

# County of Santa Clara

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TO: Office of Youth and Community Restoration

FROM: Laura Garnette, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Addendum to Santa Clara County Juvenile Realignment Block Grant Plan

The enclosed modifications are in response to the March 10, 2022, request for additional information regarding the following items:

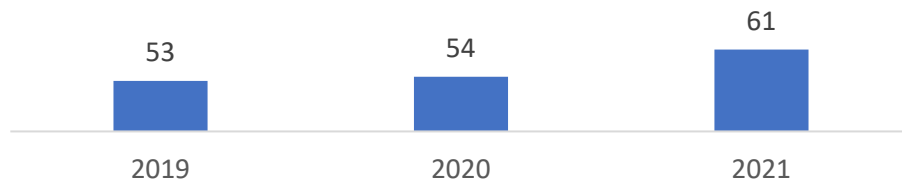
1. Please provide disaggregated demographic and offense data for all of your youth with 707(b) and/or 290.008 offenses for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available). As noted, we would prefer data on 707(b)/290.008 offenses but for this plan will also accept violent/serious offenses as a proxy if you are unable to get the 707(b) data within the requested timeframe.
2. Please provide the disaggregated placements for all of your youth with 707(b) offenses and/or 290.008 offenses [e.g., placed in juvenile hall, ranch, home etc.] for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available).
3. Please provide further details on how you will classify youth or a classification tool that you will use to make initial housing placements to ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics in the secure facility.

Pursuant to discussions between the Probation Department and the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, we understand that although requests one and two ask for “disaggregated” data and placements, you are in fact seeking aggregated data and placements. Therefore, the Probation Department has provided aggregated data below in response to your March 10, 2022, request.

**DEMOGRAPHIC AND OFFENSE DATA FOR ALL YOUTH WITH 707(B) AND/OR 290.008 OFFENSES FOR CY 2019, 2020, AND 2021**

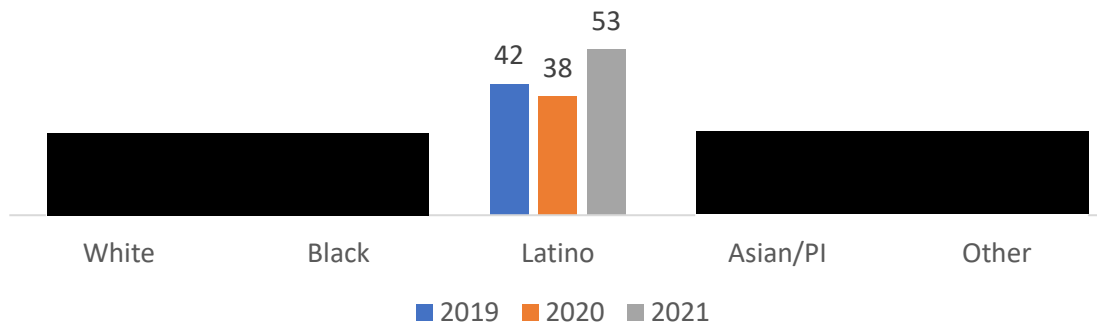
The figures below include all sustained petitions for youth with 707(B) and/or 290.008 offenses between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2021. During those three years, there were 168 unique youth with 707(B) and/or 290.008 offenses. There were 53 youth in calendar year 2019, 54 youth in 2020, and 61 youth in 2021.

