

(2021-2022) Annual Plan

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Instructions:

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4) and Welfare & Institution Code Section 1961(b) call for consolidation of the annual plans required for JJCPA and YOBG.

Please submit your most up-to-date consolidated plan. The following is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. If you find it helpful to use this template, please do so. Each field must be completed before submitting your plan to the BSCC. If you have nothing to report for a field, please indicate 'N/A'. At the end of the template please press the 'Submit' button to be recorded with the BSCC. Your work will be saved each time you log in, if you need to make any edits.

Your Submission will be posted, as submitted, to the BSCC website. mbonini@amadorgov.org

If you have any questions on completing your annual plan, or wish to use your own plan, please email:

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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.

Amador County has utilized JJCPA and YOBG funding to target juveniles with varying needs.

Probation Department - Provides all supervision of offenders, juvenile and adult, placed on any type of community supervision. The Probation Department also arranges for all detention of juvenile offenders when needed and/or required. Juveniles are dealt with at the lowest level of intervention that ensures accountability and rehabilitation. This includes all delinquency, truancy and any and all other at-risk youth residing in Amador County.

First Responders - Provide in many cases, the first line of enforcement of laws. Amador County has three Police Departments that provide law enforcement for cities within the county, a Sheriff's Office that provides law enforcement for all unincorporated and contract cities within the County, and the California Highway Patrol that provides County wide law enforcement primarily enforcing traffic laws.

Education - Amador County Unified School District and County Office of Education are combined. They provide educational services to approximately 4,000 students. Within the county there are six elementary schools, two junior high schools, two comprehensive high schools, a continuation high school, an independent study program and a community school for expelled students. Amador County Schools and the Probation Department have always worked collaboratively to address truancy and other social issues with the intended outcome to have healthy students and families.

Amador County Behavioral Health (BH) and Social Services (SS) - BH and SS are charged with providing a full gamut of services to citizens of Amador County. The Probation Department and BH/SS have and continue to collaborate regarding services and strategies to best serve the youth of Amador County. Direct services they currently provide are mental health counseling, psychotropic medication, substance abuse counseling, intervention and placement of dependency youth, funding to eligible families and health/wellness programs.

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) - Amador County, although a small rural county, has two highly qualified CBOs that specifically service juvenile offenders and their families. Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency and Nexus Youth and Family Services have both provided

and continue to provide direct services to at-risk youth. Programs they provide are substance abuse education and counseling, peer counseling support and aggression replacement therapy.

Due to the small rural nature of Amador County, most stakeholders see and meet with each other at most weekly or monthly meetings throughout the county. They continually collaborate on a regular basis to not only address current issues, but also discuss trends and best practices in an effort to build healthy families.

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

Amador County is a small (606 square miles) rural county located in the foothills of central California. According to the 2020 Census, Amador County's population is 37,306. 15.1% of that population are persons under the age of 18. The median household income in 2019 dollars is \$62,772.00 with a 10% poverty rate. According to the State of California Employment Development Department, Amador County's unemployment rate as of February 2021 was 7.9%.

Due to the small size and limited sources, county agencies, departments and community based organization are in many ways forced to collaborate to address issues. Department heads exchange information freely and sit on many boards and committees whereby collaborative approaches are required.

Stakeholders have collaborated and will continue to collaborate making every effort to use funding in a conservative manner but offer the widest range of services needed to address population needs.

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.

Amador County Schools - work in collaboration to continue to address truancy and supervision of juvenile offenders attending schools to ensure compliance with laws and supervision.

Cities - intervention, prevention and supervision for the highest population density areas.

Rural Parts of the County - intervention and prevention. Getting activities to youth in these areas is challenging. Ensuring juveniles have transportation to and from activities in more populated areas will be a focus to ensure engagement.

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.

The Amador County Probation Department will continue to utilize Probation Officers to provide enforcement of laws and conditions of supervision paired with the social skills possessed by a social worker to ensure resources are delivered to youth both already on community supervision as well as those youth exhibiting signs of at-risk behavior.

The team approach of partnering with school site administration, campus supervisors and Probation Officers will allow for quick response times ensuring a collaborate approach when responding to behaviors. It is anticipated Probation Officers will address negative behavior with graduated sanctions and address positive behavior with rewards. Probation Officers will approach all juvenile cases with the same enthusiasm, but also with an individualistic approach to case management giving juveniles the best possible chance at success.

All law enforcement partners have and will continue to have access to each other's case management systems ensuring the fluid exchange of information.

