environment, creating an understanding of complex and diverse biological ecosystems, creating an understanding of where food comes from, developing experiences through hands-on work, and developing skills that are necessary to tend a garden from seed to harvest. Working in the garden helps youth create lifelong, positive relationships with the environment that foster environmental stewardship and provides a natural opportunity for youth to work across disciplines and across divisions. The circular process from planning and planting to tending and harvesting teaches the participating youth in a practical and visible way and instills in them the values of responsibility, caretaking, patience, and hard work. Funding through YOBG allowed for purchase of compost, seed, drip irrigation supplies, and safety apparel for youth to work in the garden.



## Youth Summit

In March 2019, the Imperial County Probation Department, in collaboration with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, hosted the 9th annual Youth Summit at Corfman School. The event brought awareness to 124 youths and their families of the resources available within the community and gave the keynote speaker, Gina Castaneda, the opportunity to share her inspiring story with those in attendance. The intended outcomes of the Youth Summit are to help participating youth and families develop problem solving skills, build awareness of community resources, and educate them on the importance of healthy lifestyles, life skills, and higher learning. Initially, the targeted population for the Youth Summit was high-risk youth on probation, however, it has gradually expanded to include youth on probation who pose a lower risk, foster care youth in both the delinquency and dependency arena, as well as local middle and high school students who are not under any type of court jurisdiction. Youthful Offender Block Grant funding supports a keynote speaker, as well as the motivational workshops offered to youth at the Summit. One of the challenges that the Youth Summit faces is transportation to the schools within Imperial County, however, with additional funding from YOBG this issue could be resolved.

## National Youth Project Using Motorbikes (NYPUM)

The Imperial County Probation Department partners with the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department and together the agencies coordinate the National Youth Project Using Minibikes Program, an off-road highway program for boys and girls ages 10 through 17. The program tackles the problems of gangs, school truancy, and school behavior that youth in Imperial Valley face. The NYPUM program offers youth an opportunity to develop self-esteem, create values for daily living, and find a sense of belonging using minibikes as a motivational tool. The NYPUM program is able to use minibikes to attract youth to outdoor activities and provides incentives to improve their lifestyle through the excitement of riding. Youth learn teamwork, fair play, trust, respect for property, discipline and other skills through trail riding.



Some of the accomplishments for the NYPUM Program during this fiscal year included youth learning how to ride a minibike using safety precautions, youth learning how to make repairs to their minibikes, and engaging the youth in outdoor camping activities. One of the highlights of NYPUM Program is that youth convert their old helmets into "Planter Trophies" for children.



The NYPUM Program is designed to change the lives of youth in the community through its use of motivational incentives. The program offers healthy peer relationships and positive role models such as law enforcement officers, school officials and city recreation staff. The National Youth Project Using Minibikes Program goals focus on the prevention of negative behavior including substance abuse, truancy, curfew violations and vandalism, as well as teaching youth how to interact more positively with one another. The El Centro NYPUM Program has been recognized nationally through their attendance at the Rose Parade and at national conferences held in Los Angeles and Boston.

### AB12 Recognition Ceremony

In the upcoming year, the Imperial County Probation Department will host an AB12 Recognition Ceremony for Non-Minor Dependents (NMD) to recognize the accomplishments of former foster youth who have transitioned from delinquency to Non-Minor Dependent status.

Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) allows foster care to extend beyond the age of 18 and continues until the age of 21. The goal of AB12 is to enable youth to maintain a safety net while experiencing independence in a secure and supervised living environment. The probation officers assigned to AB12 cases provide guidance to the dependents, assist with completing a Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP), provide the Non-Minor Dependents with referrals to appropriate services, and assist Non-Minor Dependents with transportation to services and programs. The probation officers meet with Non-Minor Dependents through face-to-face

contact at least once per month to ensure that they are meeting their eligibility requirements. The intent of the AB12 Recognition Ceremony is to not only acknowledge the youth's achievements but to also build camaraderie and provide additional resources and support among the Non-Minor Dependent youth.

