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Part I.

Assessment of Existing Services

Evening Learning Center

In December of 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Rite Track, LLC to implement an Evening Learning Center (ELC) in the city of El Centro. Initial funding for the Evening Learning Center was obtained through Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding. It was designed as a solution to reduce the length of stay in out of county residential facilities. The ELC operates

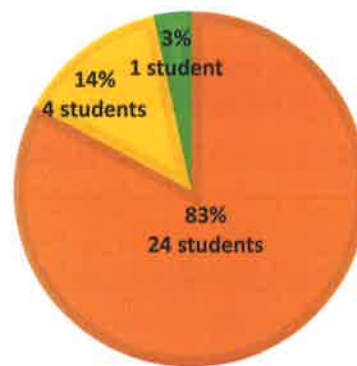
fifty-two weeks a year, five days a week, from 3:30 p. m. to 8:30 p.m. (during high crime periods); weekend programming is occasionally offered for community service.

The targeted population

includes male and female youth between the ages of 13 to 17. The length of stay in the program is intended to be six (6) months; however, the average length of stay is eight (8) months. The length of stay is according to the youth’s adjustment to and progress within the program. The youth are referred to the program with varying criminogenic risk factors determined by the Probation Department; Rite Track then determines the specific needs of each youth through the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) assessment process that culminates in an individualized case plan.

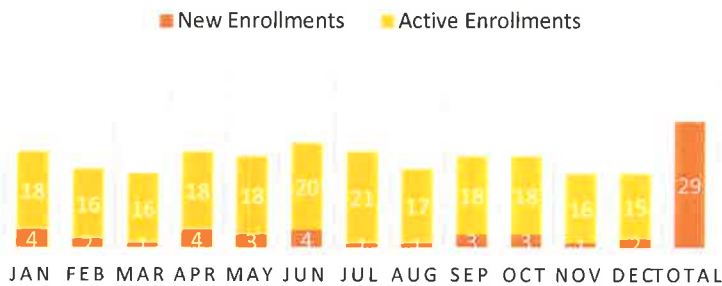
ELC PROGRAM EXITS 2018

■ Program Completion ■ Higher Level of Care ■ Program Failure



The ELC continues to collaborate with Valley Psychological Center who provides one on one counseling sessions to participants and their families. The Valley Psychological Center also offers evidence based parenting sessions through “*Active Parenting of Teens*” for all Rite Track parents. Through Active Parenting of Teens, parents learn how to establish communication skills, encourage cooperation and responsibility, solve problems and discipline effectively. Upon completion, Rite Track parents receive a certificate of completion.

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As demonstrated in the charts, in 2018 The Evening Learning Center successfully graduated twenty-four (24) students from the six-month program. Discharged four students, due to students requiring a higher level of care and

one student was unsuccessfully discharged due to program failure. Program failure is determined due to a student’s negative behavior and unwillingness to participate in the program. The term “higher level of care” means a student is in need of higher supervision and more intensive therapeutic, substance abuse and cognitive behavioral services. For example, a student can transfer from Mentoring and Tracking (weekly supervision) to attend the Evening Learning Center (daily supervision); or a student is transferred from attending Rite Track services to placement or a rehabilitation facility.

ELC staff members are also trained to be Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) group facilitators. CBT is an evidence-based best practice that helps youth change their behavior by refocusing their thought process. The ELC provides the following Cognitive-Based Groups: Aggression

Replacement Therapy (ART), Thinking for a Change (T4C) Seeking Safety, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Substance Abuse (CBISA) and Positive Skill Development. (PSDs). All CBT curriculums are taught by a trained facilitator and are culturally, gender and age appropriate. Students at the ELC receive an average of 125 dosage hours of treatment during a six-month program stay. Depending on their length of stay, students participate in one or all CBT groups. Students who require substance abuse receive an average of 39 dosage hours of treatment. Through CBISA, students explore motivational engagement, cognitive restructuring, emotion regulation, social skills, problem solving, and success planning.

Students who are interested in preparing for the workforce are given the opportunity to build a strong resume, cover letter and receive assistance with job searching, job interviewing skills, purchasing interview clothes, obtaining their driver's license and/or their California identification card.

