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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)): We have not selected a co-chair for our subcommittee as we do not see the need to have a co-chair for this committee.

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

Meeting Date 1: June 10, 2026 Meeting Date 2:

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable:

Date that the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote: June 10, 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 plan is reviewed internally by Probation each year, and then it is brought to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Subcommittee for review and approval. After the subcommittee has reviewed, it goes to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council for final review and approval.

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))

The realignment target population includes youth, ages twelve (12) to eighteen (18), who have been adjudicated for committing an offense described in Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), who would otherwise have been eligible for a commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) prior to its closure of intake. Jurisdiction by age continues through age twenty-three (23) in general but upwards of age twenty-five (25) for the following exceptions: 1. Youth facing an aggregate sentence of seven (7) or more years, or 2. Youth committed to a state hospital or mental health facility.

Eligible youth will be considered for commitment and treatment in El Dorado County, at the local detention facility, the Juvenile Treatment Center (JTC) in South Lake Tahoe, on a case-by-case basis depending on their assessed need. If El Dorado County cannot meet the youth's assessed needs, services will be sought through an alternative contracted county provider.

El Dorado County currently contracts with surrounding counties to provide detention services and will continue to accept youth who meet the realignment target population who may fall under the above identified eligibility criteria for short-term detention and longer-term commitments.

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

Between January of 2020 and December of 2025, in El Dorado County, there were fifty-three (53) youth with sustained 707(b) WIC offenses eligible for a DJJ commitment. Disaggregated data for the fifty-three (53) youth is as follows:

The majority (81%) of El Dorado County youth with sustained WIC 707(b) offenses are males, with the majority (60%) of race being Caucasian.

Gender	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percentage
Female	[redacted]	0	0	0	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Male		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]				
Total	**15**				**21**		**53**	**100%**

Race	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percentage
African American	[redacted]	0	0	[redacted]	[redacted]	0	[redacted]	[redacted]
American Indian		0	0	0	0	0		
Caucasian		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	12	[redacted]	32	60%
Hispanic/Latin/Mexican		0	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	15	28%
Other	0	[redacted]	0	0	0	0	[redacted]	[redacted]
Total	**15**	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	**21**	[redacted]	**53**	**100%**

The majority (45%) of youth at the time of disposition is 17-18 years of age.

Age @ Dispo	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percentage
13	0	0	0	0		0		
14		0	0	0		0		
15		0						
16		0	0	0				
17			0				13	25%
18			0	0				
19		0						
20	0		0	0	0	0		
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
22		0	0	0	0	0		
25	0	0	0	0	0			
Total	15				21		53	100%

In the past five years, 77% of the offenses were assault related, 12% were property related, and [redacted] were sex related. The remaining [redacted] were homicide related.

Offense Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percentage
Arson	0	0	0	0		0		
Assault			0		20		41	77%
Homicide	0		0	0	0	0		
Robbery		0			0	0		
Sex Offense					0			
Total	15				21		53	100%

At the time of disposition, most target population youth (66%) were located at the Juvenile Treatment Center, while 34% were living in the parental/relative's home.

Location	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percentage
Juvenile Treatment Center							18	34%
Own/Relative's Home					20		35	66%
Total	15				21		53	100%

72% of youth with a sustained 707(b) WIC offense were ordered by the court to Wardship probation under 725(b) WIC. Of the remaining youth, 25% were ordered to Non-Wardship probation under 725(a) WIC, [redacted] were ordered to Informal Probation under 654.2 WIC, and [redacted] were granted realignment from SB 823.

Disposition	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total	Percentage
Informal Probation - WIC 654.2	0	0	0	0		0		
Non-Ward Probation - WIC 725(a)	0		0				13	25%
Wardship Probation - WIC 725(b)	15						38	72%
Secure Track SB 823 Realignment	0		0	0	0	0		
Total	15				21		53	100%

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

The identified target population will be housed at the local juvenile detention facility (JTC), where treatment and programming will be provided by either clinical Probation Department staff members at the facility, or by highly trained providers from local community-based organizations contracted to provide needed services. Youth with specific needs may be committed to a regional facility hosted by another county with programs designed to focus on and meet the specific need.

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)):

Each youth or young adult in the target population who is serving a Cedar Program-Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), commitment in El Dorado County will be screened and assessed for risk and need, utilizing the following:

1. The Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) is a 126-item assessment measuring a youth's risk to reoffend, identifying strengths (protective and stabilizing factors) and criminogenic needs.

