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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)):

The sub-committee opted against appointing a co-chair at this time. This was decided by the sub-committee.

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

Meeting Date 1: 01/16/2026 Meeting Date 2: 4/17/2026

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

Date that the subcommittee approved the plan by a majority vote: 4/17/2026

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 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan was created in collaboration with subcommittee members comprised of community stakeholders, justice partners, educators, health and human services agency representatives, and behavioral health experts directly involved in the care of justice involved youth. As such, this plan represents a multidisciplinary/holistic approach geared towards addressing juvenile justice from an individual, community, and public health perspective.

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))*

Tuolumne County is a rural community located in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Central California with a population of approximately 53,433 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2026). The youth population under the age of 18 is estimated to be approximately 17.1% of the total population. As of 2026, ethnicity estimates for youth under the age of 18 is as follows:

White (non-Hispanic)- 64% to 68%
Hispanic or Latino- 22% to 24%
Multiracial- 8% to 10%
American Indian & Alaska Native- 1.5% to 2.5%
Black or African American- .5% to 1.5%
Asian- 1% to 1.5%

In 2017, Tuolumne County opened the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility which provides services to Tuolumne County youth as well as regional youth from neighboring counties. The vision of the project is to serve youth locally and provide treatment services consistent with the unique needs of rural youth.

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

Data from the Board of State and Community Corrections (Quarterly Detentions Surveys) reveals the following breakdown of youth with DJJ eligible offenses served at MLRJDF during 2025. It should be noted this data includes youth placed at the facility by our regional partners. Current County partners include Calaveras County Probation, Amador County Probation, Mariposa County Probation, Inyo County Probation, Mono County Probation, Trinity County Probation, and Sierra County Probation.

BSCC Quarterly Detention Survey Data

2025
Quarter 1: [redacted]
Quarter 2: [redacted]
Quarter 3: [redacted]
Quarter 4: [redacted]
Total: [redacted]

Total Number of Youth with DJJ eligible offenses served at MLRJDF in 2025: [redacted]
Ethnicity: [redacted] Caucasian ([redacted]) [redacted] Hispanic ([redacted]) [redacted] Native American ([redacted]) [redacted] Multiracial ([redacted])
Gender: [redacted] Male ([redacted]) [redacted] Female (n=[redacted]
Age: 14 (n=[redacted] 15 (n=[redacted] 16 (n=[redacted] 17 (n=[redacted] Average Age: 16.2
Offense: [redacted]% CA PC 245(a)(4) (n=[redacted] [redacted] CA PC 211 (n=[redacted]); [redacted] CA PC 664/187 (n[redacted])

In addition to youth with eligible offenses, the facility has also provided for post-dispositional detention services to youth with adjudicated WIC 707(b) offenses during 2025. It should be noted the youth referenced in the data below were residents of *Tuolumne County* only and exclude youth committed by partner Counties.

Calendar Year 2025	Penal Code Section	Offense Description/Offense History
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

2025 Tuolumne County Youth with WIC 707(b) adjudications: [redacted] **Average age of youth at time of Petition filing**: 15.75

Ethnicity: [redacted] Caucasian ([redacted])) [redacted] Native American ([redacted]) **Gender**: [redacted] Male (n=[redacted] [redacted] Female (n=[redacted]

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

A total of [redacted] Target Youth from Tuolumne County were housed at the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility in 2025. It should be noted the youth referenced in the data below were residents of Tuolumne County only and exclude youth committed to MLRJDF by partner Counties. A review of the youth with 707(b) adjudications revealed the following programs, placements and/or facilities following the initial adjudication and Wardship finding:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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)):

Target Youth are offered a multitude of programming services throughout their time in custody. A description of each program offered can be found below. It should be noted, that while all youth are afforded the same access to treatment services, case plans are tailored to the unique treatment needs of the youth. The use of validated risk assessment tools, along with input from the youth, family and treatment team inform the creation of the youth's individual rehabilitation plan. The following services are currently being offered in the institution.

MLRJDF Programming

Geo Re-entry Services:

GEO Re-entry Services provides evidenced based programming, intervention, and re-entry services, which include: individual counseling and case management, Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), Interactive Journaling, cognitive restructuring/skill building (development of healthy coping strategies that include the use of role-playing, skills development, coaching conversations, and skills application), trauma informed programming, substance abuse treatment, and restorative justice programming.

