

Kern County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council



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Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)

****Background Information:**

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) program was created by the Crime Prevention Act of 2000 to provide a stable funding source for local juvenile justice programs aimed at curbing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth. As originally enacted JJCPA was supported entirely with state General Fund monies; however, funding for this program has changed significantly over time as resources have become more and more scarce. In FY 2008-09, the allocation amount for JJCPA was reduced and the funding source was changed from General Fund to Vehicle License Fee (VLF). In FY 2011-12, as part of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment legislation, the Local Revenue Fund of 2011 was created. The Local Revenue Fund has a variety of subaccounts, including the Local Law Enforcement Services Account (LLESA), which is the new funding source for JJCPA. The main revenue source for JJCPA is the Vehicle License Fee. Any shortfall in that revenue source is made up by State Sales Tax revenue. The Department of Finance is responsible for performing the annual calculation to determine allocation amounts for each county. This calculation takes into account changes in county populations.

Historical Information:

Kern County Probation submitted its original plan in 2001, which included the creation of an Early Intervention Program (EIP) in multiple geographic areas of the county and a Gang Intervention and Suppression Team (GIST) in targeted areas of metro-Bakersfield.

In 2002, the original plan was modified to add a Repeat Offender Prevention Program (ROPP) in metro-Bakersfield and in the outlying areas of northern Kern County. This program was designed to address first time offenders, providing supervision and linkage to services with the goal of reducing recidivism.

In 2004, the plan was modified to eliminate EIP services entirely, while expanding GIST services to encompass the entire county, as it was determined the mobility and influence of gang member involvement exceeded the previously designated boundaries. Additional staff were added to the Repeat Offender Prevention Program (ROPP) as a result of this modification as well.

In 2009, another modification to the plan was made, eliminating ROPP and enhancing the Aftercare unit. This change was deemed appropriate and necessary because of the results obtained from the department's implementation of a risk/needs assessment tool, the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT), which showed that approximately 63% of youth served by ROPP were at low-risk to re-offend without intervention. Meanwhile, Aftercare unit services were directed at youth exiting department custodial commitment programs, with a goal of bridging services and providing accountability to youth on furlough release.

Program Information:

JJCPA provides funding for the Probation Department's Aftercare unit and Gang Intervention and Suppression Team (GIST).

The Aftercare Program is committed to providing wards of the Juvenile Court furloughing from Kern County Probation Department custodial treatment programs, and their families, with intensive supervision and referrals to community based educational and counseling programs in order to redirect delinquent behaviors. Youth are under commitment to these programs for one year, serving a portion of that time in custody and the remainder of the time on furlough release. These youth are composed primarily of those who, because of their level of delinquent behavior, require intensive supervision. Caseloads are typically comprised of probationers who may be criminal street gang members or gang affiliated violent offenders, habitual offenders and substance abusers. The primary goal of the Aftercare Program

is to increase efforts towards successful transitions from custody to community; geared toward eliminating the offenders' criminal and delinquent behaviors that have been identified through evidence-based assessments.

Officers will typically begin building rapport with youth during their commitment program. Upon release and once the initial case conference is completed and a case plan is formed, the Aftercare Deputy Probation Officer will complete field calls at school and in the home in order to ensure compliance with both furlough terms and terms and conditions of probation. Each contact will be noted, along with updates concerning progress, or lack thereof, toward completion of case plan goals.

Other responsibilities include continual monitoring of completion of Court-ordered programs, restitution payments, weekly reporting, school attendance and behavior and monitoring any new law violations. Any violations of the terms and conditions of probation, furlough terms, and new law violations may result in furlough detention, the filing of a WIC 777(a) Petition, or referring the matter to the District Attorney. Aftercare Probation Officers are also responsible for monitoring referrals made to community agencies and the documentation of all referrals to community resources, along with progress made, or lack thereof.

The Aftercare Unit consists of (1) Supervisor, (1) Deputy Probation Officer III and (6) Deputy Probation Officer I/II's. They continue to participate in both the Review Board and Pre-Release meetings at all three facilities. These meetings give the Probation Officer an opportunity to have input on the services the youth will receive while in commitment and in designing an appropriate transition case plan for the youth as they re-enter our community. All Aftercare officers have been trained in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS). EPICS enhances officers' abilities to effectively engage the youth they supervise in developing skills directly tied into their criminogenic needs. Aftercare officers currently supervise 270 cases, averaging 39 cases per officer.

