

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

**FY 2018-19
Consolidated Annual Plan**

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Instructions:

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4) and Welfare & Institutions 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 rest of this document is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. If you find it helpful to use this template, please do so.

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Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy

Authority: Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A) The multiagency juvenile justice plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following components:

(i) 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.

(ii) An identification and prioritization of the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas in the community that face a significant public safety risk from juvenile crime, such as gang activity, daylight burglary, late-night robbery, vandalism, truancy, controlled substances sales, firearm-related violence, and juvenile substance abuse and alcohol use.

(iii) A local juvenile justice action strategy that provides for a continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency and demonstrates a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(B)(ii) Collaborate and integrate services of all the resources set forth in clause (i) of subparagraph (A), to the extent appropriate.

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.

Kings County has a wide range of services available within the Juvenile Justice System. It relies heavily on cooperation and collaboration between agencies and uses the strengths of each to maximize services.

Kings View Mental Health is contracted by the county to provide services to the citizens of Kings County and work with juvenile wards and probation clients who are in need of mental health counseling. The agency also provides crises intervention and substance abuse counseling.

Human Services Agency provides protection to the children and adults in the county who are at risk. They promote safety and well-being of the families of Kings County to achieve family permanence, stability and self-reliance. They provide temporary economic assistance for those in need and provide comprehensive employment and training services.

The Kings County Human Services Agency Social Services Division oversees Adult Protective Services, In Home Support Services, Child Protective Services, and Adoption Services. The Social Services Deputy Director manages the Social Services Division.

The Emergency Response Unit is responsible for telephone intake hotline for all reports of suspected child abuse and neglect and follow-up investigation of referrals. The Court units file petitions; jurisdiction/disposition reports and manage the cases until the Disposition decision is ordered. They have ongoing case

management units for the Family Reunification, Family Maintenance, Permanency Planning, and AB 12 services for Non-minor Dependents (NMD). There is one Adoptions Services unit and two public health nurses submitting health and CHDP data entry. Additionally, there is a unit dedicated to the Resource Family Approval process.

Behavioral Health strives to empower individuals and their families to achieve sustained well-being from mental illness and addiction. They promote, support and invest in the wellness and recovery of individuals living in the communities of Kings County by creating opportunities to contribute, learn, work and find hope in each day.

Department of Education raises student achievement throughout the county. They promote academic success by meeting the needs of both educators and students and by broadening educational opportunities. They provide district and school support in professional development, instructional technology, alternative instructional programs, youth development, early childhood education and special events.

Local law enforcement agencies provide proactive, professional and courteous law enforcement services to our community. They reduce the impact of crime and fear it causes to victims of those crimes. They support a policing philosophy that promotes and supports organizational strategies to address the causes of crime and social disorder through problem solving tactics and community/police partnerships.

There are five law enforcement agencies within Kings County as follows: Kings County Sheriff's Office, Hanford Police Department, Lemoore Police Department, Avenal Police Department, and the Corcoran Police Department. In addition to retaining criminal jurisdiction on Tribal land, the KCSO is responsible for overseeing areas outside the city limits of Hanford, Corcoran and Lemoore, as well as the towns of Armona, Stratford and Kettleman City.

Champions serve those community members afflicted by social and emotional issues, family dysfunction, substance use, mental health and criminal justice involvement. They strive to serve the community, specifically focusing on those members who have experienced trauma and brokenness, those who need hope and guidance and those who seek to be healthy. They provide several programs dedicated to the health and well-being of youth in our county.

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

Currently, Behavioral Health, our local county mental health provider, Kings County Probation, Department of Education and Human Services Agency are working collaboratively to develop a strategic work plan to identify gaps in services in our community and are working toward addressing those gaps. Together, several goals have been identified to streamline services for the youth in our county including family engagement teaming, access to timely and effective intensive mental health and care coordination, staff/caregiver development and training, client specific information sharing and timely, meaningful universal assessment. The team meets

regularly to work toward implementing services to attain the identified goals. This team reaches out to other community partners to assist in meeting programmatic gaps. Recently, Human Services Agency and Kings County Probation entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Education, to serve foster youth. This partnership will allow our agencies to work more closely together to ensure foster youth in our county receive all appropriate services to achieve their educational goals.

