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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:

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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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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).)*)	VACANT	Application submission period for membership has been opened for 2/20/26-5/20/26.	N/A
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Additional Subcommittee Participants			
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Describe the process used to determine whether to select a co-chair for your subcommittee (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b)):

The Subcommittee met and discussed the option to select a co-chair at its meeting held on 3/27/2024. Following comments from members, a motion was passed to maintain the Subcommittee in its current structure with the singular position of Chair and not select a co-chair at that time.

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

Meeting Date 1: 2/12/2026 Meeting Date 2: 3/26/2026

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable: N/A

Date that the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote: 3/26/2026

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 of Monterey convened a subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council on January 13, 2021 and the initial Plan was developed and approved that year. This plan has been subsequently reviewed and submitted as per OYCR requirements and deadlines. The Subcommittee met again to review the Plan, and it was approved and submitted for FY23-24 in April 2023. The FY24-25 Plan was reviewed and approved by the Subcommittee at the March 27, 2024 meeting for submission by May 1, 2024. The FY25-26 Plan was reviewed and approved by the Subcommittee at the March 26, 2025 meeting for submission by May 1, 2025. The FY26-27 Plan was reviewed and approved by the Subcommittee at the March 26, 2026 meeting for submission by May 1, 2026.

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 target realigned population in Monterey County includes youth 14 years of age or older, whose most recent adjudicated offense is a serious violent felony, listed in the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §707(b),

or Penal Code (PC) §290.008, that are eligible for commitments to the Monterey County Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) by the Juvenile Court.

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

Based upon the realignment target population definition described above and historical statistics regarding commitments to the Division of Juvenile Justice from Monterey County, the facility designated (10) beds for eligible youth in the SYTF program with the Board of State and Community Corrections. In January 2025, the capacity was modified to twenty (20) beds, to accommodate the increasing number of youth (17) that have been committed to the SYTF by the Juvenile Court. Of the ([redacted]) youth returned to Monterey County from the Division of Juvenile Justice to the SYTF to complete their commitment base terms, [redacted] youth remains in the program. The remainder of the youth returned from the Division of Juvenile Justice have been released from detention to community supervision. With the exception of the [redacted] youth who remains in the program, all DJJ realigned youth have exited the program and community supervision. Of the youth that are presently participating in the SYTF Program, there are sixteen (16) Hispanic males and [redacted] Pacific Islander, ranging in age from age 16-24 years. Their adjudicated WIC §707(b) offenses included robbery/carjacking [redacted]; murder [redacted]); attempted murder ([redacted] Shooting at an Inhabited Dwelling ([redacted]); Assault with a Firearm on a Person ([redacted]); Assault ([redacted] Voluntary Manslaughter ([redacted]); and forcible rape ([redacted]

Many of the realigned youth population in Monterey County have histories of out-of-home placement, mental health needs, and common criminogenic needs, such as antisocial peers and anger management issues. Further, many of the realigned youth have been unsuccessful in a range of less restrictive placements and programs, which led to their eventual commitment by the Court. This population has historically displayed the highest level of risk of recidivism and highest needs in the juvenile justice system. The Probation Department utilizes the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI), a validated risk assessment tool, to effectively identify the risks, needs, and strengths of each individual. The youth's assessed criminogenic needs, in conjunction with any individual circumstances and the nature and gravity of the qualifying criminal offense, are applied to develop an individual rehabilitation plan that will be utilized during the local commitment ordered by the Juvenile Court.

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

The Probation Department currently provides an array of programs, placements, and facilities to youth throughout Monterey County. The continuum of these services will be made available to the realigned population. The Probation Department will continue to explore opportunities to expand the existing range of services and programming to improve system outcomes and focus on intervention strategies that reduce delinquency for youth at significant risk of reoffending in the community. The use of these interventions is a key component to the Department's balanced approach to addressing negative youth behaviors and helps to reserve Court involvement and terms of detention for only the most serious of matters. The Department's continuum of care includes:

• Silver Star Resource Center - Providing a multi-agency collaborative of government agencies

and community-based organizations that work to reduce risk factors that precipitate youth entering the juvenile justice system;

• A variety of Diversion programs that divert youth from significant involvement in the juvenile justice system, so that they can receive services and make restitution to victims without formal prosecution or formal court record of the offense;

• Low-level court interventions, including Informal probation under §654.2 WIC, Probation without Wardship, pursuant to §725(a) WIC, and Deferred Entry of Judgment, pursuant to §790 WIC;

• Silver Star Youth Program at Rancho Cielo - In collaboration with the non-profit Rancho Cielo, Inc., the Probation Department provides supervision and case management to justice-involved youth at the Rancho Cielo campus. The Monterey County Behavioral Health Department provides ongoing mental health services to all youth on campus. In addition, Rancho Cielo provides additional programming available to youth, including the Youth Corps, the Construction Academy, the Drummond Culinary Academy, Agriculture Vocational Training, and the Transitional Housing Village;

• Therapeutic Courts - The Probation Department currently operates three treatment-based collaborative courts for juveniles: 1) Juvenile Drug Court Program; 2) Collaborative Action Linking Adolescents (CALA), a mental health court, and 3) Juvenile Sex Offender Response Team (JSORT) for juvenile sex-offenders;

• Wraparound Services - Intensive in-home, team-based support services for youth, including Child Family Team (CFT) practices involving both the Probation Department, Social Services, and the Monterey County Behavioral Health Department;

• Placement - Foster care placement ordered by the Juvenile Court in an out-of-home setting, such as a resource family home, transitional housing, or Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP);

• Mentorship and educational advocacy through Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program;

• Detention or commitment in either Juvenile Hall or the Youth Center, where youth can receive services, supervision, education, and programming within a secure environment.

In addition to the core programming available in each facility, youth participants have the opportunity to engage in a variety of other services meant to support the whole person. Such opportunities to include:

• Restorative justice (healing and accountability)

• Housing assistance, upon program completion and release

• Job training and placement (preparedness, work experience)

• Vocational Education (learning skills and career planning)

• Health (well-being, physical activity, nutrition, lifestyle, behavioral, and mental health)

• Relationships (communication, conflict resolution, family support)

• Creativity (arts, music, personal expression)

• Community Engagement (service, responsibility)

• Mindfulness and Animal Based Therapeutic Programming

• Life Skill Development

• Higher Education (Hartnell Rising Scholars Program and CSUMB Project Rebound)

• Faith programs and Community Access Programs.

Youth that have transitioned from the Division of Juvenile Justice to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility following the closure of the youth facilities were screened for transitional housing assistance upon approval from the Court for consideration of a less restrictive program, or “step-down” facility to finish the imposed baseline period of their commitments. This resource was realized through a contractual partnership that was developed between the State of California, Monterey County Probation Department, and the Amity Foundation, which oversees licensed transitional housing programs, sober living environments, and residential substance abuse treatment programs throughout the State. The Department continues to seek out transitional housing opportunities within Monterey County to assist youth that have been committed locally and are returning to the community upon discharge.

The Probation Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP)to community-based providers to submit proposals for a provider that can deliver evidence-based and/or promising practice programs for both youth and family that promote resiliency, pro-social behaviors, emotional well-being, development of life-skills that will decrease involvement in the Juvenile Justice System. Monterey County awarded a contract to GEO Reentry Services LLC in 2025. These services are being provided to the youth population within the Secure Youth Treatment Facility, and future potential plans include an Evening Reporting Center in the community , which would provide local treatment options for youth that allow youth to remain in their community and stay connected to their pro-social and family support system. It will allow youth to continue to receive educational services and support from their local Office of Education and School Districts and will allow for continued evidence-based treatment services from providers with whom they already have an established relationship.

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)):

Facilities:

The realigned population will be served in the two existing custodial facilities operated by Monterey County Probation, the Juvenile Hall and the Youth Center. Juvenile has been designated as the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF), while the Youth Center may serve as a less restrictive step-down placement option available to the Court pursuant to §875(f)(1) WIC.

Juvenile Hall

The 80-bed facility is laid out in a campus-style design with a centralized recreation yard surrounded by housing units and support buildings. The two main housing units are 30-bed medium security units with both single and double rooms, separated into two distinct units, each containing a connecting dayroom and shower area, surrounding a central multi-purpose room, staff support spaces, and outdoor recreation areas. Additionally, a (20) bed dormitory unit with a dayroom and programming space is available for minimum security youth. Facility program services space is available for religious services; counseling; substance abuse classes; group counseling; mental health evaluations; and other evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism throughout the facility, utilizing dayroom and/or multipurpose room space in the housing units, classrooms and gymnasium spaces in the education building, as well as the visitation area in the administrative building for program delivery. The educational building consists of four classrooms, gymnasium, teacher resource room, educational offices, and staff support areas.

Youth committed to the SYTF will benefit from a Trauma-Informed approach to local detention, receive intervention designed to help youth develop life skills, learn emotional management and problem-solving skills, develop an awareness about the dynamic factors that have resulted in law enforcement contact, as well as benefit from a full continuum of mental health services geared towards supporting long-term success both in and out of the custody setting.

Youth Center

The Monterey County Youth Center is a local secure residential, treatment facility and aftercare program designed for Monterey County Juvenile Court wards, rated as a camp. The Youth Center is comprised of three dormitories with a total capacity of 60 male residents. The program's cognitive behavioral approach is focused on building trusting relationships with positive adult role models (staff), developing better decision-making skills and learning strategies to reduce anger by attending group and individual counseling sessions along with receiving substance abuse, mental health and educational services. Rehabilitation opportunities are offered in collaboration with other County agencies and departments, as well as private and business sectors of the community. The Youth Center's environment is designed to address anti-social/illegal behavior and thinking patterns in youth while promoting acceptance of personal responsibility, increasing self-awareness, enhancing resilience and personal coping mechanisms, and encouraging pro-social attitudes and behaviors.

