



JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL PLAN

MAIN CONTACT FOR PLAN

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BACKGROUND AND INSTRUCTIONS:

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 1990 through 1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) program, which supports county-based care, custody, and supervision of youth who were previously eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) prior to its closure. Section 1995, which governs the county planning process, was amended by Assembly Bill 118 (Chapter 96, Statutes of 2025). This template reflects those amendments, which take effect January 1, 2026. All statutory references in this document 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).) OYCR may request revisions as necessary or request completion of the required statutory elements in the plan prior to final acceptance of the plan. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995 (f).) Plans and the date of their acceptance will be posted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(g).)

There are ten 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)):

See previous plan.

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

Meeting Date 1:

Meeting Date 2:

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable: November 20, 2025

Date that the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote: April 20, 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 County plan was previously developed by the subcommittee as part of realignment. The plan was reviewed by subcommittee members, discussion was had, a vote for approval was made, and unanimous approval was given by the subcommittee during a public meeting on April 20, 2026. Minutes will be provided to OYCR along with the approved 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.

Del Norte County historically had very few commitments to the former Department of Juvenile Justice. The last commitments occurred in 2007 (the same year as juvenile realignment) and 2020 (a result of a Proposition 57 appeal). Though commitments are low, it is imperative for the community to consider the number of youth who commit eligible offenses, which could land them in secure custody commitment. This relatively small number of especially egregious offenses can have disproportionate impacts on a small community like Del Norte County, with offenders and victims potentially attending the same schools, shopping at the same stores, and seeking services in the same places from the same providers.

Those youth who are not committed to custody commitments are granted probation by the Court and supervised by the Probation Department with the goal of addressing the underlying causes of their criminal behavior. In our case, all youth in the last ten years have been supervised in the community, indicating that our primary priority should be to ensure that we provide every service possible, given our resources, to help reform these youth so that they can be successful members of our community in the future. The following are some of the statistics that we have considered in identifying this population of youth.

When considering the number of youths that might fall into this category, we have considered not only those youths who were adjudicated as wards of the court, but also those youths who were referred for prosecution, whether or not their cases continued to adjudication. We have done so with the recognition that, given slightly different circumstances, some of these cases might have proceeded through the juvenile criminal system and resulted in different outcomes than actually occurred.

The information below provides both a high-level overview of demographic information for all WIC 707(b) qualifying referrals that have been made in the last ten years and a more specific look at those cases that are adjudicated as wards of the court, which is the primary target population.

Below is illustrated the total number of referrals that were made for WIC 707(b) offenses during the years of 2016-2025, generally categorized into crime categories. The total number is 36 individual cases. Subsequent discussion regarding percentages and which cases are considered regarding different aspects is based upon this total number.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Totals
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder ¹	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
Robbery/Carjacking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Sex Crimes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

As can be seen from this data, Del Norte County has approximately 3.6 cases per year with qualifying WIC 707(b) offenses. A little more than 47% of these cases are sex offenses, with 1 of cases related to some kind of assault, 1 arson, 1 related to robbery or carjacking, and 1 related to “Other” categories of offenses. Notably, last year we saw a total of 1 referrals for attempted murder, 1 of which were involved in the same incident. This highly unusual number pushes this offense category to 1 of all offenses over the last 10 years.

¹ In each of these cases they were referred and/or charged as attempted murder

Further information gleaned from this high-level overview reveals that [REDACTED] of all qualifying referrals are committed by males, with only [REDACTED] committed by females. This is a slight decrease in females in the last 3 years. 36% of all referrals are for youth between the ages of 12-14, while 64% are for youth between the ages of 15-17. Numerically, the 36 qualifying referrals are evenly divided between 14-, 15-, and 17-year-olds, with [REDACTED] from each age bracket.

There was an uptick in qualifying referrals since the last report due to the high number of attempted murder referrals in 2025. While it is anomalous, it does push the average number of eligible referrals from 3 to 3.6, a 20% increase. If this is treated as anomalous, there does not appear to be any indication that there have been significant shifts within the juvenile criminal cases that we have seen between 2016 and 2025, and it is estimated that this number will remain close to the average of 3 eligible referrals per year.

The chart below compares the approximate racial demographic data of Del Norte County with that of these 36 youth. Within the last several years, the overall county demographic data has changed 1% or less for each of these categories. The referral percentages have change 4.5% or less, which is understandable given that the very low numbers have significant percentage variances with even one change.