The Evening Learning Center continues in collaborating with Imperial County Behavioral Health Services to incorporate weekly music classes as an additional form of therapeutic services. This allows students to explore their individual creativity, improve cognitive functioning and motor skills, help improve self-esteem, personal awareness, better manage their behaviors, along with reducing levels of stress.

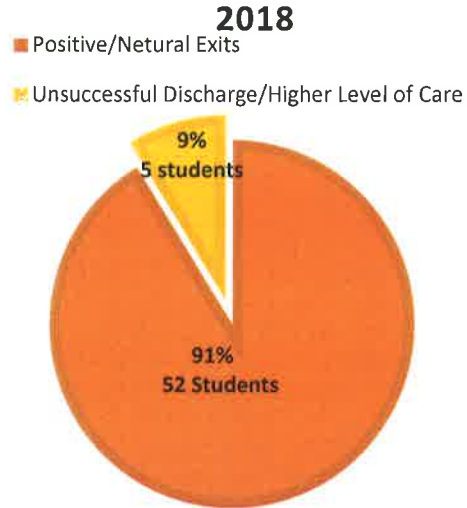
In 2018, Rite Track implemented a three-month aftercare program for youth returning from placement in collaboration with the Probation Department. The purpose of the three-month ELC aftercare program is to provide aftercare services, help reintegrate the youth back into their communities and reduce recidivism. The ELC 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.

Mentoring and Tracking

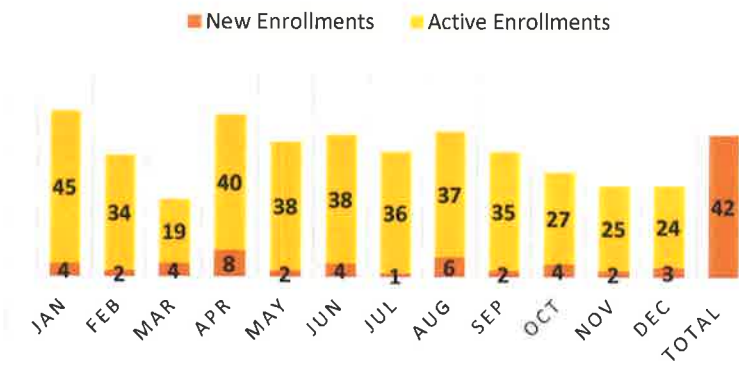
The second component of Rite Track is their Mentoring/Tracking program. In this program, youth receive mentoring and counseling services as well as crisis interventions designed to empower them to live successfully in their community. Youth will demonstrate competencies in independent living, education/vocational training, job placement and family systems.

The target population for Mentoring/Tracking includes male and female youth between the ages of 13 to 24. The anticipated length of stay is six (6) months, but the average length of stay is ten (10) months. Mentors work closely with the youth and their families during this period, thus reducing the risk of re-entry into the juvenile justice system. In 2018, Rite Track focused on reunifying families and encourage parents to become more involved in their child's program

MENTORING & TRACKING EXITS



MENTORING & TRACKING ENROLLMENTS 2018



progress through parenting support groups, facilitated by Valley Psychological Center. The purpose of these mixers is to provide parents the opportunity to network with other parents and learn parenting skills to help assess through their child's difficult

behaviors and gain a sense of unity within the parenting community. Students and families who participate in the mentoring and tracking program have accessibility to mentors twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Rite Track also provides support services to youth, providing weekly reports on their progress to their supervising probation officer.

Throughout the delivery of these services, Rite Track staff work to mitigate the youth's risk factors and increase protective factors. Individual case plans include the identified needs of each student as identified in each of the domains presented in the PACT assessment. Youth are linked with all applicable and available community resources including employment opportunity programs that may serve to address their needs. Resources include visiting Job Corps, a vocational career facility in San Diego County and other local community colleges such as Imperial Valley College (IVC) and San Diego State Imperial Valley Campus (SDSU-IV). In addition, Rite Track provides additional supportive services such as meal support assistance through monthly meal boxes provided by the Imperial County Food Bank. Furthermore, assistance in obtaining copies of birth certificates, obtaining a California identification card or driver's license, work/school supplies, and clothing is provided to youth by Rite Track.

