



JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL PLAN

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BACKGROUND AND INSTRUCTIONS:

Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program for the purpose of providing county-based care, custody, and supervision of youth who are realigned from the state Division of Juvenile Justice or who would otherwise be eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure. Section 1995 was amended by Assembly Bill 505 (Ting, Chapter 528, Statutes of 2023.) This template has been updated to reflect those amendments which will be in effect on January 1, 2024. All citations are to the law as amended. The statutory language can be found [here](#).

To be eligible for funding allocations associated with this grant program, counties shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(a).)

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

There are nine sections to the plan:

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

List the subcommittee members, agency affiliation where applicable, and contact information:

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Describe the process used to determine whether to select a co-chair for your subcommittee (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b)):

Committee members were informed at the meeting held on November 14, 2024, of the recent statutory changes. At that time, no nominations or expressions of interest were made regarding the selection of a co-chair. As a result, Chief Romero continues to serve as the sole chair of the Sub-Committee.

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

Meeting Date 1: November 13, 2025

Meeting Date 2: March 12, 2026

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable:

N/A

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

Approved by the Sub-Committee: March 12, 2026

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

The JJRBG Annual Plan was developed in collaboration with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, incorporating input from all relevant stakeholders. The draft was submitted to the Sub-Committee for review, where it underwent revisions before being finalized and approved. This process has been consistently followed each year to ensure timely updates and necessary adjustments to the plan.

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

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

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

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

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

The Butte County Probation Department (BCPD) provides programs, placements and services that have been available to the identified target population prior to Senate Bill 823. This continuum of services is outlined in detail in the "Butte County JJCPA and YOBG FY 2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Plan and Juvenile Justice Plan."

BCPD offers diversion and informal supervision services to appropriate youth, while referring only youth at higher risk to reoffend for intensive formal supervision. For youth referred for a formal petition, a full risk and needs assessment is completed to understand the protective factors as well as the criminogenic factors that need attention. Youth are referred to and offered evidence-based programs and services such as Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Wraparound, Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling, Juvenile Hall Garden Project, Strengthening Families Program, The Council for Boys and Young Men and Girls Circle, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy groups, individual and family counseling, pro-social recreational opportunities, sex offender treatment and substance use groups.

Youth with elevated risks and needs may require a higher level of care and may be placed in a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). BCPD assigns a dedicated probation officer to work with these youth, providing support, transitional services, and supervision. BCPD is committed to the belief that youth are best served in their home communities, and currently, no STRTPs are available locally. It is important to note that Butte County has made significant efforts to prevent out-of-home placements, and we are proud to report that no youth have been placed in an STRTP since 2021. Instead, our focus remains on collaborative, youth-centered re-entry planning, enhanced family engagement, and the delivery of robust and effective programming within our community.

Additionally, youth in need of increased structure and programming may be referred to the Butte County Probation Camp Program. This is a court-ordered program for youth with an emphasis on programming that prepares youth for reintegration into the community. The program is tailored around the individual needs of the youth (average program length is approximately 6 months).

The County of Butte provides treatment in a secure setting to address the risks and needs of youth ages 14-25 who have committed offenses described under Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC

section 707(b)) or an offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code (WIC 1990(b)) and who were formerly committed to a period of custodial treatment and rehabilitation with DJJ.

For the target population listed above, Butte County Probation created the Commitment to Success Program (CSP), our Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), located within the confines of the Butte County Juvenile Hall.

According to the U.S. Census, as of July 1, 2025, Butte County had a total population of **209,211 residents**. The estimated racial and ethnic composition of the county is as follows:

- White alone, not Hispanic or Latino: **65.6%**
- Hispanic or Latino (of any race): **21.0%**
- Black or African American alone (not Hispanic): **2.2%**
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone (not Hispanic): **2.7%**
- Asian alone (not Hispanic): **5.9%**
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (not Hispanic): **0.3%**
- Two or more races (not Hispanic): **5.4%**

Official source:

U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts – Butte County, California

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/buttecountycalifornia#>

The census link above confirms that Butte County's population at the time of the 2020 Census was 211,632 residents, and provides the detailed racial and ethnic estimated breakdown listed above as of July 1, 2025.

Comparison to the Commitment to Success Program Population

The Commitment to Success Program (CSP) has served 13 youth since 2022. Of those youth:

- [REDACTED] identified as White
- [REDACTED] identified as Hispanic
- [REDACTED] identified as American Indian
- [REDACTED] identified as African American

When compared to the overall county population: **(U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts, most recent estimates):**

- White youth represent [REDACTED] of CSP participants, compared to approximately 65.6% of the county population.
- American Indian youth represent [REDACTED] of CSP participants, compared to approximately 2.7% of the county population.

- Hispanic youth represent [REDACTED] of CSP participants, compared to approximately 21.0% of the county population.
- African American youth represent [REDACTED] of CSP participants, compared to approximately 2.2% of the county population.

These comparisons suggest that American Indian or Alaska Native youth, Black or African American youth, and Hispanic or Latino youth may be represented in the CSP at higher rates relative to their proportion of the county population, while White youth appear to be underrepresented. However, these findings should be interpreted with caution due to the small program sample size (n=13), which limits the ability to draw statistically significant conclusions.

It should also be noted that CSP demographic categories are based on self-identified race and ethnicity and may not align directly with U.S. Census classifications. Specifically, the Census categorizes Hispanic or Latino origin as an ethnicity rather than a race, and individuals may identify with more than one racial category.

As of March 23, 2026, there are [REDACTED] male youth in CSP. Of those, [REDACTED] are in our Step-Down/Least Restrictive Program (Butte County Camp Program), and [REDACTED] under Community Supervision and [REDACTED] an active warrant.

The following table separates the youth committed to CSP by crime type. The most common offenses involve the use of a firearm.

Historical Data Butte County CSP	2022-2025
# Youth	Crime Type
[REDACTED]	Carjacking/Use of Firearm
[REDACTED]	Attempted Murder
[REDACTED]	Assault w/Firearm GBI/Assault w/Deadly Weapon
[REDACTED]	Robbery
[REDACTED]	Involuntary Manslaughter w/ Special Allegation: Use of Firearm
[REDACTED]	Murder
13	Total

Based on the past 4 years, since the inception of the CSP, it is anticipated Butte County will serve approximately 3.25 youth per year.

