



# 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 (JJRBG) 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:

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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)):** At the JJRBG meeting on April 29, 2024, the subcommittee discussed whether a co-chair should be appointed to the JJRBG subcommittee. After a brief discussion among the subcommittee members, a motion was made that Marin would not have a co-chair and after a second of the motion, the subcommittee voted unanimously that Marin’s JJRBG did not require a co-chair. All members, except for the Court representative and one of the community members (Jeannine Curley) were present for the meeting and vote (ten of twelve members were present).

**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:**

**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):**

Subcommittee members were emailed the JJRBG plan after it was completed for their input and feedback, which was incorporated prior to the meeting on April 29, 2024.

**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 realignment target population for Marin County are those youth aged 14-25 who are adjudicated as wards of the Juvenile Court, who commit an offense described in subdivision (b) of WIC Section 707 or an offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code who would have been otherwise eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure.

Marin County historically has sent few youth to DJJ. From January 1, 2015, until DJJ's closure in July 2021, Marin sent a total of [REDACTED] youth to DJJ.

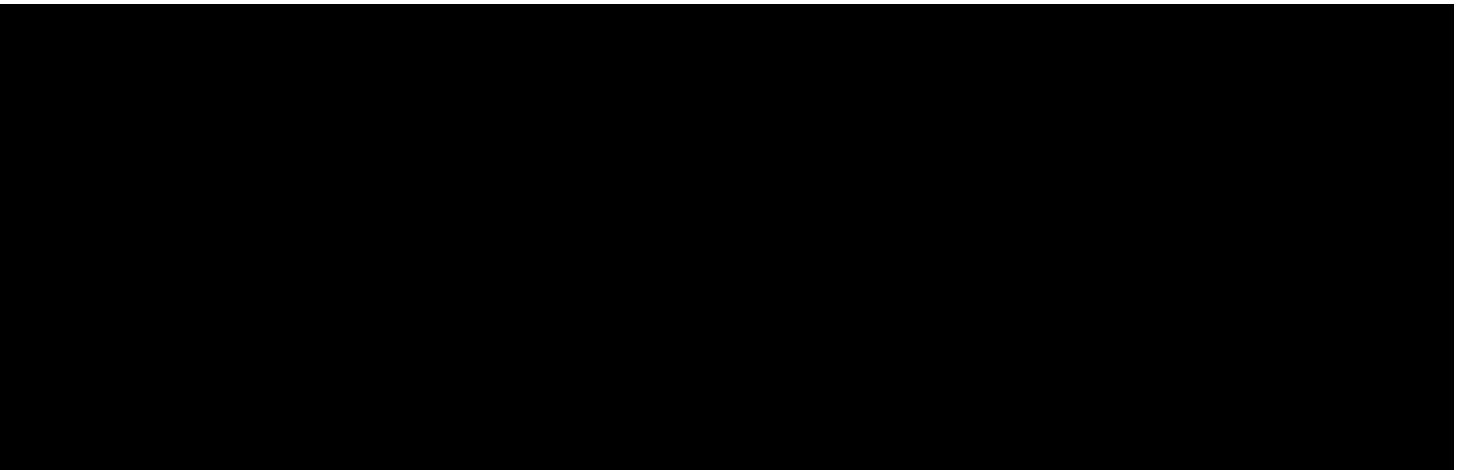
At present, the most conservative disposition for youth adjudicated for WIC 707(b)/PC 290.08 offenses is a Secure Youth Treatment Facility Program. Marin County Probation has an MOU with Sonoma County and with El Dorado County to house those youth who are part of the target population for the JJRBG. Since DJJ's closure in 2021, Marin County has sent [REDACTED] to a SYTF program resulting from a sustained WIC 707(b)/PC 290.008 offense.

From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, there were a total of [REDACTED] referrals for WIC 707(b)/PC 290.08 offenses. As of April 9, 2024, Marin County Probation has [REDACTED] who are part of the realignment target population.

