

# (2023-2024) Annual Plan

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## Juvenile Justice Plan

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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.**

The Inyo County Administrative Officer, Inyo County District Attorney, Inyo County Sheriff, Bishop Police Department, Inyo County Probation Department, Inyo County Office of Education, Bishop Unified School District, Big Pine School District, Lone Pine School District, Inyo County Health and Human Services, the Juvenile Justice Commission, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Healthy Communities of Southern Inyo County, the Owens Valley Paiute/Shoshone Tribes, Toiyabe Family Services, Owens Valley Career Development Center, Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center, Inyo Resilience Collaborative, Family Intensive Response Strengthening Team (FIRST) and the Inyo Council for the Arts, United States Forest Service, Salvation Army, Laws Railroad Museum, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Sacred Rock Organization have collaborated together to help lower the number of youth arrests, detained youth, and youth on probation in Inyo County. Inyo is a small rural county with extremely limited resources and services for youth and families. It is imperative that agencies and organizations work together to provide effective programs and services. The above-listed agencies work very well together to provide excellent services to the youth and families of Inyo County.

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

The above-listed agencies meet regularly to address resources and services for youth and their families. Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings are held weekly. MDT meetings are attended by probation, HHS, school officials, Toiyabe Family Services, Tribal representatives, and other service providers to address the needs of identified youth and their families. The School Attendance Review Board (SARB) works with youth and families who are struggling with truancy and/or behavioral issues in school. The SARB board members include the District Attorney, a Deputy Probation Officer, the County Superintendent of Schools, Health and Human Services, Child Protective Services, and Tribal representatives. SARB provides a forum for agencies to coordinate efforts for youth and their families that need services to keep the youth out of formal Court proceedings which can often lead to probation Supervision. The probation department works with area schools to provide services to youth through the probation early intervention and prevention program. After school programs have proven to be beneficial to youth and their families throughout the County. Probation partners with the Bishop School District and Inyo Council for the Arts to provide area youth with music and art after school programs. Many agencies and community organizations provide summer programs for youth. Utilizing probation staff for supervision, outdoor and adventure programs have been added to the list of resources for youth. Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings are required for any youth who is in placement or at risk of placement. Inyo takes this a step further and provides a CFT to any youth and their family, who has a case plan and may be in crisis or is having a challenging time. CFT representatives include FIRST, CASA, the youth, the family members, school staff, tribal representative if requested, Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health, School Psychologist, Probation Staff, and any other representative identified by the family for support.

**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.**

Inyo County is the second largest County geographically, in California, with over 10,000 square miles. There are less than 19,000 people in Inyo County. Within the county, Bishop is the only incorporated city. Bishop has a population of approximately 4,000 residents. Owens Valley has six separate and distinct school districts, as well as communities. Bishop, Round Valley, Big Pine, Independence, Lone Pine, and Death Valley. The juvenile justice plan currently focuses on these six (6) communities as they each have elementary and high schools. Probation and other community agencies provide early intervention and prevention programs on the campuses of schools throughout Inyo County. While juvenile crime has declined over the years, there is still a need for services and programs for youth and their families.

## C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

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

Inyo County Probation opened the juvenile detention facility in 1995. The Inyo County Juvenile Center has a maximum capacity of sixteen youths. In 2008-09 the average daily population was 13.9. Over the next 7 years the average daily population declined to less than 5. This reduction was due to several reasons, but mainly from to the use of Evidence Based Practices (EBP). The use of assessment tools including the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) and the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) helped to identify the risk and needs of youth. In September 2016 Inyo County modified its full-service juvenile facility to a 96-hour, special purpose juvenile facility. The highly trained professionals who once worked in the facility, were reassigned to work in the community and in the homes of at-risk youth and families. Inyo County's juvenile justice action strategies include the provision of research-based interventions for at risk youth who enter the system via truancy, behavioral issues, or through the juvenile justice system. Inyo County Probation has become incredibly involved in the County's SARB process and provides early intervention and prevention services when referred by the SARB board. All youth referred to probation are provided a risk/needs pre-screen assessment during the intake process. Most youth are managed on an informal basis. Those youth who are assessed as moderate to high risk to re-offend are provided more probation supervision and are often referred to the District Attorney for formal Court proceedings. Inyo Probation utilizes a reward/sanction matrix to address any violations of probation. Rewards can be anything positive for the youth including certificates, food cards, special outings, or individual requests. Sanctions range from reprimands and community work service to detention in the juvenile hall or commitment to the weekend program. Detention is used only when there is a need for the protection of the community and /or the safety of the youth. All youth whose disposition includes a long-term commitment are transported out of the county to serve those commitments. If a youth needs detention, Inyo has MOAs with several counties to detain youth in a juvenile detention facility. Probation staff have been involved in creating early intervention programs on all the school campuses in Bishop, Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine. Early intervention services are provided to Round Valley and Death Valley on an as needed basis. Rehabilitation Specialists, employed by the probation department, meet with identified at-risk youth weekly on the various campuses. All programming used is researched based. We strive to work with youth at the informal supervision level whenever possible. Collaborative services with the FIRST program are provided at the local level, and as a result very few youths are placed out of county. For the highest risk youth, they become wards of the Court and are intensely supervised by a Deputy Probation Officer. In addition, probation department staff supervise a non-secure weekend

commitment program for lower-level violations, where youth provide community work service and receive cognitive programs on the weekends. Long term commitments are transported to a juvenile facility out of the area only when absolutely necessary. In most cases, youthful offenders are supervised in the community.

