

# Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

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## Background and Instructions:

Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program for the purpose of providing county-based care, custody, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the state Division of Juvenile Justice or who would otherwise be eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure.

To be eligible for funding allocations associated with this grant program, counties shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth.

County plans are to be submitted and revised in accordance with WIC 1995, and may be posted, as submitted, to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website.

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**Part 1: Subcommittee Composition (WIC 1995 (b) )**

List the subcommittee members, agency affiliation where applicable, and contact information:

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**Part 2: Target Population (WIC 1995 (C) (1) )**

Briefly describe the County’s realignment target population supported by the block grant:

The realignment target population for Marin County are those youth, aged 14-25 who are adjudicated as wards of the Juvenile Court, who commit an offense described in subdivision (b) of WIC Section 707 or on offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code who would have been otherwise eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure.

Since January 1, 2015, Marin County has committed a total of [REDACTED] youth to DJJ. [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] youth committed to DJJ committed their DJJ eligible offenses in other jurisdictions and had their cases transferred to Marin County for disposition due to their legal guardian’s change of address during the Court process. We anticipate that Marin County will have a low need for longer-term commitment services based upon the data regarding DJJ commitments.

Marin County Probation is a member of the CPOC Consortium and will establish MOUs with partner counties in surrounding jurisdictions to provide needed housing, intervention, and services for youth who commit an offense described in subdivision (b) of Section 707 or on offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code.

Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and offense/offense history:

Of the [REDACTED] prior DJJ commitments in Marin County since 2015, all were male. 75% ([REDACTED] youth) [REDACTED] Hispanic and 25% ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] Caucasian. At present, we have [REDACTED] of these youth committed to DJJ, with [REDACTED] scheduled for release in late 2021 or early 2022. [REDACTED] of the youth [REDACTED] 18 years of age, [REDACTED] youth [REDACTED] 16 years old, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 15 years of age at the time of their commitment.

The offenses ranged from attempted murder (PC 664/187) to robbery (PC 211) and rape (PC 261(a)(3)).

[REDACTED] of these youth were committed to DJJ based upon the seriousness of their instant offense and [REDACTED] were initially placed on probation in the community and were committed after numerous failures to engage in services and reform their criminal behaviors.

Based on the data, Marin County anticipates approximately one youth per year will require the interventions inherent to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility, previously handled through DJJ commitments.

Describe any additional relevant information pertaining to identified target population, including programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.

Marin County Probation has historically utilized DJJ in two specific instances. First, in those instances where the risk to the community due to the seriousness of the offense was so great that it was not safe to maintain the youth locally. In cases such as these, DJJ was recommended to ensure that the needs of the youth and the community safety were served. The other instance where DJJ was utilized was in instances where a youth, with an underlying offense described in subdivision (b) of WIC Section 707, had been under the supervision of the Court and Probation and had proven to be not amenable to community supervision and the continuum of services available. These services have included referral to mental health services, drug and alcohol treatment, cognitive behavioral treatment, SB 163 WRAP services, or removal from the home and placement in a STRTP or RFA program.

Youth who are committed to DJJ from Marin County have all rated as high risk to reoffend on the PACT assessment from Noble. Data from Noble's PACT Assessments done on DJJ commitment youth reveal that they possess ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) assessment scores averaging 6.5, and share criminogenic needs around criminal associates, antisocial behaviors, and criminal thinking. The fact that half of our recent (since 2015) DJJ commitments were ordered to DJJ after some form of supervision in the community demonstrates our graduated approach to interventions directed to address their criminogenic needs and increase their protective factors. It is clear that Marin's realigned population will require intensive support in the form of cognitive behavioral treatment interventions and trauma informed care.

Probation has utilized removal from the home and placement in STRTPs, both in and out of state, to meet the needs of youth who have committed higher level offenses. Prior to a recommendation for removal from the home and subsequent placement, Probation has supervised youth in the community and made appropriate referrals that address their criminogenic risk factors and related needs. These services have included cognitive behavioral treatment, trauma informed care, WRAP services, substance abuse treatment, mentoring, and referrals to county mental health services. In the application of sanctions for noncompliant behaviors, Probation uses a graduated sanctions and incentives model to address youth violations and compliance.

Youth who commit sex offenses are assessed using the JSORRAT-II and are either referred to community-based sexual behavior treatment programs or residential sexual behavior treatment programs based upon their risk level and other individual risk factors.

