

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))

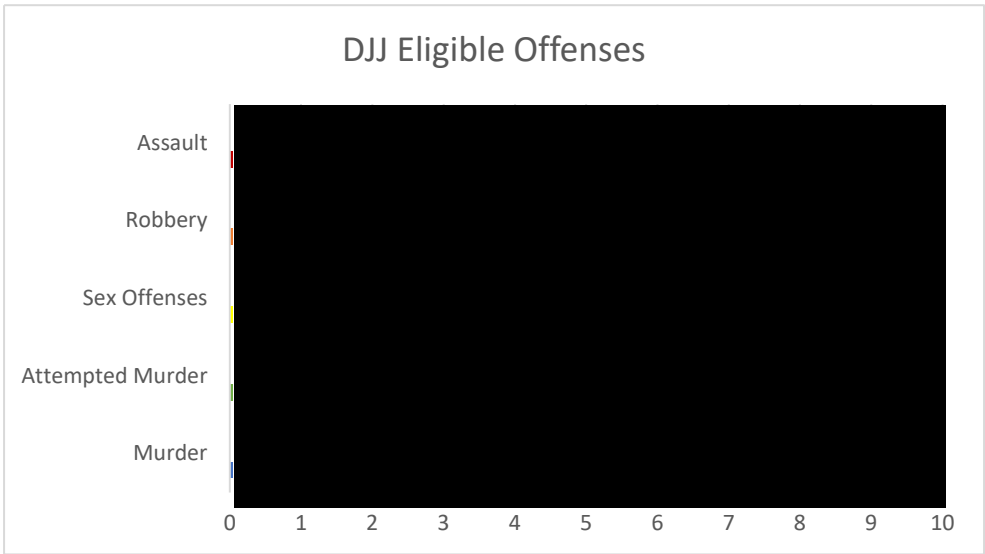
Briefly describe the County’s realignment target population supported by the block grant:

Sutter County currently has [redacted] youth detained in the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). [redacted] [redacted] adjudicated of offenses falling within Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or an offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code. Further, we currently have [redacted] youth on Re-entry Probation, [redacted] [redacted]

Sutter County continues to use the least restrictive environments available based on the individuality of each youth and their circumstances, thus maintaining few, if any, youth in DJJ. Past youth committed to DJJ include youth committed for juvenile sex offender offenses. Sutter County has several youths adjudicated of Section 707(b)WIC listed offenses; however, the youths are currently maintained in our local facilities, the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and/or the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center, and/or in the community with intensive probation services.

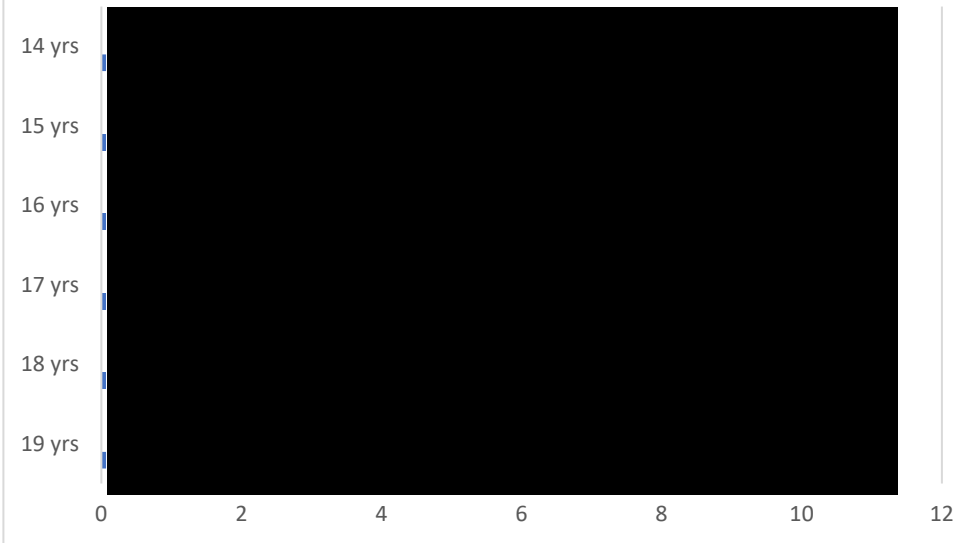
Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and offense/offense history:

The demographics targeted for use of this funding was determined by aggregating youth currently detained at DJJ, recently released from DJJ, and those currently adjudicated of Section 707(b)WIC qualifying offenses from calendar years 2018 through February 2021.



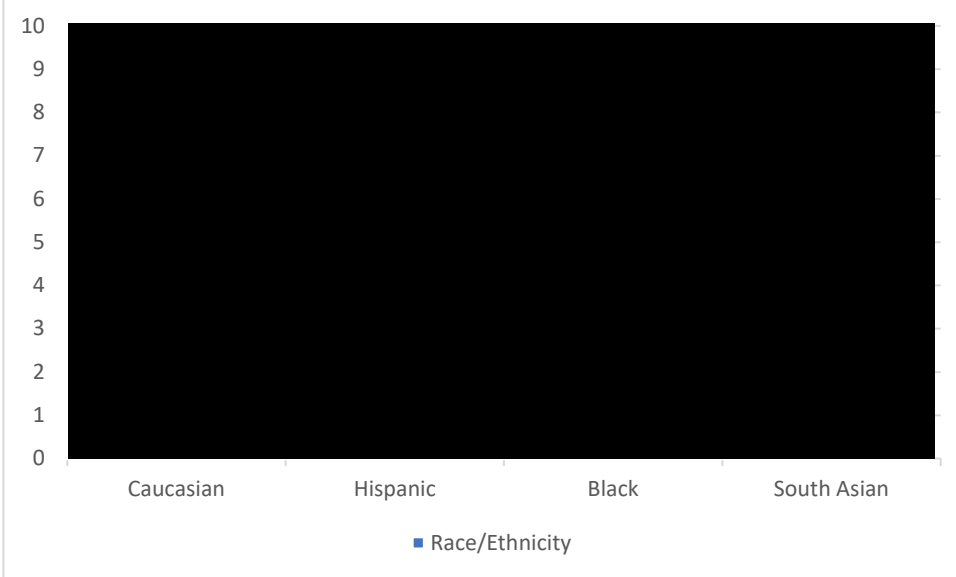
Assaultive behavior was the most noted offense, accounting for 77% of the total adjudications. Sexu offenses were second most common, followed by attempted murder and murder.

Age at Time of Adjudication



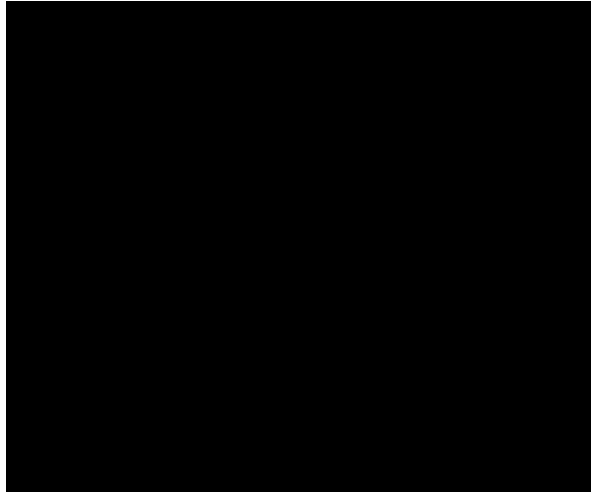
Additionally, youth aged 17 accounted for more than 55% of total adjudications, with youth aged 15 and 16 second and third most common respectively.

Race/Ethnicity

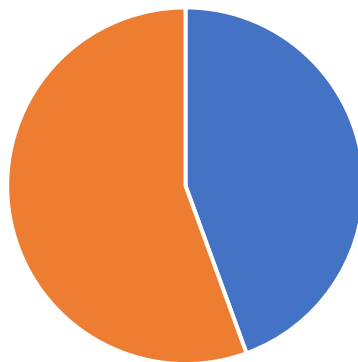


Hispanic youth are disproportionately represented in overall adjudications for the specific offenses with [redacted] total adjudications.

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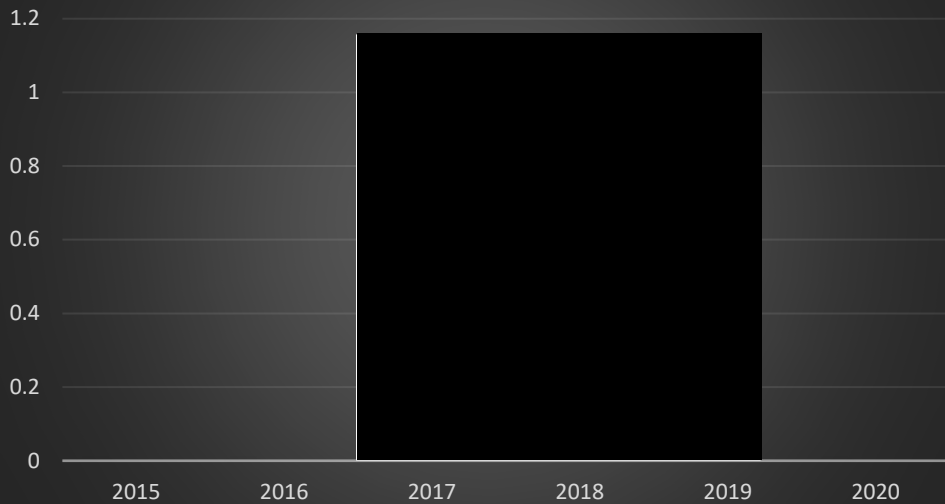


Prior Referrals



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Youth Committed to DJJ



The data from 2020 includes youth pending at least one petition in Juvenile Court for offenses listed in subdivision (b) of Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. In 2020, petitions were pending against [REDACTED] youth for attempted murder.

Despite the 18 total adjudications, including pending petitions in 2020, for Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) eligible offenses, [REDACTED] youth have been committed to DJJ since 2017.

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

Sutter County Probation provides an array of services including Prevention and Intervention, for those youth and families in the community needing additional support; as well as Supervision, Intermediate Interventions, Intensive Supervision, Residential, Detention, and Re-entry services, for youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System.

Sutter County Probation continues to take a proactive approach to preventing juvenile delinquency by effectively intervening with at-risk youth and families. We also emphasize partnerships and active collaboration among stakeholders that interact, serve, and work with youth and their families. The Family Intervention Team (FIT), comprised of county and partner agencies, continues to look for ways to effectively work with youth who are at risk for involvement in anti-social behavior, crime, delinquency, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC), homelessness, truancy, dependency, and other social issues.

A description of current services is below:

Prevention

- Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT)
- The Change Companies, Forward Thinking Journaling Series
- The Parent Project
- Word on the Street (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children)
- Referral to Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH)
- Referral to SYBH for possible Youth for Change Full-Service Partnership and/or WRAP
- Referral to Sutter County One Stop
- Referral to ancillary services

Early Intervention

In addition to Prevention efforts, Sutter County Probation also focuses on the needs of at-risk youth already displaying pre-delinquent behavior, first-time offenders, status offenses, and youth who have committed minor crimes. Probation's EARLY INTERVENTION efforts include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT)

- The Change Companies, Forward Thinking Journaling Series
- The Parent Project
- Seeking Safety
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Substance Abusing Adolescents
- Matrix Substance Abuse Counseling for Adolescents
- Intervention with Runaway Youth and their families
- Becoming Me (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children)
- Word on the Street (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children)
- Mobility Mapping and Family Finding and Engagement
- Referral to Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health
- Referral to SYBH for possible Youth for Change Full-Service Partnership and/or WRAP
- Referral to Sutter County One Stop
- Truancy Case Management
- Child and Family Team Meetings
- Referral to ancillary services

Supervision & Intermediate Interventions

While investing heavily in Prevention and Early Intervention, Sutter County Probation also recognizes the necessity to provide a comprehensive array of SUPERVISION AND INTERMEDIATE INTERVENTIONS to work effectively with those youth and families who have entered the juvenile system. Supervision and Intermediate Interventions in place include the following:

- **Case Management Services:** Supervision services provided by the Probation Department to include school monitoring, drug testing, motivational interviewing, and referrals for treatment services.
- **Family Assistance Services Team (FAST and SuperFAST) Interagency Committee:** Probation partners with Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH), Child Welfare Services (CWS), Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office (SCSOS), Sutter County's Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA's), Sutter County Social Services, Yuba City Unified School District, Youth for Change, Alta Regional, and Sutter County Public Health to provide multidisciplinary case conferencing for youth who are in multiple systems of care. The team collectively problem solves and brainstorms creative solutions responsive to the needs of the youth and family being discussed. The partners also work together on placement for youth with complex and/or special needs, determining, among other things, which system (SYBH, CWS, or Probation) is most appropriate to take the lead with each individual youth and/or family. FAST/SuperFAST also seeks to avoid out of home placement and/or to determine most appropriate placements for youth who are removed from their homes. The SuperFAST team also serves as the Sutter County Interagency Placement Committee (IPC).