GIST continues to regard the safety of the community as a top priority. Intervention efforts have remained an important component for this unit also. The GIST Officers continue to provide Gang Awareness Classes for schools and interested groups and organizations. GIST routinely prepares gang packets and provides the Court with gang expert testimony. The objective of GIST is to reduce gang involvement and increase community safety in Kern County. The target population for GIST is identified juvenile gang members (exempting taggers) in high crime areas of Kern County, focusing on metropolitan Bakersfield.

GIST identifies gang members in the target areas according to specified criteria used by the Kern County Sheriff's Department Gang Suppression Unit, and monitors them for gang activity within the scope of authority given to Probation Officers under Penal Code Section 830.5. If a violation occurs, the incident will be subject to intensified investigation. When arrests are made, target subjects face enhanced penalties under a statutory scheme directed toward criminal street gang activity, Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act (STEP) and aggressive probation supervision. Probation case management includes frequent probationer contacts, home calls, and probation searches. The team focuses on suppression activities and intelligence gathering activities which will develop very specific and detailed information on each member in the gang as well as proof of gang affiliation. During interviews of target members, gang membership is documented through field interview cards. This process will assist in the prosecution of crimes under the STEP Act. This will also assist in prohibiting targeted gang members from associating with one another in specific areas, resulting in the disruption of the basic mechanism of criminal street gang activity and negative group behavior.

GIST currently consists of (1) Probation Supervisor, (1) Deputy Probation Officer III, and (6) Deputy Probation Officer I/II's. GIST is committed to proactively increasing public safety especially in those areas of Kern County affected by criminal street gangs. This year GIST has taken on the supervision of youth previously committed to DJJ who have

returned to the community and been placed under the authority of the Juvenile Court, along with probationers with identified gang involvement. GIST supervises 149 cases currently.

Grant Year: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Anticipated Allocation: \$2,418,000 (estimate based on 16-17 allocation)

2016-17 Budget	GIST	Aftercare	Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,228,612	\$1,353,152	\$2,581,764
Services and Supplies	\$67,365	\$74,648	\$142,013
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
CBO Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,295,977	\$1,427,800	\$2,723,777

Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG)

****Background Information:**

The Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) Program was established in 2007 with the enactment of SB 81, and amended in 2009 by SBX4 13. The YOBG program realigned a segment of California's juvenile justice population from state to county control. Under this legislation, counties are no longer permitted to send certain lower level offenders to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Youth who are no longer eligible for DJJ commitment are those who commit an offense that is not listed in Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 707(b) and is not a sex offense as set forth in Penal Code Section 290.008(c). YOBG supports the concept that public safety is enhanced by keeping juvenile offenders close to their families and communities.

The Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) program provides state funding for counties to deliver custody and care (i.e., appropriate rehabilitative and supervisory services) to youthful offenders who previously would have been committed to the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice. Individual county allocation amounts are based on a statutory formula that gives equal weight to county juvenile population and juvenile felony dispositions.

Program Information:

YOBG provides funding for the Bridges Career Development Academy, 20 beds at the Kern Crossroads Facility, the Furlough Treatment and Rehabilitation program, and mental health services at Camp Erwin Owen and Pathways Academy.

The purpose of Bridges Academy is to provide a structured and supervised school environment where offenders between 16 and 19 years of age can learn vocational skills, as well as life skills, while working to complete a high school degree or the equivalent. Collaborative partners include Dr. Fred Rowe and Associates and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS). In addition to traditional educational opportunities, Bridges' youth also are routinely afforded opportunities to participate in enrichment activities. The school recently hosted its annual mid-year graduation, where 15 students were recognized as having met the requirements for high school graduation. Three graduates earned scholarship awards. The school has developed a Running Team and has organized a fundraising 5K run to help offset the costs associated with students' entry fees and equipment throughout the year. The Bridges Academy Annual Open House included a silent auction of student art projects, which raised approximately \$5,000 to support the art program moving forward. Probation has contracted services through KCSOS Kern Youth @ Work program for service delivery to Bridges youth in the area of job readiness and development. The Career Associate assists the students in obtaining job readiness skills and enrolling in Bakersfield College. Bridges Academy enrollment is approximately 40 students.