Additionally, the Kings County Probation Department and Human Services Agency are working collaboratively as a pilot county to recruit relative foster care families to serve our youth that are in need of out of home placement. Our resources are pooled together to meet the needs of the community we serve.

The Kings County Probation Department participates in many community organizations, boards and groups, through our preventative services program. The collaborative work done with all of our community agencies allows us to be a strong presence and support in our community and provide prevention services to youth that are most at risk of entering into 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.

The Santa Rose Rancheria (Tachi-Yokut Tribe) is located within Kings County, which further adds to its uniqueness and diversity. The Santa Rose Rancheria is officially listed on the Federal Register and has a long history of spirituality within its people. For several years, the Tribe has been working to establish itself as autonomous, in part via their gaming resort. It has been expanding services available within its boundaries in an effort to further meet the needs of its members. Due to gaming revenue, the Tribe has been successfully improving the lifestyle of all its families. Housing has been improved. New recreation and office facilities have been built. Education has improved for its children due to technological and curriculum improvements. Employment has risen due to opportunities available at the casino and hotel. The Kings County Probation Department works with several families on the reservation through supervision, foster youth services, prevention and working with tribal officials to refer youth to needed services.

Avenal State Prison, California State Prison at Corcoran and the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility at Corcoran are located within the boundaries of Kings County; however, two other State Prison facilities (Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga and Central California Women's Facility) are close-by, which attract the families of inmates and correctional staff. Adult Realignment began in 2011 and as a result, the population of Avenal State Prison, Corcoran State Prison and the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility has declined. One factor was attributed to the state policy which keeps state prisoners in the counties where they committed their crimes rather than sending them to distant state lockups. The added challenge of rehabilitating incarcerated individuals, as well as providing supportive services to their families and the correctional staff, presents an interesting component to the diversity of Kings County. The presence of California State Prisons in the area causes an increase in probation and parole cases, as well

as families exposed to criminal behavior, which amplifies the following issues for individuals and families connected to the inmates: substance abuse and addiction, alcoholism, domestic violence, gang activity, mental illnesses, poverty, unemployment and crime. There tends to be a higher need for services in the areas nearby the prisons.

Along with regular migration and immigration to the area, Kings County hosts a transient population made up of individuals and families following seasonal work patterns throughout the state. Major socio-environmental issues stemming from this dynamic include: poverty, unemployment, illegal immigration, acculturation or cultural differences, language barriers, education, homelessness, lack of affordable housing, health problems and isolation of the family. This transient population resides in the rural and agricultural areas of the county, where services are limited and need is high.

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.

Kings County has implemented evidence based programming over the last few years to include formal cognitive behavioral therapy to address the risks and needs of our youthful offenders. This approach is proven effective in reducing recidivism, in assisting our youth in their rehabilitation and in addressing the issues in their lives that brought them to the criminal justice system. Juvenile crime rates in Kings County have steadily dropped over the past few years and, therefore, the number of youth supervised by probation has also dropped.

Utilizing a therapist, dedicated to our population of youth, has proved effective. Our youth have more access to mental health services, are quickly assessed and receive treatment in a timely manner, specifically in the outlying areas of our county where services are limited. The availability of these services has improved participation and has increased completion of treatment over the last year.

Furthermore, our preventative programs allow us to intervene with a first time offender or youthful offender to address any issues through informal probation, evidence based classes through the local elementary schools, intervention through our summer program for young community members and referrals to local services to address their needs. Focusing our efforts in preventative services and supporting our local families through a collaborative community effort has allowed us to have a greater impact on the lives of our young community members. Our FAVOR officers, informal and preventative services unit, participate in many prevention events throughout the community in collaboration with other county and city departments, non-profit organizations, community members, law enforcement agencies and our local Tachi-Yokut tribe. These officers focus on early intervention for at risk youth.