	White	American Indian	Hispanic	Asian	African American	Unknown
Del Norte County	60.8%	10.1%	21.2%	3.4%	3.4%	1.1%
WIC 707(b) referrals	44.4%	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	0%	[REDACTED]

While all of this data provides an overarching picture of all qualifying referrals, many of these cases are either not filed on by the District Attorney or dismissed for a variety of reasons after filing. Of the 36 cases that are considered here, only 15 (41.7%) were adjudicated as 602 wards of the court. It is logical to conclude, based upon the average number of eligible referrals and the number of cases adjudicated, that we will continue to see an average of 1.25 referrals adjudicated each year with some kind of disposition, whether as 602 wards of the court or to custody commitments.

[REDACTED] Additionally, [REDACTED] of the 15 adjudicated cases are sealed, and demographic information is limited; these also will not be included in the subsequent demographic detail. Of the 15 cases, [REDACTED].

Of these [REDACTED] youth adjudicated as 602 court wards and for which we have detailed case information, [REDACTED] received placement ²orders which resulted in placements out of county, while [REDACTED] received services locally while on supervision.

All youth in need of out-of-home placement had their needs and risks assessed, which were the primary factors in determining where youth were placed. As Del Norte County is remote and the closest large metropolitan area with viable placement options is in Shasta County, proximity to their home was given great weight. The Probation Department has always encouraged and supported youth and their families to remain in contact and

² For clarity's sake, placements as used in the County response indicate a non-custody arrangement for youth adjudicated as court wards pursuant to WIC 602 who have been removed from the home. "SYTF", "commitment", or "custody commitment" indicate a youth adjudicated to serve any term of custody pursuant to WIC 875.

involved in the youth's program as much as the placement allows. Youth and families need to be within a reasonable distance to ensure visitation is more easily feasible.

Until its closure in 2017, Bar-O Boys Ranch, located east of Gasquet in Del Norte County, was utilized [REDACTED]. Youth in custody at Bar-O came from all over Northern California and had a broader range of criminal histories, but were all in need of individualized case management, which included life skills, drug and alcohol services, on-site jobs, community work service, and evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy groups.

The majority of out-of-home placements for eligible youth were within the greater Sacramento area. Sonoma County, Lassen County, Shasta County, El Dorado County, and Siskiyou County also had Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Placements (STRTPs) routinely utilized by Del Norte County. However, over the last few years, the Probation Department has had to utilize STRTP's in Los Angeles County, Kern County, and Monterey County as they were the identified STRTPs that could meet the specific needs and best interests of the youth served. Placing a youth in southern California creates challenges for parents visiting and engaging in the youth's program, but this is unavoidable given the limited number of STRTPs in northern California.

Additionally, placing female youth in STRTP's within close proximity to Del Norte County has become more challenging for the department over the last few years. Previously utilized STRTP's in Sacramento County for this population have since closed, or are in the process of closing, and other closely surrounding counties to Sacramento are not appropriate due to the vulnerable needs of the youth needing placement, specifically youth at-risk of or who are considered commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). STRTPs with therapeutic services for this targeted population have been located in Kern, Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara Counties.

As is reflected in the previous demographic statistics, the majority of youth in out-of-county placement were youth who committed sex offenses and were often placed in Calaveras County at STRTPs, which specifically focused on and provided sex offender treatment as well as life skills, employment opportunities, community work service, and evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy groups. Other youth placed in out-of-county placement were youth who needed more intensive drug and alcohol treatment, as well as mental health treatment, neither of which could be provided in Del Norte County. All STRTPs offered life skills, employment opportunities, community work service, and evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy groups, targeted to the specific needs of the youth.

PART 3: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (WELF. & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(2))

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

For those youth/young adults who are committed by the Court to custody commitments, Del Norte County will utilize partnerships with other counties to securely house youth/young adults. We have already established contractual partnerships with nearby Northern counties, including Humboldt, Shasta, Mendocino, and El Dorado counties, and several of those have indicated their willingness and included in their contracts the ability to accept SYTF commitments from Del Norte County. Despite this, given the dearth of juvenile custody

facilities in Northern California with these capacities, it is possible, if not likely, that we will be forced to solicit partnerships in Central and Southern California in order to meet the specific needs of youth/young adults committed to SYTF. Nevertheless, we will make every effort to find facilities as geographically close as possible in order to facilitate family visitation throughout the custody commitment and successful reentry services.

