

(2021-2022) Annual Plan

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Instructions:

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

Please submit your most up-to-date consolidated plan. The following is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. If you find it helpful to use this template, please do so. Each field must be completed before submitting your plan to the BSCC. If you have nothing to report for a field, please indicate 'N/A'. At the end of the template please press the 'Submit' button to be recorded with the BSCC. Your work will be saved each time you log in, if you need to make any edits.

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Juvenile Justice Plan

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

A. Assessment of Existing Services

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

Local programs for prevention and early intervention include; Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, honoring past & present through traditional knowledge, social emotional learning groups for youth outreach, play groups, bike fix-it & bike-to-school, community trips, family night, movie night & archery tag, TAY outreach, and suicide prevention through our local government agencies. Alpine County Behavioral Health Services Department's alcohol, drug and mental health programs have expertise in providing assessments, treatment matching, case management and outpatient treatment services. There are counselors to provide these services to the locally supervised target population.

When there is a need for other services all agencies work together to find inpatient or outpatient treatment for the client.

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

Alpine County will continue to use the strategies used in the past in facilitating collaborations. The agencies will continue to work closely with each other as well as the Native American community to ensure the juveniles in the county remain a priority and out of the juvenile justice system.

B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

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

Alpine County's school district is comprised of the Alpine County Unified School District that serves students from Kindergarten- eighth grade. There are two schools in the County, Diamond Valley Elementary School and Bear Valley Elementary School with a total of 77 youth attending including those attending high school. The County provides students the option of attending high school in either El Dorado County, California or Douglas County, Nevada. Most of the counties high school students graduate high school in Nevada.

Alpine County is a very remote seasonal community with few amenities. It is also the least populated county in the State of California. It is geographically isolated with an area of about 758 square miles.

The existing County services are motivated to bridge cultural boundaries including Native American and Non-Native American participants in community involvement. Mental Health and Social Services work to address needs with culturally appropriate programs.

In a community with diverse cultures and needs such as Alpine County it is important that all existing service work closely with each other to ensure needs and community safety is achieved. Alpine County does not have a jail or Juvenile Detention Center. Alpine County maintains a contract with the Juvenile Treatment Center and the El Dorado County Jail. Alpine County does transport juvenile offenders to the El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center then it is determined custody is the only option. The El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center is 45 minutes away.

C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

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

Juveniles in the community are "at-risk" simply because the community is so remote. In 2020 Alpine County's intent was to hire a second probation officer to have a greater presence in the community. The Covid-19 pandemic delayed that implementation until March of 2021.

Probation recently received information in order to move forward with the plan. The probation department will have a presence at the School and in the community with a new probation officer position. This position will include transports to Jail and treatment as well as helping with school attendance issues as well as student issues at the school. Probation will eventually incorporate student outings as the pandemic subsides.

There are currently two group homes in the county which have been contributors to the juvenile crime in the county. Although Alpine has no county residents in the homes, other counties use the homes and the juveniles placed in the group homes appear to cause issues sometimes simply because of the remoteness of the county location and the elevated juvenile delinquent population. Those issues are being addressed as well through existing services.

D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year.

Alpine County's Juvenile Justice Action Strategy is to be proactive in addressing juvenile issues. The county itself has a minimal amount of juvenile crime because there are a minimal amount of juveniles who reside in the county. Alpine County does not have a high school in the county. When students become eligible for high school they are either bussed to Douglas County, Nevada or El Dorado County, California to attend high school.

There is a School Resource Officer/ Deputy Sheriff at the Alpine County Unified School District who is currently the first responder for any juvenile matters on the school campus. The appropriate parties are contacted once an issue is brought to the attention of school authorities. With the addition of a new probation officer to help the School Resource Officer/ Deputy Sheriff, juvenile matters will be addressed through a cooperative alliance between Alpine County Justice Partners as situations arise.

