

**TITLE II FORMULA BLOCK GRANT
2012-2014 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

County: Alameda
Implementing Agency: Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD)
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: Evening Reporting Center

Project Summary: ACPD's Title II program will reduce the number of juvenile detentions for non-violent Violations of Probation, Failures to Appear (FTA) and Bench Warrants by establishing Evening Reporting Centers (ERCs), as alternatives to detention, in two communities with the highest concentration of probation youth - West Oakland and Hayward. The ERCs provides academic assistance and a range of pro-social and recreational activities during the "high crime" after-school and evening hours. At the YMCA ERC, youth receive academic support; basic computer skills (focusing on resume writing); cooking, nutrition and gardening skills (youth learn to cook meals from vegetables grown in the garden); sports and athletics; art/drawing skills; and life skills enrichment. At the Eden Youth and Family Center (EYFC) ERC, youth have full access to the Eden Computer Clubhouse, which exists to help remedy the acute shortage of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) graduates. One goal of the Clubhouse is to excite high school students about these careers by introducing them to technology through project-based activities. The Clubhouse offers a vibrant environment with computers and a variety of state-of-the-art software and technology tools for use on projects in 3D animation, video, robotics, music, art, and graphic design. Clubhouse activities include individual and group projects, presentations by local educators and employers, and meetings with youth counselors. ERC participants also meet with youth outreach workers from EYFC's Project New Start Tattoo Removal Program to learn more about alternatives to gang and drug involvement. Additionally, both sites provide nutritious and balanced evening meals.

County: Alameda
Implementing Agency: Community Works West and the District Attorney's Office
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Restorative Justice Principles
Project Title: Restorative Family Group Conferencing Program

Project Summary: Community Works West (CWW) and the District Attorney (DA) have added to their Restorative Family Group Conferencing Program, which uses restorative justice methods to reduce the number of young people, particularly youth of color, who receive a juvenile record and repair the harm caused by offending juveniles. Working in collaboration with the Managing District Attorney of the Juvenile Division, this program ensures youth will be kept out of the system completely and receive wrap-around services to reduce the likelihood of re-arrest. CWW and the DA will identify 115 juvenile cases to participate in a restorative justice practice known as Family Group Conferencing (FGC) prior to adjudication (95 youth will complete the process per grant year). In a FGC, youth accused of crime meet face-to-face with their victims, with family members, and other supporters present on both sides. A plan is developed by consensus of all FGC participants by which the young person does right by his/her 1) victim, 2) family, 3) community, and 4) self. When the plan is completed, charges are never filed. The funding received from this grant allow for an expansion of the program incorporating 95 juveniles per year and to develop social service networks needed to support participating youth and their families.

County: Alameda
Implementing Agency: Oakland Police Department (OPD)
Grant Amount: \$172,141
Program Priority Area: Restorative Justice Principles
Project Title: Oakland Youth Court

Project Summary: The Oakland Youth Court Project represents a decade long partnership to divert youth offenders from involvement in the Juvenile Justice System. Youth offenders and at-risk youth receive asset-based services and experiences that include: Youth Court participation, training for OPD officers in Restorative Justice and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC), gender specific health/life-skills workshops, mandatory community service, leadership training, and the opportunity to become a Youth Advocate in peer operated court hearings. Workshops are conducted by an OPD Officer to promote youth's positive involvement with the law and law enforcement. In addition to these services, the OPD will bring awareness to the issue of DMC.

County: Alameda
Implementing Agency: Youth Employment Partnership, Inc.
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: Building Teens

Project Summary: Youth Employment Partnership (YEP) engages diverted juvenile offenders in a menu of job training options, including: rebuilding three abandoned, distressed East Oakland neighborhoods with the highest concentration of court-involved teens through an innovative contextualized learning and work experience program; a counselor-in-training program; and other options providing work experience and recidivism prevention strategies. YEP's Alternatives to Detention: Building Teens (BT) engages 100 youth 14 to 17 years old. Target participants are status offenders, first-time offenders whose Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) score suggest detention, truant youth under Probation supervision, youth who would otherwise be detained, youth mandated by the court to participate in BT as an alternative to detention, and other court-involved youth at high risk of reoffending. The length of stay in the program ranges from 15-20 weeks, and case managers continue weekly contact for an additional 15 weeks. YEP's program is distinguished by four key components: (1) stipend work experience to generate income; (2) timing of job to take place in the key hours of 4-7pm and on Saturday during the school year, and during the weekdays in the summer months; (3) contextualized educational intervention; and (4) intensive case management and additional supports. These components have each demonstrated success with juvenile offenders; the innovation in the proposed program is the combination of these components in a single program. In addition, YEP has relationships to additional services that include: childcare, legal assistance, housing, mental and physical health services, anger management, and educational supplies. Youth can participate in a two-day camping trip retreat with facilitated activities to promote positive choices and personal growth while helping youth to begin to process and heal the trauma of violence and arrest.

