

## MENDOCINO COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (JJCC) SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, August 16, 2021 Virtual Meeting

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3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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#### 1. Call To Order:

- 1a) Welcome
- 1b) Introductions
- 1c) Additions or Corrections to Agenda

## 2. Public Comment for items not on agenda

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#### 3. Consent Calendar

## 3a) Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2021

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting.

Attachment(s):

July 19, 2021 Minutes - DRAFT

# 3b) Review, Discussion and Approval of Language Edits Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2)) of the DJJ Plan

Recommended Action:

Approve Part 3 Plan edits.

#### Attachment(s):

Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan dated August 11, 2021 - DRAFT



# 3c) Review, Discussion and Approval of Draft Language Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995(3)(a-f)) of the DJJ Plan

Recommended Action:

Approve Part 4 draft language.

#### Attachment(s):

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# 3d) Review, Discussion and Approval of Draft Language Part 5: Facility Plan (WIC 1995(4)) of the DJJ Plan

Recommended Action:

Approve Part 5 draft language.

#### Attachment(s):

Mendocino County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan dated August 11, 2021 - DRAFT

## 4. State Implementation Updates

#### 4a) Legislative Update

Recommended Action:

Receive update and discuss as necessary.

#### Attachment(s):

None

#### 4b) Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Update

Recommended Action:

Receive update and discuss as necessary.

#### Attachment(s):

None

#### 4c) SB 823 County Collaboration Consortium Workgroup Update

Recommended Action:

Receive update and discuss as necessary.

#### Attachment(s):

None



## 4d) Host and Partner Counties Secure Track Information Update

Recommended Action:

Receive update and discuss as necessary.

Attachment(s):

None

## 5. Meeting Schedule Change

5a) Discussion and Approval of Adding August 30, 2021 to Meeting Schedule

Recommended Action:

Approve adding additional meeting date of August 30, 2021.

Attachment(s):

None

<u>Adjournment:</u> The next Regular JJCC SB 823 Subcommittee meeting will be held virtually on August 30, 2021, at 3:00pm, subject to approval of agenda item 5a.

# Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan

**Date:** August 11, 2021

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## Background and Instructions:

Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995 establish the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program for the purpose of providing county-based care, custody, and supervision of 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.

To be eligible for funding allocations associated with this grant program, counties shall create a subcommittee of the multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitative services for realigned youth.

County plans are to be submitted and revised in accordance with WIC 1995, and may be posted, as submitted, to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration website.

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## Part 1: Subcommittee Composition (WIC 1995 (b) )

List the subcommittee members, agency affiliation where applicable, and contact information:

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## Part 2: Target Population (WIC 1995 (C) (1))

Briefly describe the County's realignment target population supported by the block grant:

Mendocino County's target population are male youth ages 17-23 who have committed serious, violent offenses as listed in Section 707(b) of the WIC involving physical and/or psychological harm to a victim. The youth served in this population are those who have been found unsuitable for a less restrictive alternative disposition by the Court. Based on recent historical information, it is anticipated the number of Mendocino County youth supported by the block grant will be less than five (5) youth. Mendocino County will not be able to serve youth requiring specialized therapeutic needs such as sex offenders. Additionally, Mendocino County will not be able to serve female youth. For these youth, Mendocino County plans to contract with a Host county or regional facility.

Demographics of identified target population, including anticipated numbers of youth served, disaggregated by factors including age, gender race or ethnicity, and offense/offense history:

Since 2018, there have been four (4) Mendocino County youth who have been committed to DJJ. The age at time of commitment for the four youth was as follows:

### Age at Time of Commitment:

Age 15 – 1

Age 16 – 1

Age 18 – 2

One of the youth returned to the community in early 2020. However, the individual immediately transferred to a different county of residence and therefore, is no longer under the jurisdiction of Mendocino County. The remaining three (3) youth, currently housed at DJJ, have the following demographics.

## Current Age:

Age 18 – 1

Age 19 – 1

Age 20 – 1

## Gender:

Male - 3

## Race or Ethnicity:

Hispanic - 3

## Offense/Offense History:

(F) 187(a) PC: Murder - 1

(F) 245(a)(2) PC: Assault with a Firearm – 2

Prior to 2018, Mendocino County had not committed a youth to DJJ since 2007. However, in 2010 a youth whose case was handled as an adult direct filing, under today's law would have been committed to DJJ due to the age of the youth.

Describe any additional relevant information pertaining to identified target population, including programs, placements and/or facilities to which they have been referred.

