

# **(2023-2024) Annual Plan**

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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.**

San Bernardino County utilizes numerous resources throughout the county available to at-risk juveniles, youthful offenders, and their families. San Bernardino County's primary strength in this effort is through great collaboration and partnerships with both governmental and community based organizations. Participating agencies include the District Attorney, Public Defender, Court, Department of Behavioral Health, Children and Family Services, County Superintendent of Schools, City Unified School Districts, as well as community and faith-based organizations throughout the county. Efforts center on assessment services and appropriate resource referrals for this population.

The following county collaborative, law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth service resources represent some of the existing services, which specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families:

County Collaborative:

- Countywide Gangs and Drug Task Force - Countywide representative groups of government, law enforcement, schools, private organizations and providers, as well as interested community members to assess gang and drug concerns throughout San Bernardino County. San Bernardino County Probation Chief sits as a member on the executive board.
- CASE Program (Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation) – Probation Department provides specialized case supervision services for adolescent youth involved in or at-risk of being sexually exploited. Probation is represented and participates as part of the San Bernardino County CASE Executive Steering Committee.
- AB2083 Interagency Leadership Team – County collaboration of agencies and other entities that serve children and youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma. The purpose of the MOU is to ensure that children and youth in foster care receive coordinated, timely, and trauma-informed services.
- Children's Policy Council- Provides overall direction for the partnerships established through the Children's Network with the intention of improving services to vulnerable children and their families. The Policy Council has a number of powers and duties prescribed by the Board of Supervisors including, but not limited to prioritizing, committing and directing resources for

interagency projects and programs; developing an annual master plan for children's services, and recommending legislative positions to the Board of Supervisors on issues/legislation affecting children.

- Mentoring Task Force- Facilitates the connection of at-risk and system-involved youth served by Department of Behavioral Health, Children and Family Services and Probation with mentors through community-based mentoring agencies and coordinates a Mentoring Network.
- The Homeless Youth Task Force (HYTF) - A standing committee of the County of San Bernardino Interagency Council on Homelessness. Formed in 2010 by Children's Network to investigate the needs of homeless and unaccompanied youth, a distinct and vulnerable population in need of intensive, developmentally appropriate, targeted support.
- The Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP): A collaborative program between Probation, CFS, and DBH, to provide homeless intervention and prevention services to system involved youth between the ages of 12 to 24 years old. The youth do not have to currently be system involved but at one point were receiving services from any of the three collaborative partners. The services that are provided to the youth and their family are move-in assistance for an apartment or home, rental assistance, hotel vouchers, other financial assistance to prevent the youth from becoming homeless.
- Smart Start Program: The Smart Start program is offered through the California Highway Patrol. This class recently began taking place monthly at the Day Reporting Center (YJC) in September 2022. The youth and one parent must attend the class and participate in discussion with the officer. The class is a 2 hour curriculum which prepares young drivers to drive responsibly, discusses safe driving practices, the rules of the road, and new driver license requirements. New driver education classes for new drivers and their parents are offered.
- Children's Fund: A partnership with Children's Fund and Probation to assist at- risk youth who are lacking in basic necessities including food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education and other equal opportunity and social development assistance.

JJCC collaborative efforts and resources include, but are not limited to:

- Community Service Program – Supervised community service and learning projects for any youth that combines learning goals and community involvement in ways that enhance our youth, community and local agencies (e.g. Children's Fund, Community Action Partnerships (CAP), food banks, writing letters of support to deployed military personnel etc.) This provides opportunities for individuals and groups of youth to assist others to improve communities.
- Education Absence and Support Intervention (EASI) – Tutoring program offered to youth experiencing chronic absenteeism, poor academic performance, barriers with credit recovery or home school as an alternative sanction to detention and to improvement of academic achievement.
- School Probation Officers – Campus based Probation Officers assisting in the prevention and reduction of delinquency by encouraging school attendance, providing intervention & prevention programs, and links to resources for youth and their families.

- LET (Let's End Truancy) – Collaborative multi-agency program with the District Attorney's office, Public Defender's office and schools designed to combat the rate of truancy by working with local SARB's (School Attendance Review Boards) in targeting truancy with youth and their parents. Public Defender's office also offers a Parent Engagement Program focusing on preventive approaches as well as providing community resources and support.
- Career Technical Education (CTE) – Provides youth with education and technical knowledge for horticulture and agriculture skills while earning school credits.
- Building Skills Classes: This class is a training program for youth to gain knowledge, skills and hands on experience with working with wood and the different tools that are utilized in a wood shop class and are needed for building skills projects. During the training program the youth are given specific building skills projects to complete. Upon completion the youth earn a certificate for successfully completing the program.
- Operation New Home – Provides Prison to Employment program that offers employment readiness training, housing, education and other resources to at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders.
- Young Visionaries – Provides intervention/prevention services in the areas of education, employment, health, mentoring, community service and gang intervention/prevention services for at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders.
- Youth Action Project – Provides at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders with job readiness and professional development training, career coaching, and paid work experience that enables them to find their passion and develop marketable skills.
- Department of Behavioral Health Services(DBH)- Located onsite at the San Bernardino Day Reporting Center, a Social Worker and a Drug and Alcohol Counselor work to immediately identify the needs of the youth and family, provide referrals for needed services such as: clothing, food, beds, groceries, appliances, reintegration plans, finding employment, transporting to job interviews, family assistance with rent and utilities, Other resources and services are identified within this plan, such as the action strategies and plan revisions.

