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Consolidated Annual Plan

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4) and Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(b) call for consolidation of the annual plans required for JJCPA and YOBG.

Please submit your most up-to-date consolidated plan.

The rest of this document is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. If you find it helpful to use this template, please do so.

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Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A))

A. Assessment of Existing Services

Include here an assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth services resources that specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

Local programs for prevention and early intervention include; Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, honoring past & present through traditional knowledge, social emotional learning groups for youth outreach, play groups, bike fix-it & bike-to-school, community trips, family night, movie night & archery tag, traditional aged youth outreach, and suicide prevention through our local government agencies. Alpine County Behavioral Health Services Department's alcohol, drug and mental health programs have expertise in providing assessments, treatment matching, case management and outpatient treatment services. There are counselors to provide these services to the locally supervised target population. When local services do not address the needs of the youth, county agencies collaborate to find appropriate inpatient or outpatient treatment.

Describe what approach will be used to facilitate collaboration amongst the organizations listed above and support the integration of services.

Alpine County promotes a community working environment. Collaboration is encouraged through honest and open communication, an inclusive culture, a clear mission definition, encouraged creativity, and the celebration of successes. Although the use of software tools promotes teamwork and colluding, a push is being made to bring back in-person meetings. Alpine County agencies will continue to work closely with the Native American community and ensure the youth in the county remain a priority.

B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

Identify and prioritize the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas of the county that face the most significant public safety risk from juvenile crime.

Alpine County is the least populated county in the state of California with less than 1200 residents. The federal government owns about 96% of the 743 square miles spanning three national forests. County economics largely focus around seasonal tourism in the form of ski areas, hospitality, state parks, fishing, and hunting. The largest employer is the county itself.

The Alpine County Unified School District is composed of three schools: Diamond Valley Elementary, Bear Valley Elementary, and the Early Learning Center. The elementary schools educate students from kindergarten through 8th grade. The Early Learning Center provides a safe educational and social environment for children ranging from around six months to five years old. There are a total of 58 youth attending elementary school and 25 attending the early learning center. There is also the Woodfords Education Center in the Hung-A-Lel-Ti, a native

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american community center, which functions as an after-school program where children are assisted with homework and tutoring.

The County provides students the option of attending high school in either El Dorado County, California or Douglas County, Nevada. Most of the counties high school students graduate high school in Nevada. There are currently 13 students from Alpine County attending high school.

The existing County services are motivated to bridge cultural boundaries including Native American and Non-Native American participants in community involvement. Mental Health and Social Services work to address needs with culturally appropriate programs.

Alpine County does not have a jail or juvenile hall. Alpine County maintains a contract with the Juvenile Treatment Center and the El Dorado County Jail. Alpine County does transport juvenile offenders to the El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center when it is determined custody is the only option. The El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center is 45 minutes away.

There are currently two group homes in the county which have been the largest contributors to juvenile crime. The group homes are run through an out-of-state based program called Rite of Passage. The group homes contain juveniles who have been delinquent in other California Counties, there are no juveniles from Alpine County. There are frequent issues at the group homes including runaways, fights, and stolen property.

C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

Describe your county's juvenile justice action strategy. Include an explanation of your county's continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency as well as a description of the approach used to ensure a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Juveniles in Alpine County are at-risk due to community factors such as parental substance abuse, poor school attendance, home discord, and socioeconomic status. There is a larger than average percentage of alcohol and drug use in the community. Many children come from single parent homes that lack family structure and values. Additionally, the remoteness of the community limits youth involvement in traditional activities such as boy scouts, girl scouts, and youth sports. Alpine County also lacks social settings such as community playgrounds and pools.

In March of 2022 probation hired a Senior Deputy Probation Officer. The probation department will have a presence at the school and in the community with the addition of the second probation officer. This position will include transports to Jail and treatment as well as helping with school attendance issues and addressing student issues. Probation will eventually incorporate a more proactive approach through student outings.

D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions

Alpine County's Juvenile Justice Action Strategy is to be proactive in addressing juvenile issues. This is achieved through interagency collaboration with other county entities to ensure families are wholly supported. We strive to support not only individuals, but families, to produce the positive outcomes for juveniles.

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The Senior Deputy Probation Officer was the School Resource Officer/ Deputy Sheriff at the Alpine County Unified School District and also the first responder for any juvenile matters on the school campus. The appropriate parties are contacted once an issue is brought to the attention of school authorities. With the addition of the probation officer to help the School Resource Officer/ Deputy Sheriff, juvenile matters are addressed through a cooperative alliance between Alpine County Justice Partners as situations arise.