- Incentive and Sanctions Matrix: Probation utilizes an Incentives and Sanctions Matrix to provide consistency in how incentives and sanctions are used. The use of an Incentive and Sanctions Matrix is an Evidenced-Based Practice proven to motivate positive behavior change by placing an emphasis on positive behavior while applying appropriate sanctions for non-compliant behavior.
- Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT): A web-based risk assessment tool which has been used by the Sutter County Probation since 2008. The probation officer receives an output report which is used in determining treatment needs/goals and case planning.
- The Change Companies, Forward Thinking Journaling Series
- The Parent Project
- Seeking Safety
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Substance Abusing Adolescents
- Matrix Substance Abuse Counseling for Adolescents
- Becoming Me (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children)
- Mobility Mapping and Family Finding and Engagement
- Mentoring Program - this program is currently offered to youth with current or past probation involvement. As the population of mentors increases, it is hoped to be able to expand the program to community referrals.
- Referral to Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health
- Referral to SYBH for possible Youth for Change Full-Service Partnership and/or WRAP
- Referral to Sutter County One Stop
- Child and Family Team Meetings
- Referral to ancillary services
- School Focused Services: Case assignments for most youth under probation supervision are primarily based on the school attended by the youth to provide collaboration between Sutter County Probation and local school supports.
- Youth who are experiencing significant legal and life problems related to a diagnosis of a mental illness are assigned to a probation officer who collaborates and coordinates behavioral health services through Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health, Children's Systems of Care, Youth for Change, school staff, community service providers, and other agencies in the community. Child and Family Team meetings may be held to regularly staff these cases. The goal of the caseload is to provide the youth and their family with the services and intensive supports needed while the youth and family needs are being addressed.
- WRAP: The WRAP program provides intensive case management and support for youth and their family who would otherwise be considered for Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) placement. Youth for Change, a community-based organization, provides this intensive therapeutic service. Child and Family Team meetings are a service included in WRAP. WRAP is also frequently used when a youth returns home from an STRTP to insure a smooth transition.

- Transitional-Aged Youth (TAY): In Spring 2019, Sutter County Probation began a pilot program to determine outcomes of supervising youth aged 18 to 21 years that are under an Adult Probation grant within the Juvenile Division. The two TAY Probation Officers maintain a small caseload of less than 15 youth and supervise said caseload in the spirit of juvenile risk-based supervision: intensive case management, referral to appropriate age-based services (which may include youth services through SYBH), CFTs when needed, etc.; with the understanding that although the youth are legally adults, their brain structure is still that of an adolescent, and thus may need to be responded to and interacted with as such. The Sutter County Juvenile Court has agreed to see said youth at the beginning of Juvenile Court, so as to “treat” the case as we would in Juvenile Court, maintaining the understanding that it is an Adult Court matter.

Residential Interventions

Despite the community and home-based intermediate sanctions available in Sutter County, the need for RESIDENTIAL INTERVENTIONS remains. Options for youth ordered into out of home placement by the Court include the following:

- Mobility Mapping and Family Finding and Engagement: A Mobility Map is a child’s memory of his or her life put to paper. The mobility mapping process allows the child to rediscover the important people and places from his or her past. Family Finding is a process that reconnects children with family members and other lost loves ones with the purpose of supporting youth in foster care. This “support” can be demonstrated in a number of ways, including placement, respite care, visitation, knowledge, and support post foster care.
- Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP): a youth with high needs, including qualification for Specialty Mental Health services may be dispositioned to out of home care at a congregate care facility. These facilities are licensed by the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) and are operated by a public agency or private organization that provides short-term, specialized, and intensive therapeutic and 24-hour care and supervision to children.
- Resource Family Placement: a Resource Family home is a home where a county or state licensed foster parent provides care for six or fewer foster children (or up to eight if they are a sibling group) in their own home. The home may include their children and/or family members and be a home which is owned or rented.
- Child and Family Team (CFT) Meetings: a CFT meeting is a gathering of family members, fictive kin, friends, and other invested stakeholders who join together to strengthen a family and provide a protection and care plan for the child to achieve child safety, permanency and well-being. Team meetings are the vehicle through which ongoing assessment of needs, case planning, and intervention, monitoring and adapting are facilitated. Decisions are made within the context of the team. The meetings occur regularly and consider: Risk Assessment/Safety Planning.

Detention, Incarceration, and Long-Term Custody

The Probation Department and Juvenile Court use detention and long-term custody when lower-level treatment options are inappropriate or have proven ineffective:

- Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (TCJRF): a 60-bed secure facility for youth pending Juvenile Court proceedings, and adjudicated youth awaiting transfer to a placement, camp/ranch, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Division of Juvenile Facilities (DJF). There were 25 Sutter County admissions to the TCJRF during FY2020-21.
- The Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC): A 72-bed (60 male/12 female) secure program operated by the Yuba County Probation Department which serves as a long-term behavior modification program. The program is approximately 5 months to 1 year in length, based on the positive progress of the youth in the program. There were 9 commitments to MSYGC in FY2020-21.
- Electronic Monitoring is available to assist in monitoring youth returned from DJF and as an alternative to detaining a youth in a Rehabilitation Facility.