**D.Comprehensive Plan RevisionsDescribe how your Plan has been updated for this year.**

The probation department has redesigned the organization of the juvenile division to include a probation manager to have direct oversight and supervision of the early intervention program (EIP). This oversight will help provide structure and the ability to introduce innovative programs and services to the schools we serve. During the upcoming year, the EIP will focus on providing group programs with the use of journaling from the Change Companies. A new digital platform is being explored that will help with participation from youth. The Keith Bright Court School has relocated to the Bishop high school campus. Probation will continue to offer support and services to youth ordered to attend the Keith Bright Court School. Transportation to school was a challenge last year. Probation will collaborate with the school district to try to help solve the transportation issues.

Information sharing has been a challenge for the probation department and other agencies. The plan for FY23-24 will include research and workable solutions to integrate data and systems with partner agencies.

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

N/A

**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.**

Inyo County Probation Department uses Tyler Supervision Case management system. This CMS is a robust system that provides many useful outcome reports. While this system is not shared with other agencies, probation does share data and information with their partners when appropriate. It is anticipated that the probation case management system will be integrated with the Court and District Attorney's Office to share data, however there is no implementation date set. The data will be analyzed and used to provide information regarding the effectiveness of juvenile programs. This information will be shared with partner agencies to improve the outcomes of existing programs.

**B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils**

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

no

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

We do have a sub-committee of the JJCC. The sub-committee was instrumental in developing the SB 823 plan submitted by Inyo County. I am hopeful that a JJCC will be up and running in 2023.

Vacancies:

Public Defender – vacated 2022, recruiting for volunteers

Non-Profit organization member – vacated 2022, recruiting for volunteers

It is hoped that by the time of submission, Inyo will have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Council Coordinating Council. The goal for FY23-24 is to revise and update the juvenile justice plan to include new strategies for providing effective services to youth in Inyo County.

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

# JJCPA Funded Program(s), Strategy and/or System Enhancement

Below are JJCPA funded programs reported by the county.

### Program Name:

Healthy Communities of Southern Inyo County

### Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

Research has shown family recreation, after school, and summer programming helps keep youth off the streets and less likely to be involved in delinquent behavior.

### Description:

Healthy Communities of Southern Inyo County is one of the few CBO that we have in Inyo County. They have been serving Southern Inyo County and receiving JJCPA funding since 2001. Healthy Communities provides constructive activities and programs of interest to all community youth, including those “at risk,” that build self-esteem, good character and those that enhance job skills. Healthy Communities continues to find creative ways to keep youth from engaging in inappropriate behavior or illegal activities. They provide a variety of youth services that include family recreation, outdoor activities, after school and weekend programs, and summer family programs for at risk youth. This organization also provides volunteers to assess and address needs of youth and adults in the community and create and implement programs to address those needs; work to increase the number of youths served by Healthy Communities; establish partnerships with other organizations having the same goals and work with them to better serve the community.

**Program Name:**

Inyo County Office of Education - Extended Day Program

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

Vocational Education --Extending the School Day

The Juvenile Justice Grant allows JKBS to have a full school day for at-risk students. The grant will help to fund instructors for a variety of elective and vocational classes in the afternoon, including Art and Career and Workplace Readiness.

JJCPA funds will help to fund the online curriculum program Edgenuity and Measures of Academic Progress assessment.

Edgenuity/MAP Testing

Edgenuity is an online curriculum program that allows JKBS to offer a wider variety of courses to students. Most of the students who come to JKBS are credit deficient, by integrating Edgenuity into the regular curriculum; JKBS is better able to meet the academic needs of the students.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is an online assessment that is aligned to the Common Core standards. These computerized tests are adaptive and offered in reading, language usage, science, and mathematics. MAP assessments are given three times throughout the school year; the students are placed in "booster courses" in reading and math in Edgenuity based on the testing results. This is proving invaluable in providing the students with individualized extra support in core academic areas.

**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.**

Inyo County, in the past 14 years, has only had two (2) DJJ commitments and has none as of this writing. Youthful offenders are assessed through the PACT instrument, a risk/needs assessment tool, and case plans are tailored to address individual and family needs and risk to the community. In Inyo County we strive to keep our youthful offenders local by working intensively with their families and local support systems. By utilizing evidenced based programs for case plan interventions probation officers can address the youth's identified criminogenic needs. Serious offenders previously eligible for commitments to DJJ, are given every safe opportunity to remain out of custody to invest in a community-based case plan. High risk youth are considered for FIRST where intensive services are provided to the youth and their family. In 2016, the probation department closed its full-time juvenile detention center and reassigned the highly trained professionals, that once worked in detention, to the community where they have the opportunity to work with youth and their families in their home and schools. This transition of juvenile services has provided the opportunity to offer more early intervention services to youth to keep them out of the system. Inyo County has no group homes and limited resource family homes designated for delinquent youth. Detention of youth is used only as a last resort to protect the community and/or keep the youth safe. In early 2020, the probation department transitioned away from the secure weekend commitment program to a non-secure program. Due to the on-going COVID restrictions last year, the program was extremely limited in in early 2021. However, as COVID restrictions relaxed, the non-secure weekend program was fully implemented. Currently the program is offered two weekends of the month. The probation department partners with the United States Forest Service to provide the youth with opportunities of trail restoration, campground clean-up, and general landscaping for public spaces. The non-secure weekend program is an alternative to detention for youth who have committed lower-level type offenses and can be used as a sanction for a violation of probation.