2. The Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-2 (MAYSI-2) is a brief behavioral health tool designed for juvenile justice programs and facilities that identifies pressing behavioral health needs through a 52 question self-report inventory. The tool also generates a score to identify each youth's Adverse Child Experiences Score (ACES), to guide trauma-informed care.

3. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is an intake screening tool utilized to assess risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness.

4. The Addiction Severity Index (ASI) is a semi-structured interview designed to address seven targeted areas in substance-abusing youth; the assessment will identify the level of care needed to address treatment needs.

5. The Adolescent Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI-A2) identifies probability of substance use disorders in adolescent clients and provides clinical insight into family and social risk factors.

6. The Static Risk and Needs Assessment (SRNA) is an adult assessment tool. The Static Risk Assessment is based on offender demographics and criminal history while the Needs Assessment allows for greater information gathering to be used in the identification of top criminogenic needs for case planning and intervention purposes.

On an ongoing basis, the Department conducts evaluations of assessments for the individuals served, and adjusts practices as needed to ensure an evidence-based, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive approach to evaluating and designing treatment for each youth or young adult. In addition to risk and need assessments, behavioral health staff conduct and/or review educational and mental health assessments in order to assist with each youth's/young adult's comprehensive treatment plan.

The Cedar Program (SYTF) services and intervention is coordinated by the assigned Deputy Probation Officer, a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, the Mental Health Program Coordinator, and the Treatment Team, which consists of representation from educational services, field probation officers, behavioral health, medical and clinicians, and health education coordinator. Other services can be obtained with contracts with therapists providing specialized care.

The Treatment Team and Mental Health Program Coordinator review and discuss each youth's assessment results in parallel with other relevant information about the youth to inform treatment needs. Youth are assigned to individual, family and/or group services based on assessed criminogenic need, behavioral health need/stabilization, family/criminal history, and goals for transition. Through this process, the youth's Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) is developed to address youth's treatment plan and transition back to the community.

Available individual services may include, but are not limited to:
1. Individual therapy, including Trauma Focused, Cognitive Based Therapy
2. Suicide prevention/assessment and crisis intervention
3. Individual substance abuse prevention, treatment, and relapse prevention planning
4. Any identified intervention found appropriate on an individual basis
5. Family Counseling/Parenting Classes

Group services may include, but are not limited to:
1. Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)
2. Matrix Model - Substance abuse education, treatment, and relapse prevention
3. Coping with Anger Program
4. Boys Council
5. Girls Circle
6. Change Companies Interactive Journaling

Additional Interventions/Services may also include:
1. Vocational and/or Employment Skills – Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)
2. Rising Scholars – Community College Enrollment
3. Health Education and Parenting
4. Healthy Relationships
5. Trauma Counseling
6. Family Counseling
7. Family Focused Re-Entry Services
8. Transitional Age Youth Services

Medical Services are provided through a contract with Wellpath. Wellpath provides onsite medical services seven days per week as well as telepsychiatry services.

Behavioral Health services are coordinated by the Mental Health Program Coordinator and provided by an on-site, full-time Mental Health Clinician and two (2) extra help Mental Health Clinicians. Contract providers are utilized as needed for specific need or services for a youth/family (such as bilingual). A full-time Health Educator is also on site to provide substance abuse treatment and prevention.

Block grant funding may be utilized to hire the following: additional sworn officers for supervision and group facilitation, therapeutic providers for individualized needs, and/or supplement contract services as needed to meet individual need and frequency of service.

Block grant funding may be utilized to fund the sworn officer assigned to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), support a contract with the NCCT to provide vocational training, and funding for paid vocational job responsibilities.

For youth in the SYTF, reentry planning occurs throughout the youth's commitment; goals will be identified and established through the IRP, and a transitional release plan will be developed with input from the youth and family. Every six (6) months, a Review Hearing will be held with the Court and the youth's progress toward the goals of both the program commitment and the transitional plan will be discussed. Block grant funding will be utilized to assist the department to develop a step-down program or support the step-down process for SYTF youth.

In 2024, El Dorado County developed a Less Restrictive Program (LRP) with the coordination of funding through the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR). However, although the department retains the housing, LRP funding is no longer used. Block grant funding may be utilized to supplement this support for the LRP in El Dorado County including community programming, should the need for this LRP emerge. OYCR funding for the LRP ends in 2026.

