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## **Consolidated Annual Plan**

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### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Government Code Section 30061(b)(4) and Welfare & Institutions 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 rest of this document is a standardized template for a consolidated county plan. If you find it helpful to use this template, please do so.

Your submission will be posted, as submitted, to the BSCC website.

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### **Part I. Service Needs, Priorities & Strategy (Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)(A))**

#### **A. Assessment of Existing Services**

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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.

Local programs for prevention and early intervention include Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, honoring past & present through traditional knowledge, social emotional learning groups for youth outreach, play groups, bike fix-it & bike-to-school, community trips, family night, movie night & archery tag, traditional aged youth outreach, and suicide prevention through our local government agencies. Alpine County Behavioral Health Services Department's alcohol, drug and mental health programs have expertise in providing assessments, treatment matching, case management and outpatient treatment services. There are counselors to provide these services to the locally supervised target population. When local services do not address the needs of the youth, county agencies collaborate to find appropriate inpatient or outpatient treatment.

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

Alpine County promotes a community working environment. Collaboration is encouraged through honest and open communication, an inclusive culture, a clear mission definition, encouraged creativity, and the celebration of successes. Although the use of software tools promotes teamwork and colluding, a push is being made to bring back in-person meetings. Alpine County agencies will continue to work closely with the Native American community and ensure the youth in the county remain a priority.

### **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.

Alpine County is the least populated county in the state of California with less than 1200 residents. The federal government owns about 96% of the 743 square miles spanning three national forests. County economics largely focus on seasonal tourism in the form of ski areas, hospitality, state parks, fishing, and hunting. The largest employer is the county itself.

The Alpine County Unified School District is composed of three schools: Diamond Valley Elementary, Bear Valley Elementary, and the Opportunity School. The elementary schools educate students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There are a total of 62 youth attending elementary schools, and added at the end of last year, the Opportunity School with 5 attending. Also in Alpine County is the Early Learning Center, which is a state-run preschool for children from ages six months to five years, which provides a safe educational and social environment with 18 attending. There is also the Woodfords Education Center in the Hung-A-Lel-Ti, a Native American community center, which functions as an after-school program where children are assisted with homework and tutoring.

The County provides students the option of attending high school in either South Tahoe High School in El Dorado County, California, Douglas High School in Douglas County, Nevada, or Bret Harte High School in Calaveras County. Most of the counties high school students

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graduate high school in Nevada. There are currently 27 students from Alpine County attending high school. There are also several students homeschooled.

There are currently two group homes in the county which have been the largest contributors to juvenile crime. The group homes are run through an out-of-state based program called Rite of Passage. The group homes contain juveniles who have been delinquent in other California Counties, there are no juveniles from Alpine County. There are frequent issues at the group homes including runaways, fights, and stolen property.

The existing County services are motivated to bridge cultural boundaries including Native American and Non-Native American participants in community involvement. Mental Health and Social Services work to address needs with culturally appropriate programs.

Alpine County does not have a jail or juvenile hall. Alpine County maintains a contract with the Juvenile Treatment Center and the El Dorado County Jail. Alpine County does transport juvenile offenders to the El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center when it is determined custody is the only option. The El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center is 45 minutes away.

### **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.

Juveniles in Alpine County are at-risk due to community factors such as parental substance abuse, poor school attendance, home discord, and socioeconomic status. There is a larger than average percentage of alcohol and drug use in the community. Many children come from homes that lack structure. Additionally, the remoteness of the community limits youth involvement in traditional activities such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and youth sports. Alpine County also lacks social settings such as community playgrounds and pools.

In March of 2022 probation hired a Senior Deputy Probation Officer. The probation department will have a presence at the school and in the community with the addition of the second probation officer. This position will include transports to Jail and treatment as well as helping with school attendance issues and addressing student issues. Probation will eventually incorporate a more proactive approach through student outings.

### **D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions**

Alpine County's Juvenile Justice Action Strategy is to be proactive in addressing juvenile issues. This is achieved through interagency collaboration with other county entities to ensure families are wholly supported. We strive to support not only individuals, but families, to produce positive outcomes for juveniles.

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The Probation Office will continue to work closely with the Alpine County Unified School District for any juvenile matters on school grounds. They will also continue to act as first responders for medical emergencies and incidents in progress. Probation makes it a priority to act as a non-confrontational positive presence with the juveniles on school grounds and be viewed as role models in the community.

