



# JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL PLAN

## MAIN CONTACT FOR 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. Section 1995 was amended by Assembly Bill 505 (Ting, Chapter 528, Statutes of 2023.) This template has been updated to reflect those amendments which will be in effect on January 1, 2024. All citations are to the law as amended. The statutory language can be found [here](#).

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. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(a).)

County plans are to be submitted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration in accordance with Welf. & Inst. Code §1995. OYCR may request revisions as necessary or request completion of the required planning process prior to final acceptance of the plan. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995 (f).) Plans will be posted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(g).)

There are nine sections to the plan:

- Part 1: Subcommittee Composition
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**PART 1: SUBCOMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND PROCESS (WELF. & INST. CODE §§ 1995 (B) AND (C))**

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

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Describe the process used to determine whether to select a co-chair for your subcommittee (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b)):

*During a subcommittee meeting on April 24, 2024, a vote was held which was in favor of establishing a co-chair. Two community members of the original subcommittee are no longer available to participate, and due to lack of a quorum during our last two Multiagency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (MAJJCC) meetings, we have been unable to officially vote on who their replacements will be. During a discussion prior to the vote about whether or not to have a co-chair, there was consensus that voting on who the co-chair will be, should wait until interested community members have an opportunity to be officially voted onto the subcommittee.*

Provide the dates of the last two meetings that the subcommittee convened to discuss your county’s JJRBG plan?

Meeting Date 1:

Meeting Date 2:

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable:

*There have been no other meetings in the past year. The next meeting date and an ongoing schedule will be established at the next MAJJCC meeting.*

Date that the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote: *April 29, 2024*

Describe how the plan was developed, including the review and participation of the subcommittee community members as defined in Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b):

*Many of the subcommittee members and additional participants were involved in the creation of Humboldt County’s original SYTP plan, and therefore were already familiar with it. Some participants who attended the meetings were from organizations that work with youth in the SYTP and came with specific areas of the plan that they had questions or concerns about.*

*The plan as previously written was sent out to all subcommittee members as well as other community members who have recently or in the past expressed interest in the process. It was sent out as an attachment to the meeting invitation, to ensure all participants had the option of coming to the meeting familiar with the program. The meeting was held as a hybrid of in person and Zoom, to increase participation. During the meeting, the original plan was shared on a screen and was reviewed paragraph by paragraph. The Chief Probation Officer (CPO) edited the document in real time on the screen visible to all participants, as the conversation progressed. Notes were added to the document to act as placeholders for ideas that were presented by participants, as well as updates and edits that were presented by and agreed to by participants. Before progressing from one section of the plan to the next, the CPO asked if the group was ready to move on and if there were any more questions, concerns, or items of input for the current section.*

*The group was unable to come to consensus as to whether the original SYTP plan for Humboldt County accurately reflected both the letter and spirit of the law as it pertains to Less Restrictive Programs (LRPs).*

Therefore, the meeting adjourned without a vote. A second meeting was scheduled to allow individuals to access resources to better define the intent of LRPs. When we readjusted the following week, the CPO had gathered insight from the Humboldt County Juvenile Court and a fellow CPO from another county. Our regional representative from OYCR had also emailed information from a variety of resources to the group. Upon meeting a second time, a shared and unanimously agreed upon interpretation of LRPs was articulated and the plan was modified to reflect the same. During that second meeting the CPO shared the updates that had been made to the plan to incorporate the discussion from the prior meeting as well as minor changes to the language that had been made for clarity. At the conclusion of that meeting a vote was held and the plan was unanimously agreed upon, with an allowance for the CPO to make some final edits to the document to incorporate notes taken during that meeting.

## PART 2: TARGET POPULATION (WELF. & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(1))

Briefly describe the County's realignment target population supported by the block grant.

*The "target population" is defined as "youth who were eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure and shall further be defined as persons who are adjudicated to be a ward of the juvenile court based on an offense described in subdivision (b) of Section 707 or an offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code." (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1990(b))*

*The Humboldt County Secure Youth Treatment Program (SYTP) was established to provide services to court ordered youth who meet statutory criteria. The program combines a standard set of services and supports with a rehabilitation plan tailored to each youth. The juvenile court may order a youth be committed to the STYP only if the following has been met; the youth is 14 years of age or older and a ward of the court; the youth's most recently adjudicated of an offense is listed in Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code; the court finds on the record that a less restrictive, alternative disposition for the youth is unsuitable.*