El Dorado County youth released from the Cedar Program to the LRP were supervised by a probation officer assigned to the JTC. The LRP in El Dorado County provided a transition to living independently in the community including housing, utilities, education support, assistance finding employment, and continued therapeutic services as needed. Block grant funding may be utilized to support training and safety equipment of Deputy Probation Officers assigned to supervise the youth in the community LRP.

The Phases of the Cedar Program (SYTF developed for the realigned target population)

Phase 1: Assessment
During the initial 30 days, all assessments are completed and an Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) is developed with input from the youth.

Phase 2: Orientation
Within the first 30 days following adoption of the IRP, the youth is introduced to facilitators, therapists, and other persons responsible for treatment and IRP requirements.

Phase 3: First Steps
Youth begins services outlined in the IRP. Additionally, acute medical/behavior health needs are addressed as needed.

Phase 4: Strong Relationships
At this phase, the youth/young adult has exhibited sustained progress to the IRP. Youth/young adult is participating in individual and group therapy as appropriate and is developing/demonstrating appropriate dedication to prosocial relationships. Educational goals are highlighted during this phase.

Phase 5: Growth
Youth/young adult has made significant progress in individual and group therapies. Caring for other living items begins, such as plants and/or pets. Youth begins to participate in internal vocational opportunities.

Phase 6: Transitional Age
Youth/young adult transitions to supported independent living, demonstrates ability to work at an internal job, exhibits skill building to maintain individual schedule, and is provided tools and opportunities to demonstrate appropriate time and priority management.

Phase 7: Life Ahead
Youth/young adult has established independent abilities and has the opportunity to work in supported vocational opportunities outside of the perimeter. Independent life skills are enhanced and opportunities for job skills, resume building, driver education, banking, and financial management occur.

Phase 8: Homeward Bound
Initial execution of Re-Entry Plan is operationalized, including use of Temporary Releases identifying transitional housing and community-based supports, and parental and home empowerment are established. El Dorado County has developed a Least Restrictive Program (LRP) to aid in transition to independent living in the community.

Phase 9: Re-Entry
Full execution of acclimating to life outside of the JTC begins. Continuation of care and communal support is established, and progressive steps are implemented to ensure successful reintegration into the community. Coordinated efforts with stakeholders and Encompass Youth (non-profit organization serving youth in El Dorado County) to ensure a team of communal support exists for each youth.

Block grant funding may be utilized to support the necessary services and items included in each phase, including pet care and internal vocational employment. Block grant funding may be utilized to support the clothing needs of employed youth and payment of youth assigned to work detail in the facility including laundry services and culinary production.

Since May 1, 2024, El Dorado had [redacted] transition to the LRP, [redacted] successfully discharged from the detention SYTF program at the end of January 2025. During the time at the LRP, [redacted] maintain employment at the local community college, attend counseling services as needed, while successfully re-entering into the community, developing social relationships, and strengthening family engagement.

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)):

The department employs a full-time Mental Health Program Coordinator, a full-time Mental Health Clinician, two extra help Mental Health Clinicians, and a full-time Health Educator who oversees behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment services including individual and group modality. Additional contractor staff are utilized on an as-needed basis to meet the needs of each individual youth of the target population.

Probation employed clinical staff are trained in multiple modalities of therapy including Dialectical Based Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Based Therapy (CBT), EMDR, and Trauma Focused CBT.

Block grant funding may be used to provide training for specialized treatment modalities or to contract with a community-based organization to provide the identified behavioral health service.

The JTC continues to maintain contracts with community-based organizations including Tahoe Youth and Family Services and A Balanced Life. Three additional contracts were executed in 2022 with additional clinical staff to provide specialized therapy services and assessment on an as needed basis.

Since May of 2024, the clinical team has engaged in a variety of training to increase the level of treatment and expand the modalities offered to our youth, including Brain Spotting. This technique uses eye movements to help process trauma and other emotions. The full-time Mental Health Clinician continues to work towards enhancing skills related to Trauma Focused-Cognitive Based Therapy and attended Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Training in 2025.

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)):

The Department plans to use grant funding to continue facilitation of Healthy Relationships, a curriculum that promotes self-esteem, identification of healthy adolescent/young adult relationships, as well as domestic violence prevention. Funds may also be utilized to support the facilitation of My Future Matters, a six-week curriculum focused on self-esteem, team building, leadership, and service to others. These programs are facilitated jointly by probation staff as well as teaching staff employed by the El Dorado Office of Education. If these programs are not available, or further curriculum is needed, funds will be used to research and support alternative or supplemental programs with similar goals.