Aggression Replacement Training (ART):

A multimodal intervention designed to alter the behavior of chronically aggressive youth. The program consists of skill streaming, designed to teach a broad curriculum of pro-social behavior; anger control training, a method for empowering youth to modify their own anger responsiveness; and moral reasoning training, to help

motivate youth to employ the skills learned via the other components. ART has been deemed a preferred program in terms of Evidence Based Practices. Multiple studies have shown a reduction in recidivism rates, reduction in cost per youth within the criminal justice system and benefits to victims.

Interactive Journaling:

Interactive Journaling is a cognitive behavioral intervention that targets specific risk areas. A variety of journals are available depending on the individual needs of the participant. Journals are completed with the help of Probation Department facilitators trained by the Change Company, as well as GEO case managers working with assigned target youth. Writing assignments are designed to have participants evaluate the interplay between their thinking, feelings, and actions, and engage in behavioral changes to live a more responsible life. Key underpinnings of the module are Motivational Intervention (MI) and the trans-theoretical model of change. The curriculum is applicable to both individual and in group settings.

Boys Council:

A strengths-based group approach to promote young men's safe, strong, and healthy passage through adolescent years while encouraging them to act safely, show respect in their relationships, develop a healthy perspective, see other's points of view, use good judgment, and identify individual goals.

Youth served are identified as medium to high-risk offenders that have been or are at an elevated risk of removal from the home. Intervention efforts focus on promoting success on probation, in their community, and in their schools and homes by providing a variety of cognitive behavioral interventions and engaging families and youth in the specialized, strengths-based services as detailed above.

Girls Circle:

A skills-building support circle where girls learn to examine thoughts, beliefs, and actions about friendships, trust, authority figures, mother/daughter relationships, sexuality, dating violence, sexually transmitted infections (STI's), drug abuse, stress, and goal setting. The curriculum is built with the intention of exposing girls to important exploration regarding their choices and behaviors and examining ways to promote self-care and healthy decision-making.

Prison Education Project (PEP):

In February of 2023, the Prison Education Project (PEP) began offering virtual classes at the facility. PEP is the largest volunteer-based prison education program in the United State providing academic, life skills and career development for incarcerated populations. The program is offered by volunteer university students.

Life Skills/Substance Abuse Prevention Training:

This highly interactive, skills-based program is designed to promote positive health and personal development for youth. The curriculum uses developmentally appropriate, collaborative learning strategies to help youth achieve competency in skills that have been shown to prevent substance use, violence, and other behaviors associated with poor health and social outcomes. The program is ten weeks in duration and is facilitated by a Recovery Counselor from Tuolumne County Behavioral Health.

Mental Health Services:

Youth identified in need of mental health supports are referred to the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Department for an initial assessment of service needs. The assessing clinician will then determine the youths' level of care and service delivery needs. When opened for services, a clinician travels to the facility and provides individual therapy, case management and other specialty mental health services to youth through

both individual and group modalities. The majority of youth detained meet diagnostic criteria for specialty mental health services, including Full-Service Partnership (FSP). This program serves as a wrap-around service model for youth with significant mental health and substance use issues. Youth receiving behavioral health services meet regularly with their primary provider, i.e., clinician or case manager, and also receive skill building, case management and other specialty services by a behavioral health worker.

Crisis Care

The Tuolumne County Behavioral Health (TCBH) Department also provides crisis de-escalation, 5150 evaluations and when necessary, provisions for access to a higher level of care. This service provides immediate support and assessment for young individuals experiencing mental health crises. The crisis de-escalation aims to calm and stabilize the youth, while the 5150 evaluation determines if involuntary psychiatric hospitalization is necessary to ensure their safety and well-being. TCBH's intervention plays a critical role in addressing urgent mental health needs and facilitating appropriate care for youth in crisis situations.

The Department also coordinates with the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office to provide Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS). Under the direction of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Director, the ERMHS clinician provides supportive and direct services to eligible students with behaviors that impact Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals and work to keep students in the least restrictive educational setting. Typical ERMHS services include assessment, evaluation, goal setting and case management. Targeted areas include addressing impulse control, emotional regulation, and anxiety in the classroom setting.