**Figure 1: Youth with Sustained 707(B) Offenses and Court Results**

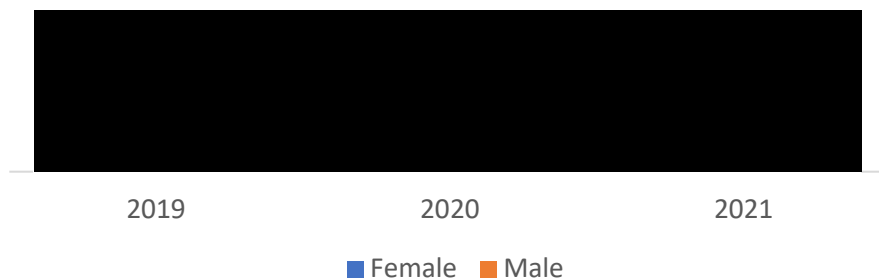


For all youth with 707(B) and/or 290.008 offenses in 2019, 2020, and 2021, most youth identified as Latino and Male. In 2019, 79 percent of youth identified as Latino (n=42), followed by [redacted] percent who identified as White (n=[redacted]). In 2020, 70 percent of youth identified as Latino (n=38), followed by [redacted] percent who identified as Black (n=[redacted]). In 2021, 87 percent of youth identified as Latino (n=53), followed by [redacted] percent who identified as Black (n=[redacted]). In 2019, [redacted] percent identified as male (n=[redacted]), in 2020, [redacted] percent identified as male (n=[redacted]), and in 2021, [redacted] percent identified as male (n=[redacted]).

**Figure 2: Ethnicity of Youth with Sustained 707(B) Offenses and Court Results**



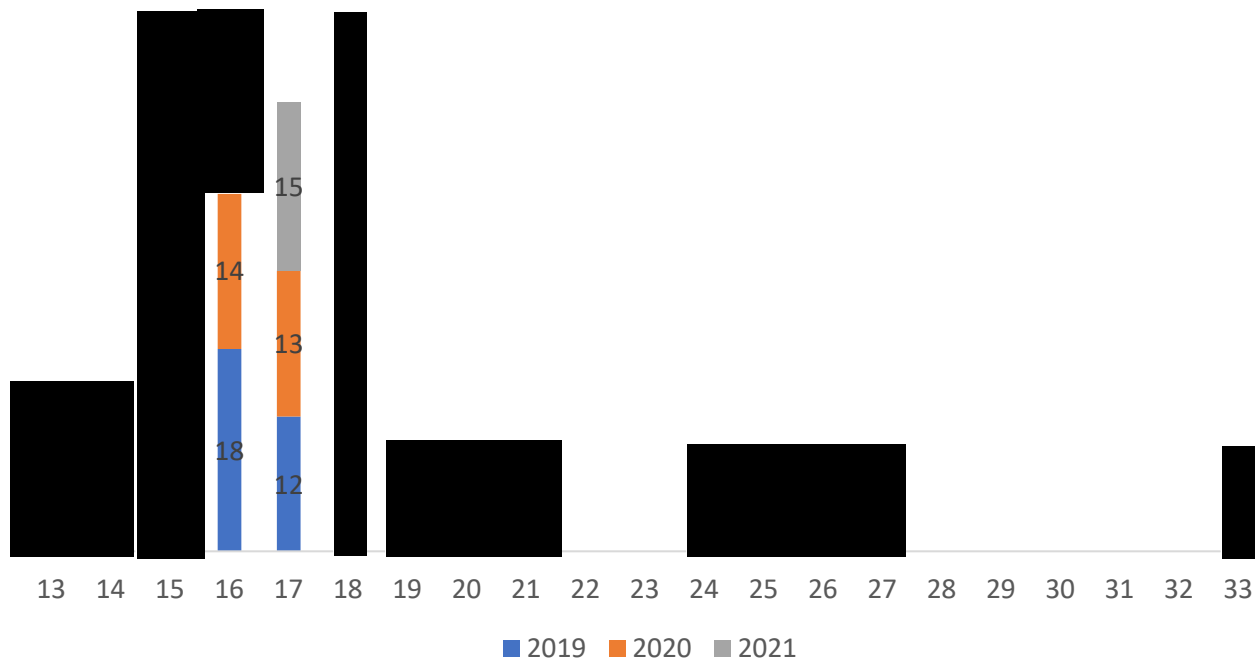
**Figure 3: Sex of Youth with Sustained 707(B) Offenses and Court Results**



