

# 2023 Juvenile Justice Reentry Block Grant Plan County Plan Summary Memorandum

The 2023 Juvenile Justice Reentry Block Grant (JJRBG) county plan submissions marked the second year of the JJRBG reporting requirements. According to Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(e) as operative in 2023, counties were required to convene their subcommittee every third year to consider the plan and could submit the most recent plan regardless of changes.<sup>1</sup> Some counties elected to convene their subcommittee and revise the plan, but many others did not, as permitted by the statute.

Out of the 58 counties, 53 submitted their plans by the deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, with three counties submitting by May 5<sup>th</sup> without extensions and two counties submitting by May 30<sup>th</sup> with an extension. Six OYCR team members reviewed each county's plan, with subject matter specialists reviewing the relevant portions of the plan, to confirm that the plan included all the required elements. Among the submitted plans, some counties were asked to make revisions. Furthermore, OYCR conducted meetings with two counties regarding the 2023 plan submission process to assist with completing and submitting their plans. Targeted and open invitations for technical assistance regarding the 2023 plan submission process were also extended. OYCR accepted all county plans.

Of the 58 county plans, 20 were resubmissions, while 38 had some form of update. County plans were considered updated if they included any new information, such as more recent data regarding the target population, revised program information, changes to the subcommittee, or the inclusion of last year's revision or addendum into the main body of the county plan.

Going forward, counties will update their plans annually, and the committee that develops the plans must meet no less frequently than twice per year to consider, review, and approve the plan. Counties must report progress made on actions established in the previous year's JJRBG county plan. The 2024 submission of county plans which are due May 1, 2024, will provide current data and program offerings, along with progress made on the prior year's plan, and will therefore result in a timely, current understanding of how SB 823 is developing. A 2024 comprehensive county plan summary report that refers to specifics of prior years' plans as appropriate and significant will be forthcoming in the fall of 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> As of January 1, 2024, the subcommittee must "convene no less frequently than twice per year to consider the plan and shall update the plan annually." (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(e), as amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 528, Sec. 4. (AB 505) effective January 1, 2024.)