County: Los Angeles
Implementing Agency: Centinela Youth Services, Inc. (CYS)
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Restorative Justice Principles
Project Title: Everychild Restorative Justice Center

Project Summary: Through the collaboration of juvenile justice, schools, law enforcement, government and community agencies the Everychild Restorative Justice Center, operated by Centinela Youth Services, functions to divert vulnerable, high-risk youth from the juvenile justice system into wraparound community-based, developmental services. This effort will assist 400 youth in breaking the cycle of delinquent and criminal behavior; return to and succeed in school; and achieve greater harmony at home and in the community. One of the primary goals is to achieve system reform by reducing disproportionate minority attachment and confinement in the Inglewood Court jurisdiction, which processes more than 8,000 delinquency cases annually in Los Angeles County. Youth are diverted from courts, LA County

Probation, local police and school discipline systems. The Center utilizes restorative justice principles to integrate evidence-based victim offender and family mediation services utilizing more than 50 trained and certified volunteer mediators. Mediation services are linked to academic assistance, job training, mental health counseling, community service and life skills training; all of which are supported by intensive case management. These services ultimately assist youth in making right the harm caused by their crime in a process that involves the victim and the community and restores youth as successful students and contributing members of society.

County: Los Angeles
Implementing Agency: Los Angeles County Juvenile Court
Grant Amount: \$300,000
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: STAR Court

Project Summary: The Los Angeles County Juvenile Court has developed STAR (Succeed Through Achievement and Resilience), a collaborative court to work with 50 juveniles involved in or at-risk for prostitution. The Court provides intensive (weekly) supervision by a judicial officer, probation officers, advocates and counselors to monitor the youth's progress. The Court works with the County Probation Department to develop placement and counseling services designed to assist these youth specifically, taking into account their prior trauma and alienation from healthy communities and families. The Court also works with the District Attorneys and Public Defenders to develop diversion programs that will allow these children to earn dismissals of their charges in appropriate circumstances. With its efforts, the Court hopes to reduce the amount of time children remain detained, reduce recidivism and provide children the skills to transition to a successful adulthood.

County: Los Angeles
Implementing Agency: Los Angeles County Probation Department
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Program

Project Summary: The Los Angeles County Probation Department has implemented a multi-system response to improve outcomes for sexually trafficked youth. The coordinated multi-agency protocol involves: 1) rescue and identification of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children youth; 2) a comprehensive medical and psychological evaluation; 3) assessment to determine the appropriate placement need (i.e., court as an alternative to current juvenile justice proceedings and judicial case monitoring; and 4) enrollment in the 18- to 24-month Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) treatment program and aftercare. The effectiveness of the program will be evaluated through data collection on subsequent prostitution arrests, stabilized placement, the effectiveness of electronic monitoring as an alternative to detention, and successful program completion and transition to the community.

County: Orange
Implementing Agency: Orange County Bar Foundation
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: Shortstop and Stop Short of Addiction

Project Summary: The Orange County Bar Foundation's (OCBF) Shortstop and Stop Short of Addiction programs serve Latino youth ages 12-17 in Orange County that are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. Youth parents/caregivers participate as a fundamental component of the Latino target population. The purpose is to reach at-risk youth early, break patterns of behavior that can escalate quickly into chronic criminal behavior and substance abuse, and prepare youth to lead responsible, productive lives. High-risk Latino youth are targeted, as they are disproportionately represented in Orange County in respect to delinquent behavior, substance abuse, and incarceration. Shortstop and Stop Short of Addiction provide cost-effective alternatives to detention that utilize: (1) an effective, science-based model

for reducing delinquency among Latino youth, (2) a strong restorative justice plan, (3) strategies or reducing disproportionate minority contact, (4) collaborative partnerships that offer linkages to additional wrap around services, and (5) a system reform approach that collaborates with key justice stakeholders on Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) efforts in Orange County. Services offer youth and their caregivers a 2-hour intake, 3-hour sessions of Shortstop or Stop Short of Addiction, and a 1-hour case management follow-up three months post completion. Youth are identified by Probation or local law enforcement agencies as they come into contact with the juvenile justice system and referred to OCBF services. The project will serve 120 at-risk youth, including their caregivers, each year (60 Latino youth and 60 caregivers through Shortstop and 60 substance abusing Latino youth and 60 caregivers through Stop Short of Addiction).