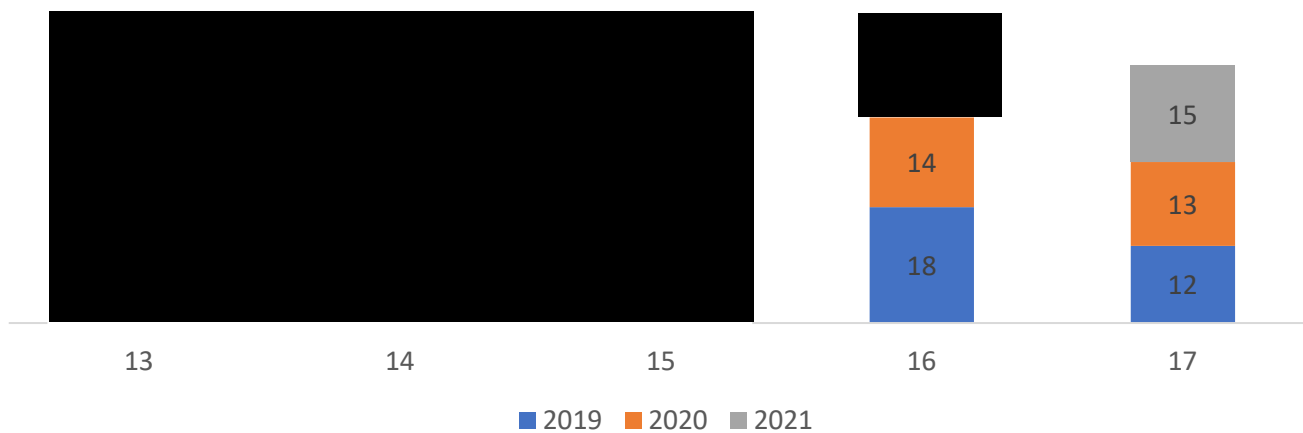
Based on 707(B) and/or 290.008 petitions that were sustained, youths' ages ranged from 13 to 33 years old. Their average age was 16.7 years old in 2019, 16.3 years old in 2020, and 17.2 years old for 2021.

**Figure 5** shows a breakdown of the youth's ages who are under 18 (n=39). Since there are 39 youth over the age of 18, the averages presented above can be skewed older. For youth under the age of 18, the average age in 2019 was 16 years old, in 2020 was 15.7 years old, and in 2021 was 15.8 years old.

**Figure 4: Age of Youth with Sustained 707(B) Offenses and Court Results**



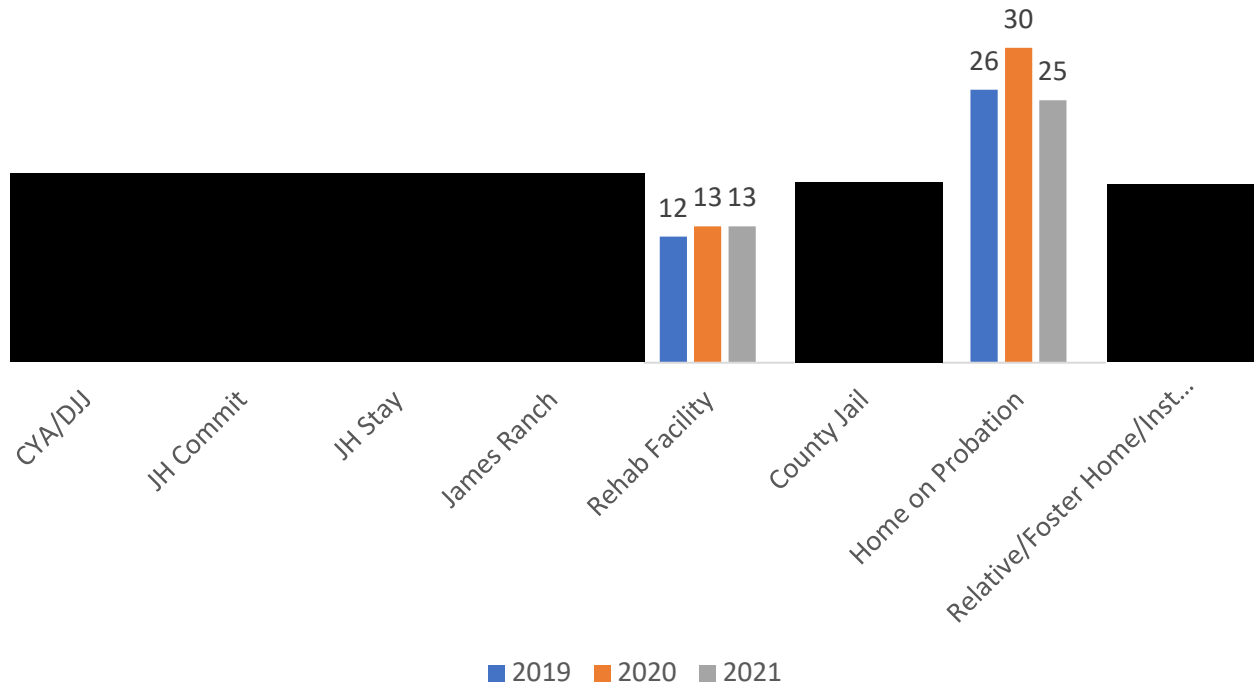
**Figure 5: Age of Youth Under 18 with Sustained 707(B) Offenses and Court Results**