The Kern Crossroads Facility is a secure residential institution with an operational capacity of 80 beds. It was created in order to provide a local institution option for juvenile male offenders, age 14-18, in lieu of a Division of Juvenile Justice commitment. The rehabilitative function of the Kern Crossroads Facility relies on a program design that includes use of a validated risk assessment tool, evidence based cognitive behavioral therapy, discipline, education, work experience, vocational training, athletics, physical education, group living and a mental health counseling component. Wards attend school half of the day and participate in vocational/work programs and/or counseling the other half of the day. The custody portion of the program is a three tiered, 12, 24, or 36 week program to be followed by intensive aftercare. The facility programming includes two evidence based risk assessment tools, the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) and the MAYSI-2(Mental Health Screening). These tools identify criminogenic needs and monitor changes in behavior and attitude. Other EBP includes: Aggression Replacement Training, Thinking for a Change, Strengthening Families, Stages of Change and Straight Ahead.

The Furlough Treatment and Rehabilitation program is a short term, 30 day maximum, in-custody program exclusively for male offenders in the Aftercare program on furlough release from Camp Erwin Owen and the Kern Crossroads Facility. The program emphasizes accountability for delinquent behaviors and assists youth in their rehabilitation. The youth use journaling, individual counseling, and self-assessment to prevent a return to criminal activity and assist in the family, social, and educational components of their lives. Alcohol and Narcotic Anonymous classes and other education components are presented by volunteers. Once released, the continuum of care is maintained as the youth return to the Aftercare program. The program also houses and provides orientation to youth awaiting delivery to Camp Owen and Crossroads.

Mental health counseling services are being provided to minors who have been Court ordered to serve a commitment in one of two separate in-custody commitment programs, Camp Erwin Owen and Pathways Academy. Camp Erwin Owen is a 125 bed forestry camp for male offenders ages 14 to 18. The program length varies from 10 to 24 weeks in custody, depending on behavior and success in the program. Youth receive evidence based mental health treatment, as well as group and individual therapy, substance abuse education and case management services. Pathways Academy is an all-female commitment program for offenders whose ages range from 14 to 18. The program length varies from 12 to 36 weeks, which is determined at an assessment meeting. Youth receive individual and group evidence based services targeted to meet their criminogenic needs as identified by the PACT.

Grant Year: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Anticipated Allocation: \$3,732,000 (estimate based on 16/17 allocation)

2016-17 Budget	Bridges	Crossroads	FTR	Mental Health Services	Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$857,685	\$1,600,821	\$1,352,158	\$0	\$3,810,664
Services and Supplies	\$79,672	\$19,717	\$19,717	\$0	\$119,106
Professional Services	\$273,502	\$0	\$0	\$552,760	\$826,262
CBO Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,210,859	\$1,620,538	\$1,371,875	\$552,760	\$4,756,032

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

****Background Information:**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides critical funding necessary to support state and local initiatives, to include: technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation (including forensics), data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems. The JAG Program supports seven Program Purpose Areas designated by federal statute. These include:

1. Law enforcement programs.
2. Prosecution and court programs, including indigent defense.
3. Prevention and education programs.
4. Corrections and community corrections programs.
5. Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
6. Planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs.
7. Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is the federal agency responsible for the administrative oversight to the JAG program. BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

In 2013, the BSCC partnered with the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) to develop a mechanism for gathering stakeholder input for the development of a Multi-Year Strategy for California's JAG Program. This resulted in a competitive grant proposal/award process which resulted in Kern County's proposal being approved for funding. The JAG funding cycle is on a 3-year, calendar year cycle which began in March 2015, and lasts through December 2017.

Program Information:

The goal of the Kern JAG Program is to reduce school violence and juvenile delinquency. The approach includes the collaboration of school districts, Probation Department staff, Sheriff's Department staff, and the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK). The plan involves implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) at the school sites. PBIS outlines a three-tiered support system which first provides universal programs to address school climate. This begins at the schools sites, which identifies and refers youth for screening and more intensive services. Based on the screening assessment, youth identified for higher levels of support will be provided evidence based practices (EBP) and case management to address specific needs.

This school year, JAG staff have been able to complete PACT assessments, provide case management services, make referrals to appropriate resources, facilitate evidence based programming, facilitate SAL programming, provide targeted interventions, initiate educational and pro-social activities, and provide incentives to youth at the school sites. JAG staff team with school staff at various sites for Coordination Of Services Team (COST) meetings to assess youth referred for various levels of service. The school sites receiving JAG services are: East Bakersfield High School, Cato Middle School, Compton Junior High, Stiern Middle School, Mountain View Middle School, Haven Drive Middle School, and North Kern Community School.