Utilizing the PACT (Positive Achievement Change Tool) risk assessment tool has greatly impacted the delivery of services for youth on formal probation in Kings County. Knowing the risks and needs of the population we serve has allowed us to tailor our services to better serve our population. Demographic and crime data information is also used to determine the needs of the population we serve in the community as a whole. The probation department works with our community partners to address any gaps in services that have been identified and to ensure services are available for those in the outlying areas of our county.

Our continuum of services include prevention and early intervention, counseling, warnings, informal probation, deferred entry of judgment, formal probation, probation supervision, court ordered programming, detention, evidence based programs such as Forward Thinking and A.R.T., case planning and out of home placement. The Kings County Probation Department is currently developing a violation response matrix, to assist officers in implementing graduated sanctions. We are also developing a response matrix to assist officers in implementing graduated incentives.

Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)

Authority: Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(B) Programs, strategies, and system enhancements proposed to be funded under this chapter shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

(i) Be based on programs and approaches that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing delinquency and addressing juvenile crime for any elements of response to juvenile crime and delinquency, including prevention, intervention, suppression, and incapacitation.

(iii) – Employ information sharing systems to ensure that county actions are fully coordinated, and designed to provide data for measuring the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.”

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A) The multiagency juvenile justice plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following components:

(iv) A description of the programs, strategies, or system enhancements that are proposed to be funded pursuant to this subparagraph.

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.

The Kings County Probation Department currently uses the case management system Sungard, IJS. Through this case management system we are able to track a multitude of data, including but not limited to criminal charges, progress in programming, drug testing, visits between the probation officer and the youth and the youth's parent or legal guardian, referrals for services, discharge or completion of any programs the youth is referred to and risk to reoffend levels. Our contracted therapist has access to our case management system. The therapist is able to enter in case notes and view case information, to assist with the youth's treatment.

We also utilize the evidence based Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) through Noble. We have a web based site that contains our data for our youth, including all assessments completed or in progress, risk levels, case planning, charges, ACE scores, criminogenic needs, risk factors, protective factors, acute needs and assessment responses. Additionally, we are able to analyze collected data to determine frequency of offenses, overall criminogenic needs of the youth we serve, measured changes in risk and protective factors and overall risk levels of the population we serve.

We utilize our county based system to share data between collaborative agencies, including Behavioral Health and Child Welfare Services. We have a shared drive or file that the above mentioned agencies have access to. As part of our Children's System of Care for Kings County, we share information, policy, procedure, data, work on our Memorandums of Understanding and contracts via this shared drive.

We recently entered into a memorandum of understanding with Human Services agency and the Department of Education, to have access to a shared case management system called Foster Focus that will allow all agencies to enter and view educational information for our foster youth.

The Kings County Probation Department has three (3) officers that have access to the Child Welfare Services case management system, CMS. This system allows probation to document information, placements, services and family information for our foster youth in or in need of out of home placement. We are able to access information for youth that are at risk of entering the criminal justice system and for those case we are staffing with Child Welfare Services to determine jurisdiction.

B. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the template on the next page, describe each program, strategy and/or system enhancement that will be supported with funding from JJPCA, identifying anything that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) moneys.

JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, strategy and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

Program Name:

Facilitating Accountability Victim Offender Restoration (F.A.V.O.R.)

Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

One of the programs facilitated by the F.A.V.O.R. Unit is the A.R.T. Program. A.R.T is an evidence based program with a cognitive behavioral intervention approach that helps children and adolescents improve social skill competence, moral reasoning, anger management and reduces aggressive behavior. A.R.T has proven to be successful in producing positive behavior and reducing aggressive and delinquent behaviors for the past three decades based on rigorous studies conducted in several states. The program uses a three-part multi-model approach that targets behavior, emotions and cognitive intervention. Sound theory and research of behavior modules is an essential component imbedded in the curriculum which is provided to the facilitators of the A.R.T. Program. A.R.T is currently a model program for the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Description:

The F.A.V.O.R. Program stands for Facilitating Accountability Victim Offender Restoration. It is a prevention services program that enables the probation department to intervene at the lowest possible level with first time and low level offenders in the juvenile justice system. We offer three month and six month programs in which the youth can complete community service, be referred for any needed services, attend school daily and be monitored by the probation department for compliance. We offer several preventative services through this program for younger kids in our local schools and in the community. We have 2.0 FTE Deputy Probation Officer I/II's, 1.0 FTE Deputy Probation Officer III, 1.0 FTE Juvenile Corrections Sergeant that runs our community service program for informal youth and 1.0 FTE Department Specialist III.

As part of our program, our officers teach A.R.T. in two elementary schools locally. The school chooses which students will participate and the probation department facilitates the classes. Additionally, we offer a summer program through a local elementary school for children in 1st through 5th grades. This has been a successful program and our participation numbers increased significantly in the summer of 2017. We have several guest speakers to teach the children different skills and expose them to local services such as the Fire Department and local Police departments. Many creative

activities are incorporated into this summer program and we have received overwhelming positive feedback from the community.

We offer a college tour program for our youth on informal probation. This program allows at risk youth to tour big college campuses within the state of California and get information about financial aid, enrollment and the campus itself. This is an opportunity that many of our youth may never have otherwise. It opens their minds to the possibility of attending a large college, creates hopes and dreams of attending college and inspires our youth to reach their goals. This has been a successful program and youth always want to participate in this program.

Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG)

Authority: Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a) – On or before May 1 of each year, each county shall prepare and submit to the Board of State and Community Corrections a Juvenile Justice Development Plan on its proposed programs, strategies, and system enhancements for the next fiscal year from the Youthful Offender Block Grant Fund described in Section 1951. The plan shall include all of the following:

(1) A description of the programs, placements, services, strategies, and system enhancements to be funded by the block grant allocation pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, the programs, tools, and strategies outlined in Section 1960.

(2) A description of how the plan relates to or supports the county's overall strategy for dealing with youthful offenders who have not committed an offense described in subdivision (b) of Section 707, and who are no longer eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Facilities under Section 733 as of September 1, 2007.

(3) A description of any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported by the block grant allocation pursuant to this chapter.

(4) A description of how the programs, placements, services, or strategies identified in the plan coordinate with multiagency juvenile justice plans and programs under paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 30061 of the Government Code.

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.

Kings County Probation utilizes a combination of preventions and interventions aimed at keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system. The FAVOR program is one of our main prevention strategies. Funded by JJCPA, FAVOR conducts numerous community outreach projects throughout the county including: Kids' Day, Red Ribbon Week and National Night Out. In addition, the FAVOR unit collaborates with local schools and facilitates the A.R.T. program. The unit also conducts intakes on youth referred from local law enforcement for criminal citations and endeavors to divert these youth utilizing educational programs, cognitive behavioral programming, community service and Performance Agreements tailored to fit the youth's particular needs. Additionally, we have implemented the PACT assessment tool to help identify a youth's criminogenic needs and allow us to customize delivery of our services to best address the youth individually. The use of this assessment tool allows us to better focus our limited resources in ways that will prove the biggest benefit for the youth and the community. We have a Transitional Probation Officer that works closely with youth being released from our local juvenile facility to successfully reintegrate them into the community. Referrals for services are made prior to the release of the youth to ensure a continuum of services upon their release.

We supervise youth placed on formal probation by the court and those placed on Deferred Entry of Judgment. Officers are trained to utilize Motivational

Interviewing (MI) tenants in their supervision where the youth is engaged in his or her treatment and rehabilitation. It is the officer's responsibility to spend a sufficient amount of time on each visit with the youth or his or her family to accurately assess current needs and risk factors. Case plans are developed to target identified needs. Goals and interventions are established by the youth and the parent or legal guardian and are facilitated by the probation officer.

