JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL 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:

Part 1: Subcommittee Composition
Part 2: Target Population
Part 3: Programs and Services
Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds
Part 5: Facility Plan
Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System
Part 7: Regional Efforts
Part 8: Data
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Part 10: Expenditure Summary

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

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

Agency	Name and Title	Email	Phone Number
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Office of Education Representative	Michael Martin	mmartin@modoccoe.k12.ca.us	530-233-7101
Court Representative	Brandy Malcolm	Brandy.malcolm@modoc.courts.us	530-233-6514
Three Community Members (*defined as "individuals who have experience providing community-based youth services, youth justice advocates with expertise and knowledge of the juvenile justice system, or have been directly involved in the juvenile justice system" (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b).)*) Chief Probation Officer (Chair) Chief Probation Officer (Chair)	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Three Community Members (*defined as "individuals who*	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

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Additional Subcommittee Participants			
Modoc County Sheriff	Tex Dowdy	tdowdy@mococsheriff.us	530-233-2011
CBO - Teach	Carol Madison	cmadison@teachinc.org	530-233-3111

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

Given that the subcommittee consists of the majority of the same members as the CCPIF committee, the subcommittee meetings are scheduled to immediately follow the CCPIF meetings and consist of the same membership structure.

The DJJ Committee has been networking with other community-based organizations within our community to seek out community members who would be willing, able, and interested in joining the committee. The difficulty we have faced is that given our small population and educational demographic, most public-facing institutions are understaffed and overcommitted, so finding time to add another committee membership has been difficult. We will continue to work on this.

As discussed under our demographics section, Modoc County has a large Native population, and we feel having representation from these groups would be beneficial to the committee. During the year, the Probation Department reached out to two of the local tribes (Pitt River and Fort Bidwell) but due to the frequent turnover in administrative staff within the tribal councils, the department has not met with success in building relationships..

Additionally, we have attempted to reach out to community members who might be interested in attending committee meetings, but the fact is that since there is relatively little change in the day-to-day

implementation of the plan, which consists mostly of referring clients to other counties, there is no incentive for community members to attend.

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

Meeting Date 1: 3/18/2026 Meeting Date 2: 12/17/2025

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable:

Date that the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote: 7/31/2024

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 was developed during the initial meetings of the JJRBG committee, and has remained relatively unchanged since that time. Modoc County relies on other counties to provide services, as we are too small to develop the intensive services this client base requires. As a result, our plan was and remains to contract with other providing counties for services. There has not been a need to update this plan since.

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

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

The County of Modoc will target male and female offenders with an adjudication of offenses described in WIC code 707(b) and are defined in WIC 1990(b). These offenders will have been adjudicated as unsuitable for alternate dispositions within the county. These youth would have traditionally been committed to the California Youth Authority or Department of Juvenile Justice. These minors are typically between the ages of 14 and 25, and are in need of the highest level of treatment and custodial care. Many have challenges in cognitive development, decision making, impulse control, family relationships and mental health. Education and literacy are common problems facing these youth. Homelessness is also a problem for this group, especially given the lack of available housing and/or shelter options in Modoc County.

Many of these youth have strong ties with our Hispanic and Tribal communities, and require ongoing connection to those communities during the rehabilitative process. Substance abuse, domestic violence and sexual abuse are common in this target population.

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))*

Geographically, Modoc County sits in the North East part of the State of California and is one of the smallest Counties in the State. Only one incorporated city lies within its borders of the County. Modoc County therefore has not been a user of the services provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice. (DJJ).

Modoc County has been a contractor for services provided by the other larger counties contiguous to our borders. It is not uncommon to transport minors hundreds of miles to receive detention services or services provided by camps and ranches located in surrounding counties. Providing services to our Native American community has been problematic in that larger counties may not have the need, or develop the need, to service that community.

Currently, there are [redacted] youth who meet the criteria of serious juvenile offenders; [redacted] are still pending adjudication.

