



**Alpine County  
Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant  
Annual Plan**

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**Executive Summary**

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 (DJJ) prior to its closure.

- **Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) (WIC) 1990-1995 establish 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.**

**Part 1: Subcommittee Composition (WIC 1995 (B)and (C))**

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**Describe the process used to determine whether to select a co-chair for your subcommittee (WIC 1995(b)):**

A co-chair position is part of our bylaws. The position is called vice-chair in the bylaws.

**Provide the dates of the last two meetings that the subcommittee convened to discuss your county's JJRBG plan.**

- \* Meeting Date 10/27/2021
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Date 06/07/2023

**Date the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote.**

- Meeting Date: 04/10/2024

**Describe how the plan was developed, including the review and participation of the subcommittee community members as defined in (WIC 1995(b)):**

The original plan was written by Probation. It has been brought before the subcommittee and discussed, any changes are added, and the plan is resubmitted to the subcommittee for a vote.

## **Part 2: Target Population (WIC 1995 (D) (1))**

Part 2 of this plan addresses the following statutory requirements:

- Describe the County's realignment target population supported by the block grant.
- Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated number of youths served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and offense/offices history.
- Any additional relevant information identifying target population, including programs, placements and /or facilities to which they have been referred.

### **Realignment Target Population**

Alpine County is the least populated county in the state of California with less than 1200 residents. The federal government owns about 96% of the 743 square miles spanning three national forests. County economics largely focus on seasonal tourism in the form of ski areas, hospitality, state parks, fishing, and hunting. The largest employer is the county itself.

The Alpine County Unified School District is composed of three schools: Diamond Valley Elementary, Bear Valley Elementary, and the Opportunity School. The elementary schools educate students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There are a total of 62 youth attending elementary schools, and added at the end of last year, the Opportunity School with 5 attending. Also in Alpine County is the Early Learning Center, which is a state-run preschool for children from ages six months to five years, which provides a safe educational and social environment with 18 attending. There is also the Woodfords Education Center in the Hung-A-Lel-Ti, a Native American community center, which functions as an after-school program where children are assisted with homework and tutoring.

The County provides students the option of attending high school in either South Tahoe High School in El Dorado County, California, Douglas High School in Douglas County, Nevada, or Bret Harte High School in Calaveras County. Most of the counties high school students graduate high school in Nevada. There are currently 27 students from Alpine County attending high school. There are also several students homeschooled.

There are currently two group homes in the county which have been the largest contributors to juvenile crime. The group homes are run through an out-of-state based program called Rite of Passage. The group homes contain juveniles who have been delinquent in other California Counties, there are no juveniles from Alpine County. There are frequent issues at the group homes including runaways, fights, and stolen property.

The existing County services are motivated to bridge cultural boundaries including Native American and Non-Native American participants in community involvement. Mental Health and Social Services work to address needs with culturally appropriate programs.

Alpine County does not have a jail or juvenile hall. Alpine County maintains a contract with the Juvenile Treatment Center and the El Dorado County Jail. Alpine County does transport juvenile

offenders to the El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center when it is determined custody is the only option. The El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center is 45 minutes away.

### **Target Population, Youth Served, Including Disaggregated by Factors**

Alpine County has a minimal amount of juvenile crime because there are a minimal number of juveniles living in the county. The County has never sent a Juvenile to the DJJ. The County anticipates the number of youths that would be served to be small, 0 to 1.

### **Additional Information**

Information relevant to the identified target is not available because there have been no juveniles in the county identified in recent years.

### **Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (D)(2))**

**Part 3 of this plan addresses the following statutory requirements:**

- **Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, service provides, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population (WIC 1995 (D)(2) and (d)(8))**

### **Facilities**

Alpine County does not have a juvenile detention center. Alpine County maintains a contract with the El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center. Alpine County transports juveniles to the County of El Dorado for detention and treatment.

At this time, it is difficult to predict the future implications of this legislation in Alpine County; however, Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) have been applied for some time. In addition, the natural geographical limitations of the county as well as its small population tend to reduce the delinquency elements. There could be significant impacts to the county as the additional target population is supervised locally, increasing the need for a back-up officer during home visitations, searching residences for evidence of violation, evidence collection, documentation and storage, apprehension, transportation, assisting with drug testing, assisting with monitoring, assisting with house arrests conditions and many other duties necessary in carrying out the state of California's realignment transfer of the target population.

