

# 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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**\* Trinity County does not have a department of mental health; however, does have a Behavioral Health Department.**

**\*\* Trinity County Probation Department posted a request for community members to participate on the subcommittee pursuant to Section 1995 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. This request was posted on the Probation Department website and published as public notices in the two main media publication for the County. There was only one response. Given a lack of available participants, a school district employee was voted in by the Juvenile Justice Coordinated Council to serve dual role on the subcommittee. Probation avoided a county employee serving a dual role in an effort to maintain the integrity of the intent of the legislation.**



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

Many lower level interventions provided by the Probation Department are available to youth prior to a long-term commitment of this nature becoming necessary. However, at times the serious nature of the adjudicated offense(s) and consideration for public safety will outweigh the opportunity for youth to engage in lower-level options.

Under SB 823 and SB 92, there is a presumption that youth should remain in the Juvenile Justice System.

The changes brought to the Juvenile Justice System as a result of SB 823 further address the need to have a plan in place to support youth who can be safely maintained in the Juvenile Justice System, and housed detained, under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. It is the intent of the legislation for counties to reduce the number of youth transferred into the Adult Criminal Justice System and to ensure dispositions are to the least restrictive appropriate environment. Youth will be evaluated on a case by case basis and, while the presumption will remain that a youth remain in the Juvenile Justice System, consideration will be given to factors such as public safety, the degree of criminal sophistication, and the success of previous attempts to rehabilitate the youth when determining whether the youth should remain in the delinquency system or a motion to transfer the case to the adult system should be considered.

At this time, long-term commitment services are being developed by other counties. This will include secure facilities, camps, step-down or re-entry settings and evolving settings to provide the appropriate treatment and increase the success of the youth.

Available programs will be described here in future plans as they become available.

### **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:

As part of the 2020 Budget Act, the state realigned to counties the responsibility for the care and treatment of youth who otherwise would have been adjudicated by a judge to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

Pursuant to Senate Bill 823, as of July 1, 2021, the state closed intake to DJJ for all youth except a small subset who might otherwise be transferred to adult criminal court. In recognition of the fact that not every county can develop a secure track treatment option to address the complex needs for each youth that is ordered by the court into a secure youth treatment facility, a collaborative consortium is being established to assist counties in filling gaps that cannot otherwise be addressed in the short-term.

The purpose of a statewide collaborative consortium is to ensure that there is a high-quality secure youth treatment program available for any youth in the state who, absent SB 823, would have been committed to DJJ.

Trinity County is contributing one percent (1%) of the SB 823 state allocation award for fiscal year 2021/2022 to fund the consortium to support the development of infrastructure within the state to ensure available appropriate resources for the target population. These funds will be used to support the work of the consortium and will initially be held in a restricted fund in Chief Probation Officers of California Foundation.

The specific functions of the consortium will be determined based on decisions by participating members, but are expected to include: the 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.

Participating counties will determine the extent to which a longer-term collaborative consortium function is needed and the level of annual membership dues.

High quality services and programs may include secure facilities, camps , step-down or re-entry settings and other evolving settings to provide the appropriate treatment to increase the success of the youth. Trinity County will assess the needs of the youth and the available commitment services to determine what type of resource is available to best meet the needs of the youth.

## Trinity County Resources:

### Current Programs and Services

Trinity County Probation Department (TCPD) provides an array of juvenile services including, but not limited to, prevention, intervention and informal services, investigation, intake, assessment, diversion and diversion programming, case planning, supervision, advocacy, placement, and contracts for custody/residential correctional treatment. Probation also has an assigned intervention officer who assists the schools by providing supervision and support to sporting events, Sober Grad., school dances, and other functions.

Trinity County Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AODS) provides Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Trinity Choices youth substance abuse education, intervention programming, Club Live (elementary schools) and Friday Night Live (high schools) programs to the youth in Trinity County. AODS is also a partner to Probation in facilitating the Forward Thinking Series.

Trinity County Behavioral Health (TCBHS) funds and maintains the Systems of Care Team and Parent Partners program. They also provide mental health case management to probation youth in need of that level of care, and provides crisis response to youth.

Human Response Network (HRN), the primary community-based organization (CBO) and non-profit service provider in Trinity County, offers a variety of programs to youth and their families. Services include the following: Housing Assistance for youth and families that are homeless or at-risk of being homeless; In-Home Parenting Education Program, including programs that involve youth and their parents together; Transportation Assistance program to help families with fuel to go to their medical and social service appointments; Youth Leadership and Violence Prevention Programs; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivor advocacy and support; Welcome Baby Program for anyone caring for an infant, including youth parents; School Shoes for enrolled students; Child Care assistance for families with children 12 and under; and referrals to other services in the county.

