



**MENDOCINO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
AGENDA**

**Friday, March 21, 2025
12:15 pm – 1:45 pm**

In-Person (required for Voting Members, public welcome) at the following location:

**Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), Birch Lab 1, 2240 Old River Rd, Ukiah, CA
95482**

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call To Order:

- 1a) Welcome**
- 1b) Introductions**
- 1c) Additions or Corrections to Agenda**



2. **Public Comment for items not on agenda**

Members of the public are welcome to address the JJCC on items not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the JJCC. The JJCC is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda. Individuals wishing to address the JJCC under Public Expression are welcome to do so via email at jjcc@mendocinocounty.org. All correspondence received by 8:00 A.M. the day of the meeting will be attached to the item.

3. **Consent Calendar**

3a) **Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the September 20, 2024, regular meeting

Attachment(s):

September 20, 2024 Minutes – DRAFT

4. **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and Member Matters**

4a) **Review, Discuss and Approve Final Draft of the 2025 Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) Plan Approved by the JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee on March 21, 2025**

Recommended Action:

Approve 2025 JJRBG Plan for submission to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) by deadline of May 1, 2025.

Attachment(s):

Final Draft 2025 Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

4b) **Annual Review and Discussion of the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Consolidated Plan Including Recommendations for Updates and Changes**

Recommended Action:

Review and discuss the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Consolidated Plan; make recommendations for updates and changes; give direction to staff as needed; and approve for submission to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) by deadline of May 1, 2025.

Attachment(s)

Consolidated Juvenile Justice Plan 3-21-25



JJCPA Proposed Budget 2025-26

4c) JJCC Members report on items of general interest

Recommendation Action:

No Action Required

4d) Review and discuss requests for items to be included on future agenda, including agenda date or dates, and give direction to staff as needed

Recommended Action:

Accept requests for items to be included on future agenda, including date or dates of requested items, discuss and/or provide direction to staff as needed.

Adjournment: The next Regular JJCC meeting will be held on September 19, 2025, at a location to be determined.



**MENDOCINO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Friday, September 20, 2024
12:00pm – 1:30pm**

In-Person (required for Voting Members, public welcome) at the following location:

**Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), Multimedia Lab, 2240 Old River Rd, Ukiah,
CA 95482**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcoe.zoom.us/j/97437170814>

Meeting ID: 974 3717 0814

1. **Call To Order:** Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m.
 - 1a) **Welcome**
Izen Locatelli welcomes everyone to meeting. Everyone reminded to sign the sign-in sheet.
 - 1b) **Introductions**
Izen Locatelli conducts roll call.

Izen Locatelli, Probation	Matthew Kendall, MCSO
Mick Hill, Public Defender	Jan Cole-Wilson, Public Defender (zoom)
Cedrick Crook, UPD	Chris Francis, MCOE
Yvonne Avila, MCOE	Jason Iversen, USD
John Bednar, Probation/JH	Rachel Ebel-Elliott, Social Services (zoom)
Jenine Miller, BHRS	Karen Lovato, BHRS
Jill Ales, BHRS	Sheryn Hilebrand, CASA
Kate Gaston, JJDPC	Judge Carly Dolan, Superior Court
Blythe Post, Foster & Homeless Youth Services Coordinator	
Cambria Milani, Probation	Cathy White, Probation
 - 1c) **Additions or Corrections to Agenda**
None



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None.

3. **Consent Calendar**

3a) **Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2024 SB 823 Subcommittee Meeting**

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the March 22, 2024, SB 823 Subcommittee Meeting

Matt Kendall, MCSO, motions to approve the recommended action.

Kate Gaston, JJDPO, seconds the motion.

Vote taken. Motion passes.

3b) **Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the March 22, 2024, regular meeting

Jason Iversen, UUSD, motions to approve recommended action.

Matt Kendall, MCSO, seconds the motion.

Vote taken. Motion passes.

4. **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and Member Matters**

4a) **Review, discuss and approve the JJCPA-YOBG 2024 Expenditure and Data Report; Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Submit the Approved Report to the BSCC by the October 1, 2024; and Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Present the Report to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors**

Recommended Action:

Approve the JJCPA-YOBG Expenditure and Data Report; authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit the approved report to the BSCC by the October 1, 2024, due date; and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to present the report to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors



Izen Locatelli presents statements as to documents. Discussion held.
Cedric Potter, UPD, motions to approve recommended action.
Kate Gaston, JJDPC, seconds the motion.
Vote taken. Motion passes.

- 4b) Approve Amendment to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) FY2024-25 Approved Budget in the Amount of \$1,909.39 for the Cost of GREAT Certification Training for One Ukiah Police Department Staff, Including All Travel Related Costs; Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Amend the FY2024-25 JJCPA Budget Accordingly**

Recommended Action:

Approve Amendment to the JJCPA FY2024-25 approved budget in the amount of \$1,909.39 for the cost of GREAT Certification training for one Ukiah Police Department staff, including all travel related costs; authorize the Chief Probation Officer to amend the FY2024-25 JJCPA budget accordingly.

Summary:

G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) is an evidence-based and effective gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula. It provides a continuum of components for children and their families. These components include a 13-lesson middle school curriculum and a 6-lesson elementary school curriculum. This Program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership for children in the years immediately before the prime ages to introduction into gangs and delinquent behavior. Probation has certified two officers in the Program. We will now also have one officer certified with UPD, which enables collaboration with an additional agency.

Inquiry and discussion held as to G.R.E.A.T. program.
Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA, motions to approve recommended action.
Jason Iversen, UUSD, seconds the motion.
Vote taken. Motion passes.

- 4c) Review and Discuss the Mendocino County Office of Education-Homeless Youth Services Snack Pack Program to Consider Financial Support for the Program for FY2024-25; If Financial Support is Approved, Determine Amount of JJCPA Funds to be Allocated to the Program for FY2024-25; Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Amend the FY2024-25 Budget According to the Approved Amount**

Recommended Action:



Review and discuss the Mendocino County Office of Education-Homeless Youth Services Snack Pack Program to consider financial support for the program for FY2024-25; if financial support is approved, determine amount of JJCPA funds to be allocated to the Program for FY2024-25; authorize the Chief Probation Officer to amend the FY2024-25 JJCPA budget accordingly.

Summary:

The "Snack Pack Program" began in the 2015/16 school year with a combined mission to provide food bags to identified homeless students over the weekend through the school year. At the closing of the 2023-24 school year, they were serving 256 students weekly (372 kids total) and over 7,000 meals were provided. MCOE- Foster and Homeless Youth Services Program work in collaboration with Ukiah Kiwanis, Ukiah Grocery Outline, and other dedicated individuals who are invested in serving homeless children of Mendocino County. United Parcel Service also partners with the Program to transport non-perishable bags across the county free of charge, which has allowed the Program to expand into Laytonville, Round Valley, Mendocino, Point Arena, and Fort Bragg. The Program was previously operating from combined Federal Aid, local grants from the Community Foundation, Adventist Health, and private donors. However, these funding streams have ended, or have been reduced. The total cost for the Program in the 2023-24 school year was \$47,767.00. With the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, the Program is starting with \$7,500 from Community Foundation. Students and families have come to rely heavily on the Program for support throughout the year, and there is a demand for the Program to continue. MCOE is looking for support in their efforts to create sustainability for this program.

Blythe Post, Foster and Homeless Youth Services Program, explains program in detail to committee. Inquiry and discussion held.

Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA, motions to approve recommended action, with the approval amount of "up to \$50,000.00". Along with the upfront request being approved and billed against this year's school cycle. Request could fluctuate depending upon inflation and Blythe will be submitting invoices.

Jason Iversen, UUSD, seconds the motions.

Vote taken. Motion passes.

4d) JJCC Members Report on Items of General Interest

Recommended Action:

No Action Required



Matt Kendall, MCSO, reports there an increase in youth violence in the south end of town. MCSO is working to combat this issue and being proactive. There is also new “tagging” in Ukiah and Willits. MCSO personnel is down and is concerning.

Cedric Crook, UPD, reports kudos to Karen Lovato, BHRS for 24/7 mobile crisis to officers.

Chris Francis, MCOE, advises they are rebuilding relationship with Probation. They are also seeing an increase in youth violence. Enrollment numbers in Juvenile Hall have increased.

Jason Iversen, UUSD, Thanks everyone for supporting G.R.E.A.T. Also thanks Jenine Miller for vaccine clinics for the past two cycles which allows kids to remain in school.

Jill Ales, BHRS, Thanks John Bednar for collaboration with the Animal Care Unit summer project in Juvenile Hall. Five youth received certificates of completion of program. Jill expressed she would like to see this program continue and hopes to have 12 youth participate along with the previous five youth returning as mentors. Youth were excited to receive new shoes for walking the canines.

John Bednar, Juvenile Hall, informed group of the new music program, proposed by Juvenile Hall counselor which included proposal and budget. Jill was instrumental in funding program with remaining funds from a HMA grant. Youth are excited about new program.

Janine Miller, BHRS, presents further statements about the treatment program and animal therapy which contributes to keeping youth out of trouble. She is looking forward to searching for additional funding for this program.

John Haschak, BOS, informs group he attended the graduation stating it was nice to be around the youth and along with youth seeming proud to be part of the program with the canines. Youth were taught how to do commands with the dogs and learned to walk them.

Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA, informs everyone on January 21st & 22nd, 2025 is the Trafficking Summit and encourages school to bring busses and allow youth/young people to walk through the exhibit. Held at Carl Purdy Hall at Ukiah Fairgrounds with



experts and professionals. Free lunch for kids and will also provide certificates to youth, if needed.

Kate Gaston, JJDPC, informs group of five new commissioners. Committee is still in need of one more commissioner. Kate's commitment will be to stay on with JJDPC until new commissioners are confident and seasoned. Information on website with Court. The committee needs to work on understanding what the process of delinquency in our county and needs a thorough analysis.

Judge Carly Dolan, Court, presents concern as to youth in foster care. Youth are being placed out of county, getting trafficked, committing crimes, getting crash course in juvenile court. Youth are returning to community with felonies and addictions as well as traffickers following youth. Extensive discussion held by group.

Izen Locatelli, Probation, informs committee we are now a Dual Juris county and exclusively occurring in 300WIC court.

He also informs group of new Social Services Director will begin early November.

Further discussion held as to California voting to close STRTP (group-homes) in-county and now the 300 WIC & 602 WIC youth compete for beds which results in youth being sent to Bakersfield.

There is a fundraiser at the Humane Society in Redwood Valley for Foster Families. Further discussion held.

Izen further informed committee he is not leaving the county. He was appointed and he accepted the 2027 President of State Associate for CPOC.

Rachel Ebel-Elliott, Social Services, informed group the new director is Edie Parker and will begin mid-November and will be a great addition to this counsel.

4e) Review and Discuss Requests for Items to be Included on Future Agenda, Including Agenda Date or Dates, and Give Direction to Staff as needed

Recommended Action:

Accept requests for items to be included on future agenda, including date or dates of requested items, discuss and/or provide direction to staff as



needed

None.

Adjournment:

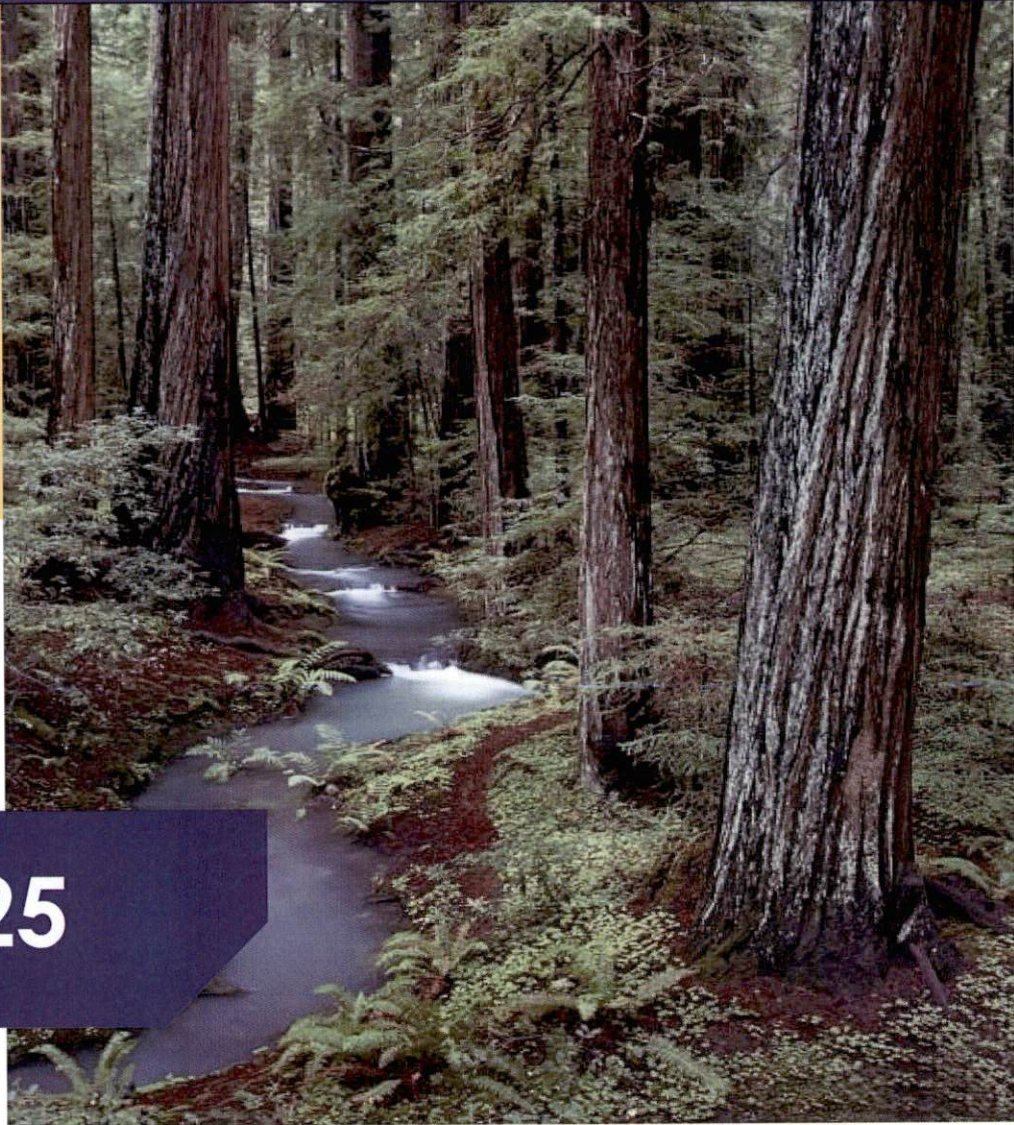
The next JJCC meeting will be held on March 21, 2025, at 12:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Minutes complete

California Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

2025



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Prepared by the Subcommittee of the Mendocino County
Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)



Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

Date: March 21, 2025

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INTRODUCTION

California SB 823 Background

On September 30, 2020, Senate Bill (SB) 823 was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom. Some of the SB 823 bill highlights included the cessation of intakes to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the complete closure of DJJ, adjustment of the local age of jurisdiction for commitments, establishment of the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) program.

The bill initiated the closing of DJJ and realigned the responsibility for those youth formerly eligible for commitment to DJJ to the counties. Effective July 1, 2021, intake to DJJ ceased, transferring custodial care, supervision and rehabilitative needs and requirements to local jurisdictions. Youth already committed to DJJ remained until completion of their program or the complete closure of all DJJ facilities on June 30, 2023. The bill also amended Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 607 to extend the age of juvenile court jurisdiction up to age 23 or 25 and amended Section 208.5 to extend the age of confinement up to age 25 for youth adjudicated for serious offenses.

SB 823 established the JJRBG program providing funding allocations to counties based upon custody, care, and supervision of youth who are realigned to their originating counties from DJJ or who were otherwise eligible for commitment to DJJ. To be eligible for the JJRBG funding, counties are required to create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan. Pursuant to WIC §1995(e), to continue receiving funding, the subcommittee shall convene no less frequently than twice per year to consider the plan and shall update the plan annually. The plan shall be developed with review and participation of the subcommittee community members and shall be approved by a majority of the subcommittee. The plan shall be submitted to the OYCR by May 1st of each year.

Effective July 1, 2021, pursuant to SB 823 the OYCR was created and operates within the Health and Human Services Agency. The mission of the OYCR is to promote trauma responsive, culturally informed, gender honoring, and developmentally appropriate services

for youth involved in the juvenile justice system that support the youths' successful transition into adulthood.

Funding and Mendocino County Projected Allocations

The JJRBG county funding allocations are based on a weighted formula with a minimum \$250,000 base per county. The weighted formula is calculated based on the following:

- 20% = County population ages 10-17
- 30% = County prior number of wards committed to DJJ
- 50% = County adjudications for "DJJ-eligible crimes" WIC §707(b) offenses

SB 823 required the establishment of a new distribution methodology for FY 2024-25; however, state Administration is proposing to maintain the existing formula calculations until fiscal year 2027-28.

Based on the weighted formula the below table identifies the projected allocations for Mendocino County as known in 2021 and the actual funding received.

	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26
Projected	\$250,000	\$370,370	\$613,591	\$332,044	\$836,579
Actual	\$250,000	\$276,055	\$304,002	\$802,445	

Effective FY 2024-2025 the allocations determined shall be adjusted annually by a rate commensurate with any applicable growth in the Juvenile Justice Growth Special Account in the prior fiscal year. Each year this growth shall become additive to the next year's base allocation.

PART 1: SUBCOMMITTEE COMPOSITION

(WIC 1995 (b))

Agency	Co-Chair	Name and Title	Email	Phone Number
Chief Probation Officer (Chair)		Izen Locatelli	locateli@mendocinocounty.gov	707-234-6900
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Department of Mental Health		Jenine Miller	millerj@mendocinocounty.gov	707-472-2341
Office of Education Representative		Chris Francis	cfrancis@mcoe.us	707-901-9058
Court Representative		Judge Dolan	cbd@mendocino.courts.ca.gov	707-468-2006
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Community Member		Amanda Archer	aarcher@mcyp.org	707-463-4915
Community Member		Kate Gaston	kagegaston@gmail.com	336-430-7632
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Mendocino County Probation Department		John Bednar	bednarjo@mendocinocounty.gov	707-234-6900
Ukiah Unified School District		Jason Iversen	jiversen@uusd.net	707-472-5065

PART 2: SUBCOMMITTEE PROCESS & MEETINGS

(WIC 1995 (b,c,e))

Co-Chair Selection Process

Any subcommittee member can be selected as a Co-Chair following a nomination or request and a majority vote of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee Meetings

Mendocino County JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee meetings were held on February 21, 2025 , and March 21, 2025.

Plan Update and Approval

The 2025 Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan was updated and approved on March 21, 2025, by the JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee.

PART 3: TARGET POPULATION

(WIC 1995 (d)(1))

Target Population

Mendocino County's target population is male youth ages 17-23 who have committed serious, violent offenses as listed in Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) involving physical and/or psychological harm to a victim. The youth served in this population are those who have been found unsuitable for a less restrictive alternative disposition by the Court. Based on recent historical information, it is anticipated the number of Mendocino County youth supported by the block grant will be fewer than five (5) youth. Mendocino County will not be able to serve youth requiring specialized therapeutic needs such as sex offenders or severely mental ill offenders. Additionally, Mendocino County will not be able to serve female youth. For these youth, Mendocino County plans to contract with a Host county or regional facility.

DJJ Historical Demographics

Effective July 1, 2021, DJJ facilities were closed, and all remaining youth were transferred to local jurisdictions. The following data represents the last five (5) years of DJJ eligible adjudications, youth demographics and DJJ commitments.

Total 707(b) Offense Adjudications by Adjudication Date

FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
5	10	14	5	3	37

Total 707(b) Offense Types by Adjudication Date

Offense Types	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	2	6	6	4	2	20
Attempted Homicide	1	0	1	0	0	2
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	1
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	2	0	0	2
Sex Offense	2	0	1	1	1	5
Use of Firearm	0	4	3	0	0	7
Violence Against Aged	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon of Mass Destruction	0	0	0	0	0	0
Witness Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0

Unduplicated Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
4	3	9	5	2	23

Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
4	3	10	5	3	25

Youth Demographics by Gender

Gender	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Female	0	1	0	1	0	2
Male	4	2	10	4	3	23

Youth Demographics by Age of Offense Date

Age	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
13	1	0	1	0	0	2
14	0	1	0	0	1	2
15	0	0	4	0	1	5
16	2	1	2	3	0	8
17	1	1	3	2	1	8

Youth Demographics by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
American Indian/Native/Indigenous	1	2	4	1	1	9
Hispanic/Latino/a/x	2	1	5	3	1	12
White/Caucasian	1	0	1	1	1	4

Youth Demographics by Residence

Incorporated	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Fort Bragg	0	0	0	0	0	0
Point Arena	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukiah	4	2	4	4	2	16
Willits	0	0	2	0	0	2
Census-Designated						
Covelo	0	1	2	0	1	4
Hopland	0	0	1	0	0	1
Potter Valley	0	0	0	1	0	1
Out of County						
Los Angeles	0	0	1	0	0	1

Youth Demographics by Gang Involvement

Gang Involvement	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	Total
Norteno	3	0	2	2	0	7
Sureno	0	1	2	2	1	6
N/A	1	2	6	1	2	12

