

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))

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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)):

In alignment with Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1995(b), the subcommittee convened to assess the structural needs of leadership. During this process, it became evident that the appointment of a co-chair was necessary to maintain the integrity and focus of the subcommittee's work, particularly within Lassen County. Recognizing the Chief Probation Officer's involvement in a range of fiscal, operational, and policy matters, both locally and statewide, the subcommittee decided that appointing a co-chair would ensure sustained leadership and continuity in facilitating trauma-informed, client-centered, and culturally responsive interventions for realigned youth. The Deputy Chief Probation Officer was selected as co-chair, a decision rooted in the need to prioritize the consistent delivery of services that address the needs of the youth in our care. By utilizing a co-leadership model, the subcommittee ensures that its work remains grounded in the principles of collaboration, empowerment, and advocacy. This structure supports the continued development of rehabilitative strategies that are strengths-based, aim to build resilience, and prioritize the well-being of youth, particularly as they transition from secure care to community-based support systems. Furthermore, it guarantees that the subcommittee can effectively engage in reflective practice, evaluation, and ongoing development of programs, even when the Chief is unavailable.

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

The subcommittee held a meeting on December 2, 2024, to review the annual plan and data for fiscal years 2021/2022, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024.

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

The plan was updated, in November of 2024, and approved in December of 2024.

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

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

The Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant supports a target population of youth who have committed serious or violent offenses, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 707 or Penal Code 290.008, and who have been adjudicated as wards of the juvenile court. This group also includes youth referred to probation by the court under Section 654.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for supervision eligibility, provided their offenses align with those specified in subdivision (b) of Section 707. These young individuals often exhibit complex psychosocial needs and face an elevated risk of re-engagement with the justice system.

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

The target population consists of youth charged with serious or violent felonies under Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, who tend to have higher recidivism rates, advancing further into the juvenile justice system. In 2023, the Lassen County Probation Department received a total of 106 new referrals. Among these, 96 were misdemeanors or infractions, and 29 were felony referrals.

Out of the 29 felony referrals submitted to the District Attorney's Office, 15 resulted in petitions being filed. The remaining 14 referrals were returned to Probation for informal handling.

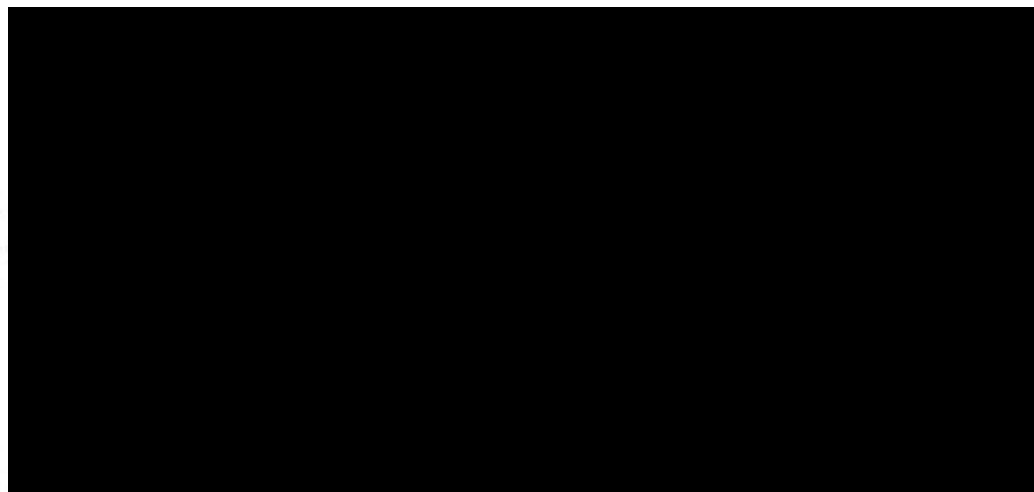
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The demographic breakdown of the youth involved in the 15 petitions filed by the District Attorney shows key factors such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, and offense history. Disaggregating this data allows for a better understanding of the disparities and systemic challenges faced by different populations, particularly youth of color and those from marginalized communities. This information is crucial in ensuring that rehabilitative services are culturally responsive, equitable, and trauma-informed.

The charts below provide a breakdown of offenses and demographic data, highlighting the diverse needs of the population. The goal is to tailor rehabilitative interventions that are developmentally appropriate and address the unique risk factors faced by each youth.

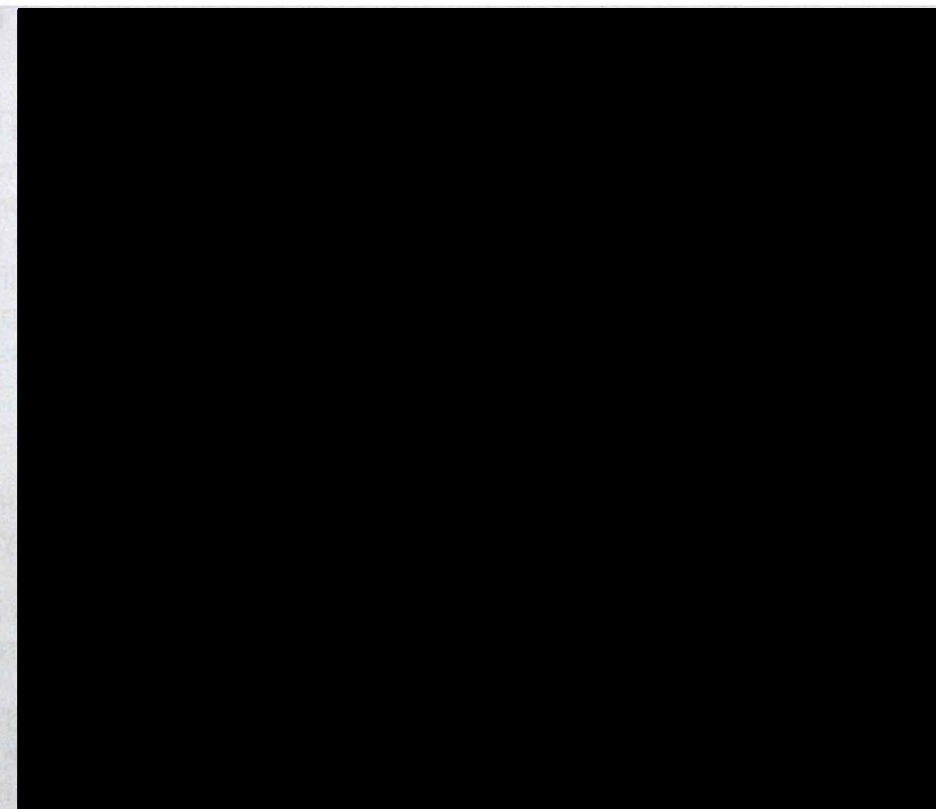
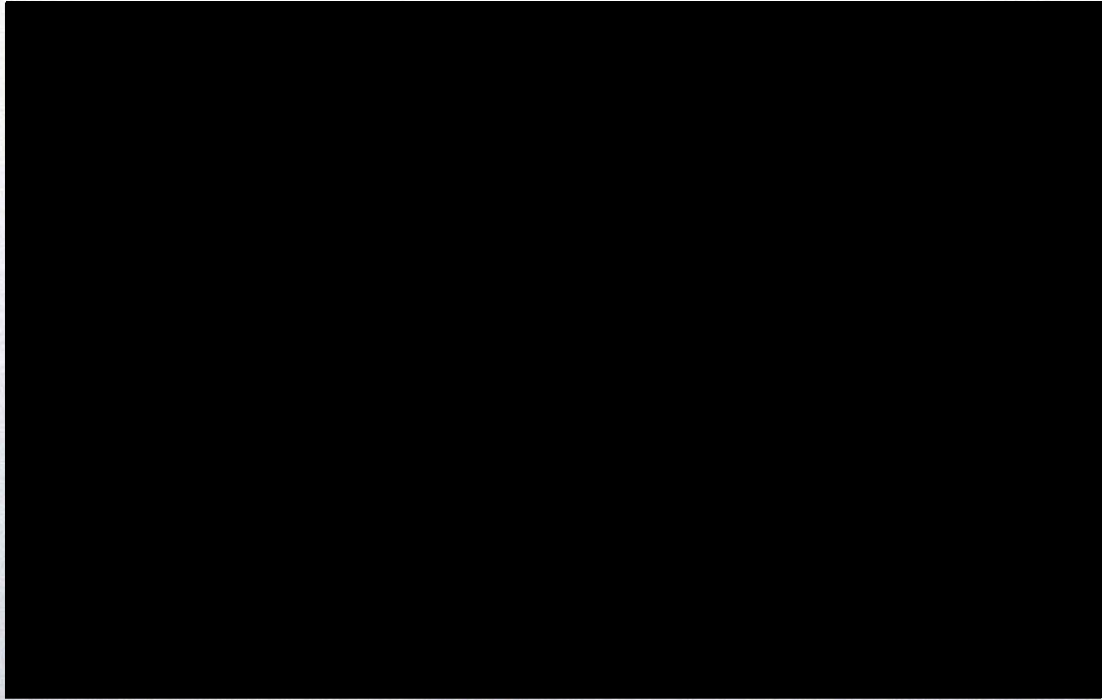
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Offense Categories



