

**Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act &  
Youthful Offender Block Grant (JJCPA-YOBG)**

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# Juvenile Justice Plan

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## **Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy**

*Authority:* Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A) The multiagency juvenile justice plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following components:

(i) 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.

(ii) An identification and prioritization of the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas in the community that face a significant public safety risk from juvenile crime, such as gang activity, daylight burglary, late-night robbery, vandalism, truancy, controlled substances sales, firearm-related violence, and juvenile substance abuse and alcohol use.

(iii) A local juvenile justice action strategy that provides for a continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency and demonstrates a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(B)(ii) Collaborate and integrate services of all the resources set forth in clause (i) of subparagraph (A), to the extent appropriate.

### **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 Humboldt County Probation Department (HCPD) conducted its initial comprehensive juvenile system assessment in 1996 in relation to the Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Challenge Grant Program (SB 1760, 1996), which was the precursor to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. Extensive information was gathered through various means depicting our community profiles, juvenile system operations, juvenile population trends, juvenile arrest trends, case processing trends, at-risk and juvenile offender profiles, high-risk neighborhoods/community areas, continuum of services/sanctions, and resource assessment was done to prepare this plan.

The local plan has been monitored, managed, and updated on a regular basis by the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (MAJJCC). Current MAJJCC members include Probation, Courts, District Attorney, Public Defender, County Schools, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS, an integrated social service agency - Public Health, Mental Health, Social Services, Employment Training Division, and so on), Sheriff, Eureka Police Department, Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC), and the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods – Teen Court Program. Various others have attended these public meetings, including representatives of the Humboldt County Transitional Age Youth Collaborative, local Native American tribes and tribal social services, LatinoNet, Northern Humboldt Diversion Program and assorted interested citizens.

MAJJCC continues to review local HCPD referral and juvenile hall data on a regular basis. Check-ins regarding general existing services for at-risk youth, juvenile offenders and families are also held periodically as well as in response to a specific identified need or local trend.

The County also has developed multiple interagency groups and processes to address the needs of at-risk youths, juvenile offenders and their families:

The Family Intervention Team (FIT) is part of the local System of Care and consists of Probation, DHHS-Child Welfare Services, DHHS-Child/Family Services (Mental Health), and other appropriate partners (Schools, tribes, etc.) to address the needs of youth at risk of removal from the home, or who have been removed and court-ordered placed in resource family homes, therapeutic foster homes, or short term residential treatment programs. This group plans care in placement, reunification, and alternatives to reunification, as appropriate, utilizing Child and Family Teams and probation officer-facilitated Team Decision Making meetings. A Senior Probation Officer provides Wraparound services to probation-involved youths. A probation officer is also assigned to the Foster Parent Recruitment Retention and Support team for the county, to help develop and support foster placements for delinquent youth. The FIT team also overlaps with our local System Improvement Plan implementation team. There is a current WIC 241.1 protocol agreement in place to assist in decision-making about the most appropriate system to handle a case, as well as Hope Search family finding.

The Humboldt County Foster Youth Education Executive Advisory Council is a broad collaborative of social services, education and juvenile justice agencies focused on shaping local policies and implementation plans with regard to foster youth education supports and services. The goal of the group is to ensure successful educational outcomes for foster youth, including preparation for transition into higher education or the workforce with the necessary skills and confidence as young adults. The group meets multiple times per year to review local foster youth data and update on interagency work in this area.

The Department of Health and Human Services/Educational Leadership group is made up of children's mental health, social services, education and probation administrators focused on improving the coordination of care for school aged children (ages 3-22) through building relationships and establishing sustainable structure for interagency partnering. The group meets monthly and is presently working on cross training of staff and expansion of on-site counseling services at city and county schools.

The Juvenile Court holds regular Court Improvement Meetings for both delinquency and dependency courts with all affected agencies participating. Truancy Court is currently operating locally in concert with County Office of Education staff with good results. And, the Superior Court and Yurok Tribal Court are in the planning stages of implementing a joint Family Dependency Drug Court Program, with a broad stakeholder advisory group that includes Probation. And, the Hoopa and Yurok tribes also have wellness courts serving their communities, and linking youths and families to tribal social services and supports.

Local law enforcement has created diversion programs in the northern portion of Humboldt County – Arcata and McKinleyville – to work within the schools/communities to address youth and family needs at the lowest level possible. If interventions are unsuccessful the cases are referred to HCPD for evaluation for further intervention and potential court involvement.

The Law Enforcement Chiefs Association has interagency agreements in place related to the local Gang Resource Intelligence Team, the Child Abuse Services Team, and local Commercially Sexually Exploited Children protocol.