County: Sacramento
Implementing Agency: Sacramento County Probation Department
Grant Amount: \$197,174
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: Sustaining Effective Treatment and Supervision

Project Summary: The Sacramento County Probation Department is utilizing Title II Formula Block Grant funding to support the Sustaining Effective Treatment and Supervision (SETS) program. The SETS program serves low-risk, high need, youth ages 11-14 who are first time or early offenders referred for a felony offense. These youth score low risk to reoffend on assessments due to their limited criminal history; however, an early onset felony is often an indicator of long-term criminal justice system involvement. Through the SETS program, a Deputy Probation Officer within the Juvenile Field Services Division provides supervision and services support for participants. Eligibility for the SETS program is confirmed by Probation's Juvenile Field Intake Unit through evidence-based Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) risk and needs assessment scores and screening for Multi-systemic Therapy (MST) eligibility. The MST provider, River Oak Center for Children, conducts further screening with the family to ensure they are committed to active participation in the treatment process. MST treatment services are provided as quickly as possible upon confirmation with the family. The SETS program officer also works to link participants with other community services available through the MST provider and the Juvenile Field Services Division to target needs identified within the PACT and other assessments. Probation cases for SETS program youth are transferred or closed, as deemed appropriate, after exiting MST services.

County: San Diego
Implementing Agency: North County Lifeline
Grant Amount: \$349,659
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: Alternative Court Treatment

Project Summary: The purpose of the Alternative Court Treatment (ACT) program is to reduce juvenile offending by offering an intensive treatment program to youth at risk of arrest as a result of behavior problems at school, home and/or the community, and youth who have been arrested for the first time for most offenses. The ACT program provides long-term (average is 6-months) holistic treatment for the referred youth and their families to effectively address the root causes of the youths' behaviors. Direct services are 3-tiered (Community, Youth, and Family Services) and include restorative justice principles (community service, civic leadership projects and other forms of restitution) and holistic approach to counsel elements (a Parent Advocate with knowledge of the workings of the Juvenile Justice System provides support and guidance to the parents), as well as a menu of treatment options for youth (psycho-educational groups, treatment groups, financial literacy/employment readiness and individual/general counseling) and families (family therapy, specialized parenting instruction for parents of difficult teens, and culturally-specific support groups). Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) is addressed by effectively treating and diverting youth from the system who might have been disproportionately incarcerated.

County: San Diego
Implementing Agency: South Bay Community Services
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: Alternatives to Detention

Project Summary: The purpose of the proposed Alternative to Detention project is to develop and provide a new continuum of detention alternatives for low-risk juvenile offenders who have been arrested and charged with a relatively minor offense, yet do not require secure detention because of low-flight risk or potential danger to the community. The program aims to keep these youth out of secure detention by providing a continuum of detention alternatives including case advocacy, home confinement, reporting centers, non-secure shelter, and intensive case management. Three hundred youth will participate in the program annually, anticipating at least 90% successfully completing the program (defined as attending all court hearings), while remaining arrest-free (no new violations). Major partners in the program include social services agencies, law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office, the County Probation Department, the Public Defender's Office, the Juvenile Court, the Chula Vista Community Collaborative, and the San Diego Association of Governments. These organizations see a clear need for services, have been involved in the program design, and have agreed to participate in the Alternatives to Detention Advisory Committee as well as all program trainings.

