

# 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) )**

List the subcommittee members, agency affiliation where applicable, and contact information:

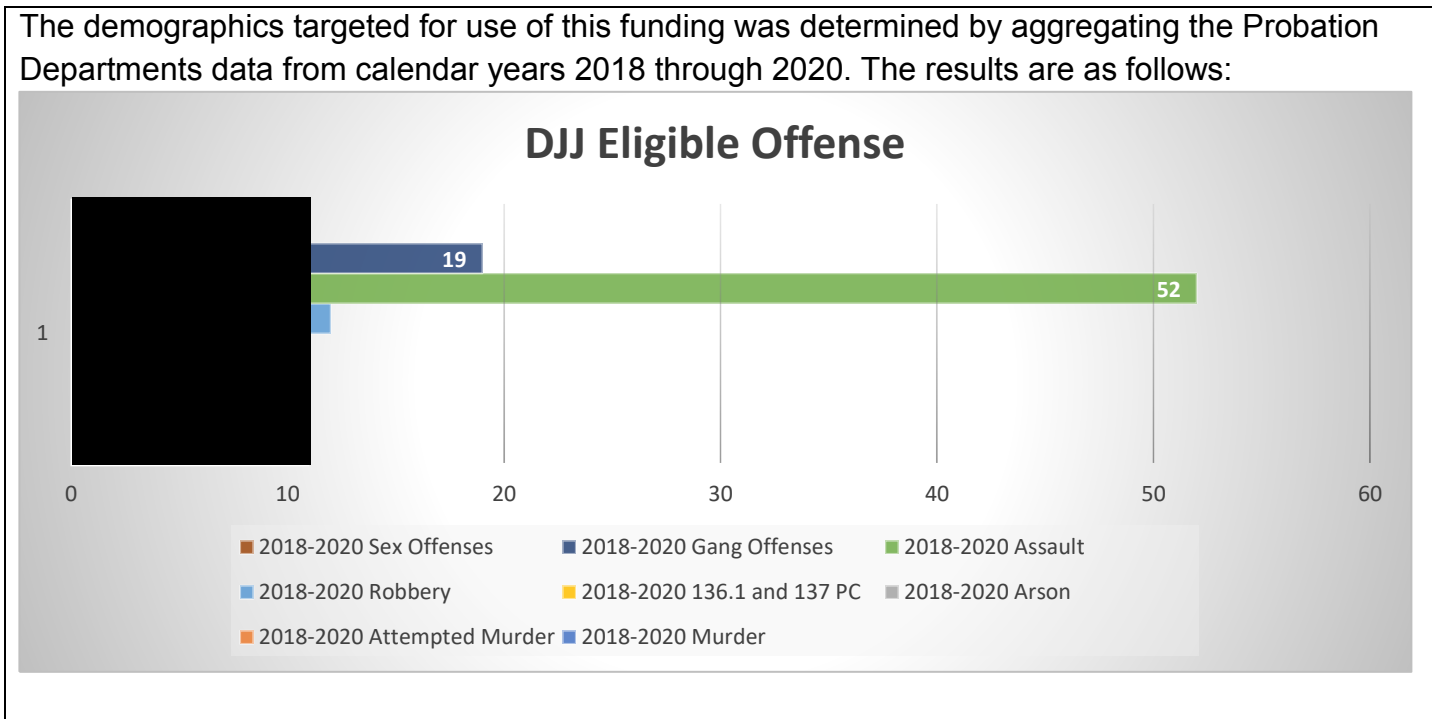
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**Part 2: Target Population (WIC 1995 (C) (1) )**

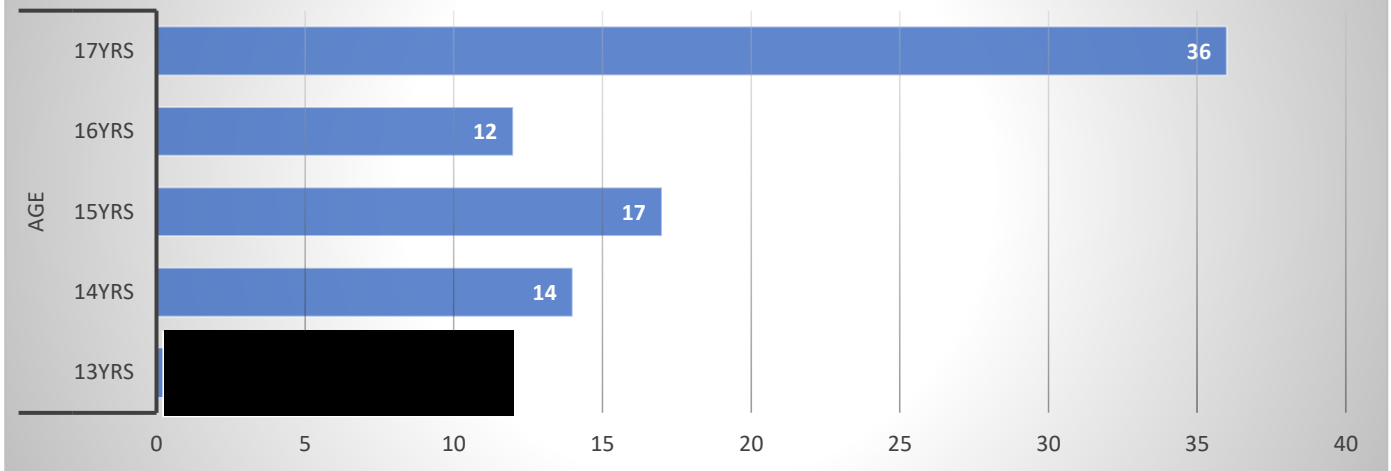
Briefly describe the County’s realignment target population supported by the block grant:

The realignment target population for the grant program is defined as youth who were eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure, and persons who are adjudicated to be a Ward of the Juvenile Court based on offenses described in subdivision (b) of Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or an offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code.

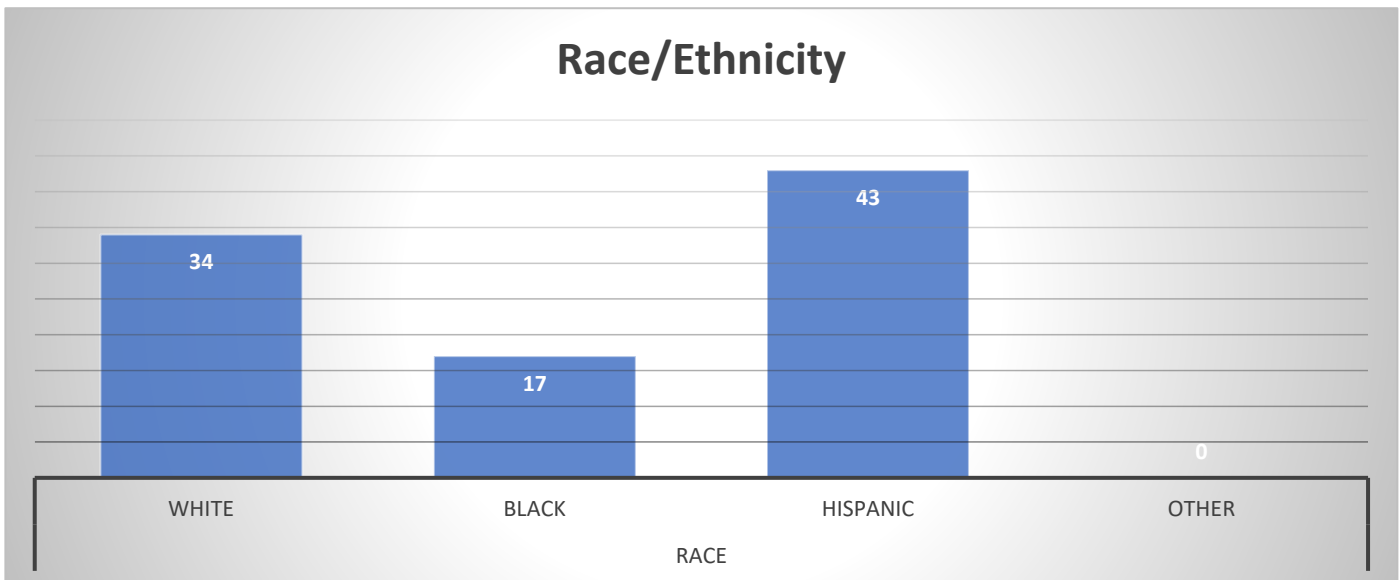
Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and offense/offense history:



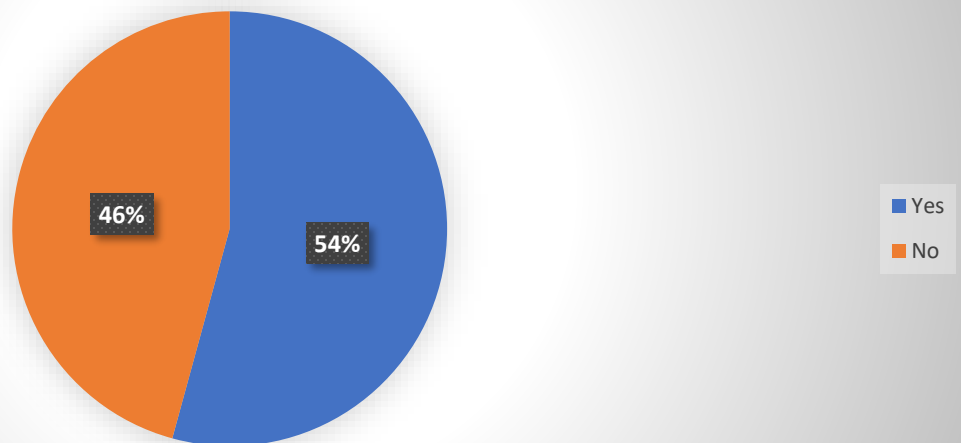
### Age at Time of Offense



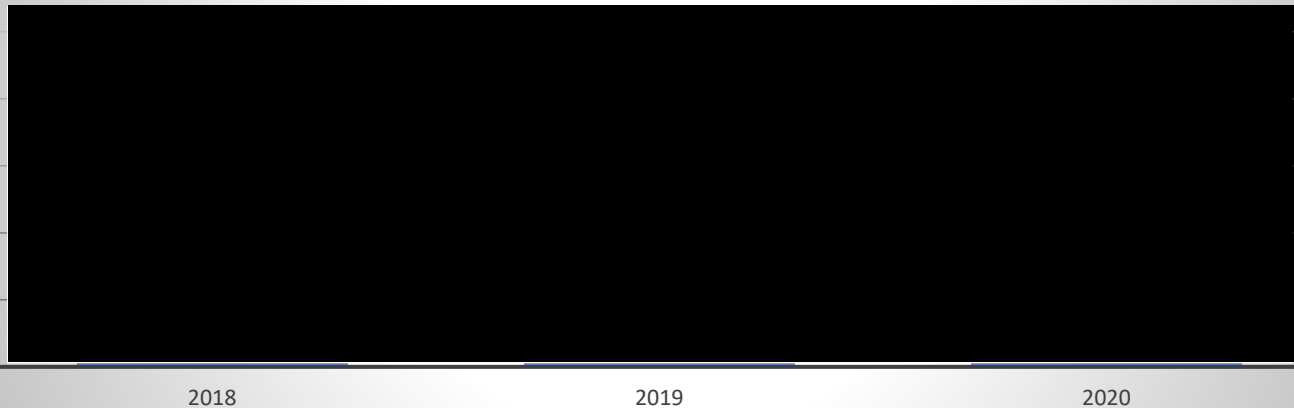
### Race/Ethnicity



### Prior Referrals



## Youth Committed to DJJ



Assaultive behavior far exceeded any other offense, accounting for nearly 55% of the total adjudications. Gang related offenses and robberies were second and third most common respectively. Additionally, youth aged 17 accounted for more than 40% of total adjudications, with youth aged 15 and 16 were second and third most common respectively. Youth who had prior referrals were slightly more likely to be adjudicated by a 54% to 46% margin.

Hispanic youth are disproportionately represented in overall adjudications for the specific offenses with 43 of the 96 total adjudications. However, no Hispanic youth were adjudicated of a sex offense. White youth (■) represented more than 80% of the youth adjudicated of a sex offense, with black youth representing the remainder (■)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] In 2020, petitions were pending against [REDACTED] youth for attempted murder, and [REDACTED] youth for murder. All of these offenses involved the use of a firearm. This is a substantial increase from prior years as Yuba County did not have an adjudication for either offense in 2018 or 2019.

Despite the 96 total adjudications, including pending petitions in 2020, for Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) eligible offenses, only ■ total youth have been committed to DJJ since 2018.

