



## Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act & Youthful Offender Block Grant (JJCPA-YOBG) 2026 Consolidated Annual Plan

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

[Government Code Section 30061\(b\)\(4\) and Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961\(b\)](#) call for consolidation of the annual plans required for JJCPA and YOBG.

Please submit your most up-to-date consolidated plan.

The rest of this document is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. Please use this template or ensure your submission meets the accessibility standards by reviewing either the Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF checklists published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website here [Accessibility Conformance Checklists | HHS.gov](#). Your submission will be posted to the OYCR website once it is confirmed to meet the accessibility standards.

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## Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A))

### **A. Assessment of Existing Services**

Include here an assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth services resources that specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

Yolo County Probation collaborates with various agencies and departments to provide youth with a comprehensive array of resources to assist youth and their families. The Probation Department focuses on prevention and intervention strategies supported by funding from the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and the Youthful Offender Block Grant. Youth are assessed using an evidence-based assessment tool, Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS), to identify their needs and strengths and to enable them to be referred to appropriate services. Evidence-based programming has been instrumental in maintaining youth in our communities, as evident by our low out-of-home placement numbers. The department has a strong collaboration with Yolo County Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health, as well as the Yolo County Office of Education to provide youth and their families with various supports within the county. Additionally, the department contracts with CommuniCare+OLE to provide a range of mental health supports, including emotional support, psychiatric support, life skills, substance abuse treatment, and counseling.

The Probation Department's System Improvement Plan for 2025-2030 is focusing on service array, with a plan to assess our existing services, identify gaps in our evidence-based practices, and identify new programs to ensure we are addressing youths' individual needs as identified by their assessments.

**Describe what approach will be used to facilitate collaboration amongst the organizations listed above and support the integration of services.**

Yolo County Probation strives to maintain and build upon collaboration amongst various agencies. There are regular meetings with partner agencies from public, private and nonprofit organizations to address critical issues that affect our youth. The Probation Department participates in several multi-disciplinary committees (MDTs) such as Wraparound MDT, Juvenile Detention Facility MDT, Interagency Placement Committee (IPC), CSEC Steering Committee, Child Abuse Prevention Committee (CAPC), and the

Interagency Leadership Team (ILT). This approach assists interagency connectivity among county organizations by leveraging partnerships, collaboration, expertise, and shared goals such as rehabilitation and treatment of youth, as well as community safety.

Probation collaborates closely with local law enforcement agencies and has officers assigned as liaisons to some local departments. This has increased our collaboration with them and has enabled our officers to educate other agencies about probation and some of the emerging trends. The department also has an officer specially trained in working with youth who are at risk of being Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). This officer receives specialized training and attends regular regional meetings with other law enforcement agencies, treatment providers, and advocacy groups.

Furthermore, Probation maintains a strong partnership with Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). We currently contract with HHSA, Behavioral Health, to provide direct services in our juvenile detention facility. Through collaborative efforts, like the System Improvement Plan (SIP) and the dual jurisdiction protocol, which allows youth to receive services from both systems simultaneously, Probation and HHSA ensure comprehensive support for families in need. Additionally, the collaboration extends to the utilization of wraparound services, which aim to engage families in a strength-based manner and provide supportive services to prevent placement into foster care or assist in the transition when they return home from placement.

## **B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas**

Identify and prioritize the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas of the county that face the most significant public safety risk from juvenile crime.

Yolo County is located in Northern California and covers approximately 1,021 square miles. It has a population of 225,251 residents<sup>1</sup>, of which 86% reside in the four incorporated cities: Davis, Woodland, Winters, and West Sacramento.

Youth population estimates were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2019–2023 five-year estimates. Based on Census age distributions, Yolo County has an estimated 20,500 youth ages 12–17, calculated by proportionally allocating single-year ages from the Census 10–14 and 15–19 age categories. This population represents the primary age group served under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and is used to inform program planning, service capacity, and outcome evaluation within Yolo County’s juvenile justice continuum.

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<sup>1</sup> US Census Bureau: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/yolocountycalifornia>

The following data provides an outline of the ethnicities of the residents of Yolo County compared to the State of California.

**Yolo County vs California Estimated Population, by Race (2024)<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>	<b>Yolo (% of Pop.)</b>	<b>CA (% of Pop.)</b>
Black or African American alone	3.4%	6.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.9%	1.8%
Asian alone	17.3%	17.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.6%	0.5%
Two or More Races	6.4%	4.4%
Hispanic or Latino	33.4%	40.8%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	41.6%	33.6%

The median household income between 2020-2024 in Yolo County was \$91,752 per year. This is approximately 7.4% lower than the median income for the State of California, which was \$99,122.<sup>9</sup> There are minimal regional differences between the largest three incorporated cities in Yolo County; however, the city of Winters stands out with a median household income of \$122,951. The median household income disparities are as follows: West Sacramento - \$29,763, Woodland - \$32,771, Davis - \$32,906.<sup>9</sup> While household median income displays a notable disparity between cities, the per capita income in Yolo County is significantly narrower with Davis having the highest per capita income at \$51,329 and Woodland having the lowest per capita income at \$38,727.

Probation is committed to continuing to invest in diversion and prevention as well as intervention strategies. As part of their prevention strategies, they contribute to the Woodland Police Activities League, a program designed to involve youth from underserved areas in various recreational activities. The department also funds various diversion programs, including contracting with Yolo Conflict Resolution Center, for restorative justice programs which allow youth to not enter the delinquency system. Probation also runs a Juvenile Review Board, comprised of community volunteers, to address some lower-level offenses, again to divert the youth from Court.

We remain committed to delivering responsive programming across the county. Our primary provider of mental health services has locations in both Woodland and West Sacramento to meet the needs of families. Also, many of our providers meet families in the community where it is convenient for them. We also make sure and provide

<sup>2</sup> US Census Bureau: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/yolocountycalifornia,CA/PST045222,PST045221>

appropriate translation services when needed to ensure programs and resources reach underserved communities.

## **C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy**

Describe your county's juvenile justice action strategy. Include an explanation of your county's continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency as well as a description of the approach used to ensure a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Yolo County's juvenile justice strategy is a comprehensive approach aimed at addressing both the prevention and intervention of juvenile delinquency. Probation implements a continuum of services tailored to the specific needs of youth. This can include diversion programs, community service, counseling, electronic monitoring, intensive supervision, detention, or placement services.

To ensure a collaborative and integrated approach, Probation collaborates with various community-based organizations and government agencies, including Yolo County Office of Education, CommuniCare+OLE, Stanford Youth Services, Yolo Conflict Resolution Center, MILPA, and Yolo County Behavioral Health. We also have a large number of community volunteers that provide services both in the custodial setting as well as running a diversion program for low-level offenders, the Juvenile Review Board.

To ensure the appropriate services are delivered to the youth, comprehensive evidence-based assessments are completed on each youth at several points of the process. Assessments are completed at detention to assist in determining the need for continued detention. For referrals that are received that are not a mandatory referral to the District Attorney, assessments are completed to assist in determining if they will be forwarded for a formal petition or if they can be handled through a diversion process. Finally, once a youth is assigned to supervision, an assessment is completed to ascertain their criminogenic needs to ensure they are receiving the appropriate services.

To ensure effective coordination between Probation and other relevant agencies, protocols have been established to staff cases, and regular meetings are held to address the needs of high-risk youth. Additionally, probation emphasizes the importance of involving the youths' families and positive supports through the utilization of Child Family Team meetings (CFTs)

## **D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions**

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year:

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council convened September 4, 2025, and on March 5, 2026. These collaborative meetings provided an opportunity for stakeholders to assess the current state of juvenile justice in the county, identify areas for improvement, and develop strategies on how best to address new challenges. By engaging in this consistent process, Probation and its partners demonstrate a commitment to public safety through prevention, diversion, and intervention services.

If your Plan has not been updated this year, explain why no changes to your plan are necessary:

Not applicable

## **Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4))**

### **A. Information Sharing and Data**

Describe your information systems and their ability to facilitate the sharing of data across agencies within your county. Describe the data obtained through these systems and how those data are used to measure the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.