My Future Matters is a curriculum developed by the organization, Community Works. Community Works is an organization based out of Los Angeles driven by the belief in the innate power of civic engagement and leadership. Their programs are designed to help youth discover their leadership qualities through developing problem-solving tools to find solutions in their personal lives and community.

My Future Matters is facilitated in partnership between El Dorado Office of Education and the El Dorado Probation Department. The 14-week curriculum is designed to build leadership and develop problem-solving, relationship building, communication, and collaboration. During the weekly activities, the youth are exposed to self-discovery, teamwork, and service to others.

Additionally, El Dorado contracts with several vendors and community providers for yoga, mindfulness training, music class, and educational physical fitness. Block grant funds support these efforts and may be utilized in the future to install a library in the facility for increased access to books and literary exposure. Recreation equipment has been purchased to support healthy habits and hobbies for youth development.

Block grant funds may also be utilized to purchase tablets that allow for educational enrichment, re-entry planning, building vocational opportunities and family engagement. The Probation Department partnered with EDCOE to support their purchase of a music studio available to youth to create music.

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)):

The Department plans to support family engagement by utilizing grant funds for family counseling sessions, including language-specific therapists to support reunification, and parenting classes; these strategies have been identified as imperative to family progress, and helpful to support a youth's transition to the family home upon release to the community.

For youth or young adults who lack familial support, the Department will utilize Family Finding, including searches through Seneca Family of Agencies and utilizing Lexis Nexis by Accurint software, to locate family members or supportive adults who are then contacted and introduced to the idea of establishing or reestablishing a relationship with the youth. For youth released from custody and under community supervision, the transition plan may include goals to continue family engagement, counseling, and/or reunification services started while the youth was in custody.

Given the geographical location of the JTC in South Lake Tahoe, the Department recognizes the hardship placed on families residing on the West Slope of the county, who must travel over a Sierra Mountain pass to visit with their child. In these instances, family engagement will be supported by utilizing grant funds to provide transportation assistance in order for families to visit youth or young adults at the JTC. If inclement weather prohibits traveling the highway safely, funding may be used to lodge a family in the South Lake Tahoe region until travel is safe. Lodging may also be funded and used for a multiple day visit or event which promotes healthy adolescent development and transition support.

From 2022 to 2024, funds were utilized to provide lodging and accommodations for the parent of a SYTF youth who had traveled to South Lake Tahoe in order to participate in family therapeutic services. Video communication platforms, such as Zoom, will be utilized to supplement in-person family therapy and engagement, as necessary.

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)):

As described in Part 3, Programs and Services, re-entry planning occurs while the youth or young adult is in custody, and a transition plan is developed as the youth nears release. The transition and re-entry service plans are individualized on a case-by-case basis, depending on the youth or young adult's strengths and needs, including but not limited to emotional, physical, and mental health needs, educational progress, maturity level, and support/familial services in place. Each transition plan includes appropriate risk and needs assessments, to safely serve the youth or young adult, as well as the community.

To support potential employment opportunities, community-based workforce development specialists and the youth’s supervising probation officer will assist the youth or young adult in drafting a resume, completing job applications, participating in job skills training, and exploring resources such as the Department of Rehabilitation, Employment Resource Center and the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). The Probation Department currently partners with the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) program. Youth or young adults may be referred to the NCCT which provides intensive training in the construction trades and job placement opportunities through union contracts upon graduation. Further, HHSA's Employment Services offers a Youth Services Program for youth ages 17–24. These options may be available for any young adult who is being supervised in our community by a probation officer.

For youth or young adults who need housing support upon release, grant funding may be used for housing vouchers, either through a partnership with HHSA or through local housing providers, if necessary.

Education is provided through the in-custody Blue Ridge School operated by the El Dorado County Office of Education. Post-secondary education will continue to be provided at the JTC, through the Rising Scholars Program partnership with the Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC). Currently, vocational services include Culinary Arts and Laundry Services. An onsite contract with the NCCT is in development for construction trade training to be offered within the detention facility.

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)):

The Department plans to use grant funds to support the evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive services described above in Part 3, Programs and Services. One Supervising Deputy Probation Officer and one Deputy Probation Officer I/II/III are primarily assigned to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (Cedar Program) to oversee and manage program operations. Block grant funding may be utilized for the salary and benefits of these positions and training related to trauma-informed approaches to youth interventions

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)):

The Department will utilize grant funding for services through a contract with local community based organizations when necessary, either because the specific service or program need is not administered by Probation Department staff, or because the local community based organization runs a successful service or program that is believed to be beneficial to youth or young adults in the realigned target population.

