

Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Training Project

This grant is in support of California's efforts to reduce youth violence and recidivism. Funding for this project is to be used to support probation departments that are prepared to receive training that will assist them in implementing or expanding the use of evidence-based practices within their local juvenile justice communities. While probation will be the lead agency in the implementation of the training requested and the main recipient of the services, the success of this training project will lie in the collaboration and partnership of the key stakeholders within each juvenile justice community. Approximately \$250,000 in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding was set aside for this project which began on May 1, 2015 and will end on June 30, 2016.

Program Summaries

Contra Costa County Probation Department

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used by the Contra Costa County Probation Department to fund continued training with the University of Cincinnati Research Institute (UCRI) in the Core Correctional Practices (CCP). This will allow staff to improve service delivery to in-custody juveniles by decreasing time in room confinement, increasing school attendance and implement an effective Behavioral Management System. Additionally, the Probation Department will send 12 probation, education, and healthcare staff to the Annual California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS) Evidence-Based Practice Symposium to receive training in Aggression Replacement Treatment (ART).

Humboldt County Probation Department- (representing 14 counties in the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Northern Consortium

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will support the 14 Northern Region Counties (Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity Counties) to partner in training provided by representatives of the Child Trauma Academy and the University of Cincinnati Center for Criminal Justice Research. Specifically, staff and stakeholders will receive training on the impacts of child trauma; neglect; poverty; abuse on adolescent brain development and juvenile justice involvement; interventions as well as case planning and case management based on dynamic risk factors as identified by a validated risk assessment instrument. The Humboldt County Probation Department will administer the grant.

Marin County Probation Department

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds will be used to fund the training of the Marin County Probation Department staff in Thinking for a Change and training and certification of four Practitioners in Trauma-Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Additionally, the Marin County Probation Department will hire a consultant to train and facilitate staff in further development of evidence-based practices programs and strategies.

Merced County Probation Department

The Merced County Probation Department will use Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to promote evidence-based practices (EBP) in the following areas: Behavioral Health Court, Drug Court and Field

Services. Thirty (30) staff participants will attend 3 separate trainings (Motivational Interviewing; EBP Implementation Basics and EBP Demystified). This training will increase staff skill levels and those of partner agencies (Probation, Behavioral Health and Drug & Alcohol Services) in implementing EBP. Staff will understand how EBP can impact their role in the department, increase effectiveness in reducing recidivism and the connections between assessment, case planning and measuring outcomes.

Sacramento County Probation Department

The Sacramento County Probation Department will use Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to provide updated training for 12 staff who will become Train the Trainers for the Sacramento County Probation Department. They will be trained on the use of risk and needs assessment tools including the validated Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT), and the new PACT Case Plan 2.0, and the Residential PACT (RPACT).

San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department

The San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department will use Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding to educate Juvenile Probation Department (JPD) staff and partners on evidence-based practices and programs intended to facilitate a common language and shared ideal to support an evidence-based juvenile justice system. This funding will also allow for JPD to train staff to pilot Thinking for a Change program at the Log Cabin Ranch facility. The JPD operates the Juvenile Justice Center (Juvenile Hall), Log Cabin Ranch and Probation Services. This funding will also be used to implement the self-designed Renew and Enhance Evidence-based Practices (REEP) program that will train all Juvenile Counselors, Community Based Organizations and juvenile justice partners in the basics of EBP.

San Mateo County Probation Department

The San Mateo County Probation Department will use Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding to provide evidence-based training for probation staff and their juvenile justice partners on gender specific care, trauma informed client management and case planning. Through these courses, probation staff and their partners will be able to enhance their skills, leading to better supervision strategies to reduce recidivism of juvenile offenders. This will also teach probation officers the necessary problem solving, goal setting and relationship-building skills that will help them interact with their clients.

Santa Cruz County Probation Department

The Santa Cruz County Probation Department will use Juvenile Accountability Block grant funds to provide Trauma Informed Care Training specifically targeting case planning and collaboration to ensure continuity between probation and service providers. There will be approximately 3 individual consultation days with the provider and 8 – (3) hour training sessions. The total anticipated number of participants is 62 which includes probation staff and system partners.

Sonoma County Probation Department

The Sonoma County Probation Department will use Juvenile Accountability Block grant funds to implement evidence-based practices in order to reduce recidivism and maintain the fidelity of the implemented strategies. The Sonoma County Probation Department will implement an Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) training program for their current risk/needs assessment tool – The Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT).