



## Office of Youth and Community Restoration

# Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Youthful Offender Block Grant (JJCPA-YOBG) 2025 Consolidated Annual Plan

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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

The rest of this document is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. Please use this template or ensure your submission meets the accessibility standards by reviewing either the Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF checklists published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website here [Accessibility Conformance Checklists | HHS.gov](#). Your submission will be posted to the OYCR website once it is confirmed to meet the accessibility standards.

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

### A. Assessment of Existing Services

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

*The Humboldt County Probation Department (HCPD) conducted its initial comprehensive juvenile system assessment in 1996 in relation to the Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant Program (SB 1760, 1996), which was the precursor to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. Extensive information was gathered to reflect and depict the Humboldt County community profile, juvenile system operations, juvenile population trends, juvenile arrest trends, case processing trends, at-risk and juvenile offender profiles, high-risk neighborhoods/community areas, continuum of services/sanctions, and resource assessments to develop this plan. The plan contains programs, placements, strategies, services, and system enhancements that will be supported with JJCPA and/or YOBG funds for the upcoming fiscal year.*

*The local plan continues to be reviewed, monitored, and updated on a regular basis by quarterly Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (MAJJCC) meetings. The MAJJCC membership consists of representatives of the entities listed in Section 749.22 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as well as an at-large community member. The MAJJCC meets quarterly in a public meeting to discuss juvenile justice issues and review local data. Members of the public are invited to participate in the meetings representing a variety of viewpoints including, but not limited to, the Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP), the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods – Teen Court Program, the Humboldt County Transitional Age Youth Collaborative, Project Rebound, local Native Tribes, and Latino Net.*

*Each fall, the MAJJCC assesses the existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social, drug and alcohol, and youth services that are designed to offer resources to youth and families identified as having a high number of risk factors that may put them at a greater likelihood of system encounters and involvement. This year's review noted the following as the most frequently used services in Humboldt: County Department Of Health and Human Services, school resource officers, Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods, Teen Court, Two Feathers, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Family Resource Centers, Redwood Community Action Agency, Youth Services Bureau, Ink People, The Parent Project, Humboldt County Office of Education, Northern Humboldt Diversion Program, United Indian Health Services, Project Rebound, and Youth Education Services. Valuable services that are less frequently referred due to eligibility or appropriateness are listed below: Changing Tides; the*

*Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission; the School Law Enforcement Network; Big Brother, Big Sisters; North Coast Indian Development Council; Transitional Housing Program; The Raven Project; Yurok Tribal Court; Hoopa Tribal Court, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; California Department Of Rehabilitation; Nurse Family Partnership; Job Market; and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The Humboldt County Probation Department is always seeking information on new services and programs to support youth and families in Humboldt County.*

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

*Pursuant to Assembly Bill number 2083, and additional Section 16521.6 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, the County has adopted a memorandum of understanding setting forth the roles and responsibilities of agencies and other entities that serve children and youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma. This builds upon existing relationships between the county's child welfare services, probation, behavioral health departments; the office of education; regional center; and community partners who are focused on youth of concern.*

*This agreement also affirms the work of the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC). The IPC consists of representatives from the MOU's signatories and is intended to provide oversight of youth of concern, youth with complex care needs, reasonable candidates, or youth at risk of placement, ensure reunification and reentry efforts, and to determine appropriate levels of service for youth. IPC will include the appropriate Tribal representatives when discussing a Tribal citizen youth.*

*The MAJJCC reinforces collaboration and strengthens integrated services through relationships with community providers at quarterly meetings.*

## **B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas**

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

*In calendar year 2024, the greater Eureka area and Eureka Police Department specifically, were the largest source of juvenile delinquency referrals in the county. This was followed by the Humboldt County Sheriff Department who has jurisdiction over unincorporated areas throughout the entire county and thirdly by Fortuna Police Department. The three most common offenses for juvenile referrals were driving without a valid California Driver License, vandalism, and assault and battery. Agency partners continue to identify the lack of mental health services for youth as an area of concern. Also noted was a persistent need for mental health services including the low level of diversion service interventions to the high-level crisis hospitalization. There are simply not enough service providers to support the youth in Humboldt County. Those requiring hospitalization are observed in the emergency room while awaiting a bed space at an adolescent mental health hospital out of the area. Lack of mental health places a young person at higher*