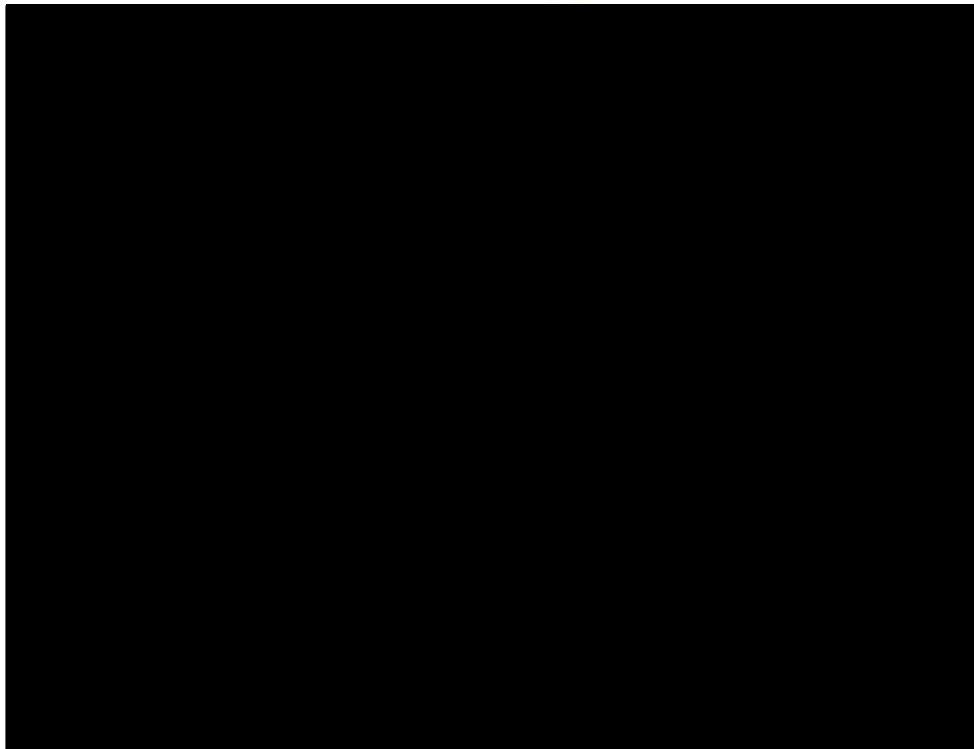
FORCIBLE ROBBERY ASSAULT BURGLARY NARCOTICS WEAPONS CRIMINAL OTHER SEX OTHER
RAPE THREATS

Race/Ethnicity



- 13 y.o.
- 14 y.o.
- 15 y.o.
- 16 y.o.
- 17 y.o.
- 18 y.o.

Sex



■ MALE
■ FEMALE

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

Lassen County offers a range of community-based programs and services designed to address the complex needs of youth involved in 707(b) offenses. These services aim to provide wellness-focused, culturally responsive, and developmentally appropriate interventions to support the rehabilitation and reintegration of these youth. These programs focus on addressing underlying issues such as behavioral health challenges, substance use, family dynamics, and life skills development. The goal is to provide a continuum of care that fosters resilience and positive behavioral change, helping youth transition successfully back into their communities.

The following programs and services are critical resources for 707(b) youth:

- **Lassen Intervention – Stronger Families Program:** Focused on strengthening family systems, this program provides therapeutic interventions that promote healthy communication, conflict resolution, and family cohesion.
- **Multi-Agency Prevention and Education Program:** A collaborative approach to preventing further system involvement, offering educational resources and prevention strategies that address risk factors for justice-involved youth.
- **Family Solutions Wrap Around Program:** Provides intensive, individualized support for youth and their families, utilizing a strengths-based, family-centered approach to address the needs of the whole family system.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services:** Offers counseling and outpatient treatment for youth struggling with substance use, incorporating evidence-based practices to support recovery and prevent relapse.

- **Behavioral Health Services:** Focuses on providing therapeutic support for mental health concerns, including counseling, case management, and crisis intervention.
- **Foster Youth Services:** Assists youth in foster care, providing academic support, counseling, and transitional services to promote educational stability and success.
- **Independent Living Program (ILP):** Prepares youth for adulthood by providing life skills training, financial education, and support for independent living.
- **Probation Department:** Provides supervision and case management for youth under juvenile court jurisdiction, utilizing rehabilitative strategies that align with best practices in juvenile justice.
- **Child and Family Services:** Offers a continuum of care for at-risk youth, ensuring access to supportive services aimed at strengthening family systems and preventing further system involvement.
- **Lassen Family Services:** Provides resources and advocacy for families impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other trauma, supporting both youth and their families in healing and recovery.
- **Susanville Indian Rancheria:** Offers culturally specific services and support for Native American youth, ensuring that programs are responsive to the unique cultural and historical needs of the population.

These services and programs work together to provide a holistic, wellness focused approach that addresses the individual and familial needs of 707(b) youth, with the intention of reducing recidivism and promoting long-term success for youth.

