

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))

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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 County of Modoc will target male and female offenders with an adjudication of offenses described in WIC code 707(b) and are defined in WIC 1990(b). These offenders will have been adjudicated as unsuitable for alternate dispositions within the county. These youth would have traditionally been committed to the California Youth Authority or Department of Juvenile Justice. These minors are typically between the ages of 14 and 25. They are in need of the highest level of treatment and custodial care. These youth have challenges in cognitive development, decision making, impulse control, family relationships and mental health. Education and literacy are common problems facing these youth. Some degree of homelessness is common within this target group. Lack of employment and educational opportunity is also a common factor in identifying these youth. Many of these youth have strong ties with our Hispanic and Tribal communities. They require ongoing connection to those communities during the rehabilitative process. Substance abuse, domestic violence and sexual abuse are common in this target population. Currently 100% of youth being served with these funds are Hispanic. They are male and have a history of poor impulse control,

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

Historically, Modoc County has not been a user of the services provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice. (DJJ). Geographically, Modoc County sits in the North East part of the State of California and is one of the smallest Counties in the State. Only one incorporated city lies within its borders of the County

Researching the records available at this time the County last committed a juvenile offender to the Department of Juvenile Justice in 2012. The rate of serious juvenile crimes in the county has been historically low. There has been no recorded commitment of a female offender noted in our records as of this date.

Modoc County has been a contractor for services provided by the other larger counties contiguous to our borders. It is not uncommon to transport minors hundreds of miles to receive detention services or services provided by camps and ranches located in surrounding counties. Additionally providing services to our Native American community has been problematic in that larger counties may not have the need, or develop the need, to service that community. We may anticipate partnering with similarly situated counties to develop programs that are specific to this underserved community of offenders.

Currently there are [REDACTED] youth who are meet the criteria of serious juvenile offenders receiving services provided by a county several hundred miles away. [REDACTED] of these offenders are in need of services specific to our Hispanic community. These youth are typical of our target population. They have been placed in a long term detention program directed at their specific special needs in Eldorado County.

Nothing in our plan would prohibit the placement of youth meeting the criteria of “serious youthful offender” in any county that had appropriate rehabilitative services. We could anticipate the placement of tribal youth outside the state, if the placement met the specific needs of a Native American youth.

Modoc will be actively participating in developing resources with similarly situated counties who may have shut their existing juvenile halls but anticipate reopening with these newly allocated resources. Partnering with other sister counties with similar needs is a top priority with these funds.

We would not anticipate providing services to more than 5 youth who meet the criteria as a serious youthful offender under WIC 707 (b). This is likely to be a cumulative number of offenders receiving various services over a number of years.

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

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:

Modoc County is one of the smallest of the northern California counties. s population is approximately 8500 residents. Even with its small population base it continues to provide a fairly robust array of local programs.

Detention Facilities: As previously noted Modoc County does not have any juvenile detention facilities within the county border. All detention services are contract facilities and provided by

other counties around the state. Funds allocated from this program will be used to pay for the contracted facilities on an as needed basis.

Mental health counseling and services are provided by the local mental health department. Specialized mental health treatment is provided by the county in several of our outlying communities as well as the City of Alturas. The Juvenile Diversion Program is often used by the Probation Department as a specialized substance abuse program and is appropriate for our target population. Depending upon the clinical diagnosis some treatment is done within the county and some is done outside by the county. Lassen and Shasta Counties are both resource counties although it would not be uncommon to utilize providers outside the state in Oregon or Nevada.

Batters Treatment programing (ARC) is provided by a local provider and funded primarily through the local AB 109 funds and the CCP partnership board. The program is well attended and locally provided for an adult population of 18 and older. The program could easily be modified or extended to provide service to youthful offenders who are returning from detention programs and remain in care of their relatives.

Education programing is provided by the Modoc County Office of Education. It is anticipated that the Target population will utilize their Warner High School Program for those returning from detention facilities to insure graduation from high school and preparation for further educational opportunities. Modoc because of our remote location offers several opportunities to connect with college through programs targeted to remote learning. It is anticipated that these funds may help enable targeted youth to engage in these programs and provide funds for tuition, books or other barriers that might deter a youthful offender from seeking higher education opportunities.