For those youth who do not receive a custody commitment but rather are placed on probation, a variety of services and supports will be offered through normal case management. A high percentage will likely need placement of some kind, particularly placements that address the high frequency of sex offenses by this population in Del Norte County. Typically, the least restrictive placement is sought which still meets the needs of the youth. This has become increasingly challenging in recent years due to ongoing restrictions on these types of placements through the Continuum of Care Reform. Though foster homes and therapeutic foster homes are ideal, they either do not exist in Del Norte County or are not appropriate placements due to the lack of needed services. Therefore, it is likely that STRTPs will continue to be utilized to provide the required services for these youth. A general description of where the Department has been able to secure placements for eligible youth is included in the previous section.

Typical services provided locally to this population include counseling through Remi Vista, Inc., a local partner CBO, mental health services also provided by Remi Vista or through the Behavioral Health Branch, and substance abuse services through county Behavioral Health and some programs of the Probation Department. Additionally, educational services are closely monitored by the Probation Department as part of case management, and a close partnership with the County Office of Education results in steady, if not always successful, educational progress by most youth. Continuing adult education is also sourced through the school district.

One identified need is for more substantial cognitive behavioral programming for local youth, which encompasses this target population as well. The Probation Department has established more robust programming facilitated by staff in recent years; however, partnerships with other entities, whether they be the traditional county partners or scarce CBOs, will be needed to expand these opportunities for CBT, basic living skills, and other prosocial programming.

With a Juvenile Services Unit staffed by 1 supervisor and 2 officers, Probation Department resources are never voluminous but have proved effective. Traditionally, the bulk of the target population has been supervised by Probation for the past 10 years with some measure of success. The high needs of this population are identified, and often, though more difficult with the recent Continuum of Care Reform, appropriate placements are secured with a fairly high successful completion rate for this demographic. Those youth who remain local receive regular supervision by the JSU commensurate with the needs of the youth and their families.

A likely scenario for qualifying youth will be not only receiving case management and programmatic services out of custody while on probation, but also being detained for periods of time in Juvenile Hall. Youth are detained in neighboring counties as the Del Norte County Juvenile Hall was closed in 2023, but many services and programs are offered while a youth is detained as well. Some of those offered at other contracted counties are: Aggression Replacement Therapy, Interactive Journaling, Mindfulness Meditation, AA/NA groups, Art Education, and Independent Living Skills.

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

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 made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

Of primary importance, given the crime demographics of our youth, will be finding a SYTF that provides sex offender treatment. Shasta County, with whom we have an existing contract, has worked with a local CBO to establish a sex offender treatment program in their juvenile hall, both for 602 youth as well as SYTF youth/young adults. Although other such programs exist in the state, this would be the first program we would attempt to utilize, given its relative closeness. Establishing consistent sex offender treatment locally, likely outpatient and likely provided by an out-of-county provider, would be a boon to our community. Within the last year, the Probation Department has identified a provider that is already structured to provide virtual sex offender counseling and treatment, both to adults and juveniles. The Department will be working to finalize a relationship in 2026.

Funds utilized to pay for SYTF commitments will support appropriate mental health, sex offender, or related behavioral or trauma-based programs, based upon the identified needs of the youth/young adults.

Despite the possibility that the bulk of funding for such services would come from other funding streams, the County has, and will continue to earmark a portion of the funding received annually for locally-based services to youth in this population on probation and to assist in the reentry of our young adults after a custody commitment. This amount may need to be flexible depending on the number of youth currently in custody and available resources, and will be evaluated on a year by year basis.

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 made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

It is clear, given the nature of the offenses which place a youth/young adult into this category, that foundational social, emotional, and moral development is lacking in this population. Setting aside for a moment the programs provided by the housing county while a youth/young adult serves a SYTF commitment, those youth on probation supervision will continue to need and receive all available support and direction that can be provided at the local level. Partnerships between agencies and entities have formed the backbone of providing such services in Del Norte County. Entities such as the Yurok Tribal Court, which operates both Adult and Youth Wellness courts concurrently alongside the Superior Court, have proven to be invaluable in engaging youthful offenders with culturally relevant structures.

Although healthy adolescent development may be out of reach for these particular youth/young adults, depending on their circumstances, the mission of the juvenile justice system is to attempt to provide opportunities for developing basic moral and social understanding of the youth/young adult's place in the community and how their decisions and actions affect those around them. This work is ongoing and often supported by existing funding streams that will continue to be utilized. It is believed that though SYTF commitments will be the bulk of the demand on block grant funding, some funds will be set aside to utilize for services and resources for those who are reentering the community after a custody commitment.

