

# Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Charter

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## Vision: What's the overarching vision for the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)?

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council's (JJCC) vision is a balanced, complete, equitable, and effective Juvenile Justice continuum that protects community safety by establishing youth on a trajectory toward crime-free, healthy, prosperous, and self-sufficient adulthood.

## Goals and Objectives: What are the main purposes of the JJCC?

Probation Departments that receive Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds are required to update and approve annual plans to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC).

From Welfare and Institutions Code 749.22, the JJCC's main purpose is the development of a Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) that identifies the resources and strategies for providing an effective continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment, and incarceration of male and female juvenile offenders, including strategies to develop and implement locally based or regionally based out-of-home placement options for youths involved in the juvenile justice system.

The JJCC will do this by identifying strategies and programs that:

- Divert or prevent low and moderate at-risk youth from entering the justice system
- Assess youth who have entered the system and intervene to match them with services focused on their risks and needs
- Focus on positive behavior change and suppression through evidence-based and culturally informed services, case management, family engagement, data collection, and reentry preparation
- Provide a trauma and culturally informed array of programming and trainings for youth who require temporary confinement to assure community safety

In addition, the JJCC can provide guidance and recommendations to its Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee (JJRS) in the development of a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for youth who are realigned from the state Division of Juvenile Justice or who would otherwise be eligible for commitment to the Division of Juvenile Justice prior to its closure. The JJRS will meet at least annually in anticipation of its plan submission, and additionally if needed as determined by its members.

## Scope and Boundaries: What are the expectations of the JJCC's responsibilities? What boundaries exist related to its roles or functions?

From WIC Section 749.22: Each county shall be required to establish a multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council that shall develop and implement a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following components:

(a) An assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services,

drug and alcohol and youth services resources which specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

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

(c) A local action plan (LAP) for improving and marshaling the resources set forth in subdivision (a) to reduce the incidence of juvenile crime and delinquency in the areas targeted pursuant to subdivision (b) and the greater community. The councils shall prepare their plans to maximize the provision of collaborative and integrated services of all the resources set forth in subdivision (a), and shall provide specified strategies for all elements of response, including prevention, intervention, suppression, and incapacitation, to provide a continuum for addressing the identified male and female juvenile crime problem, and strategies to develop and implement locally based or regionally based out-of-home placement options for youths who are persons described in Section 602.

(d) Develop information and intelligence-sharing systems to ensure that county actions are fully coordinated, and to provide data for measuring the success of the grantee in achieving its goals. The plan shall develop goals related to the outcome measures that shall be used to determine the effectiveness of the program.

(e) Identify outcome measures which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The rate of juvenile arrests.
- (2) The rate of successful completion of probation.
- (3) The rate of successful completion of restitution and court-ordered community service responsibilities.

## Roles and Responsibilities: Who participates and in what ways?

From WIC Section 749.22: [E]ach county shall be required to establish a multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council that shall develop and implement a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime. The coordinating councils shall, at a minimum, include the chief probation officer, as chair, and one representative each from the district attorney's office, the public defender's office, the sheriff's department, the board of supervisors, the department of social services, the department of mental health, a community-based drug and alcohol program, a city police department, the county office of education or a school district, and an at-large community representative. In order to carry out its duties pursuant to this section, a coordinating council shall also include representatives from nonprofit community-based organizations providing services to minors.

The JJCC will update the Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan annually as progress is made and new issues emerge, though the full assessment, prioritization, action planning, intelligence and information sharing, and outcome measure development processes will be done less frequently.

## Communication Protocols: How does the JJCC communicate internally and with other entities? How is communication facilitated and how often?

- Agendas and meeting material will be posted online and at a designated public location by the Chair or their designee in advance of each Committee meeting in compliance with the Brown Act and with support from Probation staff support.
- Meeting Minutes will be recorded by the Probation staff, approved at the subsequent meeting by the Committee, and posted online in compliance with the Brown Act.

- Plans falling under the JJCC’s purview will be communicated by the Probation Department to the:
  - County Board of Supervisors,
  - Office of Youth and Community Restoration, or
  - Any other mandated State or Federal oversight bodies.
- Plans will be posted publicly on Probation’s website.

**Resources available to the project:** What resources are available to support the work? What resources are important to document in the charter?

The Probation Department’s Juvenile Division will provide staff support to JJCC meetings, including meeting logistics and documentation, and posting and distribution of JJCC meeting documents. In support of ongoing planning processes, the Juvenile Division will also provide draft plan documents for JJCC review, data analysis and reports, literature reviews on evidence-based and promising practices and programs, and project management.

**Authority:** Over what decisions or processes does the JJCC have authority? What are the limits of the team’s authority?

In 1995, under the authorization of WIC Section 749.22, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors formed the Juvenile Oversight Committee which was renamed the JJCC, with the responsibility of discussing policy issues relevant to the needs of youth in Sonoma County. Under WIC Section 749.22, the Committee developed the CMJJ Plan that identifies resources and strategies for providing an effective continuum of responses for crime prevention, intervention, suppression, and incapacitation for these youths, including strategies to develop and implement community-based service options or regionally based out-of-home placements that are evidence-based and culturally informed. Decisions about the types of services to implement are within the JJCC’s authority. Decisions about which community based organizations receive funding to provide services are not within the JJCC’s authority. Contract awards are made via a competitive process subject to the County’s purchasing rules.

**Deliverables:** What are expected deliverables of the team and its members?

- Develop the CMJJ Plan on an interval as determined by the JJCC
- Review and approve Juvenile Justice Plan for annual submission to the BSCC by May 1
- Provide guidance and recommendations as requested by the JJRS on its Realignment Plan, as described in WIC Section(s) 1990-1995