We work to maintain public safety at all times and help build on the youth's own strengths to allow them to make the needed and necessary changes to their behaviors to live successful, law abiding lives, clear of the justice system.

B. Regional Agreements

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

Not applicable

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

Using the template on the next page, describe the programs, placements, services, strategies, and system enhancements to be funded through the YOBG program. Explain how they complement or coordinate with the programs, strategies and system enhancements to be funded through the JJCPA program.

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

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, placement, service, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

Program Name:

High Risk caseload

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This strategy is funded solely with YOBG funds and does not coordinate with JJCPA.

Description:

A high risk caseload has been identified as those youth who have committed the most serious of crimes or have been assessed to be at high risk to reoffend through the PACT assessment tool. The assigned officer monitors those youth having committed crimes involving sexual deviancy, those having severe mental health issues, those with serious gang related behaviors and those youth with violent criminal histories. Additionally, the high risk officer monitors those youth returning from the Division of Juvenile Justice. The officer utilizes intensive supervision of each youth, while including necessary referrals for treatment for mental health issues, alcohol and substance abuse and other identified risks. The officer is working on establishing case plans to address identified needs of the youth and develop goals and interventions in an attempt to reduce the risk of the youth's likelihood to reoffend.

YOBG funds are utilized for the salary and benefits for 1.0 FTE Deputy Probation Officer II. This officer supervises the youth placed on the caseload that have been identified to be at high risk to reoffend.

The youth identified as being at high risk to reoffend are provided with intense supervision by probation, thereby increasing public safety. The youth are provided with rehabilitative programs such as Forward Thinking, A.R.T., case planning, intensive therapy and educational services. Youth returning to Kings County after serving a commitment at DJJF, are placed on this caseload for reentry services. The probation officer works closely with our community partners and county agencies to ensure all services are being provided that would assist the youth in integrating back into the community.

The PACT assessment tool is utilized to determine the youth's risk level to reoffend. It also determines the youth's criminogenic needs. Those identified criminogenic needs are addressed through case planning and various evidence based programming is provided by probation and other local providers. Programs include Forward Thinking, A.R.T., family and individual counseling, substance abuse counseling and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy.

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

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Program Name:

Transport

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

Transportation officers provide services to those youth that are detained at the Kings County Juvenile Center. Youth that are detained that are not yet on probation or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system are served in this capacity.

Description:

YOBG funds will continue to pay for the salary and benefits for 2.0 FTE Transportation Officers to work out of the Kings Juvenile Center. These Transport Officers are responsible for transporting all youth in custody to court appearances, medical and dental appointments, as well as transports to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJF). Additionally, these officers provide transportation to psychiatric facilities if deemed appropriate by the court.

Without these transport officers, additional burdens would be placed on Deputy Probation Officers that would be required to transport the youth. Utilizing Juvenile Correctional Officers for transports, frees up time of the Deputy Probation Officers, allowing them to focus on their individual caseloads.

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

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Program Name:

Transitional Officer/Re-entry

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

The PACT assessment and case plan are not only utilized to provide youth with appropriate services while in custody, but are updated prior to the youth transitioning back into the community through a Transitional Meeting that includes the youth, their family, any supportive people, treatment providers, community providers, education professionals and any other professional that may be appropriate to participate. This team develops a plan for the youth to transition back into the community without gaps in treatment and support in place to assist the youth in succeeding.

Description:

YOBG funding is utilized to cover costs of 1.0 FTE Deputy Probation Officer II, including salary and benefits as well as services and supplies for the Transitional Officer position. A Transitional Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) assists youth with re-entry services prior to their release from custody. Upon a youth's commitment, the Transitional Officer conducts a risk and needs PACT assessment and develops a case plan with the youth, setting relevant goals and interventions to assist with their rehabilitation. The Transitional Officer reviews the youth's terms and conditions of probation and makes the necessary and appropriate referrals for school enrollment, mental health treatment and/or substance abuse treatment and arranges for enrollment upon the youth's release from custody. Services are provided for the youth while in custody, based upon the determined need from the PACT assessment. We are able to decrease the time the youth may have to wait for services upon their release from custody by setting up services prior to the youth's release and working with the family to enroll the youth in school. Furthermore, the youth can continue services, already started while in custody, upon transitioning back into the community.