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**

The target population will reside at El Dorado County's sole juvenile detention center, the Juvenile Treatment Center (JTC), located in South Lake Tahoe. The JTC is a co-ed, two-unit, secure residential facility with a 40-bed maximum capacity. Each of the two units each have a capacity of 20 beds, and are independent from each other with separate school settings, recreational rooms, living quarters, and restroom facilities. JTC Central Control is located between the units, where assigned probation staff can observe and serve both units

concurrently. Other areas of the facility include a medical office, separate interview rooms with telecommunication accessibility, commercial kitchen, sally port, staff office areas, one secure outdoor recreation area, a covered and heated outdoor court, and one large, multi-purpose room utilized for events, training, visitation, and meetings.

Both the target population as well as the general population will be housed at the JTC. Populations will be separated by unit; one unit housing general population youth, and the target realignment population in the second unit, unless circumstances support a combination. This second unit will include any specialized subset of the target population, such as juveniles who sexually offend and any other youth classified with similar need or in a long-term commitment program. Improvements to the facility include updated paint, the removal of installed tables/chairs and the purchase of new furniture and carpet for each living unit (communal areas).

The Department has a multilayered approach to classifying and housing youth while receiving treatment in the Cedar Program. In the absence of a validated and comprehensive assessment tool to determine all necessary housing and classification needs, El Dorado County will administer all new youth a battery of assessments including but not limited to those provided by the Noble Software Group, Mental/Behavioral Health, medical, and educational services in conjunction with input from the resident, any applicable family/guardians, and other professional staff. Continued housing and classifications will be assessed through the youth's program during weekly meetings of the youth's treatment providers and additionally at weekly multi-disciplinary team meetings. Acute needs may be addressed directly by professional or probation staff as needed.

The county retained use of one LRP apartment in the community. Grant funding was no longer utilized when the apartment became vacant. El Dorado's LRP is not regulated under Title 15.

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

The additional funding from the BSCC, Part B to address and improve facility space and infrastructure has been utilized to improve the environment including the installation of carpet in the living units, fixed furniture being removed, adding softer/more homelike furnishings to the spaces, and installing heating in a covered outdoor space to ensure year-round use, all to create a more homelike environment.

Additionally, the County previously directed a $9.6 million Senate Bill 81 construction grant be utilized to perform substantial improvements to the existing facility in South Lake Tahoe; however, the current process has been postponed at this time.

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)):

Utilizing an evidence-based, trauma-informed, youth and family centered, treatment plan focused, cognitive based approach to rehabilitation, retaining youth and young adults in the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system, will provide better outcomes, including reduced recidivism and more empathy to victims and the community. Keeping the realignment target population in the hands of juvenile county services and providers who remain focused on youth in our community, ensures commitment by probation officers, providers, and community leaders to affect positive change in these youth and families. For example, youth who remain in the juvenile justice system have access to sealing their juvenile court

records, enabling positive progress into young adulthood in the community. Building local programs and services designed to address the individualized needs of youth who find themselves detained by the Court promotes services in a space that is knowledgeable of child development, trauma-informed care and can promote services of value to a smaller population. El Dorado County has entered into several regional agreements and contracts with other counties, which further incentivizes retention in the juvenile justice system as services can be secured for youth in an age-appropriate setting.

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)):

El Dorado County will accept realigned youth into the JTC for treatment through the Cedar Program from established contract counties including but not limited to: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Modoc, Mono, Marin, Siskiyou, and Yolo.

Out of county youth referred to the JTC for services through the Cedar Program will be subject to an assessment period, to determine appropriateness for treatment. Youth found to be appropriate will be accepted dependent on available bed space. El Dorado County anticipates the ability to provide treatment for up to 10 youth in need of long-term services.

Youth case management will be administered by El Dorado County Probation in collaboration with the youth's county of residence (referring county). The youth's probation officer from the referring county will be required to meet with youth in the Cedar Program no less than monthly, with video communication platforms as an option, but must meet in person at least quarterly. The youth's probation officer from the referring county is required to collaborate with JTC staff to transition the youth to the referring county, or other identified and approved living location, upon completion of the youth's commitment, including the establishment of services within the residential county's jurisdiction for effective re-entry into the community.