Additionally, a number of other services, supports and initiatives currently exist within the county:

DHHS Child/Family Services staff are co-located with HCPD staff in our Juvenile Services Division as well as providing behavioral health, case management, and substance use disorder treatment and education services within both juvenile detention facilities.

Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) employs a substance abuse counselor to work with youth in the court/community school system. HCOE and local school districts hold regular School Attendance Review Board hearings that are attended by Probation staff. An HCOE clinician is training staff throughout the county on trauma-informed approaches to education. They are also implementing Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports within court and community schools sites in combination with the Multi-Tiered System of Support framework. Arcata and Eureka High Schools have peer-driven conflict resolution programs in place – “Taming Tigers” and “Redwood Resolvers”, respectively.

Family or Community Resource Centers are located at numerous sites throughout the county, offering linkages and referrals to a variety of health, mental health and social services, as well as serving as community meeting sites for Probation and other services providers that are generally centralized in the Eureka area. DHHS mobile engagement vehicles have regular schedules at these sites.

The Department of Health and Human Service Transition-Age Youth Division offers a variety of health, mental health, and vocational services and supports, as well as mentoring services, for youth age 16 to 26. Independent living skills training is also offered through this program to youth with histories of foster care placement.

The Youth Employment Opportunity Program operates through the local Job Market and assists youths with attaining their GED or diploma, soft skills development, resume building, occupational certification courses, interview skills, and job placement services and supports.

The Redwood Community Action Agency Youth Service Bureau (YSB) offers a variety of services and supports to homeless youth or youth who are fleeing dangerous or abusive situations or experiencing severe family conflict. YSB services include an independent living skills program, 1:1 and family counseling and case management, employment training, a crisis hotline, Launch Pad and Our House Shelter programs, and the Raven Project drop-in center.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods has been operating a successful Teen Court for a number of years and receives a majority of their referrals directly from various local schools. They also provide Brief Intervention for Substance Using Adolescents, as well as multiple club sites for youth activities and development.

United Indian Health Services, Two Feathers and the social service departments of multiple local tribes offer a variety of health, mental health, substance use disorder, and foster placement services and supports to eligible youth and families.

Changing Tides Family Services offers diverse services to youth and families including developmental resources, individual and group therapy, case

management linkage and brokerage, and rehabilitative and therapeutic behavioral services in the home.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is active locally with our colleges in providing "Bigs" to match with local at-risk youths for mentoring services.

Game Over is a local non-profit that provides community education about sex trafficking. Narum Clinical Associates provides psychotherapy services to youth victims and perpetrators of sexual assault or other sexual disorders.

And, finally, Spare Change theater troupe provides teen peer education and outreach in middle and high schools throughout the county.

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

Quarterly MAJJCC meetings will continue to occur to discuss juvenile Probation data, program and service updates, and local trends and problems to be addressed. When appropriate, focused groups will be formed to tackle specific issues, as needed.

Other interagency collaborative meetings such as the Juvenile Court Improvement Meeting, the DHHS-Education Leadership Committee, the Humboldt County Family Intervention Team, or the Family Drug Dependency Court Stakeholders group, among others, continue to meet regularly and provide ample opportunities for improving collaboration and increasing the integration of services.

## **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.

Over the past year the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has completed an in-depth review of local juvenile justice system data, including referral sources (jurisdiction/locality of delinquent crimes), crime types, and offender characteristics and histories to identify community hot spots that pose the greatest public safety risk from juvenile crime. Not surprisingly, the largest incorporated cities and communities – Eureka, Fortuna, Arcata, and McKinleyville - accounted for the bulk of the Probation Department's referrals that resulted in a booking into juvenile hall or an adjudication. The majority of prevention and early intervention services are located in Eureka and northern Humboldt, with some services in Fortuna, however, pursuit of the development of additional services is ongoing.

A number of diversion-level services are well established in many of these communities and are showing positive outcomes in reducing re-referrals for participating youths. Engagement of youth in services and supports within their community of residence and education is critical to the success of these programs. Families are also being engaged successfully in services and supports.

Youths who are being put into higher level services and being case managed by Probation for any length of time are often repeat offenders with significant histories

of trauma, family dysfunction, family criminal involvement, substance abuse, and mental health issues. The collaborative groups identified in Section A regularly come together to develop integrated plans to meet youth and family needs to attempt to reduce the public safety risk wherever possible. Replication of services proving successful in other locales, that take into account the culture of each of our unique communities, is looked at by community stakeholders and considered for adaptation and adoption/implementation, as possible.