12 Step Meetings: Youth identified with substance use disorders are offered Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings, which take place through volunteers who hold meetings in a private location at the facility. Native youth are linked to a tribal 12-step community that offers virtual meetings and periodic in-person sessions with the group's facilitator.

Case Management:

Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings (MDT) occur every week at the facility. Team members include, but are not limited to: Probation Officers, Juvenile Correctional Officers, Teachers, School Psychologists, Social Workers, Mental Health Clinicians and Nursing staff. Youth and their parents can also participate in MDT meetings to review their progress in treatment and programs, and to identify any unmet needs they feel exist. Meetings are also used to develop institutional case plans for all youth detained for thirty days or more. These case plans

assess areas of emotional/behavioral health, cognitive development & functioning, social development & functioning, physical health/disability, education, trauma & resiliency, family relationships, alcohol/drugs, prior & current offense history and adult relationships. The case plan identifies goals and objectives associated with the strength and needs in these areas.

* *Multidisciplinary Team meeting consisting of the Following members: Behavioral Health Clinician, Transition Specialist, Teacher, School Principal, School Counselor, School Psychologist, Deputy Probation Officer's, and a Juvenile Corrections Supervisor.*

PART 4: JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (WELF. & INST. CODE § 1995(D)(3))

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

The Department continues to partner with the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Department to provide clinical services to justice involved youth.

The Department also has an established a contract with Geo Re-entry Services to provide programming, intervention, and re-entry services, which include: individual counseling and case management, Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), Interactive Journaling, cognitive restructuring/skill building (development of healthy coping strategies that include the use of role-playing, skills development, coaching conversations, and skills application), trauma informed programming, substance abuse treatment, and restorative justice programming.

The Department also utilizes Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant funds to pay for the psychological evaluation of youth adjudicated of sexual offending to identify and direct treatment needs/placement recommendations. Further, the Department continues to partner with a Clinical Psychologist/California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) certified treatment provider. This individual conducts comprehensive assessments and makes treatment recommendations to the Court for youth with sexual offending behaviors. This provider also travels to the facility to provide individual treatment sessions to both in-custody and out-of-custody youth. The program utilizes a restorative justice theme focusing on the development of victim empathy, personal responsibility, and behavioral antecedents to sexual acting out.

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 facility currently has several programs in operation which aim to promote healthy adolescent development. Currently, a local non-profit advocacy group called Center for a Non-Violent Community (CNVC) provides one on one counseling and support for youth with histories of interpersonal violence and/or exploitation. They work to help youth establish healthy relationships and appropriate boundaries and gain a sense of self-empowerment. This service is provided at no cost to the Department.

Tuolumne County Behavioral Health is currently facilitating a Life Skills/Substance Abuse Prevention Training program referenced in Part 3 of this report. The Behavioral Health Department also facilitates another group program titled “Tools for Success.” This program will be open to all youth with open behavioral health cases and will focus on social skills, communication and listening skills, symptom management and healthy relationships. These services are provided at no cost to the Department.

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools offers the Smile Keepers Program to youth detained at the facility. The program provides preventative dental education, dental screenings, fluoride varnish applications and referrals for youth needing additional dental care. The Department utilized approximately $13,500 of grant funds to enhance the breadth of this service to include dental cleanings and sealants for the target population.

* *Smile Keepers Dental Cleaning*

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office also provides access to a credentialed Career and Technical Education (CTE) Instructor to facilitate CTE virtual courses within the Gold Ridge Education Center which are applicable towards state graduation requirements.

Staff at the facility also provide daily group programs intended to foster healthy development and empower youth to utilize critical thinking skills to identify skills needed for successful transition into adulthood. These groups cover everything from financial management, procuring health insurance, and preparation for entering the workforce.

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

The Department maintains a robust Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) process that incorporates family input and voice into treatment planning. Family members are invited to attend MDT meetings to hear about youth successes, accomplishments, and any presenting barriers to treatment. Family members are encouraged to provide feedback and input into the case planning process. MDT core members include: Gold Ridge Education Staff (i.e., Lead Teacher, Transition Specialist, Special Education Teacher, School Psychologist, Educationally Related Mental Health Services Clinicians, School Principal, and School Counselor), Probation staff (i.e., Division Manager, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Deputy Probation Officers), MLRJDF staff (Facility Superintendent, Supervising Juvenile Correctional Officer), Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Clinicians, and a GEO Re-entry services case manager.