Nothing in our plan would prohibit the placement of youth meeting the criteria of "serious youthful offender" in any county that had appropriate rehabilitative services. We could anticipate the placement of tribal youth outside the state, if the placement met the specific needs of a Native American youth.

Modoc will be actively participating in developing resources with similarly situated counties who may have shut their existing juvenile halls but anticipate reopening with these newly allocated resources. Partnering with other sister counties with similar needs is a top priority with these funds.

We would not anticipate providing services to more than 5 youth who meet the criteria as a serious youthful offender under WIC 707 (b). This is likely to be a cumulative number of offenders receiving various services over a number of years.

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

There is currently [redacted] receiving services, and [redacted] that may possibly be eligible. All [redacted] male and Hispanic, and range in age from 17-19.

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

Our [redacted] currently in a step-down housing facility at Santa Rosa City College pursuing higher education.

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)):

Modoc County is one of the smallest of the northern California counties, with a population of approximately 8500 residents.

Detention Facilities: Modoc County does not have any juvenile detention facilities within the county border. All detention services are contract facilities and provided by other counties around the state. Funds allocated from this program will be used to pay for the contracted facilities on an as-needed basis.

Mental health counseling and services are provided by the local mental health department. Specialized mental health treatment is provided by the county in several of our outlying communities as well as the City of Alturas. The Juvenile Diversion Program is often used by the Probation Department as a specialized substance abuse program and is appropriate for our target population. Depending upon the clinical diagnosis, some treatment is done within the county and some is done outside by the county. Lassen and Shasta Counties are both resource counties although it would not be uncommon to utilize providers outside the state in Oregon or Nevada.

However, in addressing the specific needs of youth covered under this code, there is not a certified counselor available in the county. Counseling is currently done as a mixture of Zoom sessions and in-person visits facilitated by a transport officer to mitigate travel costs to the family.

Education programing is provided by the Modoc County Office of Education. It is anticipated that the target population will utilize their Warner High School Program for those returning from detention facilities to insure graduation from high school and preparation for further educational opportunities. Modoc, because of our remote location, offers several opportunities to connect with college through programs targeted to remote learning. It is anticipated that these funds may help enable targeted youth to engage in these programs and provide funds for tuition, books or other barriers that might deter a youthful offender from seeking higher education opportunities.

Supervision will be provided by the Modoc County Probation Office. The probation department provides a wide variety of services including substance abuse monitoring, alcohol monitoring and sex offender GPS monitoring.

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)):

Modoc county anticipates receiving the minimum block grant amount of $250,000 per year. The bed rate for our current service provider, Sonoma County Juvenile Hall, is $375 per bed per day. If these funds are used to purchase detention beds only, it would meet the yearly need of 2 youth to cover detention beds for the year, with minimal amounts left over to pay for services.

For the FY25-26, we are budgeting DJJ funds entirely to bedding; any unspent funds will be added to the trust account. Because of the extremely high cost of housing youths in these secure facilities (costs which are projected to go up in the coming years) the committee feels it is wiser to bank any unspent monies in anticipation of future expenses.

The DJJ funds are tracked separately than other Court Wards funds, and any unspent funds will be rolled into the next fiscal year for the purpose of developing a reserve fund from unspent placing or unallocated funds to financially prepare the County to pay for commitments that may span several years. Youth who transition from detention are anticipated to need specialized housing. This is especially true of youth charged with sex offenses who cannot return to the home after lengthy detention due to victims still residing in the home. Further we anticipate the need to assist relatives, especially elderly relatives housing these youth. Native American youth may need contractual beds directly with tribal nations to comply with ICWA rules and regulations when placing these youth.

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)):

Modoc County shall use grant funds to promote the healthy adolescent development of our targeted youth. Currently 20% of our targeted population would be considered underserved in the county; these are primarily Hispanic and Tribal youth. Currently 100% of serious youthful offenders being served are from our Hispanic community. A significant amount of our grant funds will target support services aimed at these underserved youth.

