

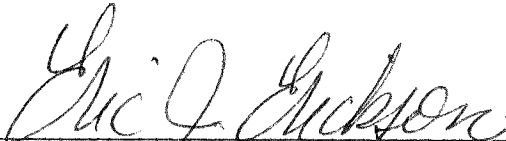
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MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 83-21

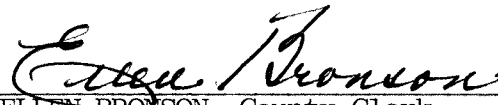
RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County to approve the concept paper setting forth the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program in conjunction with the grant application to the Criminal Justice Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 1st day of February, 1983 by the following vote:


- AYES: Barrick, Taber, Dalton, Erickson, Moffitt
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAINED: None

  
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 ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman  
 Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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 ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk  
 Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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 RICHARD K. DENHALTER  
 County Counsel

## DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAM

### Problem Description

Mariposa is a 100% rural and 100% mountainous county geographically located in the Sierra near the center of the state. The county seat is the village of Mariposa with a population of approximately 1,100 people. The county contains about 1,500 sq. miles and has approximately 11,000 permanent residents. There is an influx of over two million visitors and seasonal residents per year. Geographically, the county contains much of Yosemite National Park and all the populated communities of the Park such as Yosemite Valley, El Portal, Badger Pass and Wawona. The Park is an exclusive federal reservation with laws administered through Park authorities exclusive of state and local ordinance. However, social services and schools are provided by Mariposa County for residents of the Park. In addition to the Parks presence in the County, the remainder of the County is geographically and socially divided by the Merced River. North of the river lies Coulterville and Greeley Hill with the population there identifying themselves as unique and separate from Mariposa proper containing the villages of Mariposa, Midpines, Cathey's Valley, Bootjack, Hornitos, Mt. Bullion and Bear Valley. Mariposa is centrally located in the County with Yosemite Valley approximately 50 miles to the East and Coulterville 26 miles to the North.

There are two high schools, Mariposa High and Spring Hill, both located in Mariposa with a total enrollment of 702 students. Mariposa Jr. High, also located in Mariposa has 243 students enrolled. Elementary schools are located in Yosemite, Wawona, El Portal, Mariposa, Bootjack and Cathey's Valley with a combined enrollment of 690 students. There are about 22 more students involved in home and independent study totalling 1,930 registered students in the County.

Mariposa is unique in that it lacks many of the social diversions and services found in populous areas such as public transportation, movie theaters, skating rinks, etc.. The nature of the community promotes isolation and separation among the youth.

Unemployment in the county is higher than the state average (4025 vs 3604 per 100,000), and the youth rate would be expected to be much higher. Suicide is more prevalent than the statewide average and the number of recipients of AFDC and food-stamps exceed the state average by 10 to 20%.

In 1981 there were 229 students between the ages of 14 to 18 referred to Probation for a variety of problems from traffic and alcohol violations to armed kidnapping. A total of 272 juveniles were referred to Probation and Juvenile Court in 1981.

At present there are no alternatives to the conventional avenues of the Juvenile Justice system disposition. There is no mechanism for early identification of adolescents at risk and for referral to appropriate services.

The gravest problems as seen in the last needs assessment in the adolescent population is alcohol abuse first and marijuana use and abuse second.

#### Program Purpose

This program design has four basic goals.

The first goal is to identify the adolescents at risk and divert them to appropriate services. This program of identification will function in the Junior & Senior high schools (with an enrollment of 1042 students, and family members significant to these students total approximately 3000) and the Student Attendance Review Board.

The second goal is to identify adolescents entering the juvenile justice system who would benefit by diversion to an appropriate service to deal with their particular dysfunctional behavior. This element will function in the Probation Department, Juvenile Court and the Sheriff's Department.

Third is to divert identified adolescents to services properly equipped to deal with their particular problems as an alternative to the Juvenile Justice System.

Fourth is to identify dysfunctional families that are affecting the student family member and intervening in that process.