Of the 13 youth committed to CSP, the average length of time the youth have been committed to Butte County CSP is 3.5 years.

The average age at the time of the offense is 16 years.

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(D)(2) and (d)(8)):

Commitment to Success Program (CSP)

Guiding Principles

The foundation of CSP is based on several important concepts: collaborative case-management, evidence-based principles, trauma-informed practices and reentry planning. Collaborative case management is a dynamic plan of services and supervision developed with each youth and family that starts immediately upon entry into CSP and continues through transition and reentry into the community.

This approach requires multiple stakeholders to effectively collaborate, communicate and utilize resources through a process of continuous case planning. The ongoing cycle of assessment, planning, service delivery and case review is aimed at assisting the youth with making prosocial behavioral changes. The purpose of CSP is to reduce future crime by creating a seamless system of services and supervision that begins immediately upon entry into the program. This “Exit upon Entry” concept outlines the following goals:

- Promote public safety by reducing recidivism among youth and facilitating opportunities that repair harm done to victims and communities.
- Foster positive transitions to adulthood by helping youth and families make responsible choices and achieve goals in education, employment, behavioral health, and personal relationships.

CSP is also committed to implementing trauma-informed policies and procedures aimed at making the program safer and more effective by ensuring the physical and psychological safety of all youth, family members and staff, and promoting their recovery from the adverse effects of trauma. CSP utilizes carefully timed traumatic stress screenings as the standard of care for youth committed to the program. Traumatic stress screenings identify youth who have emotional, behavioral, learning or relationship difficulties due to persistent post-traumatic stress reactions.

Juvenile Hall Facility

The Butte County Probation Department operates a Juvenile Hall facility which was originally built to house 120 youth but is currently rated by the California Board of State and Community Corrections to house up to 60 youth. The Juvenile Hall is currently divided into three distinct sections (pods), which operate different programs within the institution. One pod is dedicated for traditional youth undergoing the Juvenile Court process. The second pod houses the Butte County Probation Camp Program, which provides youth with the opportunity to engage in vocational training, educational and counseling programming, and the third pod houses our CSP youth. These pods can house up to 20 youth. The long-term objective identified in the original plan, to house CSP youth within a dedicated pod exclusively assigned to the program, was achieved in late 2025. This milestone was made

possible largely through successful recruitment efforts that resulted in staffing levels sufficient to meet BSCC requirements.

Assessments & Case Planning

CSP utilizes case management and interventions consistent with evidence-based practices. A cornerstone of these practices is a validated risk-and-need assessment tool. The Probation Department uses the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) as the actuarial risk and needs assessment instrument. In addition to this tool, CSP also utilizes the Residential Positive Achievement Change Tool (R-PACT) which is designed for use in residential settings. CSP adheres to policies that protect LGBTQIA+ youth. Upon initial entry into the Butte County Juvenile Hall, all youth are provided an LGBTQIA+ questionnaire which assists with determining housing, clothing, and preferred pronouns based on gender identification.

Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT)

The Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) develops a case plan to address criminogenic risk and need factors (Need Principle). The MDT also matches the level of service based on key characteristics such as cognitive functioning, social skill level, literacy, trauma, and mental health issues (Responsivity Principle). Each youth is assigned a treatment team to support the youth while in the program. This team includes the following:

- Probation Officer (assigned to CSP youth)
- Senior Probation Officer-Juvenile Hall
- Mental Health Clinician
- Educational Specialist
- Community-based service providers

The MDT is established within the first 30 days of commitment into the program. Additionally, the MDT members are identified in collaboration with the youth, allowing the youth to have “voice and choice” regarding what supports they would like on their team. The MDT meets at least once a month.

A dedicated Probation Officer is assigned to CSP to coordinate the MDT meetings, ensure programming standards are met, work with youth in meeting their individual rehabilitation goals, and work with the youth and family to create a reentry plan, all in collaboration with juvenile hall staff.

Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT)

Along with Youth for Change, the CSP utilizes Child and Family Team (CFT) Meetings. These are collaborative, strength-based meetings that bring together individuals involved in the youth’s life, of their choosing, to discuss and address their needs. These meetings typically include the youth, their family members, caseworkers, service providers, educators, and other professionals or supportive individuals. The goal of a CFT meeting is to develop a comprehensive plan for the youth and family, focusing on their well-being, safety, and future success. The process encourages active participation, family engagement, and the use of community resources to support the youth in achieving positive outcomes. CFT meetings are commonly used in child welfare, juvenile justice, and mental health systems to ensure a holistic and coordinated approach to the child’s care and services.

The Butte County Probation Department contracts with Youth for Change, to provide the services of a mental health clinician. This clinician was selected based on their experience working with youth, their knowledge and understanding of trauma-informed practices and approaches, and a willingness to assist with the ongoing development and implementation of CSP.

Additional training and certification in The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) will be required and provided to the clinician. NMT is an approach created by Dr. Bruce Perry that organizes history and current function to inform the clinical decision-making and treatment planning process. Each youth has an individualized case plan, informed by the assessments, that explains the services and programming that should be provided during the program. The development of a single case plan that is informed by, and accessible to, all members of the collaborative case management team is critical to successful implementation. Additionally, regularly scheduled reviews are calendared in order to adequately address all program concerns during the youth's time in CSP. Case plans are also regularly updated as needed. CSP youth receive programming which address the four main risk factors (Anti-social Behavior, Anti-social Personality, Criminal Thinking, and Criminal Associates) through the use of cognitive behavioral approaches proven to address the specific risks and needs of the youth as well as build strengths and skills. Additionally, youth committed to CSP receive an orientation packet that outlines the programming opportunities, resident rights, rules and expectations, and incentives.

The Wellness Room

The Butte County Probation Department constructed a Multi-Sensory De-escalation Room as an alternative to external regulation for dysregulated youth, known as The Wellness Room. It is a therapeutic space that is used proactively to develop self-regulation skills or used responsively as an area for youth experiencing dysregulated behavior to safely regain control of their behaviors and emotions. This room is stocked with a variety of manipulatives designed to engage all of the senses and stimulate gross motor, fine motor, and cognitive skills. A youth's ability to use the resources in the environment to calm his/her emotions with staff engagement is a critical step in the process of self-regulation. By combining applied brain research, child development and occupational therapy concepts, staff can connect with and help youth develop cognitive skills as well as self-control techniques.

Core Programming & Behavioral Management

Orijin Interactive Tablets

The Orijin interactive tablets significantly enhance our ability to deliver diverse and comprehensive programming tailored to the youth's pace and interests. Through an integrated educational platform, youth can access job-specific training and develop transferable, enduring skills that support long-term, sustainable employment outcomes.

Available programming includes courses in Business and Information Technology, Wellness and Recovery Action Planning for Addictions, Reentry, *The Only Person U Cheat is U*, Interplay Learning certifications, and Essential Education. In addition, youth have access to TED Talks, a digital library, and the Orijin Resume Builder and Job Board, which provides detailed information on educational requirements, anticipated wages, and benefits across various career pathways.

The tablets also include a structured entertainment component, offering access to radio, games, and movies. This feature is strategically utilized as part of our incentive and rewards system to reinforce positive engagement and program participation.

Dynamic Mindfulness (DMind)

CSP utilizes the Dynamic Mindfulness (DMind) program as a core practice embedded throughout the program. DMind is an evidence-based, trauma-informed program that strengthens stress resilience and social-emotional learning. Mindful action, breathing, and centering are the key elements. DMind has been shown to increase learning readiness, stress management, and emotion regulation.

Interactive Journals

This evidence-based Interactive Journaling from the Change Companies is designed to target individual criminogenic needs. It can be administered individually or in a group setting. The Interactive Journaling approach offers a change-focused, participant-driven resource for effectively guiding targeted populations through the process of life change. The Butte County Probation Department has trained most probation officers and juvenile hall staff in this curriculum. The training is offered in-house by probation staff who are currently certified “Train the Trainers.” Boys and Girls Club staff are also trained in Interactive Journaling facilitation.

Core Program Journals- (available in Spanish)

What Got Me Here: This initial journal addresses factors related to CSP placement for the committing offense, family, and peers.

Individual Change Plan: This journal focuses on behaviors or circumstances that the youth believe they need to work on before returning to the community.

Reentry Planning: This journal covers a wide range of re-entry planning needs, such as communication skills, housing, and employment.

Victim Awareness: This journal helps youth begin to consider the idea of taking personal responsibility for their criminal behavior and ways to make amends for the harm they have caused. This journal addresses the ripple effect of their behavior on themselves, their victims, their families and their communities.

Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

Aggression Replacement Training is a cognitive-behavioral intervention program to help children and adolescents improve social skill competence and moral reasoning, better manage anger, and reduce aggressive behavior. The program consists of 10 weeks (30 sessions) of intervention training, and is divided into three components—social skills training, anger-control training, and training in moral reasoning. Participants attend a one-hour session in each of these components each week. Incremental learning, reinforcement techniques, and guided group discussions enhance skill acquisition and reinforce the lessons in the curriculum. ART is currently being facilitated by Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, and supported by juvenile hall staff.

Juvenile Moral Reconditioning Therapy (MRT)

MRT is a systematic, cognitive-behavioral, step-by-step treatment strategy designed to enhance self-image, promote growth of a positive productive identity, and facilitate the development of higher stages of moral reasoning. Over 120 outcome studies show MRT significantly increases moral reasoning levels, enhances life purpose, facilitates increased social support, and gives participants

more perceived control over their lives. MRT is widely recognized as an evidence-based practice by numerous official governmental agencies and treatment authorities. The Butte County Probation Department has been facilitating MRT groups with adults for several years and recently started juvenile groups for probation youth supervised in the community, as well as the Juvenile Hall.

Truthought-Tackling Tactics Plus Trust

Truthought is a new offering in CSP, and is a cognitive-behavioral therapy curriculum that is focused on self-awareness, trust-building, and strengthening relationships, with the goal of supporting the youth in gaining independence and rebuilding positive connections. This program is currently being facilitated by Northern Valley Catholic Social Services.

Substance Use

Mindfulness-Based Substance Abuse Treatment (MBSAT) groups are available to youth participating in CSP, and facilitated by Continuity Consulting, Inc. This program is evidence-based and has been found to significantly lower substance use rate and decrease cravings. This program has also been shown to improve symptomatic distress and emotional regulation.

Gang Intervention

CSP utilizes a Gang Intervention Program from New Freedom Phoenix Resources.

The New Freedom program addresses critical personal, environmental, and community risk factors, and builds on key protective factors and assets. The resources are solidly based on evidence-based strategies and have been proven effective in countless studies. The program features: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Skill-Building for conflict resolution and violence prevention; Social Learning Model (behavior rehearsal and roleplaying), Stages of Change Model, and Motivational Interviewing (MI).

The program is a comprehensive open group program, in which participants can be added to the group at any point of the 60-hour curriculum. The program is an outcome-driven model and it provides structure and support for individual progress and change.

Core program elements address internal and external risk factors for past problems and guide the development of effective relapse-prevention plans. The curriculum guides participants from precontemplation through the subsequent stages of change.

The curriculum includes life stories of young gang members who end up in prison. Members of different gangs are interviewed and they describe individual risk factors in their own words. Workbook activities address each risk factor and lead to action plans to minimize those risks. The curriculum addresses issues such as decision to join, violent initiations, the experience and consequences of using violence, the consequences to drug dealing, and the experience of incarceration.

Behavior Management

As juvenile facilities across the country move away from punitive behavior management systems and practices, one evidence-based framework that facilities are adopting is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

PBIS is an educational philosophy that stresses the importance of having program staff teach “positive behavior strategies.” Rather than simply relying on punishment, PBIS emphasizes the

importance of establishing clear expectations and developing a variety of strategies that allow for youth to meet those expectations. This behavioral management approach has been incorporated in the educational setting as well as throughout CSP.

Incentive Ranking System

With the collaboration and input of our CSP youth, an Incentive Ranking System was developed to promote and reinforce positive behaviors while discouraging and minimizing negative ones. The system is structured into two distinct tiers: Tier 1 for youth committed for under 2 years, and Tier 2 for youth committed for 2 years or more.

Each tier begins with a 30-day orientation period, during which youth familiarize themselves with program expectations and requirements, allowing for the development of an appropriate Individual Rehabilitation Plan. Both tiers offer incentives at each level, including items such as commissary goods, personal fitness trackers, upgraded shoes, increased virtual visits with family, and catered meals during visits.