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

The JJCC approach to facilitate collaboration among the above organizations will be to continue open communication through presentations, as a standing agenda item to the JJCC from community and faith-based partners, other county collaborative groups, and others to receive data from their assessment findings, data collection, and outcome reports related to the needs of at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders. In turn, the JJCC will discuss this information and consider findings to provide a coordinated response. A collaborative approach is also facilitated and structured through Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs), contracts, protocols, and coordinated workgroups to vet proposed services, planning and implementation teams, and coordinating oversight of programs. Additionally, quarterly meetings are held with resource providers and school district representatives to provide a platform for open discussion and critique between agencies reference program needs.

**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.**

San Bernardino County geographical area covers 21,000 square miles and encompasses mountains, vast deserts and urban areas. The Probation Department's Youth Day Reporting Centers were strategically placed in various regions throughout the county as they represent the most populated areas in the county. However, Probation works with collaborative partners to provide services countywide. Services are not limited to specific neighborhoods, schools or areas of the county. Collaboration with partner agencies and other community-based organizations ensures same or similar services are provided to youth and their families without concern relative to geographic location. Given the vastness of this region, the JJCC strives to ensure allocations of necessary resources are available to meet the demands of all county communities, including remote desert locations.

## **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.**

The San Bernardino County juvenile justice strategy was developed to respond to juvenile crime and delinquency by utilizing interagency collaboration and implementing the JJCC's comprehensive plan to provide a continuum of intervention/prevention services, which address the needs of at-risk youth, juvenile offenders, and their families.

JJCPA funding has continued to allow for a partnership between Probation with the County Superintendent of Schools and City Unified School Districts. Probation Officers are currently assigned to 13 school districts throughout the County serving thousands of youth. The immediate presence of officers at each location allows for school staff and Probation to work together to identify needs of youth and their families. It further allows Probation Officers and staff to engage with the youth in a capacity that is not strictly targeted on law enforcement by providing intervention and prevention services. Probation Officers assigned at schools build a rapport with youth at schools which allows youth to experience a positive role model in the law enforcement arena.

Youth experiencing chronic absenteeism, poor or no school engagement are more immediately identified and connected to resources. Services at school sites have been augmented through the Let's End Truancy (LET) program. A collaboration between the District Attorney and Public Defender to collaborate to intervene and work with youth and their families to mitigate truancy.

Probation Department Youth Day Reporting Centers are strategically located in four major regions of the county to provide services to youth; Barstow, Montclair, San Bernardino, and Victorville. Day Reporting Center services have been extended to the remote areas of the county where resources and services are scarce. These services are often promoted by and made available through a Probation Officer assigned to the Morongo Unified School District. By increasing services to remote areas, youth have increased access to services.

The services and programs already provided by the Day Reporting Centers are continuously being assessed to discover gaps which guide our staff to develop or acquire additional services and programs based on the needs of our youth. JJCC funding allows collaboration with county, community, faith-based, and behavioral health partners, to ensure services provided are for the benefit of youth and the community as a whole.

At each school site and Probation DRC, youth can access an array of resources, receive referrals to community based providers or participate in family engagement activities. Gender specific classes are provided and youth have access to individual, family and group counseling

treatment options.

In addition, Probation Officers provide community supervision services and effectively utilize the available resources through effective case management. Officers collaborate with multiple agencies as necessary to ensure best practice in an effort to deter detention by utilizing graduated sanctions and facilitate pro-social behavior, which promotes positive outcomes.

#### **D.Comprehensive Plan RevisionsDescribe how your Plan has been updated for this year.**

The Probation Department will continue to provide programs that effectively address the needs of at-risk juveniles, youthful offenders, and their families. A Request for Proposals for Innovative Programs & Services once finalized will be utilized to allow the JJCC to work with key stakeholders, community and faith-based organizations to provide new programs that exhibit promise, cultural awareness and connectedness to local youth and families. Each new program will work with the Probation Department Research & Analysis Unit to develop program specific data collection, service measures, and outcome reporting plans. The goals are to enhance locally available resources, engage key stakeholders in partnerships, and expand services to our youth in creative ways.

Beginning Jan 2023 and continuing into FY23/24, a Probation Officer position has been added to the DRC to help facilitate incoming referrals to services, assist with weekday and weekend events, advertise and promote our services in the community, and develop new relationships with community based organizations to acquire novel services for youth and families in need. The Success First/Early Wrap program focuses on serving youth with emotional, behavioral needs and those with mental health issues. This program is 4-6 months in length, does not require detention findings or insurance and serves youth on Informal or Formal Probation. The Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) is a collaborative program between Probation, CFS, and DBH, to provide homeless intervention and prevention services to system involved youth between the ages of 12 to 24 years old. The youth do not have to currently be system involved but at one point were receiving services from any of the three collaborative partners. The services that are provided to the youth and their family are move-in assistance for an apartment or home, rental assistance, hotel vouchers, other financial assistance to prevent the youth from becoming homeless.

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The Public Defender's office was approved for three (3) years through JJCC to fund a Social Service Practitioner/Lawyer traveling to see youth in placement that are more than 4 hours away from San Bernardino, which will cover lodging, flights, food, mileage and rental cars in an effort to ensure youth are working the program and following the rules. Prior to this funding, visits were mostly virtual.

The Let's End Truancy (LET) Program will be expanded. San Bernardino County's LET'S END TRUANCY (LET) Program objective is to increase attendance in schools countywide and provide the services needed to youths and parents to accomplish that goal. The LET program is a collaborative, multi-agency effort which includes the Public Defender's Office. The Public,

Defender's Office assigns Social Services Practitioners to interact with students and their families on a regular basis to address the child's truancy issues. The program is an effective way of reducing suspensions and increasing attendance. Prevention and early intervention strategy are effective ways to serve children and keep them out of juvenile delinquency court. Preventive approaches that educate parents on the cycle of truancy, addressing many issues that may arise, as well as provide community resources and support greatly assist the families involved. The Public Defender's Office currently dedicates four full-time Social Service Practitioners to serve the needs of youth in San Bernardino County as youth advocates working with sexually exploited youth, school truancy, and crisis response support. In addition Social Service Practitioners will in the LET Program work with youth reentry hurdles related to educational barriers for post placement and post ARISE youth. The Public Defender's Office believes school attendance is a key to crime prevention and is prepared to devote its considerable resources towards fighting truancy. School attendance is linked to graduation rates and success as adults. The District Attorney's Office will also expand their Let's End Truancy (LET) Program in FY22/23. The District Attorney's Office will add four (4) full-time Deputy District Attorney's, two (2) Secretaries and one (1) Office Assistant. This will assist this agency in providing services in an expansive county with approximately 450,000 students with various needs.

Furthermore, the Probation Department recently expanded our School Probation Officer Program by adding two (2) Probation Officers to better serve the needs of students. One (1) Probation Officer was assigned to Cucamonga Middle School and an additional Probation Officer was added to the Victor Valley Union High School District. This program is designed to reduce delinquent behavior on school campuses while simultaneously providing prevention, intervention and rehabilitative services to students who exhibit behaviors or who have been identified as needing services, and those who self-report.

Additionally, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) and the Probation Department will work together to increase our collaborative Regional Occupational Program services by contracting for a full-time ROP/CTE teacher to increase U.S. Forestry program enrollments.

The JJCC will increase job readiness and employment services to at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders. This will be achieved by augmenting funding already awarded to non-JJCC providers and leveraging resources as follows:

- JJCC will assist programs by continuing to provide necessary items such as equipment, tools, gear, and uniform/clothing to youth in an effort to incentivize and/or assist youth to complete programs.
- JJCC will seek additional partnerships and collaborations with community, county and education partners to provide career pathways programs for at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders.

- Youth will learn entry level employment skills, how to keep a job, timeliness, appropriate behavior, responding to work place supervision and appropriate attire. Youth will be assigned to worksites during the summer and will receive stipends upon program completion.

In an effort to continuously improve outcomes for youth, the Supervision Engagement & Resources for Violation Easement program (S.E.R.V.E) was developed to provide Probation Officers and the Court with alternatives to detention for lower level technical violations. The Intervention Supervision Plan (ISP) is a community-based caseload which focuses on mitigating the non-compliance of higher risk youth under the supervision of Probation by providing enhanced case management services. Youth and families participate in Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM's) to develop a rehabilitative plan of action to address the youth's needs comprehensively every 6 months. It is hoped that a youth's positive movement towards non-delinquent behavior will result in a decrease in supervision and an increase in the many lifestyle opportunities available at the DRC's and thru our community based providers. It is the expectation of Probation that the use of these alternative sanctions will decrease the probability of the youth going back into custody.

- Prosocial community engagement programs which include making care packages for soldiers, placing flags on graves of fallen soldiers on memorial day, stuffing backpacks with school supplies for youth in need, making and distributing baskets and backpack, "survival kits", for the unsheltered and others, planning clothing and food drives. In doing so, youth can develop a sense of social responsibility.
- Educational Absence & Support Intervention (EASI) - Tutoring program offered to youth in need or as an alternative sanction to detention.
- Introduction to Career Pathways
- Employment Readiness Training
- Regional Occupational Program (ROP) – A partnership with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and Probation working collaboratively to provide youth introduction and training in automotive careers, building skills, horticulture, media and communications careers.
- The Family Support and Engagement (FSE) – A component offered to support and engage parents, guardians or caregivers in the youth's plan, strengthen family and parental controls, and encourage the development of a partner relationship with the Probation Officer.
- Forklift Classes and Food Handlers Classes – In FY23/24, this valuable certification will continue to be offered to assist with removing barriers to job acquisition and increase the possibility of self-sufficiency in the future.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has lessened its impact on services provided, this year's plan will continue to include the availability of appropriate resources on a virtual platform, as necessary to provide a continuum of services to meet the needs of youth. Our primary goal remains returning youth to in person classes to continue the process of normalizing safe

interactions with peers and providers, as this is often where the best interactions and growth generally occur. However, staffing shortages within our Department have provided challenges that dictate a continuance of some virtual classes especially during the holidays.