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

*As part of the original plan development process, the Humboldt County Probation Department (HCPD) reviewed the cases of youth committed to DJJ by the Humboldt County Juvenile Justice System in the past decade. The data collected from the review was de-identified and shared with the subcommittee and community partners.*

*From January 1, 2010, to December 1, 2020, Humboldt County committed █ youth to the state program, or about 1 youth per year. █ additional youth were added to the reviewed data set who were committed to DJJ in 2008 but were still serving their sentence in 2010, bringing the total to 13 youth. This is an extremely small number of youth and caution should be used in extrapolating patterns or conclusions from it.*

*The 13 youth committed to DJJ were all male. They ranged from 15 to 19 years of age at the time of their commitment. The ethnicity of the committed youth was White █, American Indian █, and Hispanic █. For context, the general community distribution in Humboldt County for these ethnicities is White 83%, Hispanic 12.1%, and American Indian 6.4%. The disproportionate representation of indigenous youth in the DJJ data set is consistent with similar disparities in the general juvenile justice, dependency, and adult criminal justice populations.*

*All the youth ordered to DJJ were committed for serious offenses. These included manslaughter, robbery, sexual assault, assault with great bodily injury, and burglary with a firearm. Most had extensive delinquency referral histories indicating ongoing involvement with the juvenile justice system prior to their commitment.*

*All the youth had prior contact with the Child Welfare System (CWS). Most had multiple child welfare referrals. Of the DJJ youth from Humboldt County, [REDACTED] had at least 1 substantiated referral, and [REDACTED] were removed from the custody of their parents at some point prior to entering the juvenile justice system.*

*Probation staff also reviewed each committed youth's educational experience. The probation records as they applied to the youth's education found some gaps in data; however, even with that limitation, over half of the youth committed had an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). When considered in conjunction with the CWS history, it indicates significant adverse childhood experiences and trauma.*

*All the youth in the dataset had a mental health diagnosis and most had multiple diagnoses. The most prevalent mental health concerns were substance use disorder (SUD), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and conduct disorder. This was reaffirmed by the probation data and assessments. The probation records found behavior patterns of drug use, assaultive behavior, assaultive behavior on detention staff, and weapon use. Most of these behaviors persisted through multiple law enforcement referrals with [REDACTED] having 39 referrals prior to being committed to DJJ. The probation records further revealed that alternative placements and interventions were attempted before the youth was committed. These included foster care, short term residential treatment programs, an intensive in-custody mental health treatment program, and out-patient services.*

Describe the target population, disaggregated by programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.

*Humboldt County has only committed [REDACTED] youth to the SYTP, and neither one has been ordered into a LRP as of this date. [REDACTED] were placed in our SYTP housed in our Juvenile Hall which consists of a single living unit. They have been exposed to the same array of services and their programs are tailored to their Individual Rehabilitation Plan. Due to placing SYTP youth in a single facility and each youth having services tailored to their needs, we are not able to collect data disaggregated by program, placement, or facility to which they have been referred.*

## PART 3: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (WELF. & INST. CODE §1995(D)(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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(D)(2) and (d)(8)):

*The STYP is located in the Humboldt County Juvenil Hall located in Eureka, Ca. It is a secure 30 bed facility laid out with the sleeping rooms opening onto a large shared rectangular living space. Classrooms, dining area, and programming rooms are accessible from the common area. The detained youth in the juvenile hall range from ages 12 to 25 (SYTP youth may be held through age 23 or 25 depending on their adjudicated offense). Detained youth, regardless of their status, commingle as they attend school, participate in programming, share meals, and recreate.*

