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JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL PLAN

Main contact for plan

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Background and Instructions:

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 1990 through 1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) program, which supports county-based care, custody, and supervision of youth who were previously eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) prior to its closure. Section 1995, which governs the county planning process, was amended by Assembly Bill 118 (Chapter 96, Statutes of 2025). This template reflects those amendments, which take effect January 1, 2026. All statutory references in this document are to the law as amended. The statutory language can be found here.

To be eligible for funding allocations associated with this grant program, counties shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(a).) OYCR may request revisions as necessary or request completion of the required statutory elements in the plan prior to final acceptance of the plan. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995 (f).) Plans and the date of their acceptance will be posted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(g).)

There are ten sections to the plan:

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Part 1: Subcommittee Composition and process (Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 1995 (b) and (c))

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Describe the process used to determine whether to select a co-chair for your subcommittee (Welf. & Inst. Code § 1995(b)):
On 01/23/24, the Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee (Subcommittee) reviewed the changes to Welfare and Institutions Code § 1995 pursuant to Assembly Bill 505. The co-chair was on the formal agenda for the Subcommittee to review and discuss. The Subcommittee collectively considered its ability to make a motion for the nomination of a co-chair to be put forward for a vote. The Subcommittee elected not to add a co-chair at this time. Amendments to the local bylaws adding provisions pursuant to Assembly Bill 505 were approved by the Subcommittee on 1/23/24 and the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) on 2/27/24.

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

Meeting Date 1: 02/24/2026 Meeting Date 2: 04/14/2026

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable:

N/A

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

04/14/2026

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

At the meeting of the subcommittee on 02/24/2026, the current realigned population demographics within the county were reviewed along with the funded plan components. Additionally, subcommittee members had opportunity to provide input and feedback on the plan. The subcommittee reviewed the plan in its entirety and formally approved the plan as written by majority vote on 04/14/2026.

In late 2025, the Probation Department Program Manager and Juvenile Services Division Chief Deputy Officer facilitated two focus groups. Participation was voluntary and the youth were provided with an incentive for participation. The feedback provided in the focus groups, both previous and current, helps to inform the plan.

During the focus groups, youth were asked the following questions:

- What programs would you like to see added to the facility?
- What would you like to see more of in the facility?
- What do you like that is going on in the facility?
- What has been helpful for your transition back into the community?
- What can Probation do to increase your success in the community?

Findings indicated that, while school services are working well, and most of the youth feel successful and supported, they would like to see a wider range of career technical education opportunities and more engaging school related activities. The youth in the focus groups said they enjoyed the various outings; however, they would like to have more outings that involve extracurricular activities such as bowling and miniature golf, activities that allow them to have fun and be kids. The youth agreed they have access to the services they need to be successful while in the facility and integrating back into the community. Participating youth said staff treat them with respect, and they are recognized for positive behavior.

Participating youth indicated that assistance with employment and housing is needed when preparing for re-entry. They indicated more information on financial literacy would be helpful. Youth mentioned that services provided in the Independent Living Program were helpful. Youth also said having a mentor when transitioning back into the community would be helpful. When asked what might be needed for youth who were system involved but not yet in a secure detention program, they suggested having someone with lived experience (specifically incarceration) to talk to them about the consequences of further delinquent behavior and how they overcame the stigma associated with being involved in the justice system.

Findings from the focus groups were shared and discussed with the Subcommittee during subsequent meetings.

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))

San Luis Obispo County's realignment target population includes wards of the court whose most recent sustained offense is a serious violent felony, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) or Section 290.008 of the Penal Code (PC) committed at fourteen (14) years of age or older, that would have previously made the ward eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice.

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

The initial identified target population in San Luis Obispo County was estimated to be [redacted] youth. As of February 1, 2026, San Luis Obispo County has [redacted] youth who meet the realignment target population definition as described above. All [redacted] of those youth are cisgender males which includes [redacted] age 17, [redacted] age 18, [redacted] age 19, and [redacted] age 20. Racial demographics include [redacted] youth identified as White, and [redacted] as Hispanic. Their WIC 707(b) offense history includes robbery ([redacted] assault with great bodily injury ([redacted] lewd act with a child under age 14 with force ([redacted] oral copulation with person 14+ by force ([redacted] shooting at an inhabited dwelling/vehicle ([redacted]

While the current youth who meet the identified target population criteria are all cisgender male, this is a dynamic target population and therefore the needs of all youth, inclusive of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression (SOGIE) were considered in the drafting of this plan. Furthermore, while the total current target population is [redacted] youth, not all of these youth need "DJJ like" replacement programming in a custodial setting for an extended period. Secure Track commitments are reserved for those youth with intensive treatment needs who may require other rehabilitative services in a secure facility. Baseline term to this track will be dependent on the category and range of the adjudicated 707(b) offense as well as the criteria enumerated in Rule of Court 5.806 in conjunction with the assessed criminogenic risk and needs of the youth. County-operated secure facilities, configured, and programmed to serve these youth, are designated as Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs). These SYTFs could be stand-alone facilities or a unit or portion of an existing county juvenile facility, including a juvenile hall or camp.

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

[redacted] of the [redacted] youth were committed to the Secure Track. Of those, [redacted] ([redacted] youth stepped down to a Less Restrictive Program (LRP) and then transitioned to supervision in the community, [redacted] ([redacted] youth has stepped down to an LRP and is currently residing there and [redacted] ([redacted] remains in custody at the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Hall in the SYTF program. [redacted] youth was committed to Coastal Valley Academy (CVA), the county camp commitment program which serves as an alternative to congregate care for juvenile justice involved youth with intensive treatment needs in a secure setting. That youth completed the in-custody portion of the program and is now on supervision in the community. [redacted] youth is currently placed in a Sex Offender specific Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) to address his acute risk and needs. [redacted] youth have remained at home and in the community under the supervision of the Department.