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: Lassen County provides a range of programs and services designed to address the complex needs of youth involved in serious or violent offenses. These interventions aim to promote long-term well-being, reduce recidivism, and support the successful reintegration of youth into their communities. The following are key resources available to the target population:

- **Multi-Agency Prevention and Education Program:** Provides life skills training that addresses the major social and psychological factors contributing to risky behaviors. This program aims to reduce substance abuse, violence, and other harmful behaviors by equipping youth with coping strategies and decision-making skills.
- **Family Solutions Wrap Around Program:** Surrounds youth and families at risk of out-of-home placement with customized, strengths-based services. This program focuses on promoting stability and resilience through individualized care plans that address each family's unique needs.
- **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services:** Offers comprehensive treatment plans, group therapy, and individualized assistance to youth struggling with addiction. These services use evidence-based approaches to foster recovery and support healthy lifestyle changes.
- **Behavioral Health Services:** Provides counseling, therapeutic groups, and assistance in addressing mental health needs. These services are tailored to support emotional well-being and to help youth navigate challenges related to anxiety, depression, trauma, and other mental health conditions.

- **Mental Health Student Services Act Program:** A collaboration between Behavioral Health and Lassen County Office of Education, this program provides tiered mental health services within local schools. It offers preventative and low-level interventions to support students' emotional and psychological well-being.
- **Foster Youth Services:** Provides educational support and resources to current and former foster youth, helping them succeed academically and achieve personal development goals.
- **Probation Department Programming:** Utilizes evidence-based practices such as the Forward-Thinking interactive journaling program, which helps youth develop skills for managing difficult situations, anger, peer influence, and emotional regulation. The Juvenile Work Program (JWP) partners with local, state, and federal agencies to provide youth with meaningful work experiences in less restrictive environments. Youth gain valuable life and job skills while contributing to community projects in a supportive, team-oriented atmosphere.
- **Child and Family Services:** Offers integrated child protective services aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of children through coordinated interventions with families and community partners.
- **Lassen Intervention's Stronger Families Program:** Provides educational programs utilizing the evidence-based ARISE Anger Management Program (18 sessions) and Strong Teens Social Emotional Learning curriculum (six sessions over 12 weeks) to support youth in managing emotions and developing social skills.
- **Lassen Family Services:** Provides a variety of support services, including:
 - **Clothing assistance**
 - **Parent Education Program:** Teaches parents the evidence-based Love and Logic curriculum, offering 12 group sessions and 12 individual sessions to help parents develop effective communication and parenting strategies.
 - **Parent Partner Program:** Works alongside the Wrap Around program to promote self-reliance, empowerment, and advocacy while offering families critical support and assistance.
- **Crossroads Ministries:** Provides essential nutritional services, feeding 500 meals (breakfast and lunch) each week from Monday to Friday, along with food assistance and a summer feeding program for children who rely on school lunches.
- **Salvation Army:** Offers a variety of supportive services, including rent and utilities assistance, food and hygiene support, clothing, and school supplies.
- **Susanville Indian Rancheria:** Offers culturally specific services to Native American youth and families, including:
 - **Educational support**
 - **Health care**
 - **Substance abuse services**
 - **Dental care**
 - **Nutrition support**
 - **Behavioral health services**
- **Trauma Therapy Services:** A community-based provider offering specialized child trauma therapy services to youth in need of emotional and psychological support.

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:

The Lassen County Probation Department plans to utilize grant funding to address the mental health, behavioral, and trauma-based needs of the 707(b) youth through a comprehensive and resilience-focused approach. The department will contract with juvenile detention and consortium facilities to provide supportive programming, specialized treatment services, and access to facility-based therapeutic interventions as needed. These services will include trauma-responsive care, individualized treatment plans, and re-entry support designed to foster resilience and emotional well-being. Additionally, the department will leverage grant funds to continue its long-term partnership with Lassen Intervention. Through this collaboration, the Juvenile Realignment Program will focus on addressing the many needs of realigned youth. This program is centered on evidence-based practices that promote emotional regulation, healing from past trauma, social-emotional education and the development of healthy coping mechanisms. By addressing the underlying behavioral health challenges, including trauma, addiction, and other risk factors, the Stronger Families program supports the welfare of youth as they progress through the juvenile justice system and re-integrate into their communities. Through these combined efforts, Lassen County is able to provide tailored, strengths-based services that meet the unique needs of this vulnerable population, ensuring that they receive the care, support, and resources necessary to reduce recidivism and promote long-term behavioral change.

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)):

The Lassen County Probation Department will utilize grant funding to contract with juvenile detention or consortium facilities to provide tailored programming, specialized services, targeted treatments, and access to re-entry services. The focus will be on fostering healthy adolescent development through programs that emphasize social-emotional growth, coping skills, and family support.

Lassen Intervention plans to implement evidence-based curricula designed to address the social-emotional needs of the target population. These programs focus on enhancing skills that have been shown to decrease problematic behaviors and increase the following:

- Identifying and understanding feelings (both comfortable and uncomfortable) while increasing emotional vocabulary.
- Teaching appropriate ways to express various emotions.
- Utilizing a cognitive-behavioral model to help youth understand and manage anger.
- Developing empathy and teaching youth how to recognize the emotions of others.
- Identifying negative and maladaptive thinking patterns and addressing common cognitive distortions.
- Teaching strategies to dispel irrational negative thoughts and replace them with more realistic, constructive beliefs.
- Promoting an optimistic approach to problem-solving and offsetting negative thinking styles.
- Teaching conflict resolution and interpersonal problem-solving skills to reduce violence and promote healthy relationships.

