

Yolo County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

MEETING AGENDA

March 5, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

625 Court Street
Room B02, Atrium Training Room
Woodland, CA 95695



Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Rachelle Gayton
Superintendent of Juvenile Detention Facility, Oscar Ruiz
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District 2 Community Member: Judith Arce
District 3 Community Member: An Ta
District 4 Community Member: Vacant
District 5 Community Member: Cecilia Maldonado
District Attorney Representative: David Wilson
Public Defender Representative: Monica Brushia
Sheriff's Office Representative: Lt. Dallas Timm
Board of Supervisors Representative: Oscar Villegas
Department of Social Services Representative: Tony Kildare
Department of Mental Health Representative: Tony Kildare
Community-Based Drug & Alcohol Program Representative: Sara Gavin
City Police Department Representative: Chief Robert Strange
Office of Education Representative: Jose Gutierrez
Non-Profit Serving Minors Representative: Celina Alveraz
Court Representative: Rocio Richter

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Member announcements**
3. **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Action Item:** Consider approval of the agenda (Gayton)
4. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Action Item: Consider approval of the September 4, 2025 minutes (Gayton)
5. **Open for Public Comment**

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6. **Subcommittee Action Item:** Consider approval of 2026 Juvenile Justice Block Grant Plan (Att. A.) (Gayton)
7. **JJCC Action Item:** Consider approval of 2026 Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Att. B.) (Gayton)
8. **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meetings:**
 - a. September 3, 2026
 - b. March 4, 2027
9. **Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee Meetings:**
 - a. July 23, 2026
 - b. January 7, 2027
10. **Adjournment**

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Meeting Date: 03/05/2026

SUBJECT

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Action Item: Consider approval of the September 4, 2025 minutes (Gayton)

Attachments

Att. A. Minutes

Form Review

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September 4, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Action Item:** Consider approval of the agenda and approve March 6, 2025 Minutes.

Vote: PASS [X] FAIL []

STRANGE motion, WILSON second agenda

Vote: PASS [X] FAIL []

Strange motion, Richter second

3. **Open for Public Comment**

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4. **Member announcements**

- a. **Member Discussion:**

Celina Alvarez is now the new executive director of Empower Yolo. Celebrity bartending Oct. 7th at Mojos. Jose Gutierrez announced school started at Cesar Chavez and that they're partnering with agencies to assist their students and their families. The school is also starting workshops with families to help them gain skills to succeed. Chief Strange noted that WSPD received a \$500,000 grant for gun violence prevention and is partnering with non-profits to put programs together that focus on youths. The grant is for two years to help stand up the programs, but not to sustain them. The programs do not require criminal justice system involvement, and its community-based support is open to referrals once it is available. Celina Alvarez noted that Empower Yolo is working with youth and adults to help them become community health educators. She is working on drafting legislation to bring forward funding regarding Empower Yolo. Empower Yolo is seeking to recruit Promotoras and community volunteers at promotora@empoweryolo.org. They have received their first grant for prevention and looking for partners/ advisory committee members. An Ta recommended that Empower Yolo reach out to YCOE to formalize a partnership. They have additional resources and pathways to help the community with multiple train the trainer courses. It is 3 full days for the courses, and they are looking for 9 practitioners.

5. **Informational Items**

- a. Update from subcommittee

1. Less Restrictive Placement

- Member Discussion:

- Chief Gayton discussed lack of regulation around LRP's and that CPOC and OYCR are in discussions around this topic. Chief Gayton talked about options for our current youth in SYTF (El Dorado) to include Pine Grove, having day passes from El Dorado County Juvenile Hall to attend college and or work in person and then returning to the facility at night. He might come back to Yolo County and stay in approved housing to then attend school or work. More to come on this discussion once we have orders from the court.