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)):

Programs, placements, and facilities available to the identified target population prior to the enactment of Senate Bill (SB) 823 included the full continuum available to juvenile justice involved youth in San Luis Obispo County described in greater detail in the "San Luis Obispo County JJCPA and YOBG FY 2026-27 Consolidated Annual Plan". These programs and services continue to be available to the target population, in addition to supplemental programming identified later in this plan. Some highlights of this currently available service continuum include the following:

- Restorative justice intervention through the Restorative Dialogue Program
- Employment development and vocational educational services through the Department of Rehabilitation, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, Ekerd Connects Workforce Development and America's Job Center of California and other Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Parenting education and support through a variety of CBOs
- Coordinated multi-agency intervention and support through the Services Affirming Family Empowerment System of Care (SAFE-SOC) with teams located regionally in the county

- Forward Thinking Journaling, evidence informed cognitive behavioral interactive journaling series delivered individually or in a group setting

- Child and Family Team (CFT) practices across youth and family serving agencies such as the Probation Department (Probation), County Behavioral Health (Behavioral Health) and the Department of Social Services (DSS)

- Mental health services ranging from regionally located clinic-based, school-based, in-home, and custodial-based options at varying levels of intensity including Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), In-Home Behavioral Services (IHBS) and Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)

- Drug and alcohol services at Juvenile Hall, regionally located clinics as well as numerous school sites

- Intensive in-home, team-based supportive services such as the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) and Wraparound Services

- Mentorship and educational advocacy through the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program

- Residential placement options through all levels of foster care programming for eligible youth

- Independent Living Program (ILP) services

- New Freedom/New Phoenix Anti-Gang Curriculum- curriculum focused on gang behavior with options for a 32-hour and 100-hour program.

- Rising Scholar - San Luis Obispo County Community College District provides college level educational counseling, enrollment, college coursework, and transitional education/vocational planning to youth.

- Sound Heal - a 4X4ft heal pod that offers Multi-Sensory Stimulation Therapy proven to provide positive outcomes such as reduced stressors, coping skills, increased engagement, and reduced triggers.

- Neurofeedback – an innovative, evidence-informed brain training approach that helps youth strengthen self-regulation and emotional stability.

- Camp commitment in the Coastal Valley Academy, a county run alternative to congregate foster care for juvenile justice involved youth who need intensive treatment in a secure setting

- Detention or commitment in the Juvenile Hall, where youth receive secure and safe housing with education, mental health, and medical services along with volunteer led pro-social activities

This plan intends to make the full continuum of current juvenile justice services available to the target population, while also expanding on some of these services and creating new programming in other areas. Due to the relatively small size and dynamic needs of the target population, general agreements of the Subcommittee included developing services that had the potential to reach more than just the target population as well as reserving some realignment funding for specialized services and placement needs as they arise.

As referenced in Part 2 of this plan, the target population is the total population of wards of the court with an adjudication for an eligible felony offense, committed when the ward was 14 years of age or older. This would have previously made them eligible for commitment to the state DJJ. Not all DJJ eligible youth were previously committed to the DJJ. In many cases, the safety and protection of the public, considerations of victims and the best interests of the youth can be served with less restrictive interventions that better meet the rehabilitative

goals of the Juvenile Justice Court. Therefore, for the purposes of this plan, the target population can be further broken down into a smaller subcategory of youth designated as “Secure Track” youth. Secure Track youth are those youth who present with such high-level community safety risk and rehabilitative needs that intensive treatment and rehabilitative services are required in a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) for more than one (1) year.

It is important to note that Senate Bill (SB) 823 changed the maximum age of juvenile court jurisdiction for some target population youth. Previously, only youth who were committed to the DJJ had their maximum age of juvenile court jurisdiction extended to age 23 or 25. Changes enacted with SB 823 extend the age of jurisdiction for the entire target population, regardless of whether they become Secure Track youth, to the ages of 23 or 25, depending on the nature of their adjudicated charges. By adding Section 208.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), SB 823 also provided additional restrictions on housing wards of the juvenile court in adult facilities, regardless of age. Wards 19 years of age or older cannot be detained in an adult facility without a hearing. The presumption at that hearing is that the ward will be retained in a juvenile facility. Wards serving a commitment in a juvenile facility cannot have that commitment transferred to an adult facility, regardless of age. For the purposes of this plan, that means there is the potential for more youth between the ages of 21-25 requiring services in the local juvenile justice continuum, up to and including juvenile detention services.

San Luis Obispo County is addressing the needs of the realignment target population, including Secure Track youth, with a program called Pursuing, Health, Occupation, Education, New Skills, Independence, and X-Factor (PHOENIX) program previously named Seeking Opportunity and Achieving Reentry (SOAR). The program focuses on preparing youth for successful reintegration into their communities by addressing their comprehensive needs including health, education, vocational readiness, life skills and personal growth. The program allows flexibility to meet each youth’s unique needs from family support and substance abuse counseling to mentorship and social skill development. Through a combination of therapeutic services, academic support, career exploration, and individualized care, the program provides youth with the tools they need to pursue positive futures beyond the justice system

PHOENIX program components are described below, followed by further detailed information regarding the identified facilities, programs, placements, services, and service providers, supervision, and other responses, available to all target population youth.

Core Components of PHOENIX program:

Assessment

- Target population youth are assessed for criminogenic risk (likelihood of re-offense based on individualized factors that make a person more likely to commit a crime) using the Youth Level of Service – Case Management Inventory (YLS-CMI), a risk/needs assessment designed specifically for adolescents, and other assessment tools as indicated by individual case/offense circumstances. For instance, youth with qualifying sexual offenses are assessed with Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Tools as appropriate for the age and gender of the youth as part of a court ordered psychological evaluation.

- Probation recommends a court ordered psychological evaluation be conducted on target population youth prior to disposition on their qualifying offense.

- Probation completes a Texas Christian University Criminal Thinking Scale (TCU-CTS) assessment with target population youth within 60 days of the disposition hearing on their qualifying offense and annually

thereafter. The TCU-CTS tool is designed to assess changes in criminal thinking over time as a result of interventions, services and support.

- Behavioral Health staff complete a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment on all Secure Track youth at the outset of their commitment and designated intervals thereafter while the youth remain in the facility. The CANS assessment is a comprehensive trauma-informed behavioral health evaluation and communication tool used to aid in identifying placement and treatment needs and inform case planning decisions. In addition, youth with a history of substance use are assessed by a Drug and Alcohol Specialist for substance use disorder using the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) tools to determine the need for and appropriate level of treatment.

Collaboration:

- Probation establishes a Child and Family Team (CFT) process as soon as possible following adjudication on a qualifying offense but no later than 30 days after the disposition hearing. A CFT is a group of individuals that includes the youth, family members, professionals, natural community support, and other individuals identified by the family who are invested in the youth and family's success and who hold regular meetings to support the youth and family.

- Probation holds CFT meetings for target population youth no less frequently than every 90 days.

- Probation presents the youth's case at a multidisciplinary team meeting of the Multi-Agency Reentry Team (MART) within 30 days of the date of the disposition hearing on the qualifying offense.

- For Secure Track youth, Probation presents the youth's case again at a MART meeting at least 30 days prior to any planned discharge hearing to gather input from the team for case planning purposes as well as release considerations.