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

There are [REDACTED] who are part of the target population and who are currently under the supervision of the Marin County Juvenile Court. Their breakdown by age (their current age), gender, ethnicity, offense history, and placement is below:

**Gender Age Ethnicity Ref. Date Sustained Offense Disposition Placement**



There are [REDACTED] youth who would have been included in the target population who had charges filed for 707(b) WIC offenses. Probation recommended that the Court find unusual circumstances pursuant to 654.3(b) WIC in both cases, and the youth were subsequently placed on informal probation. These cases demonstrate the commitment that the Juvenile Justice System in Marin County has made to ensure that youth with a minimal criminal history or exceptional circumstances are given ample opportunity to correct their mistakes before being recommended for the most stringent dispositions.

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

As demonstrated above, the target population of youth adjudicated for a WIC 707(b) or PC 290.008 offense are infrequently recommended for the most stringent of dispositions. Only [REDACTED] been ordered into a Secure Youth Treatment Facility since DJJ's closure in 2021. [REDACTED] in our target population had significant behavioral health needs and were placed in facilities to address the behaviors that underlie their involvement with the justice system. [REDACTED] adjudicated for PC 290.008 offenses were ordered to participate in sexual behavior treatment programs that are available in the community.

Probation has utilized removal from the home and placement in STRTPs to meet the needs of youth who have committed higher-level offenses and qualify for these placements due to their mental health needs. Prior to a recommendation for removal from the home and subsequent placement, Probation has usually supervised youth in the community and made appropriate referrals that address their criminogenic risk factors and related needs. These services have included cognitive behavioral treatment, trauma-informed care, WRAP services, substance abuse treatment, mentoring, and referrals to county mental health services. Probation uses a graduated sanctions and incentives model to address youth violations and compliance in applying sanctions for noncompliant behaviors.

Youth who are adjudicated for sex offenses are assessed using the JSORRAT-II and are either referred to community-based sexual behavior treatment programs or residential sexual behavior treatment programs based on their risk level and other individual risk factors.

**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)):**

Marin County Probation has MOUs with Sonoma County Probation and El Dorado County Probation for youth requiring SYTF placement. Our MOU with El Dorado County also provides access to their camp program, which has proven helpful in the case of a youth who was not part of the target population (due to age) but committed a WIC 707(b) Offense. Marin also has developed an MOU with Yuba County for the use of their Camp Singer program in cases where a Camp placement may be more appropriate.

Given what we know about the needs of our past DJJ commitment population, Marin is confident that a youth requiring the interventions of a Secure Track Treatment Facility will be able to be matched to a program that meets their needs. Sonoma County's SYTF Program appears to be a good match for Marin youth. Marin and Sonoma share a similar juvenile-justice-involved population, utilize the same Risk/Needs Case Planning tools, and deliver some of the same programming in the detention setting (Aggression Replacement Training, for example). Sonoma's SYTF is committed to engaging the family in the youth's treatment process, and Marin Probation is committed to ensuring the families experience no barriers in being able to maintain contact and regular visitation with their youth during the SYTF commitment. There is a robust therapeutic program that addresses a variety of needs, from individual trauma counseling to sexual behavior treatment, to a 100-hour gang intervention program (A New Freedom).

Marin County complies with all facets of SB 92 and assesses all youth adjudicated to a Secure Track Program through Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings (MDTs), Child and Family Team meetings (CFTs), and the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). Each youth engages in their own rehabilitative process by participating in the development of a youth-centered, individualized Case Plan that supports successful reentry into the community. While housed in the Secure Track Program, youth will be provided access to treatment and services that promote and support rehabilitation in a safe, healthy, and secure environment. Our Secure Track youth in Sonoma County's SYTF was able to earn a reduction of two months from their sentence at their first hearing due to the progress they had made while in treatment in Sonoma.