The Aftercare/Re-entry portion of the program is spent in the community and can last from six to twelve months. All residents are placed on electronic monitoring when they first start aftercare. The goal of re-entry is to transition the youth successfully back into their family and the community through supervision, connection to resources and continued therapeutic treatment and support.

Programs:

The Department continues to seek out new and promising evidence-based programming, as well as expand upon existing programming and services that are available to our youth, both in the community and at each institution, and develop a comprehensive program to meet the varying and dynamic needs of the realigned population. To assist in development of the individualized rehabilitation plan and targeted interventions for each youth committed to the SYTF, the following program components will be addressed:

• The Probation Department will conduct a formal risk and needs assessment, the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI), to measure any factors that may be associated with recidivism, individual strengths for each youth participant, and supervision considerations.

• The Monterey County Behavioral Health Department will conduct a full mental health assessment and a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) to determine the youth participant's clinical needs in the development of the therapeutic programming recommendations for inclusion in the rehabilitation plan.

• The Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT) will conduct an initial meeting within (10) days of formal commitment to the program by the Court and, at a minimum once every 90 days thereafter. The youth participants' program milestones will be monitored, adapted, and modified to meet the changing clinical needs and progress of the participant throughout the commitment term. The results of all assessments will be incorporated into the development of individualized rehabilitation case plan for each youth participant, both within the facility and upon transition to community supervision during the reentry phase of their program. Within the first (30) days, the IDT will submit a formal Secure Track Individual Rehabilitation Plan to the Juvenile Court for consideration.

The Probation Department facilitates or utilizes a variety of programs at both facilities deemed appropriate by the collaborative team that will be available to the realigned youth population.

Some key programming is described below:

• In 2025, the Probation Department teamed with GEO Reentry Services through an RFP to provide comprehensive program services to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility youth. The GEO Reentry program provides an evidence-based continuum of in-custody treatment, reentry, and aftercare services for up to 20 youth in the SYTF. The program delivers structured, cognitive-behavioral, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive interventions. GEO uses validated assessments to develop and continuously refine individualized plans that guide treatment, skill development, and goal attainment. Using a phased model that adapts to individual readiness, motivation, and length of stay, GEO helps youth strengthen family engagement, learn positive peer mentoring, and is guided by restorative justice practices, behavioral health supports, and educational and vocational pathways.

• Thinking for a Change (T4C) - T4C is a cognitive-behavioral therapy that includes cognitive restructuring, social skills development, and the development of problem-solving skills. The T4C curriculum is administered by staff from Probation and a community-based provider, California Youth Outreach, and is embedded in the organization's gang intervention curriculum that is delivered to youth in both facilities.

• Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) - ART is a cognitive-behavioral program that teaches social skills; anger control training and moral education. The ART program is administered by Probation and Behavioral Health staff to groups of juvenile offenders.

• Homeboy Art Academy- Through a partnership with Homeboy Industries, the Homeboy Art Academy offers culturally relevant art classes and healing circles from artists with shared experiences. The program offers a virtual design course that culminates in a mural project to beautify the Juvenile Hall and promote the power of

healing through art. Interested youth can access Homeboy services- the world's largest gang-intervention program upon release.

• Education - Monterey County Office of Education alternative education program provides mandated, compulsory public education services in a supportive school environment that focuses on increasing academic and prosocial behaviors and skills while also providing functional life skills.

• The Rising Scholar Program available through Hartnell College provides post-graduate classes in the facility, with individualized support and guidance to promote academic success. The Department is working with the California State University at Monterey Bay to implement the Project Rebound Program in the facilities, allowing students to transition from a community college education degree program to the California State University system, which will allow our students to achieve advanced degrees in the field of their choice. Youth preparing for release may be released to a program at any CSU campus that has Project Rebound or any UC school's Underground Scholars program through our least restrictive program options.

• Prison Education Program (PEP) provides academic, life skills, and career development programming, PEP aims to educate, empower, and transform the lives of detained individuals with the assistance of university students, many of whom are formally incarcerated individuals, and faculty volunteers. The program provides students with the cognitive tools necessary to function as productive citizens. Their multi-layered approach enhances human development, reduces recidivism, saves resources, and allows participants to ultimately contribute to the economic and civic life of California. The classes are designed to prepare students for college level classes and the academic skills necessary to be successful in higher education settings.

• Forward Thinking Journaling (FTJ) - FTJ is an interactive journaling series administered by trained Probation staff. The FTJ program uses evidence informed practices that helps youth in making positive changes to their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.

• Success Stories Program - a community-based program founded in feminist theory that radically reshapes how people who have caused harm to view themselves, their goals, and their relationships to the people closest to them. The program is facilitated by formerly incarcerated individuals that have had their sentences commuted by the governor as a result of their development and delivery of this program across the state. After graduating from program, youth can stay connected to their established mentors through their Alumni Network, which offers tangible resources, sharing, programming, and accountability to continue their individual and collective journeys.

• Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) - The Probation Department detention facilities utilize a behavior management program that incorporates elements of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The program is designed to promote positive behavior by rewarding adherence to facility rules, prosocial and skill building behaviors, and recognizing hard work and good behavior with enhanced privileges. The PBIS model is also utilized by the Monterey County Office of Education, in conjunction with the facility behavior management system.

Additionally, the PBIS model is utilized within many of the other Monterey County School Districts.

• Restorative Justice - Victim Impact Program (VIP) - Probation contracts with Restorative Justice Partners to provide restorative justice programming including victim/survivor presentations of their experiences to in-custody youth on what it is like to survive crime from their perspective.

• Family Therapy Group Counseling - Behavioral Health staff conduct weekly therapy sessions between youth and their families to address issues that may be contributing to instability in the family unit or contributing to negative behaviors and delinquency.

• Sharp Circle Re-Entry Program – The Probation Department has initiated a contract for services with the Sharp Circle Program, which will provide youth projected to discharge from the Secure Youth Treatment Facility with the opportunity to participate in an intensive re-entry mentorship with a credible messenger that has successfully transitioned from long-term detention to the community. This program will begin while the youth is committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility and will continue into the community upon their release.

• Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp - youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Program by the Juvenile Court can be voluntarily placed in the CAL FIRE certified training for wildland firefighting operations to complete the baseline commitment term imposed by the Court, with a potential for employment as firefighter upon release. Fire crews perform approximately 180,000 hours of fire suppression services in a “normal” year for the people of California. Crews typically work in state and county parks performing clearance, wild land fire prevention tasks, and restoration work. During the fire season, youth crews are involved in wildland fire suppression throughout the State of California. Camp crews are also assigned to flood control activities. The major emphasis of the camp programs is to provide youth with employable skills and to develop within them a strong emphasis on solid work habits. In addition, youth receive leadership training within their crew structure.

Youth participants in the SYTF will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of other programming and services meant to support the whole person. Such opportunities include:

• Housing, upon program completion and release

• Job training and placement (preparedness, work experience)

• Vocational Education (learning skills and career planning)

• Health (well-being, physical activity, nutrition, lifestyle, behavioral, and mental health)

• Relationships (communication, conflict resolution, family support)

• Creativity (arts, music, personal expression)

• Community Engagement (service, responsibility)

• Mindfulness

• Life Skill Development

• Higher Education

• Faith and Community Access

Services and Service Providers:

Monterey County Probation actively collaborates with numerous County and community-based providers to access services for youth involved with the juvenile justice system. Some key services and service providers include:

• Wraparound Services - In partnership with Monterey County Behavioral Health, Probation, and the Department of Social Services, provide intensive, home-based services in an all-encompassing model to prevent youth from being removed from their homes and support youth in stepping down or returning home from out of home care. Services emphasize the youth and family’s strengths and needs and provide individual and family counseling.

• Parenting Education and Support – education, advocacy, and a range of supportive services are available to youth and families through a variety of community-based programs and collaborative agencies, including parenting education and support services for youth that are parents themselves while detained in one of the Department's secure facilities.

• Individualized Services - In addition to other programs and services deemed appropriate by the collaborative team, the youth participant has the ability to engage in programming tailored to their individually identified risks and according to recommended intervention needs from the IDT and the results of any formal assessment instruments. In partnership with Monterey County Behavioral Health, Secure Track programming will include Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Mindfulness practices, Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), interactive journaling, psychoeducation, and other evidence-based and promising practices, giving youth access to a wide variety of opportunities to learn and explore themselves, their history, and their desires for the future. Additionally, the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) and Juvenile Institution Officers (JIOs) assigned to this program have been trained in the facilitation and co-facilitation of several interventions in collaboration with assigned clinicians and community-based partners. All staff providing direct services utilize evidence-based practices and have been trained to apply trauma-informed approaches to providing all interventions.

• Behavioral Health Services - All youth participants have access to a full continuum of behavioral health services provided by Monterey County Behavioral Health. Treatment services will consist of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Interactive Journaling, Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), as well as other clinical techniques and theoretical approaches needed to support the overall health, wellness, and long-term success of the youth participating in the Secure Track program. All youth are invited to participate in a needs and risk assessment to determine the areas of needs and strengths that may benefit the youth participant to work on during their stay in the Secure Track Program.