- The MART consists of representatives from Probation, Behavioral Health, Department of Social Services, and San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (SLOCOE). Others are invited on a case-by-case basis, including local treatment providers.

Education:

- Juvenile Court School: The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education provides an onsite dual-credentialed comprehensive education program that Provides youth with a safe structured, and challenging educational environment.

- Career Technical Education (CTE) provides youth with real world skills that make them career and college ready.

- Rising Scholar program through Cuesta College is a college campus support program that focuses on system impacted youth by equipping them with the tools they need to achieve their highest potential through higher education.

- Post-Secondary Classified Coordinator assists youth with the college admission process, filling out the FAFSA, completing standardized testing, classroom support, workplace readiness skills training, and transitioning to college or vocational programs.

Case Planning:

- Probation completes an Individualized Case Plan for non-Secure Track target population youth, within 30 days of the disposition hearing on the qualifying offense or as required by Division 31 for foster youth.
- For Secure Track youth, Probation completes an Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) with input from the MART, within 30 days of disposition hearing on the qualifying offense.
- For Secure Track youth, Probation submits a copy of the IRP to the court within 30 judicial days.
- For Secure Track youth, Probation creates a Reentry IRP prior to any discharge hearing where release is recommended and reviewed by the MART and submits the Reentry IRP to the court prior to the hearing.

Court Review:

- Probation recommends court progress review hearings for all target population youth at intervals no less frequently than once every six (6) months.
- Probation provides reports to the court prior to all progress review hearings including recommendations regarding reductions in the baseline term of confinement and transition to less restrictive programs.
- For Secure Track youth, Probation provides a report to the court that includes input from the MART, prior to any discharge hearing.

Facilities:

Target population youth are served in the two existing custodial facilities in the County, Juvenile Hall and the Coastal Valley Academy. For Secure Track youth, both facilities are designated Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs). For those Secure Track youth whose needs cannot be met locally, the County will explore SYTF options in other counties as needed.

- Juvenile Hall - The San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Juvenile Hall is 30-bed detention facility, consisting of an intake/admissions area, visitation area, two (2) living units, a medical office and exam room, a mental health counseling room, a fully accredited school with two (2) separate classrooms, a gymnasium and two outdoor recreation areas. Public Health provides medical staffing which includes a nurse or nurse practitioner on duty 15.5 hours a day. Behavioral Health provides mental health clinicians for assessment, crisis intervention, and group counseling, while youth also have access to a psychiatrist for psychotropic medication services on a weekly basis as needed. The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (SLOCOE) runs and staffs the Juvenile Court School, which includes dually (general education and special education) credentialed teachers, and Behavior Intervention Services Specialists. High School graduates have access to college courses through Cuesta College, a local community college with campuses in San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. All youth have access to SLOCOE funded “Learn to Earn” electronic tablets, which provide educational learning modules in combination with recreational modules in an incentivized manner. Career Technical Education (CTE) is provided through SLOCOE via Paxton/Patterson Labs as an introductory and exploratory learning experience in a variety of fields. Lab carts are mobile and can be moved to any school site depending on student interest. Examples of the labs include plumbing skills, electrical skills, and home maintenance fundamentals. A SLOCOE school psychologist works with youth who have Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or 504 Plans. The Subcommittee has supported the use of realignment funds for a full-time Program Manager through Restorative Partners, a local non-profit who provides comprehensive volunteer services that include pro-social and skill building activities highlighted by programming including tutoring, religious services, art, creative writing, sports programming, bible study, meditation, Alcoholics Anonymous, chess club, book club, guitar lessons and the Anti-Violence Program.

- Coastal Valley Academy (CVA) - This camp commitment program provides an in-county alternative to group homes/Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) for juvenile justice involved youth who need intensive treatment in a more secure probation setting. The CVA is co-located with the Juvenile Hall in the Juvenile Services Center complex. The CVA shares some facilities and services with the Juvenile Hall, including the gymnasium, medical services, and volunteer programming; however, it has two separate 15-bed living units as well as a classroom, recreational area, and garden. The CVA is a collaboration between Probation, Behavioral Health, SLOCOE and the Family Care Network, Inc. (FCNI), a local CBO. The CVA includes educational, recreational, and case management services combined with trauma informed individual and family therapy, a cognitive-behavioral, evidence-based youthful offender curriculum developed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute called Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions – Core Youth (CBI-CY) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Youth participate in regular community outings including a twice a week "Run Club" traversing local trails, local fun runs and half marathons, volunteer at community events and annual Independent Living Program College and Awards Nights. The goal of the program is to safely return youth to the community after reducing their risk of future delinquent behavior by improving their reasoning and avoidance skills and providing them with pro-social replacement skills.

- Combined Use of Programs - Having both Juvenile Hall and the CVA as part of the same physical complex allows flexibility of programming across both. For instance, if a Secure Track youth starts out in the Juvenile Hall but is later determined appropriate for a less restrictive program, transition to the CVA is easily facilitated. The close proximity also allows for specific programming from one facility, for instance the CBI-CY curriculum used in CVA, to be utilized at the other facility as appropriate based on the individual needs of the youth.

- Out-of-county Secure Youth Treatment Facilities - The Subcommittee continues to support some realignment grant funds being reserved for Specialized Placement each year as described later in this plan.

Programs:

The Probation Department facilitates or utilizes a variety of programs that will be available to target population youth. Some key programming is described below.

- Restorative Dialogue Program - Probation contracts with a local non-profit, Restorative Partners, to provide restorative justice programming including Restorative Conferences with victims, Parent Teen Mediation, Youth Conflict Mediation and Re-Entry Circles. This program is available to target population youth in the facilities or the community.

- Forward Thinking Journaling (FTJ) - FTJ is an interactive journaling series that uses evidence informed practices by incorporating content from cognitive behavioral therapy and using Motivational Interviewing techniques to provide interventions for youth based on their most common areas of criminogenic need. Juvenile probation officers and FCNI Case Managers are trained to deliver this programming and therefore it is available to target population youth both in the facilities and the community.

- Financial Literacy Journal teaches youth strategies to help prepare to meet their financial goals in reentry. The journal covers financial pitfalls, checking, savings, credit, loans, creating a budget, accessing resources, understanding insurance, and thriving with money.

- University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions Comprehensive Curriculum/Substance Abuse Youth Version (UCCI-CBI-CC/SA) - Designated juvenile probation officers and FCNI case managers are trained to facilitate this previously mentioned curriculum in the CVA. This is extended to Secure Track youth in Juvenile Hall on a case-by-case basis.