*All youth will receive the following services:*

- *Medical Services*
  - *Wellpath provides screening, detoxification, and provision of offsite medical care.*
- *Educational Services*
  - *Von Humboldt County School operated by the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) is year-round and provides a learning environment that focuses on themes that address academic and mental health needs, incorporating activities that promote self-esteem.*
  - *Youth who have not graduated high school will attend Von Humboldt and receive services including supports for an individualized education plan (IEP) or a 504 plan.*
  - *Youth who have obtained their high school diploma or equivalency will be provided the opportunity to enroll and virtually attend the Redwoods Community College District. Enrollment in College of the Redwoods (CR) allows the youth access to an array of student services.*
- *Restorative Justice*
  - *Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – The juvenile hall has an established behavior modification program that is also used by HCOE staff.*
- *Behavioral Health Services*
  - *The program supports 1 mental health clinician who works in conjunction with a supervising mental health clinician, 2 mental health clinicians and 2 case managers who are assigned to the New Horizons Program.*
  - *A peer coach is available to work with youth in the program.*
  - *Clinical Staff are trained in Trauma Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.*
  - *In addition to group and individual counseling, youth will also have a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) assessment and participate in group counseling following the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA) model.*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Program*
  - *The STYP includes participation in Aggression Replacement Training (ART), which is an evidence-based curriculum that provides training in social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning.*
  - *Youth are provided the opportunity for interactive journaling through a series called Forward Thinking.*
- *Enrichment Programs*
  - *HCPD contracts with the Ink People, Center for the Arts to provide artist mentorship for services such as Origami, painting, music, and poetry classes weekly.*
  - *HCPD also contracts with Niroga Institute to provide dynamic mindfulness training for staff, which then allows staff and trained youth to facilitate daily mindfulness exercises.*
  - *Tablets will be introduced into the Juvenile Hall and will allow youth access to e-books, an online library, and online educational and vocational resources.*
  - *The Juvenile Hall will be adding a youth-maintained garden.*
  - *Detained youth have the opportunity to participate in the Boys to Men program offered by the Humboldt County Office of Education.*

- *Project Rebound provides a 10-week course to promote education and educational mentorship for justice-involved college students.*
- *Youth Educational Services is a student led community engagement program at Humboldt State University that provides a weekly recreation program.*
- *Youth have the opportunity to participate in weekly Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings.*
- *Non-denominational religious services are offered every Sunday.*
- *Independent Living Skills (ILS)*
  - *All youth participating in the SYTP are provided services as identified by the Casey Life Skills Assessment (CLSA) to assist with the transition to independent living.*
  - *Included in the SYTP is a job system within the facility to practice interviewing and employment skills.*
- *Cultural Services*
  - *Appropriate cultural services as identified by youth could include but are not limited to Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islanders (HAPI) in Solidarity, Centro del Pueblo, Latino Net, Queer Humboldt, Black Humboldt, as well as services from the native tribes and rancherias.*
- *Vocational Services*
  - *Youth in the SYTP may enroll in job readiness curricula or vocation focused courses through College of the Redwoods in addition to Humboldt County Office of Education Career Technical Education.*
- *Re-Entry Supports*
  - *In the last 24 months of the youth's baseline term the IRP becomes focused on creating a plan for re-entry into the community.*
  - *The plan identifies the services and supports necessary for the youth to transition from custody to self-sufficiency.*
- *Financial Supports*
  - *The method of support depends upon the youth's status when leaving the juvenile hall. Youth who are not eligible for extended foster care benefits may receive equivalent financial support for six to twelve months, if they are participating in 100 hours per week of specified activities focused on education, job readiness, and/or acquiring employment.*

*The services described are all in place, except for providing youth access to tablets. Securing a contract with a vendor for tablets is an ongoing effort. One area we have progressed on in the past year has been having the Peer Support Coach present in the Juvenile Hall full-time.*

#### **PART 4: JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (WELF. & INST. CODE §1995(D)(3))**

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(A) and (d)(8))

*The HCPD plans on using funds for the following:*

- A. One Mental Health Clinician*
- B. One Peer Support Coach*
- C. Mindfulness Training and ongoing implementation of a mindfulness program*
- D. Ink People Center for the Arts*
- E. Trauma Informed CBT Training for all mental health staff working in the facility (current staff have already been trained, but training would continue to be provided in the even of staff turnover)*
- F. Direct youth supports – including a financial stipend for youth re-entering the community.*

*These intended uses for grant funds are already in place, though no youth have reached a point in their program where they have been released and become eligible for a stipend. In the past year, the Peer Support Coach has assumed a full-time role in the Juvenile Hall and the current mental health staff have the identified*

*training. Mindfulness exercises as learned through training with the Niroga Institute, are done with the youth multiple times per day. Though the need for this has not yet occurred, a youth in need of sex offender treatment would be considered for transfer to an STRTP as a less restrictive program, where they could receive specialized sex offender treatment.*

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(B) and (d)(8))

*Humboldt County Probation Department (HCPD) has developed a community of services providers and relationships with agency providers. HCPD is using the grant funds to compliment these relationships and expand the services already provided.*

*HCPD uses the funding to expand behavioral health services by adding a mental health clinician to the staff available to youth detained in the program. In addition to the staff all current and future staff will receive Trauma Focus – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. This training will support mental health staff in working with youth with all types of trauma. Funding has also been used to provide Mental health staff training in EMDR.*