Supervision will be provided by the Modoc County Probation Office. The probation department provides a wide variety of services including substance abuse monitoring, alcohol monitoring and sex offender GPS monitoring.

Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995 (3)(a))

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population:

Modoc county anticipates receiving the minimum block grant amount of \$250,000 per year. If the funds are used to purchase detention beds only, it would meet the yearly need of 5 youth to cover detention beds for the year. This would leave no funds for services. Current bed rates in surrounding counties are anticipated to reach \$150.00 per bed per night.

Currently we are serving two youth in long term detention program beds. We are currently creating line items within our care of court wards budget that allocate 80% of the budget for long term detention or program beds and or specialized treatment services, 20% will be budgeted for department administration, transportation and data collection for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The county anticipates developing a reserve fund from unspent placing or unallocated funds to financially prepare the County to pay for commitments that may span several years. Youth who transition from detention are anticipated to need specialized housing. This is especially true of youth charged with sex offenses who cannot return to the home after lengthy detention due to victims still residing in the home. Further we anticipate the need to assist relatives, especially elderly relatives housing these youth.

Native American youth may need contractual beds directly with tribal nations to comply with ICWA rules and regulations when placing these youth.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (B))

Modoc County shall use grant funds to promote the healthy adolescent development of our targeted youth. Currently 20% of our targeted population would be considered underserved in the county. These youth are primarily Hispanic and Tribal youth. Currently 100% of serious youthful offenders being served are from our Hispanic community. A significant amount of our grant funds will target support services aimed at these underserved youth.

Nothing in our plan would prohibit Modoc County from contracting with neighboring counties for programs to address educational and vocational services. Shasta county has a wide variety of vocational classes available through Shasta College. . Some vocational classes provide classes in firefighting, welding, accounting and mechanics. Butte County also provides similar educational opportunities through their community college network. Both these programs are linked to Cal State Chico.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (C))

The Modoc Probation Department will manage pre-release programing, Behavioral health transitions as well as any other unidentified contractual specialized services. Individualized case plans will be developed prior to the release of youth back into the community.

Gender based and culturally sensitive trainings are provided to staff at the probation department and direct service staff receive those trainings annually.

Grant funds may be utilized to provide transportation and travel to families living in rural or tribal settings where no forms of public transportation are available. Grant funds may also be utilized to pay for tuition, fees, enrollments or other barriers that might otherwise impair a families ability to participate in the treatment or care of transitioning youth.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (D)) As previously addressed Modoc County has not committed a serious offender to the Department of Juvenile Justice since 2012. The average length of stay has traditionally been 24 months or less. Our plan would include

Educational reentry programs provided by Warner High school a dedicated alternative high school program for youth.

The ARC program is an aggression management program available to our target population. Youth who qualify for the program will receive an aggressive 52 week batters program targeting impulse control, anger management and relationship therapy. The program is run by licensed professionals and funded by AB 109 funds.

The Youth Diversion program is locally funded by the mental health department and provides an array of substance abuse and treatment modalities and is available for youth in our target population as part of the reentry program.

Sex Offender treatment is provided by our mental health department by referral only. Youth will be referred to either Lassen County or Shasta County for assessment. Block grant funds will be used for transportation, travel and housing as appropriate to insure participation and treatment in recommended programs.

Transitional housing is sparse in our rural community. Some housing is available through partnerships with our Native American community. It would be anticipated that grant funds might be used for short term housing or partnership with other private non-profits that provide housing.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive services for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (E))

At the heart of evidence based programming is the use of validated evidence based assessment tools. Modoc County contracts with both Eldorado County juvenile hall and Shasta County juvenile halls. Integral in those programs are an initial assessment and the use of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) which address an offenders criminogenic needs. These facilities use Aggression Replacement Training (ART) , Thinking for change (T4C) and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI) as treatment tools. These treatment tools are facilitated by both sworn and non-sworn staff.

