



JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL PLAN

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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. Section 1995 was amended by Assembly Bill 505 (Ting, Chapter 528, Statutes of 2023.) This template has been updated to reflect those amendments which will be in effect on January 1, 2024. All citations are to the law as amended. The statutory language can be found [here](#).

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. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(a).)

County plans are to be submitted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration in accordance with Welf. & Inst. Code §1995. OYCR may request revisions as necessary or request completion of the required planning process prior to final acceptance of the plan. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995 (f).) Plans will be posted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(g).)

There are nine sections to the plan:

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PART 1: SUBCOMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND PROCESS (WELF. & INST. CODE §§ 1995 (B) AND (C))

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Describe the process used to determine whether to select a co-chair for your subcommittee (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b)): We have not selected a co-chair for our subcommittee as we do not see the need to have a co-chair for this committee.

Provide the dates of the last two meetings that the subcommittee convened to discuss your county's JJRBG plan?

Meeting Date 1:

Meeting Date 2:

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable:

Date that the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote.

4/4/2025

Describe how the plan was developed, including the review and participation of the subcommittee community members as defined in Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b):

The plan is reviewed internally by Probation each year, and then it is brought to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee for review and approval. After the subcommittee has reviewed, it goes to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council for final review and approval.

PART 2: TARGET POPULATION (WELF. & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(1))

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

The "target population" is defined as "youth who were eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure and shall further be defined as persons who are adjudicated to be a ward of the juvenile court based on an offense described in subdivision (b) of Section 707 or an offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code." (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1990(b))

The realignment target population includes youth, aged twelve to eighteen, who have been adjudicated for committing an offense described in Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), who would otherwise have been eligible for a commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure of intake. Jurisdiction by age continues through age twenty-three in general but upwards of age twenty-five for the following exceptions: 1. Youth facing an aggregate sentence of seven or more years, or 2. Youth committed to a state hospital or mental health facility.

Eligible youth will be considered for commitment and treatment in El Dorado County, at the local detention facility, the Juvenile Treatment Center (JTC) in South Lake Tahoe, on a case-by-case basis depending on their assessed need. If El Dorado County cannot meet the youth's assessed needs, services will be sought through an alternative contracted county provider.

El Dorado County currently contracts with surrounding counties to provide detention services and will continue to accept youth who meet the realignment target population who may fall under the above identified eligibility criteria for short-term detention and longer-term commitments.

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

Between January of 2020 and December of 2024, there were 46 youth with sustained WIC 707(b) offenses eligible for a DJJ commitment. Disaggregated data for the 46 youth is as follows:

The majority (80%) of El Dorado County youth with sustained WIC 707(b) offenses are males, with the majority (57%) of race being Caucasian.

Gender	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Percentage
Female							
Male							
Total	15				21	46	100%

Race	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Percentage
African American							
American Indian							
Caucasian					12	26	57%
Hispanic/Latin/Mexican							
Other							
Total	15				21	46	100%

The majority (46%) of youth at the time of disposition is 17-18 years of age.

Age @ Dispo	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Percentage
13							
14							
15							
16							
17							
18							
19							
20							
21							
22							
Total	15				21	46	100%

In the past five years, 76% of the offenses were assault related, 13% were property related, and ■ were sex related. The remaining ■ were homicide related.

Offense Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Percentage
Arson	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Assault	■	■	■	■	20	35	76%
Homicide	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Robbery	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Sex Offense	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Total	15	■	■	■	21	46	100%

At the time of disposition, most youth (65%) were located at the Juvenile Treatment Center, while 35% were living in their own or relative's home.

Location	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Percentage
Juvenile Treatment Center	■	■	■	■	■	16	35%
Own/Relative's Home	■	■	■	■	■	30	65%
Total	15	■	■	■	21	46	100%

Most youth (72%) who have a sustained WIC 707(b) offense were ordered by the court to Wardship probation under WIC 725(b). Of the remaining youth, 24% were ordered to Non-Wardship probation under WIC 725(a), ■ were ordered to Informal Probation under WIC 654.2, and ■ were granted realignment from SB 823.