Imperial County Behavioral Health (Youth and Young Adult Services)

Imperial County Behavioral Health Services (ICBHS) Youth and Young Adult Services program consists of the Mental Health Services Act Full Service Partnership Program, Anxiety and Depression Clinic, Juvenile Hall Services and Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Program. These services are designed to meet the needs of Imperial County youth and young adults ages 12-25. All services provided through YAYA 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.

The target population for Youth and Young Adult Services is as follows:

- Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) adolescents, age 12-15, 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 the 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, age 16-25, 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.

Services available to youth and young adults who are active ICBHS clients include the following:

- Individual/Group Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Medication Support
- Targeted Case Management
- Intensive Care Coordination
- Substance Abuse Treatment

In addition, youth and young adults who receive treatment through a full service partnership program may benefit from additional services that include:

- Equine Therapy
- Music education and practice
- General Education Development (GED) Classes
- Fitness Program
- Tai Chi Classes

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. 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 the need for mental health services is identified, Juvenile Hall staff completes a referral to ICBHS. All youth referred to ICBHS receive a comprehensive intake assessment by a clinician and mental health services are recommended at the point of intake. Referrals to ICBHS can also be conducted at any time during a youth’s stay at Juvenile Hall if mental health needs are identified after the youth’s admission or at any time if a youth requests services. During FY 2017-2018, ICBHS Juvenile Hall Services received a total of 248 referrals. ICBHS services provided at Juvenile Hall include the following:

- Mental Health Services
- Individual Therapy
- Medication Support
- Targeted Case Management
- Family Therapy (when appropriate)
- Substance Abuse 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. Through these efforts, parents will have a better understanding of the importance of supporting their youth's mental health needs.

Department of Social Services

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

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, DSS 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 is utilized to reduce the risk of out of home placement and recidivism by bringing individuals, agencies and the community together as the decision making team with the central focus being to meet the needs of the child and family.

On February 15, 2011, the Board of Supervisors approved the Imperial County's Wraparound Plan which was reviewed and accepted by the California Department of Social Services. In March 2015, the Probation Department officially began servicing families in the Wraparound Program. In the first year of operation the Wraparound Program serviced a total of 10 children/youth from either DSS or the Probation Department. These families were brought before the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST)/Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) in order to identify the family's needs and strengths. The Wraparound Officer provides constant communication with the client and their family to ensure they participate in their various rehabilitative programs as well as provide transportation if needed. Various referrals are made to rehabilitative services for the client and their family to assist in their success within the Wraparound Program. In 2017/2018, the Wraparound Program continues to service many families within the community.

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. Esther Huff School located at Juvenile Hall provides educational services to detained offenders and tailors courses specific to the needs of the student. They provide pre and post assessments completed upon enrollment and exit to measure academic progress for all students, along with maintaining or developing 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

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.

The approach Imperial County Probation Department will use to facilitate collaboration amongst the collaborative agencies will include providing referrals to the various programs to ensure at risk youth are being provided the opportunity to receive rehabilitative services. In addition, Probation Officers will remain in constant contact with program staff, the client and their families to follow up with the progress of clients and make modifications to the client's rehabilitation plan if necessary. Probation Officers will also provide transportation for clients to participate in programs if needed.

B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

Imperial County Probation Department offers various strategies in response to juvenile crime and delinquency. These strategies include Probation Officers utilizing Motivational Interviewing when they meet with at risk youth to conduct an assessment to determine the client's criminogenic needs. Once the youths risk level is determined the Probation Officer, youth, and guardians develop a case plan to best map the clients rehabilitation process. In addition, at risk youth participate in Community Work Service (CWS). The Community Work Service Program is for juvenile offenders who are ordered by the court or probation to complete community work service hours in

lieu of fines, as a condition of probation, or as an alternative to filing a petition in juvenile court. The Probation Department organizes the work sites and manages the offenders' subject to community work service ordered by the court. The CWS Program offers offenders an opportunity to repair community damage through unpaid work. This program benefits communities, neighborhoods, charitable organizations, local schools and other agencies throughout the Imperial Valley. The CWS Supervisor assesses each offender carefully before they are assigned to a work project and site. The Community Work Service Program is designed to give young people an opportunity to fulfill the court's mandates as well as reinforcing a restorative approach to juvenile justice.