Referrals to county and community based organizations to address not only the needs of the juvenile but also the needs of the family will be a priority. Probation Officers will have knowledge and be equipped to make said referrals at all points of contact with a juvenile. The Probation Department will have authority and the ability to eliminate any and all barriers to services.

Caseloads are and will continue to be low, less than 20-1 ratio, to ensure no juvenile and family goes without services.

D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year.

The plan for Amador County mostly remains the same as the last few prior years as we are able to adequately provide services to our juvenile populations and our the numbers of justice involved youth continue to decline.

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

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**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.

Amador County Probation uses an electronic case management system (CMS) called AutoMon. AutoMon provides and Amador County Probation subscribes to modules for general case management, assessments, drug testing and use of supervised release administration. JCPSS reporting is also tracked and reported through our CMS. Through our CMS, reporting outcomes for juveniles the department is charged with serving is achievable and will provide accurate data.

All law enforcement partners have real-time access capabilities to our CMS. In addition, Health and Human Services can access AutoMon upon request.

The Probation Department has access to the schools computer system to track grades and attendance.

The Probation Department has access to our first responders' computer system to track offenders and author crime reports when warranted.

B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils

Does your county have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice 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.

N/A

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:

JJCPA Deputy Probation Officer - County and On-Campus Supervision

Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

Detention needs continue to remain at low levels since JJCPA was authorized. Placement of juveniles continues to remain at all-time lows as our local system only places juveniles out of their home as a last resort. Should a case represent itself and a STRTP (formerly known as group or foster homes) is ordered by the Court, the Probation Department will use our interagency placement committee overseen by our interagency leadership team as outlined in our proposed AB2083 local memorandum of understanding to help ensure appropriate placement. The Probation Department will also utilize Families First Prevention Services Act for eligible juveniles and their families.

Amador County customarily has a relatively low truancy rate. However, California's reaction to the Covid-19 pandemic appears to have driven truancy numbers higher (not allowing our kids to attend school in-person). The Probation Department and school district/county office of education continue to work together to address what we hope is simply an anomaly. As with years past, we take an early intervention approach in communicating with our schools to address truancy before it becomes a pattern needing to be addressed by the School Attendance Review Board.

Description:

JJCPA funding is utilized to provide direct supervision services to all juveniles coming to the attention of the Probation Department. One Deputy Probation Officer handles this responsibility. Juveniles serviced are: identified at-risk youth, truants, Informal Probationers (654 W&I), Probation w/out Wardship (725a W&I), Wards of the Court (601 and 602 W&I) and Dual Jurisdictional Youth (241.1 W&I). Amador County does not operate a juvenile detention facility.

**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.

Supervision of juveniles coupled with referrals to programming and services either offered by the county or community based organizations gives juveniles and their families the highest likelihood of success and wellness.

Low juvenile caseloads, less than 20-1 ratio, mean Officers have the opportunity to intervene and address any and all needs of juvenile and their family.

With these trends identified since 2000, the evidence is clear our system approach to serving juvenile and their families work.

B. Regional Agreements

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

The Amador County Probation Department uses YOBG funds to support the following services for this population:

Nexus Youth and Family Services - Aggression Replacement Therapy and 180 U-Turn Programs.

Psychological Evaluations - order by the juvenile court to assist in determining appropriate dispositions of juvenile cases.

Amador County Health and Human Services - individualized substance abuse and behavioral health counseling for juveniles and families.

AutoMon - case management system specifically, annual maintenance and escrow fee, web check-in and National Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) Juvenile Assessment and Intervention System (JAIS).

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

Below are YOBG funded programs reported by the county.

Program Name:

YOBG – Direct Services To Amador County Juveniles

Evidence Upon Which It is Based:

The Amador County Probation Department coordinates JJCPA funds with YOBG funds to serve all juveniles within Amador County that are: identified at-risk youth, truants, Informal Probationers (654 W&I) Probationers w/out Wardship (725a W&I) Wards of the Court (601 and 602 W&I) and Dual Jurisdictional Youth (241.1 W&I).

Description:

Funds from YOBG are used to pay for direct services to all juvenile identified as at-risk truants, Informal Probationers (654 W&I) Probations w/out Wardship (725a W&I) Wards of the Court (601 and 602 W&I) and Dual Jurisdictional Youth (241.1 W&I).

Aggression Replacement Therapy and the 180 U-Turn Programs are provided by Nexus Youth and Family Services (a community based organization) via a contract for said service.

The Probation Department funds in part its CMS that allows the department to track, assess and report to the state various outcomes required.