

Riverside County Probation Department

JJCPA Budget Program Narrative

Fiscal Year 2020/2021

The Probation Department is requesting that the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) approve the below program narratives which would require a funding level in the amount of \$4.5M.

Youth Accountability Team (YAT) consisting of 15 full time equivalent positions would perform the following operations. These positions will comprise of line-level, supervisory, and administrative personnel assigned to the program. Youth utilizing the aforementioned YAT program will be provided mentorship, programming designed based on the needs of the individual/family circumstances, and participation in pro-social events in the community. A proper assessment of each youth will be completed utilizing an evidence-based assessment tool, and a collaborative case plan will be developed with input from staff, the youth, their parents, and their attorney. All efforts will be geared toward increasing the likelihood of success at school, in the home, as well as their local communities. Major events that will be provided to the youth include, but are not limited to: organized field trips to local colleges and universities, occupational programs, sporting events, art exhibits, and museums. Lunch and/or snacks will be provided to youth based on the total time of each trip. An emphasis is placed upon broadening each youth's experiences in the local community, and expanding their knowledge base and interest levels in healthy, pro-social activities available and readily at their disposal. These events will be arranged not to conflict or interfere with youth's school schedules. A parent component will also be available to those parents desiring additional tools to assist with managing difficult behavior in the form of a parenting class.

Additionally, two Youth Strength Academies (YSAs) are provided to youth in the Riverside and Desert regions designed to provide them with a week-long series of motivational speakers, mentorship, fun-filled games promoting teamwork, healthy snacks and meals, and an array of stimulating exercises, to include outdoor events. Transportation is provided to all youth participants and college-themed items are provided as a convenience to families or for them to keep as souvenirs. Such items may include t-shirts, water bottles, backpacks, etc.

Successful Short-Term Supervision (SSTS) consisting of 15 full time equivalent positions would perform the following operations. These positions will comprise of line-level, supervisory, and administrative personnel assigned to the two programs. The SSTS program is geared toward low-level youth who have entered the juvenile justice system via the formal court process. The overall goal of the program is to assist youth and their parents with successful completion of the program by the first review hearing. Appropriate supervision will be provided to assist the youth with improvement in school attendance and performance, abstinence from school and substance use, participation in specific counseling outlined by their identified needs, and positive community involvement through community service and/or participation in pro-social activities. Field trips provided by this program will include athletic programs/events, religious-

based activities (feeding the homeless, organizing/assisting with food drives), art-based activities, and family-driven activities.

Restorative Justice/Victim Mediation Services is a program designed for youth who have committed particular low-level offenses, in which an actual victim exists. Upon voluntary consent of both parties' participation in the program, mentorship and guidance will be provided by Chapman University staff to help the youth "make amends" with the victim, understand how his/her actions directly impacting the victim, and give the victim "a voice." Additionally, the youth will be provided conflict resolution and mediation services by neutral parties and in a safe environment.

Tattoo removal services are available to any Riverside County resident up to the age of 21. The main goal is to remove anti-social tattoos from visible areas, which may prevent an individual from gaining employment, attending school, or feeling confident in oneself. Services will be provided via three clinics strategically placed throughout Riverside county.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission which consists of 1 full time position. The designated staff shall perform administrative, fiscal related services on behalf of the commission as may be necessary or required.

Additionally, the Probation Department is requesting that the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) approve the below compliance contracts to assist with operations related to the YAT program, which would require a funding level in the amount of \$2.1M.

Juvenile Defense Panel (JDP) services will be provided to all youth identified as potential program participants. JDP will meet with each youth to explain all allegations named in the 602 petition to advise them of legal rights, provide an overview of the program, and if consent is gained, assist in the construction of case plans. Counsel will remain available to all youth and their families for the duration of their program.

Compliance Contracts will include necessary training for staff all probation staff, as well as counsel, geared toward promoting positive youth development and cutting-edge research on adolescent development. Value-based approaches will be provided which increase youth motivation and engagement, better incorporate families within the community, and promote equity.

Lastly, also included in the proposed program budget is the ongoing service contracts, as previously approved in FY2019/20 by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). These service contracts provide community-based programming to Riverside County youth and families, which require a funding level in the amount of \$2.5M."

CBO Youth Outreach Counseling will be provided to every youth participant in the YAT program. These counselors will work directly with the youth to address specific issues identified per assessment, youth, and/or parent.

Youth Services Expansion Contracts have extended the litany of available programming and services provided to youth. Such services include, but are not limited to: academic and educational services, vocational programming, health, wellness, and nutritional services, self-help programs, and literacy programs.

Program Evaluation Services are provided by WestEd, as a third party vendor to assist in the compilation and analysis of data regarding services provided by JJCPA funded programs. This provider will meet with representatives of each program, develop trackers, and communicate feedback. Outcomes will be provided in ongoing quarterly reports.