

Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan¹

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Background and Instructions:

Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program for the purpose of providing county-based care, custody, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the state Division of Juvenile Justice or who would otherwise be eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure.

To be eligible for funding allocations associated with this grant program, counties shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth.

County plans are to be submitted and revised in accordance with WIC 1995, and may be posted, as submitted, to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website.

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Part 1: Subcommittee Composition (WIC 1995 (b))

List the subcommittee members, agency affiliation where applicable, and contact information.
If the subcommittee has opted to select a co-chair, identify the co-chair

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Part 2. Subcommittee Process and Meetings

Define process utilized by subcommittee to determine whether or not a co-chair was desired (WIC 1995(b)):

Calaveras Probation operates where there are no or very limited community-based organizations. In addition, there are challenges in seating full subcommittee members, particularly in recruiting community members. County Department members chair committees that are required through their departments. The District Attorney was approved as Co-chair and was approved by the subcommittee, March 15, 2024

Provide dates of subcommittee meetings held during the year (WIC 1995(e)):

March 19, 2025

Provide date plan was updated (WIC 1995(e)) and approved by the majority of the subcommittee (WIC 1995(c)):

Calaveras County will continue to contract with multiple out-of-county juvenile halls for most of our lower-level rehabilitative services and programs. If a more serious offender enters the local justice system one of these facilities may be utilized while the youth go through the juvenile court system. If a youth requires long-term commitment services it may be necessary to contract with another county providing specialized long-term commitment services, that are appropriate to the needs of the youth. Step-down facilities will need to be contracted with another county.

Part 3: Target Population (WIC 1995 (d) (1))

Briefly describe the County's realignment target population supported by the block grant:

The targeted population would be the highest level, serious juvenile offenders requiring long-term treatment and custodial care. These offenders would typically be adjudicated for an offense listed in Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code or described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code.

Calaveras County does not have an in-county juvenile hall or other less restrictive facility such as a ranch or camp. The County contracts with other counties for these services. The County does not currently have any in county programs or resources to serve youth requiring specialized therapeutic needs, such as sex offender, arson offender or offenders with significant mental health issues and pregnant or recent mothers. For these youth we intend to seek partnerships outside the County to meet individual needs.

Calaveras County does not expect all future eligible youth will need Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) placement. SYTF commitment, and length of commitment, will be dependent on the individual needs and circumstances, also the gravity of the qualifying offense(s), in conjunction with assessed criminogenic risk and needs of the youth. If existing contracted facilities become operational as SYTF, and they are suitable to meet the needs of Calaveras County youth those facilities may be utilized. If not, a contract will be sought with the closest facility that meets the individual youths needs and is willing to contract services.

Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender, race or ethnicity, and offense/offense history:

At this time Calaveras County has no youth committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility, nor any eligible youths on supervision or going through the court process. The last Department of Juvenile Justice commitment was in 2015 and prior to that was in 2005, with [REDACTED] committed those respective years. It is anticipated that Calaveras County will continue to be a low-need user of long-term commitment services. There is no record of a female juvenile offender from Calaveras County ever being sent to a long-term commitment facility operated by the State. Therefore, no demographics are provided.

Calaveras County has approximately 45,292 residents, with a median age of 52 years. The county population has the following race and ethnicity rates; American Indian and Alaska Native make up 1.6%, Asian 1.6%, Black or African American 0.1%, Hispanic or Latino 12.9%, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 0.2%, Not Hispanic or Latino 76.5% and Some Other Race 4.4%. 16.9% of the County is under 18-years-old, with 3.5% of those being between 15 and 17-years-old. The graduation rate is at 92.6%. The median household income is \$79,877 which is below the median household income for California. 13.4% of the population live in poverty, with 17.4% of those being under 18-years-old. The unemployment rate for the County is 4.4%.

The target population will be dynamic and the needs of all youth, including sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, has been and will be considered in the drafting of all plans, and the care, custody, and supervision of all youth in an equitable and compassionate fashion.