Youth Dispositions

Disposition Outcomes	4 Youth from FY 16/17	3 Youth from FY 17/18	10 Youth from FY 18/19	5 Youth from FY 19/20	3 Youth from FY 20/21	Total
	Resulted in the Following Findings					
*Adult Direct Filed - Formal Probation Granted	1	0	0	0	0	1
*Adult Direct Filed - Sentenced to CDCR	1	0	0	0	0	1
Transferred Out of County	0	0	1	1	0	2
Committed to DJJ	0	1	1	1	1	4
Declared Ward	2	2	5	2	0	11
Declared Ward with OHP	0	0	0	0	1	1
Remains Ward	0	0	2	1	1	4
Remains Ward with OHP Ordered	0	0	1	0	0	1

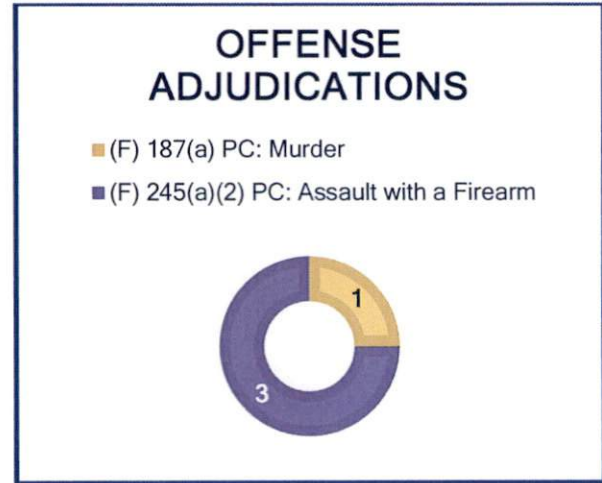
*At the time the youth committed the 707(b) offense they were a ward of the court

Youth Case Closure Outcomes

Case Closure Outcomes	4 Youth from FY 16/17	3 Youth from FY 17/18	10 Youth from FY 18/19	5 Youth from FY 19/20	3 Youth from FY 20/21	Total Unduplicated
	Resulted in the Following Findings					
Deceased	1	0	1*	0	0	1
Out of County Transfer	0	1	1	1	0	3
Successful	1	1	4	2	2	10
Unsuccessful	2	1	3	2	1*	8
Remaining Active Cases						
Active Wardship	0	0	0	0	0	0
SYTF Reentry Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer from DJJ to SYTF	0	0	1	0	0	1

*Duplicated Youth

Prior to 2018, Mendocino County had not committed a youth to DJJ since 2007. However, in 2010, a youth whose case was handled as an adult direct filing, under today's law would have been committed to DJJ due to the age of the youth. As noted above, there have been four (4) Mendocino County youth who have been committed to DJJ from May of 2018 through December of 2020. The below charts identify the youths' ages at commitment, their gender and ethnicity, and the types of offenses adjudicated in their cases:



Prior to the closure of DJJ, Mendocino County had one (1) remaining youth who was transferred to an out-of-county secure youth treatment facility to continue his individualized programming needs and complete his commitment, and as of June 30, 2024, that youth's housing status remained the same. The other three youth who were committed to DJJ were discharged in 2020, 2021, and 2022. One youth upon reentry was transferred to another county jurisdiction due to residency and the other two youth have since been terminated from supervision.

SYTF Demographics

Since the transition from DJJ to local jurisdiction commitments, Mendocino County has committed one (1) youth to SYTF, which occurred in the current fiscal year and is not reflected below. The following data represents the first two (2) years of SYTF eligible adjudications, youth demographics and SYTF commitments.

Total 707(b) Offense Adjudications by Adjudication Date

FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
1	3	11	15

Total 707(b) Offense Types by Adjudication Date

Offense Types	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
Arson	0	0	0	0
Assault	1	1	9	11
Attempted Homicide	0	0	2	2
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	1
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0
Use of Firearm	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Aged	0	0	0	0
Weapon of Mass Destruction	0	0	0	0
Witness Tampering	0	1	0	1

Unduplicated Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
1	3	10	14

Total Youth Adjudicated of a 707(b) Offense by Adjudication Date

FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
1	3	10	14

Youth Demographics by Gender

Gender	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
Female	0	1	4	5
Male	1	2	6	9

Youth Demographics by Age of Offense Date

Age	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
13	0	0	0	0
14	1	0	4	5
15	0	0	1	1
16	0	1	3	4
17	0	2	2	4

Youth Demographics by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
American Indian/Native/Indigenous	0	0	5	5
Black/African American	0	1	0	1
Hispanic/Latino/a/x	1	1	3	5
White/Caucasian	0	1	2	3

Youth Demographics by Residence

Incorporated	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
Fort Bragg	0	0	1	1
Point Arena	0	0	1	1
Ukiah	1	0	6	7
Willits	0	1	1	2
Census-Designated				
Covelo	0	0	0	0
Hopland	0	0	0	0
Potter Valley	0	0	0	0
Unincorporated				
Elk	0	1	0	1
Out of County				
Sacramento	0	1	0	1
Lake	0	0	1	1

Youth Demographics by Gang Involvement

Gang Involvement	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	Total
Norteno	1	1	2	4
Sureno	0	0	0	0
N/A	0	2	8	10

Youth Dispositions

Disposition Outcomes	1 Youth from FY 21/22	3 Youth from FY 22/23	10 Youth from FY 23/24	Total
	Resulted in the Following Findings			
Adult Direct Filed - Formal Probation Granted	0	0	0	0
Adult Direct Filed - Sentenced to CDCR	0	0	0	0
Transferred Out of County	0	1	2	3
Committed to SYTF	0	0	1	1
Declared Ward	0	2	6	8
Declared Ward with OHP	0	0	0	0
Remains Ward	1	0	1	2
Remains Ward with OHP Ordered	0	0	0	0

Youth Case Closure Outcomes

Case Closure Outcomes	1 Youth from FY 21/22	3 Youth from FY 22/23	10 Youth from FY 23/24	Total Unduplicated
	Resulted in the Following Findings			
Deceased	0	0	0	0
Out of County Transfer	1	1	2	4
Successful	0	2	3	5
Unsuccessful	0	0	2	2
Remaining Active Cases				
Active Wardship	0	0	2	2
SYTF Commitment	0	0	1	1
SYTF Reentry Supervision	0	0	0	0

*Duplicated Youth

Additional Relevant Information

Additional notable information, of the two (2) youth committed to out-of-county secure treatment youth facilities, both their individualized rehabilitative programming required intensive mental health services.

PART 4: PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

(WIC 1995 (d)(2))

Description of Facility

Mendocino County operates a juvenile detention facility named Mendocino County Juvenile Hall (MCJH). MCJH is a 42-bed facility with three (3) units, known as A-Unit, B-Unit and C-Unit. The layout of A and B units includes a long hallway of housing with living areas for each unit at the end of the hallway. Currently B-Unit is the only living area utilized. C-Unit is a self-contained unit, including dining area and an attached classroom, formally used for housing male violent offenders. This unit is currently closed but is the identified location to house the target population. C-Unit houses 10 youth with the ability to double-up in two (2) rooms for a maximum occupancy of 12.



Description of Secure Youth Treatment Facility

All SYTF youth will be provided access to treatment and services that promote and support rehabilitation and a reduction in recidivism. Additionally, Mendocino County Probation Department will promote and provide a safe, healthy, and secure environment at the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall and a seamless, supported reentry into the community.

Upon entry into the facility, each youth will be initially screened using our current case management system Aegis New World Systems which includes questionnaires such as Initial Screening Assessment, Classification and Gang Classification. Additionally, each youth will be assigned to the Transition Plan Committee for further assessment. This committee which will consist of a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officer, Mental Health Clinician, Education Representative, and Medical Staff Representative who will also serve as the SYTF Treatment Team and be responsible for all assessment and treatment plan development and oversight. During the first 30 days, all assessments and case plans will be developed to support the youth's treatment goals. During this time family members as well as other pro-social adults will also be identified and encouraged to visit weekly and support the youth's treatment goals and case plan.

The Mendocino County Juvenile Hall utilizes the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). This comprehensive assessment instrument measures a youth's Adverse Childhood Experiences score (ACEs) and their risk and protective factors in the following 12 domains:

- Use of Free Time
- Criminal History
- School
- Employment
- Relationships
- Family
- Living Arrangements
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Mental Health
- Attitudes/Behaviors
- Aggression
- Skills

Assessment of criminogenic risk factors and treatment directed toward changing dynamic characteristics provides the best chance of reducing recidivism. MCJH will focus case plans based upon the youth's top three identified criminogenic needs. The PACT assessment tool will be used as a pre and post assessment. More specifically, an initial assessment, every six-month's re-assessments and a final assessment will be completed for each youth.

Youth assessed and requiring more specialized programming in the areas of Gang Involvement or Substance Abuse Treatment will be referred to an appropriate provider. The program will operate on a weekly schedule and be in compliance with all Title 15 regulations. MCJH will structure the daily activities around the treatment program but will include ample inside free leisure time, as well as, structured outside recreation activities.

The SYTF Treatment Team will provide a progress report at 6-month intervals outlining progress in the program and milestones reached, as well as, a description of additional treatment, educational and vocational needs. Additional areas that may be addressed in this report may include but are not limited to input from family members, victim notification, restitution, and written statement from the youth. This report will be submitted to the Juvenile Court for review. At the time of this 6-month review hearing the Court may continue the youth in the Secure Youth Treatment Facility or order the youth into a less restrictive program which could be in either a custodial or non-custodial setting. The less restrictive placement will be considered part of the baseline term. The Court may also reduce the baseline term by 6 months.

After the 12-month review and dependent upon rehabilitative goals, the youth will be assessed for vocational training opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Mendocino College Certificate Completion Program (Rising Scholars)
- Culinary Certificates
- Gardening/Horticulture
- Other Regional Facility Training Programs

Description of Placements

Mendocino County has contracted with a few out-of-county Secure Youth Treatment Facilities to house youth who are ineligible for housing at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall. Further, less restrictive opportunities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Description of Services and Service Providers

To meet this need, the core services provided to SYTF will aim to promote pro-social changes in attitude and behavior and prepare youth for a positive reentry into the community. The services MCJH aims to provide are:

- Anger Management - Handling Difficult Feelings group provided by GEO Reentry Services (GEO) utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling Series Change Companies Cognitive-behavioral series that uses evidence-based strategies to assist youth involved in the criminal justice system. Handling Difficult Feelings encourages participants to identify their difficult feelings and how they connect to irresponsible behaviors. They will explore seven proven strategies that will help them cope with their difficult feelings and then develop a plan to deal with them as they arise.
- What Got Me Here group provided by GEO utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling Series Change Companies Cognitive-behavioral series. In *What Got Me Here?*, participants explore the consequences of past decisions and begin to learn skills for controlling anger, handling negative peer pressure, working with authority figures and strengthening family ties.
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) provided by GEO includes group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT) and MRT-based workbooks, a CCI MRT cognitive-behavioral treatment system that leads to enhanced moral reasoning, better decision-making, and more appropriate behavior. Juvenile MRT: *How to Escape Your Prison* workbooks are used with all types of juvenile offenders including juveniles with substance abuse disorders. Topics include but are not limited to Honesty, Trust and Acceptance, Goal Planning, Raising Awareness and Helping Others.
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment provided by Mendocino County Behavioral Health Services.
- Peaceful Warrior Project - Aikido provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Instructors provide structured classes of the Japanese martial art where the youth are taught self-

defense while offering a peaceful path to conflict resolution, teaching the practical skills in order for youth to center and calm themselves. The program teaches critical life skills such as respect, focus, perseverance, self-awareness, compassion, and self-discipline.