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)):

Data will be collected using the Probation Department's existing case management system, Caseload Explorer by Automon. Programming modules will be developed within the case management system, and Probation staff will enter data accordingly for all programs and interventions in which the realigned population participated.

Anonymous youth satisfaction surveys will be used to measure progress and provide valuable feedback for staff and management.

Provider surveys will also be used to measure various engagement components, such as perception of relationship health between provider and the youth or young adult.

In the event additional resources are needed, funding may be utilized to purchase software, development resources, data entry resources, or other resources that assist data collection and outcomes.

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)):

Possible outcome measures to determine program and intervention results may include the following:

- Intervention attendance and engagement
- Program and intervention completion
- Recidivism
- Changes to youth's assessment results
- Community supervision after release (length)
- Community transition support
- Timeline between release and engagement in community services
- Detention/commitment lengths
- Program satisfaction/feedback
- Changes to youth's outlook of future success
- Population characteristics (such as age, ethnicity, offense, and previous child welfare involvement)
- Educational factors
- Measurements specific to specialized subsets of the population (such as JSO population)
- Natural supports established for post-release sustainability
- Engagement with caregiver, natural supports, youth or adult mentor, and resources upon release
- Transition safety plan factors and timelines
- Provider engagement and perceptions
- Other program performance indicators as identified

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.

Beginning in May of 2024, El Dorado had [redacted] move through all the stages and phases of the SYTF Cedar Program and transition from the JTC to the local LRP apartment, under community supervision [redacted]

Currently in the SYTF Cedar Program, there [redacted] serving a commitment. [redacted]

As highlighted in the narrative, our clinical team continues to increase their education around the treatment quality and modalities offered to our youth. A Licensed Clinician within the JTC is certified in offering Brain Spotting and EMDR to youth in care at the detention facility.

This year several new programs and enrichment activities have been added at the JTC. Our newest vendor is a community member and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) who specializes in trauma therapy and provides education through music therapy groups. Another community member facilitates Mindfulness, using a Mindfulness-Based Emotional Intelligence (MBEI) Model to increase an individual's coping skills, enhance problem solving, promote self- and social awareness, and improve self-regulation. Functional fitness classes are offered from another member of the local community and incorporates breath work, teaches optimal movement, high intensity interval training, and recovery-based exercises. The Department recognizes the importance of prosocial event/relationship exposure for youth navigating difficult childhoods; as such, the department has organized sailing trips with Blue Water Foundation in the bay area and skiing trips in South Lake Tahoe with our education partners. Through a partnership with El Dorado County Office of Education and Creative Hope Studios, a music studio and partition was installed in the education space of the JTC. This studio allows students to experience the skill of creating and recording their own music. Block grant funding may be utilized to finish and enhance the education space around the studio and further develop a multi-educational area adding a functioning library and reading space. The addition of a library will promote a vocational opportunity for youth who can operate the cataloging, organization and inventory of the library.

Considering the increased risk that comes with the targeted population, to support additional safety and security intervention assurance, a body scanner was installed in the processing area for intake in 2025. Additionally, a metal detector for the public entrance and a mail scanner for all incoming mail is being considered to prevent the introduction of contraband into the facility.

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 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.
Facility Improvements 1995(B) WIC, directed to support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development (ie.long-term environmental enhancements)	$7,786.00	Yes	Facility updates to make it a more homelike environment.	Supporting long-term commitments and facility enhancements.
Youth programming 1995(A) WIC, funds applied to mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs.	$8,734.01	Yes	Additional youth programming, to make it a more home-like environment.	Promoting behavior change, expanding experiences with prosocial focus.

[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.
Youth curriculum 1995(B) WIC, directed to support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development.	$4,247.42	Yes	Additional youth curriculum	Enhancing services for youth in long-term to provide variety of programming.
Emergency Housing 1995(D) WIC, support for reentry, including reentry planning and connection to employment, housing and continuing education. 1995(C) WIC, aimed at family engagement within programs.	$474.67	Yes	Providing temporary housing stability, while working to get youth into a Transitional Housing program	Supporting re-entry planning and stabilization post-release. Supporting reunification and safety.

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.
Specialized Staff Training 1995(E) WIC, use of evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive practices.	$11,569.62	Yes	Specialized staff training to help youth with trauma, and program training.	Expansion of available services to youth in custody; support transition and behavior change; enhancing care.