Another strategy offered by Imperial County Probation Department is the STAR Program, which funds one probation officer assigned to the three different alternative academies maintained by Imperial County Office of Education. The Probation Officer along with school personnel identifies students who are chronic truants and make referrals to the STAR 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 already placed on Probation there are various strategies officers utilize to respond to juvenile delinquency. Officers can make referrals to the Evening Learning Center or Mentoring and Tracking. A Probation Officer is assigned to the Evening Learning Center, which was designed, as a solution to reduce juvenile's length of stay in out of county residential facilities. The Probation Officer is present and assists clients at the ELC which operates 52 weeks a year, five days a week, from 3:30 p. m. to 8:30 p.m. (during high crime periods); weekend programming is occasionally offered. The youth are referred to the program with varying criminogenic risk factors; Rite Track then determines the specific needs of each youth through the Positive

Achievement Change Tool (PACT) assessment process that culminates in an individualized case plan.

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Another prevention approach is having juvenile offenders placed on Electronic Monitoring. This approach has been seen in higher risk clients to assist them with ensuring they attend school and return to their home to deter them from delinquent behavior. Youth at risk of being placed in out of county residential facilities are referred to the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST)/ Interagency Placement Committee (IPC). MDST/IPC meetings are held weekly or as needed to review high-risk cases to determine the best rehabilitative option and/or placement for the client; collaborative agencies are able to begin the referral process for a client once meetings are completed. Juvenile offenders can also be placed within the Wraparound program, which is very intensive Probation supervision. Wraparound is designed to enhance the strengths inherent in families by maximizing the family’s inherent strengths. The Wraparound Officer provides constant communication with the client and their family to ensure they participate in their various rehabilitative programs as well as provide transportation if needed. Various referrals are made to rehabilitative services for the client and their family to assist in their success within the Wraparound Program. Lastly, if clients on Probation do not follow their Probation terms and

conditions, provide positive drug tests, have absconded, or commit a new crime, they are then detained at Juvenile Hall. Their Probation Officer will meet with them while in custody to review their case plan, discuss the reason they are in custody, and make additional referrals to services to ensure the best rehabilitative plan is developed.

Part II.

A. Information Sharing and Data

The Imperial County Probation Department has various information systems to facilitate data sharing across agencies within the county. The MDST/ICP meetings allow for various collaborative county agencies to work together to share information and data on certain cases to determine the best rehabilitative plan for the client. Child Welfare Services Case Management System (CMS/CWS) is software utilized by Probation, the Department of Social Services and Public Health to input information regarding youth serviced by the various agencies. The information inputted in CWS/CMS is submitted to the state and utilized to determine the amount of funding provided to the various agencies who service foster youth within the county. Rite Track also provides in-depth activity reports for the clients they service. These reports are provided to Probation Officers to determine how clients are moving along through the program and to have the ability to make modifications if issues arise with a client.

B. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Program Name: Evening Learning Center / Mentoring and Tracking

Evidence Upon Which it is Based:

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the Evening Learning Center which was designed as a solution to reduce juvenile's length of stay in out of county residential facilities. A Probation Officer is present and assists clients at the ELC which operates fifty-two weeks a year, five days a week, from 3:30 p. m. to 8:30 p.m. (during high crime periods); weekend programming is occasionally offered for community service.

The targeted population includes male and female youth between the ages of 13 to 17. The length of stay in the program is intended to be six (6) months; however, the average length of stay is eight (8) months. The length of stay is according to the youth's adjustment to and progress within the program. The youth are referred to the program with varying criminogenic risk factors determined by the Department of Probation; Rite Track then determines the specific needs of each youth through the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) assessment process that culminates in an individualized case plan.

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(10) months. Mentors work closely with the youth and their families during this period, thus reducing the risk of re-entry into the juvenile justice system.

III. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders

The Imperial County Probation Department's overall strategy for working with non-707(b) offenders is by having Probation Officers utilize Motivational Interviewing when they meet with an at risk youth to conduct an assessment to determine the clients criminogenic needs. Once the youths risk level is determined the Probation Officer, youth, and guardians develop a case plan to best map the clients rehabilitation process. Also, at risk youth participate in the annual Youth Summit. The Youth Summit's intended outcomes are to develop problem solving skills among youth and parents, build awareness of community resources and educate them on the importance of education, life skills and healthy lifestyles. The first couple of years the targeted population was high-risk youth on probation; and gradually it was extended to youth in Foster Care in both the delinquency and dependency arena.

In addition, at risk youth participate in Community Work Service (CWS). The Community Work Service Program is for juvenile offenders who are ordered by the court or probation to complete community work service hours in lieu of fines as a condition of probation or as an alternative to filing a petition with juvenile court. The Probation Department organizes the work sites and manages the offenders' subject to community work service ordered by the court. The CWS Program offers offenders an opportunity to repair community damage through unpaid work. This program benefits communities, neighborhoods, charitable organizations, local schools and other agencies throughout the Imperial Valley. The CWS Supervisor assesses each offender carefully before they are assigned to a work project and site. The Community Work Service Program is

designed to give young people an opportunity to fulfill the court's mandates as well as reinforcing a restorative approach to juvenile justice.

In 2018, Probation continued their partnership with the Imperial Valley Desert Museum. They recently introduced an Artist-In-Residence to work with youth in the County's Juvenile Hall and Work Service Program to design, create, and install three pieces of desert-sized art that will reflect the setting and culture of the Imperial Valley. These pieces of large-scale art will become part of the Imperial Valley Desert Museum Sculpture Gardens. The Desert Museum has applied for several grants through the California Arts Commission that could expand programming opportunities with the Probation Department.

If the above mentioned strategies along with further means of interventions are unsuccessful, Probation Officers may recommend at risk youth to continue rehabilitative services in out of home placement through an MDST/IPC process and court hearing. 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. Upon their return to their community Rite Track implemented a three-month aftercare program for youth returning from placement. The purpose of the three-month ELC aftercare program is to provide aftercare services, help reintegrate the youth back into their communities and reduce recidivism. Through the three-month aftercare program in collaboration with the Probation Department, the ELC 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.

A. Regional Agreements

The Imperial County Probation Department has county MOU's with a Master Gardener. In September 2016, the Imperial County Juvenile Hall initiated the "Garden of Dreams" project under the direction of a Master Gardener. Located within the Juvenile Hall and with guidance from the Master Gardener, a teacher, juvenile hall staff, and personnel from the probation department, the youth were able to raise a garden composed of a variety of organic vegetables. The Master Gardener 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 trellis, seeding, watering, harvesting, and transplantation of vegetables. Also, the teacher incorporates lessons in the classroom that are in line with the gardening theme that includes relationship between water, soil, sun, photosynthesis, phototropism, the role of earthworms, and role of nutrients in soils.

The Garden of Dreams has given youth at juvenile hall an opportunity to learn a vocational trade and receive education in nutrition, organic vs. non-organic, and the connection to nature. In addition, caring for the garden has instilled a sense of discipline, responsibility, and helps with self-esteem. 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.

The department continued their partnership with the Rite Track who offers two programs to assist at risk youth, the Evening Learning Center or Mentoring and Tracking. The Evening Learning Center was designed, as a solution to reduce a juvenile's length of stay in out of county residential facilities.

Juvenile Hall incorporated Tai Chi into their programming regimen. Provided by Imperial County Behavioral Health, 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 with:

- Spirit (feeling good)
- Reducing stress
- Relaxation
- Concentration

In 2018, Probation continued their partnership with the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, who provided classes and workshops in Juvenile Hall. The Desert Museum has applied for several grants through the California Arts Commission that could expand programming opportunities with the Probation Department.

The Imperial County Probation Department has county MOU's with the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department. El Centro City Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Imperial County Probation Department coordinate the NYPUM Program, an off-road highway program for boys and girls ages 10 through 16 in El Centro, in order to address the problems of gangs, school truancy and school behavior.