Nothing in our plan would prohibit Modoc County from contracting with neighboring counties for programs to address educational and vocational services. Shasta county has a wide variety of vocational classes available through Shasta College. Some vocational classes provide classes in firefighting, welding, accounting and mechanics. Butte County also provides similar educational opportunities through their community college network. Both these programs are linked to Cal State Chico.

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 Modoc Probation Department will manage pre-release programing, Behavioral health transitions as well as any other unidentified contractual specialized services. Individualized case plans will be developed prior to the release of youth back into the community.

Gender based and culturally sensitive trainings are provided to staff at the probation department and direct service staff receive those trainings annually.

Grant funds may be utilized to provide transportation and travel to families living in rural or tribal settings where no forms of public transportation are available. Grant funds may also be utilized to pay for tuition, fees, enrollments or other barriers that might otherwise impair a family's ability to participate in the treatment or care of transitioning youth. Currently this is being done under the aegis of the facilities in which the youth are placed. Upon release, this will fall back to Modoc County.

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)):

Our plan includes educational reentry programs provided by Warner High school, a dedicated alternative high school program for youth.

The Youth Diversion program is locally funded by the mental health department and provides an array of substance abuse and treatment modalities and is available for youth in our target population as part of the reentry program.

Sex Offender treatment is provided by our mental health department by referral only. Youth will be referred to either Lassen County or Shasta County for assessment. Block grant funds will be used for transportation, travel and housing as appropriate to insure participation and treatment in recommended programs.

Employment opportunities are limited in Modoc County; however, the Alliance for Workforce Development provides a job networking service as well as skill training in such areas as computer use and typing certification. TEACH, the Training, Employment and Community Help nonprofit organization in Alturas, has also recently begun offering college-level courses in education and nursing. However, at this time, the ideal path for Modoc is to seek funding opportunities to sponsor youth to attend higher education in adjacent counties.

Transitional housing is sparse in our rural community. Some housing is available through partnerships with our Native American community. It would be anticipated that grant funds might be used for short term housing or partnership with other private non-profits that provide housing.

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)):

At the heart of evidence-based programing is the use of validated evidence-based assessment tools. Modoc County contracts with El Dorado County juvenile hall, Shasta County juvenile halls, Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility, and Sonoma Juvenile Hall. Integral in those programs are an initial assessment and the use of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) which address an offender's criminogenic needs. These facilities use Aggression Replacement Training (ART), Thinking for change (T4C) and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI) as treatment tools. These treatment tools are facilitated by both sworn and non-sworn staff.

The Probation office uses the JSORRAT evidence-based tool in the treatment of sex offenders. Grant funds may be used to purchase and implement any of a number of gender-based assessment tools needed as we go forward. Culturally sensitive trainings and trainings that focus on preparing probation officers and support staff on the challenges of supervising LGBTQI youth will be a focus of our evidence-based practices.

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)):

There are very few community-based providers and organizations in Modoc County. Nothing in our plan would prohibit our use of grant funds to pay for services provided by community-based providers in other counties. We envision the use

of funds to pay for transitional housing, drug rehabilitation programing, sex offender treatment or educational programing that met the needs of our 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

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

Modoc County does not own or operate any juvenile, adult or mental health facility that serves this target population other than the county jail. We anticipate contracting those services with surrounding counties, but nothing in our plan would prohibit the use of grant funds to house target youth in any program in the State of California if services were deemed appropriate.

Modoc County has contracts for SYTF facilities in El Dorado and Butte. While we do not have oversight or control of how contracted facilities are designed or operated, Modoc County will be diligent in monitoring contracted facilities for the safety and protection of all potential local youth. Youth will be withdrawn from, and/or contracts will not be renewed to facilities that do not ensure these standards. Decision making on whether target population youth would be best served in an existing contracted juvenile hall or in a consortium based SYTF will be based upon the least restrictive option that provides care, treatment and guidance that is consistent with the best interests of the youth and the public as required by Section 202(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC).