- New Freedom/New Phoenix Anti-Gang Curriculum - curriculum focused on gang behavior with options for a 32-hour and 100-hour program. Probation staff are trained to deliver the program curriculum with the youth in the target population on a one-on-one basis.

- Rising Scholar - San Luis Obispo County Community College District provides college level educational counseling, enrollment, college coursework, and transitional education/vocational planning to youth. College courses are provided at the Juvenile Service Center (JSC) and online. Services such as college orientation, introduction to college and career pathways, career assessment inventory, assistance with enrollment, retention and tutoring support, and transition services and support are provided at JSC.

- Sound Heal - a 4X4ft heal pod that offers Multi-Sensory Stimulation Therapy proven to provide positive outcomes such as reduced stressors, coping skills, increased engagement, and reduced triggers. The heal pod includes sound, music, and vibrations to help induce and promote meditation. It works alongside existing mental health and/or substance use treatment services.

- Neurofeedback – an innovative, evidence-informed, brain training approach that helps youth strengthen self-regulation and emotional stability. Neurofeedback can be a transformative tool that addresses one of the most critical barriers to successful reintegration, difficulty managing stress, impulse control, and emotional responses rooted in trauma and chronic instability. Many justice-involved youth carry the effects of adverse childhood experiences, substance use, and disrupted attachment, which can compromise their ability to self-regulate while appropriately engaging in school, employment, and their community. Neurofeedback helps calm the nervous system by training the brain's slow cortical potentials, improving its capacity to self-regulate. With improved regulation, youth are more prepared to participate in education, vocational training, therapy, and community programs. By improving mood regulation, attention, and stress tolerance, neurofeedback supports youth in building the internal capacity needed to reintegrate successfully, sustain healthy relationships, and pursue long-term personal and social goals. Youth who've participated in consistent sessions of neurofeedback often report better sleep, reduced anxiety and irritability, greater focus, and improved mood stability. When incorporated into a comprehensive reentry program, neurofeedback serves as a foundational tool that enhances the effectiveness of counseling and skill-building services. It supports youth in being more emotionally available, resilient, and able to make positive choices.

Placements:

Some potential placement options for target population youth are described below.

- Foster Care - Target population youth who are also under foster care placement orders have access to traditional foster care placement options including Resource Family Approval (RFA) homes, Foster Family Agency (FFA) homes, Transitional Housing, Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) and Supervised Independent Living Programs (SILPs).

- Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP+) Program - County partners have agreed to allow access to this placement option to target population youth on a case-by-case basis under a "special exceptions" category when there are no other stable housing options available to youth and the youth meet suitability criteria guidelines. This is a key resource for target population youth as some will be over the age of 18 and therefore not eligible for some traditional youth placement options.

- Supportive Housing - The Subcommittee continues to support some of the realignment grant funds being reserved for Supportive Housing as detailed later in this plan.

- Specialized Foster Home for High Needs Probation Youth – Probation has contracted with FCNI for the provision of a Wraparound Therapeutic Parent Foster Home for justice involved foster youth. This home utilizes a specially trained and well-resourced full-time foster parent. The concept for this home began to address a gap identified prior to the current Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) System Improvement Plan (SIP) cycle and is a strategy within that plan. This home is a key resource for foster care eligible target population youth who are often difficult to find foster homes for due to the severity of their adjudicated charges and specialized needs.

Services and Service Providers:

Probation collaborates with numerous county and community-based providers to access services for youth involved with the juvenile justice system. An overview of many of these services are provided in Part 2 of this plan. Some services of specific significance to target population youth are further described below.

- Wraparound Services – In partnership with Behavioral Health, Probation, the Department of Social Services (DSS), FCNI and Seneca Family of Agencies, provides 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 in-home support, individual and family counseling and Family Partners.

- Full-Service Partnership (FSP) and Transitional Aged Youth Full-Service Partnership (TAY-FSP) - Behavioral Health provides for intensive community and home-based mental health services to youth, transitional aged youth (16-25 years old) and their families through a collaboration with the FCNI. TAY-FSP is of special significance for target population youth as these youth are more likely to be over the age of 18 and not eligible for other intensive youth and family services such as Wraparound.

- Drug and Alcohol Services - Behavioral Health's Prevention and Outreach and Drug and Alcohol divisions provide a continuum of substance abuse treatment and education services to youth and families in the community, including intensive treatment with drug testing as well as co-occurring treatment. Target population youth have access to these services in the community and in the facilities as Probation has contracted for a full-time specialist to provide assessment and treatment for Juvenile Hall, CVA or SYTF youth.

- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - Mentorship and educational advocacy are available to juvenile justice involved youth through CASA of San Luis Obispo County. CASA educational advocacy is accessible to all target population youth with this specific need and CASA Mentors are available to those who have been or are currently under a foster care order.

- Mentoring - Currently, access to mentors is very limited for juvenile justice involved youth. Typically, only foster youth and youth involved in Wraparound Services have access to mentors. The Subcommittee has recommended that some of the realignment grant funds be used to establish and maintain additional mentoring capacity for justice-involved youth, including target population youth, as detailed later in this plan. Through Restorative Partners an established Program Manager with lived justice involvement works directly with the youth. The Program Manager's workspace is located within the facility where they are able to interact daily with all youth.

- Independent Living Program (ILP) Services - The County contracts with FCNI to provide ILP services to eligible foster youth. With the support of the Subcommittee and with the agreement of the involved county

agencies, Probation has funded ILP services for target population youth both in the community and in the facilities. These services include ILP assessment, case management and seminars. This is an important resource for target population youth, especially those on the Secure Track, as they are likely to be transitioning to adulthood during their experience in the juvenile justice system and will need dedicated services to assist in that transition.

- Employment Development and Vocational Educational Services - Target population youth with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) or a qualifying disability have access to a variety of Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) program services supporting employment skills development, post-secondary educational planning, work experience and even job placement. Eckerd Connects and America's Job Center programs provide a similar array of services for youth between the ages of 16-24 in the event that the target population youth do not qualify for DOR services. The programs are able to provide some services to youth while in custody at either of the facilities. Probation is also collaborating with the SLOCOE to use their career technical education trailers to increase the youths' opportunities to learn construction and food handling skills. The career technical education trailers are brought into the facility in coordination with the Juvenile Court School.

- Parenting Education and Support - A full array of parenting support from educational classes to family advocates to in-home parenting support are available to target population youth and families through a variety of CBOs in the county. Notably, target population youth that are parents themselves can receive parenting education and support, including when they are in custody in the secure facilities, provided by the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO).

