

## 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)<sup>i</sup> 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).

<b>Date:</b>	07-28-2021
<b>County:</b>	San Bernardino
<b>Facility Name:</b>	Gateway to ARISE
<b>Facility Address:</b>	21101 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307
<b>Intended Date of Operation:</b>	07-01-2021
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Eric Raley
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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	High Desert Detention & Assessment Center	Juvenile Hall	120
	21101 Dale Evans Parkway		
	Apple Valley, CA 92307		

*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.	The population to be served are males and females who have a sustained 707(b) offense between the ages of 14 and 25 years and ordered committed by the Court to an SYTF. The facility will provide programming to special populations as well, including sex offenders and those requiring mental health services.
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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 proposed population capacity is 120 youth. San Bernardino County has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the County of Riverside in the event of youth who cannot be housed in the same facility for safety reasons, such as co-participants. We anticipate no more than five youth accepted from Riverside at any given time. At a later date, we may be open to accepting commitments from other counties as well, or place with other counties, but no capacity has been determined or dedicated to other out of county commitments at this time.</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 SYTF initially incorporates four units: 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2D of the facility, as well as adjoining rooms. If additional capacity is needed, Units 1A and 1B and adjoined rooms will be utilized as well. SYTF youth will be housed and be programmed separately from non-SYTF youth, unless they have overlapping educational and vocational needs, such as obtaining a High School Diploma, in which case they may work in concert towards that shared goal.</p>
<p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p>	<p>The SYTF has been designed and is operated to meet BSCC standards for security, programming, treatment, education, and staffing. In accordance with WIC 875 (g) (3), the facility complies with applicable standards for juvenile facilities in Title 15 and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. No proposed security modifications are needed at this time.</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>The programming and education necessary to meet the developmental and treatment needs of the youth and to prepare the youth for discharge to the community, as described in WIC 875(b), includes a variety of therapeutic techniques, including Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), and Child &amp; Adolescent Needs &amp; Strengths (CANS). Education includes obtaining a High School Diploma, enrolling in college classes to obtain an Associates Degree and Bachelors Degree, and vocational training to include construction, solar power and electrical classes and certifications.</p>
<p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p>	<p>Custody staffing levels on a unit are a minimum of one staff to eight youth during waking hours and one staff to sixteen youth during sleeping hours.</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 county has proposed establishing a less restrictive step-down program to which SYTF committed youth may be transferred when determined to be suitable by the juvenile court. This step-down facility will be operated by the Probation Department. We are anticipating the use of a building formerly certified by BSCC as the Gateway-RYEF location in the City of San Bernardino. A third phase of the program, focusing on community reintegration, may result in the youth being housed with a community service provider if the youth does not have a home to return to, or if that home is unsuitable.</p>

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<sup>i</sup> 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.