



Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Agenda
December 15, 2021
9:00 am – 11:00 am

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- Participation via Zoom or by Telephone;

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- I. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Holly Benton
- II. **Reconsider the Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency** – DCPO Holly Benton
Receive a review of the legislation and requirements to continue to allow Brown Act meetings to be held virtually.
 - a. Reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency;
 - b. Consider whether State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing;
 - c. Find that the CCP and Workgroup of the CCP has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and that the State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and
 - d. Direct staff to continue to notice and hold hearings as remote hearings consistent with Government Code § 54953(e)(3).

Vote Required.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** – All
Voting Item.



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IV. **Comments from the Chair** – DCPO Holly Benton

V. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Realignment Planning Process** – DCPO Holly Benton

Review Realignment goals and objectives, overview of budget forecast, and priority setting and planning discussion specific to FY2022-23 budget proposal development. An update will be provided on the items below:

- Holistic Defense – Public Defender
- Collaborative Courts – District Attorney
- Victim Services – District Attorney
- Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program – District Attorney
- Discharge Planning – Probation

Information Only.

VI. **Crestwood MHRC Pilot Program** – Behavioral Wellness Acting Director Pam Fisher and DCPO Holly Benton

Receive an update on MHRC Subcommittee discussions regarding the Crestwood MHRC Pilot Program and data needs for determining next steps and a timeline for further options and funding related to MHRC forensic beds.

Information Only.

VII. **Felony Diversion** – Chief Deputy DA John Savrnach

Receive an update on pre-arraignment felony diversion efforts.

Information Only.

VIII. **New/Expanded Program Updates**

Receive an update regarding progress in implementation efforts for newly-funded/expanded programs or identified programs of interest approved in the FY2021-2022 Realignment Plan.

- **Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski

Information Only.

IX. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunities** – DCPO Holly Benton

Receive information on prospective submissions for funding opportunities.

- **Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS) Project** – CEO's Principal Analyst Lindsay Walter JD

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X. **Criminal Justice Funding Updates** – DCPO Holly Benton

Receive status updates on previously submitted funding proposals.

- **Prison to Employment Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Executive Director Ray McDonald
- **Pathway Home Grant** – Workforce Development Board Executive Director Ray McDonald
- **DSH Diversion (AB1810)** - Department of Behavioral Wellness
- **CREDO 47** – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
- **COVID Relief Grant** – Department of Behavioral Wellness and Sheriff's Office

Information Only.

XI. **Public Comment - All**

Three (3) minutes per commentator, not to exceed a total of fifteen (15) minutes.

XII. **Confirm Next Meeting for January 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. and Adjourn** – DCPO Holly Benton

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Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Realignment Planning Workgroup

Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021

Zoom

CCP Realignment Planning Workgroup Members in Attendance:

Holly Benton, Deputy Chief Probation Officer – Santa Barbara County Probation Department, Chair

Ethan Bertrand, 2nd District Representative

Angela Braun for **Darrel Parker**, Court Executive Officer – Santa Barbara County Superior Court

Paul Clementi, Principal Analyst – County of Santa Barbara County Executive Office

Pam Fisher, Ph.D., Acting Director – Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Tracy Macuga, Public Defender – Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office

Julie Smedley for **Ray McDonald**, Executive Director – Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board

Mag Nicola, Chief Deputy District Attorney – Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office

Vincent Wasilewski, Chief Custody Deputy – Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office (SBSO)

Members Absent:

Michael Cash, Chief of Police – Guadalupe Police Department

Staff and Other Attendees:

Baldueza, Julius – Probation Department

Barnard, Sylvia – Good Samaritan Shelters

Budwani, Deepak – Public Defender's Office

Brooks, Dulce – SBSO

Callahan, Kenneth – SBSO

Cross, Spencer – Probation Department

Ellsworth, Judge Sherrill – Consultant

Grossi, Dana – Probation Department

Grossini, Jason – SBSO

Hernandez, Laura – Probation Department

Lozada, Eddie – Probation Department

Meza, Ben – Probation Department

Milligan, Karyn – Probation Department

Ochoa, Alejandra – Probation Department

Ribeiro, Chris – Behavioral Wellness

Saafir, Emir – Probation Department

Sibley, Christina – Probation Department

Stevenson, Caressa – District Attorney's Office

Swanson, Brian – Probation Department

Vasquez, Hope – SBSO

Walter, Lindsay – County Executive Office

Winckler, John – Behavioral Wellness

Zeitz, Laura – Behavioral Wellness

I. **Call to Order** – Deputy Chief Probation Officer (DCPO) Holly Benton

- The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. attendees provided names on-screen and roll call was taken.

II. **Reconsider the Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency** – DCPO Holly Benton

- Last month County Counsel presented AB361, which amended portions of the Brown Act to allow voting bodies to continue meeting virtually as long as two conditions are met; a state of emergency has been declared, and a local health official has recommended social distancing. If

the CCP WG would like to remain virtual, the voting body must meet and vote to continue virtually every 30 days. At this time, both conditions are met, so today's vote would be to continue conducting CCP WG meetings virtually for the next 30 days.

- A motion was made by Tracy Macuga and seconded by Mag Nicola to continue conducting Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meetings virtually.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
Ayes: 9
(Ethan Bertrand, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Julie Smedley, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Holly Benton, Vincent Wasilewski)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

III. **Approval of Minutes – All**

- A motion was made by Mag Nicola and seconded by Tracy Macuga to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021, Community Corrections Partnership Realignment Planning Workgroup (CCP Workgroup) meeting as submitted.
 - A roll call vote was taken of the CCP Workgroup members present.
Ayes: 9
(Ethan Bertrand, Pam Fisher, Tracy Macuga, Julie Smedley, Paul Clementi, Mag Nicola, Angela Braun, Holly Benton, Vincent Wasilewski)
Nays: 0
Abstention: 0

IV. **Comments from the Chair – DCPO Holly Benton**

- No comments at this time.

V. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Realignment Planning Process – DCPO Holly Benton**

- Pretrial Services – Probation Manager Spencer Cross
 - Handouts were provided and reviewed.
 - Probation is making enhancement requests to fund two additional DPOs, one of which would be a Sr. DPO. Included in the proposed budget is the increased cost of existing staff, as well as two Pretrial Service Navigators as the judicial grant for Mental Health Navigators will be expiring; these positions have been invaluable to the Pretrial population. Also, due to the increase in Pretrial clients, budget increases are requested for additional SCRAM, STOP (GPS), and software licenses; these services are ordered by the Court and not at Probation's discretion.
 - Paul Clementi asked for clarification on what the CCP and general fund are currently funding. Manager Cross responded the CCP is paying for one Sr. DPO and 3 DPOs in the Pretrial Unit, and there are some general fund positions as well, but it is not sufficient to fund enough positions to cover the caseload. Current staffing is appropriate for the 200-250 client caseload range, but the number of clients has doubled, and the Probation Department is now pulling staff from other caseloads to help support Pretrial.
 - Ethan Bertrand asked for additional data on the 750+ clients served by the program to determine how many were entered because of Zero Bail or related emergency measures. Ethan also asked for data on how many clients are released on Own Recognizance (OR) versus Pretrial.
 - Tracy Macuga asked for data on the percentage of Pretrial recommendations made by Probation that are being followed by the Court, Research Manager Karyn Milligan can gather this data. Tracy also asked why it might be that nearly 50% of failures on Pretrial release are Failure to Appear (FTA). Manager Cross commented FTAs are the biggest

concern as the number one goal is to get all clients to Court. The mental health population is the most difficult to get to Court, and during COVID, more high-risk people were released, many of which are transient, and if we cannot connect with clients upon release, they are more likely to fall back onto old habits of substance use and become difficult to contact or locate.

- Tracy asked if there has been a regional breakdown of FTAs as transportation is a major issue in the County, is there a disparity in the distribution. Research Manager Milligan responded that a deep dive is conducted for FTAs and absconds, including a thorough case review of individual client needs and what Probation did or did not do and areas for improvement; the geographic component can be added to this.
- Mag Nicola asked if there is a breakdown of successful completion or failure rates for the 101 clients served by Mental Health Navigators (MHN) as this would help determine if the Navigator positions were advantageous to the population. Manager Cross responded Sylvia Barnard of Good Sam may be able to provide this data as they are the contractor that provides MHN services.
- Mag also asked about the large SCRAM increase. Manager Cross responded 100% of SCRAM is funded by the current budget, and the increased population seen is likely due to older DUIs coming out of arraignment courts; anyone with a DUI or high BAC is ordered to SCRAM. Mag asked if there is a mechanism for Probation to recoup costs from non-indigent clients. Fiscal Manager Christina Sibley answered that AB1869 abolished the ability to collect EM fees.
- Holistic Defense – Public Defender
 - This item will be carried over to the December 15, 2021, meeting.
- Treatment and Psychiatric Services – Probation Manager Emir Saafir and Behavioral Wellness Director Dr. Pam Fisher
 - A handout was provided and reviewed.
- Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP) – Sheriff's Lieutenant Dulce Brooks
 - A handout was provided and reviewed.
 - Tracy asked if there is coordination to programming out of custody for the 200 people that are released before completing the STP. Lieutenant Brooks responded all classes for inmates are offered at the PRRCs at well. Tracy asked if there is data for how many individuals continue programming at the PRRC. Lieutenant Brooks responded that this is not currently tracked. Tracy also asked if there is programming for mothers similar to the fatherhood programs offered to men. Lieutenant Brooks said they are working on increasing programs for women but implementation has been impacted by COVID.

VI. Racial and Ethnic Equity and Inclusion (REEI) Subcommittee Survey – Ethan Bertrand

- As part of Goal Five of the FY21-22 Public Safety Realignment Plan, for reducing racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system, we have an objective to solicit input from justice involved clients and/or victims on challenges faced and receive feedback on the treatment within the criminal justice system to ensure all are treated with dignity, respect, and humanity. After three meetings of the REEI Subcommittee, a draft survey has been prepared to better understand how community members experience racial and ethnic disparities in the criminal justice system. The survey is designed to collect feedback from victims, survivors, and witnesses of crime as well as justice involved individuals and people who fit into both categories.

- The draft survey was shared and reviewed. The survey will be presented to the CCP in February for approval.
- VII. **Crestwood MHRC Pilot Program** – Dr. Pam Fisher and DCPO Holly Benton
- The MHRC subcommittee is still discussing where to find and how to comprehensively look at the desired data. There will be more to report in December.
- VIII. **Felony Diversion** – Chief Deputy DA Mag Nicola
- The project is still waiting for the Center for Court Innovation (CCI) site visit to evaluate County needs. The visit is unlikely to happen before the end of the year.
- IX. **New/Expanded Program Updates**
- **Neighborhood Court Pilot Program** – Chief Deputy DA Mag Nicola
 - The program has changed names to the Santa Barbara County Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program and is anticipated to launch in the first quarter of 2022.
 - **Edovo Tablet Program** – Chief Custody Deputy Vincent Wasilewski
 - No updates at this time.
- X. **Criminal Justice Funding Opportunities** – DCPO Holly Benton
- The Workforce Development Board applied for a \$500,000 grant in partnership with Probation for clients at the Juvenile Hall and Los Prietos Boys Camp. This grant would mirror the Pathway Home Grant with job training and work experiences for juveniles. If the award is received the program would begin in January.
- XI. **Criminal Justice Funding Updates**
- **Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative** – Workforce Development Board Julie Smedley
 - P2E is in partnership with Goodwill and Probation and provides job and career services and paid work experience to clients on Probation. This grant period ends in June 2022, additional funding is anticipated but it is unknown when and how much will be received.
 - **Pathway Home Grant** – Workforce Development Board Julie Smedley
 - Partnership with SBSO, \$2.5 million received in June to help incarcerated clients transition out of custody and into employment. Clients will receive pre-release services, job and training opportunities and once transitioned out they will continue with case managers to be placed into paid work experience and eventually permanent employment. This program is currently in the implementation phase finalizing contracts and agreements. Enrollment is anticipated to begin in late January or early February 2022.
 - **Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Diversion (AB1810)** – Department of Behavioral Wellness Director Dr. Fisher
 - A total of six clients have been served. Three are currently active, two successfully graduated, and one left after 30 days. Eligibility for Life House is going to be expanded to other criminal justice-involved clients outside of the AB1810 population. Dr. Serena Cyr will be the contact for Life House placements.
 - **CREDO 47** – Public Defender Tracy Macuga
 - No updates at this time, the program continues to thrive and a more thorough update will be prepared for December.
 - **COVID Relief Grant** – Department of Behavioral Wellness and Sheriff’s Office

- This is in partnership with Good Sam and has been used to set up times outside of the jail lobby on Wednesday and Friday afternoons to provide basic resources like phone, water, PPE, resource guides, and transportation. In addition, Good Sam will continue to provide linkage to services for any individuals interested in assistance.

XII. Public Comment – All

- No public comments.

XIII. Confirm Next Meeting for December 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and Adjourn – DCPO Holly Benton

Respectfully submitted by Lesley Stewart, Administrative Office Professional Senior

Item V
Holistic Defense

HOLISTIC DEFENSE

Overcoming Obstacles with Opportunities

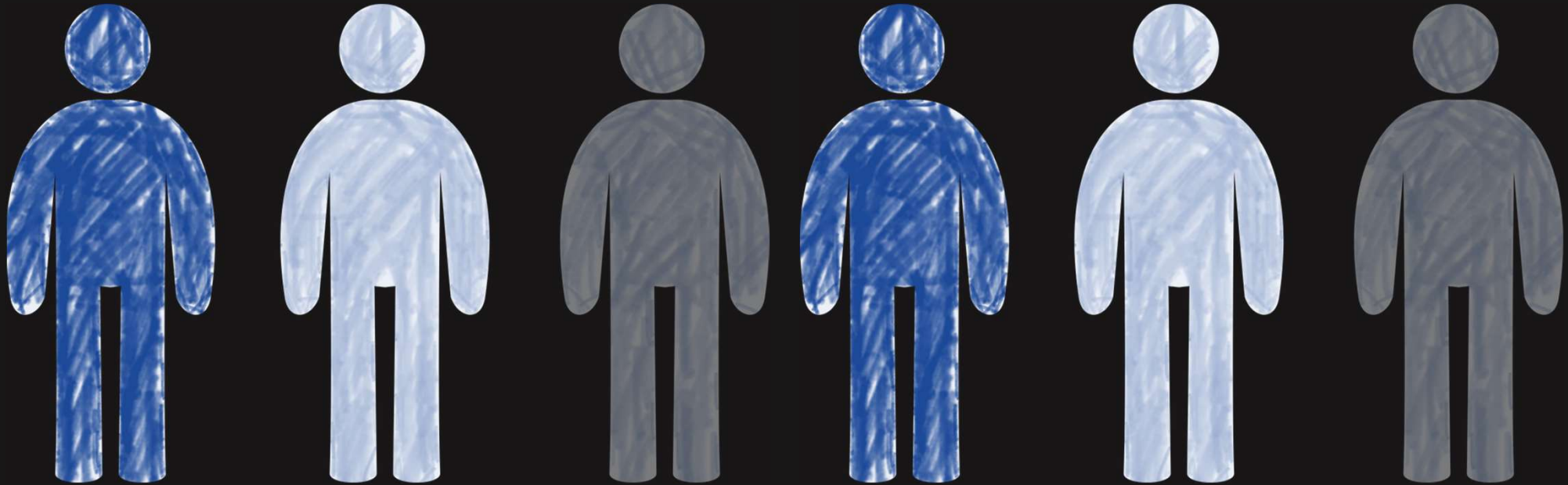


258 Clients Served in a four month period

774 projected to be served at **12** months, at rate of service

Resting in the Santa Barbara County Jail is Approx. **695**

Justice Involved Face Many Barriers: A Public Health Approach



Major Stability Barriers

- X Serious Mental Illness (SMI)/Mental Health Needs
- X Immigration Needs
- X Housing Insecure
- X Developmental Disability
- X Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- X CWS/APS Needs
- X Trauma
- X Disabled

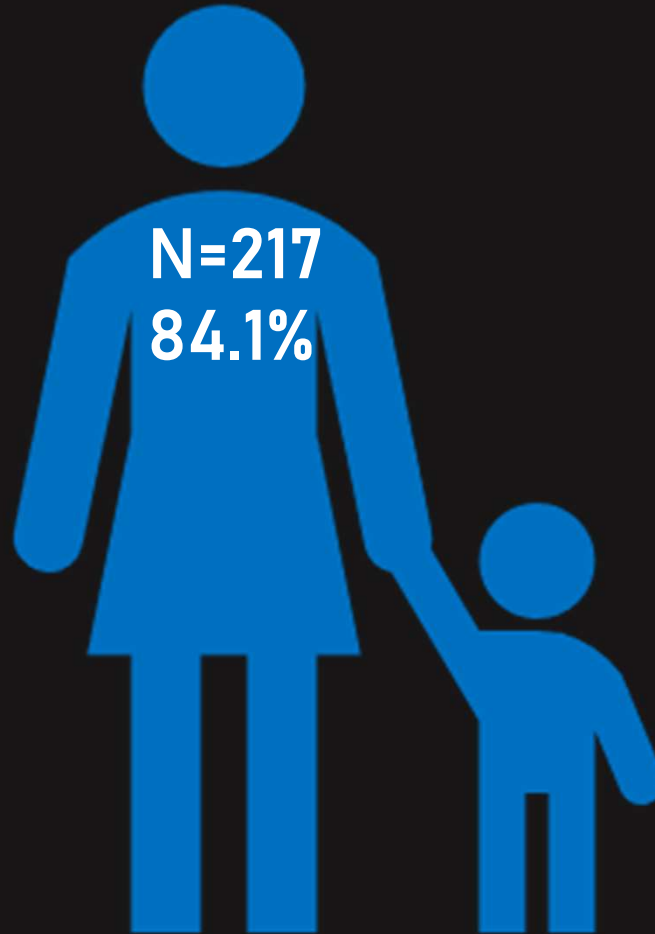
Top 3 Barriers

1. Substance Use Disorder (84.1%)
2. Serious Mental Illness/Mental Health Needs (68.2%)
3. Housing Insecurity (65.9%)

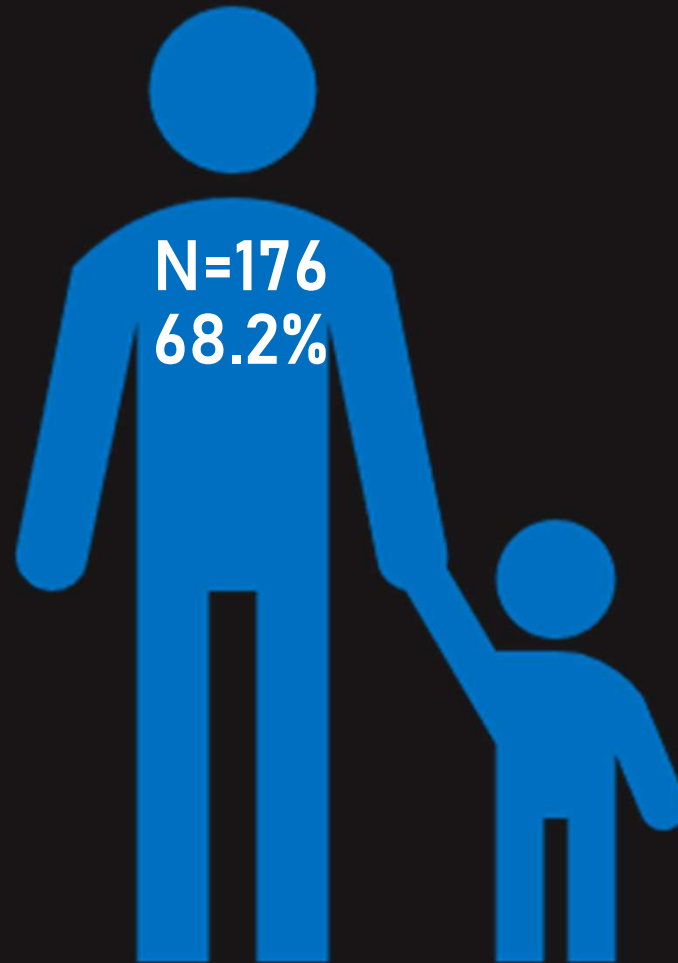
Criminal Court Involvement



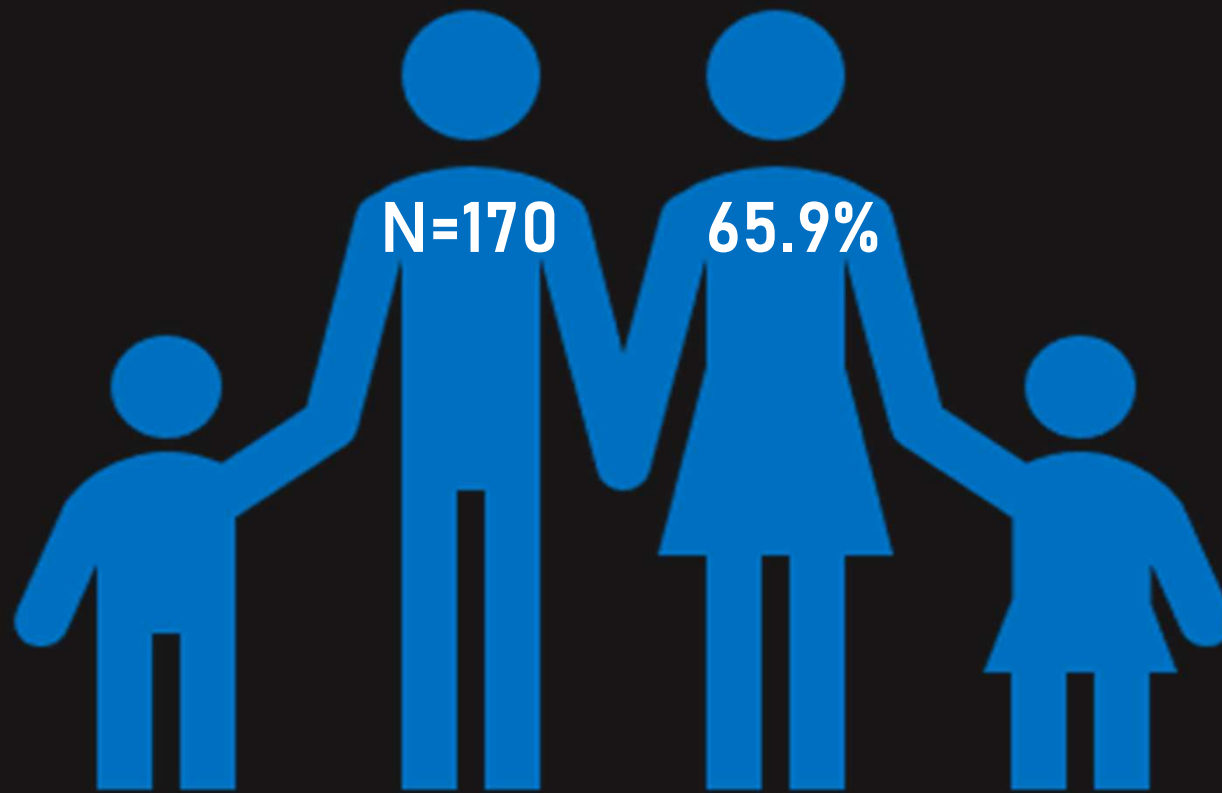
Substance Use Disorders



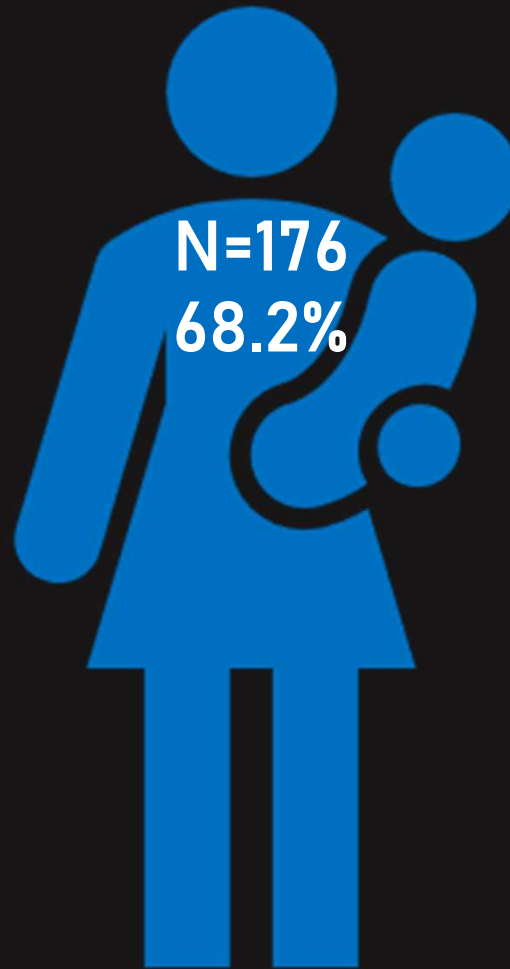
Mental Health Disorders



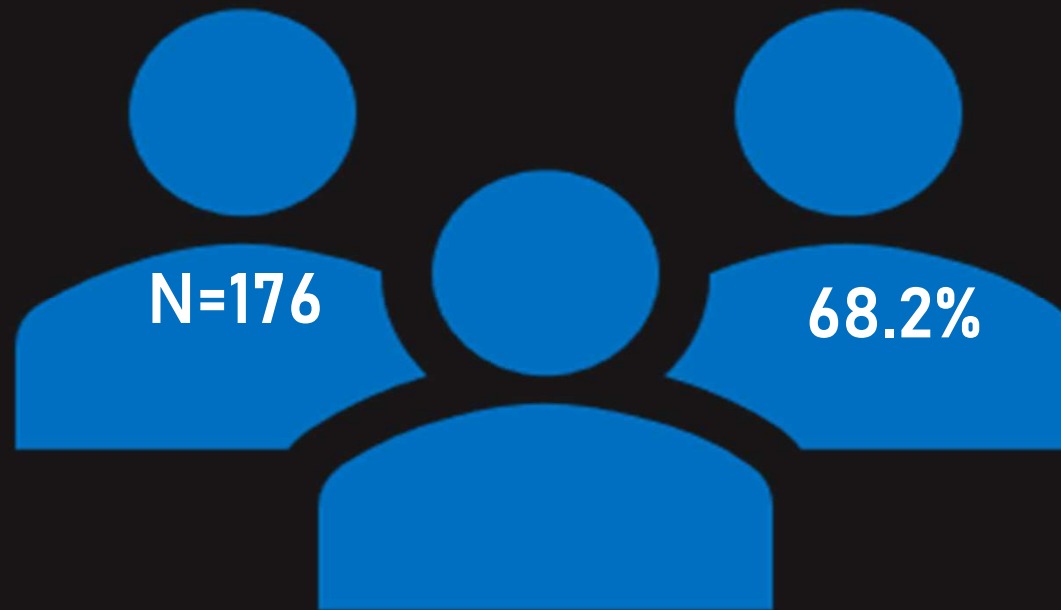
Housing Insecurity and Homelessness



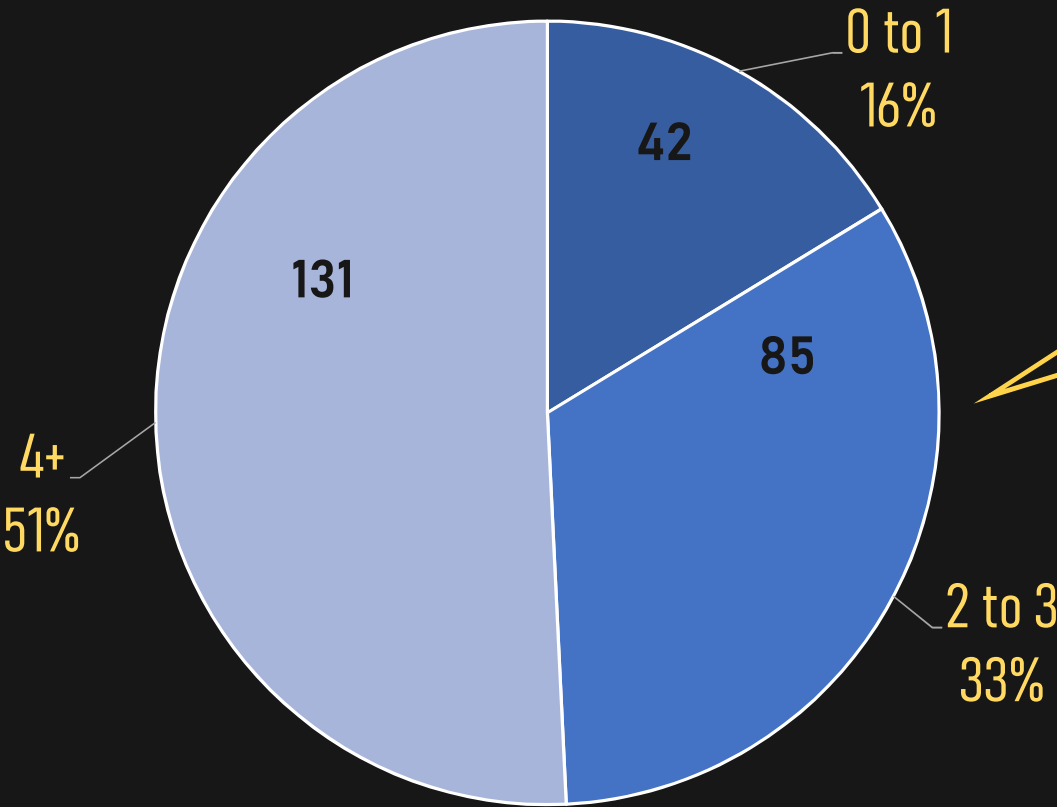
Experienced Trauma



Additional Barriers of Impact



Barriers to Stability



12-Month Projection:

- 0 to 1: 126
- 2 to 3: 255
- 4+: 393

Homelessness & Housing Instability



Substance Use



Criminal Court



Mental Health/SMI



Three or More Barriers
170 (65.89%)

Trauma



CPS/APS Case

