

IMPERIAL COUNTY JUVENILE COORDINATING  
COUNCIL (JJCC)

DELINQUENCY  
PREVENTION PLAN  
2022/2023



JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT  
(JJCPA) / YOUTHFUL OFFENDER BLOCK  
GRANT (YOBG)



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## Introduction – Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) was passed in 2000 and allowed California to take significant steps towards sweeping reform of juvenile justice practices across the state. In 2007, the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) restricted State level commitment to youth who committed the most serious offenses, commonly referred to as “707(b)” offenses after the Welfare and Institutions Code section.

As a result, non-707(b) offenders who might have been committed to a State facility in previous years are to be served at the local level using community resources and programs with the belief that remaining closer to their families and communities would support positive outcomes. The YOBG authorized State funding to counties to offset the cost of providing these resources and programs to youth, consistent with an annual plan submitted by counties to the State.

The JJCPA is a collaboration between the State, local agencies and stakeholders. Local officials and stakeholders determine where to direct resources through an interagency planning process. The State Controller’s Office distributes the appropriated JJCPA funds to counties based on population. Local agencies and community-based organizations deliver the services.

Through these reform efforts, local jurisdictions have been provided funding to support initiatives and strategies that target juvenile crime and delinquency, juvenile offenders and at-risk youth. Over the past decade, juvenile justice has continued to evolve and has experienced numerous improvements. The field has embraced evidence-based practices and focuses on the delivery of treatment and other services to improve youth and system outcomes. Accurate and timely data have become a priority and are required to ensure interventions and operations reflect evidence-based practices and are aligned with rehabilitative goals.

Imperial County has a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code 749.22. The Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is an established, multiagency committee that develops and implements a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime.

# Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Members

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## Overview

In an effort to encourage coordination and collaboration among the various local agencies serving at-risk youth and young offenders, the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) advises county Juvenile Justice Coordinating Councils (JJCC) to update and refine the county's juvenile justice plan each year. This document will provide an overview of JJCPA and YOBG, goals and objectives for the coming year, and strategies that will be deployed.

### Assembly Bill (AB) 1998 Consolidation

AB 1998 combined reporting requirements for the JJCPA and the YOBG programs. As of January 1, 2018, counties may submit a consolidated annual plan describing the programs, placements, strategies, services, and system enhancements supported by either JJCPA or YOBG funding.

### Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA)

In order to implement evidence-based practices, the Imperial County Probation Department recognized this effort would encompass new and innovative practices. Through this funding, the Probation Department continues to collaborate with Rite Track Youth Services for juveniles at risk of being removed from their homes and sent to placement and for juveniles returning from placement and reintegrating into the community. An allocation of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds helps to support probation supervision of juvenile probationers with the intent of reducing recidivism and ensuring that evidence-based probation supervision practices will improve public safety outcomes among our juvenile probationers.

### Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG)

Through this funding from the Board of State and Community Corrections of California, the Imperial County Probation Department is able to provide necessary and effective services to youth by keeping juvenile offenders close to their families and communities and to enhance public safety. Additionally, contracts have been implemented with Behavioral Health Services to provide psychiatric assessments and counseling of minors in Juvenile Hall. This funding has allowed for the development of an evidence based risk assessment program for all juveniles and supports diversion programs such as the Community Work Service (CWS) Program, the Police Athletic League/Sheriff's Athletic League, the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Juvenile Hall Garden of Dreams, the Imperial County Youth Summit, the National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM), and Project ASPIRE.

## Imperial County – JJCPA/YOGB

The Imperial County Probation Department continues to utilize JJCPA/YOGB funding to invest in programs and services that target at-risk youth within our community. This continued investment has shown significant progress towards reducing juvenile involvement with the justice system, as juvenile arrests have had a continued decrease in comparison to previous years' reported figures. In 2019, Imperial County reported 264 arrests and in 2020, this number further decreased to 144 arrests. The total number of referrals the Imperial County Probation Department received also continued to decrease by a significant amount. In 2019, the Department received 483 referrals and in 2020, the Department received 339 referrals.

Programs such as the SAL and PAL recreational athletic leagues, the NYPUM mentoring program, and our Youth Summit are engaging community youth in a manner that keeps them informed, active, and healthy, both physically and mentally. These programs reduce risk factors that could lead them to become directly involved with our juvenile justice system. The Department also continues to invest in justice involved youth through Rite Track's Evening Learning Center (ELC) and Mentoring & Tracking Programs, which work diligently to ensure that referred youth can find success in obtaining higher education, employment, and develop skills that they can use throughout their lives. The Probation Department is further able to reduce the chance of youth recidivating by providing additional programs such as W.I.S.E and Proud Parenting, as well as additional community work service opportunities. For youth within the Juvenile Hall, the Probation Department uses JJCPA/YOGB funds to ensure that they are engaged in a meaningful way as well through programs such as the Garden of Dreams and the Desert Valley Museum. These programs help youth develop skills and relationships that they can build on upon their exit of Juvenile Hall.

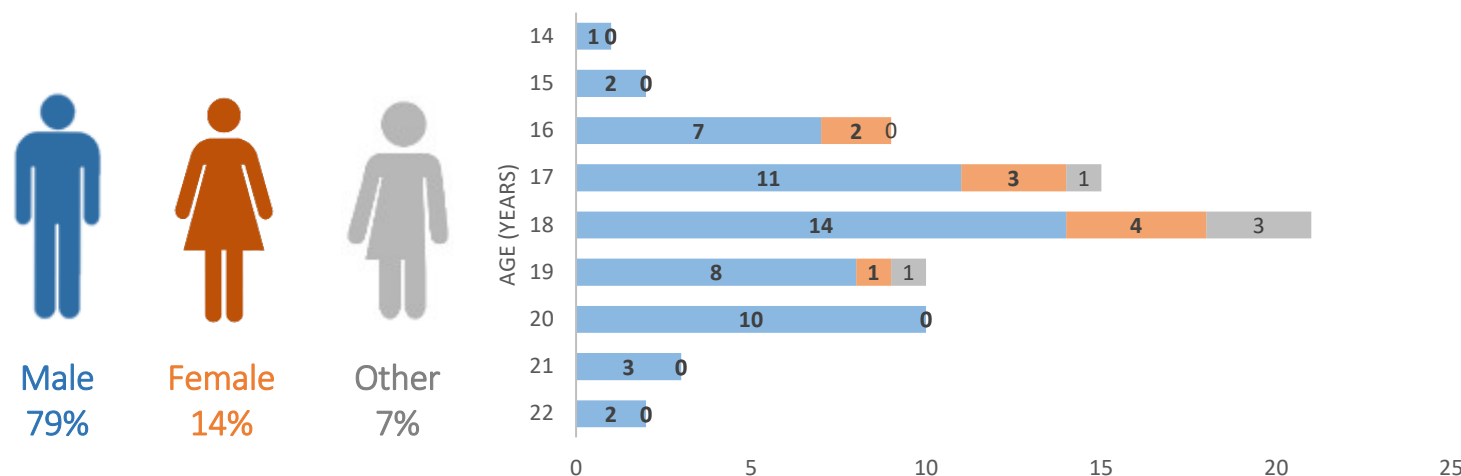
As restrictions have slowly begun to lift since the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Imperial County Probation Department has been working to ensure the health and safety of its juvenile wards and staff while also exploring new opportunities to provide new programs and services. In 2021, the Probation Department finalized preparations for the ASPIRE Program and has been hiring new staff to facilitate the program and also enrolling Imperial County youth in areas such as Westmoreland to take part in the program's activities. As this program continues to service these youth, the Probation Department will also work on exploring new areas within Imperial County to expand these services to other youth in need.

# Imperial County – Juvenile Supervision Population

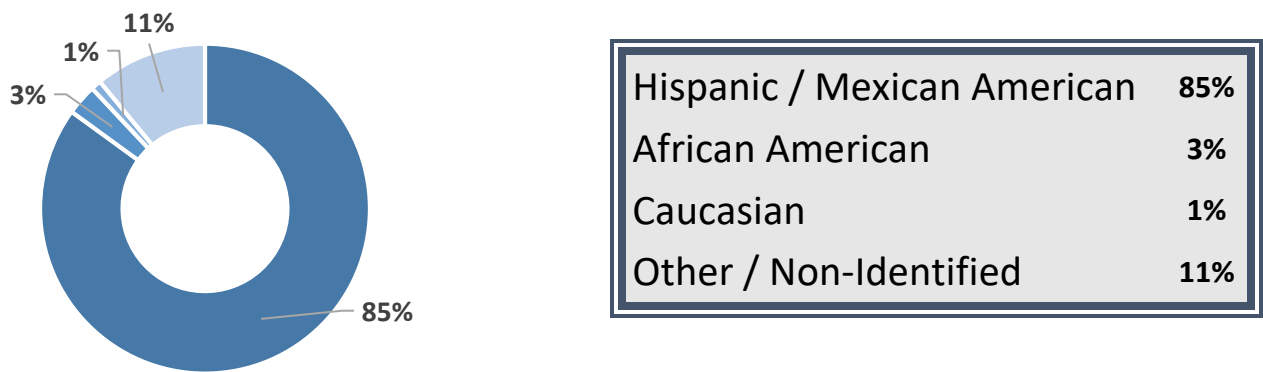
The Imperial County Probation Department’s Juvenile Supervision Unit provides a wide range of services to juvenile offenders that include Intake Services, Investigation Services, Community Supervision Services, and Placement Services. The Probation Department’s use of effective strategies and programs continues to have a positive impact on the juvenile supervision population. At the end of the previous fiscal year, the Probation Department reported 86 Juveniles under supervision and as of April 1, 2022, the majority of juveniles under supervision at the Imperial County Probation Department are between the ages of 17 and 20, Male, and Hispanic.

