



## 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)):

Given that the subcommittee consists of the majority of the same members as the CCPIF committee, the subcommittee meetings are scheduled for immediately following the CCPIF meetings and consist of the same membership structure.

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. 6/21/23

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

The plan was developed in its majority by the Chief Probation Officer following the guidance outlined in the W&I Code. The plan was voted in a public meeting by the DJJ Committee and submitted for approval. The recommendations suggested by JJBRG were implemented into the plan, and the final plan was approved unanimously at the June 21<sup>st</sup> 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 County of Modoc will target male and female offenders with an adjudication of offenses described in WIC code 707(b) and are defined in WIC 1990(b). These offenders will have been adjudicated as unsuitable for alternate dispositions within the county. These youth would have traditionally been committed to the California Youth Authority or Department of Juvenile Justice. These minors are typically between the ages of 14 and 25, and are in need of the highest level of treatment and custodial care. Many have challenges in cognitive development, decision making, impulse control, family relationships and mental health. Education and literacy are common problems facing these youth. Homelessness is also a problem for this group, especially given the lack of available housing and/or shelter options in Modoc County.

Many of these youth have strong ties with our Hispanic and Tribal communities, and require ongoing connection to those communities during the rehabilitative process. Substance abuse, domestic violence and sexual abuse are common in this target population. Currently 100% of youth being served with these funds are Hispanic. They are male and have a history of poor impulse control.

*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))*

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

Geographically, Modoc County sits in the North East part of the State of California and is one of the smallest Counties in the State. Only one incorporated city lies within its borders of the County. Modoc County therefore has not been a user of the services provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice. (DJJ).

The rate of serious juvenile crimes in the county has been historically low: the County last committed a juvenile offender to the Department of Juvenile Justice in 2012, and there has never been a commitment of a female offender to date.

Modoc County has been a contractor for services provided by the other larger counties contiguous to our borders. It is not uncommon to transport minors hundreds of miles to receive detention services or services provided by camps and ranches located in surrounding counties. Providing services to our Native American community has been problematic in that larger counties may not have the need, or develop the need, to service that community. In the coming year, we are looking to reach out to the various tribes within our area (Fort Bidwell, Cedarville, and Pit River) to assess what needs their youth might have and how we might meet them. To this end, we will be asking representatives from these tribes join the DJJ Committee.

Currently, there are [REDACTED] youth who are meet the criteria of serious juvenile offenders; [REDACTED] receiving services provided by a county several hundred miles away. [REDACTED] offenders are in need of services specific to our Hispanic community.

Nothing in our plan would prohibit the placement of youth meeting the criteria of “serious youthful offender” in any county that had appropriate rehabilitative services. We could anticipate the placement of tribal youth outside the state, if the placement met the specific needs of a Native American youth.

Modoc will be actively participating in developing resources with similarly situated counties who may have shut their existing juvenile halls but anticipate reopening with these newly allocated resources. Partnering with other sister counties with similar needs is a top priority with these funds.

We would not anticipate providing services to more than [REDACTED] youth who meet the criteria as a serious youthful offender under WIC 707 (b). This is likely to be a cumulative number of offenders receiving various services over a number of years.

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

There are currently [REDACTED] youth being served with these funds; [REDACTED] are Hispanic. [REDACTED]

### **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)):

Modoc County is one of the smallest of the northern California counties, with a population of approximately 8500 residents. Even with its small population base it continues to provide a fairly robust array of local programs.

Detention Facilities: As previously noted Modoc County does not have any juvenile detention facilities within the county border. All detention services are contract facilities and provided by other counties around the state. Funds allocated from this program will be used to pay for the contracted facilities on an as needed basis.

Mental health counseling and services are provided by the local mental health department. Specialized mental health treatment is provided by the county in several of our outlying communities as well as the City of Alturas. The Juvenile Diversion Program is often used by the Probation Department as a specialized substance abuse program and is appropriate for our target population. Depending upon the clinical diagnosis some treatment is done within the county and some is done outside by the county. Lassen and Shasta Counties are both resource counties although it would not be uncommon to utilize providers outside the state in Oregon or Nevada.

However, in addressing the specific needs of youth covered under this code, there is not a certified counselor available in the county. Counseling is currently done as a mixture of Zoom sessions and in-person visits facilitated by a transport officer to mitigate travel costs to the family.

Batters Treatment programing (ARC) is provided by a local provider and funded primarily through the local AB 109 funds and the CCP partnership board. The program is well attended and locally provided for an adult population of 18 and older. The program could easily be modified or extended to provide service to youthful offenders who are returning from detention programs and remain in care of their relatives.

Education programing is provided by the Modoc County Office of Education. It is anticipated that the Target population will utilize their Warner High School Program for those returning from detention facilities to insure graduation from high school and preparation for further educational opportunities. Modoc because of our remote location offers several opportunities to connect with college through programs targeted to remote learning. It is anticipated that these funds may help enable targeted youth to engage in these programs and provide funds for tuition, books or other barriers that might deter a youthful offender from seeking higher education opportunities.

Supervision will be provided by the Modoc County Probation Office. The probation department provides a wide variety of services including substance abuse monitoring, alcohol monitoring and sex offender GPS monitoring.

### **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))

Modoc county anticipates receiving the minimum block grant amount of \$250,000 per year. The bed rate for our current service provider, Sonoma County Juvenile Hall, is \$300 per bed per day. If these funds are used to purchase detention beds only, it would meet the yearly need of █ youth to cover detention beds for the year, with minimal amounts left over to pay for services.

For the FY22-23, we are budgeting the entirety of the DJJ funds to bedding. █

█ Although we estimate a cost of \$127,500 for the coming fiscal year, the sheer cost of housing a youth for one year demands that this money not be allocated for any other purpose.

The DJJ funds are tracked separately than other Court Wards funds, and any unspent funds will be rolled into the next fiscal year for the purpose of developing a reserve fund from unspent placing or unallocated funds to financially prepare the County to pay for commitments that may span several years. Youth who transition from detention are anticipated to need specialized housing. This is especially true of youth charged with sex offenses who cannot return to the home after lengthy detention due to victims still residing in the home. Further we anticipate the need to assist relatives, especially elderly relatives housing these youth.

Native American youth may need contractual beds directly with tribal nations to comply with ICWA rules and regulations when placing these youth.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population. 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))

Modoc County shall use grant funds to promote the healthy adolescent development of our targeted youth. Currently █ of our targeted population would be considered underserved in the county. These youth are primarily Hispanic and Tribal youth. Currently █ of serious youthful offenders being served are from our Hispanic community. A significant amount of our grant funds will target support services aimed at these underserved youth.

During the coming year, Modoc plans to reach out to the local Hispanic and Native communities to begin working relationships to determine the needs of their youth. From there, we will develop targeted programs or determine that individuals can be mainstreamed into existing programs.

Nothing in our plan would prohibit Modoc County from contracting with neighboring counties for programs to address educational and vocational services. Shasta county has a wide variety of vocational classes available through Shasta College. Some vocational classes provide classes in firefighting, welding, accounting and mechanics. Butte County also provides similar educational opportunities through their community college network. Both these programs are linked to Cal State Chico.

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))

The Modoc Probation Department will manage pre-release programing, Behavioral health transitions as well as any other unidentified contractual specialized services. Individualized case plans will be developed prior to the release of youth back into the community.

Gender based and culturally sensitive trainings are provided to staff at the probation department and direct service staff receive those trainings annually.

Grant funds may be utilized to provide transportation and travel to families living in rural or tribal settings where no forms of public transportation are available. Grant funds may also be utilized to pay for tuition, fees, enrollments or other barriers that might otherwise impair a family's ability to participate in the treatment or care of transitioning youth. Currently this is being done under the aegis of the facilities in which the youth are placed. Upon release, this will fall back to Modoc County.

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))

As previously addressed Modoc County has not committed a serious offender to the Department of Juvenile Justice since 2012. The average length of stay has traditionally been 24 months or less. Our plan would include educational reentry programs provided by Warner High school, a dedicated alternative high school program for youth.

The ARC program is an aggression management program available to our target population. Youth who qualify for the program will receive an aggressive 52-week batters program targeting impulse control, anger management and relationship therapy. The program is run by licensed professionals and funded by AB 109 funds.

The Youth Diversion program is locally funded by the mental health department and provides an array of substance abuse and treatment modalities and is available for youth in our target population as part of the reentry program.

Sex Offender treatment is provided by our mental health department by referral only. Youth will be referred to either Lassen County or Shasta County for assessment. Block grant funds will be used for transportation, travel and housing as appropriate to insure participation and treatment in recommended programs.

Employment opportunities are limited in Modoc County; however, the Alliance for Workforce Development provides a job networking service as well as skill training in such areas as computer use and typing certification. TEACH, the Training, Employment and Community Help nonprofit organization in Alturas, has also recently begun offering college-level courses in education and nursing. However, at this time, the ideal path for Modoc is to seek funding opportunities to sponsor youth to attend higher education in adjacent counties.

Transitional housing is sparse in our rural community. Some housing is available through partnerships with our Native American community. It would be anticipated that grant funds might be used for short term housing or partnership with other private non-profits that provide housing.

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))

At the heart of evidence-based programing is the use of validated evidence-based assessment tools. Modoc County contracts with Eldorado County juvenile hall, Shasta County juvenile halls, and Sonoma Juvenile Hall. Integral in those programs are an initial assessment and the use of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) which address an offender's criminogenic needs. These facilities use Aggression Replacement Training (ART), Thinking for change (T4C) and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI) as treatment tools. These treatment tools are facilitated by both sworn and non-sworn staff.

The Probation office uses the JSORRAT evidence-based tool in the treatment of sex offenders. Grant funds may be used to purchase and implement any of a number of gender-based assessment tools needed as we go forward. Culturally sensitive trainings and trainings that focus on preparing probation officers and support staff on the challenges of supervising LGBTQI youth will be a focus of our evidence-based practices.

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))

There are very few community-based providers and organizations in Modoc County. Nothing in our plan would prohibit our use of grant funds to pay for services provided by community-based providers in other counties. We could envision the use of funds to pay for transitional housing, drug rehabilitation programing, sex offender treatment or educational programing that met the needs of our target population.



## **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))

Modoc County does not own or operate any juvenile, adult or mental health facility that serves this target population other than the county jail. We anticipate contracting those services with surrounding counties but nothing in our plan would prohibit the use of grant funds to house target youth in any program in the State of California if services were deemed appropriate.

## **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))

Modoc county will focus on building the base programs that are needed to address the needs of our target population to prevent them moving into the adult court system. Given that we have had so few individuals in the past, our county is lacking in the base services for this target group. We have relied exclusively on surrounding counties to provide these base services. Programs focusing on peer counseling, anger management, family therapy, and parenting will need to be built from the ground up. These funds may be used as startup funds to provide community-based organizations the needed seed money to service the targeted youth in our plan.

## **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))

No regional agreements are currently in place that are supported by the Counties Block grant program. Should agreements or arrangements be made in the future we would make grant funds available should those agreements support the counties overall goals and objectives of serving our target populations.

## **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:

The Modoc County probation department uses a program called the Corrections Software Solutions system. The System is capable of collecting data from all the youth within the county including and not limited to the youth being served by the block grant. CSS has the ability to be viewed by law enforcement throughout the county. Supervising probation officers will be charged with data entry and CSS can be modified to collect any data elements as required as the program goes forward.

As mentioned in the supplement to the previous year's plan, Modoc county has adopted a client-oriented data plan system, where clients will be tracked from the beginning of their involvement in the criminal justice system to the end. Currently, both of the eligible youth are in Sonoma County Juvenile Hall, so all data collection is done by this facility.

This data will include:

- If housed in a secure facility, date and length of commit.
- o Monthly costing will be tracked through invoices from the host facility.
- Levels of care the youth progresses through (from commitment to release).
- Clinical outcomes as tracked by the Behavioral Health department using their existing software tool.
- Disposition of client.

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:

The Modoc County Probation Department will track the following data elements to validate the plan outcomes

1. Number of 707(b) crimes referred to the Probation Department
2. Number of 707(b) offenses adjudicated
3. Number of 707(b) offenses dismissed or reduced by plea
4. Number of youths committed to Secure Track Programs
5. Number of violations of probation filed
6. Number of violations of probation adjudicated
7. Number of violations of probation dismissed
8. Numbers of youth transitioned to placement
9. Numbers of youth placed back in the home
10. Numbers of youth who successfully completed programming and reintegrate to society.

**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.