

County Notice of Proposed Operation and Description of Secure Youth Treatment Facility

Submit this form to your assigned BSCC Field Representative

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 875, subdivision (g)(4) provides:

A county proposing to establish a secure youth treatment facility for wards described in subdivision (a)ⁱ shall notify the Board of State and Community Corrections of the operation of the facility and shall submit a description of the facility to the board in a format designated by the board.

Submission of this form serves as notice to the BSCC of the proposed operation and description of a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF).

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| Date: | July 16, 2021 |
| County: | Fresno |
| Facility Name: | Juvenile Justice Campus |
| Facility Address: | 3333 E. American Avenue Fresno, CA 93725 |
| Intended Date of Operation: | 07/01/2021 |
| Contact Person: | Michael Farmer |
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REQUIRED INFORMATION:

Fill in information on form or attach a separate document. If an operational program statement or other document addresses the required information, that document may be submitted as notice of proposed operation.

Identify each facility that will operate as a SYTF.

| Operating Agency (e.g., Probation Dept.) | Facility Name & Address | Facility Type (Juvenile Hall/Camp) | # of SYTF Beds |
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| Probation Department | Juvenile Justice Campus 3333 E. American Avenue Fresno CA. 93725 | Camp | 30 |
| Probation Department | Juvenile Justice Campus 3333 E. American Avenue Fresno CA. 93725 | Camp - Regional Hub | 18 |
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If existing beds will be converted to SYTF beds, please indicate by checking the box:

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| <p>Describe the juvenile population to be served by each SYTF facility in the county by factors including offense, age, gender and any special programming, such as sex offender or mental health treatment to which the facility may be dedicated.</p> | <p>Male youth with an average age of 17 years old at commitment, with an anticipated age of release of 20 years old. Based on prior offenses of DJJ commitments from Fresno County 59% of committed youth were Hispanic, 30% black, 6% white, and 6% Native American. 65% of committed offenses involved Robbery, 18% Assault with a deadly weapon, 12% Manslaughter, and 5% attempted homicide.</p> <p>Fresno County was awarded BSCC Regional Hub for SYTF Sexual Offender Program.</p> <p>Please reference attached Fresno County Juvenile Realignment Plan for general SYTF youth and Fresno County Youth Programs and Facilities Grant Program application for Regional Hub SYTF Sexual Offender Program.</p> |
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TO THE EXTENT KNOWN, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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| <p>Describe the proposed or actual population capacity of the SYTF (ADP and maximum as applicable).</p> <p>If the county proposes or plans to accept commitments of SYTF youth from another county or counties, describe the capacity of the SYTF that will be dedicated or available to out-of-county commitments.</p> | <p>The general SYTF housing unit is a single tier unit that can hold up to 30 youth. There are 18 rooms total — with 12 two-youth rooms and 6 single-youth rooms.</p> <p>The regional hub SYTF SOP housing unit is a single tier unit that can hold up to 18 youth in single-youth rooms for youth committed from 8 surrounding counties.</p> |
| <p>If the SYTF is a unit of a facility that also houses detained or committed youth other than Section 875 committed wards, indicate which unit or part of the facility will be utilized as a SYTF.</p> <p>Indicate whether you intend to separate SYTF from non-SYTF youth in the facility, and if they will be separated, describe how they will be separately housed and programmed.</p> | <p>SYTF youth will be housed and dine separately from committed youth.</p> <p>Education and programming will be individually determined for SYTF youth as to enrollment and participation with other commitment youth.</p> |
| <p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p> | <p>No climb fencing was added to the existing fencing. Additional video monitoring will be added for increased safety and security.</p> |
| <p>Describe how the programming, treatment, and education offered and provided is appropriate to meet the treatment and security needs of the youth serving baseline and modified baseline terms under WIC § 875.</p> | <p>Reference the attached plan documents for SYTF youth programming, treatment and education implementation.</p> |
| <p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p> | <p>The projected ratio of SYTF youth to staff will be 8 to 1. This is lower than the current BSCC requirements and will allow the program to ensure that individualized behavior plans can be developed, implemented, and monitored.</p> |
| <p>If the county will use or proposes to establish or utilize a less restrictive program to which SYTF-committed youth may be transferred by the juvenile court, describe the less restrictive program including whether it is operated by a community service provider.</p> | <p>Fresno County Probation intends to develop a process for accessing less restrictive outlets for SYTF committed youth. Initial discussions are on-going and providers for less restrictive services have yet to be determined.</p> |

ⁱ Welfare and Institutions Code section 875, subdivision (a), provides:

- (a) In addition to the types of treatment specified in Sections 727 and 730, commencing July 1, 2021, the court may order that a ward who is 14 years of age or older, be committed to a secure youth treatment facility for a period of confinement described in subdivision (b) if the ward meets the following criteria:
- (1) The juvenile is adjudicated and found to be a ward of the court based on an offense listed in subdivision (b) of Section 707.
 - (2) The adjudication described in paragraph (1) is the most recent offense for which the juvenile has been adjudicated.
 - (3) The court has made a finding on the record that a less restrictive, alternative disposition for the ward is unsuitable. In determining this, the court shall consider all relevant and material evidence, including the recommendations of counsel, the probation department, and any other agency or individual designated by the court to advise on the appropriate disposition of the case. The court shall additionally make its determination based on all of the following criteria:
 - (A) The severity of the offense or offenses for which the ward has been most recently adjudicated, including the ward's role in the offense, the ward's behavior, and harm done to victims.
 - (B) The ward's previous delinquent history, including the adequacy and success of previous attempts by the juvenile court to rehabilitate the ward.
 - (C) Whether the programming, treatment, and education offered and provided in a secure youth treatment facility is appropriate to meet the treatment and security needs of the ward.
 - (D) Whether the goals of rehabilitation and community safety can be met by assigning the ward to an alternative, less restrictive disposition that is available to the court.
 - (E) The ward's age, developmental maturity, mental and emotional health, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and any disabilities or special needs affecting the safety or suitability of committing the ward to a term of confinement in a secure youth treatment facility.