Reentry and Aftercare

The Probation Department and its community-based partners are increasingly focused on Reentry/Aftercare services including the following:

- Stepping Stones Aftercare Program: This program provides intensive support, case planning, and case management services for those youth detained and transitioning out of the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC).
- Youth detained in the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility work with a dedicated Probation Officer while in custody and those with more than 30 days in custody complete a full Reentry Plan using the Change Companies Forward Thinking journal prior to release.
- DJJ Reentry: DJJ youth returning to Sutter County from the Department of Juvenile Justice are engaged with a probation officer while detained in DJJ, prior to release. The youth return to the community with a solid plan in place for housing, counseling services, education and/or employment services. Sutter County has two youths on Reentry Supervision from DJJ currently.
- Youth returning home from an STRTP do so with a supportive hand-off from the STRTP to local community services already in place; usually WRAP or a WRAP-like service.
- Electronic Monitoring is available as an alternative to detaining a youth both pre and post adjudication.

All other services available for Supervision/Intermediate Interventions.

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:

In addition to the facilities, programs and placements, services and services providers, supervision listed in Part 2, the Sutter County Probation Department actively collaborates with the following agencies:

- Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health
- Sutter County Child Welfare Services
- Sutter County Superintendent of Schools
- Yuba City Unified School District
- Live Oak Unified School District
- Youth for Change
- Victor Community Support Services
- Yuba County Officer of Education
- Sutter County Public Health

A workgroup, consisting of Sutter, Yuba, and Colusa County Probation Departments, is currently collaborating on developing programs, plans and strategies to best serve the targeted population within the current Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center. Groundbreaking has occurred for a new 32-bed Tri-County detention facility, which will replace the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility. This workgroup will work closely with the aforementioned agencies to identify, implement and optimize needed services which are trauma-informed and culturally relevant.

It is anticipated that other County Probation Departments will establish specific local programs which may benefit the targeted population in Sutter County. Should those programs and facilities become available, the Sutter County Probation Department will assess the suitability and may enter into future contracts or memorandums of understanding with those agencies to provide trauma-informed, culturally responsive services to Sutter County's targeted population. However, as of the writing of this plan, no such programs exist.

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:

Sutter County Probation plans to address the mental health needs of the targeted population by identifying current government and community-based resources which may be enhanced using the allocated grant funds.

In regard to juveniles who offend in a sexual manner, frequently a psychological evaluation is utilized to assist with identifying the youth's risk to reoffend and needs that must be addressed to reduce recidivism. Grant funds may be utilized to obtain a psychological evaluation when not court ordered. The psychological evaluation may indicate the youth needs education and counseling around boundaries and normative sexual behavior. This has been identified as a service gap in the Sutter-Yuba area, as these types of programs tend to be cost-prohibitive and are not covered by insurance and/or Medi-Cal, thus grant funds may be utilized to assist in transportation of these youths to this type of program and counseling, and/or assist in funding of the program/counseling if needed. This would also assist in keeping youths in home-based care, rather than in out-of-home placement, a key goal of Continuum of Care Reform. Short Term Therapeutic Residential Treatment is utilized for eligible and suitable youth; however, should other Counties within the State develop a suitable sex offender treatment program, the Sutter County Probation Department may send a youth to another county via the Statewide County Collaboration Consortium. The Statewide Collaborative Consortium (SCC) was established by the Chief Probation Officers of California to ensure high-quality secure youth treatment programs for any youth dispositioned as Secure Track.

The SCC has agreed to the following shared principles:

- Prevent an increase in youth transferred to adult criminal court by:
 - Ensuring secure-track placement options are available when required by the judge
 - Ensuring sufficient specialized treatment and programming options exist at the local level to meet high-need youth and garner confidence of juvenile court judges
- Prevent "justice by geography" by:
 - Ensuring the availability of high-quality programs in different regions that are culturally responsive, trauma-informed, evidence-based, age appropriate, as close to home as possible, centered on youth and family engagement, and based on positive youth development
- Prevent net-widening by:
 - Avoiding the need to establish and staff in all 58 counties a secure treatment facility and specialized programming for youth with the highest needs

Counties participating in the SCC will pay an initial membership rate equal to 1% of their SB823 funding allocation (\$2,500 for Sutter County Probation). The specific functions of the SCC will be determined based on decisions by participating members, and are expected to include: development of standardized language and rates for counties who contract with each other for secure youth treatment beds or services; assistance with finding appropriate housing or treatment options for youth ordered by the court into a secure youth treatment facility; and other supports, as funding allows, to ensure high-quality services and programs across the state.