- Identifying stressors and providing cognitive-behavioral strategies for managing stress, anxiety, and worry.
- Setting and achieving realistic goals while encouraging positive, healthy activities.
- Equipping youth with essential skills for emotion and anger management.

To further support healthy adolescent development, the program will include:

- **Peer and family mentoring** to ensure successful transfer of skills to both parents and youth.
- **Whole family health and restoration** to strengthen family systems.
- **Intensive re-entry services** to support youth in transitioning back into their communities.
- **Parenting solutions** and support for addressing issues like co-dependency.
- **Substance abuse services**, a crucial addition to the program based on identified needs within this population.

Families will work closely with trained and certified professionals to create individualized success plans tailored to overcoming specific barriers to success. These plans will focus on developing targeted skills and leveraging family strengths to build a strong foundation. By addressing these familial barriers and developing new skills, the program has demonstrated positive outcomes and seen growth in all of the target families served.

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

The Lassen County Probation Department will apply grant funds to support family engagement through a comprehensive, family-centered approach provided by Lassen Intervention. The program will offer youth supportive services to both youth and their families, focusing on critical areas such as emotional regulation, anger management, parenting solutions, co-dependency, peer and family mentoring, and whole family restoration. The intent is to prevent youth who commit 707(b) WIC offenses from deeper involvement in the juvenile justice system while providing intensive re-entry services and that reduce the likelihood of incarceration. A therapist with expertise of family dynamics will lead family learning sessions that provide educational skills such as enhancing communication, emotional support, and conflict resolution within the family system. Caregivers will participate in an educational group that mirrors the youth's curriculum, presented in a "train-the-trainer" format. This equips caregivers with the tools and knowledge to meet the biopsychosocial needs of the youth and foster positive behavioral changes in the home. Each family will work with program staff to create an individualized family success plan tailored to their unique strengths and challenges. This plan will focus on building resilience and addressing any barriers the family may face, with progress measured over time. Families will also have the opportunity to participate in a family therapy component that focuses on comprehensive family health and overall quality of life. By addressing the needs of the entire family unit, this allows space for sustainable change, strengthening of familial relationships, and supports the overall success of the youth in transitioning back into their communities.

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)):

Lassen County Probation Department will utilize funding to contract with juvenile detention facilities provide supportive programming, special services, specialized treatment if needed, access to facility programming and re-entry services.

The Lassen County Probation Department will continue to refer to community partners who provide these services to Lassen County. Deputy Probation Officers will ensure that the juvenile's on their caseloads will educate families and perform necessary referrals to the following agencies:

Lassen County Housing and Grants

- Advocacy and support with housing

Alliance for Workforce Development

- Provides comprehensive employment and training services to job seekers. The resource center provides access to computers, fax machines, copiers and telephones. In addition, with assisting with networking opportunities, job search workshops, on-site and virtual interviews with local employers, job leads and community resource referrals.

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- Provides employment, food, medical and cash aid assistance to Lassen County.

Lassen County Office of Education – Workability Program

- Provides comprehensive pre-employment skills training, employment placement and follow-up for high school students in special education who are making the transition from school to work, independent living and postsecondary education or training. Program services are appropriate to individual student needs, abilities, and interests.

Department of Rehabilitation

- The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) works in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy resulting in employment, independent living, and equality for individuals with disabilities.

Susanville Indian Rancheria

- Provides educational assistance and tutoring for GED.

Lassen Community College HISET Program

- The HiSET exam is an option for out-of-school youth and adults without a high school diploma to demonstrate their skills and knowledge and earn a state-issued high school equivalency credential.

Lassen County Library

- English Learner Program
- Family Literacy Program
- GED Testing/Tutoring

Lassen Intervention Re-entry services

- Stronger Families program designed to prevent youth who commit 707(b) WIC offenses from going further into the juvenile justice system, provide intensive re-entry services, and reduce incarceration.

By leveraging these partnerships and resources, the Lassen County Probation Department will ensure that youth are supported in achieving their reentry goals, including stable housing, meaningful employment, and continued education. These services are essential in promoting resilience, reducing recidivism, and ensuring long-term success for the target population.