All youth participate in assessments of their risks and needs, and individualized treatment plans are developed to support each youth's treatment goals. This will include ongoing, periodic assessments and regular reviews of treatment plan goals, progress, and any additional support needed to obtain identified goals. As required by statute, the youth's support system will be included in the review of treatment goals to ensure that all members of the youth's team understand how to support the youth. As a youth reaches the milestones created to explore a less restrictive placement and/or supervision, additional goals will be created to support successful family reunification and reentry into the community. Youth reentering the community from SYTF placement will be assigned to DPO staff for supervision as required and will have the services of a Recovery Coach and onsite Employment Development Counselors to ensure successful transition and reintegration into the community.

Upon the conclusion of the commitment term and before the youth's return to the community, probation will address their needs regarding the reasonable conditions of probation that will facilitate their successful reentry into the community. The services outlined below are available in Marin County to help facilitate a successful transition to the community and are also available to any youth currently on Probation in Marin County:

- **Family Spring Mindfulness-Based Substance Abuse Treatment**—There has been a dearth of available services in Marin County for youth who are struggling with substance use and other co-occurring issues. Substance use and abuse are common to almost every youth involved with Probation, and it has been a struggle to adequately supervise and intervene with youth who cannot cease their use of drugs and alcohol. The group is currently funded by YOBG funds.
- **Parent Project, Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior**—in response to a need for intervention with parents of youth in the Juvenile Justice System, Probation sent three DPO staff to be trained as facilitators in the Parent Project Curriculum. The Parent Project was created to meet the needs of parents with strong-willed or out-of-control adolescents. The curriculum is unique in that it focuses on the most destructive of adolescent behaviors, and those behaviors are typical to youth on probation or involved in the Juvenile Justice System. Probation has facilitated four sessions of this curriculum, and parents of youth in the target population are required to attend.
- **Opening the World Counseling Services**—Marin Probation has struggled to meet the therapeutic needs of youth in the system because of the lack of available services in the community. Many agencies that have been providers in the past, including the County Behavioral Health System, have struggled with recruitment and retention issues and have not been able to serve youth in the same capacity as in years past. Opening the World is a local CBO that Probation contracted with in the Fall of 2022 to provide CBT therapy groups and counseling support to youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System. OTW provides 3 CBT groups per year and individual and family therapy for youth on Marin County Juvenile Probation. The CBT curriculum is from the National Curriculum & Training Institute in partnership with the American Probation and Parole Association (NCTI). The goal of these groups is to assist youth with improving decision-making skills. For youth that are not appropriate for the group setting based upon their specific needs, individual and family therapy is provided.
- **Youth Working For Change**--One of the realizations from the Probation Department's efforts to analyze ethnic disparities in outcomes and the needs of youth stepping down from higher levels of care was the dearth of opportunities that are available for many youths in the system. Sadly, we live in a society where the ability to land a job, do well in school or excel in an activity, is often the function of having a relationship with someone who provides the support or makes the connection. For many young people in the juvenile justice system, those people are few and far between, and they, therefore, do not receive as many opportunities as their peers. Youth Working for Change is an employment program housed in the Juvenile Division of the Probation Department. (YWC) began in 2011 and is one example of several efforts to address this inequity by providing support to young people interested in employment and/or developing job skills. A trained job developer and related support staff work with young people, parents, and employers to help youth to be employed, gain pay, experience, and references, and create more opportunities for themselves. YWC also collaborates with the County's Human Resources and other agencies to offer a summer "Career Explorer Program", where a diverse group of young people who typically experience barriers to career opportunities are given an opportunity to work in a County department, earn a paycheck, develop skills and networks, all while being supported by the job developer connected to YWC with any challenges

(transportation, appropriate work clothing, soft skills for work, etc.) they may face. The broader goal is to create a year-round classification for these youth that will lead to permanent employment with the County of Marin.

