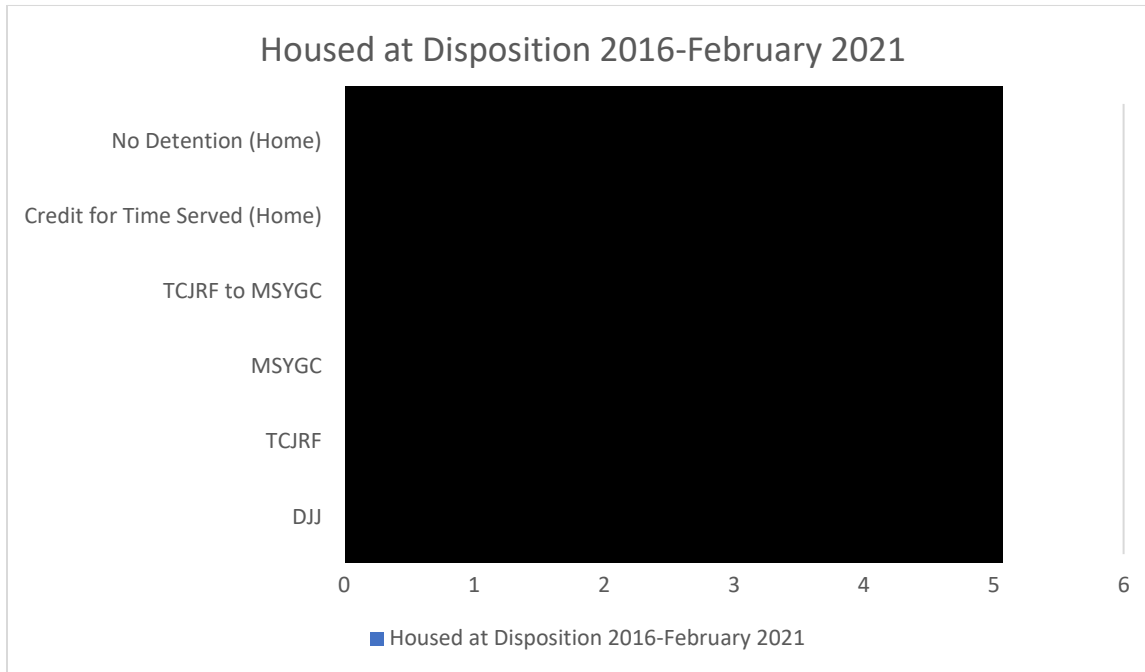


Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan - Addendum

Disaggregated placements for all Sutter youth with 707(b) offenses and/or 290.008 offenses:



Youth with “TCJRF to MSYGC” were dispositioned to the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility for a period of time with regular Court Review Hearing to determine progress in rehabilitation to then transition/step-down to the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center program. This was a pre-cursor to the Secure Track Youth program, as Sutter County Court was looking for unique ways to maintain these youth locally, well before Secure Youth Track was established.

Planned facility improvements to accommodate youth stepping down from the secure track who may be subject to longer commitments, including information on the interim plan for youth prior to facility improvements:

The Tri-County Youth Rehabilitation Campus is located in Marysville, California, providing services to the counties of Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa. The Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (TCJRF) is a 60 bed, 24-hour maximum-security facility for youth of all genders. Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center, "Camp Singer", is a 48

male bed facility and a 12 bed female facility developed as an alternative to out of home placements and extended stays at the TCJRF.

The Secured Housing Unit (SHU) sits adjacent to the TCJRF and contains 15 of the beds (seven rooms with two beds each and one room with a single bed). We anticipate that DJJ realigned youth will initially be housed in the SHU. We know from analyses of our juvenile data that over 50% of youth we have previously served have childhood trauma scores of 4 or more via the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) questionnaire, and that these scores predict behaviors requiring intense trauma-focused therapeutic efforts. Our data indicate that this has been particularly true for youth committed to DJJ, and we recognize the need for trauma-focused approaches in order to provide optimal intervention strategies.

Therefore, our project is focused on transforming the SHU from a severe, institutional setting into a domain where DJJ youth will have an improved, calming, less stressful, more rehabilitative environment, particularly conducive to addressing behaviors arising from effects of childhood trauma.

The target population will be high risk, high needs youth who commit offenses of greater severity (707(b) WI offenses). Most of these youth have a lengthy history of delinquent behavior, trauma, and lack of prosocial supports. These youth also pose more risk to the community and require a higher level of security and intensive services/programming. The SHU provides this level of security and keeps the youth separated from the younger, less sophisticated population; infrastructure upgrades will optimize our ability to provide trauma-based therapies.

Length of stay in the SHU will vary as long-term higher-risk youths transition from the SHU to TCJRF and Camp Singer.

The SHU has been unoccupied for an extended period and needs updating. The exterior walls need to be sealed as moisture presents a bubbling issue with the interior paint. Interior and exterior walls, doors, and door/window frames will be painted. An epoxy flooring finish will be applied to the concrete flooring with designs that create space separation. New shower doors will be installed to provide youth with more privacy. Institutional non-ADA-compliant seating will be removed, and new, more comfortable ADA-compliant seating will be installed in the dining area. Additional space will be

reconfigured with furniture to provide de-escalation/calming areas. An outdoor area, currently unusable by SHU occupants due to lack of security features will have fencing, landscaping, and outdoor seating installed to provide outdoor recreation, therapy, and vocational gardening opportunities to SHU occupants.

Currently, the environment in the SHU is harsh and has an institutional feel. For example, there are no opportunities for therapeutic activities, there are no de-escalation/calming locations, the only opportunity for outside activity is an open concrete square with a single basketball hoop, and many of the interior and exterior concrete block walls have damaged paint (bubbling) as previously mentioned.

Regulating environments conducive to treating trauma-impacted youth consists of warm colors, should have some natural artistic appeal, and comfortable seating. The proposed improvements will provide SHU occupants with calm music, sunlight, a generally more pleasant environment, and increased opportunities for therapeutic interventions.

While the SHU is being refurbished, Secure Track youth will be housed within the TCJRF and receive individualized programming to meet their needs.