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year:

If your Plan has not been updated this year, explain why no changes to your plan are necessary:

This year the only change is the utilization of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) money that has not been spent in the past. With the establishment of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and 2022-2023 budgeted money from Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) additional money will be spent to address at-risk preventative youth needs.

Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4))

A. Information Sharing and Data

Describe your information systems and their ability to facilitate the sharing of data across agencies within your county. Describe the data obtained through these systems and how those data are used to measure the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.

One of the strengths of Alpine County is its small size and the ability of personnel from different departments to interact on a face to face, personal basis. Although information systems such as Zoom meetings and email were used heavily during COVID 19, county employees tend to prefer personal interactions.

Alpine County has two committees established to address issues that include juvenile truancy and youth offender problems: The Alpine County Child Abuse Prevention Council and Alpine County Multi-Disciplinary Task Council. These committees consist of members from Alpine County Office of Education, Alpine County Unified School District, Alpine County Health and Human Services Department, Alpine County Behavioral Health, Live Violence Free, Board of Supervisors liaison, Department of Social Services, a community member, and Alpine County Probation.

These committees are set up to address the differences needed to deal with juvenile youth and family issues. The programs focus on confronting underlying issues over detention.

The County is in the process of starting a separate Juvenile Justice Council (JJCC) / Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Committee (JJRBGC). This committee will be included in information sharing in order to enhance the commitment and coordination efforts to the youth in Alpine County.

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B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils:

Does your county have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code Section 749.22?

YES, NO

If no, please explain what vacancies exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies began, and your plan for filling them:

C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the spaces below describe each program, strategy and/or system enhancement that will be supported with the funding from JJCPA, identifying anything that is co-funded with youthful Offender Block(YOBG) funding.

In 2022-2023, with the establishment of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council in 2021, money was put into the probation budget to support at-risk youth. Those funds have been spent providing essentials and electronics for communication. These funds will provide tools to those at-risk youth. They will have an enhanced ability to be competitive with their peers. The funds will also be used for donations to youth events such as bike-it-fix-it and bike-to-school, outdoor activities with officers, and other outreach activities.

Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) – (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a))

Describe your county's overall strategy for dealing with non-707(b) youthful offenders who are not eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice. Explain how this Plan relates to or supports that strategy.

Alpine County has three committees established to address issues that include juvenile truancy and youth offender problems. These committees are set up to try and address the differences needed to deal with juvenile delinquency youth and family issues. The main difference in the strategy is the lack of detention and the preference for programs over detention. These committees consist of members from Alpine County Office of Education, Alpine County Unified School District, Public Defender, Alpine County Health and Human Services Department, Alpine County Behavioral Health, Live Violence Free, Board of Supervisors liaison, Department of Social Services, a community member, and Alpine County Probation. Two of the agencies involved are Alpine County Child Abuse Prevention Council and Alpine County Multi-Disciplinary Task Council. In 2021 The Alpine County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council was established as an umbrella for the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Youthful Offender Block Grant to maintain communication between community partners in order to maintain programs and goals for the youth in the community.

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Alpine County's main strategies in addressing youth that are non-707 (b) offenders include: facilitating community support between child abuse and neglect programs while advocating for children and families of Alpine County. These strategies also include encouraging training of professionals in detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse while providing cooperation and coordination in these same areas.

A. Regional Agreements

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported with YOBG funds.

Alpine County does not have a jail or juvenile hall. Alpine County maintains a contract with the Juvenile Treatment Center in El Dorado County. Alpine County continues to transport juveniles to El Dorado County for detention and treatment. YOBG funds pay for those services.

B Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

YOBG Funded Program, Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

Program Name: Probation Officer

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

The target youth are WIC 601/602 youth, informal probationers (including 654's), at-risk juveniles, and offenders with mental health needs.

With the Chief Probation Officer being at 100% and the addition of the Senior Deputy Probation Officer, the department is able to better serve youth with YOBG/JJCPA funds. Transports to the juvenile hall as well as to out of county in patient treatment programs have been successful. The Senior Deputy Probation Officer is available to help at the school with attendance issues and student issues. Officer safety and community safety has been enhanced as well as coverage of state mandated duties with additional sworn staff. With the Senior Deputy Probation Officer's presence at the school, addressing juvenile matters through a cooperative alliance between Alpine County Probation Department, Justice Partners, and Service Providers has increased.