County: San Francisco
Implementing Agency: San Francisco Public Defenders Office
Grant Amount: \$231,147
Program Priority Area: Holistic Approach to Counsel
Project Title: Legal Educational Advocacy Program

Project Summary: The San Francisco Office of the Public Defender (SFOPD) has expanded and improved holistic representation of its Juvenile Unit through the implementation of a Legal Educational Advocacy Program (LEAP) which adds an Education Attorney and Education Youth Advocate to its team of defense attorneys, social workers and youth advocates. The Education Youth Advocate is provided by the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, a San Francisco based organization with a history of providing successful case management and services to youth in the juvenile justice system. The Education Attorney and Education Youth Advocate is dedicated to represent the educational needs of clients on the delinquency caseload and at the Principal's Center Collaborative Court School, San Francisco's court ordered school for probation youth, in order to directly address the long standing histories of truancy, absenteeism, and failing school placements which are pervasive among court-involved youth. The education team meets with clients to create the linkages and supports necessary for a permanent exit from the juvenile justice system. By providing legal advocacy for client's educational needs, and building a team of professionals and partnerships with juvenile justice stakeholders dedicated to planning for clients' educational success, LEAP will reduce juvenile offending, reduce racial disparities and bring about needed systems reform in the juvenile justice system.

County: Santa Clara
Implementing Agency: Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc.
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Program Priority Area: Restorative Justice Principles
Project Title: Restorative Mentor Program

Project Summary: Fresh Lifelines for Youth's (FLY) Restorative Mentoring Program, "Restorative Mentoring," is an innovative solution designed to reduce recidivism and improve pro-social behavior among Santa Clara County juveniles on formal, felony probation. Restorative Mentoring matches 40 probation youth who have minimal pro-social support systems, and have caused significant harm to a specific victim or the community, with a caring adult volunteer on a 1:1 basis for 1-2 years. During the first 6 months, a key component of the Mentor's role is to work with a specially trained probation officer (PO)

assigned exclusively to this program to design and execute a plan that would “repair” harm done by the youth. The PO contacts the victim and learns what s/he would like to see as a part of the offender’s “repair the harm” plan. The PO, mentor and youth then meet to hear this feedback and spend time reflecting, debriefing and designing a reparation plan. This customized plan could include apology/reflection letters, a service learning project in the harmed community, and if the victim is willing, an in-person reparative meeting facilitated by the PO, FLY staff, and attended by the victim, mentor, youth, and caregivers. An in-person meeting with the victim or surrogate victim will be a primary goal of the program. At every step, the mentor will help the youth debrief and learn from the experience to build empathy, a sense of accountability, and healing for both the victim and the youth. The mentor continues working with the youth for 1-2 years, using cognitive-behavioral methods to minimize thinking errors and help the youth set and achieve goals that focus on pro-social behavior in place of deviant behavior. By working with a mentor for an additional 1-2 years, youth will build their assets and skills needed for successful transition into adulthood.

County: Santa Cruz
Implementing Agency: Watsonville Police Department
Grant Amount: \$250,000
Program Priority Area: Effective Alternatives to Detention
Project Title: "Caminos Hacia el Éxito - Pathways to Success"

Project Summary: The Caminos Initiative is an evidence-based alternative to detention program using diversion to improve the Santa Cruz juvenile intake system. The program diverts first time offenders to community-based services that include restorative justice, comprehensive treatment plan, parent training, family therapy, and mentoring. These data driven services are provided through the collaboration of educational, counseling and criminal justice agencies. The goals of the program are to reduce the number of youth of color coming into contact with the local juvenile justice system, holding juvenile offenders accountable for their actions in timely and appropriate ways, and using evidence-based approaches to ensure juvenile justice improvement. Outcomes of the program’s success will be measured by the percentage of program youth not having a new offense, percentage of program youth who successfully fulfilled program requirements and percentage of program youth with desired change in targeted behavior.

County: Sonoma
Implementing Agency: Restorative Resources
Grant Amount: \$299,879
Program Priority Area: Restorative Justice Principles
Project Title: Restorative Justice and Accountability Circles Project

Project Summary: Restorative Resources is a community-based, non-profit organization with over a decade of experience providing restorative justice solutions in Sonoma County. Through collaboration with area law enforcement, probation, Sonoma County schools, community-based organizations and Department of Justice funding, Restorative Resources works to reduce recidivism among juvenile offenders and provide early intervention with at-risk youth. This program, open to all male first-time offenders, places an emphasis on Latino youth because of the disproportionate number of Latino first-time offenders in Sonoma County and the lack of culturally competent resources for this population. In addition to the Restorative Conferences long used by the agency, Restorative Resources has pioneered the use of innovative Accountability Circles to facilitate the development of a greater sense of integrity, decision making and life skills through peer-to-peer interactions and rites of passage exercises that allow for personal growth and self-discovery.