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

The Yuba County Probation Department provides a myriad of programs to youth in the community. These programs are designed to prevent involvement in the criminal justice system, as well as mitigate the effects of socio-economic hardships and cycles of poverty and violence. Programs provided include:

**Probation and School Success program (PASS)** – In 1986, Probation and the Marysville Joint Unified School District (and later the Yuba County Office of Education) created the PASS program to embed officers in schools to provide prevention, education and intervention services to youth and families. Probation Officers have been assigned to Cedar Lane Elementary, Ella Elementary, Covillaud Elementary, Yuba Feather Elementary, Foothill Intermediate School, Bear River School, Alicia Intermediate School, Yuba Gardens Intermediate School, McKenney Intermediate School (current), Lindhurst High School (current), Marysville High School (current), and Thomas E. Mathews Community School (current). PASS Officers have, and continue to do the following:

- Coach youth sports teams such as basketball, football, soccer, and track
- Establish relationships with parents and students to encourage student success
- Prevention services including education programs delivered to students
- Assist with school discipline
- Truancy abatement
- Deliver food, school supplies and other necessities to students and families
- Transport students to and from school
- Make referrals to agencies such as Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health
- The PASS program is directly related to the significant decrease in youth committing new offense and youth placed on supervision

**Prevention and Intervention Services** – PASS Officers and an Intervention Counselor provide a myriad of prevention and intervention programs to youth such as:

- Drug and Alcohol Education
- Drug and Alcohol Counseling (Individual and Group)
- Theft Awareness
- Anger Management
- Victim Awareness
- Tobacco Cessation
- Vaping Cessation
- Independent Living Skills

**Truancy** – Probation provides a full-time Truancy Officer who assists each school district within Yuba County. The officer does the following:

- Establish relationship with students and families to encourage student attendance and success
- Make referrals to agencies such as Child and Adult Protective Services (CAPS)
- Work with other agencies to ensure students are safe and are provided with the appropriate school supplies, housing, food and other basic necessities
- Serve on the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB)

- Serve SARB citations to parents at the request of schools
- Prevent SARB citations by transporting youth to school and working with parents on strategies to encourage school attendance

**Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (TCJRF) –**

The TCJRF provides detention services to youth arrested by law enforcement for criminal conduct. Youth are housed until they are released by the Deputy Probation Officer, or are seen by the Judge of the Juvenile Court within the statutory timeframe. The TCJRF provides opportunities for programming to the youth including, but not limited to:

- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Parent Support Group
- Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous (NA/AA)
- Mental Health Therapy
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- Education
- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
- Teen Bereavement
- Girl's Circle
- Faith Development
- Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention/Intervention

**Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC) -** The Yuba County Probation Department manages the MSYGC. Camp Singer provides youth programming and structure in order to address maladaptive behavior while simultaneously transitioning the youth from a custodial setting back into their respective homes and communities. Programs are based on the needs of the individual and the group. Camp staff takes a multi-disciplinary approach by involving the youth's parent/guardian, Deputy Probation Officer (DPO), Intervention Counselor, school professionals and Mental Health Therapist in order to provide programs to best address those served. Having the flexibility to modify the programming schedule allows for greater effectiveness of the programs and absorption of material by the youth.

Programs are provided by a myriad of individuals and organizations. Camp Staff, Behavioral Health, Drug and Alcohol Counselors, Intervention Counselors from Sutter County Probation Department, Community Based Organizations (CBO'S), faith-based organizations and volunteers all work together to provide programming to the youth. Programs vary in time, but range from 30 minutes to two (2) hours in length. The programs are partitioned throughout the week to improve the effectiveness of the programs by ensuring the youth have time to fully absorb the content.

The following is a list of programs currently being provided at the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center:

- Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART)
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Parent Support Group
- Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous (NA/AA)
- Mental Health Therapy
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)



- Education
- Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
- Teen Bereavement
- Garden Program
- Life Skills
- Girl's Circle
- Faith Development
- Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention/Intervention

**Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH)** – Youth meeting the necessary requirements for services, are referred to SYBH to address mental health needs. SYBH provides mental health treatment both in the community and in the custodial setting. Two therapist from SYBH are embedded at the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center.

**Youth for Change (Y4C)** – Youth for Change has been providing Specialty Mental Health Services for families who are beneficiaries of MediCal in Sutter and Yuba Counties since 2017. This is individual, family and group counseling, case management, intensive case coordination, in home behavioral support, therapeutic behavioral support and rehabilitation services. In addition, Y4C also provides Full Service Partnership, which is the highest level of care outpatient treatment available for families with a child diagnosed with serious emotional disturbance. These families receive special mental health services as well as direct care support for basic needs to help eliminate barriers to benefiting from services.

**Victor Community Support Services (VCSS)** – VCSS is a community based organization who is contracted to provide Child and Family Team meetings to youth ordered into out-of-home placement. VCSS also facilitates the Hall to Home program at the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center. The Hall to Home program assists youth and their family's transition from a custodial setting, back into the community. The Hall to Home program is funded by the Yuba County Office of Education through the Title 2 grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC).