The Yolo County Probation Department utilizes a case management system to track specific data points. Our current system is a browser-based case management system developed by our County IT department. This case management system hosts not only CJIS data but also assessment data, case plans and maintains our detention facility. We are able to track the juvenile justice processes from when a referral is initially sent and then throughout the Court and supervision process. This data is shared regularly with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council as well as with stakeholders and county partners. Some items can be tracked and reported on to include assessment results, criminogenic risk factors, basic demographics of youth referred as well as information about types of referrals and the agencies generating those referrals. This information

can drive our efforts at targeting specific populations as well as developing programming to target specific criminogenic needs.

## **B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils:**

Does your county have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code Section 749.22?

Yes    No

If no, please explain what vacancies exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies began, and your plan for filling them:

## C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), identifying any program that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

### JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

#### 1. Program Name:

Wraparound

#### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Wraparound is an evidence-informed, team-based care coordination model designed to address the complex behavioral health, family, educational, and social needs of justice-involved youth through individualized, community-based planning. A growing body of research demonstrates that Wraparound approaches improve stability, functioning, and system outcomes for youth with high criminogenic and behavioral health needs. Research conducted through the U.S. Department of Justice found that justice-involved youth receiving Wraparound services were **significantly less likely to recidivate** compared to youth receiving traditional juvenile justice services. Participants in a coordinated Wraparound mental health program took **three times longer to reoffend** than comparison youth, suggesting meaningful impacts on public safety and long-term system costs.

#### 3. Description:

Yolo County contracts with CommuniCare+OLE and Stanford Youth Services for Wraparound services. These services are utilized for youth in the community as a means to prevent removal from their home and placement into foster care as well as for youth returning home following a placement episode or a commitment in the juvenile detention facility. Wraparound employs evidence-based, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive approaches to provide high-fidelity Wraparound and Child Family Team Meetings to both the youth and their families. This comprehensive support is a key component of a multidisciplinary rehabilitation strategy aimed at maintaining youth in their homes. These services are available to youth in the community and are often initiated prior to release from detention or return home from placement.

### 1. Program Name:

CCOLE Youth Substance Use Program

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The CommuniCare+OLE Youth Substance Use Program is grounded in evidence-based practices for youth behavioral health and substance use treatment. The program incorporates approaches such as Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and family-centered treatment models, which research has shown to reduce substance use, improve coping skills, and strengthen family functioning among justice-involved youth. Studies demonstrate that adolescent outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment programs using these evidence-based methods are associated with reduced substance use, improved treatment engagement, and decreased recidivism risk factors. The program aligns with evidence-based principles of risk-needs-responsivity, trauma-informed care, and strengths-based rehabilitation.

### 3. Description:

The CommuniCare+OLE Youth Substance Use Program provides outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment services for justice-involved youth experiencing substance use challenges. Services include individual and group counseling, family therapy, case management, relapse prevention education, and coordination with probation and other community supports. The program focuses on helping youth develop healthy coping skills, improve decision-making, strengthen family relationships, and reduce behaviors associated with substance use. Treatment is tailored to the individual needs of each youth and is designed to support recovery, promote positive youth development, and reduce the likelihood of further justice system involvement.

CommuniCare+OLE's substance use curriculum for youth in custody consists of a multimodal evidence-based approach shown to reduce recidivism and improve behavioral health outcomes among justice-involved adolescents. The core framework draws from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), which is strongly supported in the research for addressing maladaptive thinking patterns, emotional regulation, and high-risk behaviors related to substance use. They integrate Motivational Interviewing to enhance readiness for change and strengthen intrinsic motivation, alongside structured relapse prevention strategies that build coping skills and self-efficacy. The program also incorporates trauma-informed and developmentally appropriate approaches, including rapport building, psychoeducation on the brain-behavior connection, emotion regulation skills, and age-appropriate experiential activities. Additional components focus on healthy relationships, peer dynamics, communication and social skills development, and goal setting to foster future orientation and hope—factors shown to be protective against reoffending and substance misuse. Together, these interventions reflect a comprehensive, research-aligned model that addresses cognitive, emotional, social, and developmental needs of justice-involved youth.