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)):

The Lassen County Probation Department will apply grant funds to provide the target population with access to evidence-based and culturally responsive programming that meets their diverse needs. Funding will support contracts with juvenile detention or consortium facilities to offer specialized services, therapeutic interventions, and reentry programming tailored to the individual needs of each youth. The department will partner with Lassen Intervention to deliver the Stronger Families program, which integrates the Strong Teens and ARISE evidence-based curriculum. These programs focus on fostering emotional and social development while promoting resilience through structured education and skill-building. Both curriculums are designed to be culturally inclusive, ensuring that youth from all backgrounds feel acknowledged, understood, and supported. By incorporating cultural perspectives and celebrating diversity, the programs offer equitable access to education, helping youth to develop positive coping mechanisms and skills for healthy decision making. Additionally, these curriculums are grounded in practices that are sensitive to the complex needs of youth who may have experienced trauma. The programs aim to create an emotionally safe and supportive environment, allowing youth to process their experiences, build resilience, and develop a greater sense of self-worth. This approach ensures that services meet the needs of youth from various intersecting identities and backgrounds, providing them with the tools they need to succeed both within the juvenile justice system and in their environments.

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)):

The Lassen County Probation Department will continue to collaborate with community-based organizations to ensure that juveniles in the target population receive comprehensive, community-driven services. These partnerships will enable youth to access a range of supportive programs designed to address their specific needs and promote positive outcomes. Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) will manage their caseloads by conducting regular assessments and follow-up evaluations with both the youth and their families to ensure accountability and continuity of care. The officers will utilize the Ohio Youth Risk Assessment System (OYAS) to identify barriers to success, such as unmet social, emotional, or behavioral needs. Based on these assessments, DPOs will create individualized case plans that are tailored to each youth's risk factors and strengths, promoting growth and rehabilitation. These case plans will guide referrals to community-based programs and services that align with the youth's unique needs, such as mental health counseling, educational support, substance use treatment, or job readiness programs. By collaborating with local providers, such as Lassen Intervention, Susanville Indian Rancheria, and others, the probation department ensures that juveniles benefit from services that are responsive to their cultural backgrounds and built on proven methods. Through these strategic partnerships, the department creates a support system that establishes a network that promotes growth, lowers repeat offenses and supports their successful return to their communities.

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))

The Lassen County Probation Department is committed to using the least restrictive options first, adjusting interventions based on each juvenile's behavior, needs, and treatment progress. Facilities are selected based on the severity of the offense and the individual treatment needs of each youth, with a focus on ensuring safety, protection, and rehabilitative opportunities. The department contracts with several juvenile detention facilities that offer a range of services to support the emotional, behavioral, and educational development of youth.

The following juvenile detention facilities are currently utilized by Lassen County:

- **Tehama County**
- **Shasta County**
- **Sonoma County**
- **Butte County**

Butte County Detention Facility provides an array of rehabilitative services to juveniles, including:

- **Staff-Provided Programs:**
 - Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART)
 - *Forward Thinking* Journaling
 - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

- **Boy's and Girl's Club Programs:**
 - Leadership Development
 - Team Building Skills
 - *Date Smart*
 - *Career Launch*
 - *College 101*
 - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
 - Lyricism 101
 - *Image Makers*
 - Triple Play
 - *Forward Thinking* Journaling
 - Aggression Replacement Therapy
- **Northern Valley Catholic Services:**
 - Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART)
 - Book Club
 - TRIP (drug and alcohol program)
 - Teenage Parenting Project
 - Life Skills Training
- **Alliance for Workforce Development:**
 - Job Seeking Skills
 - Job Readiness Training
 - Life Skills Development
- **Rape Crisis Services:**
 - Victimology Education
 - Basic Sex Education
 - PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Programming
 - *Date Smart*
- **California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG)/Wellpath:**
 - Basic Sex Education

Shasta County Detention Facility provides additional services focused on rehabilitation and skill-building:

- **Staff-Provided Programs:**
 - Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT)
 - Boy's Council
 - Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
 - Girls' Circle
 - WINGS/Juvenile Drug Court
 - Project Toward No Drugs (PTND)
- **Prosocial Activities:**
 - GROW Program (Gardening and Outdoor Work)
 - Religious Services
 - Mentoring
 - Culinary Skills Training
 - *The Leaders of Tomorrow* (The LOT)
 - Book Club
 - Boys' Talking Circle
 - Life Skills Development
 - Cardio Dance
 - Arts and Crafts

- Lassen College Correspondence Course Program
- Juvenile Court School

Tehama County Juvenile Detention Facility offers diverse rehabilitative programs aimed at life skills and vocational development:

- **Educational Services:** Provides core subjects and college preparation, including FAFSA support and college registration assistance.
- **Vocational Training:**
 - Wood Shop: Training in carpentry and building skills.
 - Makerspace: Hands-on activities like 3D printing, videography, and music production.
 - Garden Program: Youth engage in gardening, contributing produce to facility use and local programs.
- **Behavioral Programs:**
 - Changing ARMOR: Behavior modification program focusing on accountability and life skills.
- **Community Service:**
 - Senior Nutrition Program: Youth assist in meal preparation for local seniors, fostering community involvement.