*Below are juvenile supervision population breakdowns as of April 1st 2022\*:*

## Imperial County Probation Department – Age / Sex Breakdown of Current Juvenile Population:

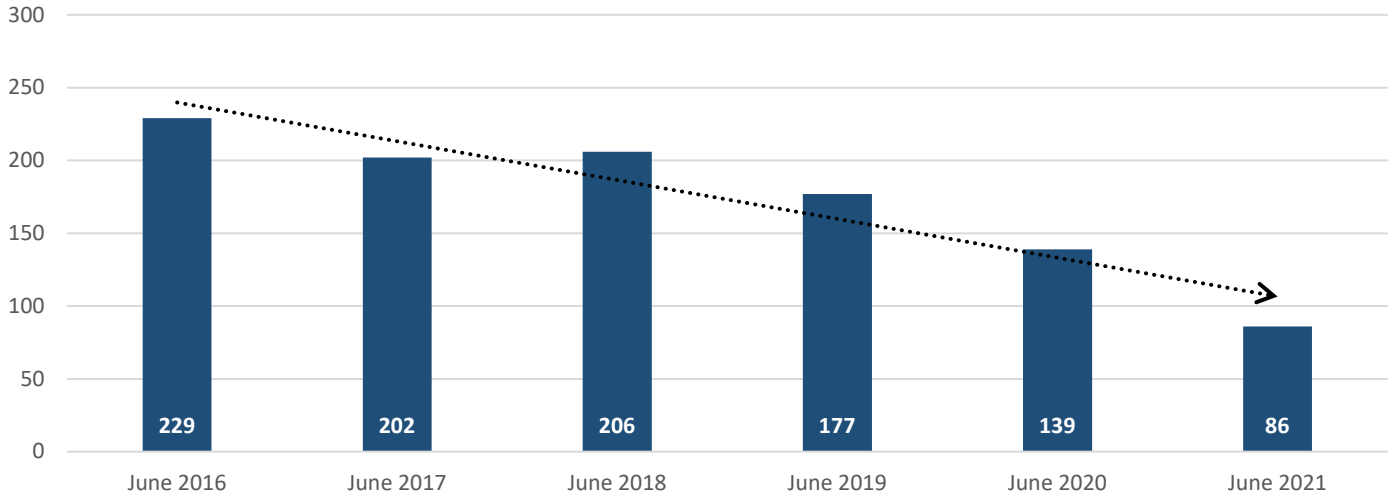


## Imperial County Probation Department – Race Breakdown of Current Juvenile Population:

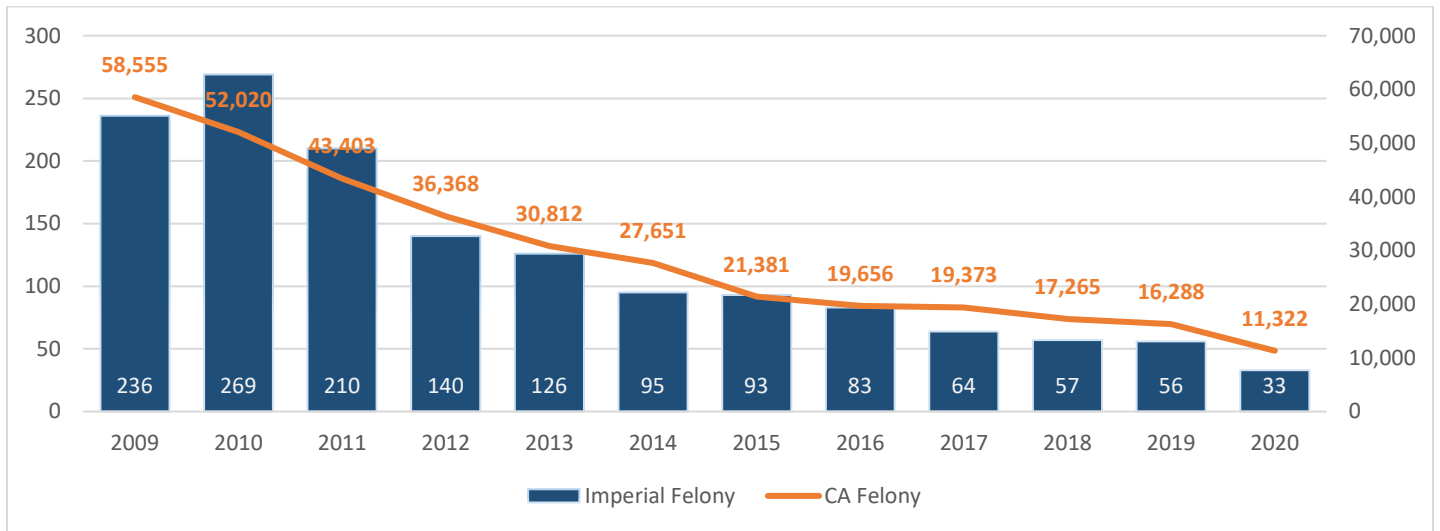




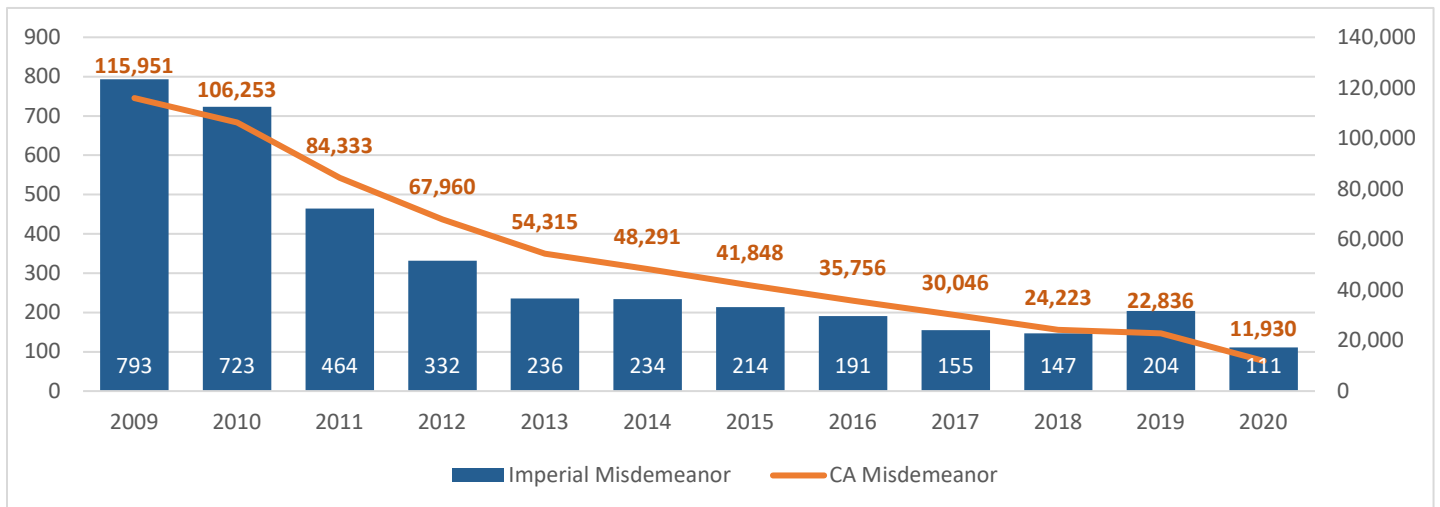
**Imperial County Probation Department – Juvenile Population CPOC Reports 2016 - 2021**



**Juvenile Felony Arrests: California vs Imperial County (2009-2020)\***



**Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests: California vs Imperial County (2009-2020)\***



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

### A. Assessment of Existing Services

#### Rite Track Youth Services

Rite Track Youth Services is a community-based organization that provides a wide array of effective services for teens that are supported by research and evidence-based practices. Rite Track works with agencies on the County and State level, as well as directly with youth and families, with the goal of building



a successful future for youths participating in their programs. Rite Track's mission is to teach youth the skills they need to succeed and to guide them in a positive direction by providing a continuum of services that include the **Evening Learning Center (ELC)** and the **Mentoring and Tracking Program**, which have been in operation for over a decade since the programs first began operating in 2009.

The ELC is a joint effort between Rite Track Youth Services and the Imperial County Probation Department, as well as the Juvenile Court of Imperial County. There are a total of 60 students enrolled in the programs at any given point, which includes up to 26 students in the Evening Learning Center program and approximately 34 students enrolled in the Mentoring and Tracking Program. Through a collaboration with Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools (ATCS) and the Imperial County Probation Department, Rite Track also operates the **Proud Parenting Program**. This program is designed to teach pro-social parenting skills and anger management skills to 50 at-risk teen parents using a validated parenting curriculum.

Additionally, in 2019 Rite Track and the Imperial County Probation Department received additional funding through the Youth Reinvestment Grant. This funding allowed up to 50 low level at-risk youth ages 13 and 18 receive diversion services, mentoring services, case management services, peer-to-peer counseling services, cognitive behavioral therapy, supportive services, linkage to supporting agencies, vocational training, and accreditation through **RISE UP** – a customer service and sales curriculum that gives participants the opportunity to gain over 80 hours of hands-on work experience.

In 2021, Rite Track received **162** referrals of which **85%** were successfully enrolled into a Rite Track program. Since the program's inception, Rite Track has been providing services to over 170 Imperial County Youth annually through a variety of diversion, individual and family services including the Evening Learning Center, Mentoring and Tracking Program, Proud Parenting Program and the Workforce Inspired Student Edification program (W.I.S.E).

### **Rite Track – Covid Impacts 2021**

Rite Track programs continued to work diligently with the youth they serve while abiding with social distancing, wearing personal protective equipment, and following Pandemic & Epidemic Protocols and Procedures. Rite Track developed ways to run in-person programming with youth while continuing to be safe and take precautions against COVID-19. Students were screened for COVID-19 symptoms and had their temperatures taken prior to being picked up by staff and entering the facility. Participants presenting symptoms and/or having a temperature higher than 100 degrees were asked to postpone their in-person services and had their home visiting services suspended. Students were able to receive services again once they were symptom free for a minimum of 14 days or presented a negative COVID-19 test. Additionally, students were not mixed with other programs or staff members not assigned to their program to limit exposure to others. Students participating in-person were hosted in the recreation room and had their own individual desk. Meals provided were prepackaged and served using full PPE.

In 2021, as local COVID-19 cases dropped and while continuing to abide with local and state health and safety regulations, the Evening Learning Center was able to resume celebrating holidays with students by offering events such as the Turkey Bowl and celebrations in the center. The ELC was also able to resume taking students out into the community for fun activities such as watching a movie and having lunch at the restaurant of their choice.

### **Rite Track - Community Service**

Rite Track Youth Services currently utilizes a "Restorative Solutions" model, which emphasizes repairing the harm students have caused by giving back to the community. Rite Track students are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service in order to complete the program. With the ongoing pandemic, the ELC program adapted and changed the way it provided some of its services. Community service opportunities were offered virtually while the program awaited reopening its doors for students and once reopened, the ELC focused on creating new in-house community service opportunities for students. The ELC incorporated more art activities and used this as a way to provide more community service hours for students by beginning a holiday window painting series.

Every month students would paint the outside windows of the ELC facility with designs representing the respective holiday while also celebrating diversity and inclusion. The project serve as a way to gain community service hours but also as a form of cultural enrichment via art therapy. In addition to painting, students also receive community service hours for cleaning the windows and preparing them for the next painting project the following month. Rite Track utilized the community service program to keep students engaged in learning about their community's history while also giving back to their community through their court ordered community service hours. Students completed a total of **202** hours of Community Service, by participating in the following community projects and online assignments:



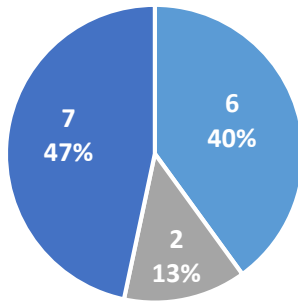
- ❖ Virtual Meetings
- ❖ Essays
- ❖ Cleaning the park
- ❖ Homework Reflections
- ❖ Church Beautification
- ❖ Holiday Window Painting

### Rite Track – Evening Learning Center (ELC)

The Evening Learning Center (ELC) is an after school program designed to meet the needs of “at-risk” teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18 by providing these students with the opportunity to engage in a number of pro-social and therapeutic interventions during peak times for high-risk teen behavior. Through these practices, Rite Track works to lower the recidivism risk of these young men and women and prevent their further involvement with the juvenile justice system. Rite Track staff pick students up at their various schools at 2:30 PM to bring them to the Evening Learning Center and returns them to their homes by 8:00 PM.

The Evening Learning Center has 26 slots available for Imperial County youth referred to the program through the Imperial County Probation Department, where accepted youth are expected to complete six months of the program, consisting of three phases. The initial phase's length is eight weeks and requires youth to attend the program every weekday. The second phase of the program is ten weeks in length and requires the youth to attend the program on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The last phase of the program is six weeks and requires youth to attend the program on Tuesdays and Thursdays and gives youth the option to attend on Fridays. If the participants struggle to meet certain program milestones, the six month time frame may also be extended. In addition to this, the Evening Learning Center offers an aftercare program for youth who are integrating back into the community following their return from out-of-home placement. This program is designed to last three months and mirrors the Evening Learning Center's six-month program.

### ELC Program Exits 2021



Throughout 2021, the Evening Learning Center provided services **24 students**, with an average length-of-stay of **9 months per student**. Additionally, in 2021, the Evening Learning Center had **6** participants successfully complete the program and **7** participants that relocated or exited the program early due to terminating their probation. Students may complete the program by completing program requirements, obtaining a job, participating in

pro-social activities, moving to a lower level of care, or completing the terms of their probation. Over the course of the year, **2** students left the program to receive higher level of care due to unstable households, academic noncompliance, being absent without official leave (AWOL), needing additional rehabilitative services, or for committing new crimes. In addition, there were **zero** students that left the program unsuccessfully due to non-compliance with program conduct policies. In 2021, **16** youth were referred to the Evening Learning Center by Imperial County Probation, and **14** of those referred were enrolled into the Evening Learning Center Program.

### Service Expansion

To further reach youth and provide diversion services, the ELC expanded its target population by lowering the age requisite from 13 to 11 years of age. In addition to the age requisite, the ELC welcomed youth with no history or involvement with the juvenile justice system. In efforts to provide quality care services and tailored services specifically to the students age and risks, younger students, and non-adjudicated youth a 3-month program was developed specifically for these new populations. Younger students and non-adjudicated individuals are kept separated from adjudicated and older youth. Separate CBT groups are facilitated for the two cohorts. Non-adjudicated youth participate in Academic Hour during Health & Wellness to ensure their academic success.

### Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) Groups

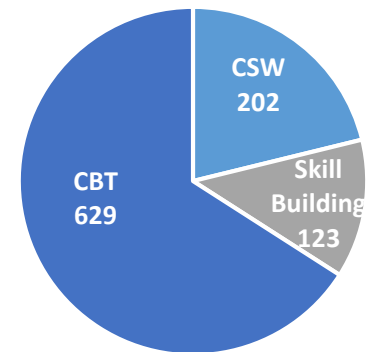
Rite Track operates utilizing best practices and evidence-based programming; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is the therapeutic milieu utilized by the Evening Learning Center. In 2021, Rite Track

students completed **629 total hours** of cognitive based interventions with an average of **6** students in daily treatment groups. Rite Track utilizes the following treatment groups:

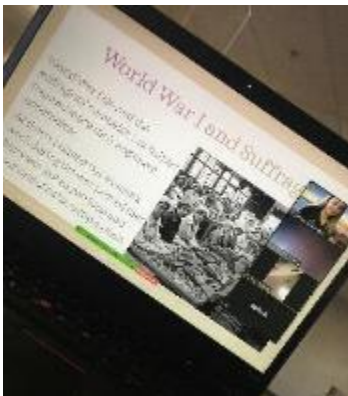
- ❖ Thinking for a Change (English & Spanish)
- ❖ Aggression Replacement Training
- ❖ Seeking Safety
- ❖ CBT for Substance Abuse
- ❖ Positive Skill Development
- ❖ Life Skills

In order to promote success and keep students engaged, the ELC incorporated fun, creative, and interactive ways of learning and added a Jeopardy game to help review and added daily exit tickets to help students reflect on their daily lessons and think about how they could implement the lessons into their personal lives.

