

County Notice of Proposed Operation and Description of Secure Youth Treatment Facility

Submit this form to your assigned BSCC Field Representative

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 875, subdivision (g)(4) provides:

A county proposing to establish a secure youth treatment facility for wards described in subdivision (a)¹ shall notify the Board of State and Community Corrections of the operation of the facility and shall submit a description of the facility to the board in a format designated by the board.

Submission of this form serves as notice to the BSCC of the proposed operation and description of a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF).

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| Date: | August 9, 2021 |
| County: | El Dorado |
| Facility Name: | Juvenile Treatment Center (Cedar Program) |
| Facility Address: | 1041 Al Tahoe Blvd. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 |
| Intended Date of Operation: | 07/01/2021 |
| Contact Person: | Kaci Smith |
| Contact Person E-Mail: | kaci.smith@edcgov.us |

REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Fill in information on form or attach a separate document. If an operational program statement or other document addresses the required information, that document may be submitted as notice of proposed operation.

Identify each facility that will operate as a SYTF.

| Operating Agency (e.g., Probation Dept.) | Facility Name & Address | Facility Type (Juvenile Hall/Camp) | # of SYTF Beds |
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| Probation Dept. | JTC, 1041 Al Tahoe Blvd. SLT, CA | Juvenile Hall | 12 |
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If existing beds will be converted to SYTF beds, please indicate by checking the box:

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| Describe the juvenile population to be served by each SYTF facility in the county by factors including offense, age, gender and any special programming, such as sex offender or mental health treatment to which the facility may be dedicated. | The SYTF (Cedar) is for male persons who committed a WIC 707(b) offense between the ages of 12 to 18 as their most recent offense. Persons within this category will be considered for acceptance to Cedar. However persons needing specialized programming including sex offender treatment and high mental health need will be referred to outside programs. |
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TO THE EXTENT KNOWN, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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| <p>Describe the proposed or actual population capacity of the SYTF (ADP and maximum as applicable).</p> <p>If the county proposes or plans to accept commitments of SYTF youth from another county or counties, describe the capacity of the SYTF that will be dedicated or available to out-of-county commitments.</p> | <p>The SYTF (Cedar) will have a population cap of 12 persons.</p> |
| <p>If the SYTF is a unit of a facility that also houses detained or committed youth other than Section 875 committed wards, indicate which unit or part of the facility will be utilized as a SYTF.</p> <p>Indicate whether you intend to separate SYTF from non-SYTF youth in the facility, and if they will be separated, describe how they will be separately housed and programmed.</p> | <p>The SYTF (Cedar) is within the Juvenile Treatment Center, a facility that also houses detained youth in a Juvenile Hall program and camp program populations. Cedar youth are housed in the same units. However, the Probation Dept. may house Cedar persons in a separate unit, divided by a solid concrete wall, when appropriate as needed by age, maturity, sophistication, population, safety, security, or other identified needs. The Juvenile Treatment Center currently has a vacant unit available to provide this.</p> |
| <p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p> | <p>The SYTF (Cedar) is contained within an established secure detention facility providing detention and commitment services to other youth. Persons in Cedar will remain within the physical secure portions of the facility or with the direct supervision of an officer unless court ordered to a least restrictive setting.</p> |
| <p>Describe how the programming, treatment, and education offered and provided is appropriate to meet the treatment and security needs of the youth serving baseline and modified baseline terms under WIC § 875.</p> | <p>The SYTF (Cedar) provides evidence based, trauma informed, and culturally appropriate programs and treatment which are individualized to each Cedar participate based on their individual assessment results and identified needs while being structured to the individual rehabilitation of the participate.</p> |
| <p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p> | <p>The county proposes maintaining a staffing ratio of 1:10 during daylight hours and 1:30 during sleep hours (10pm-6am), aligned with the juvenile hall staffing ratios within the facility.</p> |
| <p>If the county will use or proposes to establish or utilize a less restrictive program to which SYTF-committed youth may be transferred by the juvenile court, describe the less restrictive program including whether it is operated by a community service provider.</p> | <p>The county proposes to have three less restrictive options available to the juvenile court to transfer persons to if they are found appropriate to step down to a less restrictive environment. The county proposes to have the Juvenile Hall and Camp programs available as well as a transitional living house which is operated by the Probation Dept.</p> |

ⁱ Welfare and Institutions Code section 875, subdivision (a), provides:

- (a) In addition to the types of treatment specified in Sections 727 and 730, commencing July 1, 2021, the court may order that a ward who is 14 years of age or older, be committed to a secure youth treatment facility for a period of confinement described in subdivision (b) if the ward meets the following criteria:
- (1) The juvenile is adjudicated and found to be a ward of the court based on an offense listed in subdivision (b) of Section 707.
 - (2) The adjudication described in paragraph (1) is the most recent offense for which the juvenile has been adjudicated.
 - (3) The court has made a finding on the record that a less restrictive, alternative disposition for the ward is unsuitable. In determining this, the court shall consider all relevant and material evidence, including the recommendations of counsel, the probation department, and any other agency or individual designated by the court to advise on the appropriate disposition of the case. The court shall additionally make its determination based on all of the following criteria:
 - (A) The severity of the offense or offenses for which the ward has been most recently adjudicated, including the ward's role in the offense, the ward's behavior, and harm done to victims.
 - (B) The ward's previous delinquent history, including the adequacy and success of previous attempts by the juvenile court to rehabilitate the ward.
 - (C) Whether the programming, treatment, and education offered and provided in a secure youth treatment facility is appropriate to meet the treatment and security needs of the ward.
 - (D) Whether the goals of rehabilitation and community safety can be met by assigning the ward to an alternative, less restrictive disposition that is available to the court.
 - (E) The ward's age, developmental maturity, mental and emotional health, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and any disabilities or special needs affecting the safety or suitability of committing the ward to a term of confinement in a secure youth treatment facility.