Aside from the weekly MDT meetings, Probation Staff facilitate Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT) which include various family and other adults the youth identify as supportive in nature. These meetings are typically facilitated for youth transitioning from the juvenile hall back to a community setting, for youth who report serious conflictual relationships at home, for all placement youth, and for all target youth.

The facility also continues to offer regular in-person quality visitation for all youth. Facility supervision staff work directly with families to schedule visitation at times that are most convenient to the families and often spend a considerable amount of time interfacing with family members during the course of arranging and facilitating visitation. Staff will provide updates on the youth's progress during these interactions. Additionally, all target youth are offered enhanced visitation opportunities given the length of commitment, including sibling visitation.

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 Gold Ridge Education Center continues to employ a full time Transition Specialist/Instructional Aide embedded in the Juvenile Hall that provides transitional support services to all students pursuant to AB 2276. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was established to outline how both the Probation Department and the County Office of Education will work together to meet the transitional planning needs of youth served at the Gold Ridge Education Center (GREC) located within the juvenile detention facility.

All youth booked into the facility meet with the Transition Specialist to immediately enroll in GREC. During that first meeting, a Transitional Plan for Youth Exiting Care is created. This plan identifies hopes and dreams for the future, fears and concerns about leaving, educational goals, financial aid, housing, health insurance, mental health/substance use, mentoring and community support. If needs are identified in these areas, the Transition Specialist will provide specific resources to address the need. This may include but is not limited to: referrals to local employment supports (i.e., Mother Lode Job Training), sample resumes and cover letters, contact information for local Medi-Cal linkage, and information on enrollment and other student services offered at Columbia Junior College, including on-campus student housing.

The Transition Specialist will continue to meet one-on-one with youth throughout their stay and will complete a variety of other assessments and activities. Some of these include the completion of the CASEY Life Skills assessment, Career Zone Exploration, Myers-Briggs Personality Indicator, and learning style questionnaire.

Re-entry planning is a core function of the MDT process. As youth approach their release date, MDT members, along with the youth and family discuss any discharge needs or areas of concern that exist. The team then works to identify a specific task list of what needs to occur, and which team member will be responsible for ensuring the task is completed. It should be GEO staff are now a core member of the MDT team and will be targeting re-entry as part of their service delivery model. This includes addressing issues such as housing, employment, access to services (medical, Behavioral Health, and recovery), and navigating transportation deficits.

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)):

Tuolumne County Behavioral Health clinicians currently provide numerous clinical interventions related to trauma exposure and healing. Such programs include *Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)*, which is an evidenced based treatment modality for children and adolescents impacted by trauma. Research shows that TF-CBT successfully resolves a broad array of emotional and behavioral difficulties associated with single, multiple, and complex traumatic experiences. Evaluating the extent of childhood trauma is at the forefront of this endeavor. Further, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health uses this information to develop youth specific goals in collaboration with the youth to ensure success and “buy in” from the individual client. This assists Behavioral Health clinicians in successfully transitioning the youth to outpatient services following release from custody.

The Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools (TCSOS) has also embedded an Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW) into the facility to serve in the capacity of a school counselor. The ACSW provides an array of school counseling services, including the provision of guidance counseling, and evidenced based group programming facilitation. Current group offerings include Seeking Safety (a cognitive behavioral treatment for individuals with co-occurring substance use disorders and trauma exposure), a social skills group (overcoming obstacles curriculum), and a business skills group.

The Department also utilizes a Multi-Sensory De-escalation Room (MSDR) at the facility. The goal of this program is to provide an additional therapeutic intervention for youth with significant trauma histories. As referenced in Part 2 of this report, many youth report significant Adverse Childhood Experiences at the time of

booking. Youth with trauma histories require a different programming approach which must afford the ability to practice regulating their emotions when triggered by environmental stimuli. The goal for the MSDR is to provide youth an opportunity to calm their nervous system prior to escalation and behavioral outburst.