ELC Service Hours 2021



### Student Activities - Diversity & Cultural Awareness



In 2021, Rite Track implemented a new system in which commemorative months and secular holidays were taught and celebrated for students. All Rite Track programs participated in this by incorporating these holidays and commemorative months into their curriculums. Examples of the commemorative months taught, and secular holidays celebrated were Martin Luther King Jr Day, Black History Month, Women’s History Month, Autism Awareness Month, Earth Day, Pride Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, amongst others.

### **Rite Track – Mentoring and Tracking Program**

Rite Track’s Mentoring and Tracking Program is designed to assist students that require additional community-based services in order to fulfill the terms of their probation or that need assistance in accessing community-based services. Each student assigned to the program is matched with an age-appropriate role model who mentors them through their program, interacts with the student in multiple ways in the community, and is available to them twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

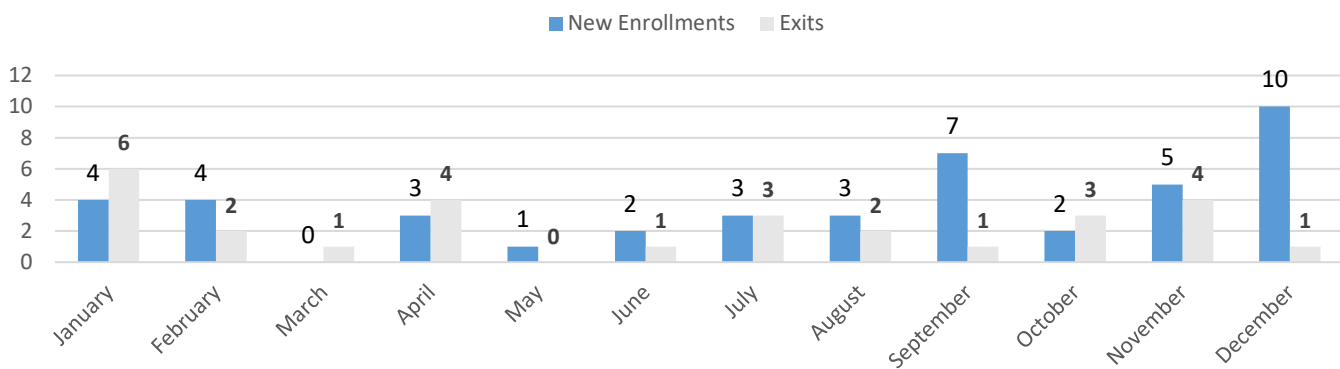
The Mentoring and Tracking services include crisis intervention, job readiness, educational assistance, court attendance, monthly reports to probation, daily phone “check-ins”, in-person contacts, and family re-unification services. Other services provided to Rite Track Mentoring and

Tracking students during the last reporting period included obtaining ID cards, assisting with Imperial Valley College enrollment, tattoo removal assistance, doctor’s appointment assistance, driver’s license test assistance, GED test prep, GED test registration, vocational field trips, incentives for participation (art contest and attendance) and new trauma-informed and soft skills workshops. Over the course of the previous year, Mentoring and Tracking made over **2,331** telephone calls, **595** field/home visits, attended over **111** academic meetings, attended **21** court hearings and administered **82** urine analysis.

In addition, in 2021 Mentoring and Tracking Program made a change to their services to further reach youth and provide additional diversion services. Mentoring and Tracking expanded its target population by changing the age requisite from 13 to 11 years of age and by welcoming youth with no history or involvement with the juvenile justice system, who are referred to as non-adjudicated youth. Mentoring and Tracking welcomed **44** new students and had an average of **35** students enrolled in the program.

Additionally, the Mentoring and Tracking program worked with over **50** students during the 2021 year, and had **28** exits, with **19** of those exits being program completions or probation terminations, and **9** exits were moved to a higher level of care or transferred to the Evening Learning Center.

M&T Enrollments & Exits 2021



**Soft Skills Workshop**

In 2021, Mentoring and Tracking focused on strengthening mentor-mentee relationships through an array of soft skills workshops, group sessions, and Zoom sessions. Sessions were provided in schools, at the Rite Track center when it was deemed safe to reopen for in-person services, and online via Zoom. Through soft skills workshops, students developed the tools and skills necessary to have a successful school year, develop mindfulness, build a strong resume, prepare for annual job

fairs, dress to impress, prepare for a job interview and learn to identify unhealthy relationships and establish healthy relationships.

Mentoring and Tracking conducted Zoom workshops and video conferences to follow the Covid-19 protocols. Mentoring and tracking completed **50** Zoom/Video conferences totaling **50** hours. During the Zoom workshop sessions, Mentoring and Tracking staff worked with students on Social Skills, Cognitive behavior Interventions for Substance Abuse, Stress Management, and Self-Care Mindfulness.

### Supportive Services

Mentoring and Tracking staff take pride in the level of rapport they build with their students. This strong rapport makes it easier for staff to identify opportunities to better serve and help students in their caseload. Supportive services are provided to students in different forms such as school supplies, clothing, food baskets, etc. In 2021, Mentoring and Tracking continued offering these services and held a back-to-school drive for their students where they were given back to school packs, which consisted of a binder, notebooks, a planner, and various writing utensils. Additionally, five students were chosen to receive a shopping spree for school clothes.

### **Rite Track – Proud Parenting Program**

Rite Track/Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools (ATCS) in conjunction with the Imperial County Probation Department, continue to work alongside the Board of State Community Corrections to provide services to young parents. The Proud Parenting program operates out of the Rite Track center and provides opportunities for teen parents to participate in evidence-based, cognitive therapeutic parenting classes. The program is designed to increase participants' parenting success while decreasing the risk of further or future involvement with the Juvenile Justice or CPS systems. Upon completion of the program, all participants receive a Certificate of Completion and a \$50.00 gift card.

All Proud Parenting participants complete a pre-evaluation and post-evaluation in order to measure their gained knowledge, stress reduction and overall program experience. The goal for the program is to provide service and programming to 50 Imperial County teen parents and their children annually. Between January and December 2021, Proud Parenting provided services to **18** teen parents.

Thanks to collaboration with local public and private programs, Proud Parenting has a **90% acceptance rate**. Proud Parenting offers services at the local One Stop centers in Brawley, Calexico and El Centro, Brawley Library, Aurora High School, El Centro Valley Academy, Calexico Valley



Academy, Central Union High School as well as at participants' homes and in the Rite Track classroom. Proud Parenting closed the funding cycle for this grant on December 31, 2021 and is now preparing for the renewal of the grant with a newly added workforce component. This new component will focus on helping young parents be well-rounded individuals by enhancing their parenting skills while also preparing them for the workforce. The new grant will be starting January 1, 2022.

In 2021 with the ongoing pandemic, Proud Parenting continued using Zoom and online forums to render its services to participants. Those who could participate in-person did so. Proud Parenting staff continued to offer transportation services for those who required the assistance to complete their sessions. This year Proud Parenting offered **59** in-person *Nurturing Parenting Sessions*, **49** in-person *Aggression Replacement* training sessions, conducted **1,687** participant phone calls, and did **71** home visits. The Proud Parenting program also continued to do community outreach by keeping in contact with outside agencies through **41** phone contacts and **40** in-person visits. The Proud Parenting program enrolled **13** new participants, helped **12** participants successfully complete the program, and unfortunately had **6** participants unsuccessfully discharged due to lack of participation.

### Program Activities

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Proud Parenting Staff created biweekly activities for participants and their families. The biweekly activities consisted of one educational activity and one holiday activity. The educational activities included topics such as learning body parts, identifying zoo animals, learning about insects, amongst others. The holiday activities were meant to bring families together, they included puzzles, art, and fun games. Proud Parenting also assembled different holiday baskets and delivered them to families. Some of the baskets delivered were the following: Easter Baskets (delivered to 3 families), Mother's Day Baskets (delivered to 3 mothers), "Fun in the Sun" baskets (delivered to 3 families). Additionally, Proud Parenting found that parents were expressing high levels of stress and anxiety due to the pandemic and developed a support group where parents can share ideas, questions, and concerns. The workshops are held once a month and topics varied, according to the parent's requests.

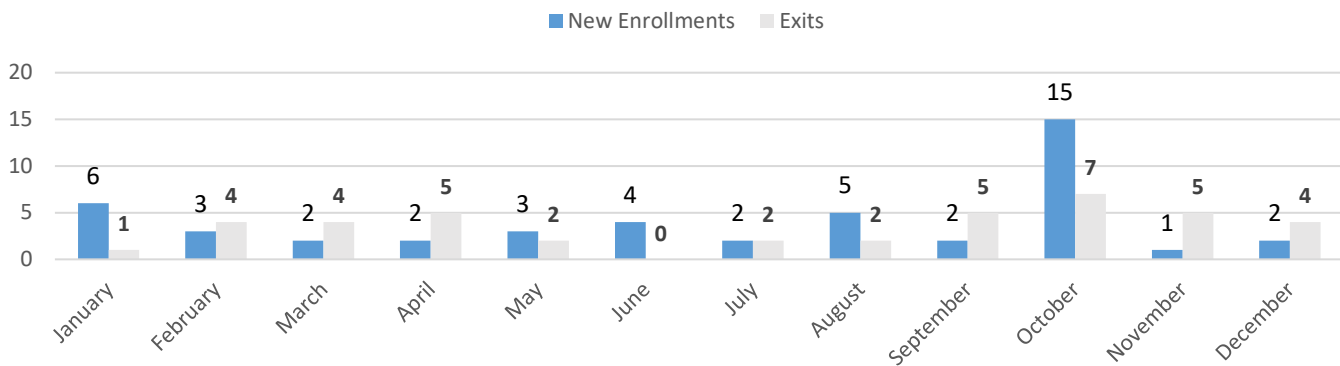
Proud Parenting continued to communicate with local staff members at the El Centro WIC, the Health Department House Visiting Program, the Department of Social Services, Project ACE, Behavioral Health Family Services, Adult Education, local High Schools and Quechan Social Services in hopes of establishing a co-referral relationship. Proud Parenting continued to provide service to young parents via telephone calls, text messages, FaceTime, Zoom webinars, and in-person by appointment once stay at home orders were lifted.

## Rite Track – Workforce Inspired Student Edification (W.I.S.E) Program

The W.I.S.E program operates out of the Rite Track center alongside the Mentoring and Tracking program. This program provides diversion and skill-based services to vulnerable youth who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system or further penetrating the justice system. This program is expected to provide services to 50 youth between the ages of 13 and 18 annually and is expected to operate until February 2023.

In 2021, W.I.S.E. welcomed **47** students and exited **41** students. Of those **41** exits, **31** successfully completed the program, **10** exited voluntarily, and no students were unsuccessfully discharged due to non-compliance.

W.I.S.E Enrollments & Exits 2021



### Mentoring Services

Students participating in the W.I.S.E program are linked with an age-appropriate mentor who assists and interacts with the students in multiple settings. Services include crisis intervention, job readiness, educational assistance, court support, weekly “check-ins”, in-person contacts, peer-to-peer counseling, supportive services, transportation to and from workshops and linkage to community services. In 2020, W.I.S.E received over **52** referrals from community partners such as the Imperial County Probation Department, Imperial County Schools, IVROP, Behavioral Health, and other Rite Track programs.

### Cognitive Behavioral Therapy – Seeking Safety

An evidence-based program-counseling model to help youth establish safety from trauma and/or substance abuse. Topics covered include defining Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Coping with Triggers, Self-Nurturing, Detaching from Emotional Pain (Grounding) and Life Choices. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, students have been referred to an on-site clinician for individual sessions.

### Cognitive Behavioral Therapy – Thinking for a Change (T4C)

An evidence-based, cognitive behavioral curriculum from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). T4C helps youth improve their social skills, learn cognitive self-change and problem-solving skills in order to establish healthy, productive daily norms and set foundations for a successful future. The W.I.S.E program conducts in person and Zoom workshops for students. W.I.S.E has conducted over **332 hours** of T4C Therapy via online and in person sessions. In addition, **27** students successfully completed the Thinking for a Change program.