Sonoma County Juvenile Hall and Probation Camp emphasize behavioral support and educational opportunities:

- **Detention Services:** Temporary, secure detention with structured support while awaiting court hearings or serving short-term commitments.
- **Educational Programs:** Comprehensive schooling, including special education services as needed, in partnership with the Sonoma County Office of Education.
- **Behavioral and Support Programs:**
 - Adolescent Treatment Program: Supports youth dealing with drug and alcohol issues.
 - Behavior Management System: Encourages responsibility and positive behavior development.
- **Recreational and Enrichment Activities:** Includes arts and crafts, creative writing, book club, fitness programs, and gardening projects.
- **Community Integration:** Provides community service opportunities and activities that connect youth with local organizations to strengthen social ties.

All facilities offer services designed to meet the rehabilitative, educational, and social-emotional needs of youth. These programs are tailored to the individual, ensuring that each juvenile receives the support they need to develop skills that promote positive re-entry into their community. Deputy Probation Officers collaborate closely with facility staff, conducting case management, assessments, and adjustments to individualized treatment plans as needed. In addition to detention facilities, the Lassen County Probation Department partners with licensed Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) when more intensive placements are required. These programs provide mental health services, crisis intervention, medication management, and targeted case management based on each youth's needs. Deputy Probation Officers maintain regular contact through monthly visits and ongoing collaboration with the youth's family to ensure the youth's care aligns with their treatment goals and to facilitate successful community reintegration and family reunification.

The safety and well-being of youth housed in these facilities are paramount. Each facility is equipped to provide care for juveniles of different ages, genders, and special needs, ensuring that

services and interventions are adapted to meet the developmental and safety requirements of all youth. Special attention is given to juveniles with unique needs to ensure they are placed in environments that offer appropriate supervision and protection. By using a continuum of care model that adjusts based on the severity of behaviors, offense level, and treatment needs, the Lassen County Probation Department strives to support each juvenile's rehabilitation and long-term success.

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)):

The Lassen County Probation Department is committed to retaining 707(b) offenders within the juvenile justice system by offering comprehensive, resilience-focused interventions that emphasize rehabilitation over punishment. Through the use of the least restrictive services and thorough risk and needs assessments, the department provides high-risk youth with access to preventive and rehabilitative programs within the local area. A central strategy for keeping youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court involves ongoing partnerships with community organizations. The department actively participates in interagency meetings, including the System Allocation Team (SAT) and the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) which focuses on broader collaboration with the Lassen County Office of Education, local schools, Behavioral Health, Public Health, and other criminal justice partners. These collaborative sessions foster open communication and ensure youth have access to a range of services, including education, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, and family-centered support.

The department's close collaboration with local service providers helps establish a strong rehabilitative framework aimed at addressing the root causes of delinquency, such as trauma, unmet needs, behavioral health issues, and family instability. By prioritizing early intervention and creating individualized case plans, the department enables the majority of 707(b) offenders to stay within the juvenile system, benefiting from services tailored to foster personal growth and long-term success. The criminal justice community in Lassen County shares this commitment, focusing on keeping juveniles within the juvenile court system rather than transferring them to adult court. As a result of this approach, transfers to adult court are extremely rare. The department remains focused on giving youth the chance to rehabilitate in a supportive, developmentally appropriate system, ensuring their successful reintegration into society.

Part 8: Regional Effort

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

The Lassen County Probation Department is part of the County Probation Consortium, a statewide collaboration that ensures youth can access specialized programs and facilities when local services are insufficient. By participating in this regional agreement, Lassen County can draw on resources from other counties, offering rehabilitative opportunities that might not be available within its own boundaries. This partnership allows the department to place youth in programs tailored to their specific needs, such as mental health care, addiction recovery support, job skills development, or specialized services for youth sex offenders. As Lassen County lacks local services specifically for sex offenders, we rely on the consortium to access appropriate placements and treatment options. When a case involves a sex offense, we assess each youth's level of sophistication, risk, and needs, referencing these individualized needs throughout our planning. Options are carefully evaluated, including in-home services, custodial placements, STRTP (Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs), RFA (Resource Family Approval) placements, or specialized programs with local supervision. Our definition of specialized services covers all levels of need based on the offense, ensuring that each youth receives the most appropriate and supportive environment possible. The consortium promotes inter-county cooperation, guaranteeing equitable access to services that support rehabilitation and personal development, even when those services are located outside the youth's home county. This arrangement is vital in upholding the department's commitment to providing youth with the least restrictive, most supportive environment, while ensuring access to comprehensive, specialized programming tailored to each individual's needs.

Part 9: Data

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

The Lassen County Probation Department is committed to maintaining a comprehensive data collection system to monitor the outcomes and progress of youth served by the block grant. This system is designed to ensure interventions are effective, reduce recidivism, support rehabilitation, and promote positive long-term outcomes.

2023 Key Metrics Overview:

- **707(b) Offenses Referred to Probation:** █ serious offenses referred, reflecting the scope of intervention needs.
- **Court Outcomes for 707(b) Cases:** █ adjudicated, highlighting probation's role in addressing serious offenses.
- **Violations of Probation:** 0 recorded violations, indicating current supervision effectiveness.
- **Detentions:** █ detentions, marking instances where confinement was deemed necessary.
- **Youth Placements:** █, indicating focused efforts on stability and care appropriateness.