### **Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2))**

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population:

Marin County Probation is a member of the Probation County Collaboration Consortium, created by a joint workgroup including CACE, CSAC, and CPOC to ensure high quality secure treatment programs for any youth in California that would have been committed to DJJ prior to July 1, 2021. The Consortium, through an MOU, will outline consistent standards of care and treatment for the counties that will provide Secure Track Programs and matching services so counties that do not have facilities, or do not have appropriate services within their own Secure Track Programs, can be matched with a county that has appropriate services. The Consortium will manage pricing guidelines, conflict resolution, training, and data collection. The goal of the Consortium is to provide support to all counties to implement and sustain high-quality programs and ensure appropriate placement and services are available when needed.

Secure Track Programs are currently being developed in nearby Counties, including Sonoma, Santa Cruz, and San Luis Obispo. When a youth requires a Secure Track Program, Marin will work in collaboration with the Consortium to locate the most appropriate program based upon the needs of the youth. Each of these counties has committed to being a member of the Probation County Collaboration Consortium and all are in the process of developing programs and plans that comply with SB 823.

Given what we know about the needs of our past DJJ commitment population, Marin is confident that, should a youth require the interventions of a Secure Track Treatment Facility, youth will be able to be matched to a program that meets their needs.

Marin County will comply with all facets of SB 92 and assess all youth adjudicated to a Secure Track Program through Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings (MDT's), Child and Family Team meetings (CFT's), and the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). Each youth will engage in their own rehabilitative process by participating in the development of a youth centered, individualized Case Plan that supports successful reentry into the community. Youth will be provided access to treatment and services that promote and support rehabilitation in a safe, healthy, and secure environment while housed in the Secure Track Program.

All youth will participate in assessments of their risks and needs, and individualized treatment plans will be created to support each youth's treatment goals. This will include on-going, periodic assessments and regular review of treatment plan goals, progress, and any additional support needed to obtain identified goals. As required by statute, the youth's support system will be included in the review of treatment goals to ensure that all members of the youth's team understand how to support the youth. As a youth reaches the milestones created to explore a less restrictive placement and/or supervision, additional goals will be created to support successful family reunification and reentry into the community. Youth reentering the community from SYTF placement will be assigned to DPO staff for supervision as required and will have the services of a Recovery Coach and on-site Employment Development Counselors to ensure successful transition and reintegration into the community.

#### **Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995 (3)(a)-(f))**

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs; support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population; family engagement in programs of the target population; reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education; Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers.

Marin County will receive the SB 823 Block Grant minimum funding of \$250,000 per year. Due to the anticipated use of secure track facilities and the variably low number of youths that fall into the population, the Marin County Board of Supervisors has recognized the allocation in the General Fund Juvenile Hall budget. Funds offset the cost of facility programs, with the County Administrator guaranteeing payments for Secure Track Treatment Facility Placement in the General Fund. Marin County Probation is tracking all expenses related to SB 823/SB92 for reporting and future funding purposes.

#### **Part 5: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System**

Describe how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system: (WIC 1995 (5))

SB 823 affirms that justice involved youth are more successful when they remain connected to their families and communities. Young people who remain in their communities have lower recidivism rates and are more prepared for their transition back into the community. The Marin County Probation Department will facilitate the retention of target youth in the Juvenile Justice System by utilizing safe and secure facilities within the local region. These facilities will provide rehabilitative treatment designed to reduce recidivism, provide opportunities to address personal, social, physical, mental health, educational, career technical training, and independent living needs. To ensure successful reentry, it will be important to house youth as close as possible to their communities and families while receiving appropriate treatment and family engagement. The Marin County Probation Department will work closely with the Probation Collaborative Consortium to meet the needs of young people within the Bay Area Region.

#### **Part 6: Regional Effort**

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation: (WIC 1995 (6))

As described above, if a youth with an offense or offenses serious enough to be considered for a Secure Track Program enters the local justice system, Marin County will utilize one of the programs included in the CPOC Consortium (as described above) that provide specialized programs and services for targeted youth.

**Part 7: Data**

Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant: (WIC 1995 (7))

Marin County Probation will collect data on targeted youth through ODYSSEY, our case management system as well as data collected from Secure Track Programs and the Office of Youth and Community Restoration.

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to determine the results of the programs and interventions supported by block grant funds: (WIC 1995 (7))

Outcome measures will include completion rates, recidivism, entry into the Adult Justice System as well as measures of racial and gender equity Recidivism is defined as a new delinquency or criminal/delinquency referral, petition/complaint, or adjudication/conviction during years one, two and three after release from the program. Entry into the Adult system includes youth entering the adult system for a new crime occurring after turning 18 years of age, and (reported separately) youth transferred to the adult criminal justice system under 707(a) of the WIC. Additional outcome measures will include successful return to the community by measuring employment, continuing education, and housing stability.