### RISE UP

RISE UP is a training and credentialing program that provides foundational employability skills to help individuals secure jobs and receive promotions in retail businesses. The curriculum is industry-recognized and was developed in collaboration with more than twenty retailers including Walmart, Macy's, The Home Depot, Burlington Stores, and Nordstrom. Students who successfully pass the training will receive certification and linkage to employment. The RISE UP accreditation is administered by the National Retail Federation. This year the W.I.S.E program has conducted over **70** workshops and completed over **323** hours of curriculum. In addition, there were **29** students that successfully complete the RISE Up curriculum and received their three-year accreditation.

### 80 Hour Internship

W.I.S.E allows **25** students that successfully obtain their three-year accreditation to become eligible to participate in an 80-hour internship at a retail, customer service, or sales field where they will have the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on work experience. This year W.I.S.E placed **23** students in jobs and had **19** of those students successfully complete their 80-hour contracts, with the **4** remaining participants currently finishing their 80 hour internships. From the **8** students that completed their contracts, **7** participants were offered part-time positions with their business hosts and are now employed.

The W.I.S.E program has been successful in inviting business hosts to participate in the program. Some of the local business hosts include *Metro Pcs*, *Cuchis Raspados*, *3.16 Coffee*, *La Fresa Raspados*, and *Kotori*. In 2021, W.I.S.E. added Tropicana Juice & Fruit Bar, Raspalandia, the Donut Shops in Calexico, El Centro, Holtville, Brawley and Imperial, as well as *Los Cerritos Mexican Food Restaurant* in Holtville as new business hosts.

### Rite Track – Moving into 2022

In 2022, Rite Track looks forward to reopening the facility and resuming with regular program activities. Rite Track will continue to look for ways to strengthening program elements, team building

and finding new, interactive, and innovative ways to strengthen student rapport and provide youth with pro-social activities and unique opportunities. We look forward to being able to host graduations and in house celebrations for our students once again.

## Imperial County Behavioral Health– Youth and Young Adult Services (YAYA)



The Imperial County Behavioral Health Youth and Young Adult (YAYA) Services Program focuses on the individual's strengths and needs in an effort to promote mental health recovery and stability. The YAYA

Program consists of the Adolescent Habilitative Learning Program (AHLP), the Alcohol & Drug Adolescent Outpatient Drug Free (ODF) Program, Full Service Partnership Program, Anxiety and Depression Clinics, Juvenile Hall Services, and Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Prevention Program. These services are designed to meet the needs of Imperial County youth and young adults between the ages of 14 and 25 years old. All services provided through the YAYA program are integrated, individualized, and developed to promote individual and family centered recovery, resiliency, and wellness. The program focuses on the individual's strengths and needs in an effort to promote mental health recovery and stability.

### YAYA – Anxiety and Depression Clinic

Imperial County Behavioral Health Service's YAYA Anxiety and Depression Clinic provides a comprehensive set of services that serve individuals diagnosed with depression and anxiety disorders. The focus of treatment is therapy and, when needed, medication support.

Services available to youth and young adults include the following:

- ❖ Individual/Group Counseling
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Medication Support
- ❖ Mental Health Services / Therapy
- ❖ Therapeutic Behavioral Services
- ❖ Targeted Case Management
- ❖ Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)
- ❖ Substance Abuse Treatment
- ❖ Rehabilitation Technician
- ❖ Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS)

### Full Service Partnership Program

This program consists of a full range of integrated community services and support structures for youth and young adults, ages 12 to 25, which include direct delivery and use of available community resources. The services provided include individual case management, rehabilitative services, “wrap-like” services, integration of community mental health and substance abuse treatment, crisis response, alternative to juvenile hall, home and community re-entry from juvenile hall, youth and

parent mentoring, supported employment or education, transportation, housing assistance, benefit acquisition, and respite care. The targeted population consists of:

- **Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) adolescents** – ages 12 to 15, who, as a result of a mental disorder have substantial impairment in at least two of the following areas: self-care, school functioning, family relationships, or the ability to function in the community, and who are either at risk of or have already been removed from their home; or whose mental disorder and impairments have been present for more than six months or are likely to continue for more than one year without treatment; or who display at least one of the following: psychotic features, risk of suicide, or risk of violence due to a mental disorder. These individuals may also be diagnosed with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.
- **SED or Severely Mentally Ill (SMI) Transition-Age Youth** – ages 16 to 25, who as a result of a mental disorder have substantial impairment in at least two of the following areas: self-care, school functioning, family relationships, or the ability to function in the community and are unserved or underserved and are experiencing either homelessness or are at risk of being homeless; aging out of the child and youth mental health system; aging out of the child welfare system; aging out of the juvenile justice system; have involvement in the criminal justice system; are at risk of involuntary hospitalization or institutionalization; or are experiencing a first episode of serious mental illness. These individuals may also be diagnosed with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

In addition to traditional mental health services, individuals are provided with supportive services or linkage to agencies in order to meet their individual needs. These services include, but are not limited to:

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| ❖ Linkage to Education                    | ❖ Substance Use Disorder Treatment |
| ❖ Employment & Vocational Training        | ❖ Physical Health Services         |
| ❖ Financial Aid Services                  | ❖ Fitness Program                  |
| ❖ Socialization Activities                | ❖ Peer Support                     |
| ❖ Housing & Independent Living Assistance | ❖ Family Education Support Groups  |

It should be noted that Mental Health Services provided at the Anxiety & Depression Clinics, as well as at the Full Service Partnership Programs, include the implementation of Evidence Based Practices by therapists and mental health rehabilitation technicians. These research-based practices have been proven effective in targeting specific mental health disorders and promoting recovery. The models used in Youth and Young Adult Services include:

- ❖ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

- ❖ Cognitive Processing Therapy
- ❖ Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- ❖ Parent Research Achieve & Excel through Empowerment Strategies (PRAXES)
- ❖ Motivational Interviewing

### Young Adolescent Habilitative Learning Program (AHLP)

The Adolescent Habilitative Learning Program provides a combination of mental health and educational services to adolescents enrolled in junior high or high school whose emotional/behavioral disturbances prevent them from learning and functioning in a regular classroom setting. The program is designed for youth who have symptoms of anger, distress, depression or anxiety that severely impair their daily functioning and need higher levels of outpatient care that may also require prescribing and frequent monitoring of psychotropic medication and consist of the following goals:

- ❖ To treat and stabilize acute, brief emotional and behavioral disorders, which may otherwise require inpatient care.
- ❖ To alleviate serious behavioral excesses or deficits which interfere with personal, family, and social functioning.
- ❖ To provide a structure and supportive environment that serves as transition between the school and outpatient services.
- ❖ To provide comprehensive, multi-disciplinary assessment as a basis for creating psychosocial and behavioral treatment plans.
- ❖ To treat and stabilize acute, brief emotional and behavioral disorders, which may otherwise require inpatient care.

### Behavioral Health Services in Juvenile Hall

Imperial County Behavioral Health Services (ICBHS) provides specialty mental health services to high-risk youth who are detained at the Juvenile Hall facility and that meet medical necessity. All incarcerated youth are screened for mental health services by Juvenile Hall staff at the point of admission using the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI-2). If a need for mental health services is identified, Juvenile Hall staff completes a referral to Imperial County Behavioral Health Services. All youth referred to Imperial County Behavioral Health Services receive a comprehensive intake assessment by a clinician who recommends mental health services at the point of intake. Referrals to ICBHS can also be initiated by juvenile hall staff, Probation Officers, or nursing staff at any time during a youth's stay at Juvenile Hall if mental health needs are identified after the youth's admission or if a youth requests services. During 2021, ICBHS Juvenile Hall Services received **77 referrals** and provided the following services:

- ❖ Mental Health Services
- ❖ Individual Therapy
- ❖ Medication Support
- ❖ Targeted Case Management
- ❖ Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment

Part-time psychiatrists provide psychiatric services, medication, and support services to youth at Juvenile Hall. Services include psychiatric evaluations and medication management. ICBHS clinicians are also on-call afterhours, on weekends and holidays to conduct crisis interventions for those youth who present risk of harm to self or others. The role of the on-call clinician is to conduct a risk assessment and provide interventions geared towards reducing the potential to harm. The clinician works closely with Juvenile Hall staff to determine the appropriate supervision level for the youth and coordinate further mental health treatment when necessary.

In efforts to maintain the youths' participation in mental health treatment after their release from Juvenile Hall, ICBHS has assigned community service and mental health workers to participate in scheduled visitations at Juvenile Hall to educate youth in custody and their families regarding the availability of mental health services. These services assist in engaging youth and families in reducing stigma associated with accessing mental health services and through these efforts, parents will have a better understanding of the importance of supporting their youth's mental health needs.

### **Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services for Adolescents**

Imperial County Behavioral Health Adolescent Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program provides professional services to youth suffering from substance use. Substance abuse counselors, mental health counselors and psychiatric social workers provide youth ages 12 to 18 with substance use disorder treatment. Youth are serviced through the SUD program at their local high school, the Behavioral Health adolescent SUD clinic, and at Imperial County Juvenile Hall.

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, youth continued to be serviced utilizing a virtual platform and via phone conference and telehealth services. SUD services provided to youth include Outpatient Services, Intensive Outpatient Services, Recovery Services, Case Management and Residential Treatment.

**Outpatient Services** consist of a maximum of 6 hours per week of any of the following:

- ❖ Intake/Assessment
- ❖ Individual Counseling
- ❖ Group Counseling
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Collateral Services
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Discharge Planning & Coordination
- ❖ Collateral Services

**Intensive Outpatient Services** consist of a minimum of 6 hours with a maximum of 19 hours per week of any of the following:

- ❖ Intake/Assessment
- ❖ Individual Counseling
- ❖ Group Counseling
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Collateral Services
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Discharge Planning & Coordination
- ❖ Collateral Services

**Recovery Services** consist of support to manage the client's health and health care, use effective self-management support strategies, and use community resources to provide ongoing support; recovery services may be provided face-to-face, by telephone, or elsewhere in the community.

- ❖ Outpatient Counseling Recovery
- ❖ Monitoring/Coaching
- ❖ Substance Abuse Assistance
- ❖ Education and Job Skills
- ❖ Family Support
- ❖ Ancillary Services
- ❖ Relapse Prevention
- ❖ Outpatient Counseling Recovery

**Case management services** support beneficiaries as they move through the DMC-ODS continuum of care from initial engagement through treatment and recovery supports. This includes:

- ❖ Comprehensive assessment, periodic reassessment
- ❖ Transition to a higher or lower level of SUD care
- ❖ Development and periodic revision of a client plan
- ❖ Communication, coordination, referral and related activities
- ❖ Monitoring service delivery
- ❖ Monitoring the beneficiary's progress
- ❖ Patient advocacy and linkages – medical, educational, social, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community service

**Residential Treatment Services** is a 24-hour, short-term service that provides residential rehabilitation services to youth. This includes:

- ❖ Assessment
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Client Education
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Collateral Services
- ❖ Individual and Group Counseling
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Transportation to medically necessary treatment
- ❖ Discharge planning and coordination
- ❖ Crisis Intervention



## Imperial County Department of Social Services (DSS)

The Department of Social Services (DSS) continues to work collaboratively with the Probation Department in providing services to youth in foster care through the Independent Living Program, Transitional Housing, Wraparound Services, and the Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) Program.

The Department of Social Services also coordinates with the Probation Department for the funds it receives for financial reimbursements of programs and services that benefit delinquent youth.



## Wraparound Program



Wraparound was implemented in 1997 pursuant to Senate Bill (SB 163). This legislation allowed California counties to pilot the Wraparound process using non-federal Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care dollars to provide children and families with family-based service alternatives to group home care.

As a result of SB 163, the Department of Social Services in partnership with the Probation Department, Behavioral Health, and the Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE) met for the purpose of planning and implementing a Wraparound Program. In 2011, the Imperial County Wraparound Plan was approved by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors and the California Department of Social Services and Imperial County began serving dependents and wards

The Wraparound Program is a strengths-based planning process that occurs in a team setting to engage with children, youth, and their families. Wraparound allows the Probation Department to provide a variety of services to eligible children at risk of being removed from their home and placed in congregate care, or, youth returning home from congregate care. The intent is to build on individual and family strengths to help families achieve positive goals and improve well-being. Wraparound is also a team-driven process. From the start, a child and family team is formed and works directly with the family as they identify their own needs and strengths. The team develops a service plan that describes specific strategies for meeting the needs identified by the family. The service plan is individualized, with strategies that reflect the child and family's culture and preferences. The program is intended to allow children to live and grow up in a safe, stable, permanent family environment. For children and families in the foster care system, the Wraparound process can:

- ❖ Enhance strengths by creating a strength-based intervention plan with a child and family team;
- ❖ Promote youth and parent involvement with family voice, choice, and preference;
- ❖ Use community-based services;
- ❖ Create independence and stability;
- ❖ Provide services that fit a child and family's identified needs, culture, and preferences;
- ❖ Create one plan to coordinate responses in all life domains; and
- ❖ Focus on achieving positive goals.