- **MY Home (Partnership with Seneca FOA)**--Another product of the effort to address ethnic disparities in outcomes was the development of a local resource home for youth who are no longer able to remain in their parent's home due to concerns for their or the community's safety. Prior to the implementation of MY Home in 2016, the only option for a child in need of such a placement was in a group home, normally many miles away and with minimal opportunity to engage with the child's parents and family. Congregate care settings have notoriously poor outcomes, so the opportunity to offer a resource family home in Marin was considered significant.  
The Probation Department has the capacity to house [REDACTED] in our local Resource Family Home. In addition to utilizing the program as a means of stepping youth down earlier from STRTP placements, we utilize these homes, when appropriate, as a first option for those youth requiring out-of-home placement. Youth in the target population are able to be housed in the My Home Program. The Department supports the MY Home structure by providing a monthly stipend to each home to offset the high cost of living in Marin.
- **Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services**—Marin County BHRS serves youth with mental health needs through their Youth Empowerment Services (YES) program. This program serves higher-risk youth, youth on probation, or youth with significant educational, social, and behavioral challenges. Youth are assigned a clinician and receive 2-3 hours of counseling and support weekly in addition to medication support, CFT meetings, and Parent Partner Support
- **STRTP Placement**--Youth whose Specialty Mental Health Care needs require specialized treatment not available or appropriate in the community are afforded the opportunity to receive those services via the County IPPC and QI Assessment processes.
- **Recovery Coach Services**—As a result of the successful integration of the Recovery Coach Model in our Adult Services Division, the Juvenile Division includes a recovery coach as part of our JJCPA/YOBG Plan. The goal of providing recovery coaches is to provide not only concrete assistance, such as transportation to and from appointments, but also motivation and support to a person undergoing treatment. These coaches are also well-connected to Sober Living Environments (SLEs), residential treatment programs, Detoxification Services, and self-help/support groups. Further, when youth are entering adulthood, there is much needed in the way of guidance and support as far as resources in the community, from getting their CDL to applying for food stamps, and the recovery coaches are experienced and skilled at navigating community resources.
- **Marin's Community School (MCS)**--Marin County Office of Education (MCOE) operates the County's continuation school for 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade students. A significant number of at-risk and system-involved youth attend MCS, and Probation funds supportive services and programming on the campus. MCS seeks to provide an educational experience that meets the needs of its students, and they do so through a variety of approaches. MCS uses a "personalized learning" system to build on the interests and strengths of their students, employing internship opportunities to support the educational goals. The school also offers learning coaches and mentors, who are often young adults from the same community where many students live, to help foster a connection between school staff and students. Finally, the school makes efforts to ensure it is trauma-informed and able to appropriately respond to the



needs of its students in a manner that is supportive and nurturing rather than punitive and alienating.