The NYPUM Program has been proven to change the lives of youth in the community by allowing them the privilege to ride a minibike as an incentive and motivating youth to make positive changes in their lives. The program offers healthy peer relationships and positive role models such as law enforcement officers, school officials and city recreation staff. The NYPUM Program's goals are the prevention of destructive 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 has been recognized nationally through their attendance at the Rose Parade and at the national conferences in Los Angeles and Boston.

C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Program Name: Four (4) Deputy Probation Officer II

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: N/A

Imperial County Probation Department has allocated YOBG funding to fund four (4) Deputy Probation Officer II's to make referrals to rehabilitative services for at risk youth to programs such as Rite Tracks Evening Learning Center, Mentoring/Tracking, Community Work Service, Youth Summit, PAL/SAL, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, NYPUM, and AB 12 Recognition Dinner.

Program Name: Evening Learning Center / Mentoring and Tracking

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: Four (4) Deputy Probation Officers will be funded through YOBG in order to refer clients to services such as the Evening Learning Center/ Mentoring and Tracking, which is funded by JJCPA.

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program. The youth are referred to the program with varying criminogenic risk factors determined by the Department of Probation; Rite Track then determines the specific needs of each youth through the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) assessment process that culminates in an individualized case plan. It is additionally beneficial that Rite Track staff use the same Assessments.com risk assessment tool as the Probation Department. The ELC provides the following Cognitive-Based Groups: Aggression Replacement Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (Thinking for a Change, Cultural Enrichment, Healthy Relationships, Seeking Safety, and Social Awareness). Mentoring and Tracking provides youth mentors who work closely with the youth and their families during this period, thus reducing the risk of re-entry into the juvenile justice system.

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Program Name: Police and Sheriff Athletic Leagues

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: N/A

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.

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Program Name: Imperial Valley Desert Museum

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: N/A

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Program Name: Youth Summit

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: N/A

Also, at risk youth participate in the annual Youth Summit. The Youth Summit's intended outcomes are to develop problem solving skills among youth and parents, build awareness of community resources and educate them on the importance of education, life skills and healthy lifestyles. The first couple of years the targeted population was high-risk youth on probation; and gradually it was extended to youth in Foster Care in both the delinquency and dependency arena.

Program Name: NYPUM

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: N/A

The Imperial County Probation Department has county MOU's with the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department. El Centro City Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Imperial County Probation Department coordinate the NYPUM Program, an off-road highway program for boys and girls ages 10 through 16 in El Centro, in order to address the problems of gangs, school truancy and school behavior.

The NYPUM Program has been proven to change the lives of youth in the community by allowing them the privilege to ride a minibike as an incentive and motivating youth to make positive changes in their lives. The program offers healthy peer relationships and positive role models such as law enforcement officers, school officials and city recreation staff. The NYPUM Program's goals are the prevention of destructive 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 has been recognized nationally through their attendance at the Rose Parade and at the national conferences in Los Angeles and Boston.

Program Name: AB12 Recognition Ceremony

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: N/A

The Probation Department continues to host AB12 Recognition Ceremonies for Non-Minor Dependents (NMD), to recognize former foster youth who have transitioned from delinquency to Non-Minor Dependent status. Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) allows foster care for eligible youth to extend beyond the age of 18 up to 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 NMDs' and assist in completing a Supervised

Independent Living Placement (SILP). Officers meets with the NMD once a 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 NMD youth.

Program Name: Community Work Service (CWS)

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA: N/A

In addition, at risk youth participate in Community Work Service (CWS). The Community Work Service Program is for juvenile offenders who are ordered by the court or probation to complete community work service hours in lieu of fines as a condition of probation or as an alternative to filing a petition with juvenile court. The Probation Department organizes the work sites and manages the offenders' subject to community work service ordered by the court. The CWS Program offers offenders an opportunity to repair community damage through unpaid work. This program benefits communities, neighborhoods, charitable organizations, local schools and other agencies throughout the Imperial Valley. The CWS Supervisor assesses each offender carefully before they are assigned to a work project and site. The Community Work Service Program is designed to give young people an opportunity to fulfill the court's mandates as well as reinforcing a restorative approach to juvenile justice.