Other areas identified as service gaps for the at-risk and juvenile offender population that MAJJCC will continue to seek solutions to include: Gang resistance prevention programming in schools, local adolescent residential substance abuse detox and treatment services, more substance use disorder treatment for adolescents (generally), shelter care for delinquent wards, local therapeutic foster care and short term residential treatment program options, adolescent psychiatric services (generally), and more affordable housing options for non-minor dependents.

### **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 local Juvenile Justice Plan incorporates a number of strategies to effectively address prevention and intervention of juvenile crime and delinquency in Humboldt County. Four essential strategies are the underpinning of our local Plan:

- Community Protection by assessing the risk and threat offenders pose to the community by imposing the level of restrictive control offenders require, and by providing programs necessary to bring about successful lifestyle changes.
- Encourage Youthful Offender Accountability and Competency through the use of graduated sanctions, provide needs-based services and intervention referrals to meet individualized needs and enhance capacity to function as productive adults.
- Emphasis on Wraparound Service Philosophy by utilizing individualized strength-based case planning to ensure that services are designed to effectively meet the changing needs of the youth and family in a holistic and culturally sensitive manner.
- Emphasis on the Use of Evidence-Based Practices to improve outcomes for youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

In the history of the local JJCPA and YOBG funding, these resources have consistently been directed primarily to services and programs at the front and back ends of our continuum. County general funds and other juvenile-derived revenues support services associated with core investigative and community supervision services in the Juvenile Services Division. HCPD intends to continue with the existing Juvenile Justice Plan through FY18-19. JJCPA funding will support our Primary Assessment and Intervention to Reduce Recidivism (PAIRR) program

within our juvenile intake unit with the balance of funds supporting youth placed in the New Horizons custody treatment program within the Northern California Regional Facility.

The PAIRR program continues to focus on a timely intake assessment utilizing the Positive Achievement Change Tool pre-screen. Youth assessed as low risk are diverted to community-based services and closed. Low risk youth with victim restitution and moderate risk offenders are placed on short-term informal contracts, given referrals to services addressing identified needs of the youth and/or family, and are provided case management within the community. High risk and high needs youth are typically repeat offenders and are referred to juvenile court for conditions of supervision within the community. These offenders receive active case planning and case management to address identified criminogenic needs, including one-on-one or group cognitive behavioral interventions (Effective Practices in Community Supervision and Aggression and Social Skills Training, respectively), and referrals to other supportive services for the youth and family.

The Juvenile Community Service Work (JCSW) program is supported with JJCPA funding, with a Senior Probation Officer coordinating work assignments for appropriate youth. JCSW allows a youth to work in a community non-profit organization in response to a victimless crime as a restorative option, or in response to non-compliance with probation conditions. The program offers participants an opportunity to give back to the community, learn/practice soft skills associated with employment, build self-confidence and community connection, and occasionally gain employment.

Those youth with the highest risk and criminogenic needs may be placed in the integrated Healthy Alternatives court program, with Functional Family Therapy available to them and their family, as well as intensive community supervision and other linkages and supports. This therapeutic court program is premised on swift, certain, fair and proportional responses to youth behavior, with regular court hearings providing an additional avenue of response and reinforcement.

Wards of the delinquency court that have a need for intensive out-of-home treatment short of a locked commitment program are screened through our county interagency Family Intervention Team (FIT) and are evaluated for foster or group home placement, as appropriate, and a recommendation is made to the court for a placement order. These cases are managed by the HCPD Family Reunification Unit and the youth and family are provided Wraparound services and are regularly reviewed by FIT to develop reunification plans at the conclusion of placement.

When a more intensive and restrictive program is needed as evidence by a youth's lack of success at lower level services or in placement, a youth may be recommended to be court-ordered to the very structured integrated New Horizons in-custody treatment program for up to 6 months. This program offers a broad array of behavioral health services and supports, substance use disorder groups, independent living skills groups, education and intensive re-entry case management and community supervision. Programming includes evidence-based practices such as Aggression Replacement Training, trauma-informed cognitive behavioral treatment, MATRIX model substance use disorder treatment, and other effective and promising practices. This collaborative regional facility program (authorized under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5695) serves local youths as well as those from other contracting counties. Re-entry is coordinated by a JJCPA-funded Senior Probation Officer to include continued work with the established behavioral health team, Wraparound services, and Adolescent

Community Reinforcement Approach family treatment where appropriate. Care coordination is intended to be individualized, strengths-based, and family-focused. Both JJCPA and YOYG funds service youth requiring this level of intervention.