*likelihood of being cited for criminal behavior. This is attributed to the youth acting out causing vandalism in their home or community. Committing assault and battery towards family or care providers, education providers, law enforcement, or other youth. Increasing mental health opportunities could lead to a further reduction in criminal behaviors for youth throughout the service continuum.*

## C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

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

*Humboldt County's Juvenile Justice Action strategy focuses on assessing, identifying, and diverting youth from the juvenile delinquency system. It supports the early part of the continuum of responses and ensures that only the highest risk youth of reoffending enter wardship under section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.*

*To assess youth, HCPD utilizes the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI), which is a validated risk assessment tool, on all youth presented for detention. A Commercial Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT) is considered and completed for all youth at risk of being exploited. The Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to identify protective factors, needs, and risk to reoffend for all youth being referred to the Probation Department for delinquent behavior. Youth assessed as low risk to reoffend are placed on community or department diversion and referred to culturally appropriate community practices to further support creating a positive childhood experience. Youth assessed as low risk, but who owe victim restitution, or youth assessed as moderate risk to reoffend are also granted short-term informal contracts under the supervision of a diversion officer. The informal contracts typically include referrals to services addressing identified needs of the youth and/or family including case management services in the community. A diversion officer attends School Attendance Review Board meetings throughout the county with the objective of diverting youth to appropriate community and family support services to resolve issues resulting in truancy and facilitates Parent Project.*

*Youth assessed as high risk to reoffend or repeat offenders are not eligible for diversion services. These youth participate in the juvenile justice system wherein the court determines the least restrictive and most appropriate level of placement and service array.*

## D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year:

*In addition to the HCPD's assessment and diversion efforts, Humboldt County has leveraged JJCPA dollars to support early community intervention efforts. This includes the Humboldt Bridges to Success (HBTS) program; the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods youth program: Friendships, Futures, Fun, to support pro-social activities; and Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Court's expansion into the Eel River Valley. These were not new additions in the past year, as each of these programs were on their final year of a grant cycle.*

*The HBTS program was originally developed through a Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) grant and led to the formation of regionally based crisis-triage teams. These teams, made up of county-based Mental Health Clinicians and school district hired staff, provide crisis response and linkage to services to students throughout the county. The program provided an important resource for schools to have streamlined access to mental health services.*

*The grant that funded the HBTS program sunset in November of 2022, but unspent funds allowed staff to continue through the end of the 22-23 school year. JJCPA funds were used to maintain two HBTS clinicians for a two-year period beginning in fiscal year 23-24 and sunsetting 24-25.*

*JJCPA funds are also used to support the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods Friendship, Futures, Fun (FFF) program. The program creates recreational and educational opportunities to cultivate healthy peer and mentor relationships. The FFF program helps youth plan for the future by developing goals and aspirations to support a healthy productive life. JJCPA funds were released to the Boys and Girls Club through a request for proposal process. Though the original grant term has expired, it was extended an additional year to allow for unspent funds to be utilized.*

*Finally, in fiscal year 25-26, JJCPA funds will be used to support the continued expansion of the Humboldt County Teen Court into the Eel River valley. The expansion includes wider access to Teen Court programs, specifically hearings led by youth for youth, Attendance Councils, brief interventions for substance using adolescents, The Parent Project, and further Teen Court leadership development.*

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

NA

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

### A. Information Sharing and Data

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

*HCPD utilizes an integrated case management system, the Juvenile and Adult Management System (JAMS), to track all juvenile, detention, and adult probation data. This platform is a Microsoft Windows-based program and HCPD has programmed several SQL reports to inform internal practices, quality control, and report data of interest to community partners. HCPD contracts with the noble Software Group for use of a suite of web-based assessment tools, including DRAI, CSE-IT, and PACT. The Noble software is integrated with JAMS to assist in the preparation of individualized case plans that incorporate resources targeted at supporting protective factors and addressing criminogenic needs. JAMS data also populates court paperwork as necessary.*

*JAMS data fields include relevant personal demographic and social history information, as well as detail related to all detentions, placements, and juvenile probation referrals. Case management details are also tracked within JAMS, allowing HCPD to evaluate the implementation of evidence-based practices such as Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) for fidelity to the model and provide feedback to staff regarding performance and skill development. HCPD inputs information in the Child Welfare Services Case Management System (CWS/CMS) to document activities with family finding, Wraparound services, and out of home placements.*

