

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:	7.29.21
County:	San Luis Obispo
Facility Name:	San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall
Facility Address:	1065 Kansas Ave
Intended Date of Operation:	7.01.21
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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
San Luis Obispo County Probation Department	Juvenile Hall; 1065 Kansas Ave. San Luis Obispo, CA	Juvenile Hall	5
San Luis Obispo County Probation Department	Coastal Valley Academy; 1065 Kansas Ave. San Luis Obispo, CA	Camp	2

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>Secure Track youth are those youth who present with such high-level community safety risk and rehabilitative needs that intensive treatment and rehabilitative services are required in a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) for more than one (1) year. The identified target population in San Luis Obispo County is estimated to be 6-8 youth. This estimate is based on the seven (7) youth who currently meet the realignment target population definition as described above. All seven (7) of these youth are males currently between the ages of 17-22 years old; however, their age of commencement of juvenile court jurisdiction ranged from 13-17 years old. Their adjudicated WIC 707(b) offense history includes robbery (3), assault with great bodily injury (2), lewd act with a child under age 14 (1) and first-degree residential burglary with a gang enhancement</p> <p>In order to provide individualized treatment to youth with specialized needs such as sexual offender treatment, this plan recommends reserving some of the realignment grant funds each year for Specialized Needs. This will allow the County to contract with local specialists as the need arises for individual youth to address specialized needs or responsivity areas such as sexual offending, gang intervention, and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).</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>The Probation Department plans to utilize both the Juvenile Hall and the Coastal Valley Academy to meet the rehabilitative needs of the SYTF youth. Five beds in the Juvenile Hall and 2 beds in the Coastal Valley Academy will be identified and reserved for SYTF youth.</p> <p>The San Luis Obispo County Probation Department does not intend to accept commitments of SYTF from other 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>The West and Center Units of the Juvenile Hall will be used to house SYTF youth. Separation of these youth from detained youth will depend on their age, charges, and risk to staff and others detainees. If their age, charges and behavior is appropriate, they will program with the other detained youth. If they are high risk and high school graduates, they will be housed on a separate unit (Center), participate in individual counseling and a cognitive behavioral treatment curriculum and be offered post high school education through Modern States or vocational training.</p> <p>The Coastal Valley Academy may be used as a step down placement prior to release. These youth must be 18 years and younger and a high school student.</p>
<p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p>	<p>The Juvenile Hall is a locked and secure facility. As recipients of the BSCC grant, the security camera system will be upgraded to improve digital observation.</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 for the SYTF youth will be Evidence Informed. Some key programming will be Risk Assessments, Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment, Restorative Dialogue, Forward Thinking Journaling, and the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute Core Curriculum (UCCI-CC), Drug and Alcohol Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Post Secondary Education, Enhanced Behavioral Health Services, and any individualized programming or treatment that is deemed appropriate.</p>
<p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p>	<p>The staffing will include Juvenile Services Officers (JSO), a JSO III, Deputy Probation Officer, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, Behavioral Health Therapists, Public Health medical staff, County Office of Education dual credentialed teachers, and staff from a local Non-Profit agency, Family Care Network.</p> <p>Ratios will be in compliance with Title 15 and modified as needed.</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 plans to utilize the Coastal Valley Academy as a less restrictive program for SYTF youth. The Coastal Valley Academy (CVA) is operated by the Probation department. It is designated a camp commitment program and provides an in-county alternative to group homes/Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) for juvenile justice involved youth who need intensive treatment in a more secure probation setting. The CVA is co-located with the Juvenile Hall in the Juvenile Services Center complex. The CVA shares some facilities and services with the Juvenile Hall, including the gymnasium, medical services and volunteer programming; however, it has two separate 15-bed living units, a classroom, recreational area and garden. The CVA is a collaboration between Probation, Behavioral Health, the SLOCOE and a local CBO, the Family Care Network (FCN). The CVA includes educational, recreational and case management services combined with trauma informed individual and family therapy, a cognitive behavioral evidence based youthful offender curriculum called the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute Comprehensive Curriculum (UCCI-CC) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Youth participate in regular community outings including a twice a week "Run Club" traversing local trails and local events such as the Miracle Miles for Kids fundraiser and annual Independent Living Program College and Awards Nights.</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.