*HCPD will be using some of this funding to provide more enrichment through providing funding for Ink People Center for the Arts. Supporting this community-based organization will allow services to continue to youth detained in the facility as well as allow them to maintain services for other youth in the community.*

*HCPD has used the funding to train both correctional staff and mental health staff in Mindfulness. Staff are supported in continuing to provide guided mindfulness exercises to youth at routine times during the day as well as on an as needed basis for individual youth. These exercises allow all youth to receive support in all settings to provide a way to support calming practices on an ad hoc basis to provide support for youth in crisis, in addition to the daily mindfulness activities.*

*HCPD provides Interactive Journaling through Change Company. The Forward Thinking curricula is a program that is utilized by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and other detention facilities. It allows youth to make positive changes in their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.*

*HCPD plans to direct some of the funds for client support, especially for removing barriers to reentry in the community. A stipend will be available to youth leaving the program to assist with housing and other services.*

*All the above uses for the funds have been in place during the past year, though there has not yet been an opportunity to expend funds on youth supports as they transition back to the community.*

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(C) and (d)(8))

*HCPD will be supporting the youth and family with individual and family counseling. The individual rehabilitation plan is developed with youth and youth identified supports. As youth reach the age of majority the support system may change from the traditionally identified family to another youth identified natural support. The HCPD will be working with these supports through the IRP process along with Multi-Disciplinary Team process. This will also allow the youth and providers to identify community services needed and complete referral or linkage process for those services. The HCPD will also support the youth during re-entry to help stabilize the family during the youth's return to the community. This will allow the youth to transition into the*



*community and family setting with their needs met as they focus on future goals such as employment, education, or vocational training.*

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(D) and (d)(8))

*While the MDT and youth identify needs and barriers, the department will use funding for services needed that do not already exist in the community.*

*The HCPD already has relationships with other county resources and community-based organizations. This collaboration will allow for youth to receive referrals to existing services to address individual needs. As Humboldt County has a historically low population of youth that require this program, expanding and supporting existing services allows for each individual rehabilitation program to be tailored to youth needs. Youth released after the age of 18 will be offered referrals and services through the Community Corrections Resource Center for employment support. Other community referrals will be identified and started during re-entry planning so that services for the youth are provided by the appropriate provider.*

*Opportunities to transition a youth back into the community have not yet occurred in Humboldt County, but in the coming year it is anticipated that at least one youth will transition out of the SYTP and plans to assist youth in reentry should come to fruition. One success we have seen in the past year is that HCPD partnered with College of the Redwoods (CR) in applying for and receiving the Rising Scholars Grant. Opportunities made available through this grant include continuity in transitioning to a community school while maintaining progress in classes designed around topics such as college readiness, access to dual enrolment classes, and for youth taking college courses, access to a support center on the CR campus, specifically providing support to the target population of the grant.*

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma- informed and culturally responsive programs or services for the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(E) and (d)(8)).

*HCPD will be using grant funds to train all mental health staff in the trauma informed - cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT). Youth will receive individual counseling with a Mental Health Clinician each week. TF-CBT is an evidence-based treatment for youth and their parents/caregivers impacted by trauma. This training provides staff with a trauma-informed lens through which counseling and group work is conducted.*

*In addition, SYTP youth will be provided the opportunity for interactive journaling through a series called Forward Thinking. Forward Thinking, is curricula developed by the Change Company and utilized by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and other detention facilities. It includes books on: links between thoughts, feelings and behaviors; handling difficult feelings; relationships and communication; victim awareness; reentry planning; substance use behaviors; and family.*

*HCPD will contract with Niroga Institute for Dynamic Mindfulness training for staff. Dynamic Mindfulness is an evidence-based, trauma-informed program that strengthens stress resilience and social-emotional learning. Staff and trained youth will facilitate daily mindfulness exercises as well as services to support youth in crisis.*

*The SYTP includes participation in Aggression Replacement Training (ART). ART is an evidence-based curriculum that provides training in social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning. Trained behavioral health staff will offer the ART curriculum over a 10-week period. Because of the small numbers of youth in the SYTP, the group will include youth ordered to the New Horizons program as well. Participation in ART should occur during the initial stages of the Program, and youth may repeat ART groups throughout the youth's commitment to the program.*

*The youth will also be given the opportunity to identify cultural supports such as Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islander (HAPI) in Solidarity, Centro del Pueblo, Latino Net, Queer Humboldt, Black Humboldt or other identified services. In addition, HCPD has long standing relationships with several of the local native tribes and rancherias. The HCPD engages the tribe in the SYTP youth's case as it develops in the criminal justice system and are encouraged to participate in the development of the IRP.*