In an effort to expand on requirements detailed in Welfare and Institution Code 706.6(b)(2), Probation continues to work on a contract with a community based organization for Child and Family Team facilitator services to expand Child and Family Teams Meetings (CFTM's) to youth who are supervised in the community. This will provide yet another vital service to youth and families in need.

Another new program is Success First/Early Wrap is a program focuses on serving youth with emotional, behavioral needs and those with mental health issues. This program is 4-6 months in length, does not require detention findings or insurance and serves youth on Informal or Formal Probation.

Finally, additional resources through JJCPA funding will be available to transient, homeless, at-risk juvenile and youthful offenders with the availability of juvenile clothing closets located at the Day Reporting Centers with clothing and hygiene kits. The eligible age range for services provided to at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders will be increased this year to include those up to the age of 25 ensuring further access to resources. This will also enable those youth housed at the ARISE Program access to these services.

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

Not Applicable

**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.**

The San Bernardino County Probation Department utilizes Caseload Explorer (CE) to document and track the case management services for and activities of juvenile offenders while adhering to jurisdictional security and judicial requirements. CE is a system used to store the juvenile's demographic and personal information such as; gender, race, date of birth, address, telephone number, co-defendant(s), victim(s), and parent/guardian and sibling information. Information related to past and current offenses such as charge types, court dates(s), restrictions, security concerns, youth needs, and terms and conditions of probation can also be located in CE.

CE tracks active referrals for case files, past and current caseworkers and statistical data which includes, but is not limited to services offered and rendered by the Probation Department. A juvenile's behavior, disciplinary actions imposed, progress and lack thereof can also be captured in CE. When a youth is placed in one of the JDACs, the case manager continues to monitor the progress of the youth within this system.

The San Bernardino County Probation Department has a dedicated Research Unit which is responsible for querying statistical data gathered from CE. The Research Unit generates custom designed queries providing precise data information displayed in a manner easily interpreted by all staff. Some reports are used by Supervision and Management to inform and to steer Department strategies. The data provided also measures performance outcomes.

CE is able to interface with other agencies with a primary connection to JNET, the Court's information database system. All information contained in CE is personal and confidential. The data accessed by authorized users is shared only with those who have been identified as a person with a need and right to know and complying with state and local regulations regarding the use of the California Law Enforcement Tracking System information. The authorized dissemination of information amongst agencies facilitates collaboration and best practice case management.

The Research Unit is also compiling data through Microsoft Access database on youth referred and receiving services through the Day Reporting Center that are not justice system involved.

## **B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils**

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

yes

**If no, please list the current vacancies that exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies occurred, and your plan for filling them.**

Not Applicable

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

# JJCPA Funded Program(s), Strategy and/or System Enhancement

Below are JJCPA funded programs reported by the county.

## Program Name:

Let's End Truancy (L.E.T)

## Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

Attendance interventions for chronically absent students provide support and resources to address individual factors that contribute to absences such as low self-esteem, school anxiety, social skills, or medical conditions; familial factors such as discipline, parental support, or poverty; and school factors such as attendance policies, teacher/student relationships, and bullying. Such programs can be implemented by schools, community organizations, courts, police agencies, or multi-sector collaborations (Attendance interventions for chronically absent students | County Health Rankings & Roadmaps). Chronic truancy is a well-known precursor to significant problems in students' behavior and development. Negative school behavior frequently leads to problem absenteeism, and negative time away from school is a risk factor for juvenile justice system involvement. Efficacy research indicates that reducing truancy requires engagement and commitment from all areas of students' lives: school, community and family. The JJCC has supported efforts through funding Let's End Truancy (L.E.T.) in an effort to deter at-risk juveniles and youth from delinquency. San Bernardino County has committed numerous resources to this endeavor.

## Description:

Let's End Truancy (L.E.T.) is a collaborative multi-agency program, led by the District Attorney's Office, designed to combat the rate of truancy within the San Bernardino County and City School Districts. The overall goal of the program is to increase the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) of students while reducing the negative impacts caused by truancy, including juvenile delinquency. This program targets youth in grades K-12 who are struggling with their school attendance as it is defined by the California Department of Education Code, EC 48260(a).

The District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation Officers and school personnel collaborate in an effort to intervene and work with not only the youth, but their families as well, to bring awareness to the youth's truancy and the impact (truancy) has on the youth's overall chances for success. The District Attorney's Office provide incentives to students who improve their attendance after a Student Review Attendance Board (SARB).