Mendocino County has not committed a youth to DJJ until recently and therefore only has three (3) housed youth in DJJ. Our one youth who was previously released is no longer a Mendocino County resident, therefore was not referred to programs or services through our department. Programs and services our current DJJ housed youth are receiving include the following:

#### Primary Interventions:

Aggression Interruption Training (AIT)
Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBI-SA)

Introduction to Treatment

Skill of the Week (SOTW)

Family Counseling

## Supplemental Interventions - Journaling:

Victim Awareness

Relationship and Communication Skills

Express Yourself

Moods Matter

## Mental Health Treatment Programs:

Intensive Behavior Treatment Program (IBTP) — Rehabilitative residential program Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)

Individual Therapy

**CBT Based Education** 

Reality Testing

#### Education/Employment:

Special Education

Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

Associated Academic Support

Individual Counseling with School Psychologist

**Employability Skills** 

#### Medical:

Wards with Disability Program (WDP)

## Part 3: Programs and Services (WIC 1995 (c)(2))

Provide a description of the facilities, programs, placements, services and service providers, supervision, and other responses that will be provided to the target population:

Mendocino County operates a juvenile detention facility named Mendocino County Juvenile Hall (MCJH). MCJH is a 42-bed facility with three (3) units, known as A-Unit, B-Unit and C-Unit. The layout of A and B units includes a long hallway of housing with living areas for each unit at the end of the hallway. Currently B-Unit is the only living area utilized. C-Unit is a self-contained unit, including dining area and an attached classroom, formally used for housing male violent offenders. This unit is currently closed but is the identified location to house the target population. C-Unit houses 10 youth with the ability to double-up in two (2) rooms for a maximum occupancy of 12.

All Secure Track youth will be provided access to treatment and services that promote and support rehabilitation and a reduction in recidivism. Additionally, we will promote and provide a safe, healthy, and secure environment at the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall and a successful, supported reentry into the community.

Upon entry into the Secure Track, each youth will be assigned to the Transition Plan Committee. This committee which consist of a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Supervising Juvenile Corrections Officer, Mental Health Clinician, Education Representative, and Medical Staff Representative who will also serve as the Secure Track Treatment Team and be responsible for all assessment and treatment plan development and oversight. During the first 30 days, all assessments and case plans will be developed to support the youth's treatment goals. During this time family members as well as other pro-social adults will also be identified and encouraged to visit weekly and support the youth's treatment goals and case plan.

The Mendocino County Juvenile Hall utilizes the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). This comprehensive assessment instrument measures a youth's risk and protective factors in the following 12 domains:

- Use of Free Time
- Criminal History
- School
- Employment
- Relationships
- Family
- Living Arrangements
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Mental Health
- Attitudes/Behaviors
- Aggression
- Skills

Assessment of criminogenic risk factors and treatment directed toward changing dynamic characteristics provides the best chance of reducing recidivism. We will focus our case plans based upon the youth's top three identified criminogenic needs.

To meet this need, the core services provided to our Secure Track youth will aim to promote prosocial changes in attitude and behavior and prepare our youth for a positive reentry in to the community. The services we aim to provide are:

- Anger Management Handling Difficult Feelings group provided by GEO Reentry Services
  (GEO) utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive Journaling Series Change Companies
  Cognitive-behavioral series that uses evidence-based strategies to assist youth involved in
  the criminal justice system. Handling Difficult Feelings encourages participants to identify
  their difficult feelings and how they connect to irresponsible behaviors. They will explore
  seven proven strategies that will help them cope with their difficult feelings and then develop
  a plan to deal with them as they arise.
- What Got Me Here group provided by GEO utilizes the Forward Thinking Interactive
  Journaling Series Change Companies Cognitive-behavioral series. In What Got Me Here?,
  participants explore the consequences of past decision and begin to learn skills for
  controlling anger, handling negative peer pressure, working with authority figures and
  strengthening family ties.
- Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) provided by GEO including group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT), MRT-based workbooks CCI MRT Cognitive-behavioral treatment system that leads to enhanced moral reasoning, better decision making, and more appropriate behavior. Juvenile How to Escape Your Prison is used with all types of juvenile offenders including juveniles with substance abuse disorders. Topics include but are not limited to Honesty, Trust and Acceptance, Goal Planning, Raising Awareness and Helping Others.
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment provided by Mendocino County Behavioral Health Services
- Peaceful Warrior Project Aikido provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Instructors provide structured classes of the Japanese martial art where the youth are taught self-defense while offering a peaceful path to conflict resolution, teaching the practical skills in order for youth to center and calm themselves. The program teaches critical life skills such as respect, focus, perseverance, self-awareness, compassion, and self-discipline.
- Peaceful Warrior Project Mindfulness Meditation provided by Mendocino County Aikido.
  Through structured classes of meditation, youth are taught to proactively observe their
  present moment experience consisting of sensations, thoughts, memories or images,
  without reacting to it and ultimately learning to make conscious healthy decisions.

