



Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan Addendum

April 4, 2022

This is intended to be an Addendum to the San Joaquin County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan last updated November 5, 2021. As requested from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, the following updates to our plan are provided.

- ❖ Disaggregated Demographic and Offense Data for 707(b) PC Youth: 2019 – 2021

707(b) PC Offenses							
Year	Asian	Black	Mexican/Hispanic	White	Unknown	Male	Female
2019	█	12	█	█	0	25	█
2020	█	█	█	█	0	19	█
2021	0	█	█	0	0	15	█

290.008 PC Offenses							
Year	Asian	Black	Mexican/Hispanic	White	Unknown/Other	Male	Female
2019	█	█	█	█	0	█	0
2020	█	█	█	█	█	█	0
2021	█	█	█	█	█	█	0



❖ Disaggregated Placements for 707(b) and 290.008 PC offenses 2019 – 2021

Placements: 707(b) PC and 290.008 PC Offenses							
Year	Juvenile Hall	Residential	Camp Peterson	Jail	DJJ	Transferred to another County	Home
2019	13						
2020			0				
2021							

❖ Facility Improvement

The county is dedicated to providing a positive and rehabilitative environment through evidence based programming, support and accountability. We intend to make improvements to our facilities and grounds that reflect our vision and support an atmosphere optimal for learning and rising. The following are updates to our facility projects.

Security Upgrades

Camp Peterson is an open dormitory setting, providing bunk bed dorms, programming room, classrooms and living areas. To date we have updated painting and furniture throughout, as well as updated lighting around the exterior of the facility. We are in the process of adding additional surveillance cameras as well as additional security and privacy fencing. The expected date of completion is June 2022.

Landscape Upgrades

The County has undertaken a large scale and robust landscaping project, in partnership with the San Joaquin County Office of Education’s (SJCOE) Greater Valley Conservation Corps (GVCC). The entire perimeter of Camp Peterson is currently undergoing a full landscaping project to include, walking pathways, patio space, all new sprinkler systems, grass, trees,



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flower bed planting, and an updated exercise equipment space. This part of the landscaping project will be completed by June 2022. Additionally, we are landscaping around the full Juvenile Justice Complex as a commitment to the youth and families we serve, to provide safe and healthy facilities. GVCC provides a Landscaping Vocation to our youth, and as such, our youth are participating in many aspects of this project.

Facility Painting

We have completed painting the exterior of the Juvenile Justice Complex and Camp Peterson, the Juvenile Hall main hallways, and interior paint throughout the Camp Peterson facility. Units 4, 5, 6 and the gymnasium are areas of the institution that are identified for future painting.

Throughout the institution, a local artist has collaborated with us to paint murals in the recreation yards and in the main hallways of the institution. The artist uses art therapy in working with our youth to conceptualize ideas for the artwork. Our youth develop a sketch together that reflect ideas that are meaningful and significant to them. The murals may include inspirational quotes or poems. Once approved, the artist assists the youth in sketching the work on the walls. After the sketch is complete, the youth paint the murals. Each mural is titled and its meaning and purpose described in a plaque next to the artwork. Our youth have completed eight murals to date, with many more planned in our hallways, recreation yards, at Camp Peterson and our gymnasium.

On each of the living units, three rooms have been identified as incentive rooms. Each incentive room has a theme chosen by the youth on the units. Examples include; music, beach and sports. The rooms have been custom painted by the youth and have additional amenities such as upgraded mattresses, pillows, and floor rugs. Incentive rooms are earned by positive behavior and are rotated amongst all eligible youth.

Gender Responsive Unit

The institution has a Gender Responsive Unit for female youth. We updated the unit to provide for a seating area of couches, rugs and bean bags. The unit has been decorated to create a calm and welcoming environment showcasing youth art and creative works. The small



recreation yard is being converted into a Zen Garden area with artificial grass, a sunshade, and a water feature. The Zen Garden will be an area to provide female youth an opportunity to practice art, yoga and meditation in a calm and relaxing environment. The project is planned to be completed over the next 90 days. Yoga is currently held weekly in the dayroom with a local yoga instructor, promoting overall health and wellness.

The Dream Center Garden

In collaboration with SJCOE, we are at the design phase of updating our garden area in our Dream Center. The Dream Center is an incentive-based program providing youth fun, positive activities away from the living units. Teachers will encompass the garden area into their learning curriculum in the areas of math and science by having the youth measure for the planter boxes and determine the amount of soil needed. Youth will then plant seeds for flowers and plants, as well as fruits and vegetables. In regard to science, the teachers will dissect the flowers to visually show the different parts of a flower, which can be hard to picture from a diagram in a book. A local artist will use the garden area when teaching the youth how to paint vegetation and flowers. The planter boxes will be built by students enrolled in SJCOE's Building Futures Academy. We intend to provide a Farm to Fork program as our garden grows.

Construction and Trade Education (CTE) Site

In collaboration with SJCOE, we have designed a CTE site in an unpopulated living unit. The site will offer CTE programming in Computer Coding and Logistics as well as the classroom setting for our Landscaping and Culinary programs. To date, the site has been painted and furniture received. We are pending the delivery of forklift simulators for the Logistics program and the murals that are being created by a local graffiti artist, who once was detained in our facility. Once open, we will work with our youth to name our CTE site, as they did The Dream Center.

Other Facility Updates

Privacy Partitions - Throughout the facility and at Camp Peterson, privacy partitions were installed for the urinals, toilets, and showers.



Updated Furniture – New furniture was ordered throughout the facility, which includes: game tables, chairs, new classroom desks, and living space seating. To date, furniture has been received in the Gender Responsive Unit, Camp Peterson, the CTE site, and some of the Juvenile Hall classrooms.

Facility Signage – Our facility lacked clear signage directing youth as they navigate through our complex. We have updated signage throughout the facility and Camp Peterson.

Flooring – The County has approved new flooring throughout both the Juvenile Hall facility and Camp Peterson. This project includes hallway and common area flooring. This project is scheduled for early fall 2022.

❖ Classification

Housing placement in our facilities provide for the safety of the youth, other youth, facility staff, and the public by placing youth in the most appropriate, least restrictive housing, and program settings. All youth receive a comprehensive classification assessment process before being placed in a suitable housing unit. The assessment includes the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI), the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT), and the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI-2). Each housing unit is designed to accommodate youth of similar age, status, sophistication and risk level. Considerations are made in regard to the youth's age, maturity, sophistication, emotional stability, current charges and offense history, public safety considerations, and gender expression.

We recognize classification is on-going as the landscape of our population changes regularly. The Classification and Behavior Team meets weekly to review youth detained in our facilities. The Team reviews the facility rosters and discusses classification topics such as behaviors, youth risks and needs, and overall safety and security concerns, to ensure youth are classified appropriately to meet their needs and keep them safe. Each youth is formally reclassified at a minimum of every 30 days. In addition to every 30 days, reclassification will be conducted whenever an investigation occurs which may impact the status of the youth, after the



youth receives a Court commitment, when it has been discovered a youth has been incorrectly classified, or when a youth displays an inability to follow unit rules and expectations and displays an increasing pattern of behavior that jeopardizes the safety and security of the institution.

❖ **Culturally Responsive Programs and Services**

San Joaquin County, like most of our state, is an extremely diverse and culturally rich community. We currently offer programming and activities to educate and promote youth on cultural topics and celebrations on a monthly basis. We are in the planning phase with SJCOE to expand this focus using a 3-prong approach; Empowerment Assemblies, Ethnic Studies and Restorative Practices Training for our officers, teachers, and partners. Our collaborative plan will be offered year round focusing quarterly themes. We will work together to incorporate the theme into classroom curriculums as well as facility programming and activities. Each quarter will end with an Empowerment Assembly to include guest speakers, civic leaders and cultural groups in our community. The themes for our first year beginning in July of 2022 are;

- **Pursuit of justice and equity;** to create a better understanding of dissimilar and unequal ethnic trajectories to strive for a future of greater equity and inclusivity.
- **Working toward greater inclusivity;** by incorporating the experiences and contributions of a broad range of ethnic groups.
- **Furthering self-understanding;** by creating opportunities for students to gain a deeper understanding of their own identities, ancestral roots, and knowledge of self.
- **Developing a better understanding of others;** through research and sharing, simultaneously learning to understand ethnic differences while also identifying underlying commonalities and personal challenges.



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Additionally, we are working with both our local community college and private university to offer an onsite Ethics Studies course to all our youth. We see this as an extreme value to our youth and plan to offer it throughout the facilities as required programming.

❖ **Community Based Organizations and Partner Agencies**

Services are offered to our youth through a strong collaborative approach with many partner agencies and Community Based Organizations. We concentrate on the aspects of each individual youth, considering their unique strengths, risks, needs, experiences and trauma. In addition to our CBO's and partnering agencies offering direct, onsite services to our youth, we have established a multi-disciplinary team with representation of all our CBO's and partner agencies. The team meets at least monthly, to discuss youth committed to the facilities either through a traditional commitment or a Secure Track commitment. The team reviews the youth Rehabilitation and Transitional Plans, programming progress and behaviors. The team discusses services offered to the youth, praises strengthens and accomplishments, as well as identifies gaps and adjustments as needed. The team includes the youth and parent or guardian in the MDT as needed. As discussed in our plan, our partners offer;

- ✓ Evidenced Based Programming: Victor Community Services
- ✓ My Brother's Keeper Mentoring Program: Mary Magdalene of San Joaquin
- ✓ Family Engagement and Reentry Services: Community Partnership of San Joaquin
- ✓ Transitional Housing Services and Support: Friends Outside
- ✓ Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) services: Women's Center Family Youth Services
- ✓ PREA investigation and support services: Women's Center Family Youth Services
- ✓ Trauma Affect Regulation Group Education and Treatment (TARGET): San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services
- ✓ After-hours Mental Health Crisis Response: AspiraNet Services
- ✓ Vocational Programming: San Joaquin County Office of Education