The intervention process may include the following: mediation, home visits to provide resources, school visits and mentoring. When deemed necessary, a letter may be sent to the youth's parent/guardian which can escalate to the parent receiving a citation and mandatory appearance at a SARB meeting. Some youth and their parent/guardian may also be required to participate in individual and family services.

The Public Defender's Office is currently partnering with Colton Unified School District and Fontana Unified School District to incorporate the Parent Engagement Program. This program incorporates a curriculum that addresses many vital life stages experienced by youth. These stages focus on preventative approaches that educate parents on the cycle of truancy, addressing many issues that may arise, as well as provide community resources and support.

**Program Name:**

School Probation Officers

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

Probation Officers working at school sites play a vital role in school safety. The JJCC School Probation Officer currently maintains programs consistent with the FBI guide, Violence Prevention in Schools: Enhancement through Law Enforcement Partnerships. Each school site has identified their specific needs, level, and scope of Probation Officer involvement desired by the district, administration, and school site to provide services consistent with best practices. School Probation Officers on campus have the advantage of identifying and intervening in the early stages of a youth's negative behavior, poor school engagement, and absenteeism. Addressing chronic absenteeism creates a significant impact on the youth's potential for success and avoiding encounters with the juvenile delinquency system. Another benefit is an increase in the Average Daily Attendance (ADA). School Probation Officer activities benefit at-risk youth, help stabilize classrooms and work to keep students invested in their educational success.

**Description:**

This program is designed to reduce delinquent behavior on school campuses while simultaneously providing prevention, intervention and rehabilitative services to students who exhibit behaviors or who have been identified as needing services, and those who self-report. This includes youth with behavioral, mental health, supervision/ expulsion, attendance and educational comprehension/performance issues. School support staff, teachers, Probation Officers and counselors are provided with training and skills to identify, assess and work with youth through a collaborative approach.

School personnel work closely with Probation Officers assigned at their school site to identify at-risk youth in need of services. The School Probation Officer contacts youth and makes the necessary referrals for the appropriate services. Early intervention is utilized to reduce truancy. School Probation Officers work with school officials, students and their guardians and attend Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) meetings. Early intervention services include, but are not limited to, tutoring, individual and/or family counseling, component classes, attendance support (SARB) and intervention services/programming. Truant behavior predicts poor achievement, school drop-out, delinquency, and ultimately adult criminality. The goal is to prevent poor outcomes.

School Probation Officers support the programs of the revised Comprehensive Plan by providing

enhanced services: Coordinate home visits with School Attendance Review teams, referrals to JJCC tutoring services, and participation in District School Attendance Review Board (SARB) meetings for students with serious attendance problems and family support to encourage parents to stay involved.

The primary responsibility of School Probation Officers is prevention and intervention. Officers assigned to the program also participate in general probation activities to increase community awareness, maintain continuity of services, make appropriate referrals, provide case management, facilitate component classes and maintain proficiency.

**Program Name:**

Youth Day Reporting Centers

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

Early evidence dating as far back as 2011 (Day Treatment Literature Review (ojp.gov)) determined that youth who received Day Reporting Center (DRC) services were significantly less likely to be rearrested, rearrested for a felony offense, adjudicated or convicted for an offense, or sentenced to prison within 12 months of completing the program. With four locations positioned geographically throughout San Bernardino County to meet the needs of at-risk juveniles, youthful offenders and families, the Day Reporting Centers (DRCs) will continue enhancing existing services while adding new programs as we continue to revise the annual Comprehensive Plan. The enhanced services will promote cultural competency/diversity and inclusion, community oriented programs, gender responsive and LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Intersex) services. These services are provided through community, education, faith-based, behavioral health, and other partners and collaborations. These programs improve the likelihood of success for the clients thereby decreasing potential recidivism or prolonged system involvement. Overall, Day Reporting Centers provide productive activities, social programming, and educational activities that help clients stay engaged and eliminate distractions.

**Description:**

San Bernardino County Probation Department has four (4) Youth Day Reporting Centers (DRCs). These DRC's are strategically placed in highly populated and rural areas to ensure the community's access to services. Each one provides specialized services, programming, and activities for youth up to the age of 25 years with age appropriate separation and monitoring. The DRC's serve non-probation youth and probation involved youth. Classes offered at the DRC include Anger Management, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Truancy, Gang Intervention, Cognitive Life Skills, Graffiti, Shoplifting, Traffic Safety, JOBTEC (Job Skills), Victim Awareness, Weapons Diversion, Petty Theft, Deceptions (human trafficking awareness), Healthy Relationships, Work Readiness, Food Handler's Cards classes, Boy's Council, and Girl's Circle. A majority of these classes use material from the National Curriculum and Training Institute (NCTI), which is cognitively designed, evidence based, and research proven. It has also been demonstrated to be effective in changing behavior and reducing recidivism rates. Parenting classes and workshops are also offered for the parents, guardians, or caregivers of at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders. Parent classes and workshops addresses problems adolescents face and some of the goals are to strengthen the family unit by getting the parents