- Peaceful Warrior Project Trauma Resiliency and Emotional Regulation Skill Development provided by Mendocino County Aikido. Youth are provided one-on-one sessions of structured coaching and skill building to assist youth in developing resiliency to internal and external trauma triggers and emotional, cognitive and behavioral patterns. The instructors specialize in working with youth who have grown up in highly adverse environments including but not limited to: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other highly traumatic experiences.
- Mental Health Counseling provided by Mendocino County Youth Project utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy which focuses on the connection between thoughts, behaviors, and emotions to help teens develop healthy coping skills. Motivational Interviewing builds awareness and helps individuals develop the motivation they need to change their lives including substance abuse issues. Solution-focused brief therapy places focus on a person's present and future circumstances and goals. Harm Reduction and Dialectical Behavior Therapy clients learn how to manage strong emotions and develop mindfulness.
- Gardening Project provided by The Unconditional Freedom Project. Our program aims to
  introduce our youth to sustainable and organic gardening practices that can be used to
  grow food in backyards. The produce grown in our garden will be donated to local Senior
  Centers and Food Banks, increasing the availability of fresh vegetables and fruits to these
  populations. Some produce will also be used to provide nutritional workshops to our youth,
  increasing their understanding of nutrition, how it affects the body and making healthy food
  choices.
- The Council for Boys and Young Men provided by Mendocino County Probation staff addresses risk factors and empowers boys and young men to find belonging, build assets, and deconstruct harmful masculinity beliefs on their journey toward becoming respectful leaders and connected allies in their community. Through guided discussions, the group inspires young men to be self-motivated to change and to develop and practice skills that can be transferred to classrooms, neighborhoods, job training, or sports.
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)/Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
- Positive Behavior Management System provided by MCJH is a point system designed to reward specific youth behaviors while positively reinforcing the facility standard expectations. The program encourages youth to improve upon behaviors below the standard expectations and encourages youth to go above and beyond those expectations.
- Culinary Arts vocational certificates through Mendocino College
- Post-Secondary Education opportunities (Rising Scholars).

• Family Engagement Workshops provided by Redwood Valley Rancheria. These family group sessions address topics on Parents as Partners, Structure, Healthy Relationships, Understanding Trauma, and Community Resources.

Youth assessed and requiring more specialized programming in the areas of Gang Involvement or Substance Abuse Treatment will be referred to the appropriate provider. Our program will operate on a weekly schedule and be in compliance with all Title 15 regulations. We will structure the daily activities around the treatment program but will include ample inside free leisure times as well as structured outside recreation activities.

The Secure Track Treatment Team will provide a progress report at 6-month intervals outlining progress in the program and milestones reached, as well as, a description of additional treatment, educational and vocational needs. Additional areas that may be addressed in this report may include but are not limited to input from family members, victim notification, restitution, and written statement from the youth. This report will be submitted to the Juvenile Court for review. At the time of this 6-month review hearing the Court may continue the youth in the Secure Track Treatment Program, order the youth in to a less restrictive program which could be either a custodial or non-custodial setting. The less restrictive placement will be considered part of the baseline term. The Court may also reduce the baseline term by 6 months.

After the 12-month review and dependent upon rehabilitative goals, the secure track youth will be assessed for vocational training opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- Mendocino College Certificate Completion Program (Rising Scholars)
- Culinary Certificates
- Gardening/Horticulture
- Sonoma County Camp Program
- Other Regional Facility Training Programs

MCJH currently provides the following programs and services:

- Anger Management Handling Difficult Feelings group provided by GEO
- What Got Me Here group provided by GEO
- Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) provided by GEO including group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT)
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment provided by Mendocino County Behavioral Health Services
- Peaceful Warrior Project Aikido, Mindfulness Meditation and Trauma Resiliency and Emotional Regulation Skill Development provided by Mendocino County Aikido
- Mental Health Counseling provided by Mendocino County Youth Project
- Gardening Project provided by The Unconditional Freedom Project
- The Council for Boys and Young Men provided by Mendocino County Probation staff
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)/Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

#### Positive Behavior Management System provided by MCJH

Mendocino County Probation also utilizes the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) risk assessment instrument to identify individual youth criminogenic needs, risk factors and protective factors to aide in the development of their individual case plan. Additionally, a Multi-Disciplinary Team and Transitional Planning Team meetings are used to discuss the status of the youth's goals and needs.