Disposition	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total	Percentage
Informal Probation - WIC 654.2	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Non-Ward Probation - WIC 725(a)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Wardship Probation - WIC 725(b)	15	■	■	■	■	33	72%
Secure Track SB 823 Realignment	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Total	15	■	■	■	21	46	100%

Describe the target population, disaggregated by programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.

The identified target population will be housed at the local juvenile detention facility, the JTC, where treatment and programming will be provided by either clinical Probation Department staff members at the facility, or by highly trained providers from local community-based organizations contracted to provide needed services. Youth with specific needs (such as a female-specific program) may be committed to a regional facility hosted by another county with programs designed to focus on and meet the specific need.

PART 3: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (WELF. & INST. CODE §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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(D)(2) and (d)(8)):

Each youth or young adult in the target population who is serving a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), (Cedar Program) commitment in El Dorado County will be screened and assessed for risk and need, utilizing available tools such as the following:

1. The Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) is a 126 item, multiple choice assessment measuring a youth's risk to reoffend, identifying strengths (protective and stabilizing factors) and criminogenic risk factors.
2. The Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-2 (MAYSI-2) is a brief behavioral health tool designed for juvenile justice programs and facilities that identifies pressing behavioral health needs through a 52 question self-report inventory. The tool also generates a score to identify each youth's adverse child experiences score (ACES), to guide trauma-informed care.
3. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is an intake screening tool utilized to assess risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness.
4. The Addiction Severity Index (ASI) is a semi-structured interview designed to address seven targeted areas in substance-abusing youth, identifying the level of care needed to address treatment needs.
5. The Adolescent Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI-A2) identifies probability of substance use disorders in adolescent clients and provides clinical insight into family and social risk factors.
6. The Static Risk and Needs Assessment (SRNA) is an adult assessment tool used for the 18 and over population. The Static Risk Assessment is based on offender demographics and criminal history while the Needs Assessment allows for greater information gathering to be used in the identification of top criminogenic needs for case planning purposes.

On an ongoing basis, the Department conducts evaluations of assessments appropriate for the populations served, and adjusts practices as needed to ensure an evidence-based, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive approach to evaluating each youth or young adult. In addition to risk and need assessments, behavioral health staff conduct and/or review educational and mental health assessments in order to assist with each youth's treatment plan.

Treatment oversight of the Cedar Program is coordinated by the Mental Health Program Coordinator, a full-time staff member employed by the Probation Department, and the Treatment Team, which consists of representation from educational services, behavioral health, alcohol and other drug counselor, the youth's supervising Deputy Probation Officer (or designee), and an assigned facility Supervising Deputy Probation Officer.

The Treatment Team and Mental Health Program Coordinator review and discuss each youth's assessment results in parallel with other relevant information about the youth to inform treatment needs. Youth are assigned to individual and/or group services based on assessed criminogenic need, behavioral health need/stabilization, family/criminal history, and goals for transition. Through this process, the youth's Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) is developed to address youth's treatment plan and transition back to the community.

Available individual services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Individual therapy, including Trauma Focused Cognitive Based Therapy
2. Suicide prevention/assessment and crisis intervention
3. Individual substance abuse prevention, treatment, and relapse prevention planning

4. Any identified need found appropriate to be treated on an individual basis
5. Family Counseling

Group services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)
2. Matrix Model - Substance abuse education, treatment, and relapse prevention
3. Coping with Anger Program
4. Boys Council
5. Girls Circle
6. Change Companies Interactive Journaling

Additional Interventions/Services may also include:

1. Vocational and/or Employment Skills – Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)
2. Rising Scholars – Community College Enrollment
3. Health Education and Parenting
4. Healthy Relationships
5. Trauma Counseling
6. Family Counseling
7. Family Focused Re-Entry Services
8. Transitional Age Youth Services

Medical Services are provided through a contract with Wellpath. Wellpath provides onsite medical services seven days per week as well as telepsychiatry services.

Behavioral Health services are coordinated by the Mental Health Program Coordinator and provided by an on site full-time Mental Health Clinician and two extra help Mental Health Clinicians. Contract providers are utilized as needed for specific need or service of a youth. A full-time Health Educator is also on site to provide substance abuse treatment and prevention.

Block grant funding may be utilized to hire additional sworn officers for supervision and group facilitation, therapeutic providers as previously mentioned, and/or supplemental contract services as needed to meet individual need and frequency of service.