The final evaluation of the current 3-year JAG cycle will take place after the conclusion of 2017. Evaluation of the program is being done by Transforming Local Communities, an independently contracted program evaluator.

Grant Year: January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Actual Allocation: \$942,465

2016 Budget	Probation Dept	KCSOS	Sheriff's Dept	Training	CAPK	TLC (Program Evaluator)	Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$287,931	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$287,931
Services and Supplies	\$2,011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,011
Professional Services	\$0	\$229,628	\$299,267	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$528,895
CBO Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,923	\$0	\$57,923
Data Collection, Reporting and Evaluation Efforts (7% of direct program costs)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$65,705	\$65,705
Fixed Assets/equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (Travel to 1-Day Conference)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$289,942	\$229,628	\$299,267	\$0	\$57,923	\$65,705	\$942,465

****All Background Information sections contain information found on the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) website: http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_cppgrantfundedprograms.php**

Placement Unit

Program Information:

Officers in the Placement Unit are charged with performing a wide variety of duties. As officers of the Court responsible for supervising wards in out of home placements, adherence to State and Federal regulations concerning the welfare of those wards remains the primary focus. Division 31 regulations and Title IV-E, along with the Welfare and Institutions Code, provide the mandates regulating out of home placements.

The Placement unit has been working on the plan to implement the Resource Family Approval process associated with Continuum of Care Reform/AB 403. We have worked in collaboration with the Department of Human Services and have acquired additional funding set aside by the state to assist in this endeavor. A DPO III, (2) DPO IIs and a social worker (via a contract with DHS) are assigned to the duties of recruiting new Resource Families for wards, helping them through the approval process and supervising them in this family like environment. Additionally, the Placement unit has been working closely with Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (KBHRS) and the group homes Kern County utilizes to assist them in transitioning to Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs with the goal of moving wards from these programs into Resource Families within six months.

Officers must maintain monthly face to face contact with each ward on their caseload with 80% of those contacts taking place at the ward's placement. Placement officers are diligent in finding the best possible group home programs that utilize evidence based treatment to assist the wards with their criminogenic needs and overall rehabilitation. There are three special programs which fall under the purview of the Placement Unit. One of these programs is SB 163 Wraparound. This program is a family-focused, strength based program used as an alternative to out of home care. It is unique in that it allows a ward to be placed in their home through a foster care agency, which in turn provides intensive in-home services in a collaborative effort with Probation and KBHRS. Weekly "team meetings" in the ward's home are held. The Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) program is the second special program within the Placement Unit and this program provides foster family placements for wards that have a family member to reunify with, but need an out of home placement in order to assist in the reunification process. While in MTFC, the ward, family, and foster family participate in counseling geared towards making reunification happen within six months of the placement. In addition to those two programs, an officer has been assigned to work with KBHRS as part of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). This officer is part of the Placement Unit, and maintains offices at both Probation and KBHRS, working as part of the Multi Integrated Services Team (MIST) and county Wraparound team through KBHRS. These teams have developed and implemented evidence based programs and services for wards of the Court and other troubled minors. Lastly, the Placement unit also supervises Non-Minor Dependents (AB 12 wards). Upon emancipating, if a ward either attends school or works 80 hours per month, they are eligible for continued foster care funding. Placement Officers supervise these wards also to assist them in their transition to adulthood.

Currently, the Placement Unit is made up of (1) Probation Supervisor, (1) Juvenile Corrections Officer who serves as the unit's Transportation Officer, (2) Office Services Technician, (2) Deputy Probation Officer III's and (11) Deputy Probation Officer I/II's. There are currently 245 Wards of the Court assigned to the Placement Unit, 67 of which being AB 12 placements. The average caseload size is 20.

Metro-Bakersfield and Regional Juvenile Supervision

Program Information:

The Supervision II Unit is responsible for the supervision of Wards of the Court residing in Metro Bakersfield. In addition to ensuring the wards are following the terms and conditions of their probation, Supervision II Officers are instrumental in ensuring the wards enroll in a school setting and continue to work at ensuring these wards receive mental health services when available and necessary. The Supervision II Unit currently consists of (1) Probation Supervisor, (2) Deputy Probation Officer III's, and (9) Deputy Probation Officer I/II's. Supervision II caseloads are made up of low to high risk offenders who reside in the Bakersfield metro area. There are currently 470 cases assigned to Supervision II and the average caseload is 43 cases per officer. Based on results from risk needs assessments, the cases are determined to be low to high risk to reoffend. Officers then work collaboratively with the minors and their families to develop and fulfill their case plans. Low risk offender caseloads have been developed to monitor youth on DEJ and WIC 725 status through the Court, and for wards of the Court determined to be low risk to reoffend.