*The HCPD employs two Administrative Analysts who design custom reports from JAMS and other data sources within the county to present to MAJJCC, the JJDPC, and other interagency groups overseeing integrated programs and practices. These reports are used to inform the county System Improvement Plan (SIP) in improving out of home placement services and reunification efforts, applications for grants to address specific community service gaps, strategic planning, and updating the juvenile justice plan.*

*Reports regarding detention and referral trends, racial disproportionality, case outcomes, and recidivism are regularly shared with community agency providers. Reports are also instrumental in workload and resource management. These reports identify opportunities to provide continuous quality improvement trainings.*



## B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils:

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

☐ Yes    ☒ No

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

*The Humboldt County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meets regularly on a quarterly basis. Representatives include all statutorily described entities except for a community-based drug and alcohol program. There is no entity in Humboldt County that meets the criterion of youth serving substance use disorder program. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Behavioral Health is the only substance abuse disorder treatment provider for youth in the county and they are represented on the council. The Humboldt County Probation Department is always seeking information on new services and programs to support youth and families in Humboldt County.*



## C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), identifying any program that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

### JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

#### 1. Program Name:

Humboldt County Teen Court - Eel River Valley

#### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Attendance Councils reduce absence and truancy which leads to student success in the classroom. The goal of Attendance Council is to increase attendance to 90% per year.

Teen Court Hearings demonstrated an 88% success rate with successful completion in the 2023-24 year.

YOUth Choose found that 80% of youth referred completed the two sessions of YOUth Choose.

Parent Project is a promising practice that supports and empowers parents or guardians in raising challenging youth. This is an in-home skill-based prevention program with intervention models focused on current behaviors, need based interventions, and skill development for parents or guardians. *"Chibnall & Abruzzese (2004) note decreases of petitions filed for juvenile offenses of 33 percent, the number of youth on probation decreases over 30 percent, drug related violations of probation decreased 20 percent, and the time spent in detention was down 24 percent. The rate at which youth dropped out of school decreased from 17 percent to 0 percent, and the number of expulsions went from 72 to 0."*

#### 3. Description:

Teen Court programs including hearings led by youth for youth, Attendance Councils, YOUth Choose a brief intervention for substance using adolescents, The Parent Project, and to further Teen Court leadership development.

### 1. Program Name:

Humboldt Bridges to Success Program (HBTS)

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

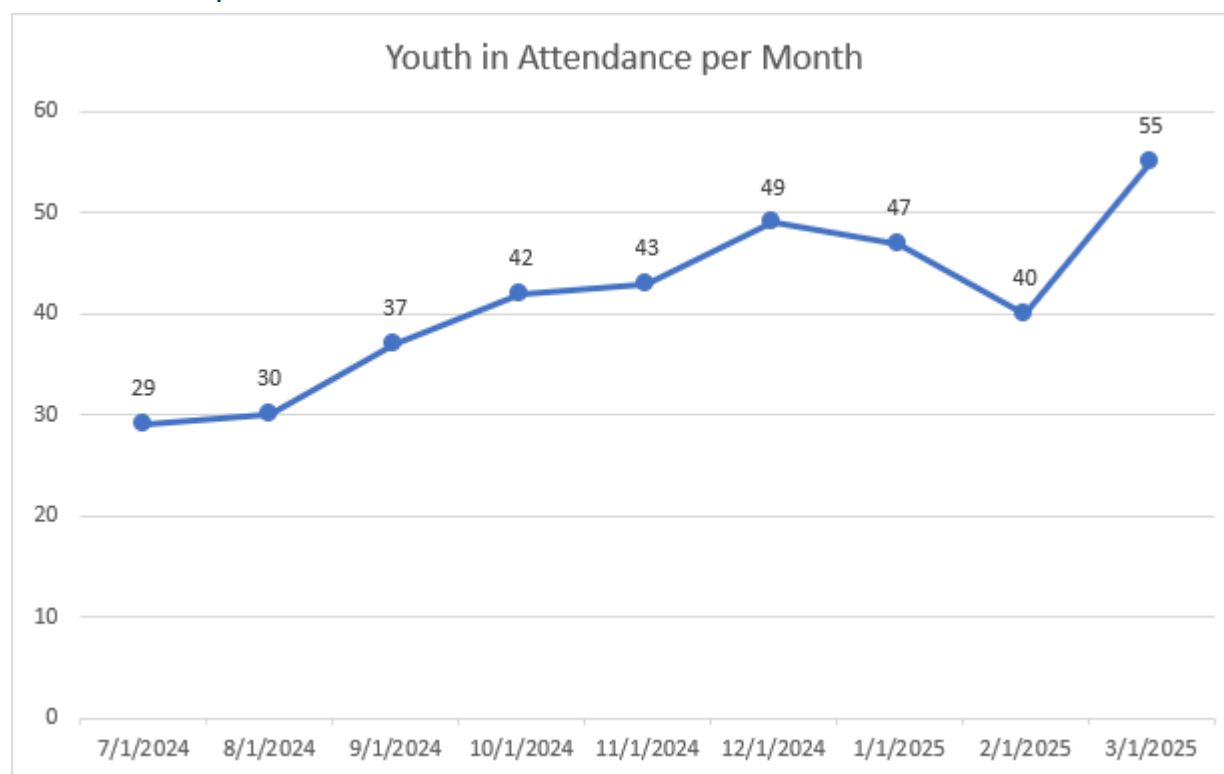
### 3. Description:

Crisis-triage teams providing mental health services to schools. JJCPA funds maintained two HBTS clinicians.

### 1. Program Name:

Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods, Friendship, Futures, Fun (FFF) program

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:



Youth attendance in FFF increased from July 1, 2024, by 87% to March 1, 2025. From January to March of 2025 the participants attended a bay area college tour, a culinary and food service panel, and Headwaters hikes. These activities introduced youth to college opportunities out of the Humboldt County area, for profit and not for profit food service opportunities, and pro-social healthy free activities in the community. Additionally, youth are invited to participate in community activities such as: Dungeons and Dragons club, mentoring, etc.

### 3. Description:

Recreational and educational opportunities to cultivate healthy peer and mentor relationships. The FFF program helps youth plan for the future by developing goals and aspirations to support a healthy productive life.

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

### A. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders

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

*HCPD's New Horizons Program continues to offer a local, detention based behavioral modification program allowing local youth to remain in the county of jurisdiction and near their family or other supporting adults. The program is a six-month, secure detention treatment program with a broad array of services to address mental health, substance use disorders (SUD), education needs, and independent living skills. Transitional re-entry planning supports youth and families through Child Family Team Meetings (CFTM) and intensive supervision upon release. Service providers offer a continuity of service while the youth participate in the detention and aftercare phases of the program. HCOE offers classes in the classroom setting while youth are detained, and this includes an Alcohol and Other Drug prevention and education course.*

### B. Regional Agreements

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

NA

## C. Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG). Explain how they complement or coordinate with the programs, strategies and system enhancements to be funded through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) program.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

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

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, placement, service, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

#### 1. Program Name:

New Horizons Program

#### 2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

*Humboldt County's Juvenile Justice Action strategy focuses on assessing, identifying, and diverting youth from the juvenile delinquency system. It supports the early part of the continuum of responses and ensures that only the highest risk youth of reoffending enter wardship under section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). A youth must be a 602 WIC Ward and be court ordered to the New Horizons program to participate.*

*HCPD uses validated assessment tools to assess youth risk to reoffend with delinquent behavior, risk of further victimization and exploitation, and provide intervention at the least restrictive opportunity. Consideration is given to community or department diversion with culturally appropriate community practices to support youth and families in the family home.*

*Youth assessed as high risk to reoffend and/or repeat offenders are not eligible for diversion services. These youth participate in the juvenile justice system wherein the court determines the least restrictive and most appropriate level of placement and service array. This could include youth being ordered to serve a commitment in the New Horizons Program where they and their family receive opportunities to engage in local services that provide support as they transition and reenter to the community.*

### 3. Description:

*The program is a six-month, secure detention treatment program with a broad array of services to address mental health, substance use disorders (SUD), education needs, and independent living skills. Transitional re-entry planning supports youth and families through Child Family Team Meetings (CFTM) and intensive supervision upon release. Service providers offer a continuity of service while the youth participate in the detention and aftercare phases of the program. HCOE offers classes in the classroom setting while youth are detained, and this includes an Alcohol and Other Drug prevention and education course.*

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