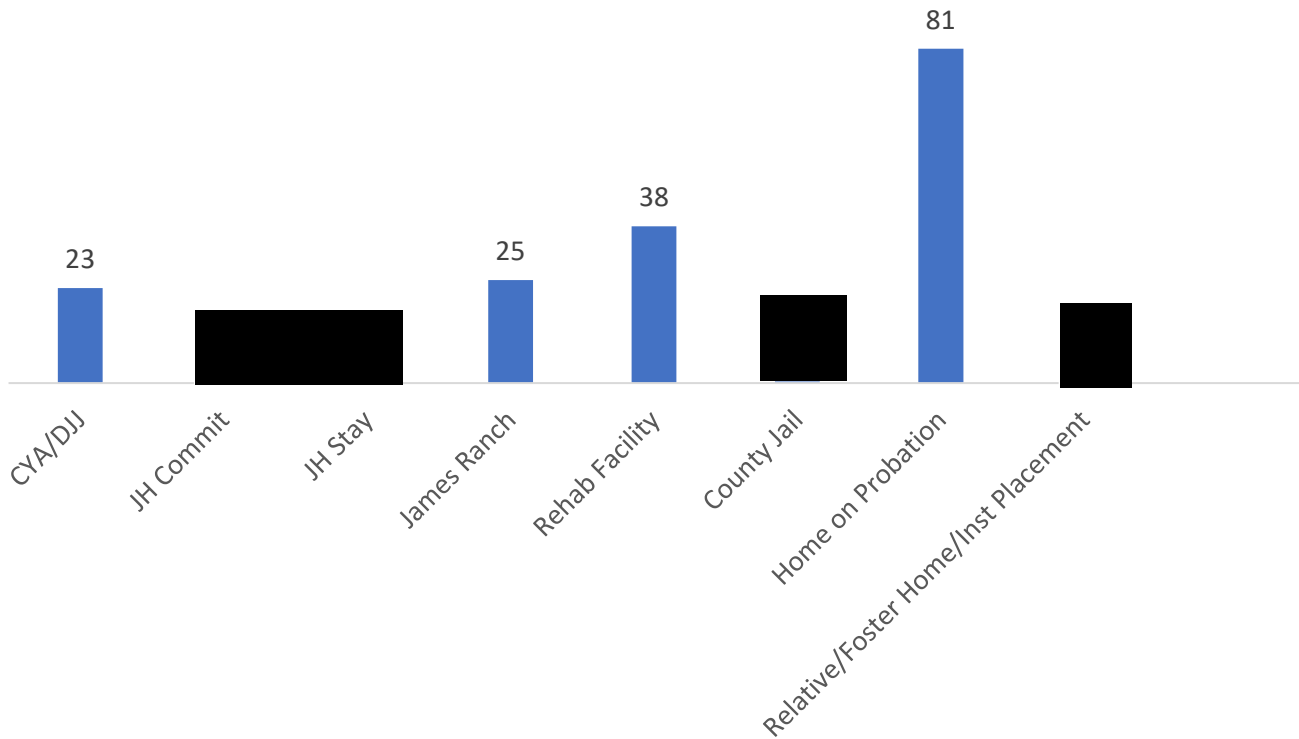
**PLACEMENTS FOR ALL YOUTH WITH 707(B) OFFENSES AND/OR 290.008 OFFENSES [E.G., PLACED IN JUVENILE HALL, RANCH, HOME ETC.] FOR CY 2019, 2020, AND 2021**