### 1. Program Name:

MILPA Collective

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

MILPA is a community-based organization that provides culturally grounded youth leadership development, mentorship, and restorative practices for system-impacted and at-risk youth. MILPA's programs focus on fostering cultural identity, intergenerational support, and community engagement, including rites of passage, healing circles, and leadership workshops. While MILPA is not formally recognized as an evidence-based program, its strategies are aligned with best practices, such as mentorship, restorative justice, and culturally responsive programming, which research has shown to reduce risk factors and promote positive youth outcomes. Academic and community research has documented MILPA's work in Salinas, California, highlighting its approach to youth empowerment, community well-being, and culturally informed support for formerly incarcerated individuals (USC Equity Research Institute, 2021; CSUS Justice Podcast, 2020). MILPA provides a model of community-driven, research-informed programming that supports the goals of promoting resilience, engagement, and positive development among at-risk youth.

### 3. Description:

MILPA Collective (MILPA) is a grassroots social movement and community-based organization focused on cultural healing, leadership development, and community empowerment. It's a space that is designed for and led by people who have been formerly incarcerated or system-impacted, and its work is rooted in cultural identity, intergenerational healing, and social justice. Its mission centers on cultivating "change makers for the Next Seven Generations" — supporting individuals and communities to thrive in health, well-being, and cultural rootedness. MILPA's work typically includes cultural healing and ancestral knowledge, leadership development, intergenerational support, and public advocacy and community engagement.

### 1. Program Name:

Cognitive Based Interventions- Core Youth (CBI-CY)

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

CBI-CY is based on cognitive-behavioral and structured social learning models that target *criminogenic risk factors* — such as risky thinking, poor emotion regulation, and problem-solving deficits — through cognitive restructuring, emotion regulation, and skill-building activities. This theoretical foundation is supported by decades of research showing that cognitive-behavioral approaches help youth recognize and change unhelpful thought patterns that underlie antisocial behavior.

### 3. Description:

CBI-CY groups are structured, evidence-informed group interventions designed to help youth develop the thinking skills, emotional regulation, and social competencies needed to reduce risk behaviors and support positive decision-making. Drawing from cognitive-behavioral theory, these groups focus on the connection between thoughts, feelings, and actions, helping participants understand how unhelpful thinking patterns can lead to problematic behavior — and how to replace those patterns with more constructive alternatives. Sessions emphasize practical skill-building, such as problem-solving, perspective-taking, and realistic thinking and youth learn to identify and challenge unproductive thoughts (e.g., impulsive or distorted thinking) that contribute to risky behaviors. CBI-CY is delivered in a group setting where youth can practice new skills with peers in a supervised, supportive environment. Facilitators guide discussions and exercises, encouraging reflection, feedback, and cooperative learning. Peer interaction helps participants see how others think and behave, which supports social learning. Groups follow a curriculum with defined modules or lessons, each targeting specific skills (e.g., coping skills, emotion regulation, conflict resolution). Activities often include role-plays, behavior modeling, worksheets, and guided discussion. Sessions typically build progressively from foundational concepts to more advanced applications.

### 1. Program Name:

Individual Mental Health Counseling

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Difference counseling methods, including individual, group, and family counseling, have been proven effective through research, observation, and professional expertise. Individual sessions are able to personalize support to personal issues and skill development. Group counseling offers social support and peer feedback. Family counseling aims to improve communication and resolve conflict in families.

### 3. Description:

CommuniCare+OLE is our contracted provider for a majority of mental health counseling. They offer evaluation and referral, counseling, targeted case management, skill building, and child psychiatry. They provide case work services and execute treatment plans for youth and families. They facilitate CFTs and assist in connecting youth and families to other appropriate services. They also offer Elevate Queer Yolo, a free program for the LGBTQ+ people in Yolo County navigate community resources and provides personalized help with identified needs. Licensed and registered clinicians deliver a majority of these services and adhere to current best practices, which include evidence-based approaches, ensuring the provision of effective and comprehensive mental health care.

### 1. Program Name:

Child Family Team Meetings

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Child and Family Team meetings are considered a promising practice. Growing evidence shows that services for children and families are most effective when provided through a single, coordinated team that includes the child or youth, their family, natural and community supports, and professional service providers. The Child and Family Team process plays an important role in promoting the well-being of children, youth, and families served by public agencies and their partners. This approach is grounded in the belief that children, youth, and families are capable of resolving their challenges when they receive adequate support and access to appropriate resources.

