

## 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>	May 2, 2022
<b>County:</b>	San Francisco
<b>Facility Name:</b>	San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center
<b>Facility Address:</b>	375 Woodside Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127
<b>Intended Date of Operation:</b>	From 10/1/2021 吧 until another SYTF becomes operational
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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 (e.g., Juvenile Hall/Camp/Other)	# of SYTF Beds
San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department	San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center 375 Woodside Ave San Francisco, CA 94127	Juvenile Hall	5

*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><small>While San Francisco's DJJ Realignment Subcommittee works to develop a long-term SYTF plan, we intend to use our Juvenile Hall as an interim facility. The facility will serve young people ranging in age from 14 to 25, who have had sustained petitions for 707(b) WIC offenses and who the court commits to an SYTF. The facility will provide specialized programming, such as sex offender treatment and specialty mental health services, based upon the needs of each individual youth.</small></p> <p><small>Between 2016-2020, San Francisco committed only 11 young people to DJJ. As we contemplate realignment today, San Francisco has no young people committed to DJJ. Overwhelmingly, young people from San Francisco who are sent to DJJ are committed because their immediate sustained petition is serious and violent, or because that young person has a long history of serious and violent behaviors paired with failures in out of home placements. Young people are often 18 or older when they are committed to DJJ and all of the last 11 commitments have been young men. Seven of the eleven young people committed to DJJ between 2016-2020 have been African-American, two have been Latinx, one is Pacific Islander, and one is white. Finally, most young people sent to DJJ from San Francisco stay at least two years. We anticipate that the population in our interim SYTF will mirror this, and at this point we are using historical data to guide our planning.</small></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>San Francisco will utilize an operational unit with a capacity of 20 beds, Unit 7, in our Juvenile Hall with the intent of designating 5 beds for secure commitments and the other beds for our regular detention population.</p> <p>San Francisco County will not be accepting commitments from other counties 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>San Francisco County will utilize the current Juvenile Hall to house youth committed to SYTF in the interim until a new SYTF is developed by the local committee and ready for use. The Juvenile Hall living unit (Unit 7) that will be utilized to house this population currently houses young people age 18+, and includes a classroom, an outside courtyard, and a full basketball court.</p> <p>Per regulation, San Francisco's Juvenile Hall classifies young people when they get booked, and re-classifies, at a minimum, every 30 days. Classifications are based on age, sophistication, crime, and gang affiliation. Sec 875 young people would be housed with, and program with other 18+ young people in Unit 7, unless that is contrary to the classification, in which case we would open Unit 8 to allow for separation.</p>
<p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p>	<p>The San Francisco Juvenile Hall is a BSCC-approved secure facility in accordance with Title 24 regulations. The facility does not require modifications to achieve 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>The San Francisco Juvenile Probation, in partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, Department of Public Health, and a variety of community-based organization partners, provides evidence-based and culturally-responsive programs and services to youth housed in Juvenile Hall. Young people committed to the SYTF will be able to leave the unit to access the education center, the library, the gymnasium, our large outdoor recreation and garden space, and our multipurpose classroom setting where their educational, recreational, and programming needs will be met.</p> <p>Young people are engaged in individualized education plans with the goal of achieving their high school diploma. There are GED and HiSET options available for youth whose educational goals would be best served in these formats. For high school graduates, there is access to online community college classes through the City College of San Francisco and we are working to identify additional post-AA higher education and vocational training opportunities with colleges, universities, and CBOs in the Bay Area. Currently, the Department of Public Health and community-based organizations provide a variety of programs and services that encourage literacy, self-expression, critical thinking skills, and life skills, and promote job readiness, as well as social-emotional skills like communication, problem-solving, and self-assessment. All young people committed under Section 875 will be able to engage in this programming array. We will continue to identify and implement long-term programming for young people committed to the facility with a focus on programming that is developmentally aligned, trauma informed, culturally responsive and grounded in positive youth development. In addition, given that young people committed to the SYTF will face longer periods in the facility, we are expanding our visitation policies to ensure connections to their families and circles of support.</p>
<p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p>	<p>San Francisco County is proposing ten (10) staff members to work with this population in Juvenile Hall. During the hours that youth are awake, one wide-awake youth supervision staff member is on duty for each 5 youth in detention, and during the hours that youth are confined to their room for the purpose of sleeping, one wide-awake youth supervision staff member is on duty for each 10 youth in detention. Both staffing ratios are higher than regulation standards.</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>For the interim plan, San Francisco is not developing a less restrictive program, but the court can utilize existing step-down options, including STRTPs/THPs, RFAs and community-bases support and supervision.</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.