Block grant funding may be utilized to fund the sworn officer responsible for the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) caseload, a contract with the NCCT to provide vocational training, and funding for paid vocational job responsibilities.

Reentry planning will occur throughout the youth's commitment, goals will be identified and established through the IRP, and a transitional release plan will be developed with input from the youth and family. Every six months, a review hearing will be held with the Court and the youth's progress toward the goals of both the commitment being served and the transitional plan will be discussed. Block grant funding will be utilized to assist the department develop a step-down program or support the step-down process for secure youth treatment facility (SYTF) youth.

In 2024, El Dorado County developed a Least Restrictive Program (LRP) with the coordination of funding through the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR). Block grant funding may be utilized to supplement this support for the LRP in El Dorado County including community programming. OYCR funding for the LRP ends in 2026.

El Dorado County youth released from the Cedar Program to a LRP is supervised by a probation officer assigned to the JTC. The LRP in El Dorado County provides a transition to living independently in the community including housing, utilities, education support, assistance finding employment, and continued therapeutic services as needed. Block grant funding may be utilized to support training and safety equipment of Deputy Probation Officers assigned to supervise the youth in the community LRP.

The Phases of the Cedar Program (SYTF developed for the realigned target population)

Phase 1: Assessment

During the initial 30 days, all assessments are completed and an Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) is developed with input from the youth.

Phase 2: Orientation

Within the first 30 days following adoption of the IRP, the youth is introduced to facilitators, therapists, and other persons responsible for treatment and IRP requirements.

Phase 3: First Steps

Youth begins services outlined in the IRP. Additionally acute medical/behavior health needs are addressed as needed.

Phase 4: Strong Relationships

Youth has exhibited sustained progress in the IRP. Youth is participating in individual and group therapy as appropriate and is developing/demonstrating appropriate relationships. Educational goals are highlighted during this phase.

Phase 5: Growth

Youth has made significant progress in individual and group therapies. Caring for other living items begins, such as plants and/or pets. Youth begins internal vocational opportunities.

Phase 6: Transitional Age

Youth transitions to supported independent living, demonstrates ability to work at internal job, exhibits skill building to maintain individual schedule, and is provided tools and opportunities to demonstrate appropriate time and priority management.

Phase 7: Life Ahead

Youth has established independent abilities and has the opportunity to work in supported vocational opportunities outside of the perimeter. Independent life skills are enhanced and opportunities for job skills, resume building, drivers education, banking, and financial management occur.

Phase 8: Homeward Bound

Initial execution of Re-Entry Plan is operationalized, including use of Temporary Releases, transitional housing and community-based supports, and parental and home empowerment are established. El Dorado County has developed a Least Restrictive Program (LRP) to aid in transition to independent living in the community.

Phase 9: Re-Entry

Full execution of acclimating to life outside of the JTC begins. Continuation of care and communal support is established, and progressive steps are implemented to ensure successful reintegration into the community. Coordinated efforts with stakeholders and Encompass Youth (non-profit organization serving youth in El Dorado County) to ensure a team of communal support exist for each youth.

Block grant funding may be utilized for the support of the necessary services included in each phase including pet care and internal vocational employment. Block grant funding will be utilized to support the payment of youth assigned to work detail in the facility including laundry services and culinary production.

Since May 1, 2024, El Dorado had [REDACTED] in our LRP, [REDACTED] successfully discharged at the end of January 2025. During the time at the LRP, [REDACTED] able to continue their college education, (attending remotely at Chico State), maintain employment at the local community college, attend counseling services as needed, while successfully re-entering into the community, developing social relationships, and strengthening family engagement.

El Dorado currently [REDACTED] in the Cedar Program. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PART 4: JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (WELF. & INST. CODE §1995(D)(3))

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(A) and (d)(8))

The department employs a full-time Mental Health Program Coordinator, a full-time Mental Health Clinician, two extra help Mental Health Clinicians, and a full-time Health Educator who oversees behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment services including individual a group modality. Additional contractor staff are utilized on an as needed basis to meet the need of each individual youth of the target population. Probation employed clinical staff are trained in multiple modalities of therapy including Dialectical Based Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Based Therapy (CBT), and Trauma Focused CBT.

Block grant funding may be used to provide training for specialized treatment modalities or to contract with a community-based organization to provide the identified behavioral health service.