Wraparound Services are utilized to reduce the risk of out of home placement and recidivism by bringing individuals, agencies, and the community together to focus on meeting the needs of the child and family.

Prior to a youth entering the Wraparound Program, their case is brought before the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST) and Interagency Placement Committee (IPC). During this meeting, the MDST/IPC members discuss the youth's needs and services, which would best benefit the youth and their family. The MDST/IPC must vote to approve a youth into the Wraparound program and once approved, the youth's case is transferred to a WRAP officer. While in WRAP, the youth and their family participate in Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings. CFT meetings are generally scheduled on a quarterly basis, but may occur as often as needed. The Wraparound Officer maintains constant communication with the client and their family in an effort to stabilize the youth's living environment. Wraparound officers work closely with the family to ensure their participation in rehabilitative programs, to ensure that the youth remain in compliance with their terms and conditions of probation, and to provide additional supports to strengthen the family. In addition, Wraparound officers have the unique ability to utilize the foster care maintenance payment to assist the youth and their family with additional services and/or needs.

At the beginning and end of 2021, supervision strategies were adjusted to accommodate restrictions related to Covid-19; Wraparound officers continued providing high-quality intensive supervision services to youth. Wraparound officers modified many of their in-person meetings and conferences to phone conferences and Zoom meetings. However, officers continued some in-person home visits with youth while taking into consideration Covid-19 guidelines. As Wraparound continues to provide families with intensive community-based services, the number of youth ordered into a higher level of care remains low. The utilization of Wraparound services has been an effective tool in preserving families. The Wraparound Program currently offers the following services to all youth:

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| ❖ Multi-Disciplinary Services Team (MDST) Meetings | ❖ Strengths-Based Level of Care          |
| ❖ Child Family Team Meetings (CFT)                 | ❖ Intensive Supervision                  |
| ❖ Individualized/Family Case Management            | ❖ 24/7 Availability of Probation Officer |

- ❖ Provides intensive, individualized treatment planning to youth and their families
- ❖ Family Centered / Family Voice and Choice / Needs Driven
- ❖ Crisis Intervention
- ❖ Transportation to and from services, school, appointments
- ❖ Provide recreational opportunities
- ❖ Assist with Employment linkage and resume building
- ❖ Rent / Utility assistance
- ❖ Attendance at Individualized Educational Plan meeting
- ❖ Intensive supervision and family contact
- ❖ Collaborative Team approach
- ❖ Case Planning
- ❖ Mentoring
- ❖ Grocery / Clothes / Furniture Assistance
- ❖ Act as liaison between families and other agencies
- ❖ Attendance at Student Study Team meetings

## Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE)

Imperial County Office of Education maintains three academies and one Court School, Del Rio Academy, Valley Academy, Calexico Academy, and Esther Huff that specifically target at-risk youth who are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. Esther Huff School is located at Juvenile Hall and provides educational services to detained offenders and tailors courses specific to the needs of each student. The school provides pre and post assessments that are completed upon enrollment and discharge to measure academic progress and maintain and develop individual education plans as necessary.



ICOE also maintains a Student Attendance Review Board (SARB), which provides services for truants and high-risk students. Intensive supervision is provided by a Probation Officer to students and families whose lack of school attendance problems may lead to a School Attendance Review Board Hearing.

## Approach to Facilitate Collaboration

The Imperial County Probation Department continues to facilitate collaboration between Imperial County agencies by providing referrals to programs and services to ensure at-risk youth are being given the opportunity to receive rehabilitative services. In addition, Probation Officers remain in constant contact with the programs and services staff, the participating clients, and the client's families to track clients' progress and make modifications to the clients' rehabilitation plan as necessary. Probation Officers also provide transportation for clients to participate in programs if needed that follow Covid safety precautions. Additionally, the Imperial County Probation Department continues to utilize Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings when necessary to ensure all involved

agencies meet at the same time to work in collaboration to assist the youth in meeting his/her rehabilitative goals.

## B. Identifying and Prioritizing Focus Areas

The Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council remains committed to promoting public safety and improving the quality of life for the youth and families that come in contact with the Juvenile Justice System.

*The JJCC has three upcoming projects that focus on these goals:*

### **Project A.S.P.I.R.E**

In 2021, the JJCC identified underserved areas of Imperial County that would benefit from additional programs and services. The Probation Department, in partnership with County Parks and Recreation developed an after-school and Saturday programming for youth in outlying areas of Imperial County. The Imperial County Probation Department utilized Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds to provide youth within these areas opportunities for structured, supervised, and pro-social activities after school and on the weekends.

**Project A.S.P.I.R.E** (After School Programming Integrating Recreation and Education), offers opportunities, such as tutoring, homework assistance, arts & crafts, team sports, recreational activities, board games, and other structured activities between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. In January 2022, the Probation Department hired its first two Youth Service Specialists (YSS), a new classification of county employee within the Probation Department's Juvenile Division, to provide these services to youth within the program and in February 2022, the Youth Service Specialists began servicing youth in Westmorland. In addition to serving Westmorland, the Youth Service Specialists have also assisted with servicing youth in the Imperial County Juvenile Hall and youth who are residing at Betty Jo McNeece Receiving home by providing these youth with cultural and recreational activities.

The Probation Department is currently working towards opening a second site in Heber and once it is operational, it will continue to explore further programming in other outlying areas of Imperial County. Youth within the program have received tutoring and assistance with homework, recreational activities, team sports, individual sports and cultural activities. Youth have also heard from guest speakers; have celebrated birthdays as a group and taken part in holiday educational activities and celebrations. Although limitations still exist due to COVID-19, in the future, the Probation Department

hopes to offer youth field trips, a literacy program, a variety of guest speakers, as well as cultural programming through the Imperial County Desert Museum. Discussion regarding cultivating a garden is also underway.

Creating additional prevention-related programs under Probation's umbrella is a critical aspect in reinforcing the JJCC's role in delivering children's services countywide, and preserving the flow of state funds to Imperial County for these purposes. Identifying new partners and enhancing existing relationships in both the public and private sector to promote evidence-based approaches and facilitate positive youth development is a key component of this project.

### **SB 823**

On September 30 2020, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 823 to downsize California's State Operated network of juvenile justice facilities. SB823 closes down the State Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and realigns youth from state-run correctional facilities to local control beginning July 1, 2021. Counties will then assume full responsibility for juveniles at all offense levels.

SB 823 also establishes a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program to fund county-based custody, care, and supervision of youth who would have otherwise been eligible for commitment to state facilities. In the previous year, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council appointed a SB 823 Subcommittee that identified critical elements for Imperial County's SB 823 Plan.

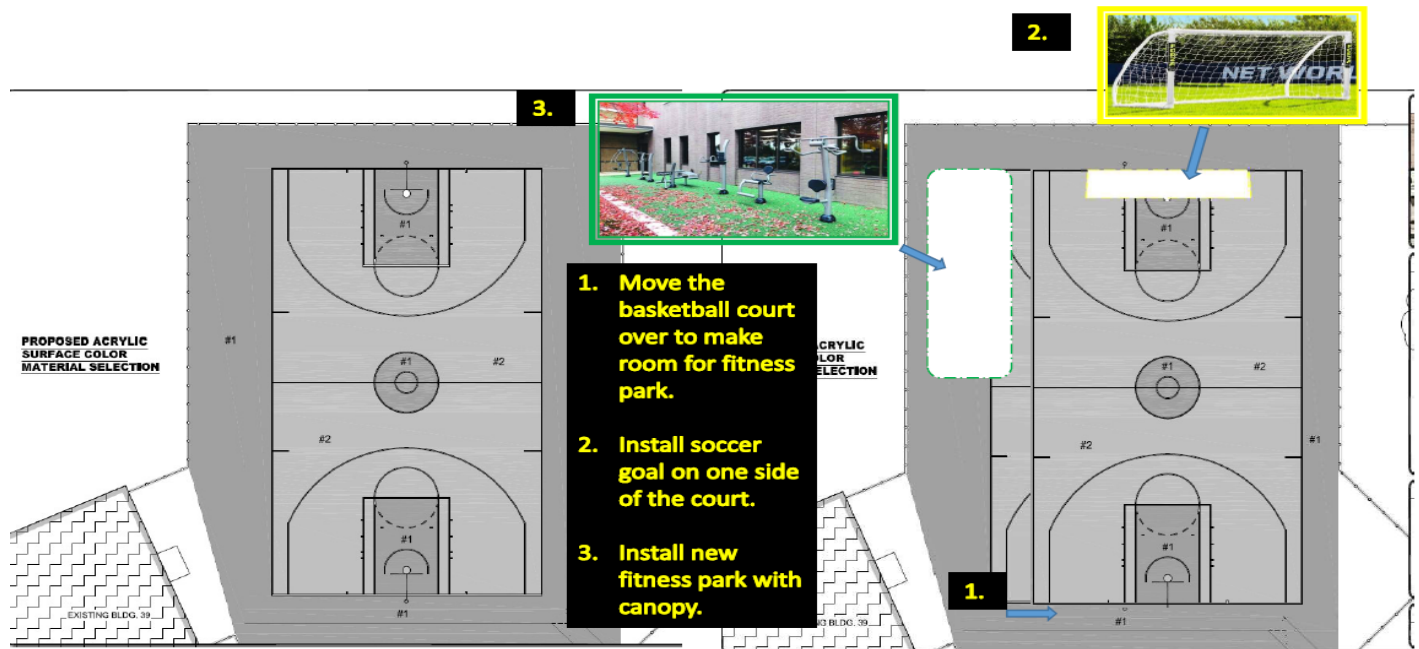
The subcommittee will continue to meet on an ongoing basis to review the plan and its progress annually. Additionally, the Probation Department is currently working towards integrating details from the plan to service youth who may be committed to supervision in the near future.

### **Juvenile Hall – Capital Improvement Projects**

The Imperial County Probation Department has identified areas of the Juvenile Hall where improvements to the facility can be implemented so that youth staying at the Hall will have space for additional recreational activities. These improvements include:

- ❖ Creating and installing a new fitness park within the facility that will be covered by a canopy
- ❖ Moving the current basketball court and resurfacing it to create more room for the fitness park

- ❖ Installing a soccer goal on the court so that youth may participate in soccer activities



### C. Juvenile Justice Action Strategy

The Imperial County Probation Department implements a number of different strategies in response to juvenile crime and delinquency as a means to decrease crime within our community and model graduated responses for at-risk juvenile offenders. At-risk youth, who are not under juvenile delinquency jurisdiction and who meet the program's criteria, can participate in the **Community Work Service (CWS) Program**. These youth are screened by a Probation Officer and recommended for the Community Work Service Program. Youth accepted into the program must complete community work service hours in lieu of fines or as an alternative to the filing of a petition with the juvenile court. Additionally, at the completion of their Community Work Service Program commitment, youth are required to submit an essay that details the experiences gained through the program. The Probation Department identifies the work sites and provides direct supervision to the offenders participating in the program. The Community Work Service Program is utilized to offer young people an opportunity to perform public service projects, which benefit communities, neighborhoods, charitable organizations, local schools, and other agencies throughout the Imperial Valley. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, various youth referred to the CWS program were given the opportunity to fulfill their community work service hours by completing essays. Topics included "Autobiography" and "Future Goals", along with a minimum page requirement and deadline. Currently, the Community Work

Service program has resumed in-person participation, with certain limitations related to COVID-19 precautions

Another strategy offered by Imperial County Probation Department is **Project S.T.A.R.**, which funds a Probation Officer assigned to the three different alternative schools maintained by the Imperial County Office of Education. The Probation Officer, along with school personnel, identifies students who are chronic truants and makes referrals to the S.T.A.R Program. The Probation Officer participates in the initial screening of each case and makes appropriate referrals for drug counseling, anger management or behavioral health services. In addition, the Probation Officer attends school related meetings, such as Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Student Support Team (SST), and School Attendance Review Board (SARB), on behalf of the Probation Department. Since the return of in person classes, the Probation Officer has returned to the associated schools and has been providing in-person services.

For juveniles that have been placed on probation, there are evidence-based strategies Probation Officers utilize, including Motivational Interviewing (MI), a person-centered strategy used to elicit patient motivation to change a specific negative behavior. This technique engages the youth and elicits change-talk, which evokes motivation to make positive changes. An additional evidence-based strategy Probation Officers utilize is an assessment tool to determine the youth's criminogenic needs and risk to re-offend. Probation Officers interview the youth and their family and input information into the assessment tool, which will provide the Probation Officer with risk factors and protective factors. The Probation Officer, in collaboration with the youth and their family, will develop a case plan to best map the youth's rehabilitation process. The case plan is then updated every six months, or as the minor's goals and needs change.

