

# JJRBG Office Hours FAQs

The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) will hold three open office hour sessions to address questions from counties regarding their 2026 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) county plans that are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

The sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

- March 4: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- March 19: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- April 8: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

If you are interested in attending an office hour session or wanting support in completing your county's 2026 JJRBG county plan, please reach out to [OYCRCounties@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:OYCRCounties@chhs.ca.gov). This email is also how you will submit your final plan after it has been approved by a majority of your subcommittee.

In the event that counties cannot attend the office hour sessions, we are making this frequently asked questions (FAQs) document available.

## What are the updates regarding the subcommittee after AB 505?

The updates following AB 505, which went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024, are as follows:

- The subcommittee must now convene at least twice a year to consider the county plan.
- The county plan must be developed and reviewed with the involvement of the subcommittee community members.
- The county plan must be approved by a majority of the subcommittee.

- If desired by the subcommittee, a co-chair may be selected using a process determined by the subcommittee.

## **Should we hold a meeting if specific individuals are not able to make it?**

As long as the subcommittee community members were involved in the development and review of the county plan, and that county plan is then approved by a majority of the subcommittee members, the attendance of specific individuals at a meeting may vary. It is recommended to reschedule a meeting if a chair or co-chair is not able to be present to run the meeting. If individuals are not at meeting where their involvement is needed, that meeting should be rescheduled, or their involvement needs to be made available in some way.

## **What should be considered when making progress updates?**

Progress updates are to be based on the previous year's plan. If the prior plan included intentions to develop or acquire new programs or staff, this section should include updates on those intentions. These updates can be inserted either within the paragraph where the desire to develop or acquire programs or staff was initially mentioned, or at the end of the template in the progress updates section. If there are new updates, such as initiatives that commenced in 2024 but were not referenced in the 2023 plan, please include this information as well in the most appropriate location. Please ensure to clearly identify these updates within your plan so that we may accurately record new innovations in realigning the target population.

## **Should plan information focus solely on what occurs within the facility?**

The JJRBG county plan should encompass all programs and services available to the target population, whether located within a facility or within the community. This includes programs and services related to diversion, reentry, or transitioning individuals to less restrictive placements, both within and outside of the county. It's crucial to include these options as they may be utilized to address the needs outlined in the JJRBG county plan.

## **Should the data regarding the target population be calendar year or fiscal year?**

There are no specific requirements regarding the formatting of data in the JJRBG county plan. However, it must address the total number of youths served and disaggregate that number by various categories including:

- Ages
- Offense and offense histories
- Gender
- Race or ethnicity

- Programs
- Placements or facilities

Typically, counties report data using the calendar year format, meaning that the 2026 JJRBG county plan will report 2025 calendar year data. In cases where a county has a low count of youth, the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) will redact those numbers before posting them on our website. If there are concerns about sharing data due to low counts, please reach out to OYCR at [OYCRCounties@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:OYCRCounties@chhs.ca.gov), and we will collaborate with your county to establish a secure submission method.

## **Should we report how we are using other funding sources to support the target population?**

All efforts in developing programs and services to support the target population should be shared, even if they are funded through other sources. The JJRBG county plan should include detailed descriptions of facilities, programs, placements, services, service providers, supervision, and other responses provided to the target population.

It's important to note that the county plans should describe in detail how JJRBG funds will be applied to address identified areas of need, as outlined in the templates provided. For counties not using templates, it's crucial to ensure clear descriptions of how they're addressing identified needs specifically with JJRBG funds, separate from other funding sources.

## **What can the JJRBG funds be used for?**

The Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program funds can be used to cover more than the detention of the target population. Funds can be used to support the custody, care, and supervision of youth who have been realigned from the state Division of Juvenile Justice or who were eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice before its closure. The target population for the grant program includes youth eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice and those adjudicated as wards of the juvenile court based on specific offenses outlined in the law, such as subdivision (b) of Section 707 or offenses described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code.

While funds can be used for purposes other than the detention of youth, such as diversion or family engagement programs, if in the future you have a youth who needs care in a Secure Youth Treatment Facility in your county or another county, no additional funds are provided by the State to pay for that commitment.

## How is the county plan and its data requirement different from the data submitted regarding AB 102 and AB 169?

The data submitted to OYCR, per Assembly Bill (AB) 102, spanned fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-34 and included specific juvenile justice data related to realignment.

AB 102 data collection sunset on 12/30/2024 with the statute sunsetting. A new statute was passed to collect similar data through AB 169, a successor to AB 102, twice a year (April and October). The next submission for AB 169 is due April 2026 and will cover the period of July 2025 through December 2025. It's important to note that the JJRBG county plan is **separate** and does not need to be re-submitted with the submission of AB 169 data. Similarly, AB 169 data does not need to be re-submitted with the 2026 JJRBG county plan submission on May 1, 2026.

For questions regarding the data requirements of the JJRBG county plans, please refer to the information provided under the question, "**Should the data regarding the target population be calendar year or fiscal year?**" or reach out to OYCR at [OYCRCounties@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:OYCRCounties@chhs.ca.gov) .

## How has the 2026 JJRBG template changed from the prior year's template?

Section 1995, which governs the county planning process, was amended by Assembly Bill 118 (Chapter 96, Statutes of 2025). The 2026 JJRBG template reflects those amendments, which take effect January 1, 2026. All statutory references in this document are to the law as amended. Statutory language can be found [here](#).

Per the amendment, OYCR is required to collect the following additional information, about the prior fiscal year's JJRBG plan submission (e.g., for 2026, you would be providing data from the 2025 JJRBG plan submission):

- 1) Total expenditures of block grant funds
- 2) Whether these expenditures were consistent with the plan described in subdivision (a)
- 3) How the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment target population described in Section 1990.