HCPD staff attends School Attendance Review Board meetings throughout the county with the objective of diverting youth to appropriate community and family support services to address issues resulting in truancy. For youth and families that require the intervention of the juvenile court to correct school attendance problems, the Humboldt Truancy Court program is available and has seen very good results.

HCPD staff has also partnered with the County Office of Education to facilitate Aggression Social Skills Training at community school sites, when needed. Likewise, a number of HCPD staff are trained in the Parent Project and co-lead these groups throughout the county during the school year.

## **Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)**

*Authority: Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(B) Programs, strategies, and system enhancements proposed to be funded under this chapter shall satisfy all of the following requirements:*

*(i) Be based on programs and approaches that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing delinquency and addressing juvenile crime for any elements of response to juvenile crime and delinquency, including prevention, intervention, suppression, and incapacitation.*

*(iii) – Employ information sharing systems to ensure that county actions are fully coordinated, and designed to provide data for measuring the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.”*

*Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A) The multiagency juvenile justice plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following components:*

*(iv) A description of the programs, strategies, or system enhancements that are proposed to be funded pursuant to this subparagraph.*

### **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.

HCPD utilizes an integrated case management system, the Juvenile and Adult Management System (JAMS), to track all juvenile, detention, and adult probation data. This platform is a Microsoft Windows-based program and the Department has programmed a number of SQL reports to inform internal practices and quality assurance/control as well as to report data of interest to community stakeholders. Additionally, HCPD contracts with Noble Software Group for use of a suite of web-based assessment tools, including PACT, Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI), and the J-SORRAT. The Noble software is integrated with JAMS to assist in the preparation of criminogenic-needs-based individualized case plans. JAMS data also populates court paperwork as necessary.

JAMS data fields include all relevant personal demographic and social history information, as well as detail related to all detentions, placements, and juvenile probation referrals. Case management details are also tracked within JAMS, allowing the Department to evaluate the implementation of evidence-based practices such as EPICS and ASST for fidelity to their models as well as to provide feedback to staff regarding performance and skills development.

HCPD employs two Administrative Analysts who design custom reports from JAMS and other data sources within the county to present to MAJJCC, the JJDPC, and other interagency groups overseeing integrated programs and practices. These reports are used to inform everything from the county System Improvement Plan to manage out of home placement services, to applications for grants to address

specific community service gaps or needs, to Department strategic planning and updating the Juvenile Justice Plan.

Reports regarding detention and referral trends, disproportionality, and case outcomes and recidivism are regularly shared with stakeholders. Reports are also instrumental internally in workload and resource management.

## **B. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements**

Using the template on the next page, describe each program, strategy and/or system enhancement that will be supported with funding from JJPCA, identifying anything that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) moneys.

## JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

*This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, strategy and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.*

### **Program Name:**

Primary Assessment and Intervention to Reduce Recidivism

### **Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:**

The principle of assessing actuarial risk/needs is the evidence-based practice PAIRR is founded on. The Positive Achievement Change Tool is the foundation of the program and is a validated fourth generation assessment tool in use in a number of states across the country, including numerous California counties. The PACT is used to determine risk to reoffend, criminogenic needs, and to identify protective factors. This allows HCPD to assess the appropriate level of system response, the type of services or interventions that best match the youthful offender's identified needs, in order to craft an individualized case plan with the proper dosage and supports to reduce the likelihood of recidivism and protect the community.

### **Description:**

Youth assessed as low risk to commit a new delinquent act are prioritized for referral to community-based services or a Family/Community Resource Center within their home community, as appropriate. These youth may be offered the option of participating in the Teen Court program. Youth assessed as low risk of re-offending but who have victim restitution and those assessed as moderate risk to re-offend are placed on a diversion or informal probation contract with referrals to community-based services and closer case management and monitoring within the community for their brief period of supervision. Youth assessed as high risk to re-offend are referred to delinquency court and given conditions of probation that require appropriate referrals to services, the provision of one-on-one (Effective Practices in Community Supervision – EPICS) and/or group (Aggression Social Skills Training - ASST) cognitive behavioral interventions, linkage to supportive services for the youth/family, and intensive case management/monitoring within the community. This risk-based continuum has been very effective at diverting youthful offenders to the most appropriate services and supports within their respective communities, with the most risk-prone individuals receiving swift and graduated responses based upon their response to individualized case plans focused on criminogenic needs and contract objectives or conditions of probation.

# JJCPA Funded Program, Strategy and/or System Enhancement

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## **Program Name:**

Northern California Regional Facility New Horizons Program

## **Evidence Upon Which It Is Based:**

The evidence-based principles of Targeting Interventions (addressing the risk principle, need principle, responsivity principle, dosage, and treatment), Skill Training with Directed Practice, Increasing Positive Reinforcement, and Engaging Ongoing Support in Natural Communities are all integral to the New Horizons Program.