As noted previously, the Department also partners with GEO Re-entry service. GEO Re-entry Services provides Target Youth with evidenced based programming, intervention, and re-entry services, which include: individual counseling and case management, Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), Interactive Journaling, cognitive restructuring/skill building (development of healthy coping strategies that include the use of role-playing, skills development, coaching conversations, and skills application), trauma informed programming, substance abuse treatment, housing/ community resource linkage, and restorative justice programming.

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)):

Tuolumne County continues to rely heavily on the use of Community Based Organizations as well as volunteers to provide youth with a wide array of services. Below is a current list of organizations and volunteer groups who provide services to all youth served at the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility, along with a description of how they support the youth.

Little Hooves and Hearts: The Department has partnered with a community volunteer who facilitates equine therapy with the youth via bringing in certified therapeutic miniature horses for the youth to enjoy (not to ride).

Infant Child Enrichment Services: Provides individualized parenting education and support to youth with children of their own. The Curriculum is based on the *Protective Factors* framework and includes topics such as managing stress, learning developmentally appropriate expectations, creating safe and secure home environments, establishing empathetic and trusting relationships, and the impact of trauma exposure on parenting.

Drum Circle: A retired special education teacher/administrator comes to the facility on regular intervals and facilitates a drumming circle with the youth. Youth learn skills of focus, communication, and cooperation as they participate with their peers to remain in cadence and build upon the drumming skills they are learning each session. Many of the youth have reported the drumming helps them manage feelings of stress and anxiety while providing a healthy outlet for other challenging feelings. The instructor has provided one on one lessons for a subset of youth who report the drumming serves as a significant therapeutic intervention.

Tuolumne Mi-Wuk Tribal Social Services: The local band of Me-Wuk Indians continues to provide support for system involved Native youth. The tribal Social Worker provides ongoing support and visits to detained Native youth and attends all Court hearings. Tribal social services are also facilitating the Red Road to Wellbriety curriculum to youth who self-identify as Native. This curriculum addresses substance use disorder through a tribal lens.

Center for a Non-Violent Community CNVC: CNVC is a local non-profit advocacy agency that provides one on one counseling and support for youth with histories of interpersonal violence and/or exploitation. They work to help youth establish healthy relationships and appropriate boundaries and gain a sense of self-empowerment. For youth identified as at risk of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC), referrals are immediately made to CNVC. Advocates then travel to the facility to meet with individual youth.

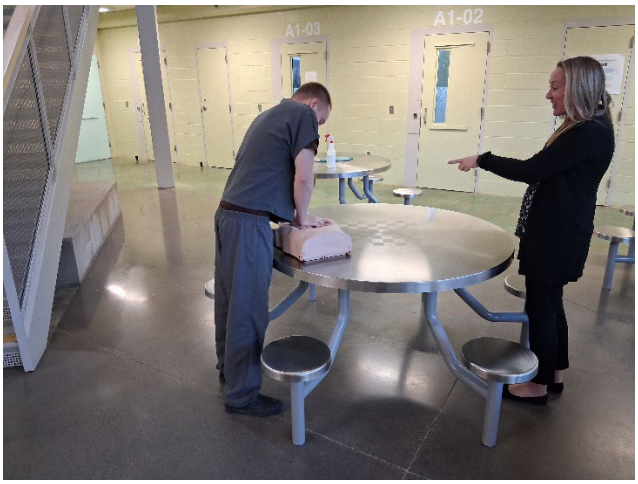
Mother Lode Job Training: The Department partners with Mother Lode Job Training (MLJT) who provides numerous services for youth interested in workforce preparation and job obtainment. Referred youth are able to meet one on one with a MLJT staff member to develop interview skills, build and create resumes and complete various assessments to identify appropriate career paths.