The Blanton Academy is collaboration between the Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS), KBHRS, and Probation. Students receive treatment services that include Matrix, Aggression Replacement Training (ART), and general counseling. The three Probation Officers on campus focus on school attendance and behavior to hopefully assist in increasing successful Blanton Academy completions. Blanton Academy has 60 students currently enrolled. Students attending Blanton Academy are supervised by Probation Officers assigned to Supervision II.

The Regional Supervision Unit consists of (1) Probation Supervisor, (1) Deputy Probation Officer III, and (8) Deputy Probation Officer II's who cover all regional offices in Kern County. Additionally, the unit supervises the 18-year-old caseload and regional low risk caseload. The 18-year-old caseload continues to be supervised in an administrative capacity with oversight from a Deputy Probation Officer III. The unit continues to utilize an evidence based infrastructure by cultivating strategic alliances with local providers and ensuring appropriate delivery of services to youth. Additionally, the Regional Unit continues to provide Aftercare services in all outlying areas, with the exception of Delano. Minors released from a commitment program from these areas will continue to be supervised by their regular supervision officers. Regional Officers' caseloads total approximately 962 youth with the added responsibility of adults in certain areas on PC 1000 (Drug Diversion) caseloads. Officers continue to work collaboratively with local area law enforcement officers in each area and share information to stay abreast of ongoing area activity. Officers continue to utilize the department's risk/needs assessment tool to develop a case plan by identifying the top criminogenic needs of each youth and matching them with the proper referrals needed, utilizing evidence-based programs where possible.

In addition to regular probation supervision, the unit performs specialized supervision duties including the regional low risk caseload and the 18-year-old caseload. A caseload comprised of all regional area minors determined to be low risk to reoffend was created in an effort to allow officers to deliver more services to the youth identified as moderate and high risk to reoffend. The 18-year-old caseload is designed to monitor probationers as to probation terms and conditions of their financial obligations. Encouragement is given to subjects to satisfy their financial terms and provide restitution to victims, enabling these subjects a chance to be eligible for early termination from probation. This caseload has a current total of 670 cases. Lastly, the Supervisor of Regional acts as the department contact for Interstate Compact. The Supervisor processes all new requests for transfer between states as well as other inquiries from the State Interstate Compact office via the Juvenile Interstate Data System (JIDS).

Juvenile Investigations

Program Information:

Juvenile Investigation Units I and II interview minors and their families, gather outside information, and complete assessments in preparation of making dispositional recommendations to the Court for all youth appearing before the Court because of a sustained new law violation. Investigation Unit I consists of (1) Probation Supervisor, (4) Deputy Probation Officer III's, and (5) Deputy Probation Officer II's. Investigation Unit II has (1) Probation Supervisor, (2) Deputy Probation Officer III's, and (7) Deputy Probation Officer II's. In addition to routine cases filed under WIC 602 based on new criminal law violations, Investigations Officers are responsible for reports on the following types of hearings:

- **Transfer of Jurisdiction Hearings** - Upon a motion by the District Attorney or on its own motion, the Court may request a hearing to determine if a minor is an appropriate candidate to be dealt with in Juvenile Court. It will also be requested that minors who have been found not amenable for Juvenile Court be detained in jail upon reaching the age of eighteen (WIC 707(a), WIC 707(c), and WIC 208.5). These hearings were previously called Fitness Hearings but with the passing of Proposition 57 by voter initiative in November 2016, all minors must now be processed first through the Juvenile Court to determine the appropriate judicial setting of whether the minor will remain in Juvenile Court or be transferred to the Court of Criminal Jurisdiction for prosecution under General Law. After passage of the law, investigative units completed 11 Transfer of Jurisdiction Reports that were returned from Adult Court.
- **DJJ Dispositional Hearings** - The officer submitting a Dispositional Court Report including a recommendation for DJJ will appear to respond to any questions during the hearing. If the minor turns eighteen years of age while awaiting delivery to the Division of Juvenile Justice, it will be requested he or she be delivered to jail. This will either include a recommendation in the Dispositional Court Report or an order to be signed by the Court in order for the Sheriff's Department to accept the booking.
- **Minor Marriages** - Anyone under the age of eighteen who wishes to marry in California must have the Court's permission. The minor obtains an application at the Juvenile Clerk's office and once completed, meets with a Probation Officer for an interview. This Probation Officer then completes a report and makes a recommendation to the Court. If the Court approves, a signed court order is required.
- **WIC 709 Hearings** - These hearings are initiated by the Court to address issues related to a minor's competency. The evaluation is conducted by a Court appointed psychiatrist and includes a determination of whether the minor is competent to participate in court proceedings. If found incompetent, the minor is then referred for an evaluation of eligibility for services with the Kern Regional Center. If ineligible for services with the Kern Regional Center, the minor is referred to Kern County Mental Health. An Investigations DPO III is assigned all WIC 709 cases. If a minor is ineligible for Kern Regional or not provided services by Kern County Mental Health, the Probation Department will provide competency training.
- **Deferred Entry of Judgment** - Minors eligible for the Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) Program pursuant to WIC 790 are referred for a DEJ Assessment to determine suitability for the program. Investigations Officers will report to the Court concerning DEJ suitability. If granted DEJ, minors are placed on probation without wardship for a period of no less than 12 months and no greater than 36 months. Possible conditions for probation include work program, counseling and general terms. There can be no incarceration or placement out of the home as a disposition based on the minor not being a ward of the Court. Status hearings to evaluate compliance of Court ordered probation terms are calendared every 12 months, at which time the assigned probation officer reports on the minor's progress. If, after 12 months, the minor is found to be in compliance with the orders and has

met all of his financial obligations, probation may be terminated by the Court. If, however, at any time during the DEJ term, the minor is not compliant or has committed a new law violation, DEJ status may be lifted pursuant to WIC 793, and the minor adjudged a ward of the Court.

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

Juvenile Investigations III is an assessment unit that conducts "pre-screen" evaluations which calculate minors' risk to reoffend. The unit is comprised of (1) Probation Supervisor, (1) Deputy Probation Officer III, and (5) Deputy Probation Officer II's. The unit reviews all law enforcement referrals submitted to the Probation Department where the minor is not a Ward of the Court, the minor is not detained for the offense, and the crime charged is not a Welfare and Institutions Code 707(b) offense. Options regarding the handling of referrals include warning letters, referral to Traffic Court, Teen Court-Ridgecrest, and various community resources. Referrals assigned to officers for pre-screen assessment are those in which a Petition request is in question, including many in which Welfare and Institutions Code 653.5 mandates. The officers are required to have all felony cases reviewed by the District Attorney's office to determine if a Petition request should be submitted. The primary goal of a pre-screen assessment officer is to divert low-risk offenders and forward moderate and high-risk offenders through the criminal justice system. Those diverted are often referred to services which include Aggression Replacement Training, Parent Project, Volunteer Center, Job Corps, Project 180 and various counseling services.

Special Services Team

Program Information:

Special Services Team (SST) provides specialized services to both the department and the community. These services include supervision of adults and juveniles who would otherwise be incarcerated if it were not for a series of alternative sentencing programs. SST administers four different home detention programs which includes the Adult Electronic Monitoring Program, the Juvenile Electronic Monitoring Program, the Aftercare Monitoring Program and the Home Supervision Program. In addition, SST oversees the Juvenile Court Work Program.

The Home Supervision Program is a pre-disposition program a minor is placed on in lieu of incarceration. The Probation Department actively supervises the minor and incarcerates the minor if there is a violation. Some flexibility is retained by the Probation staff in regard to incarceration. The Electronic Monitoring Program is for minors released early from a Juvenile Hall commitment due to high population, with ten or more days remaining on their commitment. If they violate Electronic Monitoring, they are returned to Juvenile Hall to finish their commitment. Youth leaving commitment programs on furlough release are eligible for the Electronic Monitoring Program as well.

The Juvenile Court Work Program is a frequently used option whereby the Court orders a minor, as a condition of probation, to perform a specified number of community service work hours to be supervised by the Probation Department. Current guidelines for unexceptional cases are:

- Misdemeanor (other than graffiti) 40 hours
- Graffiti Offenses 64 hours
- Felony Offenses 80 hours
- Aggravating Circumstances 20-40 additional hours

It should be noted that some of the outlying area offices have limited Work Program sites available. We also have few, and sometimes no, activities for minors with physical limitations.