

(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.

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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 and Toiyabe Family Services, Inyo Resilience Collaborative, Family Intensive Response Strengthening Team (FIRST) and the Inyo Council for the Arts 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 very limited resources and services for youth and families. It is imperative that agencies and organizations work together in an effort 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 in an effort 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, schools 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, Tribal representatives, and a member of the Inyo County Sheriff's Department. SARB provides a forum for agencies to coordinate efforts for youth and their families that are in need of services in an effort 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 very beneficial to youth and their families throughout the County. Probation partners with Inyo Council for the Arts in order to provide area youth with music and art after school programs. Many agencies and community organizations provide summer programs for youth. The Superintendent of Schools hosts a meeting once every two months that provides agencies the opportunity to communicate with all of the district superintendents in the County at one time. The bi-monthly superintendent meeting include representatives from the Sheriff's Office, the Probation Department, Health and Human Services, the District Attorney, and the County Administrative Office. 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 difficult 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. The Owens Valley has 5 separate and distinct school districts, as well as communities. The largest communities are Bishop, Lone Pine, Big Pine, and Independence. The juvenile justice plan currently focuses on these four (4) communities. 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 16 youth. 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 due 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 into a 96 hour, special purpose juvenile facility, open only on weekends for weekend commitments. 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 very involved in the County's SARB process and provides early intervention and prevention services when referred by the SARB board. All youth are provided a risk/needs pre-screen assessment during the intake process. Most youth are handled 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 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 juveniles whose disposition includes a long term commitment are transported out of the county to serve those commitments. If a youth is in need of 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 of the school campuses in each of the four communities identified above. They meet with identified at-risk youth weekly. All programming 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 youth are placed out of county. For the highest risk youth, they become wards of the Court and are intensely supervised by the Probation Department. We utilize weekend commitments for lower level violations, where the youth may return to their home and go to school Monday through

Friday. Long term commitments are transported to a Juvenile Facility out of the area and only when absolutely necessary.

In most cases, youthful offenders are supervised in the community.

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

Inyo County Probation plans on enhancing the afterschool programming to include grades 1st through 5th in the Bishop area and in the south county area the following year. We also plan on collaborating with south county schools and the office of education in developing an in school program for a newly formed alternative education program in south county. We will continue with the phasing out of the in-custody weekend program and transition over to an intensive weekend day program. During the weekend days youth receive both cognitive behavioral type programs and vocational programs. Inyo Probation utilizes researched based journaling programs to help youth understand their behaviors and how they can change them. In addition, Probation has partnered with the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to provide youth with the opportunity to learn about and complete trail restoration, clean up, and other forest and land management projects. Probation has also teamed up with the City and other Inyo communities to provide graffiti clean-up.

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.

Approximately 5 years ago Probation deployed a new 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. As Probation has just completed the 4th full year of data entry, the data will be analyzed and used to provide information regarding the effectiveness of juvenile programs. This information will be shared with partner agencies in an effort to improve the outcomes of our 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.

In the past, Inyo has combined the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council with the Juvenile Justice Commission as many of the members were the same individuals. Unfortunately, due to the covid-19 situation and recent resignations positions still have yet to be filled. We do feel confident that the newly elected Judge will move forward in recruiting and filling all positions once the county is back to a semi normal situation.

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 the family recreation and 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. 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 enact 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:

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 helps to fund instructors to teach a variety of elective/vocational classes during the afternoons.

Odyssey ware

Odyssey ware 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 Odyssey ware into our regular curriculum; we are better able to meet the academic needs of the students.

Drug Dogs --Insuring a Drug-free Campus

For the past 12 years, Inyo County Superintendent of Schools, along with several other districts in the county, has contracted with Interquest to have drug sniffing dogs come to the school. JKBS has four random visits from the dogs, funded by the Juvenile Justice grant, throughout the school year. The students sit through a presentation about the dog program and are aware that the dogs can visit campus at any time. The students are familiarized with the practices and procedures for a search. The students are put on notice that they can be effectively searched at any time and that JKBS does not tolerate drugs or alcohol on campus.

**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 10 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 in order 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. Four and a half years ago 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 in an effort 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 in order to protect the community and/or keep the youth safe.

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 2021, to help provide music and art after school programs to local youth.

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 at the juvenile center as needed.

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 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 officer 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 developed an electronic monitoring program in 2011-12 to offer 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 staff will work with Rehab 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 Forwarding 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 50 different evidence based interactive journals. The case plans will include UA testing and supplies to prove sobriety and family reunification plans.

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 YOBS funds. YOBS funds will be used to ensure the continued success of these programs. Our successful after school programs include but 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 YOBS funds will be used for administrative overhead and salaries and benefits for the administration of all YOBS 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 secure detention. YOBG funds are used to help support the programming, vocational, educational, and recreational support and service for youth. In FY20-21, the secure detention portion of the weekend program was phased out. A new intensive weekend day program was implemented 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. Electronic monitoring will be used to supplement supervision during the evening hours.