Part 4: Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Funds (WIC 1995 (3)(a))

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address the mental health, sex offender treatment, or related behavioral or trauma-based needs of the target population:

#### Mental Health

Currently, MCJH has a Mental Health Clinician (24 hours per week), psychiatric assessments and medication management (5 hours per month), and crisis services. Mendocino County plans to enhance existing Mental Health Services by completing a comprehensive Intake and Clinical Assessment to identify youth needs and create a treatment plan. As well as, implementing new treatment programs and group therapy. (ie. Aggression Replacement Therapy)

#### Sex Offender Treatment

Mendocino County plans to partner with another county in collaboration with the Consortium for sex offender treatment.

#### Related Behavioral or Trauma-based Needs

MCJH staff Intake Assessments will identify and address trauma in youth. Further, staff will receive ongoing training on adolescent development, trauma informed approaches, mental health needs, cultural responsivity, motivational interviewing and de-escalation.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address support programs or services that promote healthy adolescent development for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (B) )

Mendocino County will continue to work with our community-based organizations to offer appropriate programs such as life skills development. MCJH plans to implement an assessment of the youths psychological functioning, academic and vocational interests, physical health and maturation, family history and support, social development, and leisure activities and interests. Additionally, MCJH staff will provide mentoring and role modeling and TAY program.

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address family engagement in programs for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (C) )

Mendocino County is currently working on implementing family counseling and plans to continue to enhance family engagement through Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT-M) and utilizing family strengthening curriculum, such as Functional Family Therapy (FFT).

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address reentry, including planning and linkages to support employment, housing and continuing education for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (D))

Mendocino County will create a Reentry Case Plan including a detailed transition plan to community services, as well as, implement employment support and vocational skills training and enhance our post-secondary educational opportunities.

Housing?

Describe how the County plans to apply grant funds to address evidence-based, promising, trauma-informed and culturally responsive services for the target population: (WIC 1995 (3) (E) )

Mendocino County is currently participating in the Trauma Informed Implementation Project (TIIP) with the California Center of Excellence for Trauma Informed Care and Mendocino County Youth Project to assess our current levels of trauma-informed practice, to specify recommendations for improved service delivery and to provide outside verification to certify our department's level of trauma-informed transformation. Mendocino County has been assessed and staff have received training. MCJH staff will continue to receive ongoing training.

MCJH will also have a supervisor responsible for programming coordination, addressing evidence-based services and data collection. We will continue to ensure our program and services are either evidence-based, evidence informed, or based on promising practices. We plan to identify new programs that are trauma-informed and culturally responsive.

Additionally, Mendocino County will continue to utilize the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to assess and identify a youth's risk level to reoffend as well as their criminogenic needs. This allows for an individualized case plan identifying both their risk factors and protective factors. The PACT is validated for youth up to age 21. For youth over the age of 21, the Static Risk and Needs Assessment (SRNA) will be used.

Mendocino County will also implement the use of interactive journaling with Thinking for Change and Courage to Change workbooks. Additionally, we plan to implement Phoenix Gang Intervention curriculum.

Describe whether and how the County plans to apply grant funds to include services or programs for the target population that are provided by nongovernmental or community-based providers: (WIC 1995 (3) (F)

Mendocino County is committed to a collaborative approach to develop and implement innovative services to support the needs of realigned youth, including expanded programming and services with our community-based providers. It is recognized there will likely be gaps in services and programs that will be discovered as the County plan develops or new legislation evolves. In those instances, we would be looking to our nongovernmental agencies and community-based organizations to fill the gap.

## Part 5: Facility Plan

Describe in detail each of the facilities that the County plans to use to house or confine the target population at varying levels of offense severity and treatment need, and improvements to accommodate long-term commitments. Facility information shall also include information on how the facilities will ensure the safety and protection of youth having different ages, genders, special needs, and other relevant characteristics. (WIC 1995 (4))

Mendocino County's intention is to utilize what is currently known as C-Unit to accommodate our realigned youth. This wing of Mendocino County Juvenile Hall is a secure, self-contained residential facility with the capacity of 10 beds. C-Unit has its own day roo m for structured inside activities, dining area as well as an attached classroom to meet the educational needs of our youth. Exiting C-Unit to the West, our youth will utilize the outdoor physical recreation area equipped with a basketball court, exercise area, covered walkways (shade and rain), landscaped grass area and trees.