involved in providing accountability for the youth. The goal is to empower the parents by working in partnership to improve school attendance and grades, reduce school, community and family violence, decrease youth gang involvement and reduce alcohol and drug use. The classes also serve in providing a supportive network for parents and guardians as they address similar issues. During the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual parent workshops were hosted to assist parents dealing with issues including mental health issues, behavior, and exposure to human trafficking amongst other topics. Our goal in FY2023/2024 is to provide in person Parenting classes. Additionally, the SBC Probation Department has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Chaffey Joint Union High School District West which allocates space for classes to be given to serve at risk youth in the West Valley area. This MOU also allocates one (1) Probation Officer to this program known as "Focus West" with a mission to identify, intervene and divert at-risk youth from further involvement in the criminal justice system with the objective to enhance student accountability and modify negative behavior. Classes are taught by outside providers or by this assigned Probation Officer depending on the specific need.

Also, Regional Occupational Program (ROP) in partnership with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and Probation work collaboratively to provide youth with introduction and training in automotive careers, building skills, and horticulture careers. ROP programs offer youth the opportunity to develop vocational skills and become knowledgeable in occupational areas and possess a specialized skill set for future employment. This program is referral and volunteered based.

The DRC's offer a variety of prosocial activities for youth in the community that promote service to others. DRCs implemented the Community Service & Engagement Program. This program offers prosocial community engagement activities and services for youth by connecting them with opportunities to assist others and/or improve communities. In doing so, youth can develop a sense of social responsibility. Probation works with various community and faith-based organizations, schools and county agencies to develop collaborative events including, but not limited to making soldier care packages, making and distributing food baskets and school supply backpacks, "survival kits" for the unsheltered and others, and planning clothing and food drives. Each DRC has a Youth Council, which is made up of youth who utilize services offered at the Day Reporting Centers. The primary objective for the Youth Council is to engage and empower "youth voices" as part of the decision-making process by receiving their feedback, guidance and recommendations on the services, classes and resources offered at the DRC's. This program also provides positive role models for young men who may see a law enforcement role model as an adversarial relationship. Based upon the recommendations provided by the Youth Council, DRC staff have the opportunity to implement, modify or add new programming. The Youth Council meets quarterly.

The DRC's will organize and host summer day camps for youth in various regions as a pro-social alternative to negative activities plaguing youth during the summer. The main goal is to serve as a prevention for youth by exposing them to positive, engaging, and learning opportunities.

Summer Camp offer youth a variety of fun and educational experiences that promote healthy lifestyle choices, healthy relationships, expose youth to new experiences while engaging in recreational activities and becoming involved in the community. Summer Camp serves as a summer refuge for youth consisting of planned daily educational and age appropriate activities that provide youth positive learning opportunities. This type of youth engagement will be extended to include after school and out of school (winter and spring break) programming. Individual and/or family counseling is also offered to youth on a referral basis. Youth are afforded tutoring or other specific programming as appropriate and determined by the Youth Council and DRC staff to include cultural competency/diversity, community oriented, gender specific and LGBTQI programs. Educational Absence and Support Interventions (EASI) provides youth tutoring services by working with them to improve their academic requirements and ensure they will meet their educational goals while attempting to reduce absenteeism. Transitional Assistance Programs are available for youth returning to their communities from Probation Detention and Assessment Center, STRTP's or the ARISE Program. Services and reentry resources are available on a referral basis to outside providers such as Operation New Hope and Young Visionaries, through the DRCs for at-risk juveniles and youthful offenders.

**Program Name:**

House Arrest Program

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

The House Arrest Program (HAP) provides an electronic monitoring alternative to detention for lower level youth offenders and youth who experience problems complying with their terms and conditions of Probation. Technical violations for habitual school absences, running away, stay away orders may be deterred from detention when monitored electronically. Following Probation screening or Court order, youth are provided an opportunity to remain in the community under the terms of the House Arrest Program.

**Description:**

Probation Staff assigned to the House Arrest Program (H.A.P.) deter suitable youth from detention through HAP to void interrupting the youth's school attendance, separating the youth from their family, and preventing unnecessary and prolonged detention. The program requires participation in electronic monitoring and limited supervision services for youth who are awaiting disposition of their court proceedings. Probation Officers work with the parents and families to supervise, monitor and encourage the youth to comply with H.A.P. rules. Supervision includes the documentation of behavior such as school compliance and curfew checks. H.A.P. is also utilized as a tool to support the Drug Court Program.

H.A.P. is typically ordered by the Court, although it is a diversion option available to the Intake Probation Officers based on specific guidelines. In some cases, where the youth is unwilling to adhere to the specific rules of the program, the youth can be returned to court via a Special Hearing.

The primary responsibility of H.A.P. probation officers is to provide supervision to house arrest youth and ensure compliance prior to the Court disposition. H.A.P. probation officers will also make recommendations to the Court about the services and evidence-based programs that can benefit the youth and family.