Describe any additional relevant information pertaining to identified target population, including programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred:

[REDACTED] Department of Juvenile Justice [REDACTED] was in 2015 and prior to that was in 2005. Demographic information is not provided for this population as the low number would breach confidentiality. Calaveras County does not currently have, nor have we had any youth committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility.

Part 4: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (d)(2))

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population:

Calaveras County currently has contracts with two (2) out of county juvenile detention centers, located in El Dorado and Tuolumne Counties. It is anticipated that these facilities will be utilized to house target population pre-disposition and as an alternative to Secure Track detention. Calaveras County, also, has a contract with El Dorado County for Secure Youth Treatment Facility placement, should the need arise. The needs of the youth would need to be evaluated to ensure El Dorado County is the appropriate placement to meet the unique needs of the individual youth. Services, outside those provided in the facility, will be developed by the Probation Department, in conjunction with the Subcommittee, based on the needs of the youth and the youth's family. Calaveras County currently has no non-governmental or community-based services justice involved for youth.

Calaveras County has a relatively low wardship rate and there is a focus on serving youth at the lowest level of intervention as appropriate. When appropriate, local resources are utilized. Those services include probation monitoring, school and home visits, electronic monitoring, Parent Project, ART and mental health services.

Calaveras County Probation has a strong working relationship with Calaveras County Behavioral Health Services (BHS). BHS provides mental health services to all qualifying youth involved with probation. For youth not qualifying for BHS services private providers are recommended. For youth with substance use disorders, BH-SUD offers some one-on-one services, but does not currently offer intensive services due to lack of staffing.

Part 5: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995(d)(3)(A))

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population:

Calaveras County will assess eligible youth using the Ohio Youth Risk Assessment, for risk and needs. A specialized sex offender assessment will be conducted using the JSORAT. Due to the historically low number of youths within the target population in Calaveras County, it would be costly and inefficient to create robust programming for each specialized treatment area. To be cost effective, JJRBG funding will be used to benefit these youth by enabling the county to enhance local services when appropriate and obtain out of county services of proven quality to meet the unique needs of the target population. It is anticipated that alcohol and drug intervention and/ or treatment, sex offender treatment, and/or other significant related behavioral or trauma-based needs will be contracted with out of county specialized services to effectively serve youth. While BHS does provide specialty mental health services, the unique mental health needs of the youth will have to be assessed to ensure the services received are beneficial and meet their needs. Eligible youth who are not placed in Secure Track will also be eligible to receive programing and services through these funds to ensure that they do not violate and be at further risk of Secure Track placement.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population: (WIC 1995(d)(3)(B)):

Calaveras County will assess the needs of the youth and the available commitment services, including specialized treatment services, to determine what type of programing is available to best meet the needs of the youth. The County lacks a presence of community-based organizations (CBOs) or nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) that specialize in providing services for justice involved youth. This plan intends to reserve some funding for the development/ assistance of groups that may come forward in the community. Absent any CBOs or NGOs, Probation will continue to utilize the strength we have as a small, community to assist youth in obtaining nonauthoritarian, prosocial relationships to youth. Funding may be used for prosocial activities and programs to help foster healthy development.

Calaveras County has a strong partnership with the Resource Connection. While they do not specialize in justice involved youth, they provide services that benefit the youth and their families such as food assistance and some trauma services. Probation also partners with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) when appropriate. Nexus Family Services has recently moved into Calaveras County. Nexus's primary area of focus is with families involved in child dependency and justice involved youth. Calaveras County and Nexus plan to work together to begin providing interventions services for justice involved youth.

Currently the grant does not funds these services, as Calaveras County have no qualifying youth.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population (WIC 1995(d)(3)(C)):

They type(s) of services provided to families for engagement programs would be dependent upon the needs of the family and the Secure Youth Treatment Facility in which the youth was placed. This may include transportation services to ensure youth are receiving visits from family members.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education for the target population (WIC 1995(d)(3)(D)):

Reentry services would be established if a youth is placed in a Secure Youth Treatment Facility and would be designed to meet the unique needs of the youth.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive practices for the target population (WIC 1995(d)(3)(E)):

A Secure Youth Treatment Facility would be sought to meet the unique needs of the youth.

Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers (WIC 1995(d)(3)(F)):

Calaveras County does not currently have, nor have we had a youth committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility. Additionally, Calaveras County does not have nongovernmental or community-based providers to provide services to youth.

Part 6: Facility Plan

Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. (WIC 1995(d)(4))

Calaveras County currently has a contract with El Dorado County for Secure Youth Treatment Facility placement, should the need arise. The needs of the youth would need to be evaluated to ensure El Dorado County is the appropriate placement. If El Dorado County is not an appropriate placement for a youth, then Calaveras County will work with OYCR to find an appropriate placement.

Part 7: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

Describe how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system (WIC 1995(d)(5)):

Calaveras County currently has no youth eligible for transfer to adult court. In the previous 17 years, no youth have been transferred to adult court. The last youth transferred to adult court was a direct file by the District Attorney's Office in 2006. Justice partners are cognizant of the need to keep youth out of the adult justice system. The adult justice system has been and continues to be a last resort reserved for the consideration in only the most serious and violent offenses. Funding for specialized services that meet an individual's need will incentivize keeping the youth within the juvenile justice system.

SB 823 changed the maximum age of juvenile court jurisdiction for some target population youth. Prior to SB 823 only youth committed to DJJ had their maximum age of jurisdiction extended to age 23 or 25. SB 23 extended the age of jurisdiction of the entire population, regardless of whether they become Secure Track Youth, to the ages of 23-25 depending on the nature of the adjudicated offense, by adding Welfare and Institutions Code section 208.5. SB 813 also provides additional restrictions on housing wards of the juvenile court in adult facilities. Wards 19-years-old or older cannot be detained in an adult detention facility without a court order. There is now a presumption that the ward will be retained in a juvenile facility. Wards serving a commitment in a juvenile facility cannot have that commitment transferred to an adult facility, regardless of age. For purposes of this plan, that means there is the potential for more youth between the ages of 21-25 requiring services in the local juvenile justice continuum, up to and including juvenile detention services.

All requests for transfer of a juvenile to adult court will be reviewed by the Chief Probation Officer using a multi-agency process and creating a comprehensive continuum of services for the youth.

Part 8: Regional Effort

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation (WIC 1995(d)(6)):

Calaveras County currently has contracts with two (2) out of county juvenile detention centers, located in El Dorado and Tuolumne Counties. It is anticipated that these facilities will be utilized to house target population pre-disposition and as an alternative to Secure Track detention. No regional agreements or arrangements have been supported by the funding to date.

Calaveras County plans to use JJRBG funding to house eligible Secure Track Youth in in El Dorado County, with whom we are contracted. Should El Dorado not be able to meet the needs of the Secure Track Youth, then a facility which meets the youth's need will be sought and a contract requested.

Part 9: Data

Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant (WIC 1995(d)(7)):

If a youth is committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility, data would be collected through our case management system.

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to determine the results of the programs and interventions supported by block grant funds (WIC 1995(d)(7)):

If a youth is committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility outcome measure would include high school/college graduation, employment, housing, and recidivism.

Part 10: Progress Report

Provide a description of the progress made regarding any elements described in Parts 2-9 and any objectives and outcomes in the plan that was submitted to the Office of Youth and Community Supervision in the previous calendar year. (WIC 1995(d)(8)).

Calaveras County does not currently have, nor have we had a youth committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility. Additionally, there is no youth on supervision or going through the court process eligible for placement at a Secure Youth Treatment Facility.

Until a youth becomes eligible for placement at a Secure Youth Treatment Facility, progress in the plan cannot be made.

Should a youth be identified as eligible for placement at a Secure Youth Treatment Facility the Subcommittee would call a special meet to address the needs of the youth.