**Out-of-Home Placement** – Youth can be referred to an out-of-home placement, if ordered by the Court, such as a Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) and a Resource Family Approval program (RFA). Youth must have a qualified medical or mental health diagnosis to qualify for an STRTP. Yuba County Probation primarily refers youth to out-of-home placement if the youth has been adjudicated of a sex offense and cannot be treated in the community.

**Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)** – As a last resort, youth have been committed to DJJ if the services provided above have failed to rehabilitate. No youth, within the last 10 years, has been sentenced to DJJ without first receiving at least some of the services listed above.

**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 Yuba County Probation Department is in active, and continuous collaboration with the following agencies:

- Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health
- Yuba County Office of Education
- Victor Community Support Services
- Youth for Change
- Public Health

A workgroup, consisting of Yuba, Sutter and Colusa County Probation Departments, is currently working 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 Yuba County. Should those programs and facilities become available, the Yuba County Probation Department will assess their suitability and may enter into future contracts or memorandums of understanding with those agencies to provide trauma-informed, culturally responsive services to Yuba 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:

The Yuba County Probation Department 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.

There is limited juvenile sex offender treatment programs within a reasonable distance to the targeted population. The lone juvenile sex offender treatment provider in the community has been inconsistent with their ability to provide services, and is currently unable to provide services in a detention setting. The Yuba County Probation Department plans to continue to utilize Short Term Residential Treatment Programs for eligible and suitable youth. Should other Counties within the State develop a suitable sex offender treatment program, the Yuba County Probation Department may enter into a contract with such Counties to provide those services to youth who are ineligible or unsuitable for a less restrictive environment.

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 Yuba County Probation Department is significantly higher than that of the general population. Adequately treating the targeted population by providing therapy, counseling and services through providers who are trauma informed and culturally responsive. The Yuba County Probation Department may use current services, such as the part-time Marriage and Family Therapist, to address these needs. Additionally, Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health provides 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, Victor Community Support Services or Youth for Change. Additionally, the Yuba County Office of Education employs a therapist to provide educational and behavioral support for qualified students. Through a decade's long collaboration, all agencies will continue to work closely together to ensure the youth's needs are being met in a trauma informed, culturally responsive manner.

The Yuba County Probation Department contracts with Wellpath Medical for limited medical and behavioral health services, including access to a psychiatrist for medication management. These services may be expanded to accommodate the increased population.

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 an all-encompassing 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 Yuba County Probation Department contracts with Wellpath Medical for limited medical and mental health services. 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) )

Proper family engagement can be an integral part of a youth's success. Oftentimes, youth are provided with services and are able to show tremendous growth while participating in programs such as the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center. However, without family engagement a youth's chance of success greatly diminishes. The Yuba County Probation Department will 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. These services may be provided by the Yuba County Probation Department, in collaboration with other governmental agencies, or provided by contract through community based organization(s).

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) )

The County may use grant funds to bolster 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 program within the Yuba 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 Yuba County Probation Department is currently working with the Yuba County Office of Education to provide job readiness skills for youth. Grant funds may be applied to expand these services, or work with potential employers, guilds or unions to provide an employment pathway for youth.

Housing is a basic need for all youth and their families. As such, it is necessary for youth to have a safe and stable home environment for their physical and mental wellbeing. The Yuba County Probation Department is a current participant in the Yuba County Displaced Youth Multi-Disciplinary Team (DYMDT). The DYMDT assists youth and families, who are experiencing homelessness, obtain adequate housing. The Yuba County Probation Department will actively seek ways to place youth in appropriate housing prior to incarceration, and, as any post-incarceration release plan.

The Yuba County Probation Department works closely with the Yuba County Office of Education and Marysville Joint Unified School District to ensure youth are provided with all services legally required, including Individual Education Plans. A decade's long collaboration with these agencies allows for a trauma-informed, culturally responsive approach to each youth. Grant funds may be used to reduce barriers to education which local education agencies may not able to provide 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 should meet those standards. All Yuba County Probation Department employees and any contracted provider working with the youth, should 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))

The County may use grant funds to increase services provided by community based organizations. 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. Further discussions with these organizations will occur in the future as needs become more evident.

