

**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.

Your submission will be posted, as submitted, to the BSCC website.

Please e-mail your plan to:

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Juvenile Justice Plan

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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.

Mendocino County Probation Department (MCPD), Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Ukiah PD, Willits PD, Fort Bragg PD, Mendocino County Superior Court, Mendocino County Office of Education, Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency (mental health, drug/alcohol, social services), Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission, Mendocino County Youth Project (mental health services), CASA and Redwood Children's Services (Teen Peer Court).

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

Collaboration and regular meetings across various disciplines working with youth in both public and private sector are ongoing. Various meetings are conducted on a weekly basis, such as Multidisciplinary Team (MDT), while others, such as Child and Family Team (CFT) are held as frequently as monthly, up to quarterly.

The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission meets monthly to discuss various issues pertaining to juvenile delinquency within Mendocino County. Representatives from the MCPD attend these meetings and provide detailed

updates on the various programs, future needs, gaps in services, and ongoing challenges within Mendocino County.

Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) – This team meets monthly for the purpose of evaluation and intervention of students whose education is potentially at risk due to school attendance and/or grade issues.

Mendocino County continues to engage in a collaborative Systems Improvement Plan (SIP) incorporating countywide strategies to work with Probation and Family and Children’s Services across both systems.

Mendocino County law enforcement agencies (Probation, Sheriff’s Office, and police departments) meet monthly to identify trends and specific geographic areas of juvenile crime. In addition, programs are discussed to measure effectiveness and to address new areas of programming needed.

The Mendocino County Probation Department continually works to improve relationships with collaborative partners throughout the community, in order to meet the often unique needs of youth. It is the goal of the MCPD to expand our collaborative efforts and community outreach to further improve our services to our at-risk youth.

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 MCPD continues to focus on providing responsive programming throughout Mendocino County. The focus of juvenile prevention and intervention is countywide. A greater emphasis on areas of the county where services have been limited, including the more rural areas, will result in decreased public safety risk from juvenile crime. Strategies such as providing group programming meetings, increased access to transportation in order to attend the meetings, language interpreters, and taking the programs and information directly to the lesser served populations. Implementing programs that work with the whole family, and not just the individual youthful offender, provide a more in-depth, holistic approach to deal with the presenting offense, as well as to provide preventative services to lessen reoccurrence. Mendocino County is faced with two distinct service areas, in that there is a coastal region and an inland region; as well as city versus rural regions. It is key that services be replicated in each area, thus adding cost to the programs.

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.

Utilizing intensive supervision caseloads to better oversee the population of high risk offenders continues to be a strategy used in Mendocino County. Adequate supervision and services targeting criminogenic needs are among the most effective deterrents to reducing recidivism among the offender population. Use of the PACT risk and needs assessments tools assists in identifying adequate levels of supervision, necessary services and identifies not only the areas in which the juvenile is most at risk, but just as importantly, those in which he or she has strengths. Services are limited in Mendocino County, however, this plan includes continued utilization of the Foundations Program, which provides services to low level drug and alcohol offenders. It also includes use of the Mendocino County Youth Project for mental health and family counseling services.

MCPD has adopted a continuum of services including WRAP, diversion, community service, general supervision, individual and family counseling, electronic monitoring, gang interventions, detention services, camp and placement services.

MCPD's use of detailed assessments of juvenile referrals to help categorize the level of supervision warranted and to provide targeted interventions to address the specific criminogenic needs of youthful offenders. As a result of various interventions, Mendocino County has seen the level of out of home residential placements drop significantly. Increased and better-coordinated services, both in the community and in Juvenile Hall, have resulted in lowered populations of youth on formal probation and reduced numbers of youth requiring detention in Juvenile Hall.

YOBG and JJCPA funding is used to complete risk and needs assessments, increase counseling services, enhance supervision services and provide diversion programs.

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.

Mendocino County’s case management system is Journal Technologies whereby data can be shared between Mendocino County Probation, Juvenile Hall, Sheriff’s Office and District Attorney’s office. CWS/CMS shares data between Probation and Children’s Services. Data entered into the case management system is extracted and analyzed for statistics relative to the programs (i.e., gang charges, violations, adjudications, completions, sentencing, etc. Aegis as our detention case management system tool that allows information and data sharing between Probation and other law enforcement agencies.

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 JJCPA, 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:

Rural Gang Education & Prevention Program

Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Historical data on gang activities and projected need for a prevention program for juveniles.