Local programs for prevention and early intervention include Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, honoring past & present through traditional knowledge, social emotional learning groups for youth outreach, play groups, bike fix-it & bike-to-school, community trips, family night, movie night & archery tag, Transitional Age Youth (TAY) outreach, and suicide prevention through our local governmental Behavioral Health Services, and Mental Health Services.

El Dorado County Probation Department's Juvenile Treatment Center's programs and services include; **Individual Interventions**, Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive, Gender Specific, Specific Responsivity, and Sequenced; **Individualized Programming**, Chances, Choices, Changes, and Challenge; **Behavioral Modification**, Full Status, Job Status, Honor Status, and Phases; **Integrated Treatment**, Assessment, Medical Services, Educational Services, Religious Services,

Legal Services, Treatment Planning, and Transition Planning. Within the treatment categories there are fifty-one targeted interventions.

#### **Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Funds (WIC 1995(D)(3))**

Part 4 of this plan addresses the following requirements:

- 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 (WIC 1995(d)(3)(A) and (d)(8))
- 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(d)(3) ( ) and (d)(8))
- Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population (WIC 1995 (d)(3)(C) and (d)(8))
- 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 (d)(3) (D) and (d)(8))
- 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 (D)(3)(E) and (d)(8))
- Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services of programs for the target population that are provided by the nongovernmental or community-based providers (WIC 1995(d)(3)(F) and (d)(8))

#### **Healthy Development**

Alpine County will use the county governmental agencies such as Behavioral Health Services as well as Health and Human Services as much as possible to address the needs of the targeted population. When there is a need for other services all agencies will work together to find inpatient or outpatient treatment for the client. The JJRBG funds will be used for the treatment needed to address the youth's needs.

The remainder of the funds will be held and retained for future rehabilitative needs. Should a minor need specialized custody, care, placement, housing and/ or supervision, these funds would be accessed for those purposes. Housing a formerly DJJ eligible youth in a, yet to be established, regional facility may be a significantly higher cost to the county.

#### **Programs and Services**

Local programs for prevention and early intervention include Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, honoring past & present through traditional knowledge, social emotional learning groups for youth outreach, play groups, bike fix-it & bike-to-school, community trips, family night, movie night & archery tag, TAY outreach, and suicide prevention through our local governmental Behavioral Health Services, and Mental Health Services.

When there is a need for other services, all agencies will work together to find inpatient or outpatient treatment for the youth. The JJRBG funds will be used for treatment to address the youth's needs.

### **Family Engagement**

The funds will be held and retained for future rehabilitative needs. Should that need arise the community partners will address the individual need for family engagement and take appropriate action. Appropriate programs will be found and made available. Grant funds will be used to ensure family engagement and family maintenance.

### **Reentry**

Alpine County transports juvenile offenders to the El Dorado County's JTC for detention. The funds will be used to pay for the youth's time and treatment in the JTC.

El Dorado County Probation Department's Juvenile Treatment Center's programs and services include; **Individual Interventions**, Evidence Based Practice, Trauma-Informed, Culturally Responsive, Gender Specific, Specific Responsivity, and Sequenced; **Individualized Programming**, Chances, Choices, Changes, and Challenge; **Behavioral Modification**, Full Status, Job Status, Honor Status, and Phases; **Integrated Treatment**, Assessment, Medical Services, Educational Services, Religious Services, Legal Services, Mental Health Services, Treatment Planning, and Transition Planning.

Within the treatment categories there are fifty-one **Targeted Interventions**.

As part of **Targeted Interventions**, the curriculum includes Matrix Model for Teens & young Adults, Forward Thinking's Responsible Behavior, Nutrition Education and Skill Development, Connections Youth Employment Program, Soft Skills Vocational Development, Juvenile Detainee Voting Registration Program, Forward Thinking 's Re-entry Planning, Forward Thinking's Relationship and Communication, and Community Re-entry Temporary Releases.

### **Evidence-Based Practices (EBP)**

Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) have been applied for some time. The existing county services are motivated to bridge cultural boundaries including Native American and Non-Native American participants in community involvement. Mental Health and Social Services work to address needs with culturally appropriate programs.