- **Reducing Barriers to Educational Success (RBES)**--The connection between lack of success at school and delinquent behavior is well-chronicled and indisputable. Providing additional support to Probation youth to increase the likelihood of their doing well at school was an easy decision to support. Staff employed in the Marin County Office of Education are assigned to assist youth and families in resolving issues related to a child's school placement after transitioning from Juvenile Hall or being placed by the Court in an out-of-home treatment program or Resource Family Home. This assistance can take many forms, from resolving relatively simple barriers, such as completing enrollment or arranging transportation, to the more challenging and nuanced such as facilitating a social connection between the student and school staff.
- **Collaboration with Multi-Cultural Center of Marin (MCM)**--As a result of its work to examine causes of ethnic disparities in juvenile justice, the Probation Department initiated a relationship with the Multi-Cultural Center of Marin in 2012. MCM is a long-standing service provider in the community that is most impacted by ethnic disparities in juvenile justice issues, which is the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael. Staff from this agency work in tandem with the Probation Department to support youth and families at risk of probation involvement in two programs:
  - Partners for Success: a program that connects youth on probation and at risk of deep involvement with the juvenile justice system with mentors from their community.
  - Presente: a semester-long leadership development program in which youth have the opportunity to explore vocational, academic, community engagement, and cultural activities while receiving a stipend for their participation.
- **Wraparound Services (Partnership with Seneca FOA)**--Marin County has a robust wraparound program with thirty slots available to youth who touch one of the three systems (Probation, CFS, BHRS). The goal is to offer family-centered, individualized, and culturally relevant support to biological, foster, kinship, and adoptive families to prevent the placement of children and youth into group care settings. The program works in close partnership with social services, mental health, juvenile probation, other service providers, and consumer organizations to provide an alternative to group care placements for children and youth with complex and enduring needs. A Child and Family Team is put in place for each child. The team includes the child, family members, and other adults connected with the child, the county representative who referred the child for Wraparound, and Seneca staff (a facilitator, support counselor, and family partner). The team builds consensus and leverages the strengths of its members to identify and meet needs to make it possible for the youth and family to reach their long-term goals.
- **Sexual Behavior Treatment**--Marin County Probation contracts with Dr. Michael Henry of Humanistic Psychological Services to provide assessment and treatment of adolescents in need of sexual behavior treatment services. Services are provided on an outpatient basis. For youth in need of more intensive, residential treatment for sexual behavior treatment, youth are reviewed via the IPC and QI assessment processes and are placed, if appropriate, in STRTP treatment programs specific to their needs.

Marin County has been able to sustain our relationship with Family Spring to provide Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment to youth in Marin County. Family Spring has begun to deliver a SUD group in Juvenile Hall and has continued to see youth on an individual basis in the community-based setting as well. Once a stable, centrally located site can be identified in the community, we intend to fund an ongoing SUD group for youth on probation to include those in the target population.

**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))**

Marin County will receive \$520,508 in JJRBG funds for 2024-25. JJRBG funds will be utilized primarily for youth who are committed to SYTF Programs. Marin has [REDACTED] currently in a SYTF program. Existing and expanded services referenced in the prior section, which are funded through YOYG and JJCPA funding streams, are designed to provide for the needs of the target population regardless of whether they have been in a SYTF program. Youth in the target population who are adjudicated for a PC 290.008 offense who are maintained in the community will have Sexual Behavior Treatment (SBT) costs covered through JJRBG funds. Probation has an ongoing relationship with two SBT providers, and [REDACTED] in our current target population are receiving services for SBT needs.

In the last year, Probation has developed a relationship with George Smith, a formerly incarcerated credible messenger who works with youth on their issues tied to criminality and gang involvement. JJRBG funds have been utilized for credible messenger services as well as for substance use treatment services (Family Spring) for youth in the Juvenile Hall. Probation has also contracted with Shani Shay, a formerly incarcerated individual who is the founder of UC Berkeley's "Incarceration to College" program, to work with youth in custody settings around creating a path for themselves away from the justice system.

We have also allocated funds for a Probation Officer focused solely on reentry services for the target population to ensure youth leaving SYTF or other custody settings have their needs addressed as they pertain to education, mental health treatment, housing, and SUD 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))**

The Probation Department has existing programs supported through YOYG and JJCPA funds described above, which include substance use treatment, mental health/CBT treatment, vocational development programming, culturally appropriate mentoring services, and leadership development. We regularly utilize WRAP services for any youth in need of that support in collaboration with the Seneca Family of Agencies. All services are available to any youth in the target population, regardless of whether they are stepping down from a SYTF commitment.

**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))**

Marin County's approach to family engagement for any youth in a SYTF program begins with the creation of the youth's individual rehabilitation plan as described in WIC 875. The youth's family is an integral part of determining the needs of the youth in relation to treatment, education, and development, including any special needs the youth may have in relation to health, mental or emotional health, disabilities, gender-related or other special needs. Capturing the perspective of the youth and their family is critical to a meaningful rehabilitation process. Ongoing CFT meetings with the youth and family are instrumental in maintaining engagement and investment in their youth's treatment.