• Furlough Program – Youth participants in the Secure Youth Treatment Facility that have achieved milestone completion of their baseline commitment term and targeted case plan goals may be considered for participation in a Court authorized furlough program, allowing the youth to participate in approved community-based programs, services, educational, recreational, and vocational opportunities outside of the secure detention facility.; Youth return to the facility upon completion of the activities. Youth participating in the SYTF Furlough Program have volunteered for local charities, completed applications for service and benefits with government agencies, participated in excursions to local vendors, recreation areas, and attractions, as well as ongoing daily furloughs to Rancho Cielo for employment, and the Hartnell Community College campus for in-person post-secondary classes. The program allows the youth to debrief the furlough experience with the clinical social worker and program staff, improve transition from long-term detention to community supervision, and allows for youth to develop an actionable plan for returning to the community as a productive citizen.

• Rancho Cielo Youth Campus - The Rancho Cielo campus provides a comprehensive learning and social services center for underserved and disconnected youth in Monterey County and offers a multitude of educational and vocational pathways to success. Through a contract for services for the SYTF population, youth that are authorized by the Court to participate in the SYTF Furlough Program can apply to the Rancho Cielo Youth Corps. In this program, youth perform a variety of landscaping and maintenance projects and are employed by Rancho Cielo during their tenure in the Youth Corps. The Ranch Crew maintains the Ranch property, mowing, repairing broken plumbing, completing minor repairs on campus, and learning while they work. Program staff provide education regarding behavior expected in a professional work environment, self-sufficiency, workplace safety, resume writing and interview skills, and obtaining other job readiness skills necessary for success in the workplace. At the conclusion of their paid training period, the participating youth becomes eligible for referrals for regular full-time employment to many of the area's largest employers, many of whom are direct industry partners and benefactors of the Rancho Cielo Youth Campus.

•California Conservation Corp (CCC) – The Probation Department is actively referring interested youth to the CCC while they are in the SYTF Program for Court approved placement within one of their sites throughout the State of California. In addition to receiving specialized training and certification in a variety of industries, such as firefighting, tree felling, light retrofitting, and food handling, Corps members learn interviewing and financial skills, literacy assistance, resume building, and how to apply for college programs, internships, and scholarships to continue their formal education and vocational training. Upon completion of the program, youth can receive assistance with securing permanent employment within their learned industry and can receive upwards of $8,000 available per year through AmeriCorps Segal Education Award and CCC Brad Duncan Scholarship.

The Rancho Cielo Youth Campus is anticipated to become a working CCC Fire Camp in the near future and the Probation Department is hopeful that the long-standing partnership with Rancho Cielo will facilitate many of our SYTF youth to receive certified wildland firefighting training locally, keeping youth closer to their individual support systems and community resources, and assist youth upon certification with employment resources and referrals for permanent employment within their communities.

Supervision and Other Responses:

The Probation Department uses a risk-based supervision model where officers interact with youth to address their individual risks and needs. Officers assess each youth using a validated risk/needs assessment tool, complete case plans, and tailor services and interventions commensurate with the identified risks and needs of the youth.

A Trauma Informed Care perspective is utilized by all facility staff members and supervision staff to identify, respond appropriately to behaviors, and recognize the impact that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) may have upon youth. All staff utilize established training to recognize the needs, triggers, and vulnerabilities of youth that have experienced trauma and provide effective support and interventions to respond to behavioral or emotional concerns that may be related to prior trauma experiences, to minimize the possibility of re-traumatizing youth, and to develop a safe environment based upon trust, empowerment, collaboration, health, and respect for both youth and staff.

While in the community under supervision, progress with educational and/or vocational goals are monitored, as is the youth's participation in other supportive groups, classes, and programs nearing their completion. Efforts to develop transitional programming in the community to address maintenance of learned skills are made by both probation supervision staff, mentors, and members of the inter-disciplinary team members of the as a component the individualized rehabilitation plan.

Community supervision for SYTF youth has incorporated a graduated response system that utilizes short and long-term re-entry goal setting, the structured use of incentives and interventions to promote positive behavior, swift response to negative behavior, and the utilization of supportive interventions, intermediate and graduated sanctions in the least restrictive manner that maintains public safety.

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 mental health, behavioral, and trauma-based needs of the realigned population has been achieved by increasing the full continuum of behavioral health services provided by Monterey County Behavioral Health.

Monterey County Behavioral Health includes the additions of a dedicated psychologist and psychiatric social worker positions to the facilities to initiate or expand behavioral health services, substance abuse education and treatment, and expansion of the juvenile sex offender treatment programs currently available to youth in the community.

The Probation Department and Behavioral Health have implemented trauma-based practices in all facility operations and intake assessments to identify and address trauma in youth. Treatment services will consist of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Interactive Journaling, Moral Reconation Therapy, as well as other clinical techniques and theoretical approaches needed to support the overall health, wellness, and long-term success of the youth.

Additional services available to youth and their families will include:

• Individual Therapy

• Group Therapy

• Family Therapy

• Case Management

• Rehabilitation and skill building

• Crisis Intervention and supports

• Risk assessments

• Psychiatric Services (Medications)

• Orientation and Discharge Planning

Facility staff will continue to administer the Commercial Sexual Exploitation – Identification Tool (CSE-IT), for youth who are or may be at risk for involvement in Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. Youth who are identified as at risk or vulnerable to exploitation are monitored and/or referred to collaborative agencies pursuant to the Monterey County Commercial Sexual Exploitation Children (CSEC) Multi-Disciplinary Team for responsive action, which can include additional supportive services in the areas of housing, mental health and substance use counseling and mentoring while at the facilities and continuing into the community, if appropriate.

The Department is working with collaborative agencies to develop a robust implementation of the Cal-Aim Medi-Cal Expansion within the facilities, including expanded services to youth serving commitments within the SYTF, as well as coordinating the continuity of medical, behavioral health, and medication services to youth leaving the facilities and returning to their communities. Medication Assisted Treatment services through Natividad Medical Center, the California Bridge to Treatment Program, and the Close Grover Medical Group, the designated Chief Substance Use Navigator (SUN) for the County of Monterey Buprenorphine Program, is currently in progress within the facilities.

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 has implemented the use of the inter-disciplinary team to assist in the development of appropriate case plans for the realigned population, including referrals to programs focused on healing and

healthy youth development from various community-based providers and collaborative agencies, as well as the use of local restorative justice partners and victim impact programming to assist youth in their treatment plans while serving their commitments within the facility.

The implementation of a small group model for housing within the facilities and the development of a therapeutic, home-like environment for youth remains in progress.

The Department has contracted with the Success Stories Program and the Homeboy Industries Art Academy to expand the role of credible messengers within the facilities to assist for all youth, including the target realigned population. In addition to direct mentorship opportunities, facilitators of the Success Stories Program worked with a small group of youth within the facility to develop a peer mentorship program that assists all youth in the development of decision-making skills, conflict resolution skills, and the development of a sense of community, accountability, and responsibility through utilization of their lived experiences as a tool for mutual support. This group developed peer-led programs including an art class, a poetry class, a rules orientation class, and a garden program that has taught the facilitators agency and patience while promoting positive peer mentoring within the facility.

Probation continues to seek out programming, methods, tools, and policy to identify and engage family, supportive adults, and community members to assist detained youth while in the facility in participating in appropriate therapy and programming during their commitment periods, as well as the development of a support system that can assist with reintegration to the community upon transfer to community supervision.

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 plan supports family engagement for the target population through inclusion of family members, supportive adults, and mentors to the interdisciplinary team meetings and collaborative planning process, as well as the development of the individualized rehabilitation plan for each youth during both their commitment and transition to the community for supervision. For those youth under the age of maturity, the SYTF Program will work in collaboration with the Department of Social Services to engage in Family Finding for youth in need of permanent connections and the utilization of a variety of options for parenting education and support in the County.

The Department utilizes a strength-based approach to the development of services for youth, including the identification of supportive individuals that can assist youth in obtaining integrated services and support while detained and identifying appropriate services available in the community in re-entry planning.

The Probation Department has taken steps to ease and simplify the processes for families and supportive adults to engage with youth in the facility, including the development of enhanced mail, electronic communication, and facility visitation with supportive persons in the community. Identified family, mentors, and supportive persons will be included in regular multidisciplinary team meetings regarding the youth's progress, including participation in family therapy, parent teacher conferences, and decision making/planning for services.

Additionally, the expanded mental health and counseling services provided by Monterey County Behavioral Health, including family therapy, will provide ongoing opportunity for family engagement in the rehabilitation process during the Secure Youth Treatment Program commitment.

Family engagement services will continue throughout the commitment term, including the transition phase of the youth's programming, which will include continued programs and family counseling, transition of custody-based services to community providers, and reintegration to the community. Intensive case management focused on the establishment of support systems in the community for continued sobriety, continuity in support services, and re-entry preparation. Furlough-eligible youth are offered home visits that incrementally increase in time and frequency to allow the youth to reintegrate into the familial setting, while receiving support from their interdisciplinary team to address any issues that may arise during these visits.

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)):

The plan includes the continued application of grant funds and existing resources to support the continuum of reentry services as described below:

• All youth participants, supportive adults, mentors, and their families will participate in Transition, Release, and After Care (TRAC) planning as a part of a regular discussion occurring within the Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT) case plan meetings.

• Identification of housing assistance or placement that will best address the needs of youth without suitable homes several months before potential release from the commitment, as a component of reentry case planning. The Department continues to seek out partnerships with promising programs, community-based organizations, and other support-focused entities for transitional housing and program placement services. Currently, the Department has established contracts with the Amity Foundation and the Turning Point Re-Entry Program for transitional housing assistance for youth committed to the SYTF.

• Assistance with a variety of tangible needs to help the release transition be more successful, including access to food, clothing, transportation, vocational, and education supports in the community, including the use of the Furlough Program to eligible youth to initiate services prior to their projected release to the community.