Additionally, juveniles already placed on probation may be referred to Rite Track's Evening Learning Center or Mentoring and Tracking Program based on the assessed level of needs of the client. The Probation Department assigns a Probation Officer to assist youth referred to the Evening Learning Center and to ensure that the Probation Department and Rite Track staff work collaboratively to properly service the needs of all youth within the program. The youth referred to the program have varying criminogenic risk factors and, through the Noble Risk Assessment and the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment, Rite Track is able to determine the specific needs of each youth, which results in an individualized case plan. Additionally, the Evening Learning Center provides the following Cognitive-Based Groups: Aggression Replacement Therapy, Thinking for a Change, Cultural Enrichment, Healthy Relationships, Seeking Safety, and Social Awareness.

The Mentoring and Tracking Program attempts to reduce the risk of re-entry into the juvenile justice system by partnering the participants of the program with mentors who work closely with the youth and their families during their time in the program. Rite Track also offers monthly "Mentoring Mixers," where participants gather once a month and work on their social skills through a series of self-development workshops and peer-to-peer counseling.

Another prevention approach for probation youth is utilizing Electronic Monitoring to combat juvenile crime and delinquency. Electronic Monitoring is used as a means of intervention to mitigate recidivism and violations of probation. The minor is supervised in the community with electronic monitoring to ensure he or she fulfills the requirements of release from detention including curfew and, in certain circumstances, staying away from a victim's places of residence. The minor may also be subjected to inclusion and exclusion zones.

High-risk youth, including those in need of Wraparound Services or those at risk of being placed in out of county residential treatment facilities, are referred to the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST) and Interagency Placement Committee (IPC). The meetings with the Multi-Disciplinary Service Team and Interagency Placement Committee are intended to ensure that the circumstances impacting the child and family, especially those related to the potential strengths and needs, are fully identified and considered in formulating recommendations related to the youth's case. The Multi-Disciplinary Service Team and Interagency Placement Committee meetings consist of representatives from the Imperial County Probation Department, Imperial County Department of Social Services, Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, Imperial County Office of Education, and Rite Track Youth Services. Additionally, the children, parents, and other community organizations, such as CASA and the Regional Center, participate in these meetings on an as-needed basis. The Multi-Disciplinary Service Team and Interagency Placement Committee Meetings are held weekly, or as needed, to review high-risk cases and determine the best rehabilitative and/or placement option for the client; agencies are able to begin the referral process for a client once meetings are completed.

Juvenile offenders may also be placed in the Wraparound program. Wraparound Officers provide intensive, individualized treatment planning and supervision to youth and their families. Wraparound is family centered and needs driven, and focuses on a collaborative team approach in which staff partner with community-based service providers. Further, Wraparound officers coordinate all initial and follow-up CFT meetings for their clients.



If youth on probation do not follow their probation terms and conditions, and pose a danger to themselves and/or the community, they may be detained at Juvenile Hall. The youth's Probation Officer will meet with them while in custody to review and update their case plan, discuss the reason they are in custody, and make additional referrals to services to ensure the length of time in custody is minimized. Should a client on probation exhaust all aforementioned services and are unable to maintain themselves within their home and community in a safe manner, the Probation Department will recommend that the client continue with rehabilitative services in an out-of-home placement.

Additionally, if a youth commits a 707(b) offense and the Court determines a less restrictive disposition is unsuitable, that youth will be committed to Imperial County Juvenile Hall Secure Track. With the implementation of SB 823, the Imperial County Probation Department has developed a rehabilitative treatment program to serve this population at Imperial County Juvenile Hall.

In the coming year, the Probation Department and the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council will continue to explore and develop new programs and services that can better service the youth of Imperial County.

## D. Comprehensive Plan Revisions

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has made updates and revisions to its Delinquency Prevention Plan for 2022/2023 consisting of:

❖ **Updates to statistics for Imperial County Probation Department Juvenile Supervision:**

- Current Population Statistics
- Population Trend Statistics
- Felony / Misdemeanor Arrest Statistics
- Probation Referrals Statistics
- Referral Disposition Statistics

❖ **Updates to existing services:**

- Rite Track Youth Services
- Imperial County Behavioral Health Services for Juveniles
- Wraparound Program
- Police & Sheriff Athletic Leagues
- Juvenile Hall Garden of Dreams
- Youth Summit
- Imperial Valley Desert Museum Projects
- Community Work Service Program

❖ **Updating focus areas and goals for the Juvenile Justice Commission**

❖ **Revisions and updates to the Juvenile Justice Action Strategy**

❖ **Inclusion of information for upcoming projects through YOBG**

The Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council remains committed to providing annual updates to the Board of State and Community Corrections for California in order to demonstrate the successes and accomplishments of its funded programming and practices throughout the Imperial County.

## Part II. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) – Government Code Section 30061(b)(4)

### A. Information Sharing and Data Collection

The Imperial County Probation Department utilizes information systems to facilitate data sharing across agencies within the county to promote successful juvenile justice programs and strategies. The Multi-Disciplinary Service Team (MDST) and Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) Meetings allow county agencies to work together to share information and data on cases to ensure that all circumstances impacting the youth and family, especially those related to the potential strengths and needs, are fully identified and considered in formulating recommendations related to the youth's case. Child Welfare Services Case Management System (CMS/CWS) is software utilized by the Probation Department, the Department of Social Services, and Public Health to input information for youth serviced by the local agencies. The information inputted into the CWS/CMS database consists of the child's referral history, demographics, as well as past and current placement history to ensure that all agencies have access to vital information to make better informed decisions. Information within the CWS/CMS database is submitted to the State of California and it is utilized to determine the amount of funding provided to agencies that service foster youth within the Imperial County. Rite Track also provides in-depth activity reports regarding their clients to Probation Officers, so that they can determine how youths are progressing through the program. The Probation Department also works in collaboration with all school districts in Imperial County to obtain grades, disciplinary records, and attendance information for minors who are on probation.

Through the utilization of these records, the Probation Department is able to ensure the client's educational needs are being met. In addition, with appropriate releases of information, Imperial County Behavioral Health is able to share information related to a client's diagnosis, treatment plans, and medication support, which is essential for the Probation Department to ensure the client's mental health needs are being properly treated and addressed.

### B. Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

The Imperial County has a fully constituted Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council as prescribed by Welfare & Institutions Code 749.22. The Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council is an established, multiagency committee that funds a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime. The Coordinating Council includes the Imperial County Chief Probation Officer, as Chair of the

Council, the Imperial County District Attorney, the Imperial County Public Defender, the Imperial County Sheriff, a member of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, the Director of Imperial County Department of Social Services, the Director of Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, the City of El Centro Police Department Chief, the Senior Director of the Imperial County Office of Education, and a City of El Centro Council Member. The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council also includes representatives from nonprofit community-based organizations that provide services to youth in the community.

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

### **Evening Learning Center (ELC) & Mentoring and Tracking Programs**

The Imperial County Probation Department continues to contract with Rite Track LLC for operation of the Evening Learning Center (ELC) After School Program as well as the Mentoring and Tracking Program, which operate during the high crime periods. Rite Track continues to participate in monthly interagency meetings consisting of Imperial County Schools, the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP), the Imperial County Probation Department, and Rite Track staff. Through these monthly interagency meetings, Rite Track staff are able to assess students' progress, performance, and current setbacks in order to develop and deploy individualized service plans tailored to the student's needs. In addition, Rite Track continues to collaborate with Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, allowing Rite Track participants to receive more expedient services and care. Through this partnership Rite Track students have more immediate appointment times for professional evaluations and treatment. Rite Track participants can also complete community service hours and give back to their community due to continued collaboration with local community organizations and Rite Track.

The Evening Learning Center also continues to provide recreational activities to students, which helps students develop self-esteem, personal awareness, and learn to better manage their behaviors and feelings while at the same time reducing their levels of stress. The Evening Learning Center has expanded upon recreational activities by offering an additional day at a local gym, where students can continue to work on improving their physical health and endurance.

Rite Track also incorporated a weekly Therapeutic Art Class, where students are able to strengthen their problem solving and critical thinking skills while reducing their levels of stress. Rite Track's Mentoring and Tracking Program is designed to assist at-risk youth between the ages of 13 and 18 that require additional community-based services in order to fulfill the terms of their probation or that

need assistance accessing community-based services and diversion services. Each student assigned to the program is matched with an age-appropriate role model who mentors him or her through their program and is available to them at all hours.

### **Evening Learning Center / Mentoring and Tracking Probation Officer**

The Imperial County Probation Department through JJCPA continues to fund one Probation Officer who is assigned to the Evening Learning Center in an effort to decrease truancy, arrest rates, and admittances to Juvenile Hall for participants of the program, as well as to ensure that participants successfully complete their terms and conditions of probation. The Probation Officer assigned to the Evening Learning Center supports and reinforces program staff in their efforts to guide and instruct youth in pro-social after school activities.

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

### A. Strategy for Non-707(b) Offenders

The Imperial County Probation Department's overall strategy for working with non-707(b) offenders is to provide the necessary amount of intervention to each client through evidence-based practices. At-risk youth, who are not under juvenile court jurisdiction participate in the Community Work Service (CWS) Program where they are given the opportunity to avoid formal court proceedings and perform public service projects.

Additionally, at-risk and youth on probation may participate in the annual Youth Summit hosted by the Probation Department. This event's intended outcomes are to develop problem-solving skills among youth and parents, build awareness of community resources, and educate participants on the importance of education, life skills, and healthy lifestyles. As the Youth Summit has developed, it has been expanded to include foster care youth in both the delinquency and dependency arena, as well as non-probation youth. Due to Covid-19, this year's event has been postponed with plan to re-institute it in the near future.

During initial stages of the youth being adjudicated and placed on probation, Probation Officers will utilize Motivational Interviewing when they meet with an at-risk youth as well as throughout the youth's term of probation. Motivational Interviewing will assist the officers when conducting assessments to determine the client's criminogenic needs. Once the youth's risk level is assessed and/or reassessed through the evidence-based assessment, an appropriate supervision level for the youth will be assigned based on the youth's risk level. This risk level will assist the Probation Officer in determining the appropriate amount of supervision and type of services that should be offered to the youth. After the youth's risk level is assessed, the Probation Officer, youth, and guardians jointly develop a case plan to best determine the client's needs and to set goals during their term of probation.

During the youth's term of probation, the Probation Officer works collaboratively with the youth, their family, and service providers to assist the youth in reaching their case plan goals. Should the youth violate their terms and conditions of probation, Probation Officers utilize graduated interventions to attempt to assist the youth with compliance. Graduated interventions may include counseling,

additional referrals to service providers, intensified supervision, electronic monitoring, transitioning the youth to Wraparound and court reviews.

Probation officers may also recommend at-risk youth to continue rehabilitative services in out of home placement through an MDST/IPC process and court hearing should the above-mentioned strategies be unsuccessful. Youth can either terminate their probation while in out of home placement or prior to their probation expiration by successfully completing rehabilitative goals as indicated in their case plans and court orders. Additionally, if a youth returns from placement and remains on probation, the youth will participate in Rite Track's three-month aftercare program at the Evening Learning Center. Through the three-month aftercare program, and in collaboration with the Probation Department, the Evening Learning Center is able to provide returning youth an additional 30 dosage hours of evidence based practices, substance abuse support, employment linkage and preparation, educational/vocational support and individual and family-based therapy.

## B. Regional Agreements

Currently, Imperial County does not have any regional agreements or arrangements that are supported through YOGB funds.

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

### **Imperial County Probation Department Staffing Enhancements**

#### **Four (4) Deputy Probation Officers – Moderate to High Caseload**

The Imperial County Probation Department utilizes four Probation Officers who are assigned to high-risk caseloads of no more than 30 minors per officer, funded through the Youthful Offender Block Grant. These Probation Officers are able to identify and target criminogenic needs for the assessed youth and translate those risk factors into treatment objectives through an evidence-based risk assessment tool. In addition, these officers utilize evidenced-based tools and practices that lead to relevant interventions and supervision practices in order to reduce recidivism. Case plans are developed with each minor to ensure they have clear objectives and goals.

#### **Four (4) Youth Service Specialists – Project ASPIRE**

In addition, with the implementation of Project ASPIRE, the Probation Department has established new positions in the Department to provide services to youth participants of the program. The Youth

Service Specialists will plan, organize and supervise after-school activities for pre-teens in Project Aspire locations throughout the county.

### **One (1) Probation Assistant**

The Probation Assistant will provide support to staff assigned to the Project Aspire program and will provide assistance as necessary while managing assigned youth to their caseload.

