

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 12, 2021
County:	Riverside
Facility Name:	Alan M Crogan Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC)
Facility Address:	10000 County Farm Road Riverside CA 92503
Intended Date of Operation:	July 1, 2021
Contact Person:	Jason Bailey
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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
Riverside County Probation Department	Alan M Crogan Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC) 10000 County	Camp	20

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

<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>Youth who were eligible for DJJ prior to its closure will now be eligible for the SYTF. Youth may range in age from 14-25 and must have been adjudicated of a 707(b) offense, and they must be committed to the program by the Court. Additionally, this population may include females, youth who have committed sexual offenses, and youth who engage in other high-risk behaviors. Should youth need to be separated by age, offense, or sophistication. Indio Juvenile Hall (47665 Oasis Street Indio CA 92201) may be explored as a secondary option.</p>
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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>YTEC is a 106-bed facility which was built as a secure treatment facility. Currently, 1 unit (20 single room) is being dedicated to our secure treatment program. Should the population grow, we would explore expanding to additional units at YTEC or even Indio Juvenile Hall. Moreover, Riverside County is not currently accepting commitments from other counties; however, it is something that will be investigated in the future. Any female youth will be housed with our female commitment youth.</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 Delta unit within the YTEC facility, has been dedicated for our secure track youth. Youth committed to a SYTF will be housed and programmed separately from our other committed youth, except for the female population. This is an area that will continue to be evaluated based on the needs of the youth. For example, best practices for sex offenders is to work in a group setting; therefore, this is an area the committed youth and secure track youth could potentially co-mingle.</p>
<p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p>	<p>YTEC was designed and constructed to ensure the maximum safety of staff, youth, and the public. The state-of-the-art secure treatment facility has 85 high-definition Bosch cameras that provide closed circuit television security system covering all common areas of the facility. This includes exterior parking lots, interior corridors, living units, recreation yards, kitchen, housekeeping, detention control, and the warehouse. The facility has perimeter fencing, points of egress are monitored and controlled from a self-contained Central Control area, the Keywatcher System dispenses and inventories facility keys, and room checks are completed using the Guard 1 Plus system. The building itself is primarily of masonry block and steel panel construction.</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>Each living unit at YTEC has a built-in classroom. Riverside Office of Education utilizes smart boards for instruction and the youth have computer access. The behavioral health clinician is stationed on the living unit and interacts with the unit daily. Behavioral Health personnel provide counseling services such as evidence-based substance use counseling, Aggression Replacement Training, Moral Reconation Therapy, Seeking Safety, Restorative Justice, and Sex offender treatment. The youth have access to daily medical care and psychiatric services. The program is trauma informed and restorative in nature.</p>
<p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p>	<p>At unit capacity, 20 youth, the staffing ratio will exceed Title 15 as well as PREA standards during waking hours. The anticipated ratio will be 1:4. Six staff will be designated for both shift two and shift three. Positions 1 and 2 will be responsible for childcare supervision. Positions 3 and 4 will be case workers. Positions 5 and 6 will be responsible for programming as well as supervising educational classes both high school and secondary. These staff will be PCO trained and have direct supervision and guidance from a Senior PCO and supervisor.</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>The step down option being considered is the YTEC program. YTEC and SYTF have similar programs and services. The major difference between YTEC and the SYTF is that the YTEC program is shorter in duration. Moreover, the youth in the YTEC program can be off grounds to attend school and employment. It is hoped this added opportunity will provide a seamless transition into the community for secure track youth. Riverside County is also exploring transitional housing with program elements as a step-down consideration. This service would be 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.