- Peaceful Warrior Project - Mindfulness Meditation provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Through structured classes of meditation, youth are taught to proactively observe their present moment experience consisting of sensations, thoughts, memories or images, without reacting to it and ultimately learning to make conscious healthy decisions.
- Peaceful Warrior Project - Trauma Resiliency and Emotional Regulation Skill Development provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Youth are provided one-on-one sessions of structured coaching and skill building to assist youth in developing resiliency to internal and external trauma triggers and emotional, cognitive and behavioral patterns. The instructors specialize in working with youth who have grown up in highly adverse environments including but not limited to: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other highly traumatic experiences.
- Mental Health Counseling provided by Mendocino County Youth Project utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy which focuses on the connection between thoughts, behaviors, and emotions to help teens develop healthy coping skills. Solution-focused brief therapy places focus on a person's present and future circumstances and goals. Harm Reduction and Dialectical Behavior Therapy clients learn how to manage strong emotions and develop mindfulness. Further, MCYP Success Coaches utilize Motivational Interviewing to help build awareness and youth development of the motivation they need to change their lives including substance abuse issues. Mendocino County Behavioral Health Recovery Services (BHRS) also provides mental health therapeutic services.
- Gardening Project aims to introduce youth to sustainable and organic gardening practices that can be used to grow food in backyards. Some produce will also be used to provide nutritional workshops to our youth, increasing their understanding of nutrition, how it affects the body and making healthy food choices.
- The Council for Boys and Young Men (One Circle Foundation curriculum) provided by Mendocino County Probation staff addresses risk factors and empowers boys and young men to find belonging, build assets, and deconstruct harmful masculinity beliefs on their journey toward becoming respectful leaders and connected allies in their

community. Through guided discussions, the group inspires young men to be self-motivated to change and to develop and practice skills that can be transferred to classrooms, neighborhoods, job training, or sports.

- Risks and Decision a New Freedom A.R. Phoenix Resources, Inc. curriculum aims to prevent or reduce violence, gang involvement and criminal behavior.
- Red Road and White Bison curriculum uses a holistic approach to emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual wellness based on Native American healing concepts and traditions.
- Life Skills curriculum is provided by Mendocino County Probation staff to equip youth with the necessary skills to make informed decisions, solve problems and confidently navigate their lives. The program strives to develop youth interpersonal and social skills including communication, critical thinking, time management, financial management, and self-care. Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program provided by Mendocino County Probation staff aims to assist youth transition to young adulthood. The TAY Program will provide support, recreational and life skills building groups, case management services, personal coaching for learning and linkage to education and employment. Life skills include planning, focus, self-control, awareness, and flexibility.
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) provided by Mendocino Inland Intergroup.
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA) provided by Mendocino Area Narcotics Anonymous.
- Positive Behavior Management System provided by MCJH is a point system designed to reward specific youth behaviors while positively reinforcing the facility standard expectations. The program encourages youth to improve upon behaviors identified as below the standard expectations and encourages youth to go above and beyond those expectations.
- Culinary Arts vocational certificates through Mendocino College.
- Post-Secondary Education opportunities (Rising Scholars) and community college coursework available through Mendocino College.

Supervision and Other Responses

The youth are supervised by Youth Corrections Officers, Supervising Youth Corrections Officers and overseen by the facility Division Manager. Probation Assistants also monitor youth movement in Intake through video and audio surveillance.

PART 5: JJRBG FUNDS

(WIC 1995 (d)(3)(A-F))

Mental Health, Sex Offender Treatment and Related Behavioral or Trauma-Based Needs

Currently, MCJH is contracted to have a Mental Health Clinician (8 hours per week), Youth Success Coaches (32 hours per week) psychiatric assessments and medication management (5 hours per month), and crisis services. Additionally, Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services is on site approximately five (5) hours per week providing mental health services. Mendocino County plans to enhance existing Mental Health Services by completing a comprehensive Intake and Clinical Assessment to identify each youth's needs and create a treatment plan, as well as, implementing new treatment programs and group therapy (i.e. Aggression Replacement Therapy).

MCJH staff will perform Intake Assessments to identify and address trauma in youth. Further, staff will receive ongoing training on adolescent development, trauma informed approaches, mental health needs, cultural responsiveness, motivational interviewing and de-escalation techniques.

Mendocino County plans to contract with other Secure Youth Treatment Facilities to provide the programming for a youth needing sex offender treatment.

Healthy Adolescent Development

Mendocino County will continue to work with its community-based organizations to offer appropriate programs such as life skills development. MCJH plans to implement an assessment of each youth's psychological functioning, academic and vocational interests, physical health and maturation, family history and support, social development, and leisure activities and interests. Additionally, MCJH staff will provide mentoring and role modeling and the TAY program.

Family Engagement

Mendocino County will provide family counseling through Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and plans to continue to enhance family engagement through

Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT-M) and utilizing family strengthening curriculum, such as Functional Family Therapy (FFT). The County will also utilize family finding tools and resources to locate additional family members to connect and develop enhanced family support and to strengthen healthy family relationships.

Reentry Planning and Linkage

Mendocino County will create a Reentry Case Plan including a detailed transition plan to community services, as well as implement employment support and vocational skills training and enhance post-secondary educational opportunities.

Youth will be assessed for eligibility for transitional housing programs such as Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) offered through Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency Children's Services, ~~or Levine House Transitional Support Program provided by Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP).~~

THP-Plus is a transitional housing program for young adults who exited foster care on or after their 18th birthday and are not yet 24 years of age. Eligible young adults may participate in the program for up to 24 cumulative months. The program provides supportive services to help participants successfully transition to independence, including case management, housing, educational advocacy and guidance, employment counseling and job readiness training, linkage to health care and health insurance, linkage to community resources and assistance in finding and maintaining affordable housing upon completion of the program.

~~Levine House is a short-term housing program for young adults, ages 18-21, who are in need of temporary housing, support services and case management. The program uses the Positive Youth Development approach to work towards obtaining a high level of involvement from the residents served in making a successful transition to more permanent housing. Residents are provided with supportive services including transitional living planning assistance, life skills education and counseling designed towards prevention and treatment of substance abuse and referral to other resources in support of strengthening healthy life choices and life skills.~~

Evidence-Based, Promising, Trauma-Informed and Culturally Responsive Practices

Mendocino County has participated in the Trauma Informed Implementation Project (TIIP) with the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care and Mendocino County Youth Project. Mendocino County Probation Department has been assessed by the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care for its department baseline agency report and recommendation. Staff have received training as participants of the TIIP. Additionally, Mendocino County can use the resources offered through the PACEs Connection a social network for Positive & Adverse Childhood Experiences and agencies implementing trauma-informed and resilience-building practices made available by CASA of Mendocino County.

MCJH will also have a supervisor and the division manager responsible for programming coordination, addressing evidence-based services and data collection. MCJH will continue to ensure its program and services are either evidence-based, evidence informed, or based on promising practices. MCJH plans to identify new programs that are trauma-informed and culturally responsive.

Additionally, Mendocino County will continue to utilize the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to assess and identify a youth's risk level to reoffend as well as their criminogenic needs. This allows for an individualized case plan identifying both their risk factors and protective factors. The PACT is validated for youth up to age 21. For youth over the age of 21, the Static Risk and Needs Assessment (SRNA) will be used.

Mendocino County will also implement the use of interactive journaling with Thinking for Change and Courage to Change workbooks. Additionally, the County plans to implement the New Freedom A.R. Phoenix Resources curriculum to address alternatives to gangs.

Services Provided by Nongovernmental or Community-Based Providers

Mendocino County is committed to a collaborative approach to develop and implement innovative services to support the needs of realigned youth, including expanded programming and services with its community-based providers. It is recognized there will likely be gaps in services and programs that will be discovered as the County plan develops or new legislation is enacted. In those instances, the County would be looking to its nongovernmental agencies and community-based organizations to help fill any gaps.

PART 6: FACILITY PLAN

(WIC 1995 (d)(4))

SYTF Housing, Treatment Needs and Facility Improvements

Mendocino County's intention is to utilize what is currently known as C-Unit to accommodate its realigned youth. This wing of Mendocino County Juvenile Hall is a secure, self-contained residential facility with the capacity of 10 rooms. C-Unit has its own day room for structured inside activities, dining area as well as an attached classroom to meet the educational needs of youth. Exiting C-Unit to the East, youth will utilize the outdoor physical recreation area equipped with a basketball court, exercise area, covered walkways (shade and rain), landscaped grass area and trees.

C-Unit will allow for some separation by age or other needs as identified during classification. Realigned youth will also be assessed using the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) as well as additional risk assessment tools as deemed appropriate. Historically, Mendocino County has committed male youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice at a very low rate and no record of a female commitment in the last 20 years. Based upon that data, female commitments would be better served in a setting where additional female youth can be housed and undertake the program together. Therefore, the County would contract with another county to provide the SYTF housing and treatment for the female population. To better serve realigned male youth and surround them with other like-gendered youth, Mendocino County would consider accepting commitments from other counties of similar size and demographics, if C-Unit becomes necessary. Mendocino County will not be accepting commitments for sex offenses or severe mental illness.

Security camera systems have been upgraded and added throughout the facility to ensure the safety of our youth, staff and community partners. Technology has been added to the C-Unit classroom to allow student access to post-secondary educational opportunities. C-Unit will also be painted with a splash of color and include upgraded furniture and fixtures to promote comfortable living and learning environments.

MCJH has re-purposed a previously closed classroom and created a Multi-Use Resource Room to offer youth access to community-based services, family engagement workshops and

an adequate space for group facilitation. The Multi-Use Resource Room upgrades included security camera installation, new technology to allow youth access to webinars and other online learning platforms, as well as furniture and cosmetic alterations.

Additional Safety Measures and Protections

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

Transgender Youth: Policies are in place to protect transgender and intersex youth. Upon initial entry, youth will identify their preferences, which will help in determining housing, clothing, and supervision based on their gender identification.

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

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The Department will ensure youth with disabilities have equal access to programs, education and activities by providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aides. The Supervising Youth Corrections Officers (SYCO) monitor accommodations for youth requiring additional assistance due to a disability. The SYCO's conduct quality control of the documentation in unit binders, follows up with staff to ensure accommodations are understood and being followed, serves as an ADA liaison with partnering agencies and evaluates ADA training needs for the facility. The SYCO will ensure youth accommodations are communicated during intake, initial assessment, school, and multidisciplinary team meetings. The SYCO's will work closely with the Mendocino County

Office of Education to ensure information regarding educational accommodations are received and documented.