The Transitional Officer is also responsible for "intake" and determines if a youth will remain detained or if their case will be handled out of custody. The DRAI (Detention Risk Assessment Instrument) is utilized by this officer to determine if continued detention is recommended. The officer utilizes the PACT Pre-Screen tool to

determine the youth's risk to re-offend and uses this information to assist in making a decision regarding detention or release.

To prepare for the youth's release, the Transitional Officer coordinates and facilitates Child and Family Team meetings for the youth in custody that are transitioning back into the home. Family members, providers, case managers and facility staff participate to develop a plan for the youth to return to their community.

Additionally, the Transitional Officer teaches evidence based cognitive-behavioral program called Forward Thinking within the facility for youth that are ordered by the court to participate or those that are ordered to complete the Short Term Commitment Program or the Long Term Commitment Program within the facility. The Forward Thinking Program utilizes strategies to assist youth involved in the criminal justice system in making positive changes to their thoughts, feelings and behaviors.

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

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Program Name:

Electronic Monitoring/GPS

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

Youth are sometimes released from custody to the Electronic Monitoring Program, while they are pending juvenile court proceedings. The Electronic Monitoring Program has allowed our department to provide services in the community for youth that are not yet adjudicated in the juvenile criminal justice system and release them from custody, as appropriate.

Description:

Currently we are utilizing the GPS program as an alternative dispositional option. Youth are able to benefit from services provided in the community while serving a court ordered commitment. Additionally, youth participate in the program prior to disposition upon court order, when physical custody is not a matter of public safety. We have set a capacity of 40 youth on GPS at any one time. While we have yet to realize the full potential of the program, we have been successful in placing youth on GPS in the community.

Youth can earn the ability to be released from their custodial commitment early and be placed on a GPS monitor. This allows the youth to access community services earlier and engage their family members in their rehabilitation. Additionally, youth that may normally remain in custody pending a dispositional hearing can be released on a GPS monitor by court order, when appropriate.

All youth on GPS monitoring will have access to any of the evidence based programs the department or other collaborative partners have available. While on GPS, the youth will have a greater variety of programs that they can participate in than if they were confined in the juvenile center.

YOBG funds pays for the GPS units (hardware) and for the costs of tracking the juveniles in the program.

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Program Name:

Community Service Program

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

Our community service programs serve youth that are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system and those that are adjudicated and ordered to complete community service hours. Community services are utilized as a deterrent and are utilized to hold youth accountable for their criminal behaviors.

Description:

Our Juvenile Work Program services the county, providing clean up, graffiti removal, participation in community events and other community based activities. This program works with those youth already adjudged a ward of the court and the youth are able to complete their court ordered community service hours. Youth that are referred and placed on informal probation are also referred to the program. The program provides a referral source for supervising probation officers who can refer youth rather than requesting a petition be filed for a violation of probation.

YOBG and JJCPA funds pay for the salary and benefits for 2.0 FTE Juvenile Correctional Officer Sergeants as well as supplies necessary for the continuation of the program.

We can positively impact the community by addressing the effects of vandalism and graffiti quickly. An effective partnership has been developed with local law enforcement, businesses throughout the county and the general public. The program accepts requests for service from anyone in the county.

Although community service alone is not an evidence based practice, this program offers the opportunity to address behavioral issues of our youth. This program offers a lower level of intervention for our youth that are determined to be at a lower risk to reoffend, thereby reducing the exposure of those youth to higher risk youth and more criminally sophisticated youth.

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

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Program Name:

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

There is currently no coordination with JJCPA for this program service. Services are reserved for adjudicated youth that are determined to be in need of services or are court ordered to participate.