As youth progress through the levels, they have the opportunity to earn a reduction in their baseline commitment time by meeting the educational, programming, and treatment requirements for each level.

The majority of our youth have successfully earned a reduction in their baseline commitment during each six-month review. This progression clearly reflects the youth's strong motivation and determination, as they are committed to completing each phase of the ranking system.

Least Restrictive Program (LRP)

In the context of SB-823, a Least Restrictive Program refers to a type of intervention or placement for youth in the juvenile justice system that provides the least amount of restriction while still addressing the youth's needs for safety, treatment, and rehabilitation. The goal is to ensure that youth are placed in environments that are as close to their homes and communities as possible, and that are the least restrictive, while still offering appropriate services and supervision to promote positive outcomes. The least restrictive approach aims to allow youth to maintain connections with their families, communities, and educational systems, promoting successful reintegration and reducing the risk of recidivism.

Youth in Butte County who qualify for a step-down to an LRP are enrolled in our Camp Program for a duration of up to six months, with an average stay of approximately three months. During this time, they are eligible for temporary releases to the community to attend school, foster positive relationships and community connections, and gradually transition back to their families with ongoing support.

Community Supervision with Reentry Wraparound Services

Upon successful completion of their baseline term in the LRP, the youth will be released from custody for a period of intensive community supervision, which includes comprehensive reentry wraparound services.

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

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(A) and (d)(8))

CSP is committed to utilizing trauma-informed policies and procedures aimed at making the program safer and more effective by ensuring the physical and psychological safety of all youth, family members, and staff and promoting their recovery from the adverse effects of trauma. CSP utilizes carefully timed traumatic stress screenings as the standard of care for youth committed to the program. Traumatic stress screenings identify youth who have emotional, behavioral, learning or relationship difficulties due to persistent post-traumatic stress reactions.

The Butte County Probation Department contracts with Youth for Change for the services of a mental health clinician. This clinician was selected based on their experience working with youth, their knowledge and understanding of trauma-informed practices and approaches, and a willingness to assist with the ongoing development and implementation of CSP. Additional training and certification in The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) is incorporated. NMT is an approach created by Dr. Bruce Perry that organizes history and current function to inform the clinical decision-making and treatment planning process. The results of these screenings/assessments provide a comprehensive overview of the youth's mental health history and will be considered in the development of the youth's individualized case plan. In addition, counseling services for the youth and their family/caregiver will be offered, as well as medication management when appropriate.

Regarding sex offender treatment, youth adjudicated for sex offenses will be evaluated for a referral to a regional facility for specialized services and programming. In the event a regional placement is unavailable, CSP will develop an individualized sex offender treatment program.

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

Healthy Adolescent Development

Youth in CSP have ongoing access to medical, dental, and mental health services. Contracted staff are available 24 hours a day to address medical or mental health needs. Health education, disease prevention, and reproductive health programs are also offered. In addition, should other specialized medical or mental health care be indicated, a treatment plan, to include medication, will be created and supported by the youth's medical health treatment team.

Mindfulness

Youth are given opportunities to participate in Dynamic Mindfulness (DMind). This program is an evidence-based curriculum that contains lessons on coping with stress, self-awareness, emotion regulation, and healthy relationships. These practices will teach youth skills that if practiced regularly can actually change the connections in the brain, becoming not only skills but, ultimately, healthy habits and traits.

Sleep

Quality sleep is integral to the health and development of adolescents. Appropriate sleep is known to correlate with improved mental health, increased attention, improved behavior, learning, memory, and emotion regulation. CSP staff are continually looking for ways to improve and promote an environment conducive to achieving appropriate sleep levels. CSP youth are provided with earplugs, and sleeping masks upon request. The youth have also been provided comfortable bedding in an effort to achieve this goal. Additionally, weighted blankets are available upon request.

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

Supporting youth staying connected to family and other pro-social individuals in the community is a priority of CSP. Family involvement is critical for the successful transition of youth into the community and is encouraged at all levels of the program. Families of youth have the opportunity to engage in weekly visitation and are included in the treatment team process. Family counseling is also offered to parents/caregivers to add additional support and improve relationships. The case management team is committed to conducting bi-weekly updates.

CSP partners with Youth for Change to utilize a high-fidelity Wraparound model that begins services for families when a youth is detained in CSP and continues services when released on community supervision. Wraparound is a facilitated team-based practice model designed to integrate natural and professional supports. Facilitators work with the family to assemble the Wraparound team to not only support the youth but also the entire family system. Parents/caregivers are identified outside the immediate or extended family. A Wraparound Team consists of the parent/caregiver and youth, Parent Partners, Peer Partners, Family Specialists, Mental Health Clinician and CFT Facilitators.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing, and continuing education for the target population. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(D) and (d)(8))

Effective reentry planning is paramount and critical to a youth's successful transition into the community. Too often, youth return to the community unprepared for success, and families and communities are unprepared to receive them. Without long-term community support, youth often struggle to employ skills and strategies they learned while they were detained, particularly if they return to the same environment that led to their initial delinquent behavior. The following are Butte County Probation's efforts to ensure the youth's continued success beyond CSP.

Collaborative Case Management

Release Decision-Making: The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) provides the Court with an assessment of the youth's readiness to reintegrate into the community, as well as the community's preparedness to support the youth. The MDT also ensures that the youth is released with the appropriate level and duration of community supervision.

Housing: The reentry plan outlines stable housing options for the youth upon their return to the community. The case management team collaborates with community-based organizations and ensures familiarity with the full range of housing options available. Additionally, the team evaluates the feasibility, safety, and suitability of the youth living with family members upon release from the program. Appropriate housing is identified well in advance of the youth's release and transition to community supervision.

Continuity of Care

The reentry plan identifies the physical, mental and behavioral health needs of the youth to ensure they receive uninterrupted services and supports upon release on community supervision.