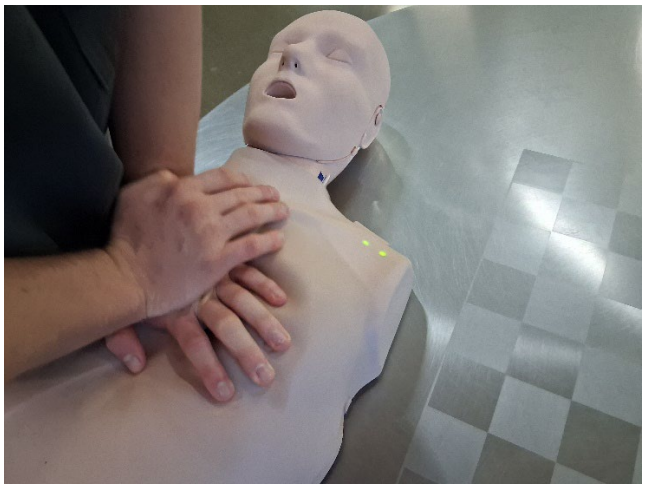
University of California Cooperative Extension (4-H and Master Gardeners): Provides weekly experiential learning to detained youth on a variety of topics often centered around agriculture and natural resources, which also incorporates lessons in art, embryology, science, financial literacy, and healthy living. Additionally, the detention facility maintains an on-site garden with the support of Master Gardeners and 4-H programs and their volunteers. Some garden related activities have included lessons in soils, fertilization, seeding, pruning, planting, watering, composting, harvesting, and cooking. Progress is also being made on a meditation and pollinator garden to an underdeveloped area of the facility to provide a calm and restful space for the youth, which would simultaneously support the existing garden by creating a nurturing environment for pollinators. Additionally, in conjunction with 4-H and Master Gardeners, the youth completed construction on a Koi pond stocked with beautiful Koi fish.

** Koi Pond built by the youth in partnership with University of California Cooperative Extension (4-H and Master Gardeners)*

Hidden Treasures of the Sierra: The 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is an interdenominational, evangelical, Christ-centered, mentoring ministry that provides direct services to youth in the juvenile hall. This group, compromised of numerous volunteers, provides weekly religious services groups and activities for detained youth. Additionally, volunteer members with Hidden Treasures of the Sonora provide youth with a weekly meal held in conjunction with those choosing to participate in religious programming. All religious programming held at the MLRJDF is done on a voluntary basis. Youth choosing not to participate are offered separate programming opportunities.

Resuscitate 108: The Department partners with Adventist Health Sonora, to provide training to the youth on the evidenced based administration of hands only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).





Judges Honor Roll: Judges Honor Roll is a program which affords youth the opportunity to have direct connection/interaction with the Judge of the Juvenile Court (held on a monthly basis). Youth who earn enough points are given a certificate of achievement from the Judge in addition to having the opportunity to spend

meaningful time with the Judge over a special meal or activity. During this time youth engage in direct dialogue with the Judge to discuss case plan progress, programming progress, transition services, and life goals.

** The Honorable Laura Krieg, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of the County of Tuolumne, scanning the Court in a game of basketball being played at the request of youth who earned Judges Honor Roll. Despite the valiant efforts of Judge Krieg, Chief Hawks, and Assistant Chief Arndt, the youth narrowly emerged victorious.*

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)):

Given the structural design of the facility the target population is housed on the same unit as non-secure track youth. The facility has a total of twenty-one (21) detention/commitment beds and five (5) Camp beds. As noted, four (4) detention beds have been reallocated for the SYTF program. The Summit program continues to serve youth with similar demographics and treatment needs that the facility has been serving since inception.

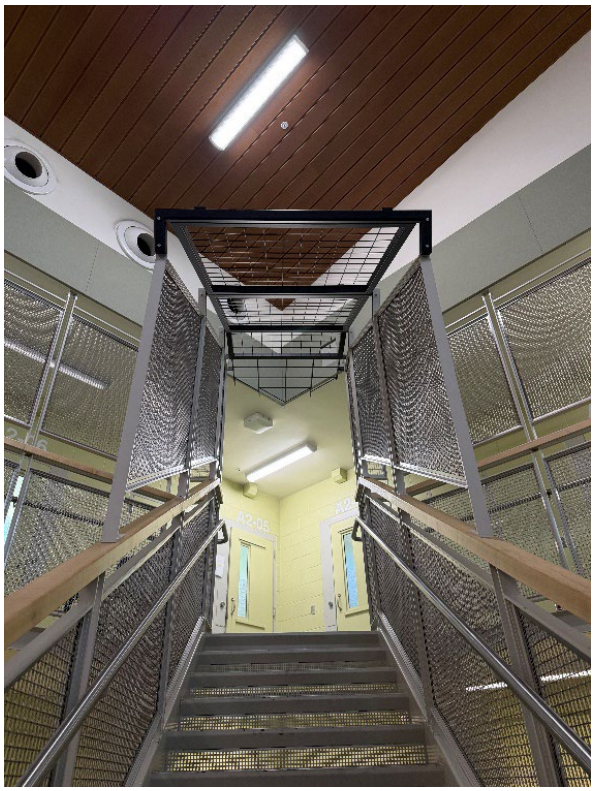
The completion of comprehensive assessments and evaluations will aim to identify exclusionary factors that would make a youth a poor fit for the program. Such factors may include history of extreme violence towards others, high level of criminal sophistication, advanced age, and demonstrated non-compliance/engagement in services. Programming may be conducted separately based on individualized treatment needs, age, classification, and other assessment outcomes. However, because the Summit program's current maximum capacity is four, it will likely be in the best interest of the target population to program with other same age youth rather than be segregated from one another.