The County has, and will continue to earmark a portion of the funding received annually for locally-based services to youth/young adults in this population on probation, and to assist in the reentry of our young adults after a custody commitment. This amount may need to be flexible depending on the number of youth/young adults currently in custody and available resources, and will be evaluated on a year-by-year basis.

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

In line with the conception of how funding will be utilized for our youth/young adults, it is believed that supporting the family's engagement with the youth/young adults, whether in SYTF or reentry, will be a primary demand on funding. As housing for the custody commitment will likely be out of the region, regular financial support for the family to maintain contact with the youth/young adults would be a reasonable use of this funding. This might take the form of providing assistance for fuel, lodging, or other travel expenses. Funding might also support the ability of the family to maintain electronic or phone contact with the youth/young adults by paying for phone or internet service.

As the County intends to annually earmark a portion of the funds received for reentry assistance, this funding will also be utilized to facilitate family engagement during both the custody commitment and reentry period.

The young adults released from SYTF, likely on parole, will typically be coming back to the community with limited resources and limited funding available to pay for services for them. Though service providers and treatment resources will remain scarce in the county, the ability to utilize this funding stream may provide opportunities to meet the needs of this population upon reentry into the community. This could include housing support, connection with local employment resources and job-finding, as well as the possibility for engagement with adult education services.

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

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 made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

Reentry after a SYTF commitment or an out-of-county placement will likely require funding for supervision and services provided through standard case management. For those who are on probation and reentering the community after placement, other funding streams may be used to pay for needed services, though there may be specific circumstances that would require financial support from the block grant.

The young adults released from SYTF, likely on parole, will typically be coming back to the community with limited resources and limited funding available to pay for services for them. Though service providers and treatment resources will remain scarce in the county, the ability to utilize this funding stream may provide opportunities to meet the needs of this population upon reentry into the community. This could include housing

support, connection with local employment resources and job-finding, as well as the possibility for engagement with adult education services.

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

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 made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

For those youth/young adults adjudicated to SYTF commitments, careful coordination with the housing county to ensure that available programming matches the needs of the youth/young adults will be a priority. This will include the availability of evidence-based programming and culturally responsive services. As juvenile halls and SYTFs across the state are mandated to provide such services along with utilizing trauma-informed practices in day-to-day operations, any custody commitment will offer an adequate baseline provision of all of these services. If we have a choice of possible housing counties, then refinement of commitment choice will be guided by the specific needs the youth/young adults have, and if one county has any particular program or service that more closely matches that need than another.

Grant funds will be utilized to pay for the custody commitment.

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by non-governmental or community-based providers. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

As Del Norte County will be utilizing partnerships with housing counties for SYTF commitments, the availability of local CBOs that provide services will be outside of our local control. However, funding may be used to provide services for eligible youth on probation through the minimally available community-based service providers locally present. As stated previously, the need for such financial support will be heavily influenced by the availability of other funding streams that are typically used for youth on probation. Grant funding that is set aside for this purpose on an annual basis would be utilized to fill gaps in services when a CBO can be identified, which would provide an appropriate program or service.

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

PART 5: FACILITY PLAN (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(4))

Provide a detailed facility plan indicating which facilities the county will use to house or confine realigned youth at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need. Include the following (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(4)):

- Any less restrictive programs the county uses, and whether those programs are in facilities regulated by Subchapter 5 (commencing with Section 1300) of Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations
- Any county juvenile facility improvements made to support long-term commitments
- How the county will ensure youth safety and protection, including for youth of different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics

Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(8)):

As discussed previously in this plan, since Del Norte County does not have its own juvenile hall or SYTF, for those youth/young adults adjudicated by the Court to SYTF commitments, Del Norte County will utilize partnerships with other counties to securely house youth/young adults. We have already established contractual partnerships with nearby Northern counties, including Humboldt, Shasta, Mendocino, and El Dorado counties, and several of those have indicated their willingness and included in their contracts the ability to accept SYTF commitments from Del Norte County. Despite this, given the dearth of juvenile custody facilities in Northern California with these capacities, it is possible, if not likely, that we will be forced to solicit partnerships in Central and Southern California in order to meet the specific needs of youth/young adults committed to SYTF. Nevertheless, we will make every effort to find facilities as geographically close as possible in order to facilitate family visitation throughout the custody commitment and successful reentry services.

Similarly, after the commitment of a youth/young adult by the Court to an LRP, housing will be driven by the availability of an appropriately structured LRP, as geographically near Del Norte County as possible, meeting the specific needs of the youth/young adult while taking into consideration the safety and protection the youth/young adult given their age, gender, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. These factors will be of paramount importance for the Probation Department in choosing an appropriate partner county for the commitment.