Description:

The Mendocino County Juvenile Probation Rural Gang Education & Prevention Program provides an elevated, more intense level of supervision to juvenile probationers who are gang involved. The majority of the cases assigned to the unit are high-need cases. Probation officers focus on the increased levels of gang activity at local schools, including conducting gang education and awareness presentations. In addition, Juvenile probationers and other at-risk youth and their families may receive referrals for other needed/recommended services including individual and family counseling, anger management, tutoring, community service, and after-school activities.

JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

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Program Name:

IMPACT Program

Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The IMPACT Program is a holistic approach for juvenile offenders and focuses on developing mind, body and character through the use of physical conditioning and therapeutic settings.

Description:

The Youth Impact Program is a multi-week weekly program consisting of physical training/conditioning, as well as goal setting and personal character development (conducted by Probation Officers). It also includes weekly CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) provided by Mendocino County Youth Project). Impact is provided at the local schools. It is also provided for detained juveniles who are performing well and near the end of their commitment as a way of reintegrating youth into the community. In addition, Juvenile probationers and other at-risk youth and their families may receive referrals for other needed/recommended services including individual and family counseling, anger management, tutoring, community service, and after-school activities.

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.

Utilizing intensive supervision caseloads to better oversee number of high risk offenders continues to be a strategy used in Mendocino County. Adequate supervision and services targeting criminogenic needs are effective deterrents to reducing recidivism among the offender population. Use of the PACT risk and needs assessments tools assists in identifying adequate levels of supervision and necessary services. Services are limited in Mendocino County; however, this plan includes continued funding for the Foundations Program, which provides services to low level drug and alcohol offenders. Implementation of the IMPACT Program, as described earlier in this Plan, will be an additional strategy introduced to deal with non-707(b) youth.

B. Regional Agreements

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

Mendocino County has a contract with Sonoma County for the Sonoma County Probation Camp, as well a contract with Humboldt County Probation for mental health services in a locked facility (New Horizons).

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

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Program Name:

Alcohol and Drug Treatment

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

None

Description:

We will continue to contract with a community based organization (CBO) to provide substance abuse treatment to juvenile probationers who are not Medi-Cal eligible. This fills an unmet need, as such services are not otherwise available. Treatment is provided on an intensive outpatient basis for up to five hours per week. Services include intake, diagnostic assessment, treatment plan development, weekly individual, group and family therapy, case management and collaboration with the Probation Department. We will also continue the Foundations Program, which provides early intervention services to youth with low-level drug and alcohol offenses and juvenile probationers with drug or alcohol related probation violations.

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

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Program Name:

Risk and/or Needs Assessment

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

None

Description:

The Probation Department implemented the PACT assessment in 2009-10. An assessment is completed at disposition for all probationers. During our first year using the PACT, it became apparent that data collection and data entry related to the assessment is very time consuming and the Probation Officers were spending many hours on these tasks that would otherwise have been spent delivering direct services to juvenile probationers. This funding will be used to fund one .25 FTE Legal Secretary to assist with data collection, data entry, case plans, and other clerical assistance related to the assessment process, our annual license fee, support and training costs for the PACT assessment tool.

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

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Program Name:

Juvenile Hall

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

None

Description:

This program provides for a .50 FTE Mental Health Counselor for residents of Juvenile Hall. The counselor provides treatment to all residents, to help them change negative behaviors, and in-turn, to not reoffend. These services are provided via a contract with a community based organization (CBO), Mendocino County Youth Project.

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

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Program Name:

Electronic Monitoring

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

None

Description:

The Probation Department will use Electronic Monitoring as an evidence-based graduated sanction and/or detention alternative for a carefully selected group of youth identified by our evidence-based assessment tool as either: (1) high-risk-to-reoffend; (b) moderate-risk-to-reoffend; and (c) placement risk. The program will allow for the youth's placement in his or her home, if appropriate, or placement with a family member or foster home within their community. Thus, placement disruption will be minimal and continuity of care can be maintained. It will also be used as a court-ordered release condition.

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

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Program Name:

Case Management System

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

None

Description:

The Mendocino County Probation Department plans to use a portion of the YOBG allocation on its case management system under a new vendor. It is necessary to maintain the database in order to report monthly and annual statistics. In addition, the case management system keeps track of all minors on probation, all minors detained in the County's Juvenile Detention Facility, all minors who are supervised under electronic monitoring, and all minors ordered to probation for committing minor offenses and traffic offenses. The case management system also provides statistical information to the department for other funding opportunities and the development of programs and services to minors.