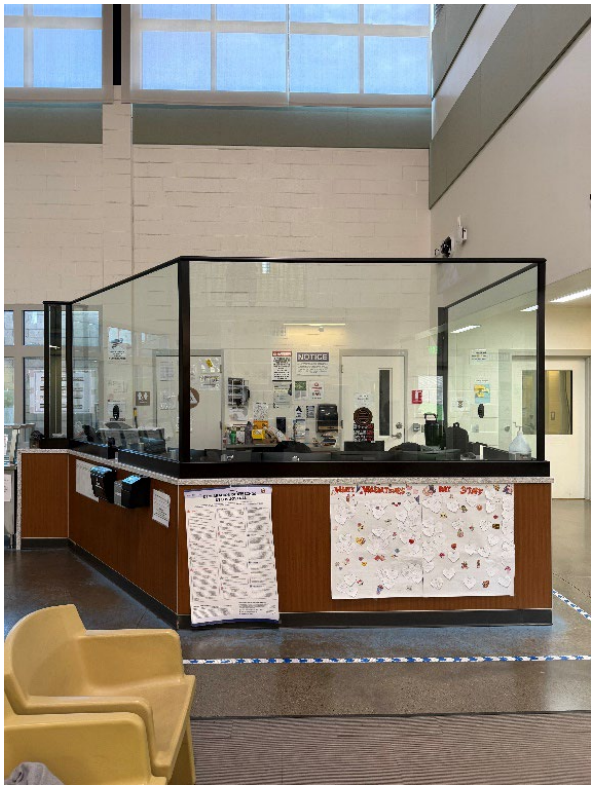
As the facility is comprised of only one unit, staff have developed effective methods of supervising and managing youth with different needs in one setting. While all youth typically program together, there are times when additional safety measures are put in place to ensure youth have increased supervision and staff support. The facility utilizes the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) model throughout the facility. Youth receive daily feedback about their behaviors which coincides with a Check-In Check-Out (CICO) point system. If a youth is struggling to maintain positive and pro-social behavior in the facility, behavioral modification plans are created with the youth that outline interventions to manage problematic behaviors. These plans provide clear guidelines to youth about behavioral expectations and are periodically reviewed by facility supervisors to ensure the plan is meeting the intended goals. Should youth engage in a major rule violation (i.e., fighting other youth, physically assaulting staff, attempting to escape, etc.), they can be placed on a High Security Risk (HSR) classification which provides additional safety and supervision safeguards. These same practices would be applied to youth ordered into the SYTF program.

Construction of the facility was completed in 2016, so many of its features are modern in nature and conducive to long term stays. The main living unit is an open floor plan with access to library services, indoor recreation activities, microwave/snacks, etc. Above and beyond efforts are made to create a homelike environment while still ensuring the safety and security of the facility and all its occupants.

The department previously applied for and was awarded a Youth and Programs Facilities Grant in the amount of $167,529.00. This funding has been designated to making infrastructure improvements to various security features of the facility (i.e. enhanced video/recording capabilities). The department was also awarded $1,072,399.00 through the Juvenile Facility Grant (AB 178). This funding will be used for additional security enhancements and the expansion of vocational and CTE programming.