Suicide Prevention: Probation is committed to deterring and preventing self-harm and suicide within its facilities. Policies are in place for the identification and supervision of youth identified as high-risk for this behavior. A youth's history, current state of mind, and potential for self-harm or suicidal ideation will be assessed. Youth deemed an immediate risk will be immediately assessed by behavioral health to determine programming needs and supervisory objectives. Youth may be placed on Suicide Watch or Special Watch depending on their needs. Programs can be changed at any time during their stay with behavioral health input and approval.

Youth Grievances: Each youth will have access to grievances and will be able to file a grievance at any time. A confidential grievance box is made available or youth may give them directly to an SYCO. Grievances are taken seriously, handled in a timely manner, and are reviewed by the Juvenile Hall Division Manager.

Youth Bill of Rights: Each youth will have access to the Youth Bill of Rights and will have the ability to contact and speak to the Ombudsperson confidentially. The information is posted on the living unit in both English and Spanish.

PART 7: RETAINING TARGET POPULATION

(WIC 1995 (d)(5))

Juvenile Justice System Retention Plan

Mendocino County Probation will not be recommending transfer of youth cases to the adult court system, with the exception of extreme cases of serious and/or violent offenses. Through the planning efforts and involvement of the District Attorney, Public Defender and Court representatives on the subcommittee, Mendocino County justice partners will be informed of the local alternative to DJJ and the programming options available as a satisfactory alternative to state-level commitment through the adult court system and confinement.

Additionally, during the initial assessments and case planning development, the Transition Plan Committee members will encourage youth to play a major role in their individualized plan. Their input and insight into their own goals along with the criminogenic needs identified will allow youth buy-in and pre-contemplation for change. Focusing on creating smaller SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely) goals within the larger and more overwhelming objectives will allow more opportunities to celebrate the wins. It will also provide the youth a sense of accomplishment and confidence to continue to work towards achieving their larger goals. While it is anticipated some youth will be resistant to change, the programming goals are designed to meet the youth where they are. Using appropriate interventions and support proven to be most effective will assist the youth in recognizing the benefits of change and investing in their personal growth.

The Transition Plan Committee will periodically review the youth's progress. The team will provide input for case planning, general oversight of case progress and will make recommendations to the Supervising Probation Officer and Juvenile Division Manager. If a transfer to the adult criminal justice system is recommended by the Transition Plan Committee, the case will be presented to the Assistant Chief Probation Officer or Chief Probation Officer for approval to ensure significant administrative oversight of the assessment, recommendation and decision, prior to filing a motion of transfer with the Juvenile Court.

PART 8: REGIONAL EFFORT

(WIC 1995 (d)(6))

Partnerships

Mendocino County Probation Department contracts with out-of-county Secure Youth Treatment Facilities specifically to house female commitments, sex offenders, and those with severe mental illness.

PART 9: DATA

(WIC 1995 (d)(7))

Data Collection

The Probation Department will identify specific data to be collected on youth served including, demographics, case information, prior case information and services provided (if applicable), in-custody programming, assessment information and post release recidivism rates. Data will be collected by a SYCO and compiled on a monthly basis utilizing the case management system. The Juvenile Hall Division Manager will oversee the collection of data on the target population youth served.

The Probation Department will also identify specific data to be collected on youth program participation including, program dosage and frequency, participation in MDTs, timeliness of service delivery, program completion, warm hand off and transition to community programming, and participation levels while reintegrating into the community. The Probation Department will collaborate with its community partners on collecting the identified data and will monitor monthly submissions. Service and program providers will use a unique identifier to easily and confidentially track data and outcome measures.

To date, Mendocino County has not had a youth housed at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall for SYTF programming. The two (2) youth committed to an SYTF were not eligible for housing at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall due to their need for intensive mental health treatment.

Outcome Measures

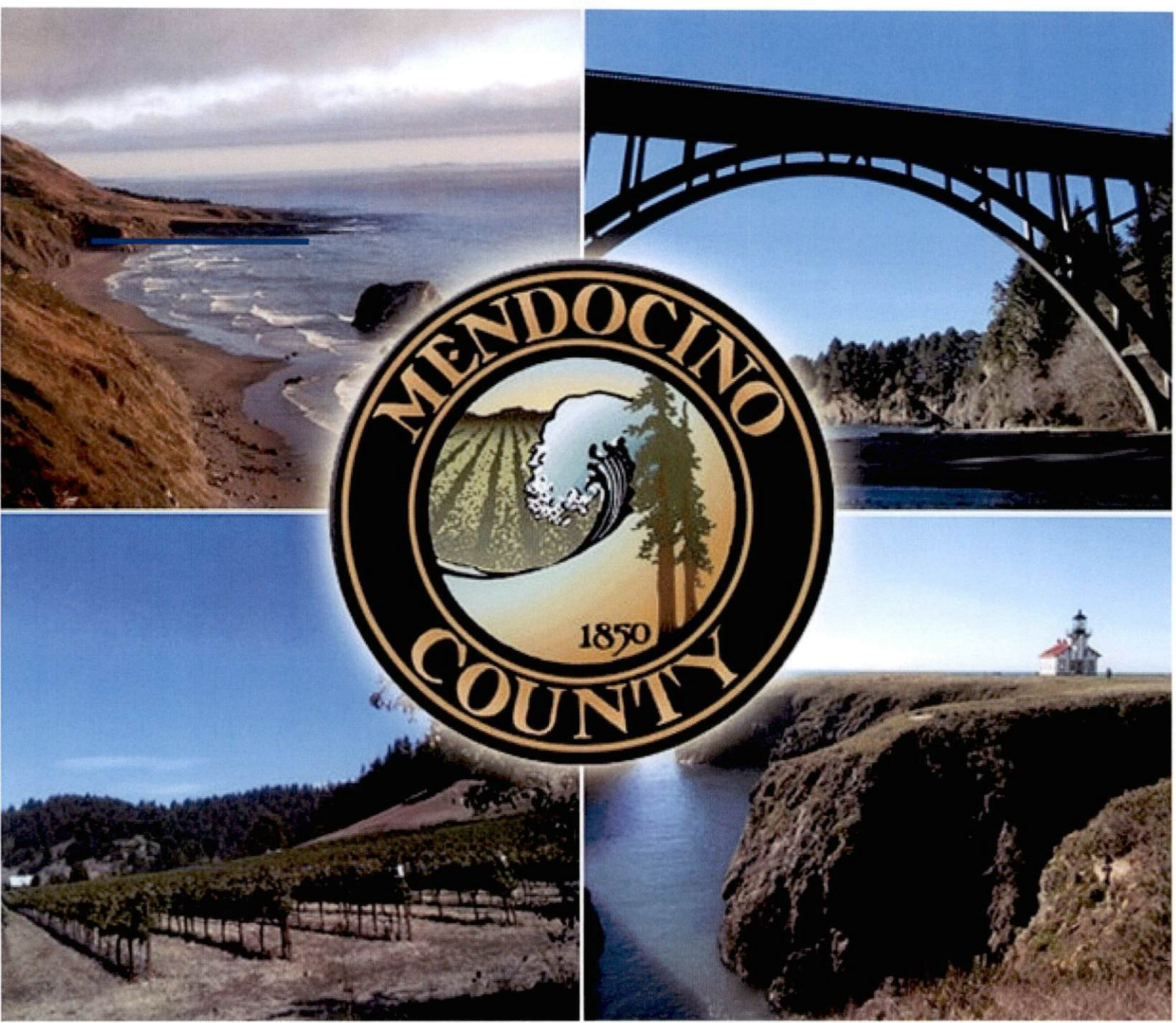
Data collection is an important aspect of program success and Mendocino County Probation is committed to having accurate and relevant data in order to measure what is working and what is not working. Outcome measures will include recidivism rates (new criminal arrests, convictions and/or supervision violations) and program completion rates (treatment program completions, educational accomplishments and vocational certifications). The pre and post assessment outcomes will be used as an additional measuring tool. Further, the youth's success in the community in maintaining their educational objectives, employment, housing, etc. will be reviewed by measuring the length in time in which they sustain stable and healthy life skills.

PART 10: PROGRESS REPORT

(WIC 1995 (d)(8))

Description of Progress

Mendocino County continues to work on facility improvements and adding to our educational, vocational, and programming opportunities in preparation for the possibility of potentially housing SYTF commitments at Mendocino County Juvenile Hall. To open C-Unit and house SYTF commitments, there would need to be at minimum three (3) to four (4) youth programming at once. This is a best practice for the youth housed so they are not isolated and socially limited. Until such time, the Mendocino County Probation Department will continue to look towards contracting with other programs with larger capacities to best fit the needs of our youth.



Mendocino County
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Approved by Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
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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.

In 2020, the Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Consolidated Plan was updated, and the report process involved a review of data associated with Mendocino County juvenile justice and demographics, along with stakeholder interviews. Interview invitations were extended to people associated with all of the agencies mandated under 749.22 WIC to comprise the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) and the below agencies participated in the interviews. Those same agencies provided an updated assessment of services and needs in the FY 2023/2024 Juvenile Justice Consolidated Plan.

Mendocino County Probation Department

The Mendocino County Probation Department has three full-time Deputy Probation Officers and a Supervisor assigned to the Juvenile Unit. The Community Supervision Services Division Manager also provides oversight to the Juvenile Unit. Chief Probation Officer Izen Locatelli has been in his position for the past seven years which has created much needed stability in the organization as prior to his appointment, there had been eight different Chief Probation Officers in a span of thirteen years. The Mendocino County Juvenile Hall has a rated capacity of 42 beds but has been operating with a cap of 20 due to budget limitations and capacity trends.

The Probation Department provides both individual and family counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy and substance abuse services for youth detained at Juvenile Hall and for continuum of services upon release for youth supervised by the department. Probation utilizes the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) to determine the

most appropriate placement for youth after booking at Juvenile Hall. The DRAI determines whether a youth should be detained in a secure detention facility prior to their detention hearing, placed on supervised release (electronic monitoring), or released without any additional supervision. The department also uses the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to conduct actuarial risk/needs assessments of youth and to develop case plans designed to reduce recidivism, which includes identifying the youth's Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) score as well.

The department recognizes the county's limited resources as a concern for providing appropriate and consistent treatment services to youth and families. With so few programs and options to select from, historically the Mendocino County juvenile justice system is only able to respond to delinquency after it occurs, rather than being able to be in a position to prevent it before it happens. As result, Probation continues to work on developing new programs and partnerships with community stakeholders to strengthen prevention and intervention efforts.

Mendocino County Superior Court

In recent years, the Court identified some of the significant challenges Mendocino County faces in addressing the needs of juveniles in the dependency system who are at risk of or who have committed acts that bring them into the juvenile justice system as well.