- Post-Secondary Educational Support - Target population youth will have a variety of supportive services available to them for post-secondary educational skills and credit attainment based on their individual circumstances. For those in custody at one of the facilities, the previously mentioned ILP and DOR programs provide an avenue for college readiness and planning. In addition, Probation and the SLOCOE have a strong working relationship with the local community college, Cuesta College. Cuesta College enrollment and courses are made available to all youth within the facility.

- Mental Health Services in Juvenile Hall – Secure Track youth serving commitments in the Juvenile Hall receive ongoing individual and family counseling services similar to those offered in the CVA. Realignment funds have been used to enhance County Behavioral Health staffing at Juvenile Hall as detailed later in this plan.

- Specialized Services - Target population youth, including those on the Secure Track, may present with specialized needs that cannot be met with existing services in the community or already available in the Juvenile Hall or CVA. To serve these youth, the Subcommittee continues to support some of the realignment grant funds being reserved for Specialized Services each year as described later in this plan.

Supervision and Other Responses:

The Probation Department uses a risk-based supervision model where officers are required to contact youth at a higher frequency based on the youth's risk level as determined using a validated risk assessment tool, the YLS-CMI. Officers are also required to complete individualized case plans with each youth and tailor services and interventions outlined in the case plan to the individualized needs of the youth. Target population youth will be supervised according to this same model with some additional elements as identified below.

- Intensive Supervision - Target population youth will be supervised by one designated probation officer with a caseload of fifteen (15) or less youth. Secure Track youth reentering to the community will be contacted (in-person, telephonic, electronic) no less frequently than four (4) times per week for the first

30 days following their discharge to support their transition and engage them with coaching and task specific follow up on established case plan objectives.

- Specialized Training - The assigned probation officer is trained in Motivational Interviewing, Stages of Change, Trauma Informed Care, Adolescent Brain Development, Child and Family Teams, Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) and Forward-Thinking Journaling.

- Flexible Response - The assigned probation officer uses a graduated sanctions and incentives model to respond to behaviors exhibited in the community and/or in the facility(s).

- Case Planning - The assigned probation officer is responsible for creating and updating the Individual Rehabilitation Plan (IRP) and monitoring service delivery in the plan as well as progress by the youth and family on plan goals and objectives.

- Teaming - The assigned probation officer participates in ongoing CFT meetings which will occur at intervals no less frequently than every 90 days.
- Alternatives to Incarceration - Home Supervision and Electronic Monitoring will be available to the officer to utilize with the youth in lieu of secure detention where appropriate.

- Independent Living Program- Expanded access to non-foster target population youth transitioning from the Secure Track or Coastal Valley Academy. Focus group discussions indicated that the youth currently on the secure track find this resource useful in preparation for re-entry.

- Specialized Foster Home for High Needs Probation Youth – Probation has contracted with FCNI for the provision of a Wraparound Therapeutic Parent Foster Home for justice involved foster youth. This home utilizes a specially trained and well-resourced full-time foster parent. The concept for this home began to address a gap identified prior to the current Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) System Improvement Plan (SIP) cycle and is a strategy within that plan. This home is a key resource for foster care eligible target population youth who are often difficult to find foster homes for due to the severity of their adjudicated charges and specialized needs.

- Post-Secondary Education Support- In addition to the aforementioned services referenced in this section, probation has contracted with SLOCOE for a Classified Coordinator to specifically provide post-secondary education/vocational case management, including but not limited to post-secondary and classroom support, career technical education and vocational options, workplace readiness skills training, alternatives to diploma options for justice involved youth and young adults including the target population. In addition, our local community college Cuesta College has partnered with probation to provide the Rising Scholars program which provides college level educational counseling, enrollment, college course work, dual-enrollment, and transitional education and vocational planning. Additionally, Cuesta staff will provide courses at the facility. Additionally, we have youth who attend in-person college course at Cuesta College.

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)(3)(A) and (d)(8)):

This plan addresses the mental health and trauma-based needs of the target population by enhancing the mental health clinician staffing at the Juvenile Hall, Coastal Valley Academy, and SYTF. Currently there are a total of four (4) full-time behavioral health clinicians serving both facilities. Of those, one (1) full-time position is allocated for trauma based individual and family counseling for the target population youth serving long-term commitments on the Secure Track in either facility. This enhancement has had the positive collateral impact of providing this same service for non-target population youth serving commitments at the Juvenile Hall.

In addition to the clinical staffing described above, the department contracts with The Counseling and Psychotherapy Center, Inc. to provide sex offender specific assessment and treatment for youth aged 12-24.

Due to the small size, unpredictable nature, and dynamic needs of the target population in San Luis Obispo County, it would be costly and inefficient to create established programming for each specialized treatment need area. Therefore, in order to provide individualized treatment to youth with specialized needs such as sexual offender treatment, this plan reserves some of the realignment grant funds each year for Specialized Needs. This allows the County to contract with local specialists as the need arises for individual youth to address specialized needs or responsivity areas such as sexual offending, and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

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)(3)(B) and (d)(8)):

Another example of an existing program that will support the adolescent development of target population youth is the Restorative Dialogue Program. Restorative Conferences provide for meaningful interaction between youth and those they have caused harm to in the community. Parent Teen or Youth Conflict Mediation provides safe venues for youth to develop their conflict resolution skills. These core services can be delivered to target population youth in the community and in custody.

The Restorative Partners Program Manager who oversees volunteer programing within our facilities has lived experience and has developed a mentoring approach when interacting with the youth.

Since May 1, 2025, the department has hosted several events, usually in the form of speaker panels, which provide opportunities for youth to connect with individuals with lived experience. This was added as supportive programing in part because of the youths' feedback in the focus groups indicating that speaking with positive adults with lived experience in the justice system would be impactful for them.

The department implemented curriculum focused on gang behavior called New Phoenix/New Freedom, with options for a 32-hour and 100-hour program. Probation staff, trained to facilitate intervention programs, are delivering the program with the youth in the target population on a one-on-basis. Activities explore risky scenarios ask youth to reflect on what they might do when faced with similar situations.

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)(3)(C) and (d)(8)):

This plan supports family engagement for the target population through a variety of services and programming. Some key components include the use of Child and Family Teaming, 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 enhanced mental health services at Juvenile Hall previously described also support family engagement by providing capacity for regular family counseling for all Secure Track youth. Additionally, the justice involved youth who have children of their own are provided parenting classes through CAPSLO, a local non-profit organization.