## Closing

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The successes and accomplishments detailed within this report demonstrate that the Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council remains committed to promoting public safety and improving the quality of life for the youth and families that come in contact with the juvenile justice system. The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council strives to strengthen justice-involved families, protect our local community, and invest in Imperial County youth through the continued use of evidence-based interventions, the implementation and deployment of risk needs-responsivity approach to community supervision, and an increased use of diversionary strategies. Additionally, through this multi-agency collaboration, the Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council continues to identify and implement changes and strategies needed to meet the challenges within the ever-evolving juvenile justice field.

## A. Fiscal Year 20-21 JJCPA Spending Plan

Estimated FY 2020/21 Allocation:	\$	510,342
Growth 18/19 Allocation:	\$	286,919
Total Available:	\$	797,261

## Fiscal Year 20-21 JJCPA Spending Plan

Department / Program	Funding Amount	Percentage of Total
<b>Probation Department:</b>		
Salary – One (1) Deputy Probation Officer II*	\$ 64,195	8.05%
Overtime	\$ 10,000	1.25%
Bilingual	\$ 520	0.07%
Medicare*	\$ 931	0.12%
Retirement*	\$ 25,787	3.23%
Group Insurance	\$ 15,611	1.96%
Dental/Vision	\$ 1,187	0.15%
Redemption of Benefits	\$ 1,489	0.19%
Worker Comp Insurance*	\$ 43,803	5.49%
Unemployment Insurance*	\$ 1,128	0.14%
Liability Insurance*	\$ 3,947	0.50%
Overhead Reimbursement*	\$ 6,485	0.81%
Evening Learning Center (YOBG, WRAP)	\$ 61,5178	77.16%
Transfer In (Overtime Other Funding Sources)	\$ (6,500)	-0.82%
Office Expense	\$ 1,000	0.13%
Special Department Expense	\$ 2,500	0.31%
Transfer Out-Probation (Mileage, Cell Phone)	\$ 10,000	1.25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 797,261</b>	<b>100%</b>

*Included in the FY 20-21 Spending Plan is the allocation of one Deputy Probation Officer II's supervising high/medium risk minors at the Evening Learning Center. The cost includes COB services for the Evening Learning Center and Mentor/Tracking.*

*\*Salary, Benefits, Worker Comp, Unemployment, Liability and Overhead costs are estimated at this time.*

## B. Fiscal Year 20-21 YOBG Spending Plan

Estimated FY 2020/21 Allocation:	\$	605,182
Growth 18/19 Allocation:	\$	31,113
Total Available:	\$	636,261

## Fiscal Year 20-21 YOBG Spending Plan

Department / Program	Funding Amount	Percentage of Total
<b>Probation Department:</b>		
Salary – Four (4) Deputy Probation Officer II*	\$ 254,410	39.98%
Overtime (CWS)	\$ 40,000	6.29%
Bilingual	\$ 520	0.08%
Medicare*	\$ 3,689	0.58%
Retirement*	\$ 74,508	11.71%
Group Insurance	\$ 38,475	6.05%
Dental/Vision	\$ 2,821	0.44%
Redemption of Benefits	\$ 3,148	0.49%
Garden of Dreams	\$ 5,000	0.79%
Youth Summit	\$ 5,000	0.79%
AB12 Recognition	\$ 5,000	0.79%
Community Work Service Program	\$ 56,986	8.96%
SAL/PAL	\$ 13,517	2.12%
NYPUM	\$ 15,000	2.36%
Boys & Girls Club of Imperial Valley Teen Center	\$ 20,000	3.14%
Imperial Valley Desert Museum	\$ 6,000	0.94%
Project 2020	\$ 540,000	84.87%
Budget Transfer Fund Balance	\$ (477,779)	-75.09%
Transfer Out - Probation (Mileage, CWS OT)	\$ 30,000	4.71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 636,295</b>	<b>100%</b>

Included in the FY 20-21 Spending Plan is funding services provided to Youth within the Community. This includes funding for 4 Deputy Probation Officers to provide services.

\*Salary, Benefits, Worker Comp, Unemployment, Liability and Overhead costs are estimated at this time.