Since May 1, 2025, the Department has leveraged grant funds to complete construction of a protective jump barrier on the second tier of the living unit to ensure the safety of youth housed on the second floor. Additionally, the Department has utilized grant funding to install a protective barrier on the living unit JCO desk to ensure youth cannot look over the desk to access confidential information.





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 decision to pursue transfers to adult court lies within the jurisdiction of the Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office. The ultimate decision to transfer a minor's case to the adult system rests with the Juvenile Court. The Probation Department will continue its ongoing efforts to provide the least restrictive setting for youth entering the juvenile justice system. The Department will continue to utilize validated assessment tools throughout all stages of the judicial process and will build and expand upon existing local services and supervision strategies as part of the continuous quality improvement process.

During 2025, there was [redacted] to the adult criminal justice system.

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)):

In 2025, Tuolumne County entered into regional agreements with Mariposa County, Trinity County, and Sierra County for the housing of target youth. During 2025, the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility provided secure housing/treatment services to [redacted] youth from Mariposa County.

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)):

Tuolumne County is utilizing existing data collection and evaluation systems to collect necessary statistical information. These data sources include Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS), Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Juvenile Detention Surveys, Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) surveys, Youth Offender Block Grant/Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (YOBG/JJCPA) report, Tuolumne County's Children's System of Care (CSOC) data dashboard, and various other internal department tracking systems.

Tuolumne County specifically tracks the following for any youth placed in an SYTF:

- General demographics (age, gender, ethnicity, etc.)
- Risk levels based on completion of validated assessments
- Custody and placement history (days spent in juvenile hall, foster care, STRTP, SYTF, etc.)
- Mental Health Diagnosis and treatment recommendations
- Psychotropic medication use
- Offense history & Prior attempts at Diversion
- Frequency and Outcomes of Treatment Team & Child Family Team Meetings
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Score(s)
- Educational Progress (credits earned/needed, graduation status, grades, special education status if applicable, etc.)
- Program participation and completion rates
- Behavioral Data Tracking

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)):

As SB 823 implementation progresses, Tuolumne County will continue to evaluate what type of outcome measures are appropriate to identify and monitor Tuolumne County youth placed in Secure Youth Treatment Facilities. Areas of interest include, but will not be limited to the following:

- Program completion rates
- Length of commitment
- Risk Reduction
- Recidivism
- High School completion
- Employment readiness/rates

- College enrollments
- Vocational training enrollments

Data analysis comparing outcome measures between youth committed to out of county secure track programs and youth served locally will be also explored.

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.

To date, Tuolumne County has provided care and supervision to [redacted] Secure Track youth, [redacted] from Tuolumne County, and [redacted] from Mariposa County.

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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.

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.
Staff Salaries	$375,782.26	Yes	The expenditure was consistent with the goal of MLRJDF staff facilitating robust services; thereby ensuring target youth receive high quality rehabilitative treatment, medical care, mental health care, and re-entry readiness.	Considering target youth could have previously been committed to the Division of Juvenile Justice, expenditures utilized to keep target youth within the local community improves outcomes via harnessing the synergy of local services and social capital, while simultaneously enhancing the quality and effectiveness of transitional planning services.
Supplies	1386.74	Yes	The expenditure was consistent with the plan as having supplies necessary to host multiple JJCC/JJRBG meetings is imperative for ensuring a multidisciplinary approach is taken in support of the development of the annual JJRBG plan.	Ensured supplies were available for JJCC/JJRBG meetings inclusive of hosting a multidisciplinary team, including community stakeholders, in support of a holistic approach in treating the target population.

[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.

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Clarification Regarding Less Restrictive Programs

In response to OYCR's request for clarification regarding Welfare and Institutions Code § 1995(d)(4), Tuolumne County confirms that the less restrictive program (LRP) identified within the 2026 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Annual Plan is operated in accordance with applicable California Code of Regulations, Title 15 requirements.

Tuolumne County's less restrictive program setting consists of the Tuolumne County Steps to Success camp program which provides structured supervision, treatment, rehabilitation, education, and reentry-focused services while maintaining compliance with Title 15 standards governing the care, custody, treatment, and programming of youth. As such, the County's identified less restrictive programs meet the Title 15-regulated requirement referenced in Welfare and Institutions Code § 1995(d)(4).

This clarification is provided as an addendum to the County's 2026 JJRBG Annual Plan.

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