### 3. Description:

CommuniCare+OLE and County Behavioral Health are the primary facilitators for Child Family Team Meetings, which are essential for supporting families in need. These meetings bring together a wide range of participants, including the youth, parent or caregiver, Parent Partner, Family Specialists, a Mental Health Clinician (when needed), Probation personnel, and a Facilitator. The meetings can also include personnel from the youth's school or any other support person the youth identifies. The meetings focus on evaluating the family's needs, setting goals, and collaboratively creating case plans that reflect input from the entire team, with particular emphasis on the voices and choices of the family members. Additionally, Child and Family Team meetings are held for youth placed outside their homes, providing a forum to assess their needs and make placement decisions that prioritize the well-being of both the youth and their family.

### 1. Program Name:

Restorative Justice

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Restorative Justice is an evidence-based approach, supported by a substantial body of research demonstrating its effectiveness in reducing recidivism, enhancing victim satisfaction, and promoting offender accountability. Studies across criminal justice systems and educational settings indicate that this practice contributes to lower rates of reoffending, smoother community reintegration, and healthier school environments. Its effectiveness is grounded in well-established criminological and psychological theories and reinforced by numerous peer-reviewed studies and meta-analyses.

### 3. Description:

Restorative Justice is a comprehensive approach to addressing conflicts and offenses within a community. It focuses on the needs of all parties involved—the victims, the offenders, and the broader community. At its core, this approach seeks to repair the harm caused by an offense, hold youth accountable, and engage the community in

finding meaningful resolutions. Whenever possible, it brings together the youth and those affected, while providing support and services to help both victims and offenders heal.

To support and implement Restorative Justice practices, Probation has partnered with Yolo Conflict Resolution Center. They have developed strategies to establish a Restorative Justice program that emphasizes victim restoration and offers services to youth aimed at preventing further involvement in the juvenile justice system.

### 1. Program Name:

Girls Circle/ Boys Council

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Gender-specific programming is supported by evidence showing that youth benefit from interventions designed to meet their unique developmental, psychological, and social needs. Research indicates that males and females often face different risk factors, coping strategies, and behavioral pathways. By providing gender-responsive environments, these programs promote greater engagement, psychological safety, and relevance, which enhances the effectiveness of services. Such approaches have been associated with improved outcomes in academic performance, mental health, social-emotional development, and reduced involvement in the juvenile justice system. By recognizing and addressing the distinct experiences of young people, gender-specific programming fosters more equitable and impactful youth development.

### 3. Description:

Probation implements Girls Circle, a gender-responsive circle model and intervention program developed by the One Circle Foundation. The Foundation promotes resiliency and healthy relationships in youth and communities through research-based, gender-responsive circle programs and best practices. Girls Circle is designed using evidence-based practices, incorporating Motivational Interviewing, Cultural Responsivity, strengths-based approaches, and trauma-responsive strategies. Studies conducted in 2005 and 2007 demonstrated statistically significant improvements for participants in six long-term outcomes, including increased self-efficacy, reduced self-harming behavior, lower rates of alcohol use, stronger attachment to school, improved body image, and greater social support. Water and snacks are provided to encourage participation, support healthy development, and enhance youth focus during sessions. Programming is implemented in a manner responsive to each youth's gender identity, with practices in place to respect the pronouns of transgender and non-binary participants.

Similarly, Probation utilizes The Council for Boys and Young Men, another gender-responsive circle model from the One Circle Foundation. This program also uses evidence-based practices, including Motivational Interviewing, Cultural Responsivity, strengths-based approaches, and trauma-informed strategies. Research from Portland

State University shows that participation leads to increased school engagement, positive shifts in masculinity beliefs, and high participant satisfaction. Like Girls Circle, water and snacks are provided to support healthy development and engagement, and the program is responsive to the gender identities of all youth, including transgender and non-binary participants.