In a community with diverse cultures and needs such as Alpine County it is important that all existing services work closely with each other to ensure needs and community safety is achieved.

### **Non-governmental or Community-Based Providers**

Alpine County, being the smallest county in the state, with a population of 1129, has limited resources locally. The only non-profits in the area after COVID 19 are Live Violence Free and Suicide Prevention Services. Live Violence Free (LVF) does engage with the youth in the county by providing individualized counseling to families and juveniles. All other treatment, services, and programs are through government providers. If there is a need to send a juvenile to specialized treatment the community partners work together to secure transport and treatment for the juvenile. While it is hard to predict future needs for this funding, the grant funding will be used for services and programs both locally and outside the county, as needed.

**Part 5: Facility Plan (WIC 1995 (D)(4))**

- **County plans to use funds to detain the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment needs 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 (d)(8))**

**Part 5: Facility Plan**

- **Describe in detail each facility that the county plans use to house or confine that target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment needs.**

The Alpine County Behavioral Health Services Department's alcohol, drug and mental health programs have expertise in providing assessments, treatment matching, case management and outpatient treatment services. There are counselors to provide these services to the locally supervised target population.

The Juvenile Treatment Center in South Lake Tahoe offers individualized programs, behavior modification, and individualized interventions.

**Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System (WIC 1995(D)(5))**

**Part 6 of this plan addresses the following statutory requirements:**

- **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(d)(8))**

Alpine County Probation continues to work with justice partners to ensure youth entering the Juvenile Justice System are given opportunities to succeed at the lowest level of intervention possible. It's recognized that youth enter the justice system under dynamic circumstances and big picture needs such as family support and mental health must be addressed. Case plans are crafted from risk assessments to address criminogenic needs. Evidence-based practices are utilized to ensure the best possible outcomes. Probation will continue to utilize community-based services whenever possible and apply least restrictive supervision to encourage development and mitigation of recidivism.

**Part 7: Regional Effort (WIC 1995 (D)(6))**

**Part 7 of this plan addresses the following statutory requirements:**

- **Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation (WIC 1995 (d)(8))**

El Dorado County's Juvenile Treatment Center is contracted by Alpine County to detain juveniles and has processes in place to ensure varying levels of treatment needs. The treatment is geared to the individual. As part of the El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center's **Targeted**



**Interventions programs** the curriculum includes Matrix Model for Teens & young Adults, Forward Thinking's Responsible Behavior, Nutrition Education and Skill Development, Connections Youth Employment Program, Soft Skills Vocational Development, Juvenile Detainee Voting Registration Program, Forward Thinking 's Re-entry Planning, Forward Thinking's Relationship and Communication, and Community Re-entry Temporary Releases.

#### **Part 8: Data WIC (1995 (D)(7))**

**Part 8 of this plan address the following statutory requirements:**

- **Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant.**
- **Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to determine the results of the programs and interventions supported by the block grant funds (WIC 1995 (d)(8)).**

#### **Data Collection**

The Probation Department has in place policies, procedures, training, and Evidenced-Based Practices (EBP) to effectively address this juvenile realignment-population. A key component of correctional EBP is the use of a validated assessment tool and case management system to establish risk and identify the needs of the target population. The Probation Department has recently implemented the Tyler Odyssey Case Management System which includes an assessment tool to track data collection and effectively supervise the juvenile population in the county.

Alpine County utilizes preventative services to redirect youth, ongoing evidence-based practices strategies to include, wilderness program and target services to transitional age youth (TAY). We utilize programs such as Nevada Youth Empowerment Project (NYEP) and other similar programs as we are located on the Nevada/California state line.

Alpine County has a recently updated contract with El Dorado County's Juvenile Treatment Center to detain and treat the juvenile population.

#### **Outcome Measures**

Adequate funds will be held and retained for future rehabilitative needs such as specialized custody, care, placement, housing and/ or supervision.

Measurable and attainable goals tied to a case plan and court orders will be utilized throughout the course of a juvenile's program. These outcome measures encompass but are not limited to high school graduation or acquisition of GED, completion of court ordered programs, completed life skills classes, remaining sober, and maintaining employment. The traditional measures of recidivism such as re-arrest, re-incarceration, and re-conviction will also be tracked for at least three years following a youth's release from custody and supervision.