Description:

YOBG supports the salary and benefits for 1.0 FTE therapist contracted through Kings View Mental Health. Medi-cal is billed on eligible cases to off-set the costs associated with counseling services. The therapist is located on site at the probation department and works exclusively with probation youth. Individual and group counseling services are provided, along with family counseling and dual diagnosis services. Extensive assessments are completed with probation youth to determine level of services needed and ancillary referrals to other agencies are made when appropriate.

YOBG funds pay for a 0.5 FTE contracted through Kings View Mental Health to provide dual diagnosis treatment (mental health and alcohol and other drug) for those youth residing in the outlying areas of Kings County. There are typically little or no services in the outlying areas and transportation is an obstacle for our youth. Services are provided to youth in outlying areas of the county that would otherwise not receive services. Public transportation is inadequate and the majority of the youth we serve do not have reliable transportation into the more populated areas of the county where most services are provided.

Individual and group substance abuse treatment is provided to our youth in all areas of the county. Our contract provider is able to assess the needs of our youth quickly upon referral and provide any needed services timely. The probation department receives regular progress reports regarding attendance and progress in treatment, to ensure the youth is benefitting from services.

Kings View is required to employ evidence based practices and have incorporated Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) in their treatment. DBT is a comprehensive cognitive-behavioral treatment for complex mental disorders. DBT serves these five functions: enhances behavioral capabilities, improves motivation to change, assures that new capabilities generalize to the natural environment, structures the treatment environment in ways to support the client and enhances therapist capabilities.

With a dedicated therapist, we are able to identify youth in need of services much earlier and provide a continuum of care that meets each youth's particular needs. Additionally, services are provided in a timely and efficient manner, as the therapist works exclusively with probation youth.

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

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Program Name:

Risk/Needs Assessment Tool

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

The PACT assessment tools are utilized for any youth booked into the juvenile hall to determine if continued detention is appropriate. These youth may or may not be on formal or informal probation or may have no history with the criminal justice system.

Description:

YOBG funds have been used for maintenance of the PACT assessment tool through a new vendor, Noble, and ongoing training costs for the tool. There are costs associated with ongoing maintenance, utilization, licenses, storage and training.

We utilize the PACT assessment tool to properly identify the youth's risks and needs and then make appropriate referrals to evidence based programs or other community programs. Comprehensive case plans are established with the youth and their parents/guardians to address their identified risks and needs in an effort to assist them in their rehabilitation. The case plan is developed from the top identified criminogenic needs of the youth. The case plans are monitored regularly by the probation department, with the youth and parent, and with the court.

This tool is utilized in making appropriate recommendations to the court for disposition, in determining appropriateness for detention or continued detention and to determine how to best serve the youth in their rehabilitation. The risks and needs of the youth also guide how the youth is supervised in the community and level of supervision.

The probation department is able to utilize the assessment tool to analyze data regarding trends in criminogenic needs, risk levels and recidivism rates. This information is valuable in evaluating our strategies to determine effectiveness of our services and to ensure the appropriate programs and services are available to our youth.

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

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, placement, service, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

Program Name:

Ongoing training and staff development

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

YOBG and JJCPA funds are utilized to provide ongoing training and professional development for the officers working in the juvenile units of our department.

Description:

The ability to provide on-going training to staff is vital to the success of our evidence based practices. We are planning to train additional staff in Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) so that we can continue to provide evidence based programming as a preventative service and to our adjudicated wards. Staff members were recently trained as trainers in the Forward Thinking Program. This evidence based program will be provided to in-custody, committed youth and to youth that are out of custody, to provide rehabilitative services in an effort to reduce recidivism. Additional training will be needed for our PACT assessment tool for new staff and ongoing treatment to ensure fidelity amongst our officers using the tool.

With the ability to train staff in evidence based programs and have them implement the programs with fidelity, we can provide more comprehensive services to the youth under our supervision and build their capacity to function as law abiding citizens. Furthermore, as the programs will be offered through the probation department, costs will not be incurred by our youth for the services provided.