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

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 made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(8)):

Given the fact that youth/young adults in this target population have committed some of the most violent, severe, and egregious offenses possible, which directly victimize and harm other persons, the existence of this local plan, which provides the Court with an alternative to retain the youth/young adults in the juvenile justice system, is, in itself, such an incentive. The practices of California Probation Departments since juvenile realignment in 2007 to provide youth/young adults with the very best services and rehabilitation possible have resulted in a precipitous decline in juvenile incarceration and crime. Now the realignment of this most serious population of juvenile offenders to county responsibility, while posing many challenges, provides justice

partners like the District Attorney, Public Defender, and most importantly the Court with the option of adjudicating these youth/young adults to a system with a proven track record of rehabilitation.

This plan, which emphasizes local control and solutions, provides the best incentive possible in these difficult cases. Outside of the mere existence of this plan, there remains little to incentivize other independent entities within the juvenile justice system who have their own roles and mandates to consider in their determinations. Each of these extremely difficult cases must be judged upon its own merits, given the impacts on the victims, the community, and the offender at the time.

As a part of our annual review and discussion regarding this plan, the subcommittee did identify that an annual review of services available in SYTFs with which the county is contracted can provide up-to-date and accurate information to the Courts and other justice partners, which can be taken into consideration when dealing with cases such as these. This annual review will be presented by the Probation Department, likely in written form, but also possibly as a presentation to the subcommittee during its normal meetings. This practice will begin in the 2026/2027 period

In relation to progress on these various elements since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

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 made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(8)):

For those youth/young adults who are committed by the Court to SYTF commitments, Del Norte County will utilize partnerships with other counties to securely house youth/young adults. Since realignment, we have continued to work to identify and establish agreements with willing counties that have the available capacity and appropriate services to meet the needs of our youth/young adults. Given the dearth of juvenile custody facilities in Northern California that have these capacities, it is possible, if not likely, that we will be forced to solicit partnerships in Central and Southern California in order to meet the needs of this population. Nevertheless, we will continue to make every effort to find facilities that are as geographically close as possible, and have the services needed for each individual youth/young adult in order to facilitate family visitation throughout the custody commitment and to facilitate successful reentry services.

In relation to progress on this element since the last annual report, there have been no eligible/qualifying youth/young adults during the past reporting period for these plans to be implemented.

PART 8: DATA (WELF & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(7))

- **Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(8)):**

As it is standard practice to gather a plethora of data for juvenile criminal cases for a variety of different reports and purposes, data regarding this population of youth/young adults will be collected from Probation records as well as from the counties where youth/young adults are committed for custody commitments. Generally, data will be quantified by a monthly or quarterly time period.

Some of the categories of data that will be collected will be standard demographic data, which will include information related to family history, child welfare history, criminal history, health and mental health information, educational history and information, program history and information related to both pre- and in-custody commitment, and information gathered from risk/need assessments conducted by various agencies. The data gathered will additionally include information related to these categories after the youth/young adults have been released from the custody commitment. Recidivism will be tracked in accordance with standard processes to quantify recidivism.

Generally, data collected will be provided in aggregated formats. Due to the population of youth/young adults affected by realignment being so small in Del Norte County, disaggregated data could very well endanger the privacy that these youth/young adults are entitled to by law. There may be occasions when disaggregation may be appropriate and, in those circumstances, that data may be provided.

Since the last annual report, the Probation Department has transitioned to a new case management system. The Department will continue to work with the vendor to establish and/or work to ensure the accuracy of standardized reports.

- **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)):**

Outcome measures that will be utilized will consider length of stay in any SYTF facility, frequency of program activity, program effectiveness categories, success/unsuccessful rates, evidence-based practices by program, and recidivism. Data regarding recidivism will be collected based on 3-year recidivism outcomes (arrests, convictions, returns to custody) based on cumulative annual reports.

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PART 9: OTHER UPDATES: DESCRIBE ANY PROGRESS ON ELEMENTS SINCE THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION: (WELF. & INST. CODE § 1995 (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.

Since realignment, Del Norte County has had 0 youth/young adults adjudicated to SYTF commitments. We continue to provide supervision to all youth who have been adjudicated as WIC 602 youth who fall within this target population.

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 2026 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 **previous year's** JJRBG submission.

Expenditure Subject Area ³	Total Expenditures (\$)	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area? (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.
N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A

There have been no expenditures of JJRBG funds; there have been no qualifying youth/young adults.

³ 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).