### 1. Program Name:

Woodland Police Athletic League

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The Woodland Police Athletics League (WPAL) is an evidence-informed prevention program grounded in Positive Youth Development and mentoring research. The program provides structured recreational and skill-building activities facilitated by law enforcement personnel, fostering positive relationships between youth and caring adult role models. Research demonstrates that supervised after-school programming and mentoring relationships increase protective factors, improve social and behavioral outcomes, and reduce delinquency risk. By promoting pro-social engagement, strengthening youth–law enforcement relationships, and providing structured activities during high-risk after-school hours, the program supports early intervention and delinquency prevention consistent with research identified by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and related youth development literature.

### 3. Description:

Yolo County Probation contracts with the Woodland Police Athletics League (WPAL) to enable them to reach out and enrich the lives of the youth living in Woodland and surrounding communities to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency by uniting law enforcement officers and the community's youth. WPAL strives to provide safe and supervised environments for recreational, athletic, social, educational, and cultural activities. They offer a summer program for youth from disadvantaged neighborhoods as well as a summer baseball program that any youth in the community may join. Other sport opportunities that exist are wrestling, basketball, and soccer. They also host holiday activities for families.

### 1. Program Name:

Pet Partners

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Studies demonstrate that structured interactions with trained therapy animals can reduce stress and anxiety, improve emotional regulation, and increase social engagement among youth. Research in behavioral health and juvenile justice settings indicates that animal-assisted interventions can promote prosocial behavior, strengthen trust, and enhance participation in services. Pet Partners incorporates standardized

training, safety protocols, and outcome-based practices consistent with trauma-informed and strengths-based approaches.

### 3. Description:

Pet Partners is an animal-assisted intervention program that incorporates trained therapy animals and certified volunteer handlers into structured services designed to support the emotional, social, and behavioral development of youth. The program utilizes positive interactions between youth and therapy animals to promote engagement, reduce stress and anxiety, and strengthen pro-social skills within a supportive and supervised environment.

Through guided activities, youth develop skills related to empathy, emotional regulation, communication, and responsibility. Interaction with therapy animals can help youth build trust, improve self-confidence, and increase willingness to participate in therapeutic and rehabilitative services. The calming presence of therapy animals also supports trauma-informed practices by helping youth regulate emotions and reduce barriers to participation in programming.

Pet Partners services are delivered by registered therapy animal teams that meet nationally recognized training and safety standards. The program complements existing rehabilitative and supervision strategies by enhancing youth engagement and supporting positive behavioral change. Animal-assisted interventions are supported by research demonstrating improvements in social functioning, emotional well-being, and program participation among justice-involved and at-risk youth.

By integrating animal-assisted activities into youth services, the Pet Partners program contributes to a holistic, strengths-based approach that promotes resilience, supports positive youth development, and encourages successful outcomes for participating youth.

### 1. Program Name:

Yolo Arts Council

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

Arts-based interventions are supported by research in adolescent development, trauma treatment, and juvenile justice rehabilitation. Evidence indicates that creative arts programming can reduce behavioral problems, improve coping skills, enhance emotional expression, and increase youth engagement in pro-social activities. Arts interventions are considered evidence-informed practices that support positive youth development and rehabilitation outcomes.

### 3. Description:

The Yolo Arts Council is an expressive art program that provides youth with a creative and therapeutic channel to a non-threatening, yet direct form of emotional expression

through the medium of art. This program incorporates learning, drawing and painting utilizing various media, as well as poetry, and the creation of murals to enable the expression of deeply seeded emotions. Additionally, the group provides youth with the opportunity to view problems from a new perspective, to externalize difficult or painful experiences that are often hard to express through verbal expression. The goal of this program is to serve as a skill-building activity that serves as a coping technique, encouraging creativity, promoting self-expression and serving as a socialization group that stimulates positive interactions with peers, promotes universality and may provide catharsis for participants.

### 1. Program Name:

The Beat Within

### 2. Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:

The Beat Within is an evidence-informed program grounded in research on expressive writing, arts-based interventions, and positive youth development. Studies show that structured creative writing and arts programs can improve emotional regulation, reduce stress and aggression, and strengthen communication skills among justice-involved youth. Research on expressive writing specifically indicates it can help youth process trauma, increase self-awareness, and support healthy identity development. Arts-based interventions are also associated with increased engagement in services, improved prosocial behavior, and stronger connections with supportive adults, all of which align with evidence-based juvenile justice principles, including trauma-informed care and strengths-based rehabilitation.