Wraparound Services is another key program for promoting family engagement. Target population youth re-entering the community from a Secure Youth Treatment Facility have the opportunity to participate in Wraparound Services if they are under the age of 18. The Subcommittee recognized that the target population is more likely to be over the age of 18 at re-entry compared to other youth on probation; therefore, many will not be eligible for Wraparound Services. Some of these youth will be able to access similar services such as the Transitional Aged Youth Full-Service Partnership (TAY-FSP) previously described. Where no existing services can meet the need, grant funds are intended to be applied towards replacement services by reserving funds for Specialized Services as described in the next section.

The Subcommittee is recommending subsequent year grant funding continues to be directed towards existing services accessed by the target population as needed.

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)(3)(D) and (d)(8)):

This plan intends to apply grant funds to support reentry in a variety of manners as described below:

- Specialized Services – Reserving some grant funds for specialized purpose needs as they arise, will allow for some specialized services, such as “Wraparound” like case management services, to aid with reentry for those target population youth who are not eligible for existing services based on age or other factors. This funding could also be accessed for youth specific needs such as post-secondary course enrollment for Secure Track youth.

- Supportive Housing - The Subcommittee recognized that some Secure Track youth will not have family homes to return to upon release. Those under 18 will have options for foster care placement settings. Those over 18 may not qualify for Extended Foster Care (EFC) services and therefore need additional support. County stakeholders have agreed to provide “special consideration” for the Transitional Housing Placement Plus (THP+) Program for Secure Track youth. Even so, some will not meet suitability criteria or otherwise be able to access this limited resource. Probation will work with these youth to explore all other housing options; however, some may still need additional resources to exit custody to stable housing. For this purpose, the County reserves some grant funds each year in a Specialized Housing Fund with a local CBO. This fund provides time limited funds to support rent, utilities, or security deposits for target population youth.

- Specialized Foster Home for High Needs Probation Youth - As previously described in Part 3 of this plan, Probation contracts with FCNI for the provision of a Wraparound Therapeutic Parent Foster Home for justice involved foster youth. This home utilizes a specially trained and well-resourced full-time foster parent. The concept for this home began to address a gap identified prior to the current Child and Family

Services Review (CFSR) System Improvement Plan (SIP) cycle and is a strategy within that plan. This home is a key resource for foster care eligible target population youth who are often difficult to find foster homes for due to the severity of their adjudicated charges and specialized needs. The Subcommittee has approved some realignment grant funding being directed towards this resource.

- Specialized Placements - Every effort is made to serve the target population locally to keep them connected to their families and community; however, the Subcommittee recognized that there may be a need for specialized placement for some Secure Track youth who present with individualized needs that cannot be met in Juvenile Hall or CVA. For this purpose, this plan reserves some realignment grant funds for Specialized Placement each year to access Secure Youth Treatment Facilities or Less Restrictive Programs in other counties as needed.

- Post-Secondary Education Support - In addition to the aforementioned services referenced in this section, probation has contracted with SLOCOE for a Classified Coordinator to specifically provide post-secondary education/vocational case management, including but not limited to post-secondary and classroom support, career technical education and vocational options, workplace readiness skills training, alternatives to diploma options for justice involved youth and young adults including the target population. Additionally, our local community college, Cuesta College has partnered with probation to provide the Rising Scholars program to youth. Cuesta staff provide services at the facility, including college orientation, introduction to college and career pathways, assistance with college enrollment, dual-enrollment, in-person and online courses and transitional education and vocational planning.

- Pine Grove Conservation Camp- Probation has an established contract with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for the ability to commit the target population youth to the fire camp or utilize the fire camp as a less restrictive step-down option. To date, [redacted] SYTF youth have been sent to the fire camp. Both youth completed the program and are certified to engage in wildland firefighting operations.

The Subcommittee is recommending that subsequent year grant funding continues to be directed towards existing services described above and no additions have been made since the previous annual plan submission.

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)(3)(E) and (d)(8)):

In 2016, the San Luis Obispo County Probation Department contracted with the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) to conduct a review of the Department's use of evidence-based practices using the Evidence Based Correctional Program Checklist – Community Supervision Agency (CPC-CSA). The CPC-CSA final report was submitted to the Department in January of 2017. The findings and recommendations were then incorporated into a department-wide Evidence Based Practices Strategic Plan II, that covers six (6) major goal areas.

More specifically, the Probation Department employs a Program Manager within the Youth Services Division who sits on the Evidence Based Practices Strategic Planning Committee and is responsible for data management and assists with quality assurance and program oversight. That Program Manager assists with the data management and outcome measure components of this plan as well as provides guidance related to

program and provider selection and implementation to ensure evidence informed practices are prioritized and monitored appropriately.

Evidence based and evidence informed practices are incorporated throughout this plan, including some specific planned grant funding expenditures. As previously described, grant funds were directed towards trauma focused cognitive behavioral individual and family therapy through an enhancement of mental health clinician staffing at Juvenile Hall.

Culturally responsive programs and services are addressed through the grant funded enhancement of mental health clinician staffing at Juvenile Hall as the clinician is bi-cultural and bi-lingual Spanish speaking. Mental health clinicians are also trained to deliver Seeking Safety, a gender responsive evidence informed curriculum. Additionally, the contracted Behavioral Health Specialist providing substance use disorder assessment and treatment services, as well as one of the CVA FCNI Case Managers facilitating the UCCI CBI-CY, are bi-cultural and bi-lingual Spanish speaking. Having this flexibility with our embedded facility treatment providers allows treatment services to be delivered in the preferred language of youth and families being served. Probation has contracted with SLOCOE to utilize Mixteco interpreters as needed through SLOCOE's existing contract with The Center for Family Strengthening's Promotors Collaborative. The Promotors Collaborative works to develop a sustainable, diverse and comprehensive culture that promotes equal access to community resources and services among all members of the Hispanic community in San Luis Obispo County. Furthermore, Juvenile Services Officers working in the facility all receive training in Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and (Gender) Expression (SOGIE).

The Subcommittee is recommending subsequent year grant funding continues to be directed towards existing services accessed by the target population as needed. These services include evidence-based curriculum such as the UCCI CBI-CY and evidence informed interventions such as Forward-Thinking Journaling.

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)(3)(F) and (d)(8)):

San Luis Obispo County has an extensive history of engagement and collaboration with nongovernmental providers and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). As previously detailed in this plan, numerous existing services for juvenile justice involved youth are provided by CBOs, from early intervention programming in the Restorative Dialogue Program to intensive intervention through Wraparound Services.

Grant fund expenditures previously detailed in this plan for specialized services, mentoring, home based foster care, housing and other purposes are pursued with local CBOs.