• The Department currently has a contract in place for placement in the Pine Grove Fire Camp as a less-restrictive program. The Pine Grove camp offers job readiness training through CalFire and offers pathways for housing assistance through the California Conservation Corps.

Continuing planning with youth, supportive adults, mentors, and youth family members in collaboration with justice partner agencies and community-based organizations for continuity of services in the community.

• Hartnell College, Office of Equity, will continue to provide access to credible mentors, tutors, and leadership development programs. The Rising Scholars Network for justice impacted youth will provide counseling and career development for possible transfer to CSU, UC, or vocational programs upon release.

• Utilization of the Salinas Valley Promise Program to assist youth in attaining tuition assistance for continuing college courses in the community upon release.

• Specialized placements – for those youth who present individualized needs and risks may be better suited for an alternative placement, grant funds will be set aside to access programs within other regional facility programs or alternate less-restrictive placements, such as the Pinegrove Youth Conservation Camp (fire camp).

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)):

Monterey County is committed to actively retaining and recruiting a diverse staff in its facilities, as the Department strongly believes that the ability for youth to have relatable role models and the ability to speak with prosocial adults that have a shared cultural experience is imperative to meaningful engagement. This includes the continued use of grant funding to expand existing culturally responsive programming and provide related staff training, as well as investing in additional programming that is culturally competent, gender responsive, and bilingual wherever possible, including the following programs:

Homeboy Industries, Art Academy: a trauma-informed arts program that provides culturally competent and asset-based arts that are focused on Identity, Culture, and Community through the use of healing circles, creativity, and awareness for personal growth and leadership development;

Hidden Hills Program: a weekly program that utilizes animal therapy for trauma impacted youth. Youth are introduced to creatures large and small to assist with managing trauma and anxiety, to develop leadership skills, making positive choices, and breaking through barriers;

Success Stories Program: a program based in feminist theory that radically reshapes how people who have caused harm to see themselves, their goals, and their relationships to the people closest to them. The program is facilitated by credible messengers with lived experience that utilizes their personal stories to develop a sense of community and support for youth;

Twinning Project with the San Jose Earthquakes: a program started in the United Kingdom, the Twinning Project “twins” a local pro sports club with a local correctional facility to increase participation and access to sports for underrepresented populations. The Department has teamed with the San Jose Earthquakes, of Major League Soccer, to facilitate the program that includes coach mentoring, employment training, and fair play.

Juvenile Hall Run Club: a program facilitated by facility staff that prepares youth to train for the Juvenile Hall Half Marathon presented by Big Sur Marathon Foundation. The 12-week program empowers interested youth to dream big and follow a training plan to complete the run together. The program culminates with an official half marathon around the facility track. Eligible furlough youth are also invited to complete the actual Half Marathon on Monterey Bay following the Juvenile Hall edition.

Canines Teaching Compassion: a program facilitated by UnChained that pairs an adoption-eligible dog with youth trainers to prepare the dog for adoption. Youth learn skills like empathy, problem solving, and emotional regulation. This partnership is especially impactful for justice-involved youth, many of whom have navigated histories of trauma or instability. Trust is rebuilt in the context of caring for another living being.

Prison Education Program (PEP): a program that utilizes the assistance of university students, many of whom are formally incarcerated individuals, and faculty volunteers to provide academic, life skills, and career development programming. Their multi-layered approach enhances human development, reduces recidivism, saves resources, and allows participants to ultimately contribute to the economic and civic life of California and prepare students for college level classes and the academic skills necessary to be successful in higher education settings;

California Youth Outreach READY Program: provides specialized services for gang-involved youth Provides specialized services for gang-involved youth using the Re-entry Assistance for Determined Youth (R.E.A.D.Y) Program. In addition to cognitive behavior interventions, motivational interviewing, and facilitating the Thinking for a Change (T4C) programming, the program provides: peacetime activities within the facilities and

community; crisis intervention/activities: Individual and/or small group discussions and activities to reduce tension between individuals and/or groups; representation at the Inter-Disciplinary Team meetings with Probation to introduce CYO services to Parents and finalize youth's Supervision Case Plan upon recommendation of discharge to community; and, provides youth with ongoing support, outreach, and mentorship in community upon discharge, including assistance with obtaining benefits, resources, and employment.

In addition to the utilization of grant funds to increase the services of Monterey County Behavioral Health within the facility, subsequent year grant funding will be directed to secure and purchase curriculum that will be facilitated by clinicians to the realigned youth population. The Department continues to research evidence-based programming and expansion of mentoring programs for the realigned youth population, as well as all justice impacted youth.

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)):

Monterey County is committed to a collaborative approach with its core partners to develop and implement innovative services to support the needs of the realigned youth, including expanded programming and services from community-based organizations. It is recognized that in addition to the services provided by county collaborative agencies, gaps in services and programs may be discovered as the development of the County plan evolves and new legislation is received from the State of California. It is therefore anticipated that grant funding will continue to be utilized to access the services of nongovernmental and community-based providers that can provide targeted interventions and services to the realigned 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)):

The Monterey County Juvenile Hall is the designated Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) to serve the targeted realigned population that have been determined by the Juvenile Court to require services to be delivered in a secure environment.

All youth booked into Juvenile Hall have a Victim Vulnerability and Risk of Victimization and/or Sexually Aggressive Behavior Assessment, a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Assessment, and a Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Assessment conducted as part of the intake process, to ensure that appropriate services and safety issues are immediately identified and responded to by staff.

The facility classification system within Juvenile Hall is designed to provide for youth safety, the safety of other youth, facility staff and the public, by placing the youth in the most appropriate and least restrictive housing and program setting. The factors that will be considered in assigning detained youth to living units in the facility include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

• Age and maturity of the youth

• Seriousness of the offense and sophistication of the youth

• Emotional maturity and stability

• The youth's prior involvement with the justice system

• Medical or mental health considerations

• Gender and gender identity

• Developmental and cognitive processing disability

• Safety considerations or conflicts with other youth

• Prior behavior in the facility or other out-of-home placements

• Court ordered restrictions related to the association with other youth

The bifurcated design of the housing units will also allow for the older and/or more challenging youth to be housed in an area away from younger, less sophisticated youth. Additionally, use of one of the dormitory units for youth that are preparing for transition to a less-restrictive placement by the Juvenile Court will allow for continuity in service and programming, while developing graduated independence and responsibility in a secure setting apart from the general youth population.

The Youth Center, Laguna Bay Unit, will be utilized as a step-down, less-restrictive setting for the Juvenile Court’s consideration. Use of this housing bay will allow for the realigned population to receive services and programming in a secure setting apart from the general youth population in the commitment program. Additionally, this housing bay has a separate entrance from the remainder of the facility, which can accommodate the planned furlough release to the community for qualified youth within the realigned population.

Juvenile Institutions Officers will be on site at each facility 24 hours a day for direct supervision of youth committed by the Court. There will always be an adequate number of personnel to carry out program activities, provide for the safety and security of youth and staff, meet established state standards and regulations, and ensure that no required services are denied because of insufficient numbers of staff on duty (absent exigent circumstances). The shift coverage for the units will be arranged to meet or exceed the Title 15 Minimum Standards for juvenile detention facilities.

Behavioral Health staff and medical staff from Natividad Medical Center will be on site at each facility every day and on-call 24 hours a day in case an emergency response is needed. Youth can request behavioral health and medical services at any time by either verbal or confidential written request.

Due to the reduction in scope for the construction of the new Juvenile Hall occupied in 2020, the facility lacks previously planned high-security housing for youth requiring enhanced security measures, especially long-term. The new scope removed the 30-bed high security housing unit with dedicated classroom, reduced the 30-bed dormitory to 20 beds, and consequently the total facility capacity from 120 to 80 youth. It also

eliminated the building containing a kitchen, dining area, laundry, maintenance shop, storage, and restricted programming space.

Additional Safety Measures and Protections in the Facilities:

Prison Rape Elimination Act: Youth will have access to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) hotline. The Probation Department has a policy in place to investigate all sexually based accusations or complaints as serious, truthful, and time sensitive. PREA investigators include supervisory staff at all levels within the facility. At any time during an investigation, outside law enforcement agencies may be called to conduct a criminal investigation. Victim Advocates will be available should they need to be utilized in any case. All information is considered confidential.

Transgender Youth: Policies are in place to protect transgender and intersex youth. Upon initial entry to any Monterey County facility, youth who identify as transgender participate with staff in completing a Transgender Youth Preference Form which plays a part in helping to determine housing, clothing, and supervision based on their gender identification.

Special Education: In cooperation with the Monterey County Office of Education, youth will have access to continued education and services. Individual Education Plans (IEP) and Education Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are available for those youth who qualify. Schools also work in cooperation with behavioral health providers, medical staff, and Probation to individualize each youth's program to meet their specific needs.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The Department has a position designated as the ADA Coordinator. The Coordinator monitors accommodations for youth requiring additional assistance due to a disability. The Coordinator conducts quality control of the documentation in unit binders, follows up with staff to ensure accommodations are understood and being followed, serves as an ADA liaison with partnering agencies and evaluates ADA training needs for the facility. The ADA Coordinator will ensure youth accommodations are communicated during intake, initial assessment, school, and multidisciplinary team meetings. The ADA Coordinator will work closely with the Monterey County Office of Education to ensure information regarding educational accommodations are received and documented.