#### Methodology

The first element consists of a full time masters level staff person trained in family dynamics and substance abuse identification and intervention who will be as-

signed to the Junior and Senior High schools, the County Probation Department, the Student Attendance Review Board, the Juvenile Court and the Sheriff's Department as the Delinquency Prevention Coordinator. This person will assist school teaching staff in identifying students at risk and intervening and assessing those students who are beginning to exhibit the symptoms of developing problems such as alcohol or other drug use, belligerent behavior, excessive absences or tardiness, decline in school grades and other disruptive or antisocial behavior. Those cases being referred will be reviewed by a triage team from Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug services together with the Prevention Coordinator. The triage team will determine a course of action and that plan will be presented in writing to the student, the parents and the referring school staff. Referrals from the Student Attendance Review Board, Probation, Juvenile Court and the Sheriff's Office will use the same process.

The second element will be training and education of the staff and parents. The Prevention Coordinator will be responsible to provide in-service and workshop training for school staff, including teaching, administrative and supervisory staff. The staff of the Probation Department, Juvenile Court, the Student Attendance Review Board, and the Sheriff's Department along with the parents of students enrolled in the schools will be presented four educational presentations yearly.

The third element will be delivery of services. A Substance Abuse Intervention Group will be conducted by the Prevention Coordinator and Alcohol Services staff. This group will target alcohol and other drug users and concentrate on alternative lifestyles, self esteem and substance abuse education. Mental Health Counselors will provide a weekly group to adolescents who are experiencing family, behavioral or disciplinary problems other than substance abuse. Dysfunctional families will be referred to Mental Health program staff, other self help groups or County Social Services for appropriate services.

The fourth element will be follow-up and referral of juvenile and adult clients completing a prescribed course of services. These clients will be referred to

Alcohol and Drug services, Mental Health services or to community self help groups such as Alanon, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alateen or Parenting Groups.

#### Evaluation

The Prevention Coordinator will be responsible for data collection. This staff person will record the student and parent contacts, referrals, sources of referrals, referral outcomes, training hours, workshop sessions, numbers of staff or participants attending and the weekly census of the therapy groups. This data will be compiled by the Alcohol and Drug program Administrator into a monthly statistical report to be analyzed by the Director of Mental Health and reviewed by the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board at their monthly public meeting. The format of this report will illustrate the comparison of the percentage of students being diverted and the number of students entering the Justice System. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of youth entering the criminal justice process in Mariposa County.

#### Sponsoring Agency

The sponsoring agency is (Kings View Inc., 1915 N. Fine Ave., Fresno, Ca. 93727) dba Alcohol and Drug Services for Mariposa County. Currently Kings View Inc. provides Mental Health, Drug Abuse and Alcohol services to Mariposa County residents through a contract with the County. Kings View was founded in 1951 as a non-profit corporation to provide mental health services and presently serves Mariposa, Madera, Kings, and Tulare Counties employing 486 staff. Alcohol and Drug services for Mariposa is under the Mariposa Mental Health system providing DUI services, identification, prevention and referral and employing eight full and part-time staff. This is the most appropriate agency to provide this project due to the past 5 years experience in providing prevention and education services to these agencies and most recently, in 1982, the Youth Substance Abuse Group was initiated as a pilot project and diverted 10 students, successfully to date, from the juvenile justice system. This project is designed to expand on this successful pilot project.

CONCEPT PAPER FACESHEETTitle of Project Delinquency Prevention Grant Application1. Sponsoring Agency Kings View Inc. (Alcohol & Drug Services for Mariposa CountyAddress P.O. Box 985Telephone (209) 966-5859  
Area Code

2. Person to Whom CYA Should Direct All Communications Concerning Concept Paper:

Name Jim Craig Title AdministratorAddress P.O. Box 985, Mariposa, Ca. 95338Telephone (209) 966-5859  
Area Code3. Proposed Program Year 7/1/83 to 6/30/84 (12 month maximum)

4. Estimated Program Cost. Requested State Funds Only

a. Personnel Services \$ 34,830b. Operating Expenses \$ 10,600c. Fixed Assets-Equipment \$ -0-TOTAL \$ 45,430

5. Does the Application Contain a Written Indication of Review by the County Delinquency Prevention Commission Required in V (3) of the Request for Concept Papers?

Yes

No