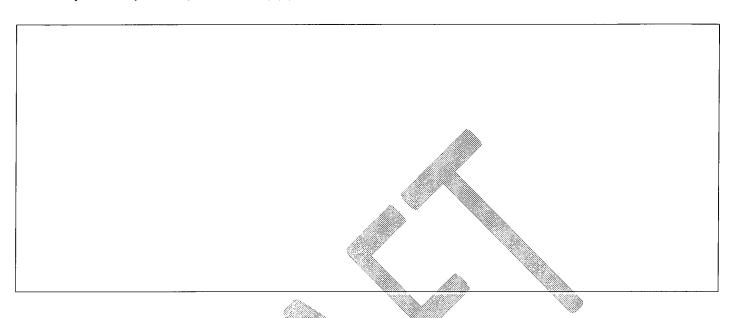
C-Unit will allow for some separation by age or other needs as identified during classification. Our realigned youth will also be assessed using the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) as well as additional risk assessment tools as deemed appropriate. Historically, Mendocino County has committed male youth to the Department of Juvenile Justice at a very low rate and no record of a female commitment in the last 20 years. Based upon that data, female commitments would be better served in a setting where additional female youth can be housed and program together. Therefore, we would contract with another county to provide the secure track housing and treatment for the female population. To better serve our realigned male youth and surround them with other like-gendered youth, Mendocino County is willing to accept commitments from other counties of similar size and demographics. Mendocino County will not be accepting commitments for sex offenses or severe mental health.

In order to have the programming and service delivery outlined in Part 3 of this plan, some facility modifications will be necessary to ensure the safety and security of youth and staff. Additional security camera systems will be added throughout the facility to ensure the safety of our youth, staff and community partners, as well as, investigate allegations as needed. Technology will be added to C-Unit classroom to allow student assess to post-secondary educational opportunities. The classroom will also be painted with a splash of color and include upgraded furniture fixings to promote a comfortable learning environment.

We will re-purpose a previously closed classroom and create a Multi-Use Resource Room to offer our youth access to community based services, family engagement workshops and an adequate space for group facilitation. The Multi-Use Resource Room will need security camera installation, technology upgrades to allow youth access to webinars and other online learning platforms as well as furniture and cosmetic alterations.

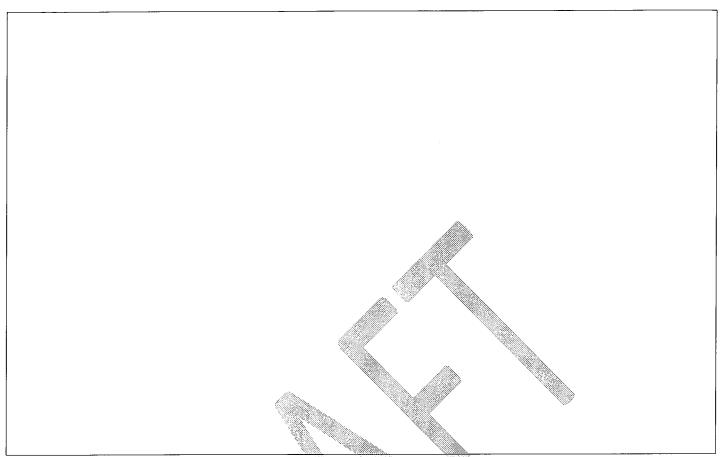
## Part 6: Retaining the Target Population in the Juvenile Justice System

Describe how the plan will incentivize or facilitate the retention of the target population within the jurisdiction and rehabilitative foundation of the juvenile justice system, in lieu of transfer to the adult criminal justice system: (WIC 1995 (5))



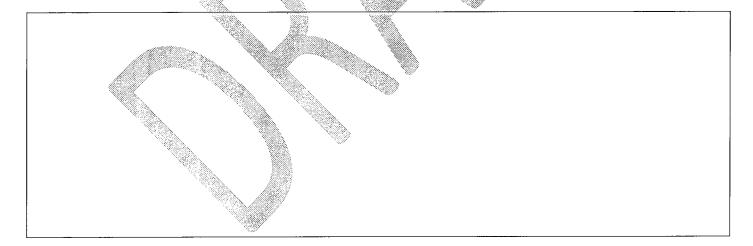
## Part 7: Regional Effort

Describe any regional agreements or arrangements supported by the County's block grant allocation: (WIC 1995 (6))



Part 8: Data

Describe how data will be collected on youth served by the block grant: (WIC 1995 (7))



Describe outcome measures that will be utilized to determine the results of the programs and interventions supported by block grant funds: (WIC 1995 (7))