Suicide Prevention: Probation is committed to deterring and preventing self-harm and suicide within its facilities. Policies are in place for the identification and supervision of youth identified as high-risk for this behavior. Each youth completes a MAYSI-II questionnaire upon entry into any facility. This risk assessment tool is utilized in determining the youth history, current state of mind, and potential for self-harm or suicidal ideation. Youth deemed to be an immediate risk are immediately assessed by behavioral health to determine program needs and supervisory objectives. Youth may be placed on Suicide Watch or Special Watch depending on their needs. Programs can be changed at any time during their stay with Behavioral Health input and approval.

Youth Grievances: Youth will be able to file a grievance at any time. Each youth will have access to grievances during their program and may keep them inside their room for completion. A confidential grievance box is made available within each housing unit, or youth may give them directly to supervisory staff. Grievances are taken seriously, handled in a timely manner, and at times can develop into policy change when required. All are reviewed by facility administration.

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)):

To facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system, it remains imperative that the Court, justice partners, and community have confidence that the programming, treatment, services, and facilities available will safely and successfully address the target population's rehabilitative needs, while providing necessary community safety.

Probation will continue to operate rehabilitative programs and refer youth to community-based services at the lowest level of intervention possible, to reduce youth recidivism and mitigate the need for the transfer of cases to the Adult Criminal Justice System. The proposals in this plan further support the benefits of keeping youth in the Juvenile Court system. Providing services in their home county allows for quality engagement of the family, establishment of school or work, and ties to community services, resources, and activities. Monterey County believes that youth provided with intensive local services are more likely to be successful in meeting the goals of their rehabilitation plans and successfully reintegrate into the community as productive citizens, thereby reducing recidivism and enhancing safety.

Probation also continues to work with Monterey County's Juvenile Justice System partners to ensure that youth are given opportunities to succeed at the lowest level of intervention possible. Each individual case is assessed and evaluated for referral for prosecution. Before Court recommendations are made to ensure the best practices and services are directed to each individual youth and that incorporation of goals related to youths' court orders into their program to ensure youth are on track to meet achievable goals of being law-abiding and self-sufficient community members.

It is the continued belief of the Probation Department that the realigned youth population will serve any imposed commitment locally unless substantial case factors or facility limitations result in diminished services at the local level.

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)):

Due to the legislative constraints surrounding the creation of suitable facilities and implementation of services, Monterey County continues to assess the impact of the new realigned population within its jurisdiction.

It is not known at this time if other jurisdictions will offer available beds with the appropriate programming for the general or for specialized populations (e.g., sex offenders). Through its participation in the proactive Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) association and its allied organizations, Probation will keep abreast of possible partnerships with other counties for the custody and delivery of services to offenders that Monterey County cannot serve.

Possible Regionally Contracted Specialized Services for Youth:

• **Sex Offender Services:** Probation will be seeking to expand specialized services for sex offenders through Behavioral Health. It remains possible certain sex offenders may require a level of treatment necessitating a regional contract with another County that could provide group-based services with like offenders. Certain youth, depending on their circumstances or specialized needs, may benefit from a non-local custodial

placement capable of serving more youth with similar needs, allowing for the group counseling dynamics needed in sex offender treatment.

• **Programs and Services for Females:** Female youth have historically been committed to current DJJ programs at a very low rate. Therefore, female youth programming may be better suited where additional like-gender youth can program together to avoid isolation or stigmatization. This may be accomplished through a regional contract with another County. If that option becomes available or inappropriate, female youth committed for longer terms in custody may be housed in a separate wing, or along with other females within Juvenile Hall. In either case, there will be an individualized case plan developed specific to the youth that is suitable to both meet the youth's needs and is appropriate for longer-term care. It is prudent to ensure all youth have optimal opportunities to be placed in a program that best suits their needs.

• **Mental Health Services:** Probation will be seeking to expand specialized services for youth with significant mental illness through Behavioral Health. It is also possible certain youth may require a level of treatment necessitating a regional contract with another County who could provide an appropriate level of services with like offenders. Certain youth, depending on their circumstances or specialized needs, may benefit from a non-local custodial placement capable of serving more youth with similar needs, or whose individualized needs exceed the available local service

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)):

Collection of data on the target population will require additional programming of the current case management system for juvenile offenders. At the beginning, as offenders are gradually committed to local custody, data might be collected through manual methods.

Data collection and analysis is an important aspect of any new program. Probation is committed to having accurate and relevant data upon which informed decisions can be made regarding what is working, what is not and where resources should best be applied. A Management Analyst position will be added and assigned to this program to collect and analyze data, an evaluate evidence-based solutions and programs for the realigned youth population. This will allow the Department to ensure reporting accuracy and provide the ability to identify trends that impact services including programs and funding. This system will be further built out to collect data specific to this new population related to demographics and progress, both while in and out of custody, including:

- Demographic information - age, gender, ethnicity, etc.;
- Assessment information – outcomes gleaned from information collected within the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI);
- Periods of Detention – days spent in detention at Juvenile Hall, Youth Center, and the Secure Youth Treatment Facility;
- New Law Violations – adjudications and/or convictions for misdemeanor or felony offenses by realigned youth;
- Treatment Program Referrals – program referrals for service and completion status;
- Treatment Intervention Dosage – number of treatment and program hours completed by the realigned youth population;
- Youth Feedback – utilization of youth surveys in various intervals throughout commitment to a facility;

- Educational Milestones – attainment of high school diploma or post-secondary degrees;
- Employment and Employment Skills Program Participation;
- Housing status and referrals for supportive services in the community, including re-entry to stable housing upon release from long-term detention.

The Probation Department routinely reports information in the JCPSS system, annually through the CPOC annual report and collects monthly statistical reports from Probation Officers. This information is used to direct resources and helps guide decision making for the Department's Management Team. Statistical data will also be gathered on youth housed within the facility to gather demographic information and to monitor and gauge significant incidents which may occur. Categories in which statistics will be compiled include but are not limited to mutual fights, assaults, gang related graffiti/signs/comments/writing, suicide attempts, self-inflicted injuries, PREA incidents, suicides, escapes, and escape attempts.

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)):

Monterey County plans to track a broad range of process and outcomes measures for youth served by this grant, with a particular focus on outcomes related to programs, services, and re-entry. Reports will be developed for this population showing rates of entry to programs, successes, and failures, recidivism rates, services for youth with disabilities and ultimately where resources should be directed to allow youth the best chance to succeed. Measuring the success of those committed to the local realignment program will be a significant indicator of how these youth will adjust upon being released back into the community.

The Department plans to set attainable and measurable goals tied to the youth's rehabilitation case plans and Court orders will be set through the course of their program to gauge case plan goal completion, progress, and to adjust to individual needs during their stay. Case managers will establish attainable goals during assessments to focus youth on successful program completion. Examples of these goals would be high school graduation or equivalency, college course completion, vocational training, certificate attainment, completion of Court-ordered programs and treatment, job training program, enrollment, apprenticeships, and internships.

The Probation Department is actively working to develop a contract for services for an independent review of the programs and services offered to the realigned population for their efficacy.

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.

In addition to the expansion of programming for the realigned youth population that has been secured by the Probation Department and is planned for the future, the following milestones are recognized:

- Monterey County has developed and implemented a Furlough Application Process & Protocol for youth that are approved for promotion to the Advanced Program of SYTF, utilizing the facility Intra-Disciplinary Team for recommendations to Juvenile Court;
- We have expanded our relationship with Hartnell Community College Rising Scholars to offer no-cost post-secondary education for interested youth that includes the use of laptops computers

for homework and asynchronous coursework. Furlough eligible youth take courses on campus and receive support from the Rising Scholars office.

- We have developed volunteer opportunities within the community for furlough eligible youth including the Monterey County Food Bank, SPCA, open space clean up, and other community events to instill positive community impact.

- We have continued to work with community partners to develop programs for SYTF to participate in vocational programs and support services in the community while participating in Advanced Program/Furlough Release Program in facility. Furlough eligible youth have attended barber school, gained employment through our partnership with Rancho Cielo, earned forklift certifications from Toyota, and participated in vocational classes at Hartnell College as part of their release preparations. These programs have allowed youth to gain post-release skills while still maintaining the support of the inter-disciplinary team.

- Youth Center, Laguna Bay Unit - ongoing refurbishment of housing unit as a home-like environment and step-down, less-restrictive setting for the Juvenile Court's consideration that will allow for the realigned population to receive services and programming in a secure setting apart from the general youth population in the commitment program;

- Continued collaboration with the Chief Probation Officers of California to develop best practices and resources for local programs;

- We have utilized our partnership with Sharp Circles to empower youth to become positive role models within the institution. Sharp Circles mentoring program assists the youth in their program with developing peer-led programs to build confidence, learn empathy, and practice patience. Youth mentors identify a program they would like to lead and create a proposal for management. Sharp Circles assists the youth with preparing a pitch that includes budget, item requests, timeframes, and goals. Youth have developed poetry, gardening, painting, and rules orientation programs. Youth also developed a peer mentoring program where newer youth can ask to do check ins.

- We have developed a relationship with the CSUMB Project Rebound team to have credible messengers and current students work on transition plans for youth who are preparing for a four-year degree program. Next, we will begin working with CSUMB, Project Rebound and Rising Scholars to develop a plan for youth who graduate with AA Degrees from Hartnell College and who are not yet eligible to take courses on campus.;

- Since the last plan, the Juvenile Hall has established an outdoor classroom and garden for use by all youth within the Juvenile Hall. The Juvenile Hall collaborated with the Blue Zones Project, local community garden leaders, and the Monterey County Office of Education to procure a green house, raised growing beds, and decomposed granite for accessible pathways. Monterey County Probation maintenance assisted with the creation of a pond. The space is utilized by youth for programs and Children's Behavioral Health for check-ins with youth. In 2024, through our partnership with Homeboy Art Academy, a mural was painted by artist Fabian Deborah with the youth in the Homeboy program.