Supporting the youth's family to remain engaged with their youth's progress and treatment during the time they are in the SYTF is necessary to ensure the preparation of the youth's family for an eventual return to the community. Given that Marin County is not operating a SYTF locally, it will be important to address issues as they relate to transportation to the facility where their youth is housed. Financial assistance is provided by providing or supporting the cost of transportation for parents of youth who are committed to out-of-county programs.

At subsequent progress review hearings, which are scheduled every 6 months, the Probation Department discusses the youth's progress with the family and includes and integrates, where appropriate, their input as to the needs of their youth. This includes the discussion of their youth's eventual reentry to the community and the appropriate housing arrangement/transition for youth upon return to the community.

Every family that has youth on Probation will have the opportunity, and very likely the requirement, to participate in and complete the Parent Project curriculum. As referenced above, Probation Department Staff facilitate this program for both English and Spanish-speaking families on an alternating basis. The hope for our SYTF youth is that the parents will increase their capacity to effectively manage the problematic behaviors of their youth upon their return home. Marin Probation has delivered the Parent Project curriculum to four cohorts of parents; most recently, the curriculum was delivered in collaboration with the Novato Unified School District to a group of Spanish-speaking parents.

**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))**

Youth reentering from an SYTF commitment will have a robust transitional plan developed by the supervising Probation Officer in collaboration with the youth, family, and other team members. If a youth is stepping down from an SYTF commitment, and it is determined that they have needs that can be met through the foster care system, Probation intends to utilize those resources, including placement in an STRTP or in an RFA home. Probation funds a 4-bed RFA program called "My Home" solely for

probation youth. Seneca licenses the home and provides a clinician and support counselor for each home to ensure timely intervention for youth placed in the RFA home. Youth in that target population can be placed at My Home as a step down from a higher level of care or as an initial placement if their needs can be met in the RFA with community support. In cases where a youth reaches the age of 18 and is eligible for extended foster care/AB-12 services, transition to NMD/450 WIC status will be facilitated so that the youth will have support, case management, and housing until the age of 21. THP + housing programs are available for youth after the age of 21.

For youth stepping down from SYTF commitments, housing will be challenging if there is not an identified housing situation upon release. Marin Probation regularly funds Sober Living Environments for adult probationers, and there is a commitment from Marin Probation to assist in providing supportive housing until permanent housing can be identified.

Probation has an in-house vocational program called Youth Working For Change (YWFC), which provides vocational assessment and training in job acquisition, the application process, and job retention. Paid internships are also facilitated for youth to get the needed experience to build their resume. Youth are case-managed by the Employment Development staff throughout their time with YWFC with the goal of permanent employment for youth. YWFC has relationships with community businesses that are willing to employ our youth with the support of YWFC as they acclimate to the work environment.

Probation supports the Reducing Barriers to Educational Success through the Marin County Office of Education. This program supports youth transitioning back to their local community and ensures the timely and smooth enrollment of each student as well as the transition of records. Older youth are supported to enroll in classes or vocational programs through the College of Marin or Santa Rosa Junior College.

Due to staffing issues at Marin County Probation, we were not able to launch the TAY caseload as planned. High turnover has meant that any new hires were assigned to units performing mandated and existing functions.

In the Summer of 2023, Marin County Probation partnered with the College of Marin on a 5-year grant to provide the Rising Scholars Services to youth in the Juvenile Hall setting and to any formerly incarcerated youth. Youth in the target population in Juvenile Hall receive the opportunity to take college courses in custody and, upon release, receive the support and community of formerly incarcerated persons on a path toward higher education.

**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))**

Marin County Probation will continue to deliver evidence-based programming both in-house and in collaboration with our CBO partners. As referenced above, Probation partners with local agencies

that provide CBT groups both in custody and in the community (Aggression Replacement Training and NCTI Curriculum), culturally appropriate mentoring services and leadership/community engagement opportunities, evidence-based vocational development programs, and WRAP services to the target population.