Trinity County Office of Education (TCOE) provides Love and Logic parenting classes to parents of probation youth. TCOE's RISE Academy provides a one-of-a-kind, trauma sensitive, alternative school serving at-risk students who need a second chance to succeed. The Academy is committed to serving a population of students who have struggled in the traditional school setting and specializes in serving students affected by School Attendance Review Board (SARB), expulsion, probation, homeless, foster youth, and any student that needs extra support and love to be successful. Another program provided by TCOE is the Pathways to Success program. Pathways is a collaboration with Modoc County Office of Education, the California Heritage Youth Build Academy (CHYBA), and Trinity County Behavioral Health. The program provides Wellness Liaisons who will support students at each school site, interfacing with families of students confronting mental health challenges to advance the health and well-being of each student through targeted prevention, intervention and triage school-based mental health and wellness supports. TCOE also utilized Peer Court. Peer Court is an alternative approach to the traditional

juvenile justice system where youth charged with an offense have the option to waive the hearing and sentencing procedures of juvenile court and agree to a sentencing forum with a jury of the youth's peers. Peer court is under the supervision of a judge and also includes youth defendants and volunteers who play a variety of roles in the judicial process, such as district attorney, public defender, bailiff or juror. Peer Court is youth-focused and youth-driven. The Peer court model provides youth the opportunity to acquire practical experience in the juvenile justice system.

Trinity Together, Cradle to Career Partnership (TTCP) explores what students need in order to be ready for higher education or the local job market. This program utilizes business people and organizations throughout the county. In addition to the identified need of providing youth with needed technical job skills, certain soft skills (showing up on time, not using your phone at work, dressing appropriately, looking people in the eye, making introductions, being courteous, etc.) were also deemed to be just as important links to employment as are resumes, filling out job applications, and interviewing. The ultimate goal is to develop a program that can build pathways for students so that they might go from school to internships, to job experiences, and finally to employment in careers within Trinity County.

Trinity County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) maintains contact and communication with the Trinity County Probation Department. They partner with various county agencies when the opportunity and funding allows. The Sheriff's Office participates in juvenile justice stakeholder meetings. The Sheriff's Office also has an assigned juvenile officer who assists the schools providing supervision and support to sporting events, Sober Grad., school dances, and other functions.

California Highway Patrol (CHP) offers the Smart Start program and helps support the Sober Grad programs in the county. The California Highway Patrol has partnered with and is committed to being of service to the youth of Trinity County.

Trinity County District Attorney's Office (TCDA) maintains contact and communication with the Trinity County Probation Department. They participate in the stakeholder meetings and are active in helping address the various needs of the youth of Trinity County.

Trinity County Health & Human Services (HHS) oversees the county's Resource Family Approval (RFA) program and partners with the Trinity County Probation Department to assess, approve and to support the care-providers of youth when they are ready to transition into lower-level, family and/or community-based homes.

Under the CalWORKs (Temporary Aid to Needy Families – TANF) provisions, youth ages 16 – 18 who are in receipt of CalWORKs are permitted to participate in the Welfare-To-Work component of CalWORKs. Participation activities are either vocational education related or employment related. Examples of approved activities can include but, are not limited to; job readiness, on-the-job training (subsidized employment), work-experience, assessment(s), referrals for behavioral health / substance use treatment services, vocational education (certification programs) and any other activity that may resolve a barrier toward employment. As such, these youth are entitled to all the necessary and



available ancillary and supportive services that are also offered to adult participants. These items can include, but are not limited to; costs for transportation, vocational education / work supplies, payment/reimbursement for licenses or certifications, tools and clothing for work, etc.

HHS collaborates with the various county agencies described herein in stakeholders' groups concerning youth-based programming to better support the needs of youth and families.

CSEC: Trinity County Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Services (CWS), Trinity County Probation Department (Probation), and California Superior Court, County of Trinity-Juvenile Court (Court) participate in the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program and have developed the CSEC Interagency Protocol as described in Section 16524.7 of California Welfare and Institutions Code.

Trinity County Child Welfare Services and Trinity County Probation implemented policies and procedures, pursuant to Section 16501.35 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, that require social workers and probation officers to identify, document and determine appropriate services for children who are, or are at risk of becoming, victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and receive relevant training in order to be able to do so.