## **Description:**

The Humboldt County Northern California Regional Facility New Horizons Program was built and predicated on best and/or evidence-based practices being implemented. The program was designed to address the terrible outcomes that Humboldt County was experiencing with out-of-county treatment placements of probation youths, with over 50% of youths failing those placements. Separation from family and community supports was determined to be a key factor in these outcomes.

The program is a secure in-custody treatment program lasting up to six months that has a broad array of evidence-based programming and services to address behavioral health and substance use disorder needs, including: Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Seeking Safety, Aggression Replacement Training, Substance Use Disorder curricula, and Effective Practices In Community Supervision (EPICS). Education, independent living skills, and Wraparound services support the treatment program and aftercare components. Re-entry case planning and case management and linkages to continuing community treatment are integral to the re-entry services provided to the youth and their family. When appropriate, families may be referred to Functional Family Therapy or Accountable Community Reinforcement Approach treatment as a follow-up service by their assigned behavioral health team.

### **Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG)**

*Authority: Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a) – On or before May 1 of each year, each county shall prepare and submit to the Board of State and Community Corrections a Juvenile Justice Development Plan on its proposed programs, strategies, and system enhancements for the next fiscal year from the Youthful Offender Block Grant Fund described in Section 1951. The plan shall include all of the following:*

*(1) A description of the programs, placements, services, strategies, and system enhancements to be funded by the block grant allocation pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, the programs, tools, and strategies outlined in Section 1960.*

*(2) A description of how the plan relates to or supports the county’s overall strategy for dealing with youthful offenders who have not committed an offense described in subdivision (b) of Section 707, and who are no longer eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Facilities under Section 733 as of September 1, 2007.*

*(3) A description of any regional agreements or arrangements to be supported by the block grant allocation pursuant to this chapter.*

*(4) A description of how the programs, placements, services, or strategies identified in the plan coordinate with multiagency juvenile justice plans and programs under paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 30061 of the Government Code.*

#### **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.

Humboldt County constructed the Northern California Regional Facility, which houses the New Horizons Program. The program is a secure in-custody treatment program lasting up to six months that has a broad array of evidence-based programming and services to address behavioral health and substance use disorder needs. Education, independent living skills, and Wraparound services support the treatment program. Transitional case planning and case management and linkages to continuing community treatment are integral to the re-entry services provided to the youth and their family.

#### **B. Regional Agreements**

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

The Regional Facility is overseen by a board of directors made up of chief probation officers and mental health directors from Humboldt, Del Norte, Lake, and Mendocino counties. Multiple other California counties contract or have contracted with Humboldt for treatment of their youths.

**C. Funded Programs, Placements, Services, Strategies and/or System Enhancements**

Using the template on the next page, describe the programs, placements, services, strategies, and system enhancements to be funded through the YOBG program. Explain how they complement or coordinate with the programs, strategies and system enhancements to be funded through the JJCPA program.

# **YOBG Funded Program, Placement, Service, Strategy and/or System Enhancement**

*This template should be copied as many times as needed to capture every program, placement, service, strategy, and system enhancement you plan to fund next year.*

## **Program Name:**

Northern California Regional Facility New Horizons Program

## **Nature of Coordination with JJCPA:**

YOBG funding supports correctional costs associated with the Regional Facility (RF) New Horizons Program. JJCPA funding supports a senior probation officer position responsible for re-entry planning and case management post-program completion. Additionally, JJCPA funds in surplus after the PAIRR program expenses are used to augment YOBG funding of RF operating costs. As such, JJCPA and YOBG funding supports both ends of the juvenile justice continuum of care – risk assessment and diversion programming as well as our most intensive treatment and community case management options.

## **Description:**

This intensive and restrictive program is typically ordered in response to a youth's lack of success at lower level services or in placement. The program is very structured with integrated behavioral health, education and corrections programming which transitions with the youth and family upon program completion. The program offers a broad array of behavioral health services and supports, substance use disorder groups, independent living skills groups, education and intensive re-entry case management and community supervision. Programming includes evidence-based practices such as Aggression Replacement Training, trauma-informed cognitive behavioral treatment, MATRIX model substance use disorder treatment, and other effective and promising practices. Re-entry is coordinated to include continued work with the established behavioral health team, Wraparound services, and Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach family treatment where appropriate. EPICS is a primary intervention with youth exiting the program. Care coordination is individualized, strengths-based, and family-focused.