To create a more coherent and coordinated approach to adjudicating these cases with the goal of identifying and meeting the needs of these youth to assist their successful transition to adulthood, Mendocino County created a Dual Jurisdiction protocol in July of 2023. This comprehensive plan is intended to improve communication between the Court, Probation, Family and Children's Services, and community service providers. It is also intended to provide guidance on which county department will assume the role of lead agency, with primary responsibility for monitoring and tracking the progress of individual minors. This multi-disciplinary approach to case management is expected to ensure that timely, evidence-based services and clinically effective strategies are provided with a more seamless system of service delivery among providers. This plan

was adopted and executed by the Court, Family and Children's Services and the Probation Department and is still considered in early implementation.

Mendocino is a large, rural county. Public transportation is inadequate. At certain times of the year, it is a challenge to traverse the northern regions of the county, even by private vehicle. Many small communities not located directly along the Highway 101 corridor have scant access to public transportation. As a result, complying with requirements such as treatment or court obligations can be hard for families. Poverty, a paucity of living wage jobs and a residential housing shortage are also barriers for many families. The prevalence of an underground economy based on marijuana cultivation attracts crime (often violent crime) and poses a risk to youth of becoming involved and/or exploited. In addition, extensive use of marijuana and other substances reduces the motivation by parents and/or youth to make necessary life changes. In addition to generational influences that often lead to inertia, post-secondary education is limited, even for distance-learning, due to inadequate broadband in outlying communities. These factors often exacerbate the challenges facing families. The effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on the public workforce cannot be overstated. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Mendocino's local workforce has been in flux. Many public employees decided to separate from employment earlier than originally intended as a direct result of the pandemic. Relatively low wages in the County have made recruiting to fill many positions, most critically in public safety and social services, extremely challenging. The adjacent county to the south, Sonoma County, pays its workforce significantly more than Mendocino for the exact same positions. As a result, employee retention is also an issue. Without enough trained deputies in law enforcement and probation and clinically trained staff in social services, mental health services and public health, early assessment of and intervention with families and juveniles rarely occurs. Law enforcement, probation and social services all too often respond to crisis-driven emergencies which may be too late to provide services to avoid trauma, and/or support and maintain the existing family structure. This frequently results in the initiation of dependency proceedings, removing children from the home and failing to address the trauma that can so often lead to minors failing to attend school and subsequently committing law violations.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Kendall is a Mendocino County native whose family has lived in the area since the 19th century, so he has strong ties to the community he serves. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has approximately 90 deputies on the force (47 serving in custody assignments and 43 on patrol). While they do not have deputies assigned to schools, the Sheriff's Office makes it a regular practice to make visits to local schools, and they create positive relationships with both youth and staff. Sheriff Kendall also has a good relationship with the Probation Department Chief and his Department. In terms of things that are working well in Mendocino County, the Sheriff's Office noted the schools have a wide variety of clubs, teams, and activities that can act as a diversion from gangs, drugs, and delinquency. The Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center was also identified as an example of the positive programs available for youth in the area.

The Sheriff's Office would like to see more prevention type programs, both for youth and their parents so they have the information they need to stay out of the juvenile justice system. Law enforcement has concerns about how many young people are unsupervised and without much parental guidance leaving these youth vulnerable to gangs who can act as surrogate families. The Sheriff's Office would like to see programming that reaches students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades to talk about drugs as drug use is a contributor to the increased incidence of mental illness among youth. Further, drug programming efforts are needed to address the attitude that marijuana is harmless and to education on the fact drugs are stronger than they have been in the past, both more lethal and more addictive. Finally, the Sheriff's Office would like to see that any investments in juvenile justice programming be assessed to be sure they are effective in actually reducing juvenile crime.

Ukiah Police Department

The Ukiah Police Department has a police force of approximately 30 sworn officers, one of which is assigned as a School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO assists with juvenile issues at over eight (8) local schools in the immediate area. There is gang activity within our jurisdiction as well as in other parts of the County. The SRO assists Mendocino County Probation with the teaching of the GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training). Our department also supports MAGSU (Multi-Agency Gang

Suppression Unit). The Ukiah Police Department has seen an increase in illegal firearms being recovered, some being “ghost guns” in possession of juveniles. The major issues for our jurisdiction related to delinquency are truancy, vandalism, use of drugs and alcohol, and marijuana related crimes. Our department would like to see more options available to curtail truancy, which often leads to a path of negative behavior. The Ukiah Police Department sees value in having access to both a local and secure facility to ensure public safety in incidents such as these.

The Ukiah Police Department would like to see more efforts to combat juvenile on-line bullying as well as continued efforts to help those who are experiencing mental health concerns. We desire preventative methods to assist juveniles and their families with mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention. It should be noted that there continues to be an increased use of fentanyl and other narcotics within the County. The combination of gang activity, mental health diagnoses and a higher than usual consumption of drugs and alcohol is of great concern to all system stakeholders interested in reducing the impact of juvenile delinquency.

Mendocino County Public Defender

The Public Defender’s Office has one Deputy Public Defender assigned to Juvenile. The county’s strong sense of collaboration is a recognized strength for the Mendocino County juvenile justice system. The Public Defender’s office feels the team of Deputy Probation Officers are very dedicated and that Chief Locatelli is an excellent collaborator and problem solver who is open to discussing anything. The Public Defender’s Office feels that the Probation Department, Public Defender and District Attorney staff all work well together.

In term of supports necessary to help youth in their system, the Public Defender’s Office would like to see a continuum of services that helps to connect young people from their time in custody back into the community. There is a need for a position that would act as a social worker for youth in the community, eliminating barriers to receiving services such as transportation and lack of follow-through. There has been an increase in violence connected to gangs, which is believed to be in part due to youth not having pro-social activities as alternatives. Programs like athletics, martial arts, or

ones that connect youth to working with animals, or classes at a community college; anything that might give youth a different perspective would be beneficial. However, staff from those programs need to have local connections and they must be people who youth can connect with in order to be effective. Additionally, there is a need for counseling services to be trauma-informed. The Public Defender's Office would like to see more local intermediate services, i.e., when the juveniles are released from custody and are either pending cases or have been sentenced, for mental health, drug and alcohol programs, and the like. As it currently stands, the county has no options but to send the juveniles out of county when they cannot be safely returned home and they need such services. Other counties have ranches and camps and ours has nothing similar.

Mendocino County District Attorney

The District Attorney's Office has one Deputy District Attorney assigned to Juvenile Court. The District Attorney's Office believes their Juvenile Court has the right focus towards the rehabilitation of the youth who come before it and that all of the parties involved work well together. There is plenty of communication between Probation, Public Defender, the Court, and their office and this helps to facilitate positive outcomes. The Court is consistent in that they do not often see vastly different dispositions for youth with similar circumstances. Finally, the District Attorney's Office commended the Court for being diligent in following the necessary rules and procedures under juvenile law.

The District Attorney's Office sees the lack of available and accessible services as being a challenge for their juvenile justice system. Even when a necessary treatment service is available, it can be difficult to access for a family that lives far away from where it is offered. For example, Fort Bragg is a remote location that does not have access to all of the services that a child living in the inland section of Mendocino County would have. There is also a need for more services being available for youth who are testing positive for serious drugs such as methamphetamine.

Mendocino County Behavioral Health

Dr. Jenine Miller oversees the mental health and substance use services in Mendocino County. BHRS provides Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SUDT) counseling services and mental health services to youth in Juvenile Hall.

BHRS provides support and services for the people of Mendocino County whose lives are affected by serious mental illness and substance use. BHRS strives to:

- Deliver services in a respectful, responsive, and efficient manner with sensitivity to cultural diversity;
- Educate ourselves, individuals, families and the community about mental health, substance use, and the hopeful possibilities of treatment and recovery;
- Offer a culturally competent, gender responsive, trauma informed system of care for adults and adolescents while striving to meet linguistic challenges; and
- Utilize holistic, person-centered recovery; promote healthy behaviors through prevention and treatment strategies.

BHRS SUDT programs assist participants who have substance use disorders to create and maintain a healthy, balanced lifestyle, free of alcohol and other drug abuse. SUDT also focuses on co-occurring diagnoses. Services are also available to all youth needing or wanting services within Mendocino County. In order to assist participants to make positive changes in their lives, staff utilize evidence-based curricula.

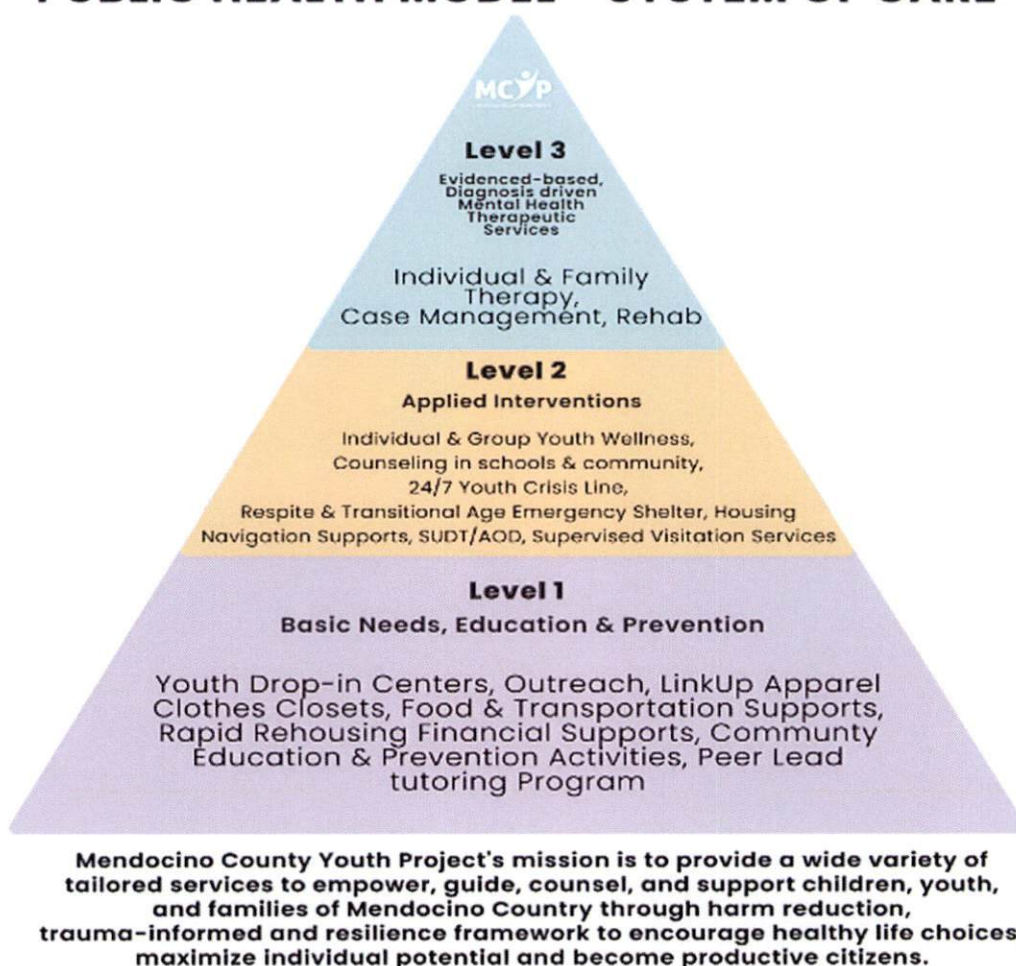
BHRS is also focused on community outreach and education on suicidal ideation, fentanyl, methamphetamine, bullying, overdose prevention, Narcan distribution, substance use awareness, mental health awareness, and reduction of stigma and discrimination.

Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP)

MCYP has been serving the community since 1974, originally as a program to address the needs of youth in the juvenile probation system. Today, it operates as a Joint Powers Agency comprised of Mendocino County School Districts, city government and Mendocino County Probation and Juvenile Hall. MCYP is a Certified Trauma Informed Agency, providing a range of services using a Public Health Model of titrated care, based on individuals' unique needs and goals with the mission to empower, guide, and counsel children, youth, and families. The agency is funded through local contracts,

Medi-Cal, and grant funding at the local, state, and federal levels. Among the services they provide are the following:

MENDOCINO COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT'S PUBLIC HEALTH MODEL – SYSTEM OF CARE



In addition to the already high level of trauma and risk factors as evidenced by the higher-than-normal ACE scores experienced by residents of Mendocino County, the ramifications of COVID-19 include the loss of people close to youth due to complications of COVID-19 and increased incidences of suicide and substance use/overdose; particularly due to the crisis level use of opioids, fentanyl and benzodiazepines. The inability to access supportive services (Social Services, Community Based organizations, etc.) and the closure of schools increased social isolation and has prevented the ability to identify children and families experiencing or at risk of child abuse, neglect and other victimization types. The remote areas of the county experience some of the highest rates of isolation. Loss of income in combination

with an already housing crisis has led to higher rates of homelessness, couch surfing, and doubling up. As we moved to re-opening, we saw increased rates of academic challenges, substance use, violence, and high acuity mental health challenges as well as extreme dysfunction and emotional overwhelm within family systems including those who previously functioned at higher levels with more protective factors. In addition to higher level needs than ever, the county is experiencing extreme shortages of Mental health providers, and human service professionals, impacting the education system, juvenile justice, and the community.

MCYP would like to see an increased county-wide effort of creative solutions to attract mental health providers to the community as well as efficient use of available human services through the public health model; to ensure that the level of support is adequate and in alignment with the level of support needed for the individual to improve their well-being and to ensure that our counties capacity to provide high-level services is utilized as efficiently as possible, despite the crisis level shortage of Mental Health Professionals. MCYP supports an increase in focus on prevention and early intervention services to decrease instances of juvenile offenses and a robust continuum of care, especially in this time of Therapeutic Service provider scarcity, in which both Mental health and para-professional support within the Juvenile Justice System of Care, is available to youth in Juvenile Hall while detained, and that as youth exit the system of care, para-professional services such as case management and success coaching is provided to support their reintegration into the community including navigation of the probation requirements, and support to address family system challenges. Through this tiered system of support, access to supportive services is based on individuals' needs to ensure services needed are available with the goal to decrease instances of repeat offenses and increase functioning and well-being.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

CASA is a nation-wide, volunteer-led effort to provide support to youth in both the dependency and delinquency system. Volunteers undergo extensive training, take oath in the Juvenile Courts, assigned to a youth through the Courts and work with their assigned youth as an advocate and often also appointed as the Educational Rights Holder/Developmental Holder for that youth. Mendocino County's CASA agency has a

long history of collaborating with the Probation Department. CASA advocates recall when the Juvenile Hall facility was able to provide a full continuum of services for youth who were detained there. They would like to see a return to that level of support for youth. CASA also feels the lack of willingness to seriously respond to the delinquent behavior of youth from the dependency system as a major issue for their community. They believe that the lack of accountability sends a poor message to especially the offending youth. CASA is also concerned about the lack of experience of some Probation Department staff who work with youth. When asked about the strengths of the system, they both referenced how the community responded to calls to close Mendocino County's Juvenile Hall facility. The County had seriously considered this option until community members appeared at meetings to object. This is just one example of the level of community concern and support for our Juvenile Justice system.

Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP)

The JJDP is state-mandated by legislation in California's Welfare and Institutions Code, and a JJDP exists in every county of California. The role of the JJDP includes the following:

- Oversee juvenile justice facilities in the county to ensure that juveniles residing at any county institution or publicly operated juvenile institution are treated fairly and are living in conditions that are safe and clean, and provide healthy food, support, and encouragement (this function of the Commission requires yearly inspections of such facilities)
- Support and encourage individuals, organizations, and institutions that further the work of providing effective, evidence-based practices to help youth stay out of the juvenile justice system
- Encourage coordination and integration of services where possible
- Enhance opportunities for youth success at school and in the community

In March of 2024, the Mendocino County Superior Court and Mendocino County Board of Supervisors concluded their collaborative efforts to transition the JJDP to the Superior Court for administration and recruitment of the commissioners/committee.

The JJDP continues to be interested in finding means and ways to encourage our community to understand the outcomes and effects of trauma on children and youth, and to implement programming that is pro-social and brings together the human service community families, schools and youth. Such efforts may be developing then

mounting a public campaign to raise awareness about the needs of youth in our community prior to involvement as well as those in the juvenile justice system in the hopes of having more community members pitch in to provide support.

The JJDPC worked with CASA and other organizations to bring about an online resource tool, 24/7Help, which will put the youth and family resources in this County on-line for quick self-help and referrals. Commissioners have met with law enforcement representatives to share this concept and gain what first responders could use when they are out in the field.

Mendocino County Social Services

Director of Social Services DeNeese Parker oversees the County's Social Services Department which includes child welfare, employment and family assistance, and adult and aging services. Social Services appreciates Chief Locatelli's willingness to partner with their department and believes the cohesive way their departments work together will benefit youth and families. Social Services acknowledged the Probation Department for its efforts to provide rehabilitative services and support to youth and families. The Department's efforts in education were also commended, citing their efforts in the school which allows students to earn credits quickly and with the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). The Juvenile Hall facility is an excellent resource for a rural county; families living in other jurisdictions that do not have their own juvenile hall face barriers to visiting their children once they are detained and Social Services appreciates Chief Locatelli's efforts to maintain family connections with youth.

In terms of gaps, Social Services would like to see more resources allocated to both prevention and treatment services. Early interventions are key to shifting the way we structure resources to meet the needs of families and youth in our community. Additionally, more collaboration between all partners is needed to address the complex needs of youth and an expansion of response options including our tribal partners.

Ukiah Unified School District

Mr. Iversen expressed his appreciation for the efforts of both the Ukiah Police and Mendocino County Probation Departments to hire compassionate staff, some of whom have local ties. He said their ability to create relationships with young people has been

critical in reducing delinquency. He reflected on one serious incident of violent crime that local law enforcement solved due to a young person's trusting relationship with an officer. Mr. Iversen also feels optimistic about the new cadre of agency leaders who are bright and committed.

Regarding the needs of Mendocino County's juvenile justice system, Ukiah Unified School District (UUSD) would like to see efforts made to deal with gangs, truancy, and drug use. Although gang activity is not as intense as it had been some 20 years ago, it is still concerning and UUSD believes intervening to stop young people from being involved is important. They credit the many youth enrichment and activity programs in the community and at UUSD and the "Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)" program for the progress. UUSD is extremely thankful for the support that Ukiah Police Department and Juvenile Probation provide with the GREAT Program. Juvenile Probation has become the major sponsor of the program and Ukiah Unified is truly grateful for their help.

UUSD also feels that truancy significantly contributes to young people's delinquency, and they would like to see more efforts made to combat truancy. Once a child stops going to school, getting them back on track is very difficult.

UUSD believes addressing drug use in Mendocino County is also important. This problem is particularly challenging in a rural county where the harvesting of marijuana is so common. The belief espoused by some that marijuana use is not a significant problem for young people is also concerning. One by-product of the marijuana culture that exists in their community is that the use of methamphetamine increases during the trimming season to boost a worker's capacity to harvest the plants. This is just one example of how pernicious the marijuana issue can be for Mendocino County youth.

Finally, the prevalence of fentanyl in our community and the accessibility of drugs and alcohol through the internet and social media platforms are also pressing concerns that warrant further discussion. Mendocino County students are already struggling to meet their basic needs, including access to food, housing, and stable social support.

However, by addressing issues such as gang activity, truancy, and drug use, UUSD believes we can provide our children with the necessary resources to thrive.

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

Mendocino County has a history of collaborating with stakeholders across youth and family services, education, therapeutic, and rehabilitative platforms in conjunction with youth advocates, attorneys, law enforcement agencies and the dependency and juvenile justice courts. Examples include stakeholder participation in Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings, Transition Plan Committee meetings, and Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) hearings.

Further, in April of 2021, Mendocino County finalized a Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Interagency Leadership Team (ILT) pursuant to the requirements of AB 2083. The mission includes an awareness of and a commitment to incorporate the foster youth experience and voice into county level collaborations and partnerships that manage or oversee the delivery of services.

Additionally, in May of 2023, Mendocino County became a dual jurisdiction county, allowing youth who have petitions in both the dependency and juvenile justice courts to be declared a dual status youth, the benefits of receiving simultaneous services and case management efforts from both the Probation Department and Family and Children Services.

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.

Mendocino County's juvenile justice system faces a significant challenge in addressing the needs of those youth and families who are referred in a time of minimal resources. Significant issues such as gang involvement, drug and alcohol abuse, and mental illness afflict certain areas of Mendocino County. Although the primary communities where juvenile delinquency is most concentrated are in Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits, there are issues throughout the region. While the total number of juvenile offenders has been reduced considerably since this grant funding became available, the complexity, severity, and need for services of many of them have all increased.

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 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.

The primary issues facing the Mendocino County juvenile justice system are increases in violent crime, disproportionately committed by gang-involved Latino youth, mental health diagnoses and use of drugs and alcohol. In order to address them, the Probation Department has adopted a strategy that emphasizes the following:

- Increase capacity of the juvenile justice system to be able to respond to violation with a range of sanctions
- Provide a range of services available to address gang activity
- Provide a continuum of treatment services, including trauma-informed approaches, to addressing issues such as mental illness and drug and alcohol use, in the community and restrict the referral of children outside of the County for treatment services to the bare minimum possible

The use of graduated sanctions is a best practice in juvenile corrections, and it assumes a continuum of options is available to respond to incidents of delinquency. It holds that, for example, secure detention is not always the best recourse, particularly for first-time offenders at low risk of re-offending and whose behavior does not represent a threat to public safety. Indeed, detaining such youth in a secure facility with more sophisticated, higher-risk peers, can actually increase the likelihood of recidivism. In addition, not all sanctions must be a form of punishment; it may make sense to use a referral for treatment services as a response to a violation of some kind in lieu of detention. Consequences are necessary for a given violation, but that consequence does not necessarily have to be a punishment. Mendocino County shall ensure that alternatives are available when responding to a child's delinquency and that the response is proportional and appropriate for a given behavior.