Considerations for the safety and protection of all youth in the facilities will take on additional importance given the probability of older (up to and including age 24) and more sophisticated target population youth now remaining in local commitment for extended periods. Youth will continue to be classified for specific housing based on requirements contained in Title 15 and the policies and procedures of the hosting county facility. These requirements are intended to provide for the safety of youth, facility staff and the public by placing youth in the least restrictive housing and program settings that can meet their needs. Classification factors include but are not limited to the following:

- Age and maturity of the youth
- Sophistication
- Emotional stability
- Court status and present offense
- Criminal offense history
- Prior behavior while in the facility or other institutions
- Gang affiliation
- Conflicts with other youth
- Court-ordered restrictions as to the association with other youth
- Medical/mental health considerations

- Gender and gender identity
- Developmental and cognitive processing disabilities
- Program needs
- Legal process status

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)):

Modoc county will focus on building the base programs that are needed to address the needs of our target population to prevent them moving into the adult court system. Given that we have had so few individuals in the past, our county is lacking in the base services for this target group. We have relied exclusively on surrounding counties to provide these base services. Programs focusing on peer counseling, anger management, family therapy, and parenting will need to be built from the ground up. These funds may be used as startup funds to provide community-based organizations the needed seed money to service the targeted youth in our plan.

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)):

No regional agreements are currently in place that are supported by the Counties Block grant program. Should agreements or arrangements be made in the future we would make grant funds available should those agreements support the counties overall goals and objectives of serving our target populations.

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)): Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant. Describe any progress on this element since May 1, 2023, at the end of your response:

The Modoc County probation department uses a program called the Corrections Software Solutions system. The System is capable of collecting date from all the youth within the county including and not limited to the youth being served by the block grant. CSS has the ability to be viewed by law enforcement throughout the county. Supervising probation officers will be charged with data entry and CSS can be modified to collect any data elements as required as the program goes forward.

As mentioned in the supplement to the previous year's plan, Modoc county has adopted a client-oriented data plan system, where clients will be tracked from the beginning of their involvement in the criminal justice system to the end.

This data will include:

- If housed in a secure facility, date and length of commit.

o Monthly costing will be tracked through invoices from the host facility.

- Levels of care the youth progresses through (from commitment to release).

- Clinical outcomes as tracked by the Behavioral Health department using their existing

software tool.

- Disposition of client.

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 Modoc County Probation Department with track the following data elements to
Validate the plan outcomes

1. Number of 707(b) crimes referred to the Probation Department
2. Number of 707(b) offenses adjudicated
3. Number of 707(b) offenses dismissed or reduced by plea
4. Number of youths committed to Secure Track Programs
5. Number of violations of probation filed
6. Number of violations of probation adjudicated
7. Number of violations of probation dismissed
8. Numbers of youth transitioned to placement
9. Numbers of youth placed back in the home
10. Numbers of youth who successfully completed programming and reintegrate to society.

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.

As previously mentioned, Modoc County relies mainly on out-of-county providers to assist with housing and reentry. As a result, the JJRBG plan has remained unchanged from the previous year, and we do not anticipate changes in the coming year. As has been previously discussed, our biggest hurdle has been getting community involvement in the plan committee, but a major obstacle to this has been the lack of anything for the committee to do that would incentivize involvement.

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[1]	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.
Housing	$120,295.5	Yes	Given Modoc's lack of resources, we contract with other counties to provide secure housing and treatment providers for our eligible youth. All DJJ funds have been used to cover expenses involved in housing and servicing these youth.	Clients received intensive therapy and treatment plans while in secure facility. During step down, clients had the opportunity to receive secondary education while their housing need costs were covered by the DJJ grant. This will allow them to reenter the community with the training and education necessary to be successful.

[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? (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.

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