### **One (1) Supervisory Probation Officer**

The Supervisory Probation Officer will supervise and manage Probation Staff assigned to Project Aspire and ensure that the program is implemented correctly. The Supervisory Probation Officer will also collaborate with the Imperial County Department of Parks and Recreation and the County Library to expand program activities.

## **Community Work Service (CWS) Program**

The Community Work Service Program is offered to select juvenile offenders that meet program criteria to complete community work service hours in lieu of fines as an alternative to the filing of a petition with the juvenile court. The Probation Department organizes the work sites and manages the offenders subject to community work service ordered by the court. The Community Work Service Program offers offenders an opportunity to perform public service projects that benefit local communities, neighborhoods, charitable organizations, schools and other agencies throughout the Imperial Valley.

The Community Work Service Program is designed to give youth an opportunity to fulfill the court's mandates as well as reinforce a restorative approach to juvenile justice. This program serves as a consequence to the behavior leading to the arrest and to avoid conviction and juvenile record, as well as to build focus around positive and meaningful service to the community. Youth involved with this program have performed graffiti abatement, event staffing and clean up, museum curation, and other meaningful activities.

The Probation Department has received many acknowledgments from other agencies, cities and non-profits for the work performed by the Community Work Service crew. Community Work Service barriers include weather extremes within our county, however, the program has been able to find alternative indoor locations that will accommodate the extreme weather conditions thus allowing the program to continue to operate twelve months a year.

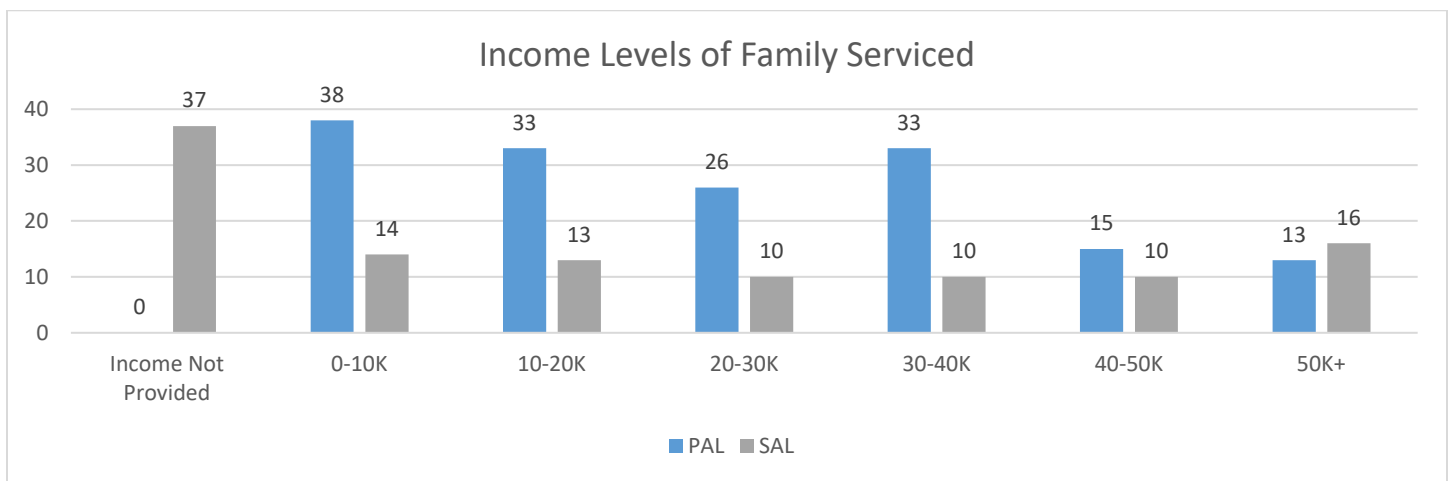


The Covid-19 Pandemic significantly impacted the Community Work Service program. The Probation Department ceased referrals to these services as the Department wanted to ensure the health and safety of the youth involved. However, as of February 2022 the Community Work Service.

**Police Athletic & Sheriff Activities Leagues (PAL/SAL)**

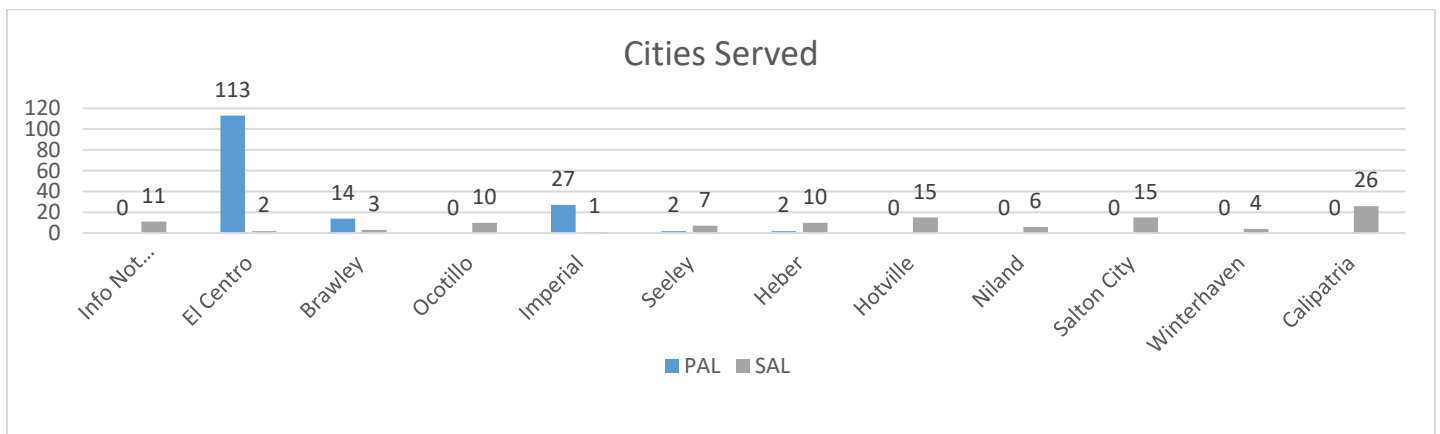


The PAL and SAL Programs provide at-risk youth in the community an opportunity for positive, participatory sport experiences with law enforcement officers who serve as both coaches and role models. The El Centro Police Activities League (PAL) fosters positive police and community relationships with youth in the City of El Centro and across Imperial County and strives to lead in the engagement of Imperial County youth, police officers, and the community. The Sheriff’s Activities League (SAL) provides quality activities for the youth in Imperial County, with the goal to reduce juvenile crime and delinquency. The program’s activities are designed to pair law enforcement officers with young people to develop discipline, mutual trust, and respect. Outdoor activities provide youth with important life skills and experiences such as, relationship building, leading, following, providing support, planning and accepting responsibility for their own actions. These activities and skills increase the likelihood of successful reintegration into the community and reducing recidivism. These programs strive to increase the physical activity among youth and decrease their risk-taking behaviors by providing opportunities for youth to play on well-equipped, organized sports leagues. In addition to providing sports and recreation programs, PAL hosts tournaments and encourages external independent teams to register and participate.



The Imperial County Sheriff Activities League (SAL) provides activities that included flag football, boxing, soccer, summer programs, mentoring, Polynesian and ballet dance programs, judo and karate. In 2020, the program allocated funds for a Back to School Shopping Spree where low-income youth received a backpack and school supplies and established a Foster Care Partnership with the Imperial Valley Children’s Coalition, which were continued in 2021 and throughout the year, SAL provided programs and services to 110 youth and their families in Imperial County.

The PAL program provides services to local families of low to extremely low incomes, and offers quality afterschool programs and activities for their children that they could not otherwise afford. The PAL program continues to be an important pillar in providing activities such as soccer, boxing, martial arts, golf, a mentoring program, a youth leadership program, an afterschool tutoring & study lab, a summer camp, a “National Night Out” event, and an Explorers Program provided in partnership with the El Centro Police Department. In 2021, PAL provided programs and services to 158 youth and their families. These types of activities and services remain a key component in ensuring that youth within our community do not become involved with justice system as they build on numerous skills that can lead to a successful life.



### Imperial Valley Desert Museum

In 2020, services through the Imperial Valley Desert Museum were ceased for the majority of the year due to Covid-19 restrictions; however, the probation department continues their partnership with the Imperial Valley Desert Museum and their Artist-In-Residence Program. The partnership allowed youth within juvenile hall to receive educational instruction by the Imperial Valley Desert Museum where they learned about traditional culture and participated in art projects throughout the year. The classes and workshops were held within the Imperial County Juvenile Hall and also at the Desert Museum site located in Ocotillo, California.

In addition, the Desert Museum received the Youth Arts Action Grant (YAAG) through the California Arts Council in 2019, which made it possible for them to expand their program offerings to youth involved with the Imperial County Probation Department. The Youth Arts Action Grant allows youth detained at Juvenile Hall to produce artwork, youth involved in the Community Work Service Program to install the artwork produced at juvenile hall, and provides additional educational instruction. The Youth Arts Grant project enabled youth to create sculptures, exterior artworks, and make traditional objects and tools with clay. The second part of the project consisted of utilizing watercolors and painting to encourage creative self-expression. Additionally, through the YAAG grant, some of these paintings were selected to be displayed at the Desert Museum for a future art exhibit. The final part of the project gave youth the opportunity to design and create mosaic tile sculptures, which were taken back to the Desert Museum to become part of the museum's collection of artwork. In addition to the YAAG grant, the Desert Museum offered weekly fine arts and culture projects to youth in Juvenile Hall through their "History on the Go" program. The weekly classes included lessons on traditional Kumeyaay culture, science and technology, and earth science activities. Services through the Imperial Valley Desert Museum resumed in April 2021, however, they were suspended again in Winter 2021 due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in the County, and are once again expected to start in April 2022.

### **Juvenile Hall – Garden of Dreams**

The Garden of Dreams was initially presented in 2015 with the goal of offering youth the opportunity to learn about the delicate balance between living and surviving through a hands-on application. The Garden of Dreams continues to strive through the collaboration between the Imperial County Probation Department, the Master Gardener, and the Esther Huff School teachers where participating youth can experience the importance of working cooperatively with one another, develop leadership skills, and learn responsibility.

The Garden of Dreams facilitates lessons that include creating positive relationships with the environment, creating an understanding of complex and diverse biological ecosystems, creating an understanding of where food comes from, developing experiences through hands-on work, and developing skills that are necessary to tend a garden from seed to harvest.

The Master Gardener provides instruction during the many phases of the growth cycle, which include cultivation of the ground, adding compost to enrich the soil, building and installing an irrigation system and trellises, seeding, watering, harvesting, and transplantation of vegetables. The Esther Huff teacher incorporates lessons in the classroom that include relationships between water, soil, sun,

photosynthesis, phototropism, earthworms, and the role of nutrients in soils. The Garden of Dreams has given youth at Juvenile Hall an opportunity to learn a vocational trade, receive education in nutrition, discover the differences between organic and non-organic, and develop a connection to nature. Working in the garden helps youth create lifelong, positive relationships with the environment that foster environmental stewardship and provides a natural opportunity for youth to work across disciplines and across divisions, and acts as a catalyst for building self-esteem within the participating youth. The circular process from planning and planting to tending and harvesting teaches the participating youth in a practical and visible way and instills in them the values of responsibility, caretaking, patience, and hard work. Funding through YOBG has allowed for the purchase of compost, seed, drip irrigation supplies, and safety apparel for youth working in the garden.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, in order to keep the welfare and safety of youth and staff located within the Juvenile Hall, the Imperial County Probation Department began limiting outside visitors to the hall, which included program facilitators for the Garden of Dreams. As of March 2022, the Master Gardener is once again providing in-person instruction to youth within the Juvenile Hall.

### **Youth Summit**

Although the department was unable to host the Youth Summit this year, due to Covid-19 related restrictions, the Probation Department is looking towards hosting an impactful Summit as soon as safely possible. The intended outcomes of the Youth Summit are to help participating youth and families develop problem-solving skills, build awareness of community resources, and educate them on the importance of healthy lifestyles, life skills, and higher learning. Initially, the targeted population for the Youth Summit was high-risk youth under supervision, however, it has gradually expanded to include youth on probation who pose a lower risk, foster care youth in both the delinquency and dependency arena, as well as local middle and high school students who are not under any type of court jurisdiction. Youthful Offender Block Grant funding supports a keynote speaker, as well as the motivational workshops offered to youth at the Summit.

### **National Youth Project using Motorbikes (NYPUM)**

The Imperial County Probation Department partners with the City of El Centro Parks and Recreation Department and together the agencies coordinate the National Youth Project Using Minibikes Program, an off-road highway program for boys and girls ages 10 through 17. The program tackles the problems of gangs, school truancy, and school behavior that youth in Imperial Valley face. The NYPUM program offers youth an opportunity to develop self-esteem, create values for daily living, and find a sense of belonging using minibikes as a motivational tool. The NYPUM program is able to

use minibikes to attract youth to outdoor activities and provides incentives to improve their lifestyle through the excitement of riding. Youth learn teamwork, fair play, trust, respect for property, discipline and other skills through trail riding.