Gang activity in Mendocino County is sufficiently concerning that it requires the coordination of a variety of agencies and disciplines to address. The underlying causes for a child to consider participating in a gang are complex and variable; a system's response has to be multi-disciplinary in order to be successful. Activities must be performed at both the prevention and suppression ends of the spectrum. Mendocino County has a "Multi-Agency Gang Suppression Unit (MAGSU)" which is a collaborative effort of law enforcement agencies that respond to criminal behavior deemed to be gang related. The County shall also provide prevention services to reduce the number of youth who are interested in becoming gang involved.

Mendocino County provides a continuum of services through the Probation Department, County Behavioral and Recovery Services Department, and community-based providers, including but not limited to:

- Traffic and Diversion Hearings
- Restorative Justice Youth Court
- Youth Success Coaching
- Life Skills Training
- Positive Parenting Program
- Wellness Recovery Action Plan
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Anger Management

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- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - IMPACT
 - San Luis Obispo Coastal Valley Academy

D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year.

Mendocino County updated the plan this year to include a full fiscal year of funding the Restorative Justice Youth Court. This program originally started as a pilot program through the awarded BSCC Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Cohort 2. The grant expired in October of 2024 and the remaining FY 2024/2025 programming was funded through the Juvenile Justice Consolidated Plan, maintaining the diversion option for our youth.

Additionally, Mendocino County Probation Department has partnered with the Mendocino County Office of Education on their Snack Pack Program. A program providing homeless students food packs containing non-perishable goods for the weekend.

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.

Mendocino County Probation currently utilizes Justware a Journal Technologies case management system; however, the department is in the midst of transitioning over to Enterprise Supervision (E-SUP) a Tyler Technologies case management system. The new case management system is scheduled to go-live on March 31, 2025. Transitioning case management systems will provide improved features for data collection currently not an option with Justware. The new E-SUP platform will have the capability of interfacing with Mendocino County Superior Court Odyssey case management system and the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office Karpel case management system.

Additionally, E-SUP will interface with Noble Software Group which Mendocino County Probation uses for a suite of assessment tools in juvenile including, the Detention Risk Assessment (DRAI) and the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). There will also be a portal between E-SUP and service providers for referrals, progress reports and programming communication and outcomes.

B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils

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

Yes.

If no, please list the current vacancies that exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies occurred, and your plan for filling them.

Not applicable.

C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Describe each program, strategy and/or system enhancement that will be supported with the funding from JJCPA, identifying anything that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block (YOBG) funding.

Program Name: Youth IMPACT

Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

This program incorporates Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) a manualized, cognitive-behavioral intervention for reducing risk for criminal recidivism by targeting criminogenic needs; in particular, reducing criminal thinking and criminal associations.

Description:

Youth Impact is a diversion program managed by the Probation Department that seeks to provide youth with an opportunity to consider their behavior and choices, to learn to set and achieve goals and to promote positive development. In addition to those components, there is a physical conditioning element of the program. In addition, Youth Impact participants will also take part in the MRT curriculum as part of their completing the program.

Program Name: Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT)

Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) is an evidence-based and effective gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula.

Description:

The Program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership for children in the years immediately before the prime ages for introduction into gangs and delinquent behavior. Deputy Probation Officers, whom are certified GREAT instructors, teach the program curriculum at elementary and middle schools throughout the county in partnership with the Ukiah Police Department. Upon completion of the program, students participate in a graduation ceremony and receive a certificate of program completion.

Program Name: Restorative Justice Youth Court

Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

The Restorative Justice Youth Court (RJYC) is a strength-based, youth driven diversion program.

Description:

Restorative Justice Youth Court gives youth cited for delinquent or criminal behavior, an opportunity to be tried by a jury of their peers and take accountability for their actions, repair relationships, engage with their communities in meaningful ways and provides an alternative to juvenile justice court.

Program Name: Snack Pack Program

Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

Evidence suggests that student food programs positively impact student health, academic performance, and overall well-being, especially for vulnerable populations.

Description:

This funding aids in providing homeless students food packs containing non-perishable goods for the weekend. Many Mendocino County students qualify for free and reduced lunches over the course of the school year, yet many of those same students may not be getting regular meals on the weekends or over vacations. This program allows students to take home a “Snack Pack” to ensure they are fed over the weekend, and are returning to school Monday morning, ready to learn.

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.

Mendocino County’s strategy for non 707(b) offenders is to continue to assess, identify gaps and provide a range of treatment services and sanctions to address youth individual needs.

B. Regional Agreements

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

Mendocino County currently has an agreement with San Luis Obispo County Coastal Valley Academy (VCA).

C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Describe the programs, placements, services, strategies, and system enhancements to be funded through the YOBG program. Explain how they complement or coordinate

with the programs, strategies, and system enhancements to be funded through the JJCPA program.

Program Name: Juvenile Hall Mental Health Clinician

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

This funding supports a .20 FTE Mental Health Counselor for residents of Juvenile Hall. The counselor provides crisis intervention assessments, counseling and case management to help change negative behaviors, and in turn, to not re-offend. These services are provided via a contract with a community-based organization (CBO), Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP). This funding also supports a .50 FTE Mental Health Clinician for residents of Juvenile Hall. The mental health treatment services are provided by Mendocino County Behavioral Health Recovery Services. The Mental Health Clinician and MCYP staff collaborate on the development of youth treatment plans.

Program Name: Peaceful Warrior Project

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

The Peaceful Warrior Aikido program will work with youth referred from the juvenile justice system who are in need of a pro-social activity. This program has experience working with youth who have experienced trauma and will provide them with coping skills to navigate challenges.

Program Name: Electronic Monitoring

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

The Probation Department will use Electronic Monitoring as an evidence-based graduated sanction and/or detention alternative for a carefully selected group of youth identified by our evidence-based assessment tool as either: (1) high-risk-to-re-offend; (b) moderate-risk-to-re-offend; and (c) placement risk. The program will allow for the youth's placement in their home, if appropriate, or placement with a family member or foster home within their community. Thus, placement disruption will be minimal, and continuity of care can be maintained. It will also be used as a court-ordered release condition.

Program Name: Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT)

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

The Probation Department implemented the PACT assessment in 2009-10. An assessment is completed at disposition for all probationers. During the first year of using the PACT, it became apparent that data collection and data entry related to the assessment is very time consuming and the Probation Officers were spending many hours on these tasks that would otherwise have been spent delivering direct services to juvenile probationers. This funding will be used to fund one .25 FTE Legal Secretary to assist with data collection, data entry, case plans, and other clerical assistance related to the assessment process, cost of Deputy Probation Officers to perform risk assessments, our annual license fee, support and training costs for the PACT assessment tool.

Program Name: The Council for Boys and Young Men

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

Staff are trained to deliver The Council, a group model focused on promoting boys' safe and healthy development through pre-teen and adolescent years. The model is a strengths-based approach that is informed by adolescent brain development, trauma responsive and restorative practices, masculinity research, rites of passages, and Relational-Cultural theory. The curriculum utilized validated, evidence-based approaches including motivational interviewing, gender norms transformative strategies, resiliency and assets development, and culturally responsive approaches.

Program Name: Interactive Journaling

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

This is an evidence-based practice that assists young people in the process of making lasting and positive changes in their lives. The Change Companies' program utilizes motivational interviewing, structured expressive writing and cognitive behavioral therapy in its approach.

Program Name: GEO Reentry Services

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

GEO Reentry Services facilitates groups in Juvenile Hall utilizing the Change Companies Forward Thinking interactive workbooks, such as *What Got Me Here?* and *Handling Difficult Feelings*.

Program Name: Juvenile Hall Garden Project**Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:**

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

The project aims to introduce youth to sustainable and organic gardening practices that can be used to grow food in backyards. Some produce is used to provide nutritional workshops to youth increasing their understanding of nutrition, how it affects the body and making health food choices. The garden will be a welcoming space that encourages youth to not just sow the seeds of herbs and vegetables, but to sow the seeds of community and giving. The project helps youth to develop pro-social skills, self-esteem, and give them a feeling of community spirit.

Program Name: LexisNexis Risk Solutions**Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:**

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

Probation utilizes Accurint® for Law Enforcement through LexisNexis a comprehensive database of public records that expedites the identification of family members. The instant access reduces the time to locate relatives and allows for quicker placement of youth.

Program Name: San Luis Obispo Coastal Valley Academy (VCA)

Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:

This program works in conjunction with our JJCPA programming as a consolidated approach in addressing Mendocino County's action strategies.

Description:

Coastal Valley Academy (CVA) is a custody commitment camp program located at San Luis Obispo Juvenile Hall for 14–17-year-old male and female youth who are moderate to high risk and in need of residential treatment. The camp program is completely separated in programming from the juvenile hall detained youth. Youth receive intensive case management, treatment, and educational services through collaboration with a local treatment provider, Family Care Network, and the County Office of Education. CVA staff are trained in Comprehensive and Substance Abuse curriculums designed by the University of Cincinnati and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Groups are facilitated by both treatment staff and CVA Probation Officers. Youth participate in pro social activities, including off-site activities, community service projects, and home passes.

FY 2025-26 PROJECTED BUDGET
JJCPA 2025-26

DESCRIPTION	ACCT. SERIES	2025-26 BUDGET
0.10 FTE DPO III-Impact Coordinator	1000	17,828.90
0.20 FTE DPO II - GREAT	1000	26,682.51
0.25 FTE DPO II - IMPACT	1000	33,353.14
TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS		77,864.56

SERVICES & SUPPLIES (10%)	2000	\$ 7,786.46
RCS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE YOUTH COURT	2000	\$ 167,056.00
MCYP PREVENTION/INTERVENTION SERVICES	2000	\$ 90,000.00
GREAT PROGRAM SUPPLY COSTS	2000	\$ 8,000.00
IMPACT SUPPLY COSTS	2000	\$ 1,000.00
GREAT PROGRAM RECOGNITION	2000	\$ 3,000.00
IMPACT PROGRAM RECOGNITION	2000	\$ 3,000.00
MCOE SNACK PACK PROGRAM	2000	\$ 50,000.00
GREAT PROGRAM CERTIFICATION COSTS	2000	\$ 2,500.00
ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD @ 5%	2000	\$ 20,121.03
TOTAL SERVICES, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT		\$ 352,463.48

	\$ 430,328.04
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	2025-26 BUDGET
Estimated Balance - 6/30/2025	\$ 1,079,012.09
Est. 2025-26 JJCPA Allocation	\$ 244,910.00
JJCPA Growth Fund Utilization	\$ 167,056.00
Est. Interest Earned (through Q2 24-25)	\$ 1,000.00
Estimated 2025-26 Expenditures	\$ (430,328.04)
Estimated Balance - 6/30/2026	\$ 1,061,650.05