YOBG funding will be used to supplement all the programs listed in this annual plan.

Additionally, if there is a need to expand the scope or size of programming, resources or coverage area, YOBG funding will be utilized. Also, YOBG funding will be applied to expand existing programs within the county. For example, YOBG funding will be used for the expansion of an Independent Living Program (ILP) for non-placement youth participating in DRC services. Collaborative efforts with local partners to create outreach events that promote education, 22

vocational skills training, intervention, and prevention activities for at-risk youth and youthful offenders will continue.

**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.**

San Bernardino County's strategy for dealing with non-707(b) offenders is to provide services and resources to youth in the community as a prevention approach. However, once a youth has become justice involved, the approach is to utilize the least restrictive option available via a graduated sanction method where appropriate.

Programs and units are designed to focus on prevention, intervention, community safety, supervision and rehabilitation.

**Community Service Team (CST) -**

The Community Service Team was established to divert youthful offenders from the Juvenile Justice system through preventative services. The Community Service Team Unit handles matters informally concerning youth who have not been adjudicated by the Juvenile Delinquency Court. The authority is derived from Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code 654 and includes a six month informal agreement with the youth and parents. The CST Officer monitors the youth's performance and adherence to the stipulations set forth in the six month agreement, which may include education components, community services hours, apology letters, counseling, or other measures deemed appropriate. Cases handled in this manner are low level offenses.

Matters not handled through an informal agreement, pursuant to W&I 654, can be submitted to the District Attorney for filing consideration. The Court retains jurisdiction and has the option to place the youth on an Informal Agreement as delineated in W&I 654.2 for a six month period. Officers assigned to monitor these cases ensure the youth complies with terms and conditions as established by the Court. If youth are successful on either W&I 654 or W&I 654.2 agreements, their cases are sealed. Typical CST cases include: fighting, public intoxication and driving without a license.

**Youth Accountability Boards (YAB's) -**

The San Bernardino County Probation Department's first Youth Accountability Board was established in the city of Hesperia in January 1991. In March 2020, due to the pandemic, YAB was suspended. It is expected that YAB's in Chino, Chino Hills, Highland, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, and Victorville will begin again as of July 1, 2022.

The Youth Accountability Board is a collaborative program between the Probation Department

and community partners working together with families to divert first time low-risk juvenile offenders from further interaction with the criminal justice system. Cases are referred by Probation Officers throughout San Bernardino County. The YAB panel members meet with youth and their families to discuss the offense. The goal is to hold youth accountable for their actions and prevent further involvement in delinquent behavior. Cases referred to Youth Accountability Boards are low level offenses. Youth are assigned to complete community service hours, educational programs, essays, or other rehabilitative activities within a four to six month period.

Once successfully completed, the matter is returned to the Probation Officer and the case is closed and the youth's record is sealed. If the youth is unsuccessful, there is still an opportunity to petition the Court for judicial review in consideration of sealing his/her record. Typical YAB referrals include: petty theft, trespassing and vandalism.

If a youth has been declared a ward by the Court, supervision strategies are determined based on the needs identified. Youth subject to a grant of Court ordered probation have the opportunity to be monitored in the community in lieu of detention under terms and conditions ordered by the Court. In general, supervision consists of home compliance checks, monitoring of school attendance, regular meetings with the youth, case management services, programming as well as prevention and intervention services. The use of Global Positioning System (GPS) has been implemented to be utilized as a graduated sanction as an alternative to detention in an effort to redirect youth compliance while on supervision.

San Bernardino County Probation utilizes the Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System (JAIS), to measure the risks, needs and strengths of juvenile offenders. This evidence based gender responsive tool, also determines the most appropriate supervision level for the juvenile offender while simultaneously assisting staff with identifying treatment and reentry programs which best address the offender's needs.

The JAIS assessment is mandatory as an initial risk assessment for any juvenile when a dispositional report, juris disposition or dispositional memo has been ordered by the court.

If a youth is granted probation, the assigned probation officer is responsible for completing a full assessment within forty-five (45) days of case assignment. A reassessment is completed every six (6) months from the date of the initial assessment which coincides with case plan reviews.

San Bernardino County Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (C.A.S.E) –

The Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE) MOU is effective from 07-01-20 through June 30, 2023 and extends for 1-year periods upon written agreement of the all parties. Efforts will continue to include partnerships with the San Bernardino County Probation Department, District Attorney, Public Defender, Public Health, Sheriff's Department, Children and Family Services,

Behavioral Health, County Schools, Children's Network and the Juvenile Courts. All participating agencies have collaborated to address and combat the rise in sexual exploitation of juveniles.

The collaboration aims to:

- Empower victims to leave their exploiter and utilize opportunities to regain control of their life and future.
- Ensure victims' physical and psychological safety.
- Ensure victims' access to resources and services, including: medical care, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, educational opportunities, job skills training, mentors/advocates and more.
- Address the larger social issues impacting at-risk youth and educate the community regarding CSEC and Human Trafficking.