2. Pine Grove Contract

- Member Discussion:

- Celina Alvarez asked if there was a pathway to fire careers and who would make use of this. Chief Gayton confirmed that there were career pathways and briefly explained opportunities while noting that this is only for male youths that are over 18 and justice involved as it is still a form of custody time. Additionally, youth must be in good health and not on any medication and physically capable. Lando Mathews inquired if the program works with other fire camps and Chief Gayton clarified that it is the only fire

camp for juveniles.

b. Discuss updates and changes to CMJJP

Member Discussion:

Chief Gayton explained how the CSA and SIP will be integrated into the CMJJP and the change in timeframe for renewal of the plan. Chief Strange asked whether any of these are county reports and Chief Gayton clarified that the CMJJP is required by WIC 749.22 but the plan is approved by the BoS at the county level. The other reports are overseen by state agencies.

c. CalAIM update

1. Purpose
2. Timeframes
3. Partnerships

Member Discussion:

Cecilia Maldonado asked what we do with those who have private insurance. Chief Gayton replied that we would need to draft MOUs with private insurance and that each county agency that is involved needs to have a coordinator that will follow up. She noted that it is uncertain and difficult to create a plan for individuals who are in jail for a very short period of time. Monica Brushia inquired about whether or not there would be some kind of exit coordinator. Lt. Dennis Gaines stated there would be an exit coordinator. David Wilson followed up noting that judges are lenient on when releases are happening, which adds to the uncertainty of release from JDF. Sara Gavin asked what the limitations were on MediCal billing in custody versus out of custody. Chief Gayton answered that youths can only be billed for a cumulative 90 days, typically when they're going to leave within 90 days. Additionally, a care coordinator should be monitoring that process and assisting with billing recommendations for MediCal. This allows planning for wrap services prior to release. Wellpath's interpretation of CalAIM is slightly different and coming into alignment with billing is currently a work in progress.

6. **Meeting Review**

a. Discuss 3 talking points from meeting

1. An Ta asked if the CMJJP worked on preventative planning. Chief Gayton confirmed it did; however, we don't have any kids in placement, so we can focus on other topics. New bills reducing wardship duration may pass and cause significant changes.

b. Request for future meeting topics

1. Roadmaps and connections of services and what is most effective (Ta)
2. Requirements and policy for first time offenders with low risk factors – felonies (Brushia)
3. I.C.E. policies (Alvarez)

7. **Adjournment**

8. **Next Meeting: March 5, 2026 @ 1:00 PM**

9. **Location:**

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Meeting Date: 03/05/2026

SUBJECT

Subcommittee Action Item: Consider approval of 2026 Juvenile Justice Block Grant Plan (Att. A.) (Gayton)

Attachments

Att. A. JJRBG Plan

Form Review

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JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL PLAN

MAIN CONTACT FOR PLAN

Date: March 5, 2026

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BACKGROUND AND INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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

There are ten sections to the plan:

- Part 1: Subcommittee Composition
- Part 2: Target Population
- Part 3: Programs and Services
- Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block
Grant Funds
- Part 5: Facility Plan
- Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in
the Juvenile Justice System
- Part 7: Regional Efforts
- Part 8: Data
- Part 9: Other Updates
- Part 10: Expenditure Summary

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

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

Agency	Name and Title	Email	Phone Number
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Additional Subcommittee Participants			
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Juvenile Detention Facility Superintendent	Oscar Ruiz Superintendent	Oscar.Ruiz@yolocounty.gov	530-406-5383

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

On September 5, 2024, the Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee group met to discuss the JJCC Bylaws and receive the JJCC subcommittee Power Point presentation.

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

Meeting Date 1:

Meeting Date 2:

Additional meeting dates of the subcommittee, if applicable:

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

On March 5, 2026, the Juvenile Justice Realignment subcommittee updated and approved the plan by a majority vote.

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

The plan was developed in collaboration with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, incorporating input from relevant stakeholders. The draft was submitted to the Sub-Committee for review prior to the March meeting. Revisions were incorporated before being finalized. This process has been consistently followed each year to ensure any updates or changes are incorporated into the final draft before completion.

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))

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

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

The Yolo County Probation Department provides diversion and informal supervision to low risk youth, while referring only youth at higher risk to reoffend for intensive formal supervision. The juvenile realignment target population consists of the highest level, serious juvenile offenders requiring long-term treatment and custodial care who could not have their needs addressed through intensive community-based services and per the enactment of Senate Bill 823/Senate Bill 92.

A full risk and needs assessment, the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS), is completed on youth at disposition to identify their highest criminogenic needs as well as their protective factors. Youth are referred to evidence-based programs to address their needs, which can include individual therapy, intensive substance use treatment, wraparound services, or other services as deemed appropriate. All attempts are made to keep youth at home in their communities while receiving these services. However, at times youth require a higher level of care and may be placed in a Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). Yolo County has a dedicated Probation Officer to work with these youth and their families. We have experienced a dramatic decrease in youth going to STRTPs over the last several years.