## Part 5: Facility Plan

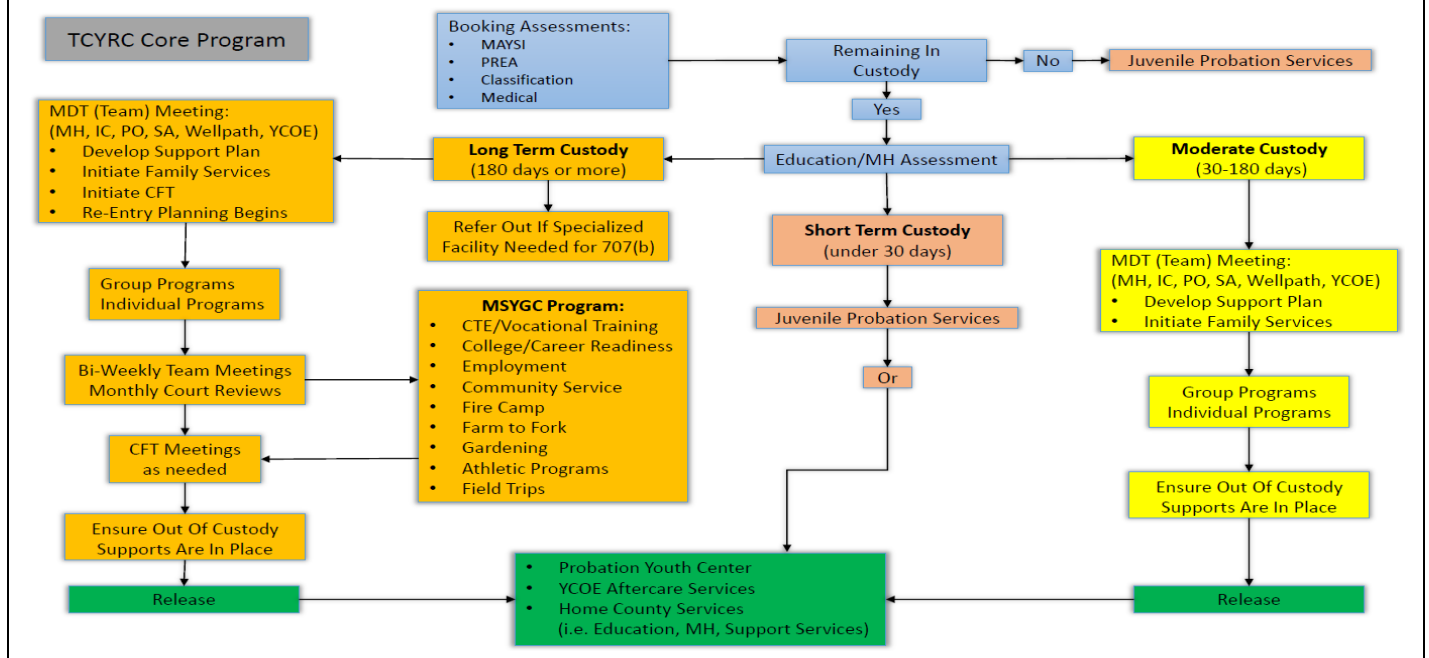
Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will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

The Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (TCJRF) will be utilized to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need. 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 to treatment and rehabilitation. The new facility will offer better line of sight and separation of youth of different ages, genders and special needs.

The Secure Housing Unit (SHU) is a 12-bed facility designed to house violent youth or youth who have been identified as needed a higher level of confinement pursuant to the classification system already in place. Built in 2011, and while currently not in operation, the SHU may be used in accordance with future institutional plans as programming and processes are created and implemented.

The Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (MSYGC) will be utilized to house or confine the target population. 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) )

Retaining the target population under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court is a goal of the grant funds. Bolstering current programming and rehabilitative options, as well as pursuing additional services through non-governmental agencies, will allow the Yuba County Probation Department to recommend retention in Juvenile Court at a Transfer Hearing. With increased services, it is the hope that youth will be more likely to stay in the Juvenile Court system. 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) )

Yuba, Sutter and Colusa Counties have an already established Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to operate the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center. The Yuba County Probation Department manages the facilities under the JPA. This regional agreement will continue and each Counties 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) )

The Yuba County Probation Department currently uses Tyler Supervision case management system. The system was implemented in July 2019. All pertinent information will be entered into the system including, but not limited to, age, gender, race/ethnicity, adjudications, criminal referrals, program participation and detention services.

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

Outcome measures will be developed as data collection becomes more prevalent and as needed to determine specific program effectiveness. Prior to the implementation of specific programs, treatment modalities, or services, outcome measures will be established to determine rate of effectiveness and whether modifications, new programs, or continued implementation will occur.