Opening the World, a local CBO, contracted with Probation in the last year to deliver CBT groups to youth on probation and in the target population in the community. They are starting their third cohort in April of this year, and their contract will be reviewed for potential renewal at the upcoming JJCC meeting.

**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))**

Probation has existing partnerships with several local CBOs that deliver programming to the target population. These partnerships include the Multicultural Center of Marin, Family Spring, Opening the World, Seneca Family of Agencies, Alcohol Justice (diversion services), Youth Transforming Justice (diversion services), and North Marin Community Services (prevention and early intervention population). We are committed to funding those services in collaboration with our local community partners to be responsive to our population's specific needs and increase the community's capacity to engage with and meet the needs of Marin's justice-involved youth.

## **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))**

Marin County Probation does not operate a SYTF program. We have MOUs in place with Sonoma County and Eldorado County for SYTF placement. The MOU with El Dorado includes placement for youth in their Camp program if needed. Probation has also entered into a MOU with Yuba County for placement of youth in their Camp program as well.

## **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))**

SB 823 affirms that justice-involved youth are more successful when they remain connected to their families and communities. Young people who remain in their communities have lower recidivism rates and are more prepared for their transition back into the community. The Marin County Probation Department will facilitate the retention of target youth in the Juvenile Justice System by utilizing safe and secure facilities within the local region. These facilities will provide rehabilitative treatment designed to reduce recidivism and provide opportunities to address personal, social, physical, mental health, educational, career technical training, and independent living needs. To ensure successful reentry, housing youth as close as possible to their communities and families while receiving appropriate treatment and family engagement is important. The Marin County Probation Department will continue to work closely with our counterparts in neighboring and adjacent counties to meet the needs of young people within the Bay Region.

Marin County Probation has committed [REDACTED] to a SYTF since the closure of DJJ. That youth is in a partner county approximately 30 minutes from his family. Other youth in the target population have been afforded interventions and dispositions that are cognizant of each youth's mental health and behavioral needs. Of the [REDACTED] in the target population currently under the supervision of Probation, [REDACTED] in treatment program placements (STRTP) and have plans for reunification with their families, and [REDACTED] in the community receiving treatment for the issues that led to their involvement with the criminal justice system.

## **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))**

As described above, if a youth with an offense or offenses serious enough to be considered for a Secure Track Program enters the local justice system, Marin County Probation will utilize one of the programs with Sonoma County Probation and El Dorado County Probation. Marin County Probation has also developed an MOU with Yuba County Probation for use of their camp program as an alternative to SYTF placement when appropriate.

#### **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:**

Marin County Probation will collect data on targeted youth through ODYSSEY, our case management system, and data collected from Secure Track Programs, CPOC, and the Office of Youth and Community Restoration.

**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:**

Outcome measures will include completion rates, recidivism, entry into the Adult Justice System as well as measures of racial and gender equity. Recidivism is defined as a new delinquency or criminal/delinquency referral, petition/complaint, or adjudication/conviction during years one, two, and three after release from the program. Entry into the Adult system includes youth entering the adult system for a new crime occurring after turning 18 years of age, and (reported separately) youth transferred to the adult criminal justice system under 707(a) of the WIC. Additional outcome measures will include the successful return to the community by measuring employment, continuing education, and housing stability.

#### **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.**

All updates to Marin's JJRBG plan have been included in the prior sections above. Marin County Probation is committed to utilizing JJRBG funds to provide those services that assist youth in the target population to address negative and traumatic experiences that underlie their dysfunctional behavior pattern. There is a need for community-based services specifically for gang-involved youth locally to address the issues that underlie their involvement with the juvenile justice system. The JJRBG subcommittee will be reviewing proposals to expand or augment these services in future meetings.