### 3. Description:

The Beat Within is a creative arts and literacy program that provides weekly writing, art, and discussion workshops for justice-involved youth, primarily in juvenile detention settings. Founded in 1996, the program offers youth a safe and structured space to express their thoughts, life experiences, and emotions through creative writing and visual art. Workshops focus on building literacy, critical thinking, self-expression, and healthy relationships with peers, volunteers, and the broader community.

Through these activities, youth develop positive self-esteem, communication skills, and prosocial connections while sharing their work in a bi-weekly publication distributed within detention facilities. The program aims to serve as a bridge between incarcerated youth and the community, supporting their progress toward healthy, non-violent, and productive lives.

## Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) – (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a).

### **A. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders**

Describe your county’s overall strategy for dealing with non-707(b) youthful offenders who are not eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice. Explain how this Plan relates to or supports that strategy.

Probation has implemented a comprehensive strategy aimed at reducing delinquent behavior while promoting positive youth development. Recognizing the importance of prevention and skill-building, the department focuses on equipping youth with essential life skills intended to deter future involvement in the justice system. This approach emphasizes a shift from punitive responses toward rehabilitative and developmentally appropriate interventions. Central to this strategy is the use of validated risk and needs assessment tools, which support accurate classification of youth and allow services and interventions to be tailored to individual needs, ultimately reducing recidivism. Probation aims to treat youth in the community whenever possible.

Effective resource allocation is critical to addressing serious juvenile offending. Probation conducts ongoing assessments to monitor changes in risk levels and identify criminogenic factors associated with reoffending. Assessment results guide the development of individualized case plans created in collaboration with youth and their families. These plans establish specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound goals designed to support accountability and positive behavioral change.

Collaboration remains a key component of Probation’s approach. The department participates in regular multidisciplinary meetings and committees with public and private partners to address issues including adverse childhood experiences, commercial sexual exploitation of children, placement stability, community reentry, and gang intervention. Ongoing participation in a collaborative Systems Improvement Plan further supports coordinated, countywide strategies to serve youth involved with both Probation and Child Welfare.

Probation continues to strengthen partnerships with community-based providers to better address the diverse needs of youth and families. Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices guides program and policy decisions to ensure interventions are aligned with research demonstrating reductions in recidivism.

## **B. Regional Agreements**

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported with YOBG funds.

Yolo County Probation does not currently have any regional agreements or arrangements that are supported with Youthful Block Grant funds.

## C. Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the templates below, provide details for each program, strategy, and/or system enhancement that will be funded by the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG). Explain how they complement or coordinate with the programs, strategies and system enhancements to be funded through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) program.

To include multiple programs, copy and paste the template fields "1. Program Name," "2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA," and "3. Description" as many times as necessary.

### YOBG Funded Program, Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, placement, service, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.

#### 1. Program Name:

Intensive Juvenile Community Supervision

#### 2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

Intensive Juvenile Community Supervision is coordinated with JJCPA-funded services through integrated case management and referral processes within the Probation Department. Youth are assessed for risk and needs and may be referred to JJCPA-supported programs such as counseling, skill-building, mentoring, and family support services. JJCPA programs complement community supervision by providing rehabilitative interventions that support behavioral change, reduce recidivism risk factors, and promote positive youth development. Probation staff monitor youth participation across both funding streams to ensure continuity of care, avoid duplication of services, and provide a coordinated supervision and service delivery approach.

#### 3. Description:

Probation provides effective supervision of justice-involved youth through a comprehensive and structured approach. This process begins with thorough assessments and intake procedures designed to identify each youth's risk level and individual needs. Based on these assessments, individualized case plans and recommendations are developed for the Court, with an emphasis on addressing criminogenic needs while promoting community safety. Youth are subsequently referred to collaborative, multidisciplinary services aligned with identified needs.

Probation Officers supervise youth in the community using Evidence-Based Practices to support compliance with court orders and encourage positive behavioral change. Probation Officer Supervisors provide oversight and guidance to ensure the consistent and effective implementation of supervision strategies, monitor youth progress, and

support staff as needed. Legal Secretaries provide essential administrative support, including data entry, court filings, and distribution of legal documents. Probation Aides assist with monitoring lower-risk youth as determined through validated risk assessment tools.

Regular equipment replacement is necessary to maintain the effectiveness, safety, and operational integrity of juvenile probation supervision. Outdated or malfunctioning equipment, including communication devices, monitoring tools, and transportation resources, can impede timely response, accurate documentation, and effective case management. Ensuring staff have access to reliable and current equipment strengthens the department's ability to monitor compliance, support youth progress, and respond appropriately to emerging needs while maintaining accountability and public safety standards.

### 1. Program Name:

Yolo County Career Program

### 2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

The Yolo County Career Pathways Program is coordinated with JJCPA-funded services through Probation Department referrals, shared case planning, and ongoing communication with service providers. Youth participating in the program are identified through based on their educational and vocational needs. The Career Pathways Program complements JJCPA services by providing workforce readiness, job skill development, and educational support that address criminogenic risk factors related to school disengagement and employment instability. Probation staff monitor youth participation across both funding streams to ensure coordinated service delivery, avoid duplication, and support positive youth development and successful reentry outcomes.

### 3. Description:

Yolo County Probation partners with the Yolo County Office of Education to provide justice involved youth with structured opportunities to develop employment readiness skills, explore career interests, and build pathways toward long-term educational and vocational success. The program is designed to reduce recidivism and promote positive youth development by addressing key criminogenic needs related to education, employment, and pro-social skill development.

Participants receive individualized support that may include career exploration, job readiness training, resume development, interview preparation, workplace communication skills, and financial literacy education. Youth are connected to vocational training opportunities, internships, and employment experiences aligned with their interests and abilities. The program emphasizes hands-on learning and exposure to viable career options to help youth establish attainable goals and increase motivation for sustained engagement in school and work.

Services are delivered through collaboration with local education partners, workforce development agencies, community-based organizations, and employers. This multidisciplinary approach ensures youth receive coordinated support that addresses barriers to employment, including limited work experience, academic challenges, and transportation or resource limitations.

The Career Pathways Program incorporates evidence-informed practices focused on skill-building, mentorship, and positive adult relationships. By increasing access to education and employment opportunities, the program supports youth in developing self-sufficiency, improving decision-making skills, and successfully transitioning into productive members of the community.

### 1. Program Name:

Electronic Monitoring

### 2. Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

The Electronic Monitoring program is coordinated with JJCPA-funded services through Probation Department case management and shared supervision planning. Youth placed on electronic monitoring are assessed for risk and needs and may be referred to JJCPA-supported programs such as counseling, skill development, family services, and community-based interventions. JJCPA services complement electronic monitoring by addressing underlying criminogenic factors while the monitoring component provides structured supervision and accountability in the community. Probation staff oversee participation across both funding streams to ensure coordinated service delivery, avoid duplication, and support successful community supervision outcomes.

### 3. Description:

Electronic monitoring provides enhanced supervision for youth on probation through the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to support compliance with court-ordered conditions while promoting community safety. GPS monitoring allows Probation Officers to track youth location in real time and verify adherence to court-ordered restrictions, including curfews, school attendance requirements, exclusion zones, and approved activity schedules.

The program is utilized as an intermediate supervision strategy for youth assessed as requiring a higher level of accountability while remaining safely in the community. GPS monitoring serves as an alternative to more restrictive placements by allowing youth to maintain connections to family, education, and community-based services while under structured supervision.

Probation Officers incorporate GPS monitoring into individualized case plans informed by validated risk and needs assessments. Monitoring data supports timely intervention when noncompliant behavior or risk factors are identified, allowing officers to respond with graduated responses, problem-solving strategies, and referrals to supportive

services rather than solely punitive measures. Officers maintain regular contact with youth and families to reinforce expectations, address barriers to compliance, and encourage positive behavior change.

The use of GPS monitoring enhances supervision capacity by providing objective information that supports accountability, improves response times, and strengthens case management practices. By combining technology with Evidence-Based Practices and rehabilitative interventions, the program promotes public safety while supporting youth stability, engagement in pro-social activities, and successful completion of probation.