Describe how your Plan has been updated for this year:

If your Plan has not been updated this year, explain why no changes to your plan are necessary:

Probation has partnered with the Woodfords Indian Education Center to provide support through JJCPA funds to better serve the at-risk youth needs. Funds will be used for youth needs such as school supplies, sports equipment, and outdoor outings.

### **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.

One of the strengths of Alpine County is its small size and the ability of personnel from different departments to interact on a face to face, personal basis. Although information systems such as Zoom meetings and email were used heavily during COVID 19, county employees tend to prefer personal interactions.

Alpine County has two committees established to address issues that include juvenile truancy and youth offender problems: The Alpine County Child Abuse Prevention Council and Alpine County Multi-Disciplinary Task Council. These committees consist of members from Alpine County Office of Education, Alpine County Unified School District, Alpine County Health and Human Services Department, Alpine County Behavioral Health, Live Violence Free, Board of Supervisors liaison, Department of Social Services, a community member, and Alpine County Probation.

These committees are set up to address the differences needed to deal with juvenile youth and family issues. The programs focus on confronting underlying issues over detention.

The County has a separate Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) / Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Committee (JJRBGC). This committee will be included in information sharing to enhance the commitment and coordination efforts to the youth in Alpine County.

#### **B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils:**

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Does your county have a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code Section 749.22?

YES,  NO

If no, please explain what vacancies exist on your JJCC, when those vacancies began, and your plan for filling them:

### C. Funded Programs, Strategies and/or System Enhancements

Using the spaces below describe each program, strategy and/or system enhancement that will be supported with the funding from Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), identifying anything that is co-funded with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funding.

JJCPA funds will continue to be used to support long running and very successful county programs by providing resources to at-risk youth. The school bike-a-thon and bike fix-it program ensures youth have a working bicycle to use during the summer. Broken bicycle parts such as tire tubes and brakes are replaced by bike mechanics. Youth spend the last day of school on a supervised bike ride followed by an awards ceremony and picnic where parents, county officials, and first responders are encouraged to attend.

Probation will be using JJCPA funds to sponsor the Rainbow Awards. Youth are encouraged to nominate adults who “make rainbows” in their lives. A dinner is held with a motivational speaker who will speak on the topic of resilience. An awards ceremony follows dinner. Youth nominate parents, teachers, school administrators, bus drivers, first responders, and many other community members.

In the past year, Probation has increased its presence at the Woodfords Indian Education Center (WIEC). JJCPA funds will be used to purchase needed school supplies and support outdoor outings to support at risk youth. Other examples of the use of JJCPA funds providing youth with electronic communication devices needed to support education, after school programs, and nutrition.

### Part III. Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) – (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 1961(a))

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.

Alpine County has three committees established to address issues that include juvenile truancy and youth offender problems. These committees are set up to try and address the differences needed to deal with juvenile delinquency, youth, and family issues. The main difference in the strategy is the lack of detention and the preference for programs over detention. These committees consist of members from Alpine County Office of Education, Alpine County Unified School District, Public Defender, Alpine County Health and Human Services Department, Alpine

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County Behavioral Health, Live Violence Free, Board of Supervisors liaison, Department of Social Services, a community member, and Alpine County Probation. Two of the agencies involved are Alpine County Child Abuse Prevention Council and Alpine County Multi-Disciplinary Task Council. In 2021 The Alpine County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council was established as an umbrella for the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and Youthful Offender Block Grant to maintain communication between community partners to maintain programs and goals for the youth in the community.

Alpine County's main strategies in addressing youth that are non-707 (b) offenders include: facilitating community support between child abuse and neglect programs while advocating for children and families of Alpine County. These strategies also include encouraging training of professionals in detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse while providing cooperation and coordination in these same areas.

### **A. Regional Agreements**

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

Alpine County does not have a jail or juvenile hall. Alpine County maintains a contract with the Juvenile Treatment Center in El Dorado County. Alpine County continues to transport juveniles to El Dorado County for detention and treatment. YOBG funds pay for those services.

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

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

***Program Name:*** Probation Officer

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

The target youth are WIC 601/602 youth, informal probationers (including 654's), at-risk juveniles, and offenders with mental health needs.

With the assistance of YOBG/JJCPA funds, the Probation Department continues to find ways to engage at-risk youth and identify partner agencies. Officers have been available to assist the school as a positive presence and act as a liaison between staff and guardians. Probation has seen positive outcomes from transporting juveniles to inpatient treatment programs. The funds have significantly improved the alliance between justice partners and service providers and their ability to engage and serve at risk youth.