The following programs are available to youth on reentry supervision:

- *Evidence-Based Programming:* CSP youth are provided with programming in the community when needed. Many of the programs, such as Forward Thinking and MRT can be administered in a detention setting as well as in the community.
- *Electronic Monitoring:* Electronic Monitoring (Global Positioning System) may be utilized as a supervision tool for reentry youth. Electronic Monitoring can be an effective supervision tool that allows for intensive supervision and increased community safety.
- *Strengthening Families Program (SFP):* In some cases, referral to the SFP may be beneficial to the youth and their families. Strengthening Families is a nationally and internationally recognized parent and family program for high risk and general population families. SFP is an evidenced-based family skills training program that improves social competencies and school performance. The Butte County Probation Department has facilitated the SFP for several years. Many staff are trained to facilitate this program. Teen groups are designed to be separated by risk level as to minimize exposure of high-risk youth to lower risk youth.
- *Juvenile Hall Garden Project:* This is a program that provides an opportunity for youth to plant and harvest a garden. The program provides young people with opportunities to develop life skills, increase work readiness and self-efficacy, develop critical thinking skills, increase job and education skills, and improve the connection with their peers and program staff.
- *The Council for Boys and Young Men* is an intervention program developed by the One Circle Foundation. The One Circle Foundation promotes resiliency and healthy relationships in youth and communities with research-based, gender-responsive circle program models and best practices.

These programs incorporate Motivational Interviewing, Cultural Responsivity, Strengths-Based approaches and Trauma-Responsive practices. Results from research studies on these respective programs indicate they have positive impacts on their participants.

- *Employment/Vocational Training*: Reentry youth will be able to continue working with Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD) for job placement and vocational training.

These programs reinforce what we know works in reducing recidivism and assisting our youth with transitioning back to our communities. The numerous programming recommendations allow for individualized plans and many of them can be administered inside the juvenile facility or while on reentry supervision.

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

Evidence-based Programs

CSP is designed to effectively utilize the evidence-based principles of risk, need, and responsivity. CSP focuses on interventions that match individual needs, and consider characteristics relevant to treatment amenability. Interventions delivered along the risk-need responsivity framework have been empirically validated to be effective at reducing recidivism.

Trauma- Informed Approaches

CSP staff continue to work on implementing the following essential elements of a Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice System developed by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).

- **Trauma-Informed Policies and Procedures**: Policies aimed at addressing trauma make organizations safer and more effective by ensuring the physical and psychological safety of all youth, families, and staff and promoting their recovery from adverse effects of trauma.
- **Clinical Assessments/Intervention for Trauma-Impaired Youth**: Trauma-specific clinical assessment and treatment will be the standard of care for all youth identified as impaired by posttraumatic stress reactions during the screening process.
- **Trauma-Informed Programming and Staff Education**: Trauma-informed training, resources, and programs will be implemented across all stages of our juvenile facility.
- **Prevention and Management of Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS)**: Efforts will be made to recognize and respond to the adverse effects of secondary traumatic stress in the workplace in order to support workforce safety, effectiveness, and resilience. Additionally, all probation staff have access to our Peer Support program, as well all of the services provided by the Butte Strong Wellness Unit.
- **Trauma-Informed Partnering with Youth and Families**: We will ensure youth and their families engage as partners in all programming and services.

- **Trauma- Informed Approaches to Address Disparities and Diversity:** We will ensure the practices and policies address the diverse and unique needs of all groups of youth and do not result in disparities related to race, ethnicity, gender, gender-identity, sexual orientation, age, intellectual and developmental level, or socioeconomic background.

Culturally Responsive

The Butte County Probation Department has outlined several strategic initiatives to address the complex issues of racial and ethnic fairness across all aspects of the Juvenile Justice system. On November 19, 2024, the department engaged in a meeting with Tray Robinson, the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism Officer at Butte Community College, to discuss ongoing efforts and the vision for implementing a more culturally responsive approach in serving youth. Mr. Robinson provided valuable guidance and recommendations to support the advancement of this important initiative.

The following strategies are a priority over the course of the next several years, and require community and stakeholder involvement.

- **Engage Juvenile Justice Professionals and Diverse Members of the Community in Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities**
 - Form a steering committee that is expanded beyond the “traditional” players to include many different voices, with the goal that this would lead to the development of more culturally competent services and greater community collaboration.
- **Collect Data to help Guide Decision-Making**
 - The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recommends jurisdictions collect data on the English language proficiency of youth and their families as well as data on other family characteristics, such as national origin and household composition. This will allow officials to gain a more comprehensive understanding of their community so we can provide more culturally and linguistically competent interventions.
- **Enhance Cultural and Linguistic Competence**
 - Cultural and language barriers can make the Juvenile Justice system even more difficult for some youth and their families to navigate. Effective communication and cultural understanding are prerequisites to a fair, efficient, and effective justice system.
 - Break Down Language Barriers. We will evaluate every stage of the juvenile justice process to ensure forms, websites, and information is available in other languages.
- **Continue to Offer Cultural Responsivity Training and Professional Development Opportunities to Juvenile Justice Professionals.**
 - Continue to provide culturally responsive trainings to all Juvenile Justice Partners and correctional staff.
 - Provide access for Probation and Juvenile Hall staff to attend yearly trainings related to reducing racial and ethnic disparity.

LGBTQIA+ Populations: Butte County Probation recently reached out to the Stonewall Alliance of Chico to schedule training to Probation and Juvenile Hall staff. The training examines best practices related to intake screening, appropriate communication, creating a culture of tolerance, while minimizing potential dangers and maximizing opportunities for successful rehabilitation and reintegration. Training dates are currently being scheduled.

Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(3)(F) and (d)(8))

Community-Based Organizations

The Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley (BGCNV)

The Boys and Girls Club currently operates expanded learning programs and activities for youth ages 12 to 18. The Boys and Girls Club, in collaboration with the Butte County Probation Department, provides services and related events to youth, in and out of custody, under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. Services provided include: youth mentoring, group facilitation of interactive journaling (evidence-based), workforce readiness, financial literacy, diversity programs, academic support, GED preparation, college exploration programs and tours, entrepreneurial opportunities, job skills training, health and wellness programs, relationship and resilience building programs, character and leadership development, service-learning opportunities, arts, sports, fitness, and recreation programs.

The BGCNV also provides CSP youth with evidence-based group facilitation by utilizing the Interactive Journaling curriculum.

BGCNV has recently expanded its services in CSP and has implemented a diverse range of programming tailored to youth interests within the CSP. These programs are voluntary, allowing youth to participate based on their preferences, with the condition that they complete the full program once they commit. Available programs include Podcasting 101, Screen-Printing, Cooking, and a Boys and Girls Club of America Lyricism program, all of which offer creative outlets and skill-building opportunities. Currently, Podcasting is held on Thursdays and they are in discussions with a facilitator to launch a Screen-Printing project in the coming weeks. Additional youth interest programs will be offered on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings.