- Utilization of the California Conservation Corp to enroll interested youth into grant-funded vocational programs across the State of California and the contracted services of the Pine Grove

Youth Conservation Camp as less-restrictive placement options for the Juvenile Court to consider;

- Developed a contract for a no-cost mobile tattoo removal services to be provided to all youth under the Juvenile Court's jurisdiction, including youth within the Secure Youth Treatment Facility at Juvenile Hall.

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

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

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

Please itemize expenditures by each subject area described in Part 4 of the **2025** JJRBG County Plan Template. Total expenditures for FY 2024-25 were $3,477,581

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.
Mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or	$ 633,510	Yes	The expenditures were consistent with the plan for this area as they are composed of the services and staffing for the full continuum of behavioral	The expenditures improved outcomes for the population through providing clinical techniques and approaches including

[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.
trauma-based needs of the target population.			health services provided by the Monterey County Behavioral Health (MCBH) dedicated SYT unit, medical and health services provided by Natividad Hospital and substance use counseling non-profit provider Door to Hope.	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Crisis Intervention with supports and Moral Recognition Therapy. In addition, the MCBH provides integrated intake screening, risk and needs assessments, and treatment services for youth by the dedicated psychologist and psychiatric social worker and program team. These combined efforts improved outcomes for the youth through providing individualized treatment plans, addressing substance use and mental health needs, and teaching youth strategies to manage risk factors in a way that is appropriate,
Support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development and family engagement	$2,423,552	Yes	The expenditures were consistent with the plan for this area as this funding provided mandated facility staff, supplies, services and infrastructure support for the overall program.	The expenditures improved outcomes for the population by ensuring necessary and mandated staffing to run the day-to-day operations of the SYTF, provide transportation and linkage of the youth

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.
for the target population.				to off campus programs, health appointments, employment and academic programs. It allowed for the program to provide on campus support programs, medical and health services, reentry services and continuing education for the population.
Reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing, and continuing education	$ 267,757	Yes	The expenditures were consistent with the plan for this area as they are composed of re-entry services with supports and programming for continued education, housing and employment for the population provided by various non-profits, community-based organizations and partners including Sharp Circle, GEO Interventions & Reentry, and California Youth Outreach,	The expenditures improved outcomes for the population through providing youth ongoing support when discharged to the community, via outreach and mentorship, academic skill preparation, assistance with obtaining housing, benefits and employment.
Evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and	$152,762	Yes	The expenditures were consistent with the plan for this area as they are composed of culturally responsive, trauma	The expenditures improved outcomes for the population through providing programs to youth that promote a

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culturally responsive programs or services			informed and evidence-based services and programs for the population provided by several, non-profits, community-based organizations and partners including Homeboy Industries Art Academy, Success Stories, and Unchained – Canine Teaching Compassion.	positive sense of self, sense of belonging, raise awareness of behaviors through trauma informed and healing orientated approaches.
Services or programs for the target population that are provided by non-governmental or community-based providers	*$ 491,066	Yes	These expenditures and costs are included in the above program areas.	They improve outcomes as noted above and are included to share in this line item to identify the embedded costs included in the above areas specific to services and programs provided by non-governmental and community-based providers.

Addendum - Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

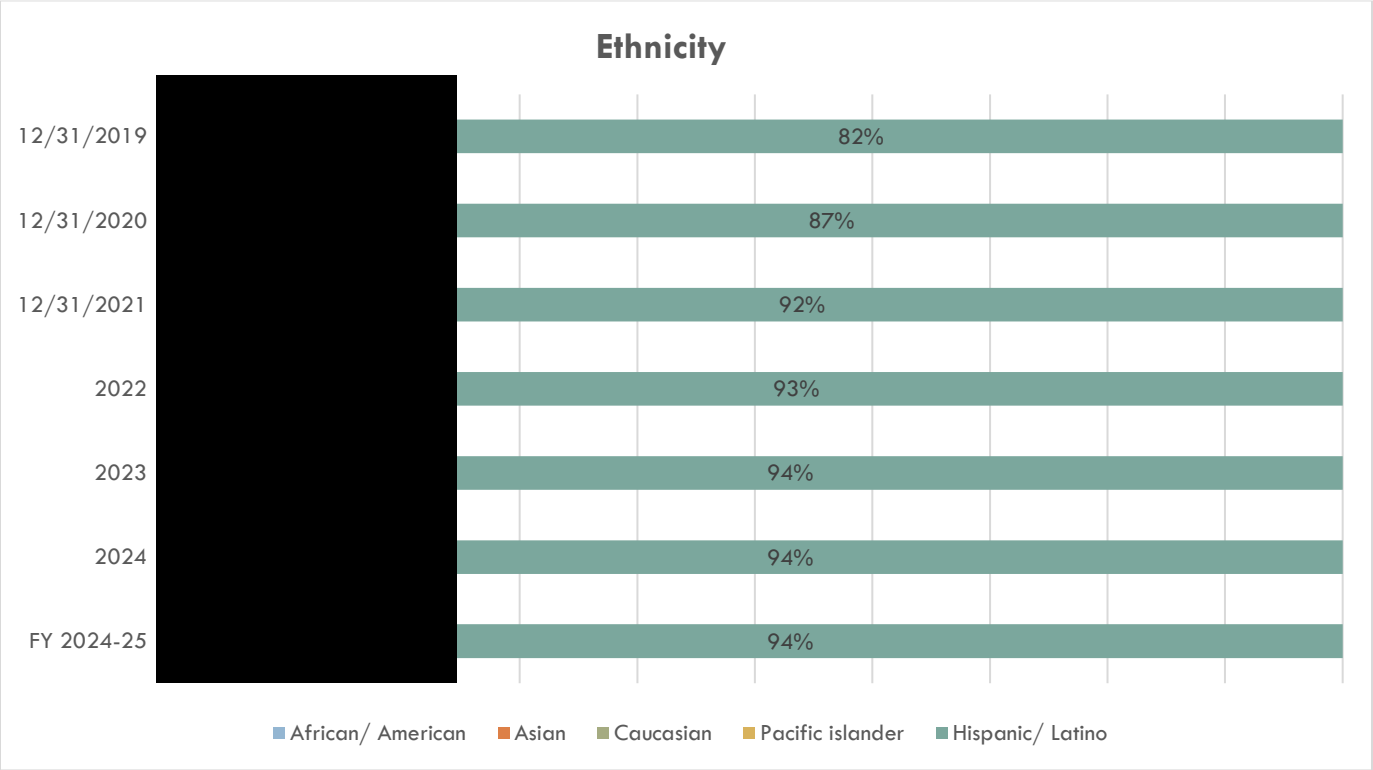
FY 2024-25

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

Prepared 3/12/2026

- *Please provide disaggregated demographic and offense data for all of your youth with 707(b) and/or 290.008 offenses for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (if already available)*

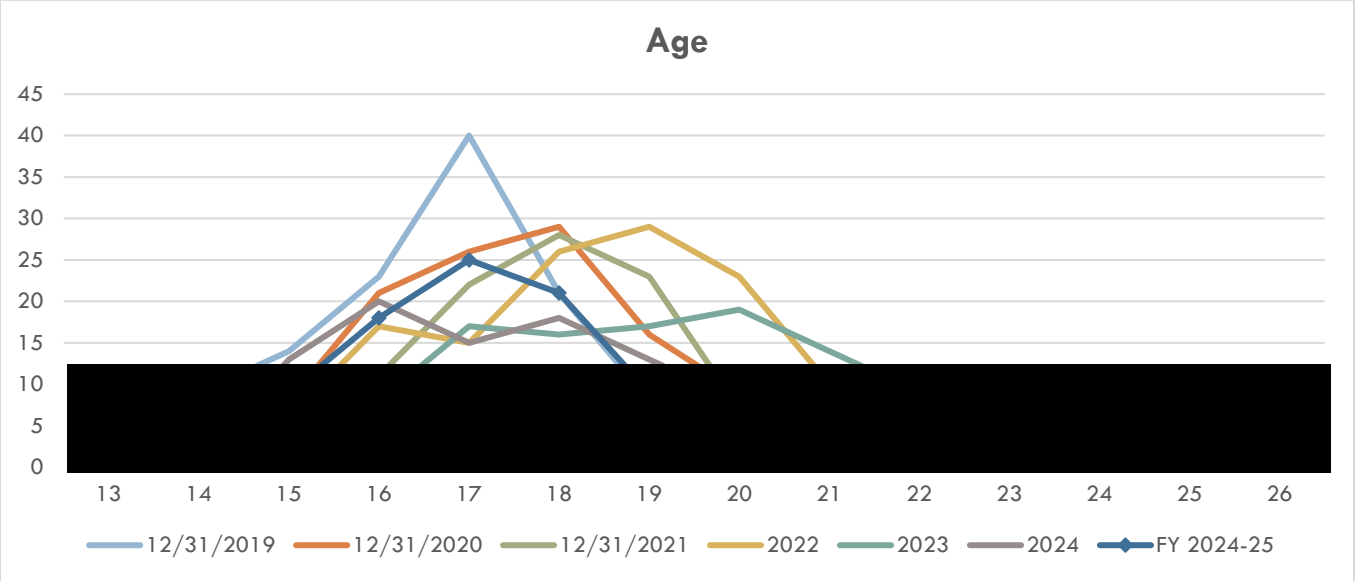
Ethnicity



Ethnicity Detail

Ethnicity	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	2022	2023	2024	FY 2024-25
African/ American							
Asian						0	0
Caucasian							
Pacific islander		0	0	0			
Hispanic/ Latino	112	109					
Total	**137**	**125**	**114**	**131**	**118**	**110**	**107**