The NYPUM Program is designed to change the lives of youth in the community through its use of motivational incentives. The program offers healthy peer relationships and positive role models such as law enforcement officers, school officials and city recreation staff. The National Youth Project Using Minibikes Program goals focus on the prevention of negative behavior including substance abuse, truancy, curfew violations and vandalism, as well as teaching youth how to interact more positively with one another. The El Centro NYPUM Program has been recognized nationally through their attendance at the Rose Parade and at national conferences held in Los Angeles and Boston and is currently in its 40<sup>th</sup> year in operation in Imperial County.

During this reporting period, NYPUM had 30 youth participate in safe riding lessons and other positive life skills. Youth were provided with new helmets, riding gear and a mini-bike that they maintain during their time with NYPUM. During this previous year NYPUM also had parents and youth work together to facilitate communication between each other and learn to work more closely as a family. In addition, on July 1, 2021, NYPUM hosted a six-week summer camp with a variety of courses that included, mechanics of the bike, survival lesson plans, cooking programs, camping techniques, first aid/CPR, visits with State OHV staff, workshops with Fish and Game Commission. NYPUM also hosted its first Cook off competition, which included 14 youth that were able to compete against other youth groups.

### **Project A.S.P.I.R.E**

Project ASPIRE is an after school program designed to afford children in underserved communities supervised, pro-social activities between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The four Youth Service Specialists (YSS), a new classification of employee within the Probation Department, will provide educational, recreational and cultural opportunities to the youth they serve. Youth Service Specialists are currently providing programming to Westmorland, Imperial County Juvenile Hall and the Betty Jo McNeece Receiving Home. The Probation Department is currently working towards establishing a second site in Heber in the near future and will be using two vehicles purchased through YOBG funds to transport youth throughout the county to various activities and sites.

## Boys and Girls Club of Imperial Valley

For 53 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Imperial Valley has been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social, and family circumstances. The programs positively affect the quality of life in Imperial Valley for many residents and enhances the partnership with the City of Brawley at the Brawley Teen Center and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Holtville. BGCIV affects youth positively in three priority areas: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles. The program focuses on five key elements for youth development:

1. **Safe and positive environment** – connected to feelings of emotional and physical safety
2. **Fun and a sense of belonging** – giving youth a of community they can be a part of
3. **Supportive relationships** – including positive adult connections
4. **Opportunities and expectations** – including staff expectations of youth
5. **Recognition** – monthly award ceremonies and incentives

Due to Covid-19, the program currently offers Virtual Zoom meeting for Teens two times a week. These online meetings give the teens an opportunity to interact with each other through activities such as games and gives them a chance to step away from the demands of distance learning, the Pandemic, and hang out with their friends. Some of the activities the program has continued to do virtually include:

- ❖ **Teen of the Month:** Recognizing teens for their accomplishments and efforts. Considerations are made by improved grades, being helpful to others, performing community service, kindness, and any overall positive outcomes that youth display.
- ❖ **Mentoring:** The mentoring program helps kids connect and establish healthy relationships with caring adults.
- ❖ **Community Service:** Feeding people at Brawley's *Feed the Need*. Youth prepare and serve a meal for up to 60 individuals and program facilitators were able coordinate meals during the Pandemic as well. In addition, youth were able to provide hygiene items through a BTFN drive.
- ❖ **Cooking Classes:** Teens were able join in on weekly cooking classes. They have learned how to make spaghetti, cupcakes, tortilla soup, fettucine alfredo, pizza, stove-top homemade play dough, and crescent rolls among other good foods.
- ❖ **Movie Night:** The program recently hosted their first movie night earlier this year and it proved to be a huge success. There were 14 teens in attendance, and they participated in activities where they played games, ate food provided by Buffalo Wild Wings and were able to enjoy each other's company.

The program is currently discussing with the City of Brawley to house a program for teen-only, in-person services at the Brawley Teen Center, which will allow them to resume pre-pandemic activities. Additionally, starting in April the program will be hosting a weekly teen-only, in-person gathering while continuing to host Zoom meetings on Mondays.

## Closing

As the State of California and Imperial County continues to move back towards normalcy, many local agencies and programs are operating again with updated plans and practices to ensure that the youth and staff involved can participate in a safe and healthy manner. The continued successes and accomplishments detailed within this report demonstrate that the Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council remains committed to promoting public safety and improving the quality of life for the youth and families within Imperial County. There are a large number of youth and families in Imperial County that rely on the programs and services outlined in this report to keep engaged in positive and impactful activities and the funds provided by the JJCPA/YOBG continue to be an important tool that Imperial County uses to keep youth out of the Juvenile Justice system and guide them towards a better future.

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council will continue to strive to strengthen justice-involved families, protect our local community, and invest in Imperial County youth through the promotion of evidence-based interventions, the implementation and deployment of risk needs-responsivity approach to community supervision, and increased use of diversionary strategies. Additionally, through this multi-agency collaboration, the Imperial County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council will continue to identify and implement changes and strategies needed to meet the challenges within the ever-evolving juvenile justice field.

## Appendix - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 JJCPA Spending Plan

Estimated FY 2022/23 Allocation:	\$	760,000
Growth 21/22 Allocation:	\$	-
Total Available:	\$	760,000

### Fiscal Year 22-23 JJCPA Spending Plan

Department / Program	Funding Amount	Percentage of Total
<b><u>Probation Department:</u></b>		
Salary – One (1) Deputy Probation Officer II*	\$ 58,315	7.67 %
Overtime	\$ 10,000	1.32 %
Bilingual	\$ 520	0.07 %
Medicare*	\$ 846	0.11 %
Retirement*	\$ 27,228	3.58 %
Group Insurance	\$ 7,322	0.96 %
Dental/Vision	\$ -	0.00 %
Redemption of Benefits	\$ 1,489	0.20 %
Worker Comp Insurance*	\$ 43,803	5.76 %
Unemployment Insurance*	\$ 999	0.13 %
Liability Insurance*	\$ 1,764	0.23 %
Overhead Reimbursement*	\$ 1,356	0.18 %
Evening Learning Center (YOBG, WRAP)	\$ 516,000	67.89 %
Office Expense	\$ 1,000	0.13 %
Special Department Expense	\$ 2,500	0.33 %
Transfer Out-Probation (Mileage, Cell Phone)	\$ 6,755	0.89 %
* Overhead	\$ 1,492	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 681,388</b>	<b>89.46 %</b>
<b>Surplus Available</b>	<b>\$ 78,612</b>	

Included in the FY 22-23 Spending Plan is the allocation of one (1) Deputy Probation Officer II's supervising of high/medium risk minors at the Evening Learning Center. The cost includes COB services for the Evening Learning Center and Mentor & Tracking Program.

\*Salary, Benefits, Worker Comp, Unemployment, Liability and Overhead costs are estimated at this time.



# Appendix - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YOBG Spending Plan

**Estimated FY 2021/22 Allocation: \$ 1,700,000**  
**Growth 21/22 Allocation: \$ -**  
**Total Available: \$ 1,700,000**

## Fiscal Year 22-23 YOBG Spending Plan

Department / Program	Funding Amount	Percentage of Total
<b><u>Probation Department:</u></b>		
Salary – One (1) Supervisor Probation Officer, Four (4) Youth Service Specialists, One (1) Probation Assistant, Four (4) Deputy Probation Officer II*	\$ 511,003	30.06 %
Overtime (CWS)	\$ 40,000	2.35 %
Bilingual	\$ 520	0.03 %
Medicare*	\$ 7,410	0.44 %
Retirement*	\$ 209,014	12.29 %
Group Insurance	\$ 108,402	6.38 %
Dental/Vision	\$ 5,556	0.33 %
Redemption of Benefits	\$ 6,177	0.36 %
Garden of Dreams	\$ 8,000	0.47 %
Youth Summit	\$ 5,000	0.29 %
AB12 Recognition	\$ 5,000	0.29 %
Community Work Service Program	\$ 56,986	3.35 %
SAL/PAL	\$ 13,517	0.80 %
NYPUM	\$ 15,000	0.88 %
Boys & Girls Club of Imperial Valley Teen Center	\$ 20,000	1.18 %
Imperial Valley Desert Museum	\$ 15,000	0.88 %
Vehicle Maintenance Fees	\$ 9,600	0.56 %
Transfer Out - Probation (Mileage, CWS OT)	\$ 30,000	1.76 %
Project ASPIRE Operating Costs	\$ 50,000	2.94 %
Project ASPIRE Vehicle Purchase (2 Vans)	\$ 67,000	3.94 %
Case Management System	\$ 69,450	4.09 %
Capital Improvement Projects – Juvenile Hall	\$ 335,000	19.71 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,587,634</b>	<b>93.39 %</b>

\*Salary, Benefits, Worker Comp, Unemployment, Liability and Overhead costs are estimated at this time. Included in the FY 22-23 Spending Plan is funding services provided to Youth within the Community. This includes funding for one (1) Supervisory Probation Officer, four (4) Deputy Probation Officers, four (4) Youth Service Specialists, and one (1) Probation Assistant to provide services. (County Allocation 1.06361416% 21-22 based on youth between the ages of 10-17, 1/1/20 and felony dispositions calendar year 2018) Dates will change for 22-23 as well as stats. Capital Improvement Projects for Juvenile Hall include Basketball Court Resurface and Soccer Field.

## Appendix - Imperial County Juvenile Referral Data

Below is information submitted for the 2021 JJCPA-YOBG Data Expenditure Report

### Referrals of Juveniles to Probation Department for Delinquent Acts - 2020

Referral Type	
New	250
Subsequent	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

Gender	
Male	251
Female	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

Referral Source	
Law Enforcement	331
Transfer – Other County/State	8
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

Detention	
Not Detained	179
Detained – Nonsecure Facility	1
Detained – Secure Facility	155
Unknown	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

Prosecutor Actions	
No Petition Filed	188
Petition Accepted	155
Petition Not Accepted	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

Probation Dept. Disposition	
Closed	184
Petition Filed	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>

Referral Offenses	
Felony Total	278
Misdemeanor Total	389
Status Offenses Total	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>670</b>

Petitioned Offenses	
Felony Total	254
Misdemeanor Total	136
Status Offenses Total	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>390</b>

### Juvenile Court Dispositions Resulting From Petitions for Delinquent Acts - 2020

Wardship Placements	
Own / Relative's Home	68
Other Public Facility	0
Other Private Facility	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

Termination Actions	
Terminated	90
Transferred	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

## Appendix - Imperial Juvenile Referral Offense Breakdown

Referral Offense	Total	Age									
		Under 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & Over
<b>Total</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Felony Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>107</b>
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Assault	59	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	9	15	25
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	10	4
Theft	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Arson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Narcotics	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	7	6
Marijuana	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1
Dangerous Drugs	69	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	9	25	28
Other Drug Violations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lewd or Lascivious	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other Sex	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Weapons	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	12	0
Drive Under Influence	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hit-and-Run	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other Felonies	57	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	1	17	28
<b>Misdemeanor Total</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>134</b>
Assault and Battery	103	0	0	0	1	2	7	16	24	39	14
Burglary	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0
Petty Theft	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	5	2
Other Theft	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	3	3
Marijuana	37	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	12	6	10
Other Drugs	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	5
Indecent Exposure	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lewd Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contributing Del. Minor	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Drunk	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	3
Liquor Laws	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	5
Disorderly Conduct	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Disturbing the Peace	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Vandalism	24	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	7	7	2
Malicious Mischief	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Trespassing	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	1
Weapons	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	4
DUI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hit-and-Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selected Traffic	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Joy Riding	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other Misdemeanor	116	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	14	18	81

## Appendix - Imperial Juvenile Petitioned Offense Breakdown

Petitioned Offense	Total	Age									
		Under 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & Over
<b>Total</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Felony Total</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>103</b>
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
Assault	52	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	8	15	24
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	9	4
Theft	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Narcotics	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	7	5
Marijuana	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dangerous Drugs	69	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	9	25	28
Other Drug Violations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lewd or Lascivious	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other Sex	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Weapons	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	11	0
Other Felonies	50	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	15	26
<b>Misdemeanor Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>31</b>
Assault and Battery	57	0	0	0	0	2	3	7	13	22	10
Burglary	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Petty Theft	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	1	2
Other Theft	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2
Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Drugs	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Indecent Exposure	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lewd Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disturbing the Peace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	5	0
Malicious Mischief	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trespassing	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0
Weapons	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	4	0
DUI	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hit-and-Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Selected Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joy Riding	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other Misdemeanor	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	11