In July 2025 the Probation Department entered into a Contract with Soundheal, Inc. for an immersive meditation pod and customized programming to support a holistic, mindfulness-based, sound meditation treatment support program for youth serving commitments.

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)):

San Luis Obispo County uses the Juvenile Hall, and Coastal Valley Academy (CVA) as the primary facilities for serving target population youth in need of secure confinement. Those two facilities are described in detail in Part 3 of this plan. In rare instances where the specific needs of Secure Track youth cannot be met locally, Probation will pursue Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs) in outside counties and fund these with reserved grant funds for Specialized Placement.

Decision making on whether target population youth would be best served in the Juvenile Hall, CVA, or 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). Generally speaking, the target population youth that pose less risk to the community whose needs can be met in a less secure setting, will be considered for the CVA. The CVA may be utilized as a primary SYTF for the youth or as a step-down from the SYTF in Juvenile Hall. Only youth with court ordered commitments to the CVA will be housed in the CVA.

Probation has primarily used two less restrictive programs. CVA which is located in a facility regulated by Title 15 and Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp which is not in a facility regulated by Title 15. Other LRP options are considered on a case-by-case basis as needed and available.

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 outlined in the Juvenile Hall Policy and Procedures Manual. 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 status

All youth booked into the Juvenile Hall have a Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) assessment and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) screening completed as part of the intake process. This is intended to ensure they receive appropriate services, and any safety issues are accounted for; however, it is not intended to unnecessarily segregate them in the facilities. Title 15 mandates that "Staff shall not separate youth from the general population or assign youth to a single occupancy room based solely on the youth's actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, mental or physical disability or HIV status."

There are two (2) living units for Juvenile Hall with a total capacity of 30. One of those two units houses those youth on the secure track. There are two (2) units for CVA with a total capacity of 30. With two (2) living units, CVA is able to house youth separately by gender or gender identity instead of on the same unit. Additionally, a full remodel is planned for all bathrooms in these housing units as well as the installation of a kitchenette on the SYTF Unit. Since May 1, 2025, Additional exercise equipment has been purchased and installed in an outdoor recreation yard shared by the entire facility. A workout curriculum has been developed to support the youth in their physical activity.

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)):

The County of San Luis Obispo facilitates the retention of the target population in the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system, by conducting thorough assessments, requiring administrative

review of transfer recommendations, using multi-agency processes, and creating a comprehensive continuum of services for target population youth.

As previously referenced in this plan, target population youth are assessed with a validated risk assessment tool, the Youth Level of Service Case Management Inventory (YLS-CMI), as well as the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS). They also participate in psychological evaluations, subject to the discretion of the court. When transfer motions are filed, Probation requires formalized internal staffing of the case prior to submittal of the transfer recommendation report to the court. This internal staffing process includes obtaining approval from the Chief Probation Officer or Assistant Chief Probation Officer for all transfer recommendations in order to ensure significant administrative oversight of this important assessment and decision-making process. Furthermore, target population youth have their cases presented to a Multi-Agency Reentry Team that provides input for case planning and general oversight of case progress and assists with discharge from custody decision making. Lastly, this plan outlines the significant continuum of facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision and other responses that are or will be available to target population youth through the juvenile justice system in the County of San Luis Obispo.

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)):

The Probation Department has formal agreements with a number of other California counties allowing those counties to utilize the Coastal Valley Academy program. This could include target population youth, though not those serving a secure track commitment. Block grant funds are not currently used to support any regional agreements.

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)):

The Probation Department Youth Services Program Manager oversees the collection of data on the target population youth served by this grant. Data is collected in Probation's case management system. Target population youth receive a unique identifier to track data elements and assess outcome measures more easily. Target population youth are further broken down into a smaller subcategory of Secure Track youth. In addition to the use of case management system data, Probation has developed youth surveys to collect information for longitudinal outcome measures. With the support of the Subcommittee, Probation continues to use grant funds to incentivize youth participation in these surveys by providing the youth with gift cards for completing surveys in a process similar to the Department of Social Services National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) surveys.

Data elements to be collected include but are not limited to the following:

- Demographic information - age, gender, ethnicity, etc.

- Assessment information - Youth Level of Service Case Management Inventory (YLS-CMI) and Texas Christian University Criminal Thinking Scale (TCU-CTS) at designated intervals
- Custody time – days spent in custody at Juvenile Hall, CVA or other juvenile detention facilities
- New law violations - subsequent adjudications and/or convictions for misdemeanor or felony offenses after becoming a target population youth
- Treatment programming - programs referred to and completion status
- Intervention dosage - number of treatment/intervention hours completed
- Youth feedback – through surveys at various intervals
- High school attainment
- Employment and/or employment skills training participation
- Post-secondary credit attainment
- Housing status

The Department hired a second program manager, dedicated to the Youth Services Division. This position supports the detailed and timely submission of this report as well as the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Youthful Offender Block Grant Annual plan along with management of the various contracts needed to support the juvenile justice continuum with the county. The Subcommittee continues to support the use of block grant funds for this purpose.

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

Outcome measures will include both process and performance outcomes and will identify youth both as a larger target population as well as smaller subcategory of Secure Track youth.

Outcome measures developed include but are not limited to the following areas:

- Recidivism rates (separated by misdemeanor and felony and measured against DJJ recidivism rates)
- Program completion rates
- Intervention dosage – hours obtained relative to risk/needs
- HS completion rates
- College enrollment rates

- Employment rates - at designated intervals via youth survey

- Re-entry to stable housing rates (Secure Track youth only)

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 mentioned throughout the plan, target population youth are assessed with a validated risk assessment tool, the Youth Level of Services Case Management Inventory (YLS-CMI). Probation staff partnered with UC Santa Barbara's Department of Statistics and Applied Probability to evaluate the predictive validity of the YLS-CMI in forecasting juvenile recidivism. The results indicated that the YLS-CMI assessment is a credible tool for predicting recidivism in juveniles. UC Santa Barbara, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability locally validated the YLS-CMI and the Probation Department's procedure for re-evaluating juveniles. The low probability of recidivism with a year of doing the survey reaffirms the department's practice of administering the survey annually.

