

**TITLE II JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION
AND INTERVENTION GRANT PROJECTS
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Title II Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Grant Project Summaries

County: Alameda
Implementing Agency: Community Works West
Annual Grant Amount: \$300,000
Program Priority Areas: Diversion / Delinquency Prevention

Community Works West will expand their current Restorative Community Conferencing (RCC) program, a restorative justice program that offers a second chance to Alameda County youth charged with a felony-level crime. Before cases go to court, the RCC conference coordinators work with victims, caregivers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and concerned community members to develop a plan for charged youth to “do right” by victims, their families, the community, and themselves. The approach builds self-esteem and helps youth develop a sense of empathy for their victim. Youth are supervised until they have completed all activities in their plan, at which time the case is closed; the original charges are never filed. The RCC program has demonstrated better outcomes than court processes, incarceration, and/or probation as youth who participated in RCC showed lower reoffending rates when compared to adjudicated youth.

County: Alameda
Implementing Agency: Youth Employment Partnership
Annual Grant Amount: \$94,881 (partial award)
Program Priority Areas: Aftercare/Reentry

The Youth Employment Partnership, in collaboration with Alameda County Probation, Soulciety, and the Alameda County Sheriff’s Activities League (DSAL) has designed a comprehensive pilot project to engage 80 court-involved teens, called Alameda County Career Tryout. The Project is focused on the aftercare/reentry program purpose area while also addressing juvenile justice system improvement and reducing racial and ethnic disparity. Its goal will be to increase the employability and upward mobility of participants to decrease the likelihood of continued involvement with the justice system through employment development classes, vocational training, and credit recovery. Participants gain work experience and support, as well as competence in at least 10 employability soft skills. Additionally, partners will work to build and enhance a workforce strategy for probation youth, using data-driven tracking and analysis to monitor the effectiveness of this pilot project.

County: El Dorado
Implementing Agency: El Dorado County Probation Department
Annual Grant Amount: \$149,985
Program Priority Areas: Aftercare/Reentry

El Dorado County Probation Department, in partnership with New Morning Youth & Family Services and Tahoe Youth & Family Services, focuses Title II efforts on the design and implementation of an aftercare and reentry system for youth transitioning from the West Slope Juvenile Hall and the Juvenile Treatment Center in South Lake Tahoe back to their home communities. To reduce recidivism, promote long-term reentry success, and improve the quality of life for participating youth, the project provides a continuum of supervision and support services including: needs assessment for at-risk in-custody; youth counseling and supportive

services while in custody; comprehensive transition plans prior to release; timely and accurate information to community providers; and ensuring youth are connected to, and enrolled in, supportive services in their communities upon release.

County: Fresno
Implementing Agency: Fresno County Probation Department
Annual Grant Amount: \$300,000
Program Priority Area: Aftercare/Reentry

Fresno County Probation Department will use Title II funds to enhance its current reentry transition services by implementing the Planned ReEntry Program (PREP) project. PREP adds two components to the department's recidivism reduction efforts: a Social Work element to support the development of individual, achievable reentry case plans, and counseling to address coping skills and family issues; and a Parent Partner piece to provide both in-custody and post-custody support for families of targeted youth. The addition of the PREP project will provide for systematic and coordinated reentry support services for youth released from the Fresno County's Juvenile Justice Campus.

County: Los Angeles
Implementing Agency: Centinela Youth Services
Annual Grant Amount: \$299,996
Program Priority Areas: Delinquency Prevention / Diversion

Centinela Youth Services (CYS), in partnership with the Juvenile Arrest Diversion Program (JADP) Collaboration, the Los Angeles Police and Sheriff's Departments, and the Office of the District Attorney, will promote system improvements and address Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) by expanding the Every-Child Restorative Justice Center's JADP project to deliver direct intervention, diversion, and intensive case management services to an additional 1,000 youth in the South Los Angeles area. The project intervenes at the point of arrest to keep youth out of the justice system and provides evidence-based intervention, arrest diversion, restorative justice, and comprehensive clinical case management services. Additionally, the project partners, in consultation from the W. Haywood Burns Institute, will implement R.E.D. reduction strategies that include the refinement of decision making tools for law enforcement when encountering juveniles, student/police dialogues, and data-driven evaluation protocols.

County: Monterey
Implementing Agency: California Youth Outreach
Annual Grant Amount: \$225,000
Program Priority Areas: Aftercare/Reentry

To address Monterey County's increasing population of certified and affiliated gang members, California Youth Outreach-Community Reentry Program (CYO-CRP) builds on existing infrastructure and strengths of the Monterey County Probation Department's Youth Center while fully developing a program for the Juvenile Hall. Working with moderate to high-risk juvenile offenders incarcerated at the Youth Center or the Juvenile Hall, CYO-CRP will provide: 1) intensive case management in all phases of the project; 2) *Thinking for a Change (T4C)* behavioral cognitive therapy groups during pre-release and aftercare; 3) one-on-ones using *Motivational Interviewing (MI)* during all project phases; 4) home visits and/or phone calls, as

needed, during pre-release, reentry, and aftercare; 5) *Strengthening Family Program (SFP)* during pre-release and aftercare; and 6) coaching parents through reentry and crisis, as needed.