Yolo County Probation’s target population for 2025 included 10 youths who were adjudicated of an offense described under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 707(b), however, no youth were committed to SYTF during that year. Of those 10 youths 6 were Hispanic, 1 Black, 1 White, and 2 listed as Other. Yolo County has an overall population of 225,251 with 19.2% of that population being youths. As of March 2026, Yolo County has one youth in a Secure Youth Treatment Facility.

For youth who have committed offenses described under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 707(b) or an offense described in Section 290.008 of the Penal Code, and for whom community-based services have proved inadequate, Yolo County has a contract with El Dorado County Probation for placement in their Cedar Program. As of March 2026, there is one male in the Cedar Program. To date, no female youth have been committed to the program.

The table below displays the more serious offense for each of the youths in the target population.

Most Serious Offense	Counts
Assault	8
Murder	1
Sex Offense	1

The table below displays the age at which their most serious crime was committed. The average age at the commission of the offense is 16 years old.

Age at Time of 707(b) Offense	Counts
14y/o	1
15y/o	2
16 y/o	2
17 y/o	5

Yolo County Probation provides in-custody, community, and wraparound services for the target population to ensure that a continuum of care follows each youth from first contact through the duration of their probation. As previously mentioned, Yolo County has only one youth in a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF). We currently contract with El Dorado to provide those services to our youth. There is a probation officer dedicated to working with youth in SYTF and their families. They assist in developing an appropriate Individual Rehabilitation Plan and monitor the youth's progress throughout their commitment. They will also be instrumental in deciding on an appropriate Less Restrictive Program when it is appropriate for the youth to step down.

El Dorado utilizes appropriate needs-based secure youth treatment programs, including specialized treatment services to rehabilitate any youth committed to their secure track program. Though we now have secured a contract with El Dorado County, youth will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, as all needs will be considered prior to determining the appropriate secure track facility. Should a youth have specialized needs (female, sex offending behavior, intensive mental health needs, etc.), they will be placed in the most appropriate program that can meet those specialized needs. Yolo County's priority is to maintain youth near their community of origin. Contracting with El Dorado County allows youth to maintain a connection to their community of origin and most importantly their families.

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)):

Yolo County Probation currently has a contract with El Dorado County to house our youth committed to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF). The needs of the youth would need to be evaluated to ensure El Dorado County is the appropriate placement to meet the unique needs of the individual youth. The Cedar Program (El Dorado SYTF program) residential treatment may consist of group therapy, individual therapy, psycho educational resource groups, journaling/biblio-therapy, family/support counseling, plant care, transitional services, and therapeutic recreational and leisure activities. Cedar Program also focuses on vocational skill building, development of mature/professional relationships, and continued education as cornerstones of the program. Youth in the program will also have access to medical, dental, and psychiatric services as needed.

Yolo County has a relatively low wardship rate and very low placement numbers. As of March 2026, Probation has two youth in placement and one in SYTF. Therefore, much of probation supervision occurs in the community. Community-based resources utilized include probation supervision, electronic monitoring, mental health services, and cognitive behavioral interventions.

Since the pervious annual plan submission, Yolo County Probation has entered into a contract with Pine Grove Conservation Camp to be utilized as a Less Restrictive Placement or potentially for a youth committed to the juvenile detention facility for a long-term commitment.

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)):

Yolo County has created a separate fund to account for receipt of this revenue and fulfill the current active contract with El Dorado County Probation Department. This contract is currently meeting the need for support and care of youth sentenced to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility and re-entry programming. El Dorado County provides enhanced programing to include full medical and behavioral health services. Due to the historically low number of youth within the target population, it would be costly and inefficient to create robust programming for each specialized treatment area. Instead, Yolo County has opted to utilize contracted providers that meet the unique needs of the youth.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

The department plans to apply grant funds to the development of a robust Community Re-Entry Program by establishing a Natural Support/Family Support Program for the families and natural support individuals of justice-involved juveniles. As proposed, the program would be multi-pronged and would include the following:

Secure Youth Treatment Facility Court Reviews

From the outset of the program, secure track youth and families appear before the Juvenile Court once every six months for review hearings. The re-entry officer works with the El Dorado County SYTF staff to provide the Court with progress reports regarding the youth and family. During the review hearing, the Court is provided with any additional treatment status reports and other information from a variety of sources.

Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings

The team consists of Secure Youth Treatment Facility staff, Probation, Health and Human Services Agency, Yolo County Office of Education, CommuniCare+OLE, the Public Defender's Office, the youth, and the family. All participants will discuss what the youth is working on, the plan moving forward, court updates, medication compliance, educational/vocational updates, treatment compliance, etc. The team members also share information and ask questions of the other agencies regarding specific services being provided to the youth. Current and future concerns are discussed, as well as supportive strategies for the youth and partner agencies. MDT meetings shall be held as needed depending on the youth's needs.

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)):

Reentry services would be established if a youth placed in a Secure Youth Treatment Facility and is stepped down to a Less Restrictive Placement. Programs will be individualized to the unique needs of the youth to assist in their transition back to the community. It should be noted Yolo County has not yet had a youth step down to a Less Restrictive Program.

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)):

Yolo County contracts with El Dorado County Probation to provide programming in their Secure Track Treatment Facility to meet the unique needs of the youth.

Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by non-governmental or community-based providers. Describe any progress made on this element since the previous annual plan submission (Welf. & Inst. Code §1995(d)(2) and (d)(8)):

Yolo County Probation does not currently utilize any community-based providers for our Secure Track youth. Once a youth is placed in a Less Restrictive Placement, such programs will be explored to meet the unique needs of the youth.

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 the target population 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 facility improvements made to support long-term commitments**
- **How the county ensures 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)):

It has been determined that due to the current and historical low number of target population youth, as well as currently having a low number of youths pending secure track adjudication, Yolo County would struggle with providing a secure youth treatment facility. Should the Court order a youth to a secure youth treatment facility, Yolo County will seek a program that meets the individualized needs of the youth. Yolo County currently contracts with El Dorado County as it was determined they would be able to meet the needs of most of our youth. Should El Dorado be found to not be an appropriate placement for a youth, due to their need for specialized treatment, we would seek an appropriate placement.

Yolo County continues to explore the option of developing its own secure tack program should local needs increase.

Decision making on whether a youth would be best served in the juvenile detention facility or in a secure youth treatment facility will be based upon the least restrictive option that provides the appropriate care, treatment, and guidance that is consistent with the best interests of the youth and the public as required by Section 202(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC).

Yolo County recently entered into a contract with Pine Grove Conservation Camp to be used as a Less Restrictive Program. This program is considered to be a regulated program.

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)):

Yolo County's Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan facilitates and incentivizes the retention of youth within the juvenile justice system by providing comprehensive evidence-based services to the entire juvenile population at all intervention levels including funding of community prevention programs, offering informal diversion, formal diversion, family-oriented juvenile supervision, and out of home placement when deemed appropriate. By frontloading comprehensive rehabilitative juvenile services, the aim is to prevent youth from further entry into the criminal justice system, including secure track adjudication, but specifically the adult criminal court system. Additionally, Yolo County utilizes the Risk-Need- Responsivity model in that a youth is assessed using the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) to determine risk level and to establish criminogenic risks and needs, as well as protective factors. OYAS results are used in collaboration with the youth and family to develop case plan goals and service referrals. See Part 4: Programs and Services (WIC 1995(c)(2)) for list of juvenile programs and services offered in Yolo County.

In locating a secure youth treatment facility, requirements include rehabilitation planning through a Multi- Disciplinary Team approach; community-based team, programs, and services centered on rehabilitation; comprehensive individualized trauma- and evidence-based programs; and individualized step-down approaches to ensure each youth maximizes engagement and prepares the youth for successful re-entry into the community; which will include collaboration between Yolo County probation staff and the selected treatment facility staff.

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)):

Yolo County has contracted with El Dorado County to utilize their Secure Youth Treatment Facility. Additionally, we continue to pursue discussions with nearby counties regarding contracting for Secure Youth Treatment Facility services should youth need placement. Yolo County will place priority on programs with the closest proximity to the youth's family and community and consult with other counties as needed for youth with specialized needs that cannot be served in nearby treatment facilities.

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)):

Considering the current and historical low number of Yolo County youth adjudicated of offenses listed in Welfare and Institutions Code section 707(b) and low number of youths committed a Secure Youth Treatment Facility, Yolo County will manage data collection, analyzation, and reporting by using the internal case management system (Lawsuite 2.0) and an existing probation analyst.