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 annual JJRBG plan(s) that governed the fiscal year being reported (e.g., for FY 2024-25 expenditures, refer to the subject areas defined in your 2024 plan submission and any updates provided in your 2025 plan submission). When itemizing expenditures, counties may choose the format that works best for their internal reporting processes; however, the content must match the structure and content of the following outline:

1. **Expenditure Subject Area[1]**
    a. **Total Expenditures ($)**
    b. **Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area? (Yes/No)**

[1] This outine 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).

c. **Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area.**
d. **Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990.**

Expenditure Subject Area: WIC §1995(d)(3)(A)	Total Expenditures ($): $156,557.53	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area? (Yes/No): Yes
Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area: San Luis Obispo County Expenditures are consistent with expenditure subject area WIC §1995(d)(3)(A) of the annual plan. Mental health and trauma-based needs for the target population were addressed in the prior year's plan by expanding the number of mental health clinicians at the facility. There are a total of four (4) clinicians, that have training and experience in trauma based individual counseling and family counseling. Additionally, the Department contracted with the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center to have specialists available for Sex Offender treatment as the need arises.		
Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990: The Probation Department was able to secure a contract for a full-time Behavioral Health Therapist. The target population youth have access to the Behavioral Health Therapist who provides substance use disorder assessment and treatment services. Services included evidence-based therapeutic interventions. The Behavioral Health Therapist attends case plan meetings and participates in transition planning for youth. By increasing the mental health staffing, the target population has a greater opportunity to process their trauma with trained professionals, express their frustrations in a positive manner, and develop essential coping skills. Additionally, due to the small size and unpredictable nature of the target population, the plan reserves some of the realignment grant funds for specialized needs such as sexual offender treatment and gang intervention allowing youth to receive specialized treatment to support their rehabilitation journey.		

Expenditure Subject Area: WIC §1995(d)(3)(B)	Total Expenditures ($): $101,500	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area? (Yes/No): Yes
Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area: San Luis Obispo County Expenditures are consistent with expenditure subject area WIC §1995(d)(3)(B) of the annual plan. The prior year's plan prioritized youth feedback to be able to speak to adults with lived experience. The Department contracted with a local CBO, Restorative Partners, to employ a Program Manager that works within the facility. The Program Manager is an individual with lived experience. Additional funds were used for ILP services for non-foster target population youth.		
Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990: Through youth focus groups the department identified a need for mentoring and "credible messenger" mentors. Available funds were prioritized to secure a contract with a community-based organization to fund a Program Manager to serve as "credible messenger" as well as schedule guest speakers, outings and activities that support healthy adolescent development for the target population. The Program Manager's workstation is in the facility, and he speaks with the target population daily. The Program Manager has lived experience, and he is able to speak to the targeted population about rehabilitation while providing real world examples. Additionally, a portion of the grant funds were prioritized to offer specific ILP services for non-foster target population youth not normally eligible for these services. These ILP services also promote healthy adolescent development.		

Expenditure Subject Area: WIC §1995(d)(3)(C)	Total Expenditures ($): $126,482.04	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area? (Yes/No): Yes
Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area: San Luis Obispo County Expenditures are consistent with expenditure subject area WIC §1995(d)(3)(C) of the annual plan. The prior year's plan supported family engagement and adolescent development through a variety of services and programs. Grant funds were used to fund a Deputy Probation Officer whose caseload is dedicated to serving the target population.		
Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990: Available funds were prioritized towards funding a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) whose caseload is dedicated to the target population. One of the many roles of the DPO is to support family engagement through a variety of services and programming including Child and Family Teaming meetings and collaboration with Community Based Organizations. The DPO supports families through connecting them to services such as parent education, wraparound, and Medi-Cal enrollment.		

Expenditure Subject Area: WIC §1995(d)(3)(D)	Total Expenditures ($): $215,052.44	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area? (Yes/No): Yes

Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area:

San Luis Obispo County Expenditures are consistent with expenditure subject area WIC §1995(d)(3)(D) of the annual plan. As outlined in the plan, the Probation Department contracted with several CBOs to support reentry to the target population. Grant funds were used to fund a Classified Coordinator through SLOCOE to provide post-secondary education and vocational case management. Grant funds were also used to secure a contract with Family Care Network, Inc. to provide a specialized foster care home. Additionally, a portion of the grant funds were reserved for specialized services, placement, and supportive housing.

Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990:

The Probation Department recognized a need for post-secondary education support and was able to secure a contract with SLOCOE for a Classified Coordinator to specifically provide post-secondary education/vocational case management. The allocation of funds for a Classified Coordinator provides the needed classroom support, career technical education, vocational options, workplace readiness skills, training, and alternatives to diploma options to the target population. The department allocated funds to provide an outdoor classroom patio to support the career technical education trailers for construction and culinary classes.

The Probation Department established a contract with the California Department of Corrections for Pine Grove Conservation Camp. Pine Grove Conservation Camp is a fire camp used as a less restrictive step-down option for the target population. To date, [redacted] youths have completed fire camp.

The Probation Department has contracted with Family Care Network, Inc. to provide specialized foster care. Through this contract the target population who meet the requirements are placed in a home-like environment staffed with a foster parent who is trained and resourced to stabilize and supervise youth with high needs. The foster parent, in collaboration probation, supports the youth's wellness and provides access to services.

Each year the County reserves some grant funds in a Specialized Housing Fund with a local CBO. This provides time limited funds to support rent, utilities or security deposits for target population youth, who need additional help upon release from custody.

Expenditure Subject Area: WIC §1995(d)(3)(E)	Total Expenditures ($): $123,539.41	Were the expenditures consistent with the plan described for this subject area? (Yes/No): Yes
Please describe why the expenditures were or were not consistent with the plan described for this subject area: San Luis Obispo County Expenditures are consistent with expenditure subject area WIC §1995(d)(3)(E) of the annual plan. The prior year's plan utilized grant funds to partially fund an Assistant Chief Deputy Probation Officer (ACDPO) who oversees the facilities within the Youth Services Division. The ACDPO ensures evidence-based, trauma-informed and culturally responsive programs and services are available and meet the needs of the target population. Additionally, as outlined in the plan, a Program Manager (PM) is partially funded with grant funds and supports the Youth Services Division.		
Please describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population described in Section 1990: The ACDPO overseeing the facilities within the Youth Services Division sits on the Evidenced Based Practices Strategic Planning Committee. Additionally, the ACDPO ensures programs and services are provided to the target population which are evidence based, evidence informed, and culturally responsive. The department employs a PM who sits on the Evidenced Based Practices Strategic Planning Committee and is responsible for data management and assists with assurance and program oversight. The PM assists with the data management and outcome measure components of this plan as well as provides guidance related to program and provider selection and implementation to ensure evidence informed practices are prioritized and monitored appropriately for the target population. Evidence-based programs and services support the target population improve social skills, problem solving skills, and emotional regulation. Culturally responsive programs such as Seeking Safety have created an environment where the target population feel respected and supported.		