The targeted population has been identified as having a higher than average risk of experiencing trauma. Local data confirms the Adverse Childhood Experiences score of clients of the Sutter

County Probation Department is significantly higher than that of the general population ([Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences \(Adult Retrospective\) - Kidsdata.org](#)). The Sutter County Probation Department may employ grant funds to assist with family counseling in collaboration with Sutter-Yuba Behavioral health, which is a gap in service. Further Sutter County Probation utilizes Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health to provide therapy services to qualified youth through imbedded therapists at the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center. Youth transitioning from detention to the community may be eligible to continue receiving services through Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health Forensic Augmented program or Youth for Change. All agencies will continue to collaborate to ensure the youths' needs are being met in a trauma informed, culturally responsive manner.

The Joint Powers Agreement consisting of Sutter, Yuba, and Colusa counties, contracts with Wellpath Medical for limited medical and behavioral health services, including access to a psychiatrist for medication management within the facilities. Grant funds may be used to expand and enhance these services to accommodate the increased population.

Grant funds may also be utilized to provide training to staff in regard to evidenced-based programming and best practices involving behavioral health clients, trauma-informed care, and juvenile sex offender programming and case management.

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))

Healthy adolescent development requires a holistic approach. Grant funds may be used to provide services or programs in coordination with Public Health, First-5, and other governmental or community-based organizations who specialize in youth development.

The Joint Powers Agreement consisting of Sutter, Yuba, and Colusa counties, contracts with Wellpath Medical for limited medical and behavioral health services, including access to a psychiatrist for medication management within the facilities. Grant funds may be used to expand and enhance these services to accommodate the increased population.

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

Family engagement is an integral part of a youth's success. Oftentimes, youth are provided with services and through participating in programs such as the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center, they learn skills and abilities to manage triggers and behavior in a positive way, as well as make great progress with school, etc. However, without family engagement, a youth's chance of success greatly diminishes. The Sutter County Probation Department will continue to actively seek ways to encourage family involvement, provide necessary counseling and support services, and create a trauma-informed, culturally responsive, welcoming atmosphere where parents are comfortable in seeking services.

Sutter County Probation and Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH) partnered in the past to provide Functional Family Therapy (FFT) to the Sutter County community, including those youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System and those housed at the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC). Unfortunately, the program was dissolved in 2019 due to SYBH staff being unavailable to provide clinical supervision of the FFT program staff. This is an identified gap in service, as the FFT program was the only free program provided to the Sutter County Community for family counseling. Grant funds may be utilized to develop a new family counseling program to be provided to youth and their parents/guardians identified in the target population. It is hoped the program could eventually be expanded to provide services to all Sutter County families for prevention and intervention to thwart a youth's entry into the juvenile justice system entirely.

Sutter County Probation also provides the Parent Project, an education and support program for parents of youth with strong-willed children. The program is provided to any parent within the community, including parents from Yuba County, as well as offered to all parents of youth in the Tri-County detention facilities. The program is voluntary; however, highly recommended to parents of youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

The Tri-Counties: Yuba, Colusa, and Sutter, are in discussions on how to address gaps in service and how to expand on existing programs at both the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (TCJRF) and the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC). One identified area of need is Family Engagement, to include counseling and education. Although parents are encouraged to attend Family Support Night at the facilities and to attend Parent Project, participation is inconsistent and lacking in engagement. The Tri-Counties are working together to develop strategies to address family engagement and how to incentivize participation and engagement in parental programming, including family counseling. Grant funds may assist with providing programming, counseling, and incentivizing participation.

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))

Sutter County may use grant funds to enhance current re-entry services as youth transition from the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center or Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center. These funds may be used to bolster the Hall to Home program provided by Victor Community Support Services, contract with another community based organization, or may be used to create a more formalized program within the Sutter County Probation Department to successfully transition youth from detention back to their communities and homes.

Employment is an integral part of reducing recidivism for older youth. The Sutter County Probation Department already has a positive working relationship with Sutter County One Stop; however, grant funds may be used to expand these services to include paid work experience and/or On the Job Training. Further, the Tri-Counties JPA is collaborating with Yuba County Office of Education to expand the vocational education of Secure Track youth, especially those that have already graduated high school. The facility already offers secondary education through Yuba Community College.