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(F) and (d)(8))

*HCPD will be using these funds to help support our local art mentorship program, Ink People Center for the Arts. Ink People provides professional artist mentor services to youth in the Juvenile Hall. The services include Origami, Painting, Music, and Poetry classes on a weekly basis. Participants in the SYTP will participate with the general juvenile hall population. HCPD will also continue their support of the Boys to Men Program, as well as Project Rebound and other community-based services. Due to the limited population of youth that are eligible to this service, youth needs will be addressed as identified through accessing already existing community providers if available. If it is not available, the HCPD will address how bested to find and provided the services through the MDT process.*

*Ink People, Project Rebound, and Boys to Men have each been providing services in the Juvenile Hall and to SYTP youth throughout the past year.*

## **PART 5: FACILITY PLAN (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(4))**

Provide a detailed facility plan indicating which facilities will be used 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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

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*In addition to the Juvenile Hall, Humboldt County has a second juvenile detention facility located directly adjacent to the Juvenile Hall called the Regional Facility. The building, constructed in 1997, is a separate*

secure 18 bed facility, with program space, shared living space, and classroom. It may be used for programming and population overflow.

**PART 6: RETAINING THE TARGET POPULATION IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(5))**

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

*Prior to 1998 it was the burden of the prosecution to establish a youth was unfit for treatment in the Juvenile Court. In 1998, Proposition 21 was enacted that made presumptions regarding the transfer of youth from the Juvenile Justice System into the Adult Criminal Justice system. These include:*

- █ [REDACTED]
- █ [REDACTED]
- █ [REDACTED]

*The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016 was designed in part to stop the revolving door of crime by emphasizing rehabilitation, especially for youth. This mostly returned the law to what it was prior to Proposition 21 by eliminating the authority of the prosecution to directly file petitions to the adult court.*

*Under SB 823 and SB 92, it was presumed that a youth should remain in the Juvenile Justice System. The changes brought as a result of the SB 823 further address the need to have a plan in place to support youth who can be safely served under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The intent of these laws is for counties to reduce the number of youth transferred into the Adult Criminal Justice System and to ensure disposition are to the least restrictive appropriate environment.*

*Humboldt County has a very limited history of youth being transferred to the adult criminal system. A review of the case management system that has been in place since July 2012 shows that seventeen (17) youth were evaluated for fitness in the juvenile justice system and only [REDACTED] youth have ever been found unfit and transferred to the adult criminal system. Of these youth [REDACTED] was under the age of 18 when the decision was made.*

*Youth will continue to be evaluated on a case by cases basis, with the assumption the youth will 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.*

*With the changes in the law under SB 823, youth who commit serious and/or violent offenses (WIC 707(b) offenses) and remain in the Juvenile Justice System will no longer be sent to a state operated facility. These youth will receive treatment and services designed to assist with rehabilitation that addresses each youth's specific risk/needs and service planning designed for successful reentry into the community while remaining connected to the community and pro-social individuals and local treatment teams while serving their sentence in the facility and transition to community supports upon release. It is in the best interest of the community to*

*rehabilitate the youth and provide them the access to treatment and services that support cognitive restructuring and skills to re-enter the community and become a productive member of society.*

#### **PART 7: REGIONAL EFFORT (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(6))**

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

*Humboldt County does not currently have any agreements to place out of county youth in our SYTP nor to send our youth to an SYTP in another county.*

#### **PART 8: DATA (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(7))**

Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response:

*HCPD utilizes a case management system called Juvenile Adult Management System. This allows for documenting services offered, as well as adjudicated offenses, referrals, interactions with probation officers, court dates, and reports. This system's data can be pulled and evaluated at a later date. While the past data reviews show such a small population of youth, a hand review of a case can also be conducted as needed.*

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions supported by block grant funds. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response:

*Programs and interventions utilized will be specific to a youth's IRP. We have had [REDACTED] youth committed to the SYTP and [REDACTED] still actively participating. We do not have any outcomes to measure at this time.*

#### **PART 9: OTHER UPDATES: DESCRIBE ANY PROGRESS ON ELEMENTS SINCE MAY 1, 2023: (WELF. & INST. CODE (D)(8))**

Provide a description of progress made regarding any plan elements and any objectives and outcomes in the prior year's plan, to the extent that they have not already been described above.

*The plan, it's objectives, and progress toward those objectives and goals have all been discussed in the previous questions.*