The C.A.S.E Probation Officer maintains a caseload of youth with a history of sexual exploitation and youth who are at risk of being sexually exploited. In addition, the C.A.S.E. officer is actively involved in community outreach events in an effort to promote awareness of Human Trafficking. Such events include Children's Network Conference, Victim's Night Out organized by the DA's office, C.A.S.E Walk, and the Human Trafficking Symposium.

Drug Court and CITA (Court for the Individualized Treatment of Adolescents) Court - Specialty Courts focusing on alcohol, drug and mental health concerns. A team approach with collaborative interaction between allied agencies such as the Court, Probation, DA, PD, DBH, CFS and contracted treatment providers. The goal is to reduce incarceration, decrease recidivism, advocate for treatment services and enhance community protection while eliminating future criminal behavior while improving the quality of life for youth living with drug/alcohol addiction and/or mental health issues.

Sex /Domestic and Family Violence Offender -

A caseload that consists of youth on various levels of probation supervision for a sexually related offense, family and/or partner violence. Youth are closely monitored by an officer who ensures compliance with their terms and conditions of probation as well as the successful completion of a treatment program.

Girls Court -

Provides services to female youth who are considered vulnerable to sexual exploitation or experiencing an increase in at-risk behaviors. The goal of the program is to build self-esteem and empower female youth. A variety of presentations, interpersonal discussions, and workshops are provided to aid in the rehabilitation, confidence building, and health conscious choices.

Gender Specific - G.R.A.C.E. -

GRACE (Gender Responsive Adolescent Caseload Enrichment) Focuses specifically on youthful female offenders to address the detailed trauma and coping mechanisms that involve young girls.

Wraparound -

The Wraparound Program focuses on strengthening the family as a whole so the at-risk youth can remain in the home. This is a team approach with a Probation Officer, therapist, Parent Partner, DBH, CFS, school officials and community members identified by the family and team as a strengthening force. The team meets with the youth and family regularly and helps by coordinating services, working through new coping skills and supporting the family and the youth in dealing with entrenched emotional, behavioral and mental health issues.

Placement/Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP) -

The Placement unit assists youth with rehabilitation, family reunification and community integration needs through Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP's) and Aftercare services. Placement Officers guide youth toward gaining avenues to help them maintain lifelong positive connections with family and the community. Officers also provide independent living skills to prepare youth to transition into adulthood. The goal is for every youth to successfully complete an STRTP and Aftercare program with the skills and tools to become productive members in their community.

Complex Care Services This programming would be developed and provided to youth who have a high threshold of behavioral health needs, but remain in custody more than 120 days due to being found not suitable when referred for STRTP screening. Contracted specialized services would be developed in partnership with the County Behavioral Health Department and provided while the youth is in custody. This program expects to achieve two goals: 1) Provide services to support the youth's treatment amenability and ability to be more amenable to acceptance to a STRTP or 2) Provide suitable complex care services and develop a post completion plan to transition the youth back into the community upon completion.

## **B. Regional Agreements**

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

None

# **YOBG Funded Program(s), Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement**

**Below are YOBG funded programs reported by the county.**

**Program Name:**

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

The Probation Department Field Services Supervision is the foundation of Court ordered community supervision. Youth granted probation have the opportunity to be monitored in the community in lieu of detention under terms and conditions ordered by the Court. Supervision consists of home compliance checks, monitoring of school attendance and offering prevention, intervention and rehabilitative services for youth and their families. Probation has long established collaborations with JJCPA partners that have developed various programs listed within this report to provide specialized and alternative methods of supervision.

**Description:**

Field Supervision Units –

These Probation Officers are tasked with the oversight and supervision of youthful offenders within the community. Strengthening families is a primary goal to make the youth successful. Probation Officers consider information such as JAIS/CAIS Risk Assessment, offender criminal history and family dynamics to develop a plan of rehabilitation for the youth on their caseload to properly address the youth's needs while providing community safety and supervision. The level of supervision is based on the JAIS/CAIS risk assessments. High-risk offenders are deemed to be the most serious and sophisticated of offenders and present a higher risk to re-offend. These youth have more intense supervision requirements. Medium risk offenders are usually identified as needing significant treatment intervention based on their criminogenic needs. These offenders' needs are targeted by utilizing Motivational Interviewing techniques, incentives and a system of graduated sanctions. Rehabilitation plans allows the Probation Officer to assist with youth behavior modification. Low Risk Offenders are deemed to be the least likely to re-offend. However, accountability for the behaviors displayed which resulted in their interaction with the juvenile courts, must also be addressed. These offenders primarily receive rehabilitation services such as counseling and community service. All field service units and programs are designed to

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#### GRACE (Gender Responsive Adolescent Caseload Enrichment) –

Focuses specifically on youthful female offenders to address the detailed trauma and coping mechanisms that present themselves with young girls. Offenders complete gender specific programming which fosters self-esteem, helps girls maintain authentic connection with peers and adult women in their community, inclinations toward self-doubt, and allow for genuine expression through verbal sharing and creative activities.

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