**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 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant funds are used to actively participate in the consortium as previously described. Funds may also be used to support more local services in contract counties to have the ability to keep Trinity County target population youth detained in custody closer to their family or other pro-social supports while receiving treatment or as an option in re-entry planning. The funds will be allocated if there is a need for support and care of a target population youth needing long term commitment services, including specialized treatment services to address mental health, sex offender treatment and related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population. The reserve funds will accumulate until there is a commitment need. This will financially prepare the county to be able to pay for the commitment of a target youth.

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) )

The Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant funds are used to actively participate in the consortium as previously described. Funds may also be used to support more local services in contract counties to have the ability to keep Trinity County target population youth detained in custody closer to their family or other pro-social supports while receiving treatment or as an option in re-entry planning. The funds will be allocated if there is a need for support and care of a target population youth needing long term commitment services, including specialized treatment services and support programs and services that promote healthy adolescent development utilizing evidence based practices and best practices. The reserve funds will accumulate until there is a commitment need. This will financially prepare the county to be able to pay for the commitment of a target youth.

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

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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 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant funds are used to actively participate in the consortium as previously described. Funds may also be used to support more local services to have the ability to keep Trinity County target population youth detained in custody closer to their family or other pro-social supports while receiving treatment or as an option in re-entry planning. The funds will be allocated if there is a need for support and care of a target population youth needing long term commitment services, including specialized treatment services. The reserve funds will accumulate until there is a commitment need. This will financially prepare the county to be able to pay for the commitment of a target youth.

The probation officer assigned to the target population youth will directly coordinate all details of youth being released from commitments to address both custody and community needs upon release, coordinate services with all partnering agencies, oversee pre-release meetings, facilitate connections with outside entities for social support benefits that the youth may be eligible for (ie: MediCal, Social Security), identification needs, employment services and/or trainings or other continuing education needs. The probation officer will maintain communication with the youth to build rapport with youth and determine any special interest or skills to be further encouraged through community referrals.

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) )

The Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant funds are used to actively participate in the consortium as previously described. Funds may also be used to support more local services to have the ability to keep Trinity County target population youth detained in custody closer to their family or other pro-social supports while receiving treatment or as an option in re-entry planning. The funds will be allocated if there is a need for support and care of a target population youth needing long term commitment services, including specialized treatment services. All programs considered for the target youth will be reviewed to ensure they are evidence based and/or promising practices based. The programs should be trauma informed as well as culturally responsive. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is requiring these specific elements of all programs being developed to accept the target population. The reserve funds will accumulate until there is a commitment need. This will financially prepare the county to be able to pay for the commitment of a target youth.

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))

None at this time.

## 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) )

Trinity County is currently contracted with Butte, Shasta and Tehama Counties for use of their juvenile detention facilities for youth who require rehabilitative services and programs in a secure environment and while going through the juvenile court system. If a youth is adjudicated within the target population described by this plan, it may be necessary to contract with another county providing specialized long-term commitment services outside of the current contracts.

Trinity County has joined the statewide collaborative consortium to ensure that there is a high-quality secure youth treatment program available for any youth in the state who, absent SB 823, would have been committed to DJJ.

High quality services and programs may include secure facilities, camps, step-down or re-entry settings and other evolving settings to provide the appropriate treatment to increase the success of the youth. Trinity County will assess the needs of the youth and the available commitment services to determine what type of resource is available to best meet the needs of the youth.

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is requiring information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. These specific elements of all programs being developed to accept the target population.

Tehama County has specifically invited Trinity County, along with additional counties that contract with them for detention, to utilize its facility and program it is developing in response to SB 823. Trinity County intends to utilize Tehama County Juvenile Detention Facility to house youth in order to have a consistent network for Trinity youth and to keep the target youth closer to family and pro-social supports. The following information is from Tehama County's plan describing the facility.

### **Facility**

Trinity County intends to utilize Tehama County Juvenile Detention Facility to house youth. The detention facility is a secure residential institution with an operational capacity of 42 beds. The facility plant is divided into three pods with 14 individual single occupancy rooms with a dayroom for structured activities and classroom in each pod. One pod will be designated for this realignment population. The facility also includes an intake unit with 4 additional single room cells with negative air flow to be used for any communicable disease isolation, an additional room which is used for mental health counseling, and a family visitation area. The physical plant includes a full kitchen, an elevated control tower with window views into all 3 pods and intake, and a fenced in recreation area.

### **Facility Upgrade Considerations**

Current facility upgrades include the construction of a 400 square foot building with restroom that will accommodate instructor with skills for landscaping, gardening, and wood working/welding.

