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SAN DIEGO

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP PLAN

FY 2024-25

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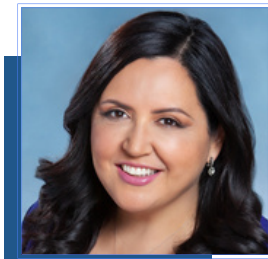
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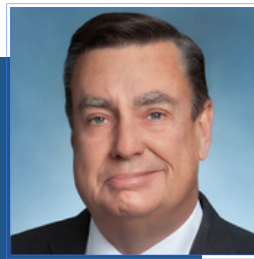
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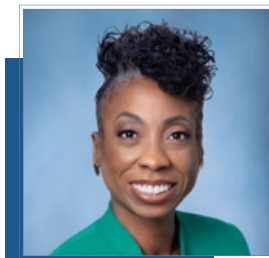
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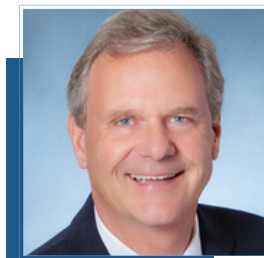
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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the CCP, whose membership is defined in statute, approves the CCP Plan prior to its submission for approval by the County Board of Supervisors.



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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP PLAN

The County of San Diego's Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Plan describes programs and services that demonstrate the successful implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB 109). The CCP Plan centers on populations that were affected by AB 109, yet San Diego's planning for these populations is conducted within the broader context of local initiatives and Board of Supervisor priorities affecting the justice-involved populations. This includes work on health and justice data integration and alternatives to incarceration. The local plan intentionally aligns with these initiatives but is not intended to reflect all activities related to the broader initiatives.

2011 Public Safety Realignment Act

California's criminal justice system fundamentally shifted on October 1, 2011, as the result of implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act. The intention of the law was to address both state budget shortfalls and the overcrowded conditions of the California prison system.

The law fundamentally altered the criminal justice system by changing the sentencing of a felony; shifting housing for people with some felony level offenses from prison to local county jail; and transferring the supervision of designated people on parole from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to local county agencies.

The shifting of supervision and housing from CDCR to San Diego County required a comprehensive CCP Plan to effectively implement these modifications to the criminal justice system without compromising public safety.



County Administration Center

SAN DIEGO COUNTY AGENCIES

Multiple agencies and departments, along with stakeholders and community members, contribute to the successful implementation of the CCP Plan.

Within the County, the Health & Human Services Agency, the District Attorney, Probation Department, Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, the Public Safety Group, and the Court work together to develop, implement, and oversee services and supports for clients across all stages of justice involvement.

District Attorney

The District Attorney's Office mission is to pursue equal and fair justice for all and to build safe neighborhoods in partnership with the communities served, by ethically prosecuting those who commit crimes, protecting victims, and preventing future harm. The District Attorney, elected by the residents of San Diego County, is the chief executive of the Office.

The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division (CJD) advocates for the best solutions to protect public safety, where individuals convicted of criminal offenses are held accountable, yet supported with appropriate assistance, treatment, and supervision to reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

CJD is staffed by specialized Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) who are experts on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration. Working alongside a multi-disciplinary justice partner team, DDAs use a fair and

balanced approach to develop and implement problem-solving strategies that address the root of an individual's criminogenic behavior by combining rehabilitative services with intensive supervision.

CJD currently staffs ten Collaborative Courts, including: Veterans Treatment Court, Reentry Court, four county-wide Drug Courts, Behavioral Health Court, Behavioral Health Diversion's Treatment Court, Drug Court, Behavioral Health Court, Behavioral Health Diversion, Mandatory Supervision and Post Release Community Supervision Revocation Court, a monthly Homeless Court, and a bi-monthly Homeless Community Pop-Up Resource Court.



District Attorney Summer Stephan at the Juvenile Diversion Initiative Annual Convening

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Health & Human Services Agency

The Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) is comprised of eight service departments and six administrative support divisions that coordinate within and across HHSA to deliver a broad range of vital health and social services to San Diego's over 3.3 million residents, inclusive of those with justice involvement.

HHSA's success in providing high value services and community engagement is built on the *Live Well San Diego* vision for a region that is healthy, safe and thriving.

Through the collective efforts of our partners, HHSA promotes wellness, self-sufficiency, equity, and improved quality of life for individuals and families. The HHSA Departments of Behavioral Health Services, Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Medical Care Services, Public Health Services, and Self-Sufficiency Services deliver services that support CCP Plan goals and objectives.

Behavioral Health Services

As a health plan, public health entity, contractor, and provider of direct services, HHSA's Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Department partners with the Public Safety Group to support the behavioral health needs of individuals with justice involvement.

BHS offers an array of mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, and support services, collaborating with Public Safety Partners, the Courts, and other law enforcement agencies across the sequential intercepts

BHS services divert public safety resources by providing an appropriately matched behavioral health response to individuals in crisis, and support connections and continuity of care for individuals entering and exiting detention, jails, and courts.

Key BHS services focused on preventing and supporting clients with justice involvement include outpatient mental health and substance use programs, residential substance use treatment programs, Mobile Crisis Response Services, Crisis Stabilization Units, Sobering Services, Collaborative Court Services, and evidence-based intensive community-based outpatient treatment service models including Assertive Community Treatment and Strengths-Based Case Management.

Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities

In 2021, HHSA established the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, which includes the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS). OHS is focused on direct services delivery and countywide coordination and collaboration across the homelessness continuum of care. OHS staff work with multi-disciplinary teams across a coordinated and robust network of countywide homeless and housing services and provide support through outreach, case management, housing navigation, emergency housing, and specialized programs that serve people with disabilities, seniors, youth, LGBTQ+ and justice involved individuals.

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Medical Care Services

The mission of Medical Care Services (MCS) is to ensure San Diego County is home to America's premier local wellness delivery system with an emphasis on quality, equity, sustainability, and transparency. MCS supports access to evidence-based care through a variety of programs.

MCS supports the planning and implementation of new opportunities afforded by Medi-Cal Transformation, previously referred to as CalAIM. The Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved Initiative will further enhance efforts to improve physical and behavioral healthcare and access to supportive services for the justice-involved population, including pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment, behavioral health links, 90-day pre-release services, Enhanced Care Management, and Community Support services for those returning to the community from custody.

Public Health Services

HHSA's Public Health Services (PHS) Department works closely with Public Safety Group (PSG) partners to provide recommendations for robust screenings, testing, vaccinations, health education, and other public health interventions for County jails, in addition to providing services including case management to ensure continuity of care and treatment for individuals who are HIV-positive, test positive for tuberculosis (TB), and other communicable diseases during incarceration and upon release.

PHS collaborates with PSG for medical consultations as needed for communicable disease management. PHS also assists with connecting individuals to a medical home when released from jail and provides temporary housing for those individuals released from jail with a communicable disease who do not have a place to complete their treatments, which are all critical components for successful treatment of disease and maintaining good health. Additionally, the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch (HSHB) provides linkages to temporary housing.

The California Board of State and Community Corrections Standards Authority requires the County of San Diego Public Health Officer (PHO), under Health and Safety Code § 101045, to annually conduct Title 15 Medical/Mental Health (MMH), Environmental Health, and Nutritional inspections.

These inspections assess and determine whether minimum standards for the detention facilities are met as set forth in the applicable sections of the Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations. The facilities to be inspected include probation, juvenile court and detention facilities, adult detention facilities, court holding facilities, sheriff stations, police department holding facilities, and work furlough facilities.

PHS has contracted with National Commission on Correctional Health Care Resources to conduct Title 15 MMH and Nutritional inspections on behalf of PHS

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and Department of Environmental Health and Quality conducts the Environmental Health inspections, with PHO review and approval of all final inspection reports.

Self-Sufficiency Services

HHSA's Self-Sufficiency Services assists in providing individuals and families access to services that help them in achieving self-sufficiency, such as health insurance, supplemental food assistance, and cash aid. Through pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment, individuals have continuity of health coverage and services upon their release, as well as access to key services to help individuals successfully return to their communities.

Medi-Cal enrollment is increasingly important as upcoming benefits and resources will be available through CalAIM to support the reentry process, as well as provide community-based care management and service coordination to address health and social needs for eligible justice-involved individuals.



Self-Sufficiency staff at the 2024 Local Assistance Center

Probation Department

The San Diego County Probation Department is composed of highly skilled professionals promoting safer communities through engagement and connecting individuals to the highest quality of services, while balancing opportunity with accountability. The Department supports community safety by working with County departments, criminal justice agencies, and community partners to supervise and rehabilitate youth and adults in the justice system. The Department assists crime victims by educating them on their rights, securing restitution, and holding clients accountable.

The Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services (ARCSS) Bureau provides supervision and reentry services to justice system involved adults, focusing on case management and assessment to link them to the services that will assist in rehabilitation.

Public Defender

The Department of the Public Defender consists of four separate divisions: the Primary Public Defender, the Alternate Public Defender, the Multiple Conflicts Office, and the Office of Assigned Counsel, all ethically walled to avoid conflicts. The Public Defender's diverse staff provides legal representation to indigent persons charged with a crime, all persons at arraignment except those who have retained private counsel, and in some civil cases such as mental health matters. The Public Defender staffs all

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Collaborative Courts with specially trained Deputy Public Defenders to assist clients through the process to ensure their rights are protected and they are successful in graduation.

In addition to services in the courtroom, the Public Defender has the Holistic Services Unit (HSU) and Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections (PACC) Team. The Holistic Services Unit is embedded within the Public Defender's Office and is made up of licensed mental health clinicians, substance abuse assessors, and housing navigators who assist with reintegrating justice-involved clients into the community. The Public Defender's PACC Team is primarily focused on working with clients between arrest and arraignment to support stable community release and appearance at future court hearings.

The Public Defender works with clients after a conviction through the Fresh Start Program to give clients a second chance outside of prison by assisting with post-conviction relief such as expungements.

Through an emphasis on continuing legal education, diversity, development and implementation of innovative programs and holistic support services, the Public Defender demonstrates its commitment to delivering the best possible representation to our community.

Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office is the chief law enforcement agency in the County of San Diego, covering over 4,200 square miles

and a population of over 3.3 million. The Sheriff, elected by the residents of San Diego County, is the chief executive of the Office.

The Office operates seven detention facilities, eighteen patrol stations, a crime laboratory, and an array of support operations necessary to provide full law enforcement services for the County of San Diego. Primary police services are provided to 944,000 county residents, including those in nine contract cities.

The Office is responsible for booking arrestees and releasing persons in custody, ensuring court appearances, and providing necessary daily care for an average of 3,951 incarcerated persons per day during FY 2023-24.

The Office provides security services to the third largest trial court system in the nation. The Office also serves as the County's levying and enforcement agency for the execution, service and return of all writs, warrants, and temporary restraining orders.



Sheriff's Office community engagement

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Office of Homeless Solutions Homeless Outreach

Working together with the community to improve lives of the people we serve.

In developing the CCP Plan, partner agencies identified overarching principles to guide the work of the collective partners to best serve our community.

01. Data Integration Efforts

Pursue data sharing and integration efforts between justice partners and the Health & Human Services Agency to promote diversion and enhance the coordination of care for individuals with justice involvement, to support data-driven decision making, and measure meaningful outcomes.

03. Multi-Agency Collaboration

Engage in multi-disciplinary collaboration and leverage community and stakeholder resources to address operational and legislative challenges in a timely and comprehensive manner.

02. Community & Stakeholder Engagement

Facilitate robust community and stakeholder engagement including individuals with lived experience to ensure service equity across the region.

04. Equity

Reduce disparities across the health and justice systems and ensure equitable access to quality prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services to unserved and underserved communities.



Health & Human Services Agency staff at a Wellness Expo

Goal 2

Enhance reentry interventions through transition from custody to the community.

Goal 2 focuses on enhancing reentry interventions during the process from incarceration until the client returns to the community and gets reestablished with services and supports.



Probation officers conducting field work

CCP PLAN GOALS

San Diego County's Overarching Strategy

Goal 1

Enhance prevention, diversion and alternatives to custody; reserve jail for individuals posing a serious risk to public safety or sentenced for serious crimes.

Goal 1 focuses on providing services to prevent law-enforcement contact and to support alternatives to incarceration.



Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Bicycle Shop

Goal 3

Provide evidence-based supervision and intervention services to reduce recidivism.

Goal 3 ensures that clients who are justice-involved receive supervision, treatment, and case management services that are evidence-based and trauma-informed.

GOAL 1

OBJECTIVES

Each of the CCP Plan goals has associated objectives that identify the specific strategies and interventions implemented to achieve the goal.

Objective 1 — Maximize prevention and diversion opportunities to divert individuals with primary behavioral health conditions, including substance use disorders, away from justice involvement by connecting them to behavioral health care and housing services.

Objective 2 — Maximize use of alternative custody options and explore opportunities for growth in areas such as:

- District Attorney (DA) Juvenile Diversion Initiative
- Pretrial Services
- Public Defender (PD) Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections
- PD Holistic Services Unit
- DA Community Justice Initiative
- DA Transitional Age Youth Diversion Initiative
- County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit
- Work Furlough/Residential Reentry Center
- Collaborative Court referrals
- HELP - Homeless Enhanced Legal Program - Homeless Collaborative Court
- Community Transition Center

Objective 3 — Capitalize on all housing resources available and work towards addressing and removing barriers to housing.



Behavioral Health Court Graduation

GOAL 1

OBJECTIVES

Objective

4

Address violations for clients on Post Release Community Supervision, Mandatory Supervision, and felony probation by maximizing the use of screening and assessments, treatment, graduated sanctions, alternatives to custody, and community sanctions using multi-disciplinary approaches. This includes providing alternatives to traditional criminal justice sanctions through evidence-based practices, for targeted offenses where there is not an enhanced public safety risk.

Objective

5

Continue to improve felony settlement by identifying appropriate cases for alternatives to custody as early in the process as possible and continuing cross collaboration, education, and training with justice partners by using best practices in sentencing.

Objective

6

Strengthen partnerships through co-location of departments and programs to support an integrated model of supervision and service delivery.



Southeastern Live Well Center

GOAL 2

OBJECTIVES

Reentry services prepare clients while they are in custody to ease their transition back to the community.

OBJECTIVE 1

Provide direct and support services to the incarcerated population in San Diego County detention facilities including:

- Screening and assessment
- Services for behavioral health conditions
- Services for individuals who rapidly cycle in and out of custody
- Public health interventions including immunizations
- Housing services for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness

OBJECTIVE 2

Provide services to individuals as they are transitioning back to the community upon release including:

- Reentry planning
- Intensive case management where appropriate
- Coordinated release with community partners
- Care coordination to include linkage to community support, interim housing, and transportation services
- Mentoring using community members with lived experiences
- Addressing behavioral health care and homelessness
- Linkages to a medical home for physical and behavioral healthcare
- Behavioral health linkages and in-reach care management through the CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative
- Public health services for HIV-positive individuals and other communicable diseases



Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fair

GOAL 2

OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE 3

Provide services to clients in the community after a period of incarceration to avoid recidivism including:

- A widened scope of services for clients on Mandatory Supervision
- DA Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center
- DA Tattoo Removal Program; DA Community Grant Program
- Public Defender Defense Transition Unit and Substance Use Assessment Unit
- Community Transition Center
- Increased utilization of resources for education, employment, financial literacy, and housing
- Improved physical and behavioral health care coordination through new opportunities provided by CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiatives, such as Enhanced Care Management and Community Support services



**Reentry services
help clients to
successfully
transition back to
the community**

GOAL 3

OBJECTIVES

Objective 1

Incorporate evidence-based practices, trauma-informed care, and multi-disciplinary team approaches into supervision and case management of clients placed on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS), using principles and practices proven to support engagement and accountability including the use of incentives and risk-based supervision.



On-site partner collaboration at the Work Furlough and Residential Re-Entry Center Program

Objective 2

The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division and the Public Defender's Collaborative Courts / Holistic Services Units will continue to staff the Collaborative Courts, MS Court, and Parole and PRCS Revocation Court with specialized Deputy District Attorneys, Public Defenders, and clinicians who have expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.



Homeless Court Program Graduation 2024

GOAL 3

OBJECTIVES

Objective 3

Connect individuals with behavioral health conditions and who have justice involvement to existing services within the system of care to support them in successfully re-entering the community. This includes ensuring people with first episode psychosis are connected to care in healthcare settings and connecting individuals to housing services and supportive services in the community.



East County Resource Fair

Objective 4

Identify and address gaps in services for clients with acute mental health and substance use disorders who have co-occurring conditions.

Objective 5

Provide training related to best practices in serving justice-involved clients with a focus on equity, inclusion, cultural competency, poverty, substance abuse, trauma-informed care, and harm reduction.

SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL (SIM)

POINTS FOR INTERVENTION

In developing the CCP Plan, the SIM was used to understand how clients interact with and move through the criminal justice system to identify how to implement interventions to prevent and reduce further involvement with the system.

- Goal 1 of the CCP Plan generally aligns with Intercepts 0 – 2
- Goal 2 of the CCP Plan generally aligns with Intercepts 3 and 4
- Goal 3 of the CCP Plan generally aligns with Intercept 5



COUNTYWIDE INITIATIVES

Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals Through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved [Supporting Care Coordination for Justice-Involved Individuals Through Funding and Integrated Data Infrastructure](#) as a strategy to address issues confronting justice-involved individuals, such as homelessness and lack of health insurance, which could be impeding access to essential health and social services. Recognizing the importance of streamlined care coordination, the Board sought a comprehensive report detailing challenges, opportunities for data integration, and a proposed data governance framework.

The six-month pilot was a collaborative effort between Behavioral Health Services, Health and Human Services Agency Executive Office, Office of Equity and Racial Justice, Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics, Medical Care Services, Probation Department, Public Safety Group Executive Office, and Sheriff's Office. During the pilot, the scope and structure of an enterprise-level data governance system were defined by developing and outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Data Sharing Leadership Council, the Cross County Data Governance Team (CCDGT), and the scope of the pilot project. A process to route data sharing requests through the CCDGT was drafted. Next steps will include testing the data request process and finalizing the workflow to ensure prompt review and action by the CCDGT.

A resource assessment was also conducted. Current resources, challenges, and opportunities were identified. While identifying resources to support staff and possible technology solutions to support data sharing, next steps include exploring how to continue utilizing current data sharing systems for care coordination efforts.



COUNTYWIDE INITIATIVES

Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI)

The ATI initiative aims to reduce incarceration of individuals who do not pose a public safety threat and promote public safety, health and equity.

The County of San Diego's ATI initiative, established by the Board of Supervisors in October 2021 and affirmed in May 2023, aims to reduce incarceration of individuals who do not pose a public safety threat and promote public safety, health, and equity. It collaborates with justice, health, and community stakeholders to advance strategies and services that prevent initial incarceration and reduce recidivism.

ATI addresses justice system disparities with community-based prevention, behavioral health-focused alternatives, and booking alternatives for low-level misdemeanors. It adds service connections and help for individuals released pretrial and supports sentencing options like collaborative courts that connect clients to programs to address their needs. For those who serve time, it promotes successful reintegration through transitional planning and connections to supportive services.

Key components include expanding crisis stabilization units, establishing a centralized resource and reentry hub,

expanding housing and care coordination, and enhancing community resources for Homeless Court. The initiative also focuses on Fair Chance Act outreach to support employment for individuals with criminal histories, and the implementation of Medi-Cal Transformation to connect justice-involved populations to healthcare and other benefits.

ATI operates under guiding principles emphasizing equitable access, data-driven evaluation, and cross-agency collaboration. Integral to its approach is involving individuals with lived justice system experience and increasing peer support in the service system.

The ATI enterprise structure includes an Advisory Group with community members and County representatives that monitors the ATI Work Plan, reviews system needs, and provides recommendations. CCP Departments are represented on the Advisory Group, and the CCP Plan supports and reflects the ATI initiative.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At the County of San Diego, community engagement is at the center of everything we do. As a guiding principle of the CCP Plan, community and stakeholder engagement remains a top priority.

Agencies deliver a robust set of services, programs, and strategies to engage the community in a variety of ways including multi-agency approaches.

In addition to connecting community members with needed resources, the County aims to involve community members, including individuals with lived experience, in decision-making processes, collaborative efforts, and problem-solving.

An outline of the FY 2024-25 CCP Plan was presented to the Reentry Roundtable in June 2024. The virtual meeting was attended by 62 participants from a variety of community-based agencies as well as participants with lived experience. Participants identified some gaps in reentry services for people leaving jail who are not on community supervision.

Examples of community engagement events held by County agencies:

- East County Resource Fair
- Veteran Stand Down Events
- Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fairs
- Alternatives to Incarceration Community Forums
- Public Defender “Know Your Rights” events
- Probation Department’s Citizens Academy
- Sheriff’s Office Spanish Academy
- District Attorney’s Juvenile Diversion Initiative (JDI) Monthly Community Collaborative Meetings
- Docu-Ready Resource Fairs



East County Resource Fair

HIGHLIGHTS ON ENGAGEMENT

East County Resource Fair



East County Resource Fair

The Probation Department collaborated with partner agencies to host an East County Community Resource Fair for residents and probation clients. The resource fair featured booths from providers offering mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, clothing assistance, health care screenings, haircuts, food distribution, local educational opportunities and more:

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/probation-finds-interactive-way-to-help-clients/>

Homeless Court Pop-Up Fairs

In 2021, the Public Defender, District Attorney, City Attorney, Superior Court, and Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities came together to create a resource fair for the un-housed in our community. These pop-up style resource fairs rotate monthly, to different areas throughout the County of San Diego, providing resources and relief to those who need it most.



Public Defender staff at a Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair

Spanish Academy



Sheriff's Office Spanish Academy

The Sheriff's Office Spanish Academy held its sixth academy in May 2024, celebrating the graduation of 64 community members. This six-week academy provides an opportunity for the community to meet our dedicated deputies while learning about public safety topics. This relationship-building program was designed to provide equity in educating our Spanish-speaking community about law enforcement procedures and available resources.

HIGHLIGHTS ON ENGAGEMENT



Docu-Ready Resource Fair

Docu-Ready Fair

The San Diego District Attorney's Office hosts quarterly Docu-Ready Resource Fairs at the CARE Center. These fairs focus on reducing barriers to obtaining vital personal records, such as Birth Certificates, Social Security cards, and California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification cards, in partnership with the DMV, the County Assessor & Records Office, HHSA, Social Services Administration, and the IRS. Attendees can also receive assistance with tax preparation, employment services, long term housing assistance, and unemployment claims. The CARE Center is a community office dedicated to connecting individuals and their families to community-based interventions to prevent crime and victimization.

Parole and Community Team (PACT) Meeting

The Health and Human Services Agency Self-Sufficiency Services (SSS) department participated in a Parole and Community Team (PACT) meeting in January 2024. These meetings are designed to help justice-involved individuals reintegrate into their communities by connecting them with local service providers. SSS staff engaged with approximately 30 attendees, offering enrollment assistance for self-sufficiency programs that include food and cash assistance, health insurance coverage, and replacement of benefits/EBT cards.



Self-Sufficiency Services at the Parole and Community Team Meeting

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The County implements many different programs and services that are aligned with the goals of the CCP Plan.

This section highlights examples of programs and services implemented by the County that are aligned with the goals and objectives of the CCP Plan. Because of the wide range of services offered by the County and partner agencies, the following programs and services provide examples but not the complete inventory of County programs that are meeting the goals of the CCP Plan.

Goal 1: Enhance prevention, diversion, and alternatives to custody; reserve jail for individuals posing a serious risk to public safety or sentenced for serious crimes

GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 1

Maximize prevention and diversion opportunities to divert individuals with primary behavioral health conditions, including substance use conditions, away from justice involvement by connecting them to behavioral health care and housing services.

Behavioral Health Services - Mobile Crisis Response Teams

Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) provide in-person support to individuals of all ages experiencing a behavioral health crisis within the County of San Diego. MCRT dispatches behavioral health experts to emergency calls, when safety is not a concern, with teams made up of

clinicians, case managers, and peer support specialists. Deploying clinicians and peer-support specialists to non-violent behavioral health crisis calls rather than law enforcement, when appropriate, is more effective and less traumatic to clients. MCRT launched in the North Coastal Region in January 2021, and has since expanded countywide, in partnership with law enforcement entities in the region. During FY 2023-24, MCRTs served 5,649 clients.

Behavioral Health Services - Crisis Stabilization Units

Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) provide 24/7 services to individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to stabilize and connect them to ongoing services that meet their individual needs.

CSU services are available in hospital and community-based settings and include law enforcement drop-offs as a safe alternative to a jail or hospitalization, for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. CSUs provide psychiatric services, medication, peer support, connection to community-based services and transition planning, with short-term stays of less than 24 hours. CSU services provide a client-centered and cost savings approach to care, diverting individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis away from an unnecessary emergency department visit or acute care hospitalization.

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The CSUs are located across the County (Central, South, North Inland, and North Coastal regions). Development is in progress to site the East County region CSU with implementation forecasted for 2025. During FY 2023-24, CSUs provided crisis care to 14,053 clients.



North Coastal Crisis Stabilization Unit

Behavioral Health Services - Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams

The Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams (PERT) provide mobile crisis response services, utilizing a co-response model which pairs a licensed mental health clinician with a uniformed law enforcement officer in the field. PERT clinicians are deployed countywide via police dispatch to provide behavioral health assessments, consultation, case coordination, linkage, and limited crisis intervention services, to individuals who come into contact with law enforcement. PERT teams may also transport individuals to a hospital or other community-based treatment, as appropriate. During FY 2023-24, PERT completed 8,900 crisis intervention contacts.

Behavioral Health Services - Recovery and Bridge Center

The Recovery and Bridge Center (RBC) provides a safe alternative to custody for individuals who are inebriated in public and in need of sobering services. Individuals who are under the influence of alcohol and other intoxicants may be transported to the facility by health, safety, or law enforcement personnel. Services are provided up to 24 hours and may incorporate linkages to behavioral health services, linkages to medication assisted treatment, linkages to shelter, referrals to longer-term withdrawal management programs, and coordination of care with other providers, as applicable. During FY 2023-24, there were a total of 2,842 individuals transported to the RBC, with 1,938 of those transports leading to successful admissions.

Behavioral Health Services - Serial Inebriate Program

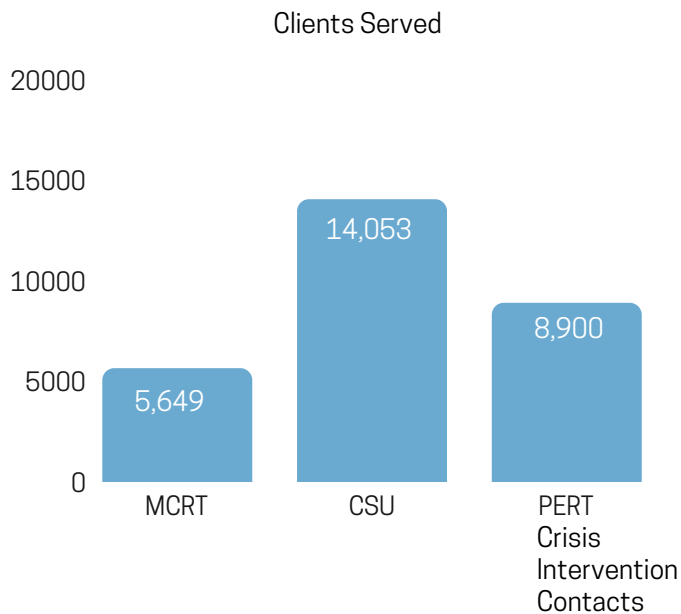
The Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) is a collaboration between Behavioral Health Services, San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), the Courts, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and hospitals to provide services for individuals with an Alcohol Use Disorder who are experiencing homelessness and have not been well served by traditional outpatient services.

SIP provides outpatient substance use treatment services, which includes case management and short-term transitional housing, if eligible, as an alternative to custody. During FY 2023-24, the SIP served 204 clients, an increase of 83 clients from the previous year.

GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 1

Prevention/Diversion Measures

FY 2023-24



Diverting clients from the justice system into behavioral health care

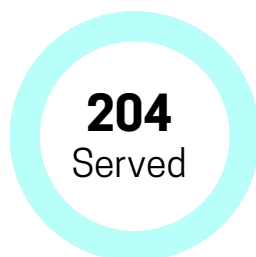
Individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis are stabilized and connected to ongoing services through the use of the following:

- Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT)
- Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU)
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) Crisis Intervention Contacts



Recovery and Bridge Center (RBC)

RBC provides alternatives to custody for individuals inebriated in public and in need of sobering services.



Serial Inebriate Program (SIP)

SIP provides services for individuals with Alcohol Use Disorders who are experiencing homelessness. SIP may serve as an alternative to custody.



Psychiatric Emergency Response Team member with local law enforcement

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

District Attorney - Community Partnership Prosecutors

The District Attorney established a team of Community Partnership Prosecutors (CPP) to work in the community to address many issues that lead to criminal behavior before it elevates to the justice system. The three Community Partnership Prosecutors are assigned regionally throughout the county to problem-solve in neighborhoods, build relationships, identify issues with a nexus to public safety, and help create strategic solutions that ultimately improve quality of life in our communities.

Community Partnership Prosecutors also organize community events including forums on various criminal justice related topics which creates opportunities for community feedback to the District Attorney's Office through the CPP's work in our neighborhoods.

District Attorney - Project Intervention, Mentorship, Prevention, Accountability, and Community Trust (IMPACT)

Project IMPACT is designed to curtail juvenile delinquency, diminish recidivism rates, and provide viable alternatives to involvement in street gangs, substance abuse, and a life entangled in the criminal justice system. Through a 24-session introductory course spanning 12 weeks, participants have the opportunity to engage with law enforcement officials and community members, fostering authentic relationships with positive role models.

The 12-week course incorporates decision-making classes, healthy communication, financial literacy, conflict resolution, athletics, field trips, and student-led discussions. Throughout this period, special guest speakers, including individuals with lived experiences in the criminal justice system, are regularly invited to share their life stories and provide valuable life-lessons to the group. In addition to the structured curriculum, students will have access to a diverse range of extracurricular activities aimed at fostering holistic development. These opportunities include daily sports activities, academic assistance, mentor support, and team-building activities with peers. By providing these services and meaningful engagements, the program aims to help youth recognize their value, enhance self-worth, and build confidence while shaping their vision for achieving life goals.

Upon successful completion, individuals who graduate from the program acquire essential skills that enable them to make more informed decisions, positively influencing the quality of life for both their families and communities. We encourage graduates to come back as student leaders, fostering an ongoing relationship with the Project IMPACT staff. Beyond the support provided during group sessions, graduates have access to additional assistance, such as tutoring, employment preparation, counseling, and referrals to external organizations. This comprehensive support network aims to ensure the continued success and well-being of our graduates as they navigate their post-program journey.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Goal 1 - Objective 2

Maximize use of alternative custody options and explore opportunities for growth in areas such as:

- District Attorney (DA) Juvenile Diversion Initiative
- Pretrial Services
- Public Defender (PD) Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections
- PD Holistic Services Unit
- DA Community Justice Initiative
- DA Transitional Age Youth Diversion Initiative
- County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit
- Work Furlough/Residential Reentry Center
- Collaborative Court referrals
- HELP - Homeless Enhanced Legal Program
- Community Transition Center

District Attorney - Juvenile Diversion Initiative

The District Attorney Juvenile Diversion Initiative (DA-JDI) is a county-wide, pre-filing diversion option for eligible youth between the ages of 13 to 18. DA-JDI is a voluntary program that provides San Diego County youth with an alternative to prosecution at no cost to them. While in the program, they have the opportunity to repair the harm they caused, understand the impact of their choices, and to avoid permanent and negative outcomes related to the juvenile justice system.

Evidence-based data shows that when a youth who commits a crime is provided specific services in their own community,

they can maintain those connections, reducing the likelihood of reoffending. All impacted parties are eligible to participate in the JDI with the goal of accountability for the crime. This includes the person harmed (the victim), the youth responsible for the harm, family members, and/or community members. Upon successful completion of the program, the diverted youth will have the opportunity to have their arrest record sealed, further alleviating future stigma and labeling that can come with justice involvement.

The District Attorney's Office contracts with the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) to administer the JDI program to ensure participants are supported while also addressing victim's needs. NCRC collaborates with local organizations throughout the county to provide direct services to youth including therapeutic services, pro-social skill building opportunities, educational support, and mentoring. Culturally competent services are provided in the community where youth live. The community is engaged in the restorative process with the youth. NCRC, JDI community partners, and the District Attorney's Office meet quarterly and once a year to discuss best practices.

Since JDI's inception in July 2021, there have been 1,251 participants, with 877 participants successfully completing the program which represents an 82.1% completion rate. During FY 2023-24, there have been 543 participants, with 430 participants successfully completing the program. The JDI participant completion rate for FY23-24 is 84%.

GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

ALTERNATIVES TO CUSTODY

The programs and services included in the CCP Plan under Goal 1, Objective 2 provide alternatives to custody at multiple intercepts in the criminal justice system, from initial contact with police to avoiding jail time for clients who are on community supervision.

Alternatives to custody help clients maintain their ties to the community while avoiding the collateral consequences of incarceration such as loss of employment. They reserve jail resources for those who commit serious crimes and who pose risks to public safety.

JUSTICE SYSTEM DECISION POINT	SIM INTERCEPT*	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
Diversion	2	Juvenile Diversion Initiative	Clients participate in services to avoid criminal charges filed
During the court process	2	Pretrial Supervision	Clients are monitored in the community while going to court
During the court process	2	Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections Team	Individuals are supported during criminal case processing
During the court process	2	Holistic Services Unit	Individuals are supported during criminal case processing
Sentencing alternatives	3	Community Justice Initiative	Post-plea program with services that may result in cases dismissed
Sentencing alternatives	3	Transitional Age Youth Diversion Program	Post-plea program with services that may result in cases dismissed
Sentencing alternatives	3	County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit	Clients complete their custodial sentence in a non-jail setting
Sentencing alternatives	3	Work Furlough & Residential Reentry Centers	Clients complete their custodial sentence in a non-jail setting
Sentencing alternatives	3	Collaborative Courts	Clients receive supervision and treatment in a non-jail setting
Sentencing alternatives	3	Homeless Enhanced Legal Program	Post-arrest program to assist clients experiencing homelessness
Community supervision	5	Community Transition Center	Clients with probation violations go to treatment instead of jail

*See page 19 for a description of the Sequential Intercept Model



Juvenile Diversion Initiative Annual Convening

GOAL 1- OBJECTIVE 2

Alternative Custody Options

Juvenile Diversion Initiative (JDI)

Diversion programs use restorative approaches to repair harm and connect clients to services while diverting them from the justice system to improve outcomes and reduce the likelihood of reoffending.

1,900+

Clients Served

Diverting Clients from the Justice System

The District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion and Community Justice Initiatives are voluntary programs that have served 991 adults and 1,251 youth since implementation, diverting clients to services in lieu of filing criminal charges and providing sentencing alternatives post-plea.

The Juvenile Diversion Initiative prioritizes alternative diversion options for youth before filing criminal charges. Since JDI's inception in July 2021, there have been 1,251 participants, with 877 successful completions.

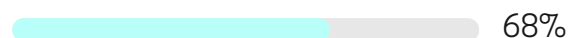
Successful Completion of JDI



Community Justice Initiative (CJI)

CJI provides individuals with the opportunity to have their cases dismissed before sentencing. Since its inception in April 2018, there have been 991 participants, with 657 participants successfully completing the program.

Successful Completion of CJI



Clients who successfully completed CJI with no new cases filed



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Probation Department - Pretrial Services Unit

On June 30, 2022, the San Diego County Probation Department implemented the Pretrial Services Unit. Probation Pretrial Services has three key elements: maximize court appearances, maximize public safety, and maximize liberty. Pretrial Services provides support to all clients released by the Courts on a Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) status, to promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely release of individuals pending disposition.

Pretrial services are collaborative, evidence-based efforts designed to reduce recidivism and support prosocial conduct through linkages to services necessary for clients' successful reintegration into society. Linkages to supportive services include transportation by providing bus/trolley passes, linkages to short-term interim housing, referrals for clothing and necessities, assistance navigating social support benefits,



Presentation by Pretrial leadership at the Chief Probation Officers of California conference

providing court reminders, referring to employment services, and referring to Pretrial Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists. During FY 2023-24, the Pretrial Services Unit monitored 4,110 individuals who were granted Supervised Own Recognizance with an average annual success rate of 91% (1,207 of 1,326 on average each month).

Public Defender - Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections Team

The Public Defender created a Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections (PACC) Team dedicated to working with clients between arrest and arraignment to support stable community release and appearance at future court hearings. This effort aligned courtroom practice with recent caselaw regarding pretrial release, and involves pre-arraignment needs assessments, increased communication, community partnerships, and physical locations to provide services to recently released clients and promote pretrial client success by addressing the root causes of their behavior.

Public Defender - Holistic Services Unit

The Public Defender created the Holistic Services Unit to streamline delivery of client services to individuals needing support in conjunction with their criminal cases. The Holistic Services Unit is embedded in the Public Defender's Office and is made up of the Defense Transition Unit, the Substance Abuse Assessment Unit, and housing navigators who assist with reintegrating justice-involved clients into the community.



Hall of Justice

GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

Alternative Custody Options

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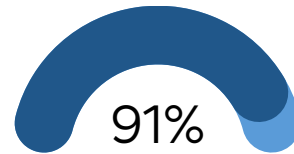
DURING THE COURT PROCESS

Pretrial Services Unit

Pretrial Services provides support to all clients released by the Courts on a Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) status, to promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely release from jail for individuals pending disposition. Clients are provided linkages to supportive services.



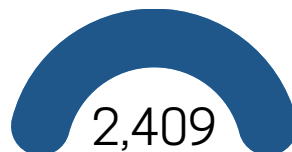
Clients Served



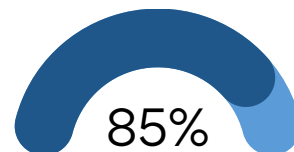
Annual Success Rating

Substance Abuse Assessment Unit (SAAU)

The SAAU is a full-service placement agency that assesses, transports, and connects in-custody clients directly to residential treatment programs (RTPs). When clients are recommended for treatment, the assessors work directly with residential treatment providers to ensure continuum of care from incarceration to RTPs.



Clients Assessed



Placed in Residential Treatment Programs

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Defense Transition Unit

The Defense Transition Unit (DTU) was created October 2016 within the Primary Public Defender's Office to assist with the resolution and sentencing of criminal cases where the primary goal is effective mental health management. The DTU is centered on mental health clinicians and housing navigators who work as part of the criminal defense team accepting referrals directly from a client's assigned Deputy Public Defender.

With both legal and clinical supervision and paralegal support, DTU clinicians meet with and assess the mental health needs of clients in custody. In collaboration with Behavioral Health Services, the clinicians use their knowledge of community resources to arrange comprehensive mental health treatment. The DTU then proposes treatment plans for use by attorneys, judges, and the Probation Department. When these plans are adopted by the Court, the DTU ensures that clients are transported directly from custody to mental health service providers.

Public Defender clinicians work closely with the mental health providers at all levels of care across the County. In particular, the DTU maintains crucial connections with Sheriff and County Mental Health clinicians to ensure that clients move with continuity of care between the jail, the hospital, and community treatment. DTU clinicians also work closely with housing navigators and substance abuse assessors within the Department so that treatment planning

includes housing and substance use disorder care whenever needed. During FY 2023-24, the DTU processed over 3,088 attorney referrals while participating in Behavioral Health Court, the Behavioral Health Oversight and Treatment calendar, competency court, advocating for diversion motions, and educating justice partners daily concerning Behavioral Health Services program criteria.

By more quickly and appropriately linking mentally ill clients to the resources they need, the DTU improves the ability of clients to maintain their well-being and remain free of new offenses. Clients attend clinical intake and treatment appointments while stable and motivated and are less likely to return to more costly emergency hospitalization, crisis interventions, and Psychiatric Emergency Response Team interventions. The DTU provides data to Behavioral Health Services to identify trends among mental health providers and assists the court system in better achieving clinically appropriate grants of diversion and probation. Ultimately, the DTU reduces recidivism and benefits the taxpayer while improving the quality of life for Public Defender clients.

Substance Abuse Assessment Unit

The Substance Abuse Assessment Unit (SAAU) of the County of San Diego Primary Public Defender's Office is a vital resource to the community of San Diego. The SAAU is a full-service placement agency that assesses, transports, and connects in-custody clients directly to residential treatment programs.

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For individuals with co-occurring disorders, the unit works closely with the Sheriff's Office to provide a supply of psychiatric medication directly to the treatment facility, within the same day of the client's arrival.

The SAAU works closely with attorneys and justice partners to identify those clients with both the need for treatment and amenability. An in-depth assessment designed around the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria is conducted with every individual to establish the person's amenability and reception towards change. If the unit makes the recommendation for treatment, the assessors work directly with residential treatment providers to ensure a continuum of care from incarceration to admission into the program.

Not all who are assessed by the unit are recommended to be placed in treatment. During FY 2023-24, the SAAU assessed approximately 2,409 clients and placed approximately 85% into residential treatment programs. Unsuccessful placements occur for multiple reasons which range from: clients declining services at assessment; clients not meeting ASAM criteria for residential level of need; clients declined by programs due to severity of charges; primary medical or mental health needs; or clients who are released prior to the possibility of placement.

The goal of the SAAU is to address substance abuse issues within the justice population with the hopes of reducing criminal recidivism.

District Attorney - Community Justice Initiative

The San Diego County District Attorney Community Justice Initiative (DA-CJI) provides those individuals facing low level criminal charges the opportunity to have their cases dismissed before sentencing. Participants must successfully complete six hours of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, ten hours of community service, and remain law abiding. During participation in the DA-CJI program, the participant can choose to be connected to services in lieu of the community service. Such services include referrals for housing assistance, job training, mental health or substance use disorder treatment, food, clothing, and more. After completing the program, the case is dismissed, and the individual's record is sealed.

Since its inception in April 2018, there have been 991 participants, with 657 participants successfully completing the program, which represents a 68% successful completion rate. Of those who successfully completed the program, 88% have not had additional cases filed against them, indicating no further justice system involvement. For FY 2023-24, 45 people were accepted into the program. During that time period, 28 completed the program, 6 failed, and 11 are still enrolled.

District Attorney - Transitional Age Youth Diversion Program

The District Attorney's Office is working to create a county-wide transitional age youth diversion program predominantly tailored to felony crimes and some select misdemeanors.

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This program will be based in restorative justice principles, as well as other practices that focus on and address the underlying cause of these unsafe behaviors. This program will be implemented in FY 2024-25.

Sheriff's Office - County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office operates the County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit (CPAC), which was created in 2012 in response to Realignment. The mission of CPAC is to maximize jail bed availability through alternative custody programs designed to socially reintegrate participants utilizing evidence-based practices and proactive supervision methods. CPAC uses evidence-based practices and proactive supervision methods to provide participants the opportunity to complete their custody sentence in a non-jail setting, maintain or attain employment, continue individual treatment and/or programming needs. CPAC supervises participants on Home Detention, Reentry Court, Collaborative Courts, and County Parole and Fire Camp. In FY 2023-24, there were 1,754 participants in the program.

Probation Department - Work Furlough & Residential Reentry Center

The Probation Department's Work Furlough and Residential Reentry Center programs serve as alternatives to incarceration by allowing clients to seek employment or maintain work in the community without having to be in a traditional jail setting.

While in the programs, clients develop a reentry case plan and have access to an array of services that focus on developing their life skills to improve their finances, employment opportunities, and address other identified areas of need. In FY 2023-24, the Work Furlough and Residential Reentry Center served approximately 289 probation clients who were sentenced by the court. Clients maintain employment and/or participate in services to obtain employment in lieu of custody, saving an estimated 27,145 jail days.

Collaborative Courts

San Diego County has numerous types of Collaborative Courts including Behavioral Health Court, Behavioral Health Court Diversion, Drug Court, Mandatory Supervision Court, Reentry Court, and Veterans Treatment Court. Collaborative courts utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach to client supervision and treatment, providing both support and law enforcement monitoring to encourage recovery and reduce recidivism. Each collaborative court team is comprised of a Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, City Attorney, law enforcement representative, probation officer, and treatment provider.

All Collaborative Courts provide their participants a vast array of treatment, assistance, guidance, and supervision. Participants are provided with basic needs, like housing, help with acquiring identification and Social Security cards, and access to medical care. They are also provided with services to address their individual needs.

GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

Alternative Custody Options

FY 2023-24

SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES

County Parole & Alternative Custody Unit (CPAC)

CPAC participants can complete their custodial sentence in a non-jail setting, maintain or attain employment, continue individual treatment and/or programming needs.

1,754
Clients
Served

CPAC supervises participants on Home Detention, Reentry Court, Collaborative Courts, and County Parole and Fire Camp.

Work Furlough (WF) & Residential Reentry Center (RRC)

The WF and RRC programs allow clients to seek employment or maintain work in the community without having to be in a traditional jail setting.

289
Clients
Served

The WF and RRC served approximately 289 probation clients who were ordered by the Court, saving an estimated 27,145 jail days.

GRADUATION LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Clients receive life changing services that impact recovery, rehabilitation, job readiness, and placement

Each month, graduates from the WF and RRC programs are honored with a ceremony. In the Summer of 2023, one client wrote a letter of appreciation, calling the teaching methods life-changing and pivotal for his recovery, rehabilitation, job readiness, and placement. He expressed his gratitude for the program, which helped him reflect on his past and prepare for his future, concluding with, "Thank you and keep it up."

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Services include mental health and substance abuse treatment, assistance with health care and more. Each participant's supervision and assistance are designed specifically for them with the goal of fostering rehabilitation and independence.

Behavioral Health Court Services

Behavioral Health Court (BHC) applies the Collaborative Court model to individuals who are diagnosed with serious mental illness who have engaged in criminal behavior. BHC provides intensive mental health treatment with concurrent emphasis on sobriety, stable housing, linkage to benefits and employment, reunification with family, and employment or education support. Successful completion of the program may result in the reduction or dismissal of charges. During FY 2023-24, 169 clients were provided BHC services.

Drug Court

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides services to four regional Drug Courts, which require clients to participate in substance use disorder treatment services as part of the County's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System.

BHS Drug Court services are provided in collaboration with justice partners, including the Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, City Attorney, Probation, and Sheriff. Services are provided for adults who have committed a non-violent, drug-related crime, which may be a result of a substance use disorder.

Services emphasize sobriety, housing, employment, education, and family reunification with the goal of addressing substance use treatment needs, diverting from incarceration, and preventing future arrests. Criminal charges may be reduced or dismissed upon successful completion of the program. During FY 2023-24, 396 clients were served in Drug Court, an increase of 64 clients from the previous year.

Homeless Court and Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fairs

The Public Defender, District Attorney's CARE Center, City Attorney, and Court have been partnering on Homeless Court, which is a voluntary program that participants access through their Homeless Service Agency. It addresses a full range of misdemeanor and citation offenses using a progressive plea-bargaining system and alternative sentencing structure that is designed to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Partner agencies have also been sponsoring Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fairs throughout the County for post-conviction clients to remove barriers to future success.

Mandatory Supervision Court

Clients on Mandatory Supervision (MS) participate in an intensive and structured supervision process through MS Court. Approximately 45 days prior to release, clients complete a "Community Reentry Plan," and Probation prepares a MS Pre-Release Plan, which includes a risk and needs assessment, behavioral health screening when indicated, and a case plan.

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Thirty days prior to release, the client attends a pre-release court hearing. At that time, the client's progress in custody is reviewed and the plan for transition to the community is discussed with the Court and the multi-disciplinary team, which includes a deputy district attorney, a deputy public defender, a correctional counselor, and a probation officer. The client is then brought into court and is informed of the conditions and requirements of Mandatory Supervision (MS).

When the MS clients are released from custody to supervision, they participate in MS Court which is held twice weekly with regular status hearings calendared for continued monitoring of the client's progress. In addition to these regular status hearings, the probation officer continues working with the client on the case plan, monitoring compliance, and referring the client to appropriate programs using the Community Resource Directory based on the client's assessed risk and needs.

Clients are helped with obtaining and/or maintaining housing and employment. Clients are incentivized by adjusting supervision levels in response to client compliance with case plan goals. All warrants are brought before the judge and all revocations and modifications to the conditions of supervision are heard in MS Court.

Reentry Court

The Reentry Court program consists of collaboration between Behavioral Health

Services and justice system partners to engage individuals who have violated their probation community supervision and have been assessed as having a substance use disorder and may also have co-occurring mental health conditions. This program also emphasizes sobriety, housing, employment, education, and family reunification. Successful program completion may result in early termination from probation. During FY 2023-24, 58 clients were served in Reentry Court, an increase of 7 clients from the previous year.

HELP - Homeless Enhanced Legal Program

The District Attorney's Office, their justice partners, and members of the community collaborated to create the Homeless Enhanced Legal Program (HELP), aimed at assisting those who are currently facing homelessness.

Planning and collaboration for this pilot program began in FY 2022-23. In FY 2023-24, the District Attorney's Office met with several justice partners to discuss implementing this program. Program participants may be provided with referrals and connections to community-based programs upon police contact. The program is designed to address the needs of homeless individuals, including housing insecurity, to steer them away from victimization and/or justice involvement. This program is expected to begin in FY 2024-25.

GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

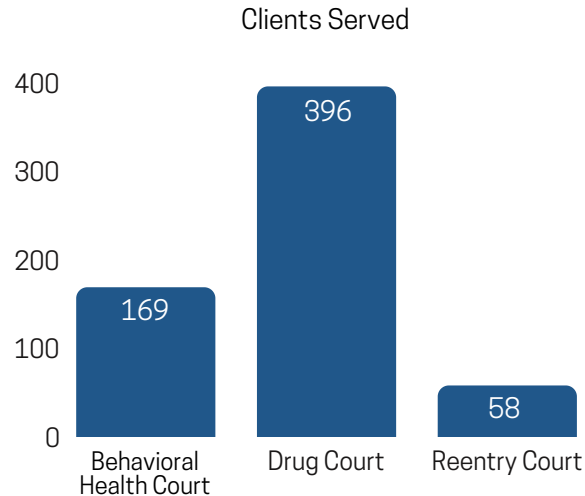
Alternative Custody Options

FY 2023-24

SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES

Collaborative Courts

The Collaborative Courts can serve as a sentencing alternative to incarceration. They use a multi-disciplinary team approach to client supervision and treatment, providing both support and accountability to encourage recovery and reduce recidivism. Successful completion of some programs may result in a reduction or dismissal of charges or early termination from supervision.



3,088
Referrals

Defense Transition Unit

The DTU processed over 3,088 attorney referrals while participating in Behavioral Health Court, the Behavioral Health Oversight and Treatment calendar, and competency court, advocating for diversion motions, and educating justice partners daily concerning Behavioral Health Services program criteria.

Diverting Clients with Probation Violations from Jail to the CTC

**Community
Transition Center
(CTC)**



179 probation clients were diverted to the CTC for treatment in lieu of custody



1,246 jail days saved

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Probation Department - Community Transition Center

The Community Transition Center (CTC) is a reentry center but also serves as an alternative to incarceration for clients who violate their community supervision terms and who need treatment. Clients are provided referrals and housing at the CTC while awaiting availability of a residential treatment program.

This temporary housing helps to save limited jail bed space and keeps the clients in a therapeutic environment until they can enter a program. For clients in need of brief housing assistance, up to thirty-six beds for both male and female clients are available at the CTC with additional beds allocated for withdrawal management needs. During FY 2023-24, 179 clients were referred to the CTC in lieu of custody, saving an estimated 1,246 jail days.



Staff at the Community Transition Center



Office of Homeless Solutions Homeless Outreach

Goal 1 - Objective 3

Capitalize on all housing resources available and work towards addressing and removing barriers to housing.

Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities (HSEC) - Office of Homeless Solutions Regional Homeless Services

During Fiscal Year 2023-24, Human Services Specialists and Social Workers with HSEC-Office of Homeless Solutions Regional Homeless Services successfully connected 2,129 individuals throughout the region to temporary and permanent housing. This team made over 54,600 engagements with persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness countywide and provided 7,395 self-sufficiency services.

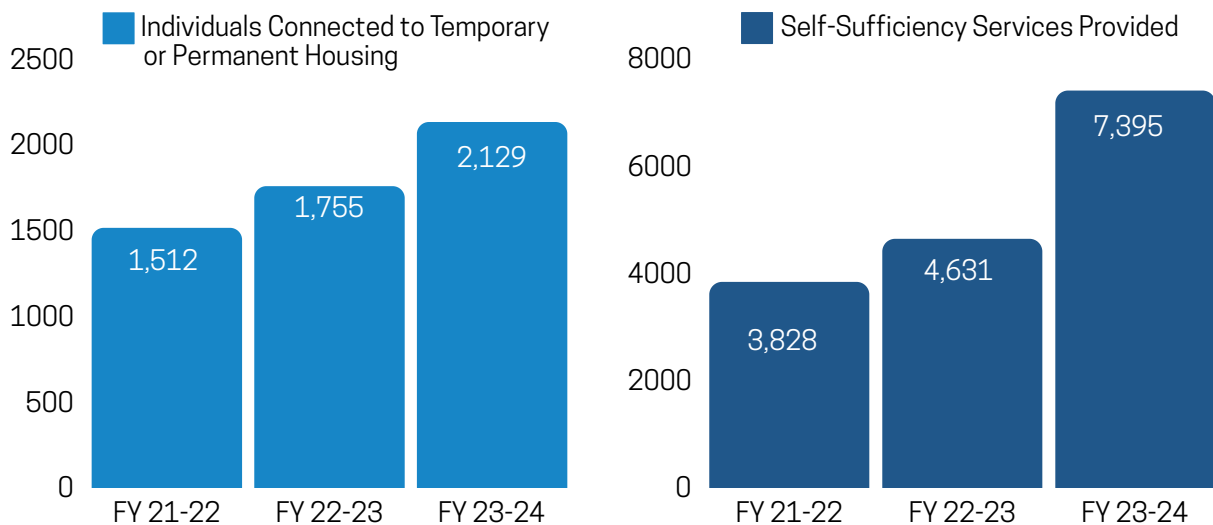
GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 3

Housing Resources

2021-2024

Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities

The Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities was established by the Board of Supervisors in July 2021 as the centralized point for collaborative efforts to end homelessness. Under this department, the Office of Homeless Solutions Regional Homeless Services utilizes multi-disciplinary teams of outreach staff to connect individuals to housing, self-sufficiency programs, case management, and more.



SINCE INCEPTION

(July 2021 - June 2024)

The Regional Homeless Services team has made over **113,000** engagements with persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness countywide, completed nearly **16,000** self-sufficiency transactions, and connected nearly **5,400** individuals throughout the region to temporary or permanent housing.

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Goal 1 - Objective 4

Address violations for clients on Post Release Community Supervision, Mandatory Supervision, and felony probation by maximizing the use of screening and assessments, treatment, graduated sanctions, alternatives to custody, and community sanctions using multi-disciplinary approaches. This includes providing alternatives to traditional criminal justice sanctions through evidence-based practices, for targeted offenses where there is not an enhanced public safety risk.

Post Release Community Supervision Violation Pilot Program

In FY 2023-24, the District Attorney continued to collaborate with probation officers in Escondido and Vista to focus treatment resources on the highest utilizers of the justice system who are also on Post Release Community Supervision.

Goal 1 - Objective 5

Continue to improve felony settlement by identifying appropriate cases for alternatives to custody as early in the process as possible and continuing cross collaboration, education, and training with justice partners by using best practices in sentencing.

District Attorney - Felony Disposition Framework

The District Attorney continues to evaluate each case on a felony disposition framework where custodial sanctions are

thoughtfully weighted and alternatives to incarceration are contemplated in cases where there is not an enhanced public safety threat.

Goal 1 - Objective 6

Strengthen partnerships through co-location of departments and programs to support an integrated model of supervision and service delivery.

Co-Location of Departments and Programs

In many instances, the Health & Human Services Agency and the Public Safety Group provide services at the same location, to remove barriers to access and to support a seamless experience for clients. For example, the Probation Department has an Adult Reentry Unit co-located in the Health & Human Services Agency, Lemon Grove Family Resource Center, to facilitate engagement efforts with community partners and to provide on-site assessment and linkage to critical services.

Additionally, the Health and Human Services Agency and the Probation Department collaborated in the development of the Southeastern Live Well Center (SELWC), a state-of-the-art resource center which opened to the community in the fall of 2023. Probation staff are co-located at the SELWC with several County agencies to promote the well-being of community members through access to a variety of health and community services.

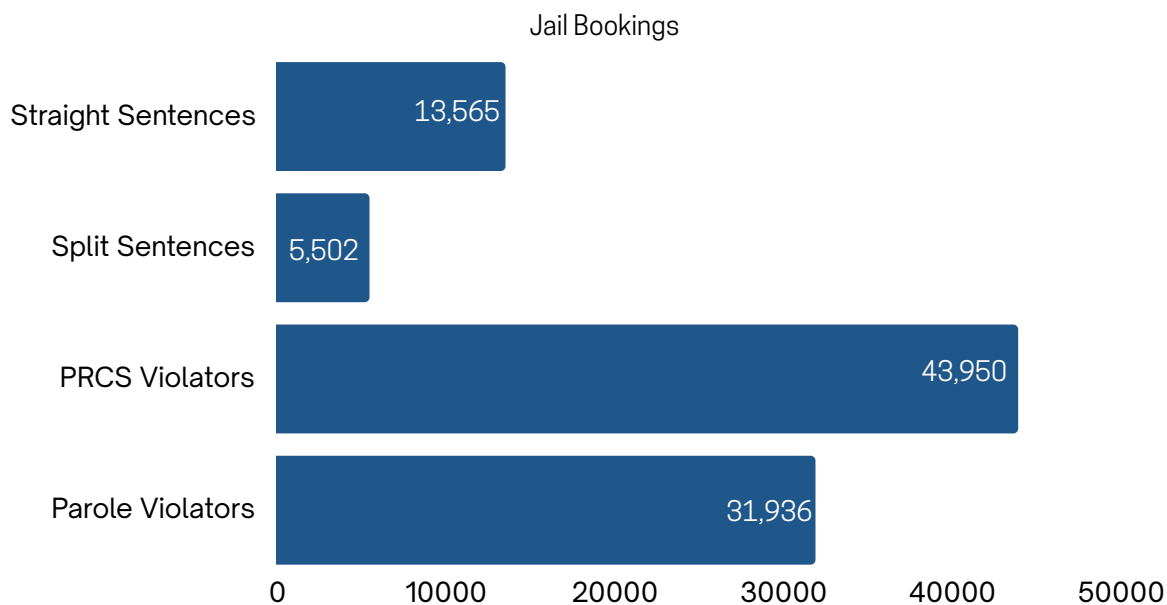
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Reentry Services In-Custody

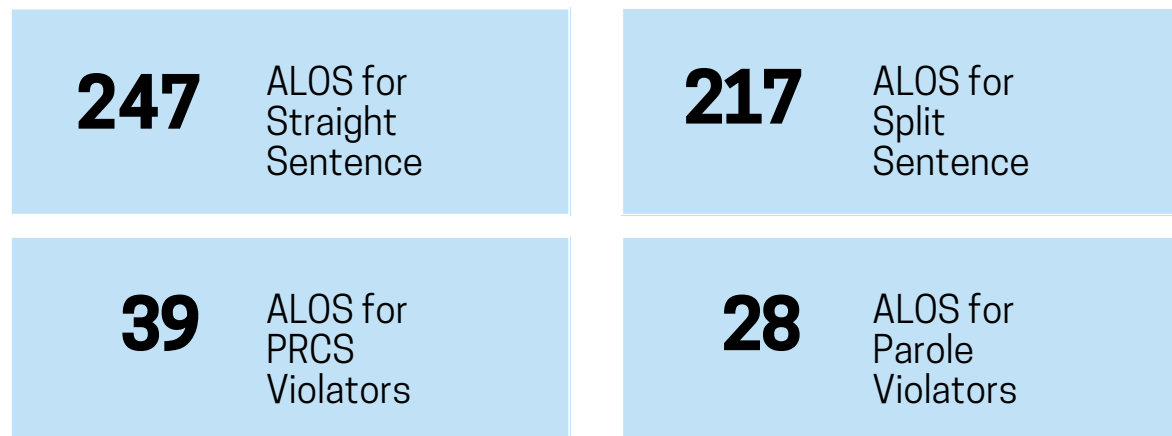
2011-July 2024

Realigned Populations in Custody

Since the inception of AB 109, the Sheriff's Office has processed and released bookings that fall into categories of Straight Jail, Split Sentence, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) Violators, and Parole Violators.



Average Length of Stay (ALOS) in Custody in Days



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Goal 2: Enhance reentry interventions through transition from custody to the community

Goal 2 - Objective 1

Provide direct and support services to the incarcerated population in San Diego County detention facilities including:

- Screening and assessment
- Services for behavioral health conditions
- Services for individuals who rapidly cycle in and out of custody
- Public health interventions including immunizations
- Housing services for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness

Realigned Populations in Custody of the Sheriff's Office

Since the inception of California's Criminal Justice Realignment (AB 109) on October 1, 2011, the San Diego County Sheriff's Office has been faced with several new challenges. Primarily, this is due to new sentencing mechanisms in the California penal code for individuals incarcerated in the county jail for the commission of non-serious, non-violent, and non-sexual felony crimes.

As a result of AB 109, individuals may serve felony sentences in the county jail because of the creation of Penal Code 1170(h).

These types of sentences fall into two categories.

Individuals sentenced pursuant to 1170(h)(5)(a) serve the entirety of their felony sentence in the county jail. Through June 2024, the Sheriff's Office has processed and released 13,565 bookings which fall into this category, with an overall average length of stay of 247 days spent in custody per booking.

Individuals sentenced pursuant to 1170(h)(5)(b) are eligible to "split" their sentences between custody in the county jail and in the community, under the supervision of the San Diego County Probation Department. Through June 2024, the Sheriff's Office has processed and released 5,502 bookings which fall into this category, with an overall average length of stay of 217 days spent in custody per booking.

As of June 2024, the longest stay in custody of an individual currently sentenced pursuant to 1170(h) PC is 2,463 days, or approximately 7 years.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office became responsible for housing individuals in the county jail who have violated the terms of Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) in the community, as well as parole violators.

Individuals entering Sheriff's custody as a PRCS violator may be subject to a "flash" incarceration of up to 10 days, per

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California Penal Code 3453(q) or for a more serious violation resulting in a revocation of the individual's PRCS status, for which the individual may serve up to 180 days in the county jail for each custodial sanction per Penal Code 3455(a).

Through June 2024, the Sheriff's Office has processed and subsequently released 43,950 bookings in either of these categories, with an overall average length of stay of 39 days spent in custody per booking.

Individuals booked into the Sheriff's custody pursuant to California Penal Code 3056 for violating the terms of their parole may be housed in the county jail for a maximum of up to 180 days per revocation. Through June 2024, the Sheriff's Office has processed and subsequently released 31,936 bookings in this category with an overall average of 28 days spent in custody per booking.

Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Division

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Division (RSD) provides direct and support services to the incarcerated population in San Diego County detention facilities. RSD designs programs to influence change in behavior while promoting healthy lifestyles and community safety. The skills acquired through the Sheriff's Office programming encourage the individuals in custody to translate new behaviors both in custody and into the community. Services provided include case management, reentry planning as well as psycho-social programs, career technical education training, employment connection, educational opportunities, religious services and wellness.

Reentry Services Division counselors meet with individuals and perform an assessment to address needs.



Sheriff's Office Reentry Services, Career Technical Education Programs

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Based on needs identified, prescribed programming is done through individual and group reentry interventions in the following tracks offered while in custody:

Career Technical Education Programs

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs offer valuable skills and participants may receive certifications, preparing them for employment opportunities in the community, in partnership with Grossmont Adult Education instructing curricula in a learning environment with hands on training.

CTE opportunities include Culinary Arts, Bakery, Commercial Laundry, Healthcare Service Assistant Training, Industrial Sewing, Landscape Maintenance, Construction Trades, Bicycle Shop, and CIVICS Landscape. San Diego Workforce Partnership offers job readiness training, resume building, and linkage to employment through the Job Centers in the reentry facilities.

Educational Programs

Educational courses incorporate classroom-based learning along with independent studies to cultivate skills that will contribute to a successful reentry into the community. Educational courses include High School Equivalency and Computer Literacy through Grossmont Adult Education. College-level courses are provided by Southwestern Community College, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, and Palomar Community College. In addition, a science workshop is facilitated by students from the University of California San Diego.



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Wellness Programs

Wellness services provide individuals in custody the opportunity to work on building and maintaining healthy lifestyles through wellness education. In partnership with various community-based organizations and volunteers, the population can participate in yoga classes, meditation classes, and workshops addressing health topics. Medi-Cal enrollments are also available to support care coordination needs upon release by activating their health insurance allowing for linkage and access to services in the community, as well as support obtaining essential documents such as DMV ID replacement cards.



Sheriff's Office Reentry Services, Wellness Programs

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Religious Services

Regular services are provided at each facility with additional one-on-one meetings with facility chaplains and faith representatives throughout the County. Individuals also have the option of clergy visits with members of their selected church on an individual basis.

Psycho-Social Programs

The foundation of the Psycho-Social classes offered is Cognitive Behavioral Therapy curriculum such as Thinking for a Change, a 12-week course addressing self-cognitive change, social skills, and problem solving. Gender Responsive and Trauma Informed curriculum: Beyond Anger and Violence focuses on anger along with the traumas experienced while addressing cognitive behavioral restructuring and grounding skills for trauma triggers. Other supplemental classes are assigned based on individual needs also in partnership with contracted providers offering direct services with other evidence-based programs facilitated in a group setting. These interventions provide additional



Sheriff's Office Reentry Services, Psycho-Social Programs

education, skills, linkage to services in the community, and assist in creating a reentry plan to support future success and reduce the likelihood of returning to custody. In FY 2023-24, one or more reentry interventions were provided to 13,364 individuals.

Behavioral Health Care for Clients in Custody

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides behavioral health care for both adults and youth in-custody. During FY 2023-24, behavioral health care was provided to 10,972 adults in a jail setting and to 875 youth who were justice-involved, including 815 youth receiving services in the Stabilization, Treatment, Assessment and Transition Team (STAT) program, 99 youth in the Probation Healing Opportunities for Personal Empowerment (HOPE) program, and 81 youth in the Probation Youth Development Academy.

Project In-Reach

Through Project In-Reach, Behavioral Health Services collaborates with the Sheriff's Office to engage individuals in custody who have been diagnosed with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring conditions, in treatment. This program receives referrals by the Sheriff's Office and provides services to clients 90 days prior to their release into the community to allow for sufficient time to build rapport. The program provides ongoing support to clients for up to 120 days to help them successfully transition from custody to community. In FY 2023-24, 71 clients were enrolled.

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Reentry Services In-Custody

FY 2023-24

Reentry Services for Adults in Custody

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Division provides direct and support services to clients in custody with programming in multiple tracks:

- Career Technical Educational Programs
- Educational Programs
- Wellness Programs
- Religious Services
- Psycho-Social Programs

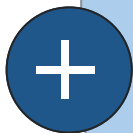


13,364

Individuals provided with reentry interventions in custody

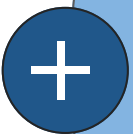
Behavioral Health Care in Custody

Behavioral Health Services provides behavioral health care for both adults and youth in custody.



10,972

Adults in custody who received behavioral health care



71

Clients with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders served through Project In-Reach



72

Clients in custody enrolled in the Project In-Reach Ministry that pairs a religious pastor with a clinician

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Project In-Reach Ministry

The Project In-Reach Ministry functions similarly to Project In-Reach and includes the added element of pairing a religious pastor with a mental health clinician to provide services. This program emphasizes the support of an individual's spiritual needs and provides linkage to religious organizations within the community based on the client's choice. In FY 2023-24, there were 72 clients enrolled.

Public Health Services for Clients in Custody

Public Health Services works with medical professionals, Infection Prevention nurses, and medical staff in jails to provide consultations as needed and recommendations for screening for tuberculosis (TB), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and other communicable diseases.

Sheriff's - Supporting Individual Transitions (S-SIT)

The S-SIT program serves the 100 individuals with the highest number of bookings over the last three years. On average, these individuals are in custody 12 days per booking and remain in the community approximately 27 days before they return to custody. As a result of their rapid cycling through the system, they are rarely connected to a provider in or out of custody. Taking a long-term look at the needs of these individuals is the focus of the S-SIT team.

Reentry Services Division (RSD) counselors meet with S-SIT clients

regularly to build rapport, assess the individual's interest in services, and provide support towards appropriate community referrals. RSD counselors are notified each time the client returns to custody to continue to build rapport and attempt to link the client to community resources. S-SIT team staff work closely with community providers to assist them in contacting their clients while they are in custody.

Goal 2 - Objective 2

Provide services to individuals as they are transitioning back to the community upon release including:

- Reentry planning
- Intensive case management where appropriate
- Coordinated release with community partners
- Care coordination to include linkage to community support, interim housing, and transportation services
- Mentoring using community members with lived experiences
- Addressing behavioral health care and homelessness
- Linkages to a medical home for physical and behavioral healthcare
- Behavioral health linkages and in-reach care management through the CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative
- Public health services for HIV-positive individuals and other communicable diseases

Sheriff's Office Coordinated Program Release

The Sheriff's Office provides our community partners with additional

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assistance through the Coordinated Program Release process. Providers who pick-up individuals from the jails can submit a Coordinated Program Release Form prior to the person's release date. The process ensures individuals being released are prepared with medication, transportation, program linkage, and reentry information. The Sheriff's Office conducted 3,006 coordinated releases for FY 2023-24.

Public Health Services during Reentry

Public Health Services (PHS) provides temporary housing for persons with communicable diseases (TB, HIV, COVID-19, and other communicable diseases) if needed upon exiting the jail system.

The HIV, STD, Hepatitis Branch of PHS provides intensive case management for persons living with HIV upon reentry into the community and connects individuals to HIV care and treatment services, substance use treatment, and other needed services.

The TB Control and Refugee Health Branch of PHS provides case management of active TB cases upon reentry into the community by Public Health nurses. If an individual does not have a medical provider in the community, then their care is provided through the PHS TB Clinic. Communicable disease investigators for HIV and TB locate individuals who have reentered into the community but have not engaged in care to provide education and reengage in the healthcare system.

The Epidemiology and Immunization

Services Branch of PHS provides vaccinations to the jail system and offers temporary housing for individuals released from jail who need isolation for a communicable disease such as COVID-19.

Transitions Clinic

Using funding from the Alternatives to Incarceration initiative, Medical Care Services, in collaboration with San Diego County Sheriff's Department, anticipates implementing a local Transitions Clinic as recommended by the County's Alternatives to Incarceration Workplan.

The Transitions Clinic will connect individuals with primary care level health service needs who are being released from a San Diego County jail to a trustworthy, cultural, and linguistically responsive medical home that ensures continuity of care and provides equitable, whole-person, and person-centered healthcare for clients re-entering the community. Clients will also be connected to social supports, as needed, to maximize opportunities for successful reentry.

Transitions Clinic Network (TCN) is an evidence-based primary care system intervention that improves health and reentry outcomes. TCN's program model was developed in collaboration with community-based organizations and community members impacted by incarceration, whether sentenced or unsentenced, to address health inequities and transform health systems. This program model was developed with an approach centered on listening, shared problem-solving, and community input.

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Central to TCN's program model are Community Health Workers (CHW) with lived experience of incarceration. TCN supports health systems to hire and train CHWs to integrate into the primary care system, engaging and supporting individuals returning from incarceration, and serving as liaisons to navigate health and social services. The shared history between CHWs and patients helps build a trusting and engaging relationship, which leads to better health outcomes for patients.

TCN programs provide a patient-centered primary care medical home. Each program is based within safety-net community health centers in neighborhoods most impacted by incarceration and provides:

- CHWs with a history of incarceration as part of an integrated medical team;
- Linkages with correctional partners to provide continuity of care;
- Easy access to comprehensive primary care;
- Culturally competent, patient-centered medical services; and
- Close partnerships with local reentry and social services organizations to address social drivers of health.

Sheriff's Office Peer Reentry Leaders

The Sheriff's Office received Prop 47 grant funds to improve outcomes and reduce return to custody rates for individuals with justice involvement who face significant barriers upon reentry to the community. A contract was awarded to a community-based organization to train individuals with justice lived experience through a Peer Reentry Leadership Academy (PRLA).

PRLA is a 20-hour training that equips participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to lead individual or group discussion sessions on relevant topics for promoting successful reentry, including "how" and "where" to access services, and how to support individuals in their transition from the detention or reentry facility into the community. During FY 2023-24, 30 individuals completed the academy, and 21 speaking engagements were conducted.

PEER REENTRY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SUCCESS STORY

The restorative opportunity to give back builds confidence, knowledge, and skills

Mr. David Kahaunaele was a participant in the Peer Reentry Leadership Academy (PRLA) and presented at a speaking engagement about his path to PRLA and the benefits of being part of the program. He went on to speak about his drug addiction and the lifestyle that got him incarcerated, sharing details of his addiction and the struggles he has overcome to get where he is now. He kept the audience engaged and encouraged participants to take part in the program if possible.

GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 2

Reentry Services During Release

FY 2023-24

Sheriff's Office Coordinated Program Release

The Coordinated Program Release process ensures individuals being released are prepared with medication, transportation, program linkages, and reentry information.

3,006

Coordinated Releases



Peer Reentry Leadership Academy

Sheriff's Office Peer Reentry Leadership Academy

PRLA provides training to individuals with justice lived experience to help them support individuals in their transition from detention facilities into the community.

30

Individuals Trained

21

Speaking Engagements Completed

Sheriff's Office Housing Services

This short-term housing option for people who meet this level of need includes linkages to employment services and community support.

79

Individuals Served

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Sheriff's Office Housing Services

Interim housing contracts are being used as a short-term housing option for people who meet this level of need. For individuals being referred to housing, Sheriff's staff create an individualized reentry plan that addresses individual needs and includes linkages to employment services and community-based organizations for ongoing support. Upon release, individuals may be provided with transportation to interim housing locations if needed. While individuals are in interim housing, the providers assist clients in accessing public assistance benefits (CalFresh and Medi-Cal) within 30 days of entering housing.

Safe, secure, and stable housing is provided through the Sheriff's Office Housing Services while supporting clients in achieving educational and/or employment goals, physical and mental well-being, and positive connections to the community. The Sheriff's Office provided interim housing services in FY 2023-24 with the first referral beginning in April of 2024. There have been 79 individuals referred to interim housing services this fiscal year.

Department of Homeless Solutions & Equitable Communities, Office of Homeless Solutions Community Care Coordination Programs

Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V)

The C3V program provides comprehensive care coordination, service navigation, and housing assistance to justice-involved veterans being released from the local jails

as well as veterans in the community who are currently or recently justice-involved. The services include peer support, immediate housing and connecting each person, based on their individual needs, to medical care, behavioral health treatment, self-sufficiency benefits and other supportive services. This program is designed to improve community safety through services to reduce justice system involvement for these veterans while also supporting improved health outcomes.

During FY 2023-24, 152 individuals were enrolled in the program, 96% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 76% of participants who had been released for a year experienced reduced justice involvement as measured by an increase in the number of days lived out of custody in the community compared to the number of days in the 12 months prior to program enrollment in the last program year.



Veteran Stand Down Event

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Community Care Coordination – Straight to Home (C3STH)

The C3STH program provides comprehensive care coordination, service navigation, and housing assistance to individuals exiting local jails who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and have high needs, including behavioral health needs, chronic physical health conditions, and/or who are medically complex. The services include peer support, immediate housing and connecting each person, based on their individual needs, to medical care, behavioral health treatment, self-sufficiency benefits and other supportive services. This program is designed to improve community safety through services to reduce justice system involvement for these individuals while also supporting improved health outcomes.

During FY 2023-24, 82 individuals were enrolled in the program, 98% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 60% of participants who had been released for a year experienced reduced justice involvement as measured by an increase in the number of days lived out of custody in the community compared to the number of days in the 12 months prior to program enrollment in the last program year.

Community Care Coordination Re-entry Support (C3RES)

The C3RES program provides comprehensive care coordination, service

navigation, and housing assistance to justice involved individuals with a history of behavioral health needs and who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness as they leave custody from local jails to return to their communities. This program is designed to improve community safety through services to reduce justice system involvement for these individuals while also supporting improved health outcomes. The services include peer support, immediate housing and connecting each person, based on their individual needs, to medical care, behavioral health treatment, self-sufficiency benefits, employment, and other supportive services. This program was made possible by Proposition 47, an initiative that was voter-approved in November of 2014, that reduces certain felony drug and theft crimes to misdemeanors.

During FY 2023-24, 117 individuals were enrolled in the program, 99% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 75% of participants who had been released for a year experienced reduced justice involvement as measured by an increase in the number of days lived out of custody in the community compared to the number of days in the 12 months prior to program enrollment.

Probation Department Interim Housing

The Probation Department offers interim housing for adult clients supervised as high-risk. There are more than 300 beds funded through eight different programs.

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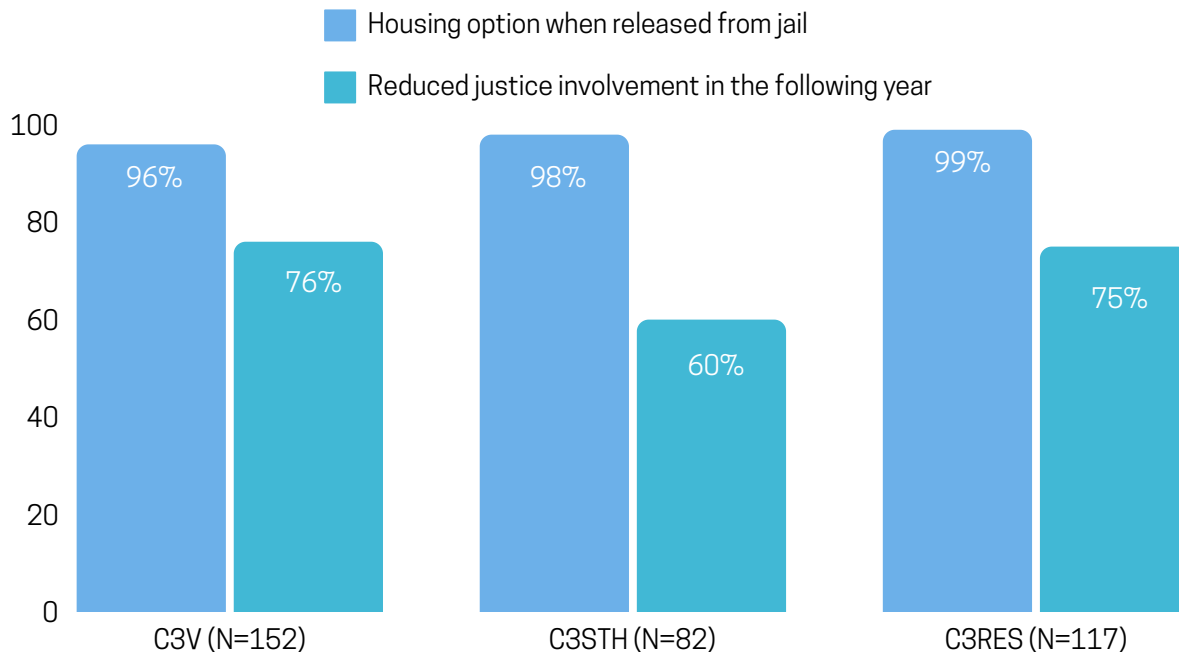
Reentry Services During Release

FY 2023-24

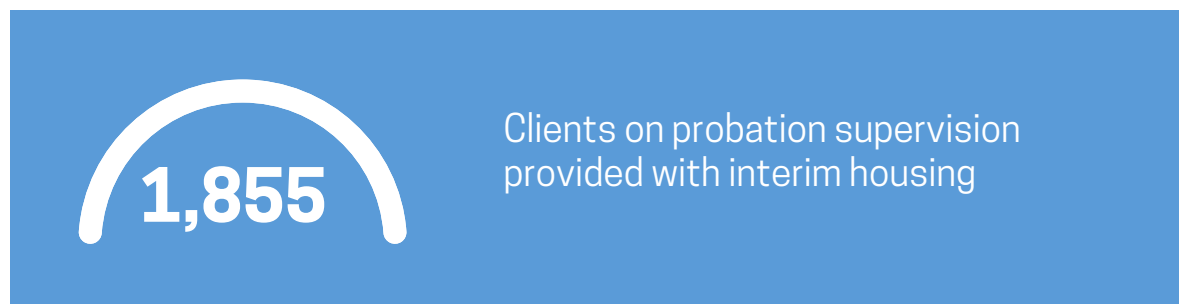
Community Care Coordination Programs

The Office of Homeless Solutions offers three specialty programs that provide 12 months of comprehensive care coordination and housing assistance to individuals being released from jail or who have been recently released to the community:

- **Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V)**
- **Community Care Coordination - Straight to Home (C3STH)**
- **Community Care Coordination - Reentry Support (C3RES)**



Probation Department Interim Housing



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Interim housing is intended to be a support towards self-sufficiency. The program has two primary objectives: 1) Ensure clients are linked to all social support programs for which they are eligible (e.g., CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Affordable Care Act, etc.); and 2) Support the transition to permanent housing.

The interim housing program is voluntary and lasts approximately 90 days per client with extensions available. Clients must participate and maintain progress in a structured program such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, drug treatment, employment, mental health services, etc.

The Probation Department also provides housing at the Community Transition Center.

During FY 2023-24, 1,855 clients on probation were provided interim housing through the interim housing program and the Community Transition Center.



Probation client who graduated from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Say San Diego staff

Goal 2 - Objective 3

Provide services to clients in the community after a period of incarceration to avoid recidivism including:

- A widened scope of services for clients on Mandatory Supervision
- District Attorney's (DA) CARE Center
- DA Tattoo Removal Program
- DA Community Grant Program
- Public Defender's Defense Transition Unit and Substance Abuse Assessment Unit
- Community Transition Center
- Increased utilization of resources for education, employment, financial literacy, and housing
- Improved physical and behavioral healthcare coordination through new opportunities provided by CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiatives, such as Enhanced Care Management and Community Support services

District Attorney's CARE Center

The Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center is a satellite office of the District Attorney's Office, located in National City.

The CARE Center is a product of the community's collaboration with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, aimed at actively linking individuals in the community to community-based prevention and intervention services with the goal of building strong community relationships and reducing crime.

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The CARE Center provides individuals with evidence-based prevention and intervention support services to help them improve their quality of life, reduce crime and recidivism, and promote public safety.

Using an evidence-based needs assessment, motivational interviewing, and trauma-informed practices, the District Attorney's (DA) Prevention and Intervention Program team members work with both adults and youth to identify their top needs. Crime prevention specialists at the CARE Center assist those individuals transitioning back to the community with reentry services. The CARE Center also assists families in receiving wraparound services, which includes family counseling, employment, housing, and food distribution. In FY 2023- 24, a total of 161 assessments were conducted at the CARE Center including 88 individuals who were previously incarcerated.

District Attorney's Tattoo Removal Program

The Tattoo Removal Program is a DA led initiative to support successful reentry of our justice-involved populations. The program provides free of charge, to those who qualify, removal of gang and human trafficking tattoos for youth and adults who have been involved in the criminal justice system or are at-risk of being involved in the criminal justice system and are making strides to disassociate themselves from that life. Elimination of tattoos has been shown to improve employment opportunities and decrease negative bias towards individuals seeking to reenter the community and workforce.

Our first tattoo removal session was November 7, 2022. The DA Tattoo Removal Program served 26 individuals from July 2023 through June 2024. Since inception, we have served 37 San Diego residents.

District Attorney's Community Grant Program

The San Diego County District Attorney's Office is dedicated to supporting organizations with a willingness to help keep our neighborhoods safe. The DA's Community Grant Program (CGP) seeks to engage organizations in San Diego County to identify community needs and implement new and innovative methods to address community safety and expand community assets – such as hope and resilience regardless of zip code. Grant funding up to \$50,000 is available to selected community-based organizations to support projects and services over a maximum of twelve months to grow promising community-based solutions that produce positive results in the following focus areas: youth and family support, environmental justice, protecting vulnerable youth, and victim support.

As of June 2024, 48,723 San Diegans served (21,349 unduplicated). In FY 2023-24, 35 grants were awarded through the District Attorney's Community Grant Program. CGP anticipates releasing a new request for applications in FY 2024-25.

K-12 Youth Services Community Grant Program

The K-12 Youth Services Community Grant Program focuses on supportive services

GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 3

Reentry Services in the Community FY 2023-24

Reentry services in the community provide individuals with the services and resources they need to succeed.

161
Assessments

District Attorney's CARE Center

The Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center provides individuals with evidence-based prevention and intervention support services to help them improve their quality of life, reduce crime and recidivism, and promote public safety.

26
Served

District Attorney's Tattoo Removal Program

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35
Grants
Awarded

District Attorney Community Grants Program

The District Attorney's Office's Community Grant Program seeks to engage organizations in San Diego County to identify community needs and implement new and innovative methods to address community safety and expand community assets.



Docu-Ready Fair held at the CARE Center

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and programs related specifically to improving education access for the San Diego County's youth, ranging from kindergarten to the 12th grade. The K-12 Community Grant's goal is to assist, promote, and improve educational options for San Diego County children.

Through this grant program, the County of San Diego and fellow stakeholders, including the Health & Human Services Agency's Behavioral Health Services and Child Welfare Services, Office of Equity and Racial Justice, and the County Office of Education, strive to identify and implement programs that address educational equity and acceleration of learning, behavioral health needs, housing, food stability, address poverty, provide mentorship and wrap-around services that allow children to thrive.

In FY 2023-24 there was a review of the previously awarded grants, including each grantee's use of funds. The review will be used to determine the areas of focus based on identified best practices.

Community Transition Center

The County of San Diego has a Community Transition Center (CTC) that was created through a collaborative partnership between Probation and justice partners, including the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the Public Defender, and the Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA). Since opening in 2012, the CTC has provided temporary housing, programming, and treatment to over 22,200 individuals.

The CTC is co-located with a residential treatment program that provides a culture of recovery and resiliency that instills hope in clients. Every client on Post Release Community Supervision is picked up at state prison and transported directly to the CTC by staff members who have lived experience with the justice system. The CTC also serves clients on Mandatory Supervision who are brought to the center from jail to await placement into programming. The CTC is the site of a multi-disciplinary team comprised of probation officers, Behavioral Health Services Team licensed mental health clinicians, treatment staff, a nurse case manager, and Medi-Cal Assistance Support Specialists from HHSA. Clients are assessed using the reentry version of the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions tool and screened for behavioral health needs.



Community Transition Center Multi-Disciplinary Team

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While at the CTC, a preliminary case plan is developed, and clients are referred to treatment and intervention services to address their needs. Services range from strength-based mental health case management, full-service partnership /Assertive Community Treatment programs, outpatient substance use disorder (SUD) programs, residential SUD programs, withdrawal management programs, co-occurring programs, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and education/employment services. Clients also have immediate access to on-site short-term housing pending placement in long-term programs.

During FY 2023-24, 1,810 clients were served at the CTC. Reentry services were provided to 1,043 clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) released from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 114 clients on Mandatory Supervision (MS) released from jail, and four clients on high-risk Formal supervision. The CTC also served clients who needed additional services in lieu of violations, including 555 PRCS clients, 29 MS clients, and 65 clients on high-risk Formal supervision.

During FY 2023-24, clients at the CTC received 3,546 referrals to services including 1,393 referrals to mental health treatment, 651 referrals to residential treatment for SUD, 460 referrals to outpatient treatment programs, 396 referrals to employment and vocational services, 255 referrals to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, 258 referrals to housing, and 133 referrals to other services.

As one client reflected on the CTC by saying that, “It gave me the opportunity to get my life together and to put a plan together for successful reentry into society.” An overview of the CTC is provided in this video, Community Transition Center Offers a Helping Hand: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0TIYlgPRSU&feature=youtu.be>

My Reentry Roadmap Resource Guide

The Probation Department developed a resource guide called *My Reentry Roadmap* that provides clients and community members with links and guidance for the successful transition back into the San Diego community: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/probation/docs/MyReentryRoadmap.pdf>



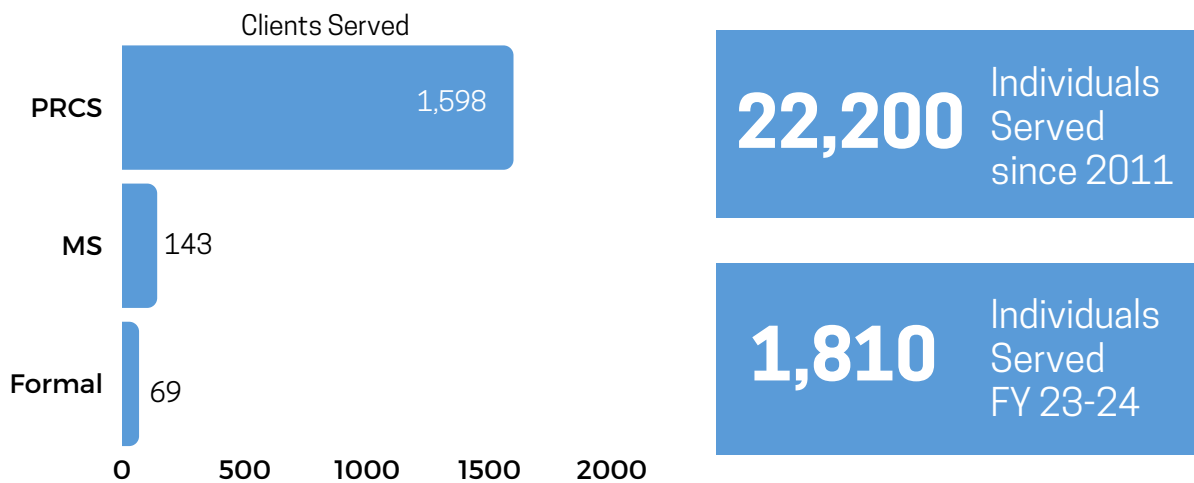
Client interview at the Community Transition Center

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Reentry Services in the Community FY 2023-24

Community Transition Center

The Community Transition Center (CTC) provides temporary housing, programming, and treatment to individuals on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), Mandatory Supervision (MS) and Formal Supervision re-entering the community from prison and jail. The CTC is co-located with a residential treatment program that provides a culture of recovery and resiliency that instills hope in clients returning to the community.




Referrals to services for clients at the CTC



Housing and Resource Navigators

Housing and Resource Navigators help clients on probation to obtain stable housing, career opportunities, and critical resources.

 **209** Clients Engaged

 **84%** Received a Housing and Resource Plan

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My Reentry Roadmap helps clients to identify what they need to transition back into the community given the available resources throughout San Diego County. It provides information about how to be successful on community supervision including information about accessing the following: identification/documents; transportation services; housing and homeless services; substance use disorder resources; medical services; social security/disability; Veteran's services; resources for families; employment/education; financial literacy; and criminal record relief.

Probation Department - Housing and Resource Navigators

The Probation Department is partnering with a community-based organization to provide support and assistance to clients who are homeless or who are in need of community support. Housing and Resource Navigators who have lived experience actively engage clients, taking the clients unique needs and circumstances into account to help clients on probation to obtain stable housing, career opportunities, and critical resources.

Individualized housing and resource service plans help clients to overcome barriers to housing and engage in career development and social services to foster long-term success. The length of the program can last up to five months and includes aftercare services. In FY 2023-24, Housing and Resource Navigators actively engaged 209 probation clients, with 84% receiving a Housing and Resource Plan.

Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs

The Public Defender and District Attorney, along with the Office of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, hold monthly hyper-localized community resource fairs where the need for services is great.

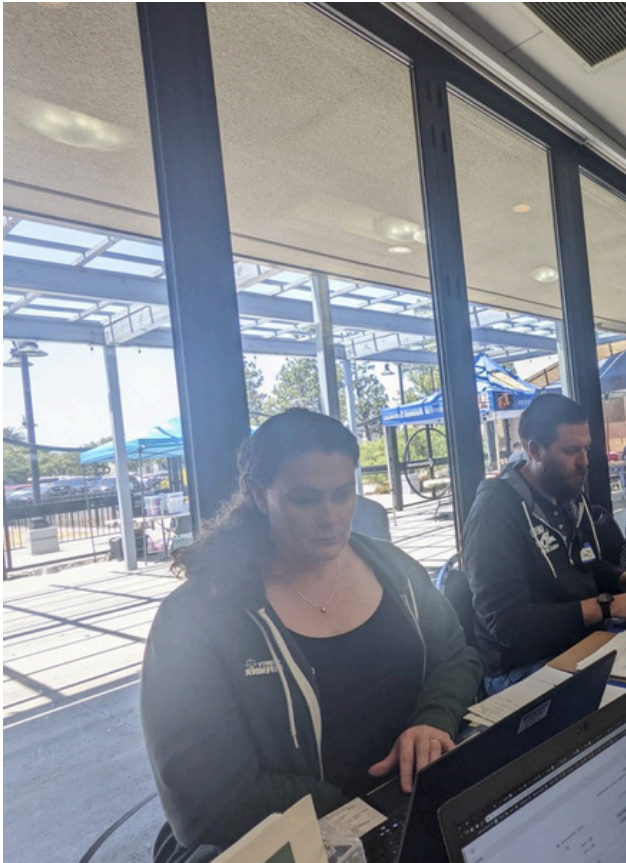
Through partnerships with community-based organizations, other critical city/county/state agencies, and the Court, Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs can remove legal barriers, such as outstanding warrants and California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) holds, that prevent justice-involved homeless individuals from moving forward. Since November 2021, 27 Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs have served over 2,482 clients, cleared over 250 warrants, and removed 392 DMV holds. HHSA has served over 1,500 clients at the events.



Public Defender Staff at a Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair

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Reentry Services in the Community



Since November 2021...



2,482
Individuals
Served



250
Warrants
Cleared



392
DMV Holds
Removed



Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fairs

Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs remove legal barriers, such as outstanding warrants and Department of Motor Vehicle holds, that prevent justice-involved homeless individuals from moving forward. They accomplish this through partnerships with community-based organizations, other critical city/county/state agencies, and the Court.

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Goal 3: Provide evidence-based supervision and intervention services to reduce recidivism

Goal 3 - Objective 1

Incorporate evidence-based practices, trauma-informed care, and multi-disciplinary team approaches into supervision and case management of clients placed on Post Release Community Supervision and Mandatory Supervision, using principles and practices proven to support engagement and accountability including the use of incentives and risk-based supervision.

Realigned Populations Supervised by Probation

The Post Release and Mandatory Supervision Division of the Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services Bureau at the San Diego County Probation Department oversees the supervision of clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS). Each supervision level consists of distinct operating procedures, legal authority, and procedural guidelines. Adults on PRCS have felony convictions and are released from prison with committing offenses that are non-violent, non-serious, or non-sex related. Prior to AB 109, these individuals were supervised by State Parole upon release from prison. MS clients have felony convictions and are sentenced after AB 109 pursuant to PC 1170(h) for non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex related offenses.

Clients on MS receive a “split” sentence and spend a portion of their sentence in jail and another portion under probation supervision. During CY 2023, 696 individuals were on MS. Eighty percent were male. MS clients identified as 53% Hispanic, 32% White, 9% Black, and 6% other races/ethnicities. During CY 2023, 2,461 individuals were on PRCS. Ninety percent were male. They identified as 39% Hispanic, 32% White, 23% Black, and 6% other races/ethnicities.

Probation Department - Community Supervision Model

The San Diego County Probation Department utilizes evidence-based practices in the supervision of its clients. The process begins by assessing a client’s criminogenic risks and needs using the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) assessment tool. The COMPAS is a validated risk assessment that is used to determine the level of supervision and interventions that could reduce a client’s risk to reoffend.



Probation staff

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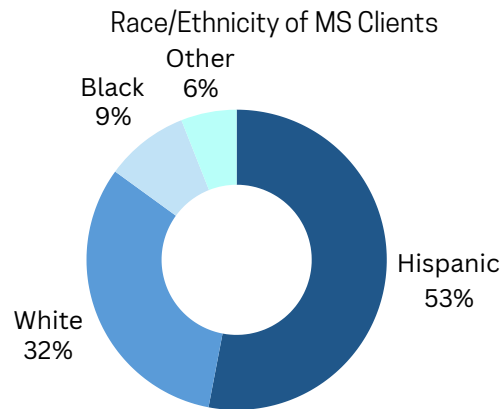
Community Supervision CY 2023

Mandatory Supervision

Clients on Mandatory Supervision receive a “split” sentence and are required to spend a portion of their sentence in jail and another portion under probation supervision.

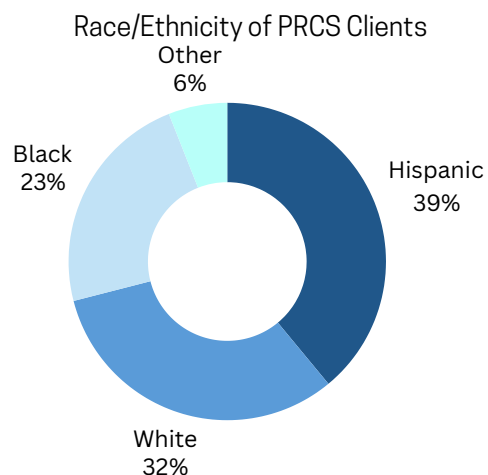
696 Clients
on MS

80% Male



Post Release Community Supervision

Adults on Post Release Community Supervision have felony convictions and are released from prison with committing offenses that are non-violent, non-serious, or non-sex related. Prior to AB 109, these individuals were supervised by State Parole.