**B. Regional Agreements**

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

The Inyo County Probation Department, Inyo County Health and Human Services, and the Inyo County Office of Education have an MOU to work together to provide support to our County Court School. YOBG funds are utilized to help fund the various programs and services provided to youth at our alternative education sites.

The probation department has a contract with the Inyo Council for the Arts through the end of FY22-23, to help provide music and art after school programs to local youth.

In FY22-23, the probation department partnered with HHS to offer outdoor programs, leadership camps, and peer mentoring to youth.

In FY23-24, the probation department will continue its partnership with Inyo Council for the Arts to provide arts and music to youth. Probation will also continue to partner with HHS to offer outdoor, leadership, and mentoring programs. YOBG funds will be used to help provide materials, training, and support for youth programs in Inyo County.

## **YOBG Funded Program(s), Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement**

**Below are YOBG funded programs reported by the county.**

**Program Name:**

Contract Services

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

Contract services for juvenile programs as needed. In FY23-24, the probation department will contract with Inyo Council for the Arts to provide music and art programs for youth throughout Inyo County.

**Program Name:**

Capital Improvements

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

Security system updates and maintenance and building improvements of the juvenile center and/or day treatment centers as needed.

**Program Name:**

Staff Training

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

YOBG funds will be used for training Juvenile Probation Officers and Rehabilitation Specialists and other probation staff. Training will continue to assist staff enhance existing programs and help develop new evidence-based programs. We will continuously look for research based, trauma informed training, including aggression replacement therapy and cognitive behavioral therapy. Highly trained professional staff is paramount to working with challenged youth and their families.

**Program Name:**

Risk/Needs Assessment Tool

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

YOBG funds are used to provide the PACT risk/needs assessment tool from Noble Software Group. YOBG funds have been used yearly to fund this project. The PACT includes a substance abuse screening component as well as a case plan development and management component. The PACT pre-screen assessment will be administered to all youth referred to probation as well as the full assessment to all adjudicated youth referred for disposition. The tool helps officers match the needs of youth and families to appropriate services.

**Program Name:**

Alternatives to Detention/Electronic Monitoring

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

The Inyo County Probation Department utilizes electronic monitoring to provide lower-level offenders an alternative to detention. YOBG funds are used to sustain this program. Electronic Monitoring may be used for graduated sanctions as an alternative to detention, sanction for substance abuse, and/or sanction for probation violations. In addition, EM will supplement the intensive weekend day program with supervision during the evening hours while the minors are back at home.

**Program Name:**

Case Plan Development

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

All at risk youth will be screened and assessed, including all youth in the Early Intervention programs. The Change Companies evidence-based journals have been purchased with YOBG funds and used in conjunction with this case plan by staff. Probation Officers will work with Rehabilitation Specialists to develop case plans which will include substance abuse and anger management counseling as well as the Power Source Program. Case plans would include contracts with private mental health providers. The Forward Thinking, and the KIDS interacting journaling series will continue to be used for a variety of counseling services that will include alcohol and drug and anger management, among others. These two series plus others use over fifty different evidence based interactive journals. The case plans will include urine analysis testing and supplies to assist with sobriety and family reunification plans. In FY23-24, the use of digital journaling by the Change Companies will be explored and possibly implemented mid-year.

**Program Name:**

After School and Summer Programs

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

Several after school programs and summer programs were started in previous years with YOBG funds. YOBG funds will be used to ensure the continued success of these programs. Our successful after school programs include but are not limited to, bike program, gardening program, craft program, arts program, cooking program and exercise program.

**Program Name:**

Administrative Overhead

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

10% of YOBG funds will be used for administrative overhead and salaries and benefits for the administration of all YOBG funded programs implemented.

**Program Name:**

Weekend Program

**Evidence Upon Which It is Based:**

N/A

**Description:**

As an alternative to long term commitment in a detention center, a weekend program was developed to provide detention and programming services to youth. These youth are ordered by the Court to serve weekends in a non-secure environment. YOBG funds are used to help provide programming, vocational, educational, and recreational support for youth. This intensive weekend day program is provided for youth as an alternative to detention. Youth will be provided with cognitive programming, community work service, vocational training, and recreation opportunities while supervised by probation staff. The probation department has partnered with the United States Forestry Department to teach youth how to repair trails, provide debris removal, campground clean-up, and other outdoor projects. Electronic monitoring will be used to supplement supervision of youth during the weekend evening hours.