

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:	March 15, 2023
County:	Tuolumne County
Facility Name:	The Summit Program
Facility Address:	12784 Justice Center Drive, Sonora CA 95370
Intended Date of Operation:	April 10, 2023
Contact Person:	Annie Hockett, Assistant Chief Probation Officer
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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
Tuolumne County Probation	Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility	Juvenile Hall	2

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 Summit Program will serve high risk/high needs male youth, age 14 to 20, adjudicated by the Juvenile Court with serious and/or violent offenses in which the Court finds a less restrictive alternative placement is not suitable to meet the treatment and supervision needs of the minor. Completion of comprehensive assessments will be done to determine suitability to the program. The program will target youth with the following needs: impulse control, pro-social coping skills, educational and vocational skills, underlying mental health and substance use disorders stemming from early trauma exposure, and youth who sexually offend and are found unsuitable for residential treatment programs.
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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>Tuolumne County has historically had extremely low rates of youth committed to DJJ. The County continues to monitor trends of youth detained on DJJ eligible offenses through the completion of the BSCC quarterly Detention Surveys. Factoring in the historical and current data, the initial capacity of the Summit Program will be 2 (two) beds.</p> <p>While Tuolumne County serves as a regional facility, initial plans are to reserve the Summit Program for local youth only. Tuolumne County will continue to monitor the needs of our partnering counties and overall implementation of SYTF programming to determine if services could be extended to out-of-County commitments in the future.</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>Given the structural design of the facility, secure track youth will be housed on the same unit as non-secure track youth. Completion of comprehensive assessments will aim to identify exclusionary factors that would make a youth a poor fit for the program. Such factors may include: history of extreme violence towards others, high level of criminal sophistication, advanced age, demonstrated non-compliance/engagement in services, active gang involvement, etc. Programming may be conducted separately based on individualized treatment needs, age, classification and other assessment outcomes.</p>
<p>Describe how the SYTF will be secure as required by WIC § 875 including any proposed modifications to achieve security.</p>	<p>The Summit Program will operated within the existing juvenile hall which meets all Title 14 and Title 24 requirements for security, programming, treatment and education services and staffing. Existing policies and procedures will be applied to the Summit Program in anticipation of revising and modifying such policies at the conclusion of the BSCC review as required by WIC 875. While no major modifications are planned, the department plans on installing additional security cameras, enhancing security fencing and upgrading security electronics equipment.</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>Specialized programming will be provided in accordance with individualized treatment plans. These plans will be developed in conjunction with the existing Multi-Disciplinary Team process that includes youth voice and participation and parent input. Case plans are designed to incorporate identified youth strengths and rehabilitative goals, and focus on preparation for adulthood. Evidenced based and trauma informed services outlined within treatment plans are provided by a myriad of individuals including Probation Staff, Education Staff, Mental Health Clinicians and community volunteers.</p>
<p>Describe the staffing proposed for the SYTF, including staffing ratios.</p>	<p>Current program operations adheres to the Federal PREA standard of 1 to 8 during the day and 1 to 16 during youth sleeping hours. This same staffing pattern will apply to the Summit Program. There are no plans to increase correctional staff at this time, however additional programming staff are anticipated.</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 on utilizing the Steps to Success Camp Program to serve as a step down to the Summit Program. This Probation Department operates this program which focuses on vocational training, linkages to post secondary education opportunities and preparation for independent living.</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.