County: San Diego
Implementing Agency: North County Lifeline
Annual Grant Amount: \$297,000
Program Priority Areas: Delinquency Prevention

The purpose of the Intensive Mentoring, Parent Advocacy and Comprehensive Trauma-informed (IMPACT) services program is to reduce juvenile offending by offering an intensive client-centered, trauma-informed treatment program to youth at risk of arrest as a result of behavior problems at school, home and/or in the community, and youth who have been arrested for the first time for most offenses. IMPACT will provide long-term (6-12 months average) treatment for the referred youth and their families to effectively address the underlying causes of the youth's misbehavior. Direct services will be 3 tiered (Community, Youth, Family services) in alignment with a Community-Youth Development model. A Parent Advocate with knowledge of the workings of the juvenile justice system will work with parents to engage their participation and provide mentoring, supportive services and guidance. Youth will work with a Therapist and Case Manager and will participate in an individualized treatment plan comprised of psycho-educational groups, treatment groups, gender-specific groups, financial literacy/employment readiness, and individual/general counseling, as well as community-oriented activities aimed at restitution. Parents will participate in family therapy, specialized parenting instruction, and culturally-specific support groups. RED will be addressed by engaging appropriate youth from minority groups disproportionately represented in San Diego's juvenile justice system.

County: San Diego
Implementing Agency: South Bay Community Services
Annual Grant Amount: \$300,000
Program Priority Areas: Alternatives to Detention

South Bay Community Services will address current gaps in the system by using two evidence-based mental health treatments for youth and their families in the San Diego County Probation Department (SDCPD) Alternatives to Detention (ATD) Program: 1) *Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT)* and 2) *Trauma Affect Regulation: Guide for Education and Therapy (TARGET)*. The services that accompany these treatments will help youth and their families overcome challenges that exacerbate risk-taking behaviors and increase the likelihood of subsequent re-arrest. The project will also address racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system, particularly the overrepresentation of Latino youth, as the two mental health models were developed specifically for Latino families. The goals of the project are to reduce juvenile delinquency, improve family engagement and strengthen family supports, improve the juvenile justice system's efficacy, reduce racial and ethnic disparities, and improve outcomes for system-involved youth.

County: Santa Cruz
Implementing Agency: Santa Cruz County Probation
Annual Grant Amount: \$196,200 (partial award)
Program Priority Areas: Alternatives to Detention / Diversion

Santa Cruz County Probation Department's (SCCPD) Positive Outcomes through Diversion for Effective Results (PODER) project effectively collaborates with community partners to increase mental health services to youth on probation to minimize recidivism and address the overrepresentation of Latino youth in the juvenile justice system. PODER's four-year plan monitors and evaluates reduction in recidivism, builds individual and family capacity, and creates system improvements in Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.) strategies. The project's target population is youth in the City of Watsonville. SCCPD will partner with Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance to facilitate the provision of mental health services to probation youth participating in the Luna Evening Center, an alternative to detention site.

County: Santa Cruz
Implementing Agency: City of Watsonville Police Department
Annual Grant Amount: \$225,000
Program Priority Areas: Diversion, Disproportionate Minority Contact

The Caminos Hacia el Éxito Initiative (Pathways to Success) project uses evidence-based practices, strategies and restorative justice principles to reduce racial and ethnic disparity in the Santa Cruz County juvenile justice system. The project provides immediate responses, holds first time juvenile offenders accountable, and diverts youth to community-based services that include comprehensive treatment plans, restorative justice, parent training, family therapy, and mentoring, to increase positive quality of life outcomes. The goals of the project are to reduce racial and ethnic disparity among youth being referred to probation, reduce recidivism through use of evidence-based and promising practices, to divert youth and improve positive behavior, and increase public safety.

County: Shasta
Implementing Agency: Shasta County Probation Department
Annual Grant Amount: \$146,938
Program Priority Areas: Aftercare/Reentry

The Gardening, Responsibility, Ownership of Self and Community Well Being (GROW) program will be a partnership among the Shasta County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF), Shasta County Juvenile Probation, Providence International Gardens of Hope (GOH), Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC), and Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE) to develop and sustain a program for at-risk youth in detention and aftercare. Youth will assist in prosocial activities such as growing and harvesting fruits/vegetables as well as assisting in the care, feeding, and egg retrieval from chickens maintained at JRF. Youth will be mentored at the facility by staff from GOH while SCOE teaching staff will develop hands-on life science activities for detained youth. Youth will also learn about business and financial concepts. In addition, a Skillbuilder from CAPCC will provide direct services to eligible youth and their families who are participating in the garden project. These services will be provided in the JRF, at their homes, and in the community.

County: Sonoma
Implementing Agency: Restorative Resources
Annual Grant Amount: \$225,000
Program Priority Areas: Diversion

To keep students in school and address anti-social behavior before it results in criminal activity and entry into the juvenile justice system, Restorative Resources' Somos Circles provide diversion programming for approximately 400 fifth and sixth grade students annually (youth who have experienced discipline incidents significant enough to require school conferences) in six Sonoma County school districts. Through Somos Circles, Restorative Resources will provide age-appropriate restorative-based accountability circles, restorative conferences, and classroom circles. The positive and restorative interventions will meet the goal of improved behavior and school engagement, and will help students avoid more severe school infractions, as well as potential entry into the juvenile criminal justice system, when youth enter their teen years.