Sutter County Probation recognizes that meeting the basic need of housing is critical before any other needs can be met for all youth and their families. It is imperative for youth to have a safe and stable home environment for their physical and mental wellbeing. The Sutter County Probation Department is a current and founding member of the Sutter County Displaced Youth Multi-Disciplinary Team (DYMDT). The DYMDT assists youth and families, who are experiencing homelessness obtain adequate housing through local county programs, while removing barriers to access said programs. The Sutter County Probation Department will continue to actively seek ways to place youth in appropriate housing at all stages of their probation term, including reentry.

The Sutter County Probation Department works closely with the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools and the Yuba City Unified School District to ensure youth are provided all educational services that meet their needs, including Individualized Education Plans. Grant funds may be used to reduce barriers to education which local education agencies may not be able to address with existing funds.

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))

Services provided to the youth should be vetted to ensure they are evidenced based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive. Any contracted programs provided by non-governmental organizations will be required to meet said standards. All Sutter County Probation Department employees and any contracted provider working with youth, shall be trained to be trauma-informed and culturally responsive.

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))

Sutter County may use grant funds to increase services provided by community-based organizations when available. One such organization, Victor Community Support Services (VCSS) is currently providing services to youth detained at the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility through the Hall to Home program. Youth for Change also provides therapy services to youth as referred by Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health. Both VCSS and Youth for Change organizations may be able to provide additional services to youth. Discussions with these organizations will continue, as we meet regularly to assess systems-level issues and gaps in service.

Sutter County is also developing a relationship with the HOPE Program for services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). The Human-Trafficking Outreach, Prevention, and Education (HOPE) Program provides comprehensive services to survivors of human trafficking, as well as training and outreach to increase awareness and identification of survivors. Their goal is to help survivors build lives that are free from abuse and exploitation. The HOPE Program provides comprehensive, trauma-informed services, case management, and direct assistance for survivors of both labor and sex trafficking. These services include long-term case management, housing assistance, food and clothing, immigration and legal assistance, interpretation services, physical and mental health access, education and job training, safety planning, referrals and benefits assistance. Because this program is based out of Sacramento, grant funds may be utilized to assist with transportation to access services.

Part 5: Facility Plan

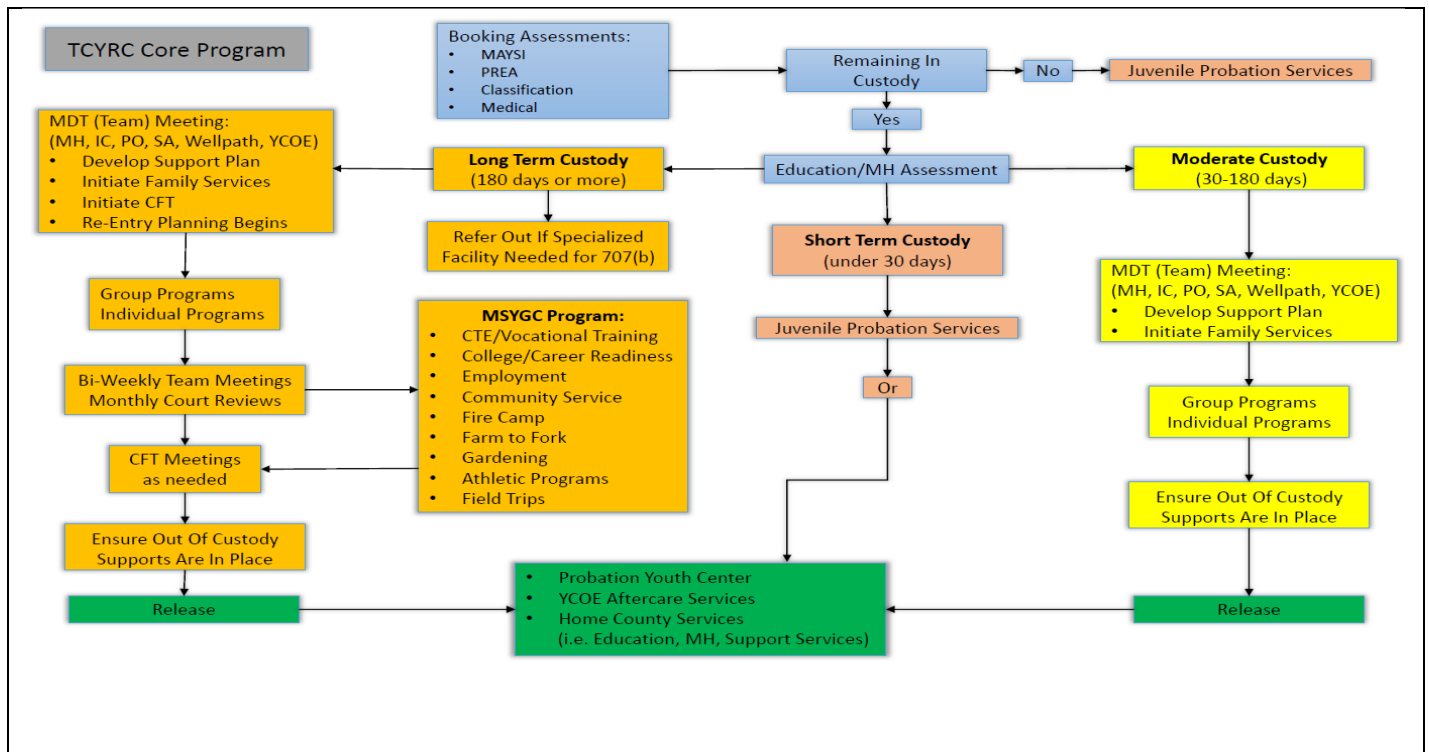
Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will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