In addition to the youth interest programs, mandatory programming focuses on developing social-emotional skills and fostering healthy relationships. The Healthy Relationships program, based on Boys and Girls Club of America's SMART MOVES framework and supplemented by Ivi Green's workbooks on Emotions and Relationships, is designed to help youth navigate interpersonal dynamics and cultivate healthier relationships.

Northern Valley Catholic Social Services (NVCSS)

NVCSS currently provides weekly services in Juvenile Hall focusing on a range of subjects. NVCSS provides classes on social responsibility, cultural diversity, teen parenting, and life skills. Group sessions are provided to youth in Juvenile Hall after school and at lunchtime during the week. In addition to Aggression Replacement Training, NVCSS expanded services in 2024 to our CSP, including a Hobby Hour and Book Club, as well as Truthought-Tackling Tactics Plus RAP-A (Resourceful Adolescent Program)

RAP-A is a universal, evidence-based program for youth designed to build resilience and prevent depression. Delivered over 11 group sessions, it combines cognitive-behavioral and interpersonal approaches to teach self-regulation, problem-solving, positive self-talk, conflict resolution, and social

connection. Grounded in psychological theory, RAP-A equips adolescents with lifelong tools to support emotional well-being.

NVCSS has a full-time Case Manager who facilitates groups sessions and curriculum, and a part-time Program Supervisor who works on expanding and refining interventions to meet the youth's needs.

Youth for Change

CSP partners with Youth for Change in a high-fidelity Wraparound model that begins services for families when a youth is detained in CSP and continues services when released on community supervision. Wraparound is a facilitated team-based practice model designed to integrate natural and professional supports. Facilitators will work with the family to assemble the Wraparound team and facilitate Child Family Team (CFT) meetings. A Wraparound team includes the youth, parent/caregiver, Parent Partners, Family Specialists, a Mental Health Clinician (if needed), the Probation Officer, the Senior Correctional Deputy Probation Officer, and a Facilitator. The CFT process incorporates the voice of the family into decision-making.

High-fidelity Wraparound has four phases: Engagement, Treatment Planning, Implementation, and Transition. For this program, the Engagement Phase would occur while the youth is detained. The Wraparound Team will begin working with the youth and the family to build a therapeutic relationship and identify strengths and needs. The family will identify a family vision and life domains (emotional, behavioral, legal, financial, educational, social/recreation, employment, and housing) and a treatment plan will be developed based on the identified needs.

Wraparound is a strength-based program that emphasizes family "voice and choice" and is focused on creating realistic and sustainable plans. Implementation may include services such as: Individual therapy, family therapy, teaching and building of coping skills, case management, employment and life skills, anger management, and substance use treatment.

These services are individualized to address the unique needs of each family. The Transition Phase is designed to create a safety plan the family can utilize once they have graduated from the Wraparound program. Youth for Change staff are trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI), Trauma-Informed Care, Nurtured Heart Practices, Motivational Interviewing, Harm Reduction Models, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).

Alliance for Workforce Development

The Butte County Probation Department has benefited greatly from its long relationship with Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD). In the County's Detention and Camp programs, AFWD has provided job-seeking skills development to youth in after-school and during school programming, as they partner with Table Mountain School (Butte County Office of Education school within the Butte County Juvenile Hall).

AFWD remains committed to providing CSP youth with the following:

- 1-2 one-hour sessions per month, year-round.
- Curriculum to include job readiness, job search and job retention skills.
- Introduction to career pathways, Labor Market Information (LMI), and guest career speakers.

- Emphasis placed on the effects of recidivism and criminal backgrounds on lifelong employment success.
- Health, wellness, life skills, teamwork and decision-making strategies as they relate to employment and job retention.
- Outreach and possible enrollment into Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funded Youth program and other applicable employment and training programs may be available.
- Certificates of Completion for Job Readiness Skills.

Butte County Office of Education (BCOE)

Table Mountain School (TMS) provides educational services within the Juvenile Hall facility. Table Mountain School serves the CSP youth in need of high school diplomas in the following ways:

- Youth who have been continuously enrolled, yet have not obtained their high school diploma, will be enrolled in Table Mountain School within three business days of detention. Instructional paraprofessionals will begin the New Student Orientation.
- A teacher is available full-time, Monday through Friday, for synchronous in-person instruction.
- Youth with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) are provided support by the TMS Education Specialist and Instructional Paraprofessional as determined by their IEP goals.
- Youth are provided with sufficient asynchronous assignments using the Edgenuity online platform and supplemental materials as appropriate to support student achievement.

Butte Community College

CSP youth who have completed their High School Diploma/GED are eligible to enroll in Butte Community College while residing at the Juvenile Hall. Butte Community College offers the following services to eligible CSP youth:

- Assistance with college application, financial aid application, and self-assessment.
- Orientation and counseling services.
- Online education/tutoring support.
- Onsite in-person instruction based on student interest/need, as well as safety and security considerations.

In January of 2024, Butte College launched its grant-funded Rising Scholars Youth Justice Initiative. The funding allowed for the hiring of a Youth Justice Coordinator who works directly with our CSP youth and program staff to establish solid pathways to higher education and careers in an effort to reduce recidivism.

Additionally, our juvenile hall was certified as an official Butte College Off Campus Site, which began on March 6, 2024. The first in-person course offered was CLP 30 (Career Life Planning). In Summer of 2024, ITEC-55 (Introduction to Industrial Trades), was offered, and in the Fall of 2024, MUS-51 (Digital Music Production) was offered. This semester, EDUC-312 (Reading) is being offered and youth from both CSP and Detention are enrolled. The goal is to expand course offerings, with plans to introduce vocational classes in the near future.

District Attorney's Victim Assistance Bureau

CSP has partnered with the District Attorney's Victim Assistance Bureau in an effort to support victims of crime. CSP collaborates with the assigned DA Victim Advocate regarding restitution, case status updates, and custody release information. CSP is committed to building trust within our community and supporting the healing journeys of crime victims. Where appropriate, CSP will utilize elements of restorative justice by providing opportunities for youth to repair harm they have caused to victims and the community. For CSP youth, we will explore projects they can create that could be available to the public for purchase or donation. Funds generated will be used by the youth to pay restitution to their victims.

Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

The Office of Youth and Community Restoration has partnered with contracted staff to support the development of a Youth Advisory Board (YAB) for our CSP youth. The board meets virtually every Monday evening.

The CSP youth have dedicated considerable effort to establishing the following:

Mission: To cultivate an environment where youth can grow, connect, collaborate, and drive change. This space allows youth to express their voices, feel heard, and work together to empower one another while remaining focused on our shared goals and values.

Vision: To create a lasting impact within correctional facilities and improve prospects for future generations. Our vision is to foster growth, transformation, and prosperity for youth, correctional, and probation officers alike, ensuring they have the opportunity to thrive in a safe, trusting, and healthy environment. We aim to promote greater equity, equality, and opportunity in facilities, communities, and families across all counties.

Values:

1. Respect
2. Trust
3. Communication
4. Teamwork
5. Fun

In November 2024, ■■■ of our CSP youth, members of the Butte County YAB, in addition to being members of the statewide YAB, participated virtually in the OYCR California Youth Justice Summit. During the summit, they served on a panel of justice-involved youth, sharing their experiences in engaging with and developing their local YAB. Both individuals represented Butte County with distinction and received highly positive feedback from all attendees.

Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice is an approach to justice that focuses on repairing the harm caused by criminal behavior through collaborative processes involving the victim, the offender, and the community. Rather

than emphasizing punishment, Restorative Justice seeks to address the underlying causes of the offense, promote accountability, and foster healing for all parties involved. This process often includes dialogue, mediation, and reconciliation to help offenders understand the impact of their actions, encourage personal responsibility, and support the victim's recovery. The ultimate goal is to restore relationships, strengthen community bonds, and reduce recidivism.

The Butte County Restorative Justice Steering Committee, composed of community members and representatives from various child-serving agencies, convenes regularly and are currently focused on exploring the integration of this practice into the Commitment to Success Program.

Provide a detailed facility plan indicating which facilities will be used to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

Juvenile Hall Facility

The Butte County Probation Department operates a Juvenile Hall facility originally constructed to house 120 youth and currently rated by the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for a capacity of 60 youth. The Juvenile Hall is divided into three distinct housing units (pods), each designed to support youth at varying levels of offense severity, treatment need, and program progression. One pod is dedicated to youth undergoing the Juvenile Court process and provides secure detention, assessment, educational services, behavioral health support, and case planning. A second pod houses the Butte County Probation Department Camp Program, which serves as the County's sole Less Restrictive Program (LRP). The Camp Program provides eligible youth with opportunities to engage in vocational training, educational programming, cognitive behavioral interventions, counseling services, life-skills development, and reentry preparation. Youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility/Commitment to Success Program (CSP) may step down into the Camp Program as they demonstrate progress toward treatment goals and readiness for a less restrictive environment. Because the Camp Program operates within the confines of Juvenile Hall, it is subject to California Code of Regulations, Title 15 requirements and is therefore a Title 15-regulated Less Restrictive Program pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 1995(d)(4). The third pod houses youth committed to the CSP, providing a structured, secure treatment environment for youth requiring a higher level of supervision and intervention. CSP youth receive individualized treatment plans that incorporate education, behavioral health services, evidence-based programming, family engagement, vocational opportunities, and transition planning.

Each pod can house up to 20 youth. Housing assignments are determined through ongoing assessment and classification processes designed to ensure the safety, security, and protection of all youth. Facility operations comply with applicable Title 15 regulations regarding supervision, programming, education, medical and behavioral health care, and youth safety.

Since May 1, 2024, Butte County has continued implementation of its Commitment to Success Program continuum of care. The County has further refined the progression pathway for CSP youth, including the use of the Camp Program as a Title 15-regulated Less Restrictive Program for youth who have demonstrated progress in treatment and behavior and are preparing for successful reintegration into the community.

Facility Upgrade Considerations

The BSCC Facilities Grant funding was used to increase security and create a serene, home-like CSP pod within the existing infrastructure of the Butte County Juvenile Hall facility. The interior walls of the pod, personal living spaces, and programming rooms have been painted using warm, soothing

colors to create a less institutionalized environment. Moduform furniture has been installed in living spaces and common areas to add comfortable, but safe, seating and storage. Lockers have been added to give youth a secure space to store personal belongings. New dining tables were also added for family-style meal settings. CSP has used funding to provide youth with comfortable mattresses and bedding, including having weighted blankets available upon request. Improvements to existing infrastructure align with trauma-informed practices by creating a sense of safety, serenity, and comfort throughout a potentially lengthy commitment. Additionally, the newly established Wellness Room assists youth with emotional/self-regulation skills. The ultimate goal of these improvements was to reduce the institutionalization and trauma associated with the detention environment, increase participation in pro-social programming, and create a smoother transition from detention to community reentry.

Recent enhancements to security measures have been implemented, including the installation of upgraded security fencing around the existing exterior perimeter. These improvements have facilitated the use of the outdoor space for vocational training programs and recreational activities.

The process of upgrading the security camera system is complete, increasing the number of cameras both within and around the facility, enhancing visibility and recording capabilities.

In addition, the TEK84 Body Scanner was purchased and installed in the Spring of 2025, and allows staff to conduct enhanced screening of visitors, intakes, and youth following visitation to increase safety and minimize the risk of contraband entering the facility.

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

Describe how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2024, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

Senate Bill 823 articulates the intent for youth to remain within the Juvenile Justice System whenever possible, rather than being transferred to the adult system. The legislation further emphasizes the necessity of providing high-quality programs that deliver effective treatment and programming, while maintaining a safe and secure environment for youth under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Justice System. The Butte County Probation Department is confident that our CSP fully aligns with the legislative expectations outlined in SB 823.

The Butte County Probation Department remains dedicated to working within the framework of the legal system to ensure that youth entering the Juvenile Justice System are provided with opportunities for success through the least restrictive interventions possible. In collaboration with our Juvenile Justice partners, we strive to ensure that each youth receives fair, consistent, and individualized treatment.

Our CSP is committed to delivering a high-quality program that incorporates evidence-based practices at all levels of service and programming. Our mission is to offer a program tailored to the specific treatment needs of each youth. Furthermore, we are dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure environment, as the program serves youth with the most significant needs who may present substantial risks to the community.