The JTC continues to maintain contracts with community-based organizations including Tahoe Youth and Family Services and A Balanced Life. Three additional contracts were executed in 2022 with additional clinical staff to provide specialized therapy services and assessment on an as needed basis.

Since May of 2024, the clinical team has engaged in a variety of training to increase the level of treatment and expand the modalities offered to our youth. The Health Educator (responsible for Substance Abuse Treatment/Prevention) is scheduled to be trained in Brain spotting. This technique uses eye movements to help process trauma and other emotions. The fulltime Mental Health Clinician continues to work towards enhancing skills related to Trauma Focused-Cognitive Based Therapy and is enrolled to attend Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Training this year.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(B) and (d)(8))

The Department plans to use grant funding to continue facilitation of Healthy Relationships, a curriculum that promotes self-esteem, identification of healthy adolescent/young adult relationships, as well as domestic violence prevention. Funds may also be utilized to support the facilitation of My Future Matters, a six-week curriculum focused on self-esteem, team building, leadership, and service to others. These programs are facilitated jointly by probation staff as well as teaching staff employed by the El Dorado Office of Education. If these programs are not available, or further curriculum is needed, funds will be used to research and support alternative or supplemental programs with similar goals.

My Future Matters is a curriculum developed by the organization, Community Works. Community Works is an organization based out of Los Angeles driven by the belief in the innate power of civic engagement and leadership. Their programs are designed to help youth discover their leadership qualities through developing problem-solving tools to use to find solutions in their personal lives and community.

My Future Matters is facilitated in partnership between El Dorado Office of Education and the El Dorado Probation Department. The 14-week curriculum is designed to build leadership and develop problem-solving, relationship building, communication, and collaboration. During the weekly activities, the youth are exposed to self-discovery, teamwork, and service to others.

The program is concluded with a community service project. The youth work together to decide how they can best serve their community while in custody and then execute their project idea with the support of education and probation staff. Previous service projects include a videoed public service announcement created by the students for the local middle school to prevent youth from going down a path in the criminal justice system and a mural painted in the facility to beautify the living space for future youth housed in the facility.

Additionally, El Dorado contracts with several vendors and community providers for yoga, mindfulness training, music class, and educational physical fitness. Block grant funds support these efforts and may be utilized in the future to install a library in the facility for increased access to books and literary exposure.

Block grant funds may also be utilized to purchase tablets that allow for educational enrichment and family engagement.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(C) and (d)(8))

The Department plans to support family engagement by utilizing grant funds for family counseling sessions and parenting classes; these strategies have been identified as imperative to family progress, and helpful to support a youth's transition to the family home upon release to the community.

For youth or young adults who lack familial support, the Department will utilize Family Finding, including searches through Seneca Family of Agencies and utilizing Lexis Nexis by Accurint software, to locate family members or supportive adults who are then contacted and introduced to the idea of establishing or reestablishing a relationship with the youth. For youth released from custody and under community supervision, the transition plan may include goals to continue family engagement, counseling, and/or reunification services started while the youth was in custody.

Given the geographical location of the JTC in the South Lake Tahoe basin, the Department recognizes the hardship placed on families residing on the West Slope of the county, who need to travel over a Sierra Mountain pass to visit with their child. In these instances, family engagement will be supported by utilizing grant funds to provide transportation assistance in order for families to visit youth or young adults at the JTC. If inclement weather prohibits traveling back to the West Slope safely, funding will be used to lodge a family in the South Lake Tahoe region until travel is safe. Lodging may also be funded and used for a multiple day visit or event which promotes healthy adolescent development.

From 2022 to 2024, funds were utilized to provide lodging and accommodations for the parent of a SYTF youth who had traveled to South Lake Tahoe in order to participate in family therapeutic services. Video communication platforms, such as Zoom, will be utilized to supplement in-person family therapy and engagement, as necessary.

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(D) and (d)(8))

As described in Part 3, Programs and Services, re-entry planning occurs while the youth or young adult is in custody, and a transition plan is developed as the youth nears release. The transition and re-entry service plans are individualized on a case-by-case basis, depending on the youth or young adult's needs, including but not limited to emotional, physical, and mental health needs, educational progress, maturity level, and support/familial services in place. Each transition plan includes appropriate risk and needs assessments, to safely serve the youth or young adult, as well as the community.