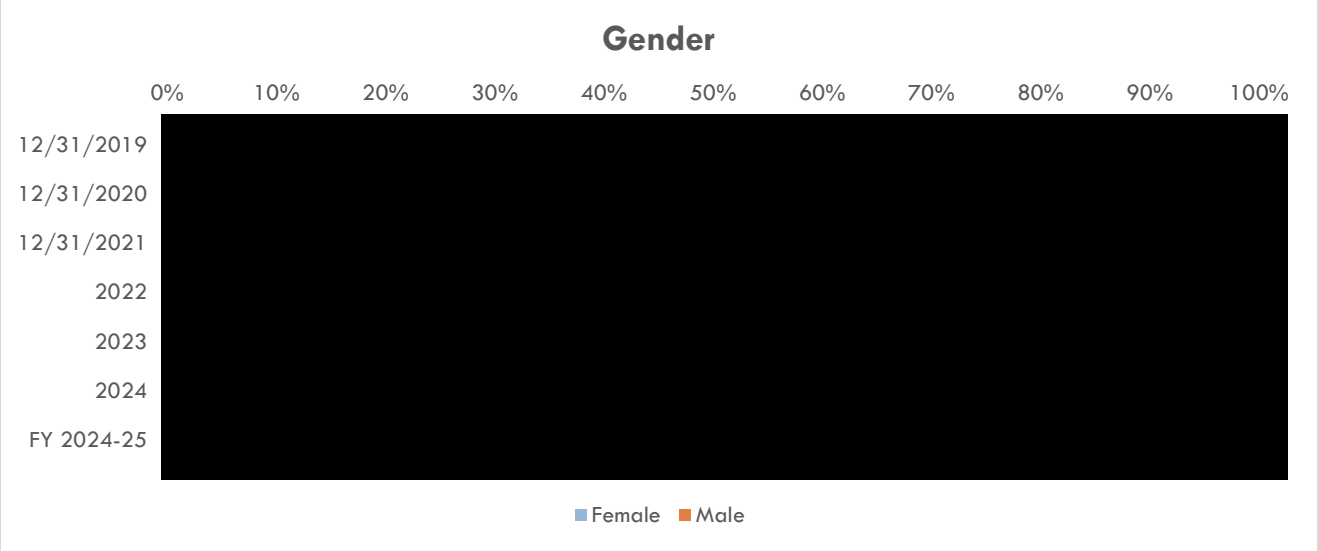
Offenders by Age



AGE DETAIL

Age	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	2022	2023	2024	FY 2024-25
13		0	0	0		0	
14				0			
15	14		12			13	
16	23	21		17		20	18
17	40	26	22	15	17	15	25
18	21	29	28	26	16	18	21
19		16	23	29	17	13	
20				23	19		
21					14		
22							
23	0	0	0				0
24	0	0	0	0			
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	
26		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**137**	**125**	**114**	**131**	**118**	**110**	**107**

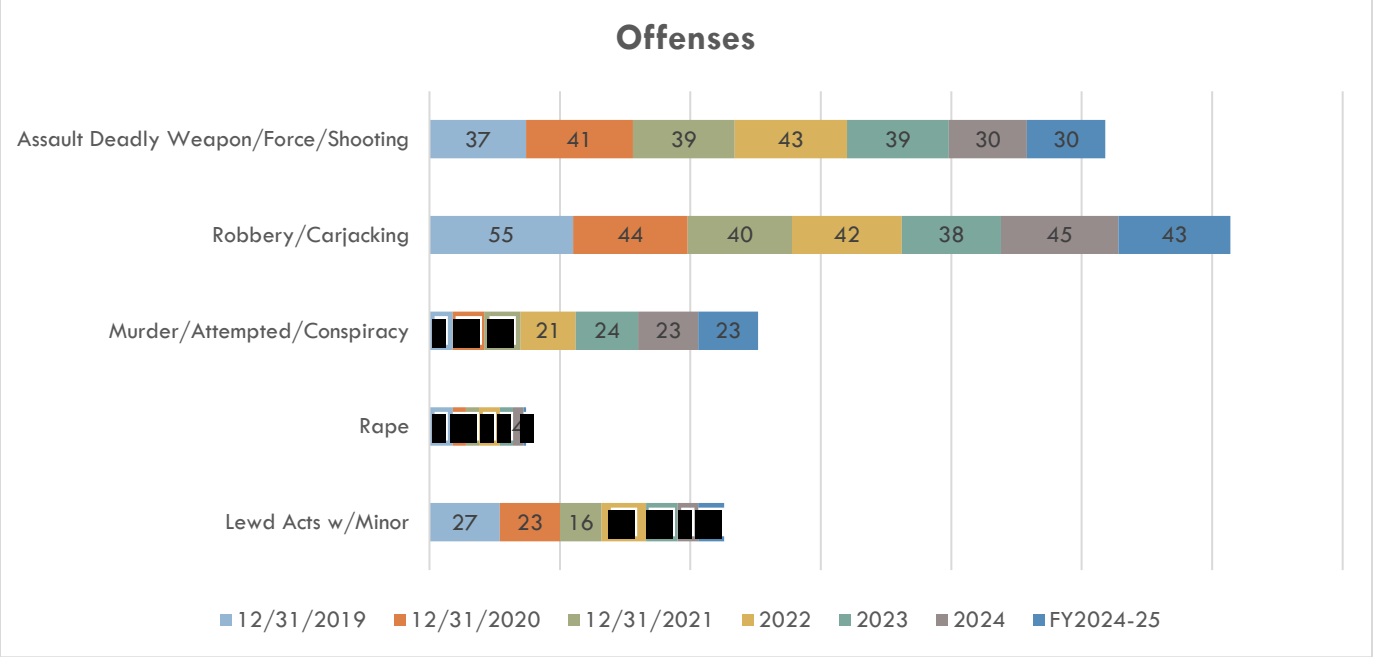
Gender



Gender Details

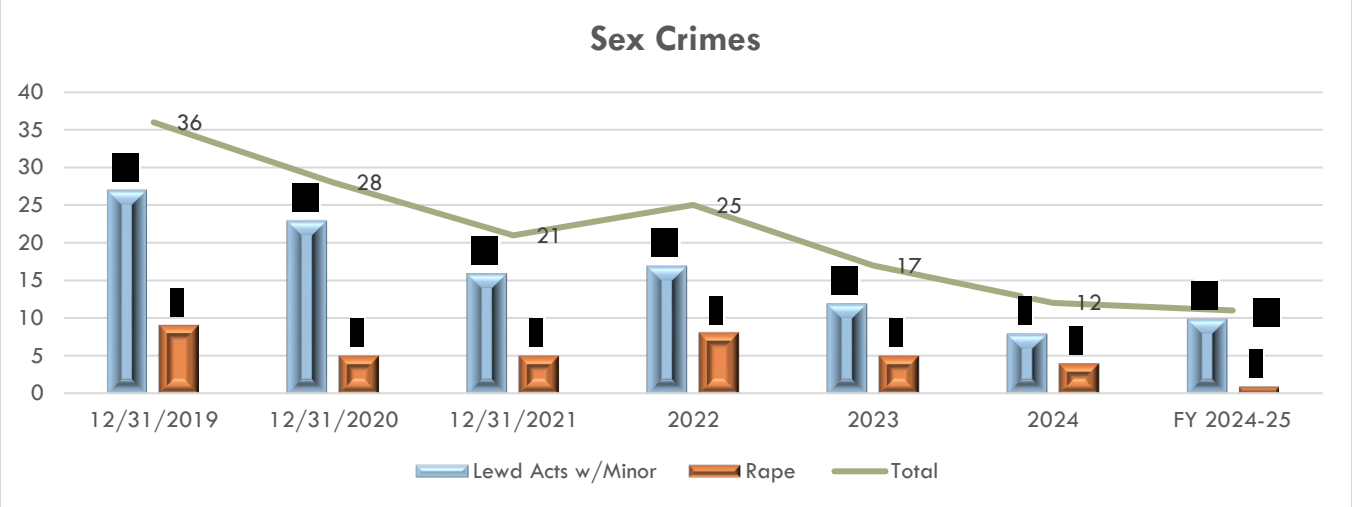
Gender	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	2022	2023	2024	FY 2024-25
Male							
Female							
Total	**137**	**125**	**114**	**131**	**118**	**110**	**107**