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

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response: (Welf. & Inst. Code (d)(8))

At the writing of this plan, Butte County has not entered into any regional agreements. Requests from contracted counties will be reviewed and evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine feasibility. Regarding sex offender treatment, youth adjudicated for sex offenses will be evaluated for a referral to a regional facility for specialized services and programming. In the event a regional placement is unavailable, CSP will develop an individualized sex offender treatment program.

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions supported by block grant funds. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(8)):

The Butte County Probation Department is collaborating with California State University, Chico Criminal Justice Program to develop a detailed and comprehensive plan on methods for data collection including tracking of official agency data and primary survey data collection. Any primary data that falls outside the scope of standard official data will be collected by Probation staff upon intake of each youth to CSP and then as needed to track change over time throughout the term of their commitment to CSP.

Categories of data to be collected include (but are not limited to) the following: risk assessment, criminal history, development and wellness, treatment services, institutional misconduct, and recidivism. Additional variables of interests related to background characteristics include age, race/ethnicity, sex, educational attainment, marital status, U.S. citizenship, and county of residence. Key criminal history variables include gang involvement, prior offenses, jurisdictional offense category, and sentence length. In addition to the risk score acquired through the risk assessment administered by Probation at intake, variables related to development and wellness such as current/prior employment, mental health treatment need, family connections and support, and prior out-of-home placements will also be collected. Data on treatment services initiated and completed/terminated will be collected throughout each youth's participation in CSP. Examples of this include ART, MRT, CBT interventions, gang intervention/prevention treatment, substance abuse programs, and individual therapy. Finally, given that it is an established predictor of recidivism, detailed data on institutional misconduct will be collected. The level of detail for this data will be similar to that utilized by the Division of Juvenile Justice's Disciplinary Decision-Making System (DDMS), which provided information on Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 infractions and misconduct. This data will include frequency of institutional infractions and misconduct, severity of such behavior, and detailed narratives of any serious incident report.

The key outcome measures that will be utilized to determine the results of the programs and interventions are criminal thinking levels and recidivism. Data on criminal thinking will be collected using a validated 36-item survey to assess the following constructs: entitlement, justification, power orientation, criminal rationalization, and personal irresponsibility. In order to measure criminal thinking over time, this survey will be administered at program intake, halfway through term of commitment (or annually, depending on sentence length), and at release.

There are many different ways to define "recidivism" (re-offending), but how we measure it should depend on the situation or context. For the purposes of this project, recidivism should be conceptually aligned with the specific goals of CSP. CSP aims to provide youth with more individualized services and supervision so that they reenter the community successfully and desist from crime. In the context of a program designed to reduce recidivism, such subsequent criminal behavior would typically be measured as re-arrests. However, given that youth could experience lengthy terms of confinement within CSP, recidivism should also be measured as alternative sanctions received during CSP.

Alternative sanctions include, for example, additional criminal charges that a youth could incur following a serious incident of institutional misconduct within juvenile hall. More traditional measures

of recidivism such as re-arrest, reconviction, and re-incarceration will also be employed and tracked for a minimum of one year following each youth's release from CSP.

The primary survey data collection began in June of 2025 after undergoing extensive review by California State University's Institutional Review Board to ensure ethical research of human subjects. The research team is collaborating with BCPD to secure parental consent of any CSP participants who are under the age of 18 at intake and will secure informed consent from those participants who are 18 years of age or older. As of now, there is an eligible sample of █████ CSP participants who have commitment times that allow for longitudinal data collection. That data collection is underway and the research team expects to have preliminary longitudinal results during Fall of 2026 with qualitative findings for █████ CSP participants during Summer of 2026.

Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to measure or determine the results of programs and interventions supported by block grant funds. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2025, at the end of your response:

The Butte County Probation Department has staff trained in Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) program offered by the world-renowned University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute. CPC is an assessment tool of how well community corrections programming applies evidence-based principles in its implementation. The staff trained in this application have the necessary skills to assess their own programs and apply the necessary changes and adjustments to align with the research.

The Butte County Probation Department, in collaboration with its community partners, is committed to the evaluation process and continuous learning. In order to facilitate community transparency, engage in continuous quality improvement, and increase the effectiveness of CSP, we are committed to collecting data appropriately and analyzing outcomes in order to adjust our programming, operations, and practices.

PART 9: OTHER UPDATES: DESCRIBE ANY PROGRESS ON ELEMENTS SINCE MAY 1, 2023: (WELF. & INST. CODE (D)(8))

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

Updates provided above.

PART 10: PRIOR-YEAR EXPENDITURES-SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES/IMPACTS: (WELF. & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(9))

Please use the table provided below to summarize prior-year expenditures (e.g. for the 2025 JJRBG plan the summary entered into the table below would be for FY 2024-25 expenditures) in accordance with Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(9), which requires counties to report:

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

Please itemize expenditures by each subject area described in Part 4 of the **2025** JJRBG County Plan Template.

Expenditure Subject Area ¹	Total Expenditures (\$)	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area (i.e., were the goals described for this expenditure subject area met)? (Yes/No)	Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area.	Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990.
WIC §1995(d)(3)(E) and (d)(8)	\$965,342.40	Yes	Expenditures aligned with the approved plan. Funding allocated for staff salaries supported the opening of the third pod that currently houses CSP youth inside Juvenile Hall. Staff assigned are trained in evidence-based programming practices to support youth, families, and Community-Based Organizations.	Expenditures were consistent with the approved plan and directly supported improved outcomes for the target population. Funding staff salaries enabled the opening of a third pod within Juvenile Hall, increasing capacity which allowed CSP youth to have a pod dedicated specifically to their programming, as intended in the original County Plan. Additionally, Juvenile Hall staff are trained in evidence-based programming, ensuring that realigned youth receive structured interventions to reduce recidivism, address criminogenic needs, and support positive behavioral change. The combination of expanded housing capacity and evidence-

¹ This table corresponds to Part 4 of the JJRBG County Plan Template and fulfills the reporting requirements of WIC §1995(d)(9) by itemizing expenditures according to the five areas of need or development for realigned youth described in WIC §1995(d)(3)(A)–(E).

Expenditure Subject Area ¹	Total Expenditures (\$)	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area (i.e., were the goals described for this expenditure subject area met)? (Yes/No)	Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area.	Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990.
				based services has strengthened the facility's ability to provide targeted rehabilitation and improve overall outcomes for the realigned population.