To support potential employment opportunities, community-based workforce development specialists and the youth's supervising probation officer will assist the youth or young adult in drafting a resume, completing job applications, participating in job skills training, and exploring resources such as the Employment Resource Center and the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). The Probation Department currently partners with the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) program. Youth or young adults may be referred to the NCCT which provides intensive training in the construction trades and job placement through union contracts upon graduation. Further, HHSA's Employment Services offers a Youth Services Program for 17–24-year-olds. These options may be available for any young adult who is being supervised in our community by a probation officer.

For youth or young adults who need housing support upon release, grant funding may be used for housing vouchers, either through a partnership with HHSA or through local housing providers, if necessary.

High School education is provided through the in-custody high school Blue Ridge operated by the El Dorado County Office of Education. Post-secondary education will continue to be provided at the JTC, through the Rising Scholars Program provided by Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC). Currently, vocational services include Culinary Arts and Laundry Services. An onsite contract with the NCCT is in development for construction trade training to be offered on site. (This contract will be executed in 2025)

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive programs or services for the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(E) and (d)(8))

The Department plans to use grant funds to support the evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive services described above in Part 3, Programs and Services. One Supervising Deputy Probation Officer and one Deputy Probation Officer I/II/III are primarily assigned to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (Cedar Program) to oversee and manage program operations. Block grant funding may be utilized for the salary and benefits of these positions.

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(F) and (d)(8))

The Department will utilize grant funding for services through a contract with local community based organizations when necessary, either because the specific service or program need is not administered by Probation Department staff, or because the local community based organization runs a successful service or program that is believed to be beneficial to youth or young adults in the realigned target population.

PART 5: FACILITY PLAN (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(4))

Provide a detailed facility plan indicating which facilities will be used 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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

The target population will reside at El Dorado County's sole juvenile detention center, the Juvenile Treatment Center (JTC), located in South Lake Tahoe. The JTC is a co-ed, two-unit, secure residential facility with a 40-bed maximum capacity. The two units each have a capacity of 20 beds, and are independent from each other with separate school settings, recreational rooms, living quarters, and restroom facilities. JTC Central Control is located between the units, where assigned probation staff can observe and serve both units concurrently. Other areas of the facility include a medical office, kitchen area, sally port, staff office areas, one secure outdoor recreation area, and one large, multi-purpose room utilized for events, training, visitation, and meetings.

Both the target population as well as the general population will be housed at the JTC. Populations will be separated by unit; one unit housing general population youth, and the target realignment population in the second unit. This second unit includes any specialized subset of the target population, such as juveniles who sexually offend and any other youth classified with similar need or in a long term commitment program.

The Department has a multilayered approach to classifying and housing youth while receiving treatment in the Cedar Program. In the absence of a validated and comprehensive assessment tool to determine all necessary housing and classification needs, El Dorado County will administer all new youth a battery of assessments including but not limited to those provided by the Noble Software Group, Mental/Behavioral Health, medical,

and educational services in conjunction with input from the resident, any applicable family/guardians, and other professional staff. Continued housing and classifications will be assessed through the youth's program during weekly meetings of the youth's treatment providers and additionally at weekly multi-disciplinary team meetings. Acute needs may be addressed directly by professional, or probation staff as needed.

The additional funding from the BSCC, Part B to address and improve facility space and infrastructure has been utilized to improve the environment including the installation of carpet in the living units, fixed furniture being removed, adding softer/more homelike furnishings to the spaces, and installing heating in a covered outdoor space to ensure year-round use, all to create a more homelike environment.

Additionally, the County has directed a \$9.6 million Senate Bill 81 construction grant be utilized to perform substantial improvements to the existing facility. The facility is currently being evaluated by engineers for structural matters related to a physical reconstruction of current housing space.

PART 6: RETAINING THE TARGET POPULATION IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(5))

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. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

Utilizing an evidence-based, trauma-informed, youth and family centered, treatment plan focused, cognitive based approach to rehabilitation, retaining youth and young adults in the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system, will provide better outcomes, including reduced recidivism and more empathy to victims and the community. Keeping the realignment target population in the hands of county services and providers and remaining focused on returning youth back to our community, ensures a commitment by probation officers, providers, and community leaders to affect positive change in these youth and families. For example, youth who remain in the juvenile justice system have access to sealing their juvenile court records, enabling positive progress into young adulthood in the community. Building local programs and services, as well as regional agreements with other counties, incentivizes retention in the juvenile justice system.