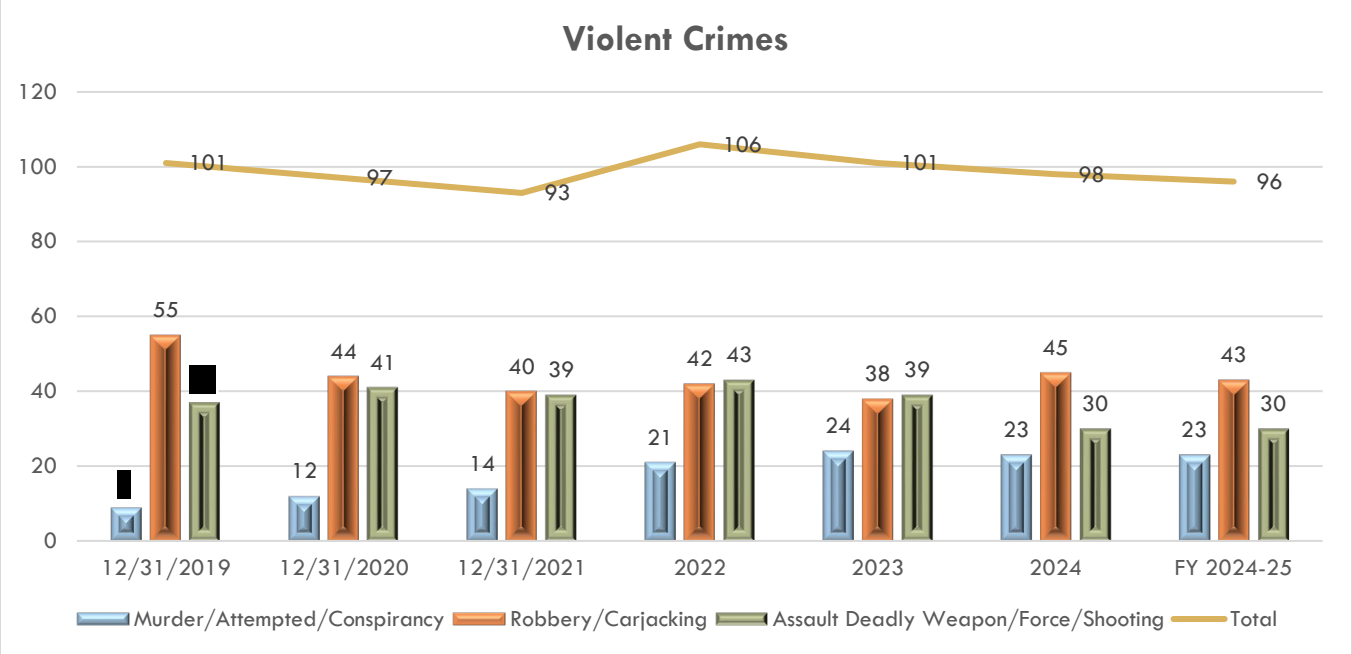
Offenses



Offense Detail

Offense	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	2022	2023	2024	FY 2024-25
Lewd Acts w/Minor	27	23	16	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Rape	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Murder/Attempted/Conspiracy	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	21	24	23	23
Robbery/Carjacking	55	44	40	42	38	45	43
Assault Deadly Weapon/Force/Shooting	37	41	39	43	39	30	30
Total	**137**	**125**	**114**	**131**	**118**	**110**	**107**





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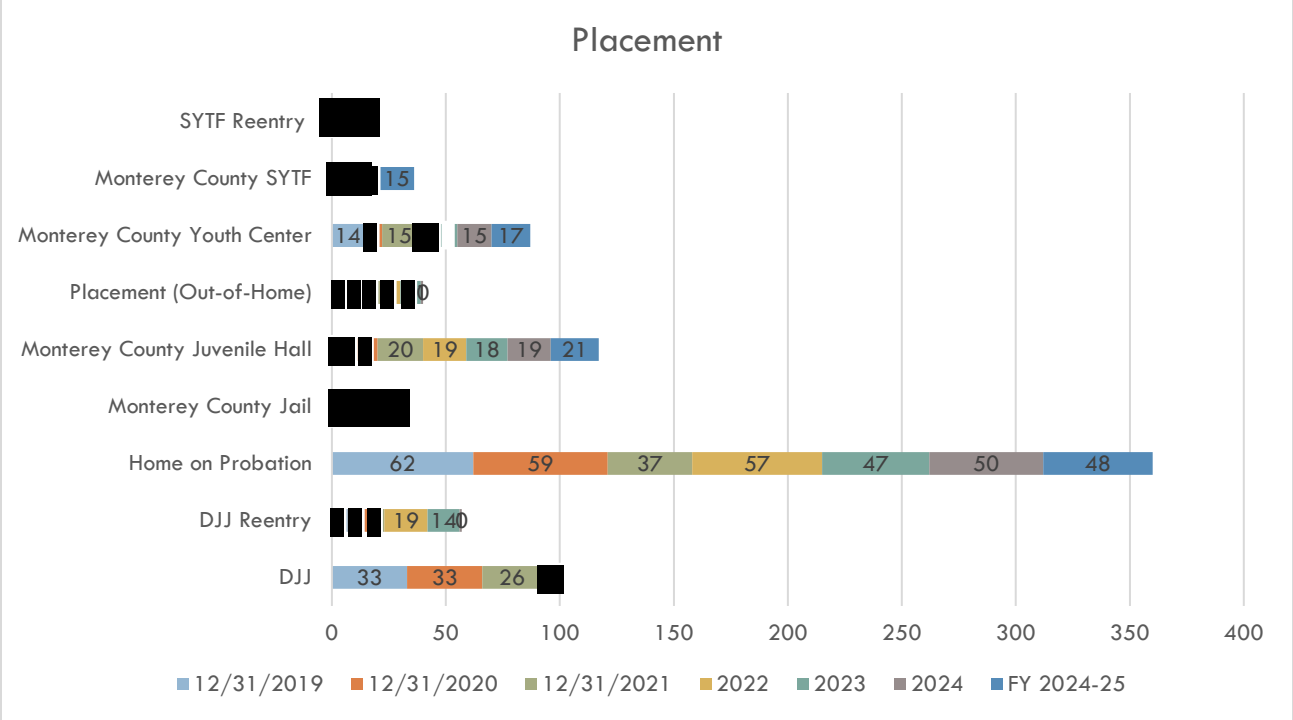

Placement Detail

Placement	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	2022	2023	2024	FY 2024-25
DJJ	33	33	26	[redacted]	0	0	0
DJJ Reentry	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	19	14	[redacted]	0
Home on Probation	62	59	37	57	47	51	48
Monterey County Jail	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Monterey County Juvenile Hall	[redacted]	[redacted]	20	19	18	19	21
Placement (Out-of-Home)	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	0
Monterey County Youth Center	14	[redacted]	15	[redacted]	[redacted]	15	17
Monterey County SYTF	0	0	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	15
SYTF Reentry	0	0	0	0	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Total	**137**	**125**	**114**	**131**	**118**	**110**	**107**

- *Programs that youth participated in during FY 2024-2025*

Program	**# of Youth**
AB 3015 - Drugs and Alcohol	[redacted]
AB3015 - Gang Prevention/Intervention	[redacted]

AB3015 - Mental Health	[redacted]
Aftercare (Youth Center)	[redacted]
Alateen at Juvenile Hall	16
Anger Management	[redacted]
ART (Aggression Replacement Therapy)	17
Bike Safety and Repair	[redacted]
CALA (Collaborative Action Linking Adolescents)	[redacted]
Children's Behavioral Health - Drugs and Alcohol	[redacted]
Children's Behavioral Health - Mental Health	[redacted]
Community Service	[redacted]
CYO (California Youth Outreach) - Family Preservation	[redacted]
CYO (California Youth Outreach) - Gang Prevention	20
DAISY Program	[redacted]
Forward Thinking - Handling Difficult Feelings	14
Forward Thinking - Individual Change Plan	17
Forward Thinking - Relationships and Communication	14
Forward Thinking - Responsible Behavior	19
Forward Thinking - Substance Using Behavior	[redacted]
Forward Thinking - Victim Awareness	[redacted]
Forward Thinking - What Got me Here?	16
Forward Thinking- Reentry Planning	[redacted]
Guitars Not Guns	[redacted]
Hartnell Rising Scholars College Course	29
Hidden Hills Animal Therapy	32
Horticulture - Educational	[redacted]
Horticulture - Employment Vocational	[redacted]
ICT - Door to Hope	47
Informed Supervision	[redacted]
Introduction to Media Creation	[redacted]
JSORT (Juvenile Sex Offender Response Team)	[redacted]
Kitchen Fundamentals	[redacted]
Life Skills	43
Making Proud Choices - Sex Education	12
Mindfulness and Mediation	17
OM with the Therapist	[redacted]
Parent Project	[redacted]
Paternity Education	12
PEP (Prison Education Program)	34
Planned Parenthood	[redacted]
Rancho Cielo Drummond Culinary Academy	[redacted]
Rancho Cielo Vocational Center (Which encompasses Construction, Welding, Auto Diesel, Ag/ Tech)	[redacted]
Rancho Cielo Youth Corps AB-109	[redacted]
Robotics	[redacted]
Seaside Youth Resource Center	[redacted]
Seven Challenges	[redacted]

Sharp Circle	[redacted]
Silver Star Youth Program at Rancho Cielo	[redacted]
Strengthening Families	22
Success Stories	24
Sun Street Center	[redacted]
Sun Street Outpatient	[redacted]
Title 15 - Anger Management	[redacted]
Title 15 - Art/Creative Writing/Expression	76
Title 15 - Career/Leadership Opportunities	32
Title 15 - Cognitive Behavior Intervention	60
Title 15 - Conflict Resolution	[redacted]
Title 15 - Gender Specific Programming	[redacted]
Title 15 - Healing Informed Approaches	14
Title 15 - Interventions by Credible Messengers	69
Title 15 - Juvenile Justice System	[redacted]
Title 15 - Management of Stress and Trauma	46
Title 15 - Parenting Skills/Support	19
Title 15 - Restorative Justice/Civic Engagement	38
Title 15 - Self Improvement	74
Title 15 - Tolerance and Diversity	52
Title 15 - Trauma-Related Intervention	22
Title 15 - Victim Awareness	39
UnChained	[redacted]
Valley Health Associates	[redacted]
Victim Impact Class	[redacted]
WDB (Workforce Development Board	12
Wraparound	[redacted]
YATV (Youth Alternatives to Violence)	[redacted]
Youth Center	18
Youth Mentoring	[redacted]
Youthful Offender Program	[redacted]