The Secure Housing Unit (SHU) is a 12-bed facility which has not been used in many years. It was originally designed to house violent youth or youth who have been identified as needing a higher level of confinement pursuant to the classification system already in place. Built in 2001, and while currently not in operation, the SHU will be used to house Secure Track Youth. The Tri-Counties JPA has designated a portion of the infrastructure grant funds to repair the building and redesign the interior to create a more home-like environment for youth. Once a youth is deemed amenable for step-down, via the Court, the youth will then be acclimated to the TCJRF.

The Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (TCJRF) will be utilized to house or confine Secure Track youth after they have been stepped-down from the SHU. Plans are currently being made to improve and accommodate long-term commitments. On February 11, 2021, groundbreaking occurred for a new 32-bed facility, divided into two, 16-bed sections, which will be more conducive for treatment and rehabilitation. The new facility will offer improved line of sight and separation of youth of different ages, genders, and special needs. Once a youth is deemed amenable for step-down from the TCJRF, via the Court, the youth will then be acclimated to the MSYGC.

The Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC) will be utilized to house or confine Secure Track Youth after they have been stepped-down from the TCJRF. The program, which has been in existence since 2001, will continue to serve as an option for long-term commitments. Youth are generally ordered to a one-year commitment, but based on their participation in the program, can earn an earlier release. The MSYGC can currently accommodate youth ages 14 to 21, and house both male and female youth. A 48-bed, male dormitory, divided into two, 24-bed sections, and a 12-bed female dormitory are used to house the youth.

The following is a flow-chart of proposed facility services to be offered to the target population:



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))

Sutter County utilizes least restrictive placements and is conservative with utilizing adult court transfers.

Sutter County is committed to keeping youth locally and within the juvenile justice system. In developing and enhancing local programming within our detention facilities from entry to reentry, Sutter County is dedicated to retaining youth locally to improve outcomes for youth. If youth must be housed in another facility due community safety and lack of resources (707(b) WIC qualifying sex offenses), it is hoped we can contract with neighboring counties for services in order to keep youth within convenient visiting distance with their families. Additionally, grant funds will likely increase the capacity of the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center to appropriately supervise and treat an increased number and age of youth.

Part 7: Regional Effort

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

Sutter County is a member of a Joint Powers Agreement with Yuba County and Colusa County in relation to our detention facilities: Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center. The three counties are collaborating on identifying service gaps within the facilities and creating a plan to fill said gaps. The workgroup meets bi-weekly to address these issues. This regional agreement will continue, and each County's respective grant funds are likely to increase programming, services, staffing and rehabilitative measures.

Part 8: Data

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

Data will be collected and tracked via our case management system (Tyler Supervision), program-specific spread sheets, and Youth Track (the TCJRF electronic detention system), and MSYGC weekly population spread sheets.

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

Sutter County Probation currently tracks the following for programs provided to youth in the community: referral, referral status, length of time between referral and start of program, length of time in program, successful vs unsuccessful completion, how many sessions attended if program not completed. Data is used to measure engagement outcomes, return to service outcomes, as well as successful completion of program outcomes.

Discussion of outcome measures for programs in development is ongoing; however, at minimum, similar tracking as above will be utilized.