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

There have been changes from 2019 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. With the onset of the pandemic the school was closed and the Alpine Kids program was forced to close. The YOBG grant paid for a portion of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program at the school and contributed to the Alpine Kids teen and family outings program. With all of the restaurants and entertainment throughout the whole country shut down, and social distancing and group activity restrictions, these programs could not continue in the county. In 2021, the schools and county offices have begun their soft openings. It is hoped things get back to normal soon.

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

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

Alpine County's information sharing of data is achieved through in person or zoom meetings with other county agencies. These are all face to face even if through zoom. The participants are members of county committees with a knowledge of the County's commitment to the youth population. Alpine County has two committees established to address issues that include juvenile truancy and youth offender problems. These committees are set up to try and address the differences needed to deal with juvenile and family issues. The main difference in the strategy is the lack of detention and the preference for programs over detention. These committees consist of members from Alpine County Office of Education, Alpine County Unified School District, Alpine County Health and Human Services Department, Alpine County Behavioral Health, Live Violence Free, Board of Supervisors liaison, Department of Social Services, a community member, and Alpine County Probation. The two agencies involved are Alpine County Child Abuse Prevention Counsel and Alpine County Multi-Disciplinary Task Counsel. Alpine County is in the process of putting together a combined committee, Juvenile Justice Council (JJCC) / Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Committee (JJRBGC). Members of this new committee will also participate in information sharing to enhance cooperation and coordination efforts for the youth of Alpine County.

B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils

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

no

If no, please list the current vacancies that exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies occurred, and your plan for filling them.

In the past, Alpine County had combined the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Council with the Juvenile Justice Council. That council had term limits and all positions had expired. Our new Chief discovered the two councils had conflicts and is in the process of starting a separate Juvenile Justice Council (JJCC) / Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Committee (JJRBGC). Until then, Alpine County was reaching out and cooperating with neighboring counties to tap into their Juvenile Justice Commissions to assist in creating new policies. With a total county population of 1129 and all the state committees, commissions, and councils, the ability to put together another council has been challenging.

C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

No JJCPA Funded Programs were Reported

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

A. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders

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

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Alpine County's main strategies in addressing youth that are non-707 (b) offenders include: facilitating community support between child abuse and neglect programs while advocating for children and families of Alpine County. These strategies also include encouraging training of professionals in detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse while providing cooperation and coordination in these same areas.

B. Regional Agreements

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

Alpine County does not have a jail or juvenile hall. Alpine County maintains contracts with the Juvenile Treatment Center in El Dorado County. Alpine County continues to transport juveniles to El Dorado County for detention and treatment. YOBG funds pay for those services. There are also YOBG funds that pay for medical insurance for detained youth.

YOBG Funded Program(s), Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

Below are YOBG funded programs reported by the county.

Program Name:

Probation Officer

Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

The target youth are WIC 601 youth, Informal Probationers (including 654's), at-risk juveniles, and offenders with mental health needs, WIC 602 youth, and male and female offenders.

Description:

The probation department in Alpine County is in need of re-organization. Increase Chief Probation Officer from 80% FTE to 100% FTE and request the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approve an additional Probation Officer position. This will allow the department to better serve youth with YOBG funds. It is believed with this new approach we can ensure intervention efforts through engagement of services and mentoring are deployed as early as possible. The Probation Department will have a presence at the school and in the community. This position will include transports to the Juvenile Treatment Center as well as to out of county treatment programs. The position will also help with school attendance issues and student issues at the school. Probation will eventually incorporate student outings as the pandemic subsides. Officer safety and community safety will be enhanced with an additional sworn staff. Coverage of state mandated duties may be enhanced with the additional Probation Officer position. With the addition of a Probation Officer, assistance to the School Resource Officer/ Deputy Sheriff will be enhanced. Addressing juvenile matters through a cooperative alliance between Alpine County Probation Department, Justice Partners and Service Providers will also be increased.