We are still assessing options for providing additional space needed for increased programming needs etc. and are considering aesthetically redesigning one of the Juvenile Detention Facility pods to create a more appealing (non-institutional) environment.

### **Staffing**

Youth will be housed in a safe environment in cooperation with Juvenile Detention Staff and partnering agencies.

- Juvenile Corrections Officer (JCO): Will always be on-site 24 hours a day for supervision of youth detained in the facility. There will always be an adequate number of personnel sufficient to carry out program activities, provide for safety and security of youth and staff, meet established standards and regulations, and ensure that no required services shall be denied due to insufficient numbers of staff on duty (absent exigent circumstances). The shift coverage for the units will be arranged to meet or exceed Title 15 Standards for juvenile detention facilities. JCO supervision encompasses all daily activities youth participate in including, unit programming, meals, physical education, school, room and unit clean-up, medical transports, vocational training, off-site visits, court appointments, visits, structured activities, and all other programs.
- Behavioral Health Staffing: Staff will be on-site everyday and on-call 24 hours a day in case of an emergency response as needed, or a mental health crisis takes place. Youth can request behavioral health services at anytime by either verbal or confidential written request.
- Medical Staffing: Staff will be on-site every Monday/Wednesday/Friday to conduct initial medical evaluation on all newly booked youth. In-custody youth can verbally inform staff of any medical needs and staff can initial protocols or refer the youth to medical staff for evaluation as well. Emergency and after-hours services are provided by St Elizabeth's Community Hospital. Youth also have access to dental and vision services located off-site as well.

### **Additional Safety Measures and Protections:**

- Prison Rape Elimination Act – Youth will have access to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) hotline. The Juvenile Detention Facility has a policy in place to investigate all sexually based accusations or complaints as serious, truthful, and time sensitive. PREA



Investigators include supervisory staff or the Deputy Chief Probation Officer. At any time during an investigation, outside law enforcement agencies may be called to conduct a criminal investigation. Victim's Advocates will be available should they need to be utilized in any case. All information is considered confidential.

- Transgender Youth – Policies are in place to protect transgender and intersex youth. Upon initial entry to the Tehama County Juvenile Detention Facility youth who are identified as transgender participate with staff in determining housing, clothing, and supervision based on their gender identification.
- Special Education – In cooperation with the Tehama County Department of Education youth will have access to continued education and services. Individual Education Plans (IEP) and Education Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are available for those youth who qualify. The school will also work in cooperation with behavioral health providers, medical staff, and Probation to individualize each youth's program to meet their specific needs.
- Suicide Prevention – The Juvenile Detention Facility is committed to deterring and preventing self-harm and suicide within its facility. Policies are in place for supervision of youth identified as high-risk for this behavior. Each youth completes a Suicide Risk Assessment questionnaire upon entry into the facility. This risk assessment tool is utilized in determining the youth history, current state of mind, and potential for self-harm or suicidal ideation. Youth deemed to be an immediate risk are immediately assessed by Behavioral Health to determine program needs and supervisory objectives. Youth may be placed on Suicide Watch depending on their needs. Programs can be changed at any time during their stay with Behavioral Health's input and approval.
- Youth Grievances – Youth will be able to file a grievance at any time. Each youth will have access to grievances during their program. A confidential grievance box is made available in each pod, or youth may give them directly to supervisory staff. Grievances are taken seriously, handled in a timely manner. All are reviewed by facility administration.

### **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) )

Trinity County has had [REDACTED] youth tried as an adult in the past eleven years, and has had [REDACTED] juvenile offender placed in DJJ during that same time period. The closing of DJJ will have very little impact on the department's ability to maintain this practice.

### **Part 7: Regional Effort**

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

Trinity County has joined the statewide collaborative consortium to ensure that there is a high-quality secure youth treatment program available for any youth in the state who, absent SB 823, would have been committed to DJJ.

High quality services and programs may include secure facilities, camps, step-down or re-entry settings and other evolving settings to provide the appropriate treatment and increase the success of the youth. Funds may also be used to support more local services to have the ability to keep Trinity County target population youth detained in custody closer to their family or other pro-social supports while receiving treatment or as an option in re-entry planning.

**Part 8: Data**

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

The Probation Department utilizes an electronic case management system that is able to collect and retain all data as required by the block grant.

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

Probation tracks the valuation of Risk Factors and Protective Factors calculated by the assessment. Youth are re-assessed, at a minimum, of every 6 months and the expectation is that Risk Factors will decrease and Protective Factors will increase as programs and interventions are used.