PART 7: REGIONAL EFFORT (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(6))

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

El Dorado County will accept realigned youth into the JTC for treatment through the Cedar Program from established contract counties including but not limited to: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Modoc, Mono, Marin, Siskiyou, and Yolo.

Out of county youth referred to the JTC for services through the Cedar Program will be subject to an assessment period, to determine appropriateness for treatment. Youth found to be appropriate will be accepted dependent on available bed space. El Dorado County anticipates the ability to provide treatment for up to 10 youth in need of long-term services.

Youth case management will be administered by El Dorado County with collaboration with the youth's county of residence (referring county). The youth's probation officer from the referring county will be required to meet with youth in the Cedar Program no less than monthly, with video communication platforms as an option, but must meet in person at least quarterly. The youth's probation officer from the referring county is required to collaborate with JTC staff to transition the youth to the referring county upon completion of the youth's commitment, including the establishment of services within the referring county's jurisdiction for effective transition into the community.

PART 8: DATA (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(7))

Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response:

Data will be collected using the Probation Department's existing case management system, Caseload Explorer by Automon. Programming modules will be developed within the case management system, and Probation staff will enter data accordingly for all programs and interventions in which the realigned population participated.

Anonymous youth satisfaction surveys will be used to measure progress and provide valuable feedback for staff and management.

Provider surveys will also be used to measure various engagement components, such as perception of relationship health between provider and the youth or young adult.

In the event additional resources are needed, funding may be utilized to purchase software, development resources, data entry resources, or other resources that assist data collection and outcomes.

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions supported by block grant funds. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response:

Possible outcome measures to determine program and intervention results may include the following:

- Intervention attendance and engagement
- Program and intervention completion
- Recidivism
- Changes to youth's assessment results
- Community supervision after release (length)
- Community transition support
- Timeline between release and engagement in community services
- Detention/commitment lengths
- Program satisfaction/feedback
- Changes to youth's outlook of future success
- Population characteristics (such as age, ethnicity, offense, and previous child welfare involvement)
- Educational factors
- Measurements specific to specialized subsets of the population (such as JSO population)
- Natural supports established for post-release sustainability
- Caregiver or young person support and resources upon release
- Transition safety plan factors and timelines
- Provider engagement and perceptions
- Other program performance indicators as identified

PART 9: OTHER UPDATES: DESCRIBE ANY PROGRESS ON ELEMENTS SINCE MAY 1, 2024: (WELF. & INST. CODE (D)(8))

Provide a description of progress made regarding any plan elements and any objectives and outcomes in the prior year's plan, to the extent that they have not already been described above.

Since May of 2024, El Dorado had their [REDACTED] move through all the stages and phases of the Cedar Program, move into the LRP house, and was successfully discharged into the community under probation supervision [REDACTED].

Currently in the Cedar Program, [REDACTED] serving an SYTF commitment. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

As highlighted in the narrative, our clinical team continues to increase their education around the treatment quality and modalities offered to our youth. Brain spotting and EMDR are two techniques that will be offered in the future.

This year several new programs and enrichment activities have been added at the JTC. Our newest vendor is a community member and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) who specializes in trauma therapy and provides education through music therapy groups. Another community member facilitates Mindfulness, using a Mindfulness-based Emotional Intelligence (MBEI) Model to increase inner resources, problem solving, self-awareness, other awareness, and self-regulation. Fitness classes are offered from another member of the local community and incorporates breath work, teaches optimal movement, high intensity interval training, and recovery-based exercises.

Through a partnership with El Dorado County Office of Education and Creative Hope Studios, a music studio was installed in the education space of the JTC. This studio allows students to be educated in making and recording music. Block grant funding may be utilized to finish and enhance the spaces around the studio and further develop the educational areas adding a functioning library and reading space.

Considering the increased risk that comes with the targeted population, additional safety and security interventions are being installed in the facility including a body scanner, a metal detector for the public entrance, and a mail scanner to prevent contraband.