- **Transitions Between Placements:** 0 transitions, emphasizing stability and continuity in youth placements.
- **Incarceration Reduction Days:** 0 reduction, with a detention day increase from 2022 (includes extended time in custody from previous bookings).

Approach to Data Tracking and Monitoring:

To ensure these metrics provide actionable insights, the department will implement the following tracking practices:

- **Serious Offenses (707(b) Referrals) Tracking:** The volume of serious offenses will be tracked to assess trends, refine service demand forecasting, and adjust resources as needed to address the risk levels within this population.
- **Court Outcome Monitoring:** Adjudication and dismissal rates for 707(b) cases will be regularly reviewed, ensuring that legal outcomes align with youth needs and that interventions are adjusted to foster positive legal pathways.
- **Probation Violation Tracking:** A systematic record of probation violations will be maintained to identify patterns that may call for early intervention, supporting behavior improvement and reducing the likelihood of further system involvement.
- **Detention Utilization:** Detention instances will be closely monitored to assess the impact of confinement alternatives, such as diversion programs, and to optimize their use in place of detention whenever feasible.
- **Placement and Transition Stability:** By tracking placements and any transitions, the department can focus on minimizing disruptions, which is essential for youth development and emotional stability. Efforts will continue to reduce transitions to maintain care continuity.
- **Incarceration Reduction Days Monitoring:** This measure will track the cumulative days of incarceration avoided through rehabilitative programs, indicating progress in reducing reliance on confinement. Where increases occur, additional reviews will be conducted to assess underlying factors and adjust interventions accordingly.

The data collected will be reviewed regularly to ensure the continuous improvement of services and interventions. These metrics will allow the department to evaluate the effectiveness of its programs, adjust strategies as needed, and ensure that youth are receiving the individualized support necessary for their successful reentry into the community.

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)):

The Lassen County Probation Department will use a series of key outcome measures to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and interventions supported by block grant funds. These measures will provide valuable insight into the impact of services on the target population and will inform ongoing improvements to ensure that youth receive the support needed for successful rehabilitation and reentry. The following data points will be tracked:

- **Number of 707(b) offenses referred to Probation:** This measure will help assess the overall demand for probation services and monitor the rate of serious offenses, which may indicate the need for preventative programming and early intervention.
- **Number of 707(b) cases adjudicated or dismissed by the Court:** By tracking the court outcomes of these cases, the department will be able to evaluate the legal impact of its interventions and the effectiveness of advocacy and diversion programs.
- **Number of Violations of Probation:** Monitoring probation violations will allow the department to identify patterns of non-compliance, assess risk levels, and adapt case plans or interventions to reduce the likelihood of further violations.
- **Number of detentions:** Tracking the use of detention will help measure the success of alternative, community-based interventions in reducing the need for confinement, a key objective in supporting rehabilitation over punishment.
- **Number of placements:** Evaluating placement numbers will determine the effectiveness of matching youth with the most appropriate level of care and support, reducing unnecessary or inappropriate placements.
- **Number of transitions between placements for juveniles:** Reducing transitions is critical for maintaining stability in a youth's life, which is associated with better emotional and behavioral outcomes. This measure will reflect the program's success in providing consistent and stable care environments.
- **Incarceration reduction days:** This measure tracks the reduction in days spent incarcerated due to successful interventions. Lower incarceration days will reflect the effectiveness of programs aimed at reducing recidivism and keeping youth in community-based settings.

By analyzing these outcome measures, the department will assess the overall success of its programs in addressing the needs of juveniles, promoting resilience, and fostering positive long-term outcomes. Regular data reviews will ensure that programs are responsive to the evolving needs of the youth and that interventions continue to prioritize rehabilitation, growth, and successful community reintegration.

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)).

The Lassen County Probation Department has made significant advancements in meeting the goals outlined in the plan submitted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration last year. A notable achievement has been the successful referrals to Lassen Intervention's Stronger Families program, where all participating youth and their families completed the program, acquiring sustainable strategies that have reduced violations and prevented recidivism. The program has been highly effective in addressing each family's unique needs through personalized services. By integrating cultural considerations and adapting interventions, the program has strengthened family bonds, improved communication, and built resilience within households. Youth and caregivers have gained practical tools for managing conflict, regulating emotions, and handling difficult situations, resulting in better behavioral outcomes and greater stability. Furthermore, the program's emphasis on empowering families to apply the skills they've learned has fostered lasting change, with many reporting increased confidence in facing their challenges. This progress highlights the department's dedication to offering comprehensive, family-oriented support that nurtures long-term wellbeing for both youth and their families. As the department moves forward, it will continue tracking these positive outcomes, ensuring that the successes of Stronger Families are sustained, while broadening access to similar programs to further reduce recidivism and support positive community reintegration.