Grant funds will be used to purchase and implement these programs within the county to provide a seamless transition between custody and reentry.

The Probation office uses the JSORRAT evidence based tool in the treatment of sex offenders. Grant funds may be used to purchase and implement any of a number of gender based assessment tools needed as we go forward. Culturally sensitive trainings and trainings that focus on preparing probation officers and support staff on the challenges of supervising LGBTQI youth will be a focus of our evidence based practices.

Validated case planning tools such as the JAIS and CAIS will be purchased to support case plans for reentry youth with dynamic risk factors that lead to future criminal behavior.

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: (WIC 1995 (3) (F))

There are very few community based providers and organizations in Modoc County. Nothing in our plan would prohibit our use of grant funds to pay for services provided by community based providers in other counties. We could envision the use of funds to pay for transitional housing, drug rehabilitation programing, sex offender treatment or educational programing that met the needs of our target population.

Part 5: Facility Plan

Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. (WIC 1995 (4))

Modoc County does not own or operate any juvenile, adult or mental health facility that serves this target population other than the county jail. We anticipate contracting those services with surrounding counties but nothing in our plan would prohibit the use of grant funds to house target youth in any program in the State of California if services were deemed appropriate.

Part 6: 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))

Modoc county will focus on building the base programs that are needed to address the needs of our target population to prevent them moving into the adult court system. Given that we have had so few individuals in the past, our county is lacking in the base services for this target group. We have relied exclusively on surrounding counties to provide these base services. Programs focusing on peer counseling, anger management, family therapy, and parenting will need to be built from the ground up. These funds may be used as startup funds to provide community based organizations the needed seed money to service the targeted youth in our plan.

Part 7: Regional Effort

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

No regional agreements are currently in place that are supported by the Counties Block grant program. Should agreements or arrangements be made in the future we would make grant funds available should those agreements support the counties overall goals and objectives of serving our target populations.

Part 8: Data

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

The Modoc County probation department uses a program called the Corrections Software Solutions system. The System is capable of collecting data from all the youth within the county including and not limited to the youth being served by the block grant. CSS has the ability to be viewed by law enforcement throughout the county. Supervising probation officers will be charged with data entry and CSS can be modified to collect any data elements as required as the program goes forward.

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

The Modoc County Probation Department will track the following data elements to validate the plan outcomes

1. Number of 707(b) crimes referred to the Probation Department
2. Number of 707(b) offenses adjudicated
3. Number of 707(b) offenses dismissed or reduced by plea
4. Number of youth committed to Secure Track Programs
5. Number of violations of probation filed
6. Number of violations of probation adjudicated
7. Number of violations of probation dismissed
8. Numbers of youth transitioned to placement
9. Numbers of youth placed back in the home
10. Numbers of youth who successfully completed programming and reintegrate to society.

Data will be used to determine the validity of the programming and the success of interventions provided eligible youth.

Addendum to Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

Initial plan submitted on 12/27/21

Addressing concerns from JJRBG Plan meeting follow-up:

Item 1: Addition of community member to DJJ Committee

Following OYCR's suggestions that a non-law enforcement agency representative be added to the DJJ Committee, the Committee approved the addition of Tristan Harer, with the Modoc County Office of Education. She is the county's current Foster Youth Educational Liaison, and is already on the treatment team for SB823.

Additionally, as required, the agenda for the month DJJ meetings is posted publicly in the Probation department lobby at least seven (7) business days before each meeting, inviting members of the public to attend.

Item 2: Data collection

Given the small number of eligible youth in Modoc County, the committee has determined that our approach to data will be client-driven. Specifically, a data point will be assigned for every client entering a DJJ-eligible program, and will be tracked chronologically from entry to release or disposition. The following data points will be collected:

- If housed in a secure facility, date and length of commit.
 - Monthly costing will be tracked through invoices from the host facility.
- Levels of care the youth progresses through (from commitment to release)
- Clinical outcomes as tracked by the Behavioral Health department using their existing software tool.
- Disposition of client.

Moving forward, Probation will reach out to the JJRBG's technical staff to discuss data reporting methods.