2,461 Clients
on PRCS

90% Male

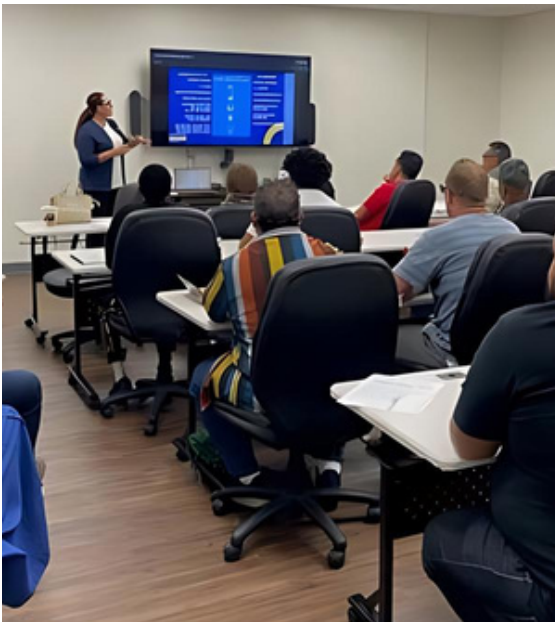


100% of 1,144 eligible clients on MS and PRCS were referred to community-based services (FY 23-24)

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Based on the results of the COMPAS assessment, an individualized case plan is developed. Officers utilize the Community Resource Directory (CRD) that provides a catalogue of countywide services to which clients can be referred. During FY 2023-24, 100% of 1,144 eligible clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS) were referred to services through the CRD.

One evidence-based program to which MS and PRCS clients can be referred is Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Therapists address factors such as criminal thought processes, cognitive and behavioral control of anger, interpersonal skill deficits, and exposure to trauma. CBT services include healthy communication skills, problem solving skills, anger management, family classes, and relapse prevention.



Probation clients at Cognitive Behavioral Therapy informational session

Probation officers utilize Integrated Behavioral Intervention Strategies including motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral skills, to engage their clients to encourage lasting behavior change and to promote positive outcomes. These evidence-based supervision and intervention services are provided with a focus on reentry.

PROBATION SUCCESS STORY

Celebrating Five Years Sober

A client who successfully terminated from Mandatory Supervision reached out to thank her former probation officer and reported that she is celebrating her “5-year sober birthday.” The client reflected on her time on probation and wrote, “Going through that period really enabled me to build valuable skills which allowed me to reenter society as a functioning and productive member.”

She is proud of the person she has become; she has returned to school, has a rewarding career, and has her family back in her life.

At the close of her email, she wrote “I wanted to let you know that it does work for those who want it bad enough. Thank you again for your support during that time. I will be forever grateful for your tough but effective approach.”

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Community Supervision

FY 2023-24

The Probation Department utilizes the definition of recidivism provided by the Chief Probation Officers of California, reporting on the percentage of clients who terminate from supervision without being convicted of new crimes.

The Department also tracks the percentage of clients who do not get new convictions twelve months after terminating from supervision.

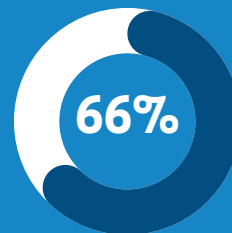


Probation Officers

No New Convictions During Supervision

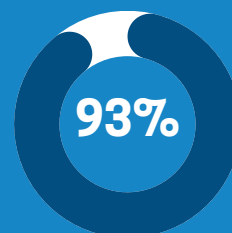


Mandatory Supervision
(N=515)

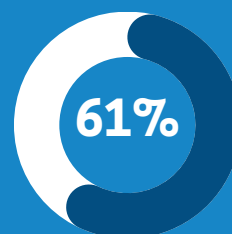


Post Release Community Supervision
(N=1,130)

No New Convictions Twelve Months after Terminating from Supervision



Mandatory Supervision
(N=481)



Post Release Community Supervision
(N=1,055)

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During FY 2023-24, 96% of 515 clients on Mandatory Supervision (MS) and 66% of 1,130 clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) successfully completed supervision without new convictions. 93% of 481 clients on MS and 61% of 1,055 clients on PRCS did not have new convictions one year after termination.

Probation Department Mobile Probation Services Centers

In 2025, the Probation Department will be deploying two Mobile Probation Service Centers to perform outreach, deliver case management services, and provide linkages to care to more vulnerable clients, including those who are homeless.

Probation Department – Harm Reduction Strategy

The Probation Department continues to support the County's Comprehensive Harm Reduction Strategy by equipping regional offices and officers with Naloxone kits to prevent overdoses.



Probation officers engaging with the community

Public Defender's Fresh Start Program

The Public Defender operates the Fresh Start Program which provides criminal record relief. The program assists clients in moving forward to overcome the difficulties from a criminal record such as finding employment, obtaining housing, enrolling/funding an education, and securing other civic opportunities. The Fresh Start team assesses the record of conviction and creates an expungement plan to seal/expunge all eligible convictions visible on the Department of Justice record of conviction. During FY 2023-24, there were 2,907 Fresh Start cases opened and 97% of petitions were granted.

Public Defender Fresh Start Grant-Funded Unit

In addition to the standard services the Public Defender Fresh Start program provides, the Public Defender Fresh Start Grant Unit also assists clients under Penal Code 1172.1 for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)/District Attorney initiated resentencing, AB600 petition assistance and resentencing, Penal Code 1172.6 for Felony- Murder rule resentencing, Penal Code 1473.7 for immigration resentencing, and Penal Code 3051/ Franklin to assist those who were Youthful Offenders (under 26 at the time of their offense) in providing retroactive mitigation packages for use at parole hearings under Penal Code 1203.01. Under Penal Code 1172.7/75 (SB 483), CDCR referred over 750 clients who are potentially eligible for a full resentencing of their case. All the above efforts require client contact at the prisons, mitigation and investigation efforts, and motion writing.

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District Attorney's Resentencing Unit

Senate Bill 483 went into effect on January 1, 2022, instituting a process where previously sentenced individuals could petition for a resentencing if their original sentence included additional time based on a prison prior (PC 667.5(b)) or a drug sales prior (HS 11370.2). Based on these parameters, there are approximately 700 individuals in San Diego County who may validly petition for a resentencing. The San Diego District Attorney's Office must review and answer each petition submitted to the Superior Court requesting such relief. The District Attorney's office is still working through these 700+ cases to resolve them with a calendar scheduled at least once a week.

In 2019, District Attorneys were given the authority to recommend resentencing under Penal Code 1172.1. In 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law the California County Resentencing Pilot Program, which appropriated general funds to nine California counties, including San Diego, to engage in Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing (PIR). The pilot program began in September 2021. Although the pilot program was designed to last three years, legislative efforts are underway to extend it until September 2025. To ensure that resentenced individuals have the proper support in the community, San Diego partners with Neighborhood House Association to provide critical reentry services upon release. In FY 2023-24 the Conviction and Sentence Review Unit reviewed approximately 159 cases for PIR and resentenced 5 individuals.

In FY 2024-25, San Diego will partner with For The People on their new initiative "Together Home," which focuses on reviewing cases of incarcerated women and, if resentenced, providing them with additional reentry support.

Goal 3 - Objective 2

The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division and the Public Defender's Collaborative Courts / Holistic Services Units will continue to staff the Collaborative Courts, MS Court, and Parole and PRCS Revocation Court with specialized Deputy District Attorneys, Public Defenders, and clinicians who have expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.

The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division

The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division (CJD) is staffed by specialized Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) who are experts on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration. Working alongside a multi-disciplinary justice partner team, DDAs use a fair and balanced approach to develop and implement problem-solving strategies that address the root of an individual's criminogenic behavior by combining rehabilitative services with intensive supervision.

CJD currently staffs ten Collaborative Courts, including: Veterans Treatment Court, Re-entry Court, four county-wide Drug Courts, Behavioral Health Court,

GOAL 3 - OBJECTIVE 1

Fresh Start and Resentencing FY 2023-24



FRESH START PROGRAM

* Fresh Start Grant-Funded Unit

This unit provides full resentencing of cases that meet specific legal requirements. 750 clients have been referred for resentencing since inception.

* Fresh Start Program

The Fresh Start Program provides criminal record relief to assist clients in moving forward to overcome the difficulties from a criminal record.

Fresh Start
Cases

2,907

Petitions
Granted

97%



PROSECUTOR INITIATED RESENTENCING

* District Attorney's Resentencing Unit

This Unit is working through 700+ cases where previously sentenced individuals can petition for resentencing of their cases.

* Prosecutor Initiated Resentencing

District Attorneys have the authority to recommend resentencing under Penal Code 1172.1

PIR Cases
Reviewed

159

Individuals
Resentenced

5

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Behavioral Health Diversion's Treatment Court, Mandatory Supervision and Post Release Community Supervision Revocation Court, a monthly Homeless Court, and a bi-monthly Homeless Community Pop-Up Resource Court. CJD houses seven Deputy District Attorneys who have an expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.

The Public Defender Collaborative Courts Unit

The Public Defender Collaborative Courts Unit assists clients in Drug Court, Reentry Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and Mandatory Supervision Court. Deputy Public Defenders work with the court, treatment providers, law enforcement, and probation officers to help clients successfully complete their programs while protecting their rights. There are eight attorneys in the Collaborative Courts Unit, which also represents clients in Probation Violation Court and PRCS/Parole Violation Court.

Goal 3 - Objective 3

Connect individuals with behavioral health conditions and who have justice involvement to existing services within the system of care to support them in successfully re-entering the community. This includes ensuring people with first episode psychosis are connected to care in healthcare settings and connecting individuals to housing services and supportive services in the community.

Center Star Assertive Community Treatment

The Center Star Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program utilizes the ACT model of care to provide comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, field-based mental health services for justice-involved clients who are diagnosed with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders who are experiencing homelessness.

The Center Star Assertive Community Treatment program supports the client in stepping down to a lower level of care within the program utilizing a strength-based case management approach and offers both transitional and long-term housing resources. During FY 2023-24, 251 unduplicated clients were served at Center Star Assertive Community Treatment.

Vida Assertive Community Treatment

The Vida Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program utilizes the ACT model of care to serve clients that have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness and may have co-occurring conditions, who are experiencing homelessness and are re-entering the community from custody. The program specializes in assessing criminogenic needs to ensure they are addressed in the treatment plan. During FY 2023-24, 109 unduplicated clients were provided with the ACT program at Vida.

GOAL 3- OBJECTIVE 3

Behavioral Health

FY 2023-24

Behavioral Health Services for Justice-Involved Clients

Behavioral Health Services operates three programs, Center Star Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Vida ACT, and Strength-Based Case Management, specifically designed to connect justice-involved individuals with behavioral health conditions to services within the system of care to support them in successfully re-entering the community.

251

Clients served at Center Star ACT

109

Clients served at Vida ACT

339

Clients served at Strength-Based Case Management



National Alliance on Mental Illness Walk

Probation Regional Behavioral Health Professionals

Mental health clinicians and Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists (ADPS) are located at regional Probation offices in order to remove barriers for clients to receive mental health assessments and referrals.

297

Clients referred to mental health clinicians

791

Clients referred to ADPS

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Strength-Based Case Management Program

The AB 109 Strength-Based Case Management program provides outpatient mental health services, including medication management and strength-based case management. This program has flex funds to cover various needs including temporary housing. Participants in this program are referred by Probation and are under supervision as AB 109 offenders and include those individuals on Post Release Community Supervision and Mandatory Supervision. During FY 2023-24, the program served adults 18 years old and older and served a minimum of 339 unduplicated clients annually.

Probation Department - Behavioral Health Care in Regional Probation Offices

To improve access to mental health care and substance use disorder treatment, behavioral health clinicians and Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists are located at regional Probation offices to support client engagement in services and rapidly respond to clients who have urgent behavioral health needs. These staff work closely with probation officers and clients using a multi-disciplinary team approach to provide screenings, assessments, consultation, and referrals to services.

During FY 2023-24, 297 probation clients were referred to mental health clinicians and 791 probation clients were referred to Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists located at regional Probation offices.



Probation staff with community members

Goal 3 - Objective 4

Identify and address gaps in services for clients with acute mental health and substance use disorders who have co-occurring conditions.

District Attorney's Blueprint for Mental Health Reform

The District Attorney's Blueprint for Mental Health Reform was created to memorialize the work of stakeholders who participated in two symposiums mapping the intersection between mental health and the criminal justice system. The Blueprint includes ten specific recommendations with many sub-recommendations that move the needle on mental health reform and keep the public safe using evidence-based practices, while treating individuals with mental illness with compassion, dignity, and respect. Several of the Blueprint's recommendations have been implemented including de-escalation training for every police officer in the county, Mobile Crisis Response Teams, Community Based Crisis Stabilization Units with law enforcement drop offs, and expanded mental health diversion options.

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Goal 3 - Objective 5

Agencies will focus on providing training related to best practices in serving justice-involved clients with a focus on equity, inclusion, cultural competency, poverty, substance abuse, trauma-informed care, and harm reduction.

Probation Department Training

During FY 2023-24, all Probation staff were required to attend an Inclusive Leadership course that utilized a principle-based approach, focused on leadership development, personal integrity, and accountability.

Dynamic classroom and experiential learning activities challenged participants individually, as well as the group. Areas of focus for the Inclusive Leadership training included understanding and embracing diversity and inclusion, building trust, developing high performance teams, and leadership development.

District Attorney's Training

The District Attorney's Office provided in-depth training to train Deputy District Attorneys both in-house and with the collaboration of the Sheriff's Reentry Services and Probation Department on alternatives to custody, collaborative courts, and reentry services.



Probation staff at the Probation Training Center



Innovative and evidence-based training to better serve justice-involved clients

CONCLUSION

The FY 2024-25 Community Corrections Partnership Plan outlines a comprehensive array of programs and services provided by the County of San Diego to support the health and safety of our communities.

The FY 2024-25 Community Corrections Partnership Plan builds on progress made in over a decade since Public Safety Realignment was passed while being responsive to current conditions and the County's strategic initiatives focused on justice system reform and health-justice care coordination.

The County of San Diego continues to make progress in the implementation of programs and services to prevent individuals from becoming involved with the justice system and minimize justice-system contact when appropriate.

From prevention, diversion, alternatives to incarceration, reentry, community supervision and beyond, County programs and services address the needs of our community members by providing housing, mental health treatment, substance use services, transportation, and access to social services to help clients succeed.

The programs and services offered by the County of San Diego will continue to evolve to reflect the broader context of local initiatives, community input, and Board of Supervisor priorities affecting the justice-involved populations.



By balancing
accountability with
opportunity, we
can help people to
restore their lives
and build healthy
families and
communities.



THANK YOU!

The accomplishments included in the County of San Diego Community Corrections Partnership Plan would not be possible without the joint efforts between our clients, our community, and our partner agencies across the justice system and health & human services.

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