Data collected will include:

- Demographics including age, gender/gender identity, race & ethnicity, & city of residence
- Offense(s)
- Commitment date & baseline term ordered
- Custody time
- Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting date(s)
- OYAS risk level(s)
- Programs/services including start/end date
- Education level
- Vocational training/skills
- Housing status

Additionally, our current case management system is currently being updated to begin collecting more specific data points regarding the treatment youth receive while in the Juvenile Detention Facility as well as behavioral incidents and family involvement. Data points will continue to be reassessed within the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Realignment Subcommittee.

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)):

Yolo County is focusing on evaluating and improving both its community-based and in-custody programming over the next few years. We will be evaluating current programming as well as determining any programming gaps that currently exist. This is the focus of our five-year System Improvement Plan to address the systemic factor of Service Array. The goal is to not only provide meaningful, evidence-based programming in our facility but also in the community in hopes of addressing the needs of our youth to prevent further delinquent activity.

Yolo County will measure various outcomes of youth participating in secure youth treatment facilities. Considering the low number of youth eligible for secure track adjudication, Yolo County intends to use an internal probation analyst to collect comprehensive data, analyze, and report the following outcome measures:

Outcome measures will include:

- Program/service completion rate (i.e., educational, vocational, therapeutic, etc.)
- Secure Youth Treatment Facility completion rate
- Recidivism rates post-SYTF release
 - Release to stepdown program
 - Release from SYTF commitment

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.

Consistent with the intent of Juvenile Justice realignment, Yolo County prioritizes placement and programming options that are less restrictive than secure custody, developmentally appropriate, and responsive to the individual needs of youth. These options are designed to reduce reliance on local secure detention, promote rehabilitation, and support successful community reintegration while maintaining accountability and public safety. Yolo County understands the importance of creating an individualized plan for each youth that focuses on the criteria below:

Less restrictive placements emphasize:

- Evidence-based programming
- Educational and vocational development
- Behavioral health and substance use treatment
- Pro-social skill building
- Independent life skills building
- Family and or support engagement and community connections

As part of the county's continuum of care, the Probation Department has entered into a contract with Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp, a less restrictive residential placement option that provides structured programming in a non-secure setting. This will be an option for our youth over the age of 18 who are either serving a commitment of more than one year or as a Less Restrictive Program following a SYTF commitment.

Pine Grove offers a comprehensive, rehabilitative environment that includes:

- Academic instruction aligned with state education standards
- Vocational training and workforce development skills
- Physical conditioning and team-based activities
- Cognitive-behavioral interventions and life skills development
- Emphasis on responsibility, accountability, and positive behavior change

Youth that are placed at Pine Grove will remain under the supervision of the Yolo County Probation Department and will be selected based on the individual risk and needs assessment. Placement decisions are made with consideration of public safety, the youth's amenability to treatment, and the appropriateness of a less restrictive setting.

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 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 (\$)	Did you meet the goals described for this expenditure subject area? (Yes/No)	Please describe how protocols, services, partnerships, or practices have changed as a result of this expenditure subject area.	Describe how the expenditures improved outcomes for the realignment of target population.
Mental health treatment, vocational	\$108,300.00	Yes	Contract with El Dorado County for Secure Track	Provided evidence-based programming to SYTF youth in the El Dorado County Cedar Program
Healthy adolescent development	\$1314.32	Yes	Transportation costs	Provided monthly transportation to the youth's family to ensure familial relationships were continued while in placement at El Dorado Cedar Program
Mental health treatment	\$150,611.56	Yes	JDF Programming	Assist in funding programming in the Juvenile Detention Facility for target population
Healthy adolescent development	\$572.36	Yes	Transportation (snow tires)	Outfit a vehicle to safely transport youth, youth's family, and probation officers to El Dorado Cedar Program

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).

Instructions to add more rows:

To add additional rows to the table, place your cursor in the last row and last column, then press Tab. This will automatically insert a new row below. Alternatively, right-click in the table, select Insert, and choose Insert Rows Below.

Meeting Date: 03/05/2026

SUBJECT

JJCC Action Item: Consider approval of 2026 Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Att. B.) (Gayton)

Attachments

Att. B. 2026 CMJJP

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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.

Once the report is complete, attach the file to an email and send it to: OYCRgrants@chhs.ca.gov.

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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 residents¹, 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.

¹ 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)²

Race and Hispanic Origin	Yolo (% of Pop.)	CA (% of Pop.)
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 \$99,122.⁹ 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 - \$32,906.⁹ 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

² 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.