

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).

Date:	July 15, 2021
County:	County of Mendocino
Facility Name:	Mendocino County Juvenile Hall
Facility Address:	585 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA. 95482
Intended Date of Operation:	July 01, 2022
Contact Person:	David M. Barrett
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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
Probation Department	Mendocino County Juvenile Hall, 585 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, Ca. 95482	Juvenile Hall	10

If existing beds will be converted to SYTF beds, please indicate by checking the box:

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.	Youth ages 14-25 who are sentenced to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility for an offense listed under Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Mendocino County will not serve female offenders, sex offenders, arson or severe mental health commitments. Mendocino County will enter in to a contract for the treatment and housing of said population.
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TO THE EXTENT KNOWN, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

<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 population capacity for Mendocino County's SYTF is 10 youth. As we have historically had few DJJ commitments, Mendocino County is willing to accept out-of-county commitments with the exclusion of female offenders, sex offenders, arson offenders and severe mental health offenders.</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>The Mendocino County Juvenile Hall will utilize "C-Unit" as our SYTF. C-Unit is a secured, self-contained residential facility with its own day room for structured inside activities, dining area as well as attached classroom for educational and programming needs. Our SYTF youth will be housed in separate housing units however may program together based upon Positive Achievement Change Tool and or other risk assessment results.</p>
<p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p>	<p>C-Unit is a secured self-contained residential facility. The only modification will be to upgrade our video/audio surveillance system.</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>Our intention is to provide the following services and programs to our youth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anger Management – Handling Difficult Feelings group provided by GEO • What Got Me Here group provided by GEO • Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) provided by GEO including group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT) • Substance Use Disorder Treatment provided by Mendocino County Behavioral Health Services • Peaceful Warrior Project – Aikido, Mindfulness Meditation and Trauma Resiliency and Emotional Regulation Skill Development provided by Mendocino County Aikido • Mental Health Counseling provided by Mendocino County Youth Project • Gardening Project provided by The Unconditional Freedom Project • The Council for Boys and Young Men provided by Mendocino County Probation staff • Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)/Narcotics Anonymous (NA) • Positive Behavior Management System provided by MCJH • Culinary Arts vocational certificates through Mendocino College • Post-Secondary Education opportunities. • Family Engagement Workshops provided by Redwood Valley Rancheria
<p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p>	<p>The Mendocino County Juvenile Hall SYTF will adhere to the Federal PREA staffing guidelines with a minimum staff to youth ratio of 1 to 8. Our staffing plan will have (1) Juvenile Corrections Officer assigned to C-Unit at all times with (1) Juvenile Corrections Officer assigned as support and supervised by (1) Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officer. Additionally, surveillance monitoring will be done by Intake Office personnel.</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>	

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.