Once adjudicated, youth may be detained at Juvenile Hall or ordered to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility William F. James Ranch (James Ranch), or another placement depending upon their offense(s) and needs. Over all three years, for youth with 707(B) and/or 290.008 offenses, 81 were placed on probation at home (54 percent), followed by 25 who were committed to the James Ranch (17 percent), 23 were committed to Division of Juvenile Justice/California Youth Authority (DJJ/CYA) (15 percent). Five commitments were to Juvenile Hall (three percent). It is possible that some youth may have stayed in Juvenile Hall while waiting for James Ranch, DJJ, or for a final disposition. Placements may be duplicated based on youth who may have had multiple outcomes or placements from multiple sustained petitions. This data does not include all possible placements and outcomes. Some youth are already in a facility on a previous petition, but their placement is not included on their 707(B) sustained petition.

**Figure 6: Placements for Unique Youth with 707(B) Offenses by Year**



**Figure 7: Placement Totals for Unique Youth with 707(B) Offenses**



Length of Stay is provided only for youth with a Juvenile Hall commitment. Between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2021, there were five unique youth with sustained petitions for 707(B) offenses and a court result as 707(B) sustained who were committed to Juvenile Hall. The average total length of stay for this population is 25.8 days. By year, the average length of stay was 106 days in 2019, zero in 2020, and 15.8 days in 2021.

### SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY CLASSIFICATION

The Juvenile Hall risk classification system utilizes factors such as age, maturity, sophistication, legal status, and the gender of each youth admitted, assigning criteria for appropriate classification. In accordance with Title 15, when determining housing placement, facility staff shall not deprive youth of a roommate or separate youth from the general population based solely on the youth’s actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

The Santa Clara County Probation Department began accepting youth and young adults into the Secure Youth Treatment Facility Program (SYTF) in September of 2021. Currently, █ youth and young adults are committed to the SYTF and the unit capacity is 15. The current population of █ participants have been committed to the SYTF program as a result of having committed a 707(B) offense. Upon fulfilling the unit capacity, the initial 15 youth and young adults will be referred to henceforth as the First Cohort.

The First Cohort consists of youth and young adults of various ages, offenses, risks, and needs. A Second Cohort will require the opening of a separate unit. The First Cohort will continue to participate in

programming and focus on treatment goals identified in the Individual Rehabilitation Plans (IRP), while the Second Cohort will be indoctrinated into the SYTF. When two SYTF housing units are operational, newly committed youth will be placed into a separate housing unit, as determined, but limited by the following criteria. All SYTF youth and young adults will be afforded the same access to therapeutic, educational, and vocational services within Juvenile Hall.

SYTF Classification System should include the following factors:

1. Age;
2. Maturity;
3. Emotional Stability;
4. Public Safety;
5. Program Needs;
6. Gender (Housing of Female commitments);
7. Offense Type (Sex Offenses);
8. LGBTQ (Department will continue to follow current practices);
9. Special Risk Status for Dietary, Medical, and Behavioral Health will continue to be used for special cases; and
10. Individual Rehabilitation Plan.