

## 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>	August 2, 2021
<b>County:</b>	Santa Barbara County
<b>Facility Name:</b>	Susan J. Gionfriddo Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)
<b>Facility Address:</b>	4263 California Boulevard, Santa Maria, California, 93455
<b>Intended Date of Operation:</b>	August 2, 2021
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Deputy Chief Probation Officer Kimberly Shean
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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	JJC 4263 California Blvd. Santa Maria, CA 93455	Juvenile Hall	8

*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.

Demographics. Based upon our analysis of youth commitments to DJJ from July 1, 2017 through December 2020:  
 Gender: 88% male, 12% female  
 Age at commitment: 47% ages 16-17, 53% age 18+  
 Race/Ethnicity: 71% Hispanic, 24% Black, 5% Asian  
 Committing Offense: ADW/Assault, 7; Robbery, 5; Murder/Attempted Murder, 2; Sex Offenses, 2; Shooting at an Inhabited Dwelling, 1  
 • 36% had a mental health diagnosis at the time of commitment  
 • 82% had a history of trauma  
 • 18% were in foster care at some point before they were juvenile-justice involved  
 • 100% had prior juvenile justice involvement and attempted interventions  
 • 82% had gang association  
 • 90% committed an offense resulting in harm (physical, psychological and/or monetary) to their victim  
 • 55% were high school graduates or near graduation at the time of the committing offense  
 • Majority received vocational training, mental health support, and educational services at DJJ while serving their commitment

**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>Based on current staffing, actual population capacity is eight 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>Housing decisions will be decided on case by case basis, with a focus on the use of risk and needs assessment tools to aid in housing determinations</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 will be run within the JJC, and therefore no modifications to security are required.</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>Based on the use of various risk and need assessment tools, including educational and psychological testing and assessments, customized treatment plans will be designed to address mental health, educational challenges and milestones, and criminogenic risk factors as indicated.</p>
<p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p>	<p>Based on current resources, proposed staff ratio is 1:8</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 Los Prietos Boy Camp (LPBC) is located at 3900 Paradise Road, Santa Barbara, California and is approximately 20 miles north of Santa Barbara in the heart of the Los Padres National Forest. The facility is operated by the Probation Department. LPBC is a lower security facility. Select youth determined suitable for lower security housing and participation in a step-down option by the juvenile court, may be housed and receive programming and services at LPBC. Treatment and programming provided at LPBC is similar to JJC, with post-secondary and vocational training partnerships through Santa Barbara City College. LPBC is comprised of a multi-building campus, including two dormitory style living areas, a kitchen with dining hall, a gymnasium with attached garage workshop, a multi-classroom school facility, an outdoor basketball court, covered exercise area and a large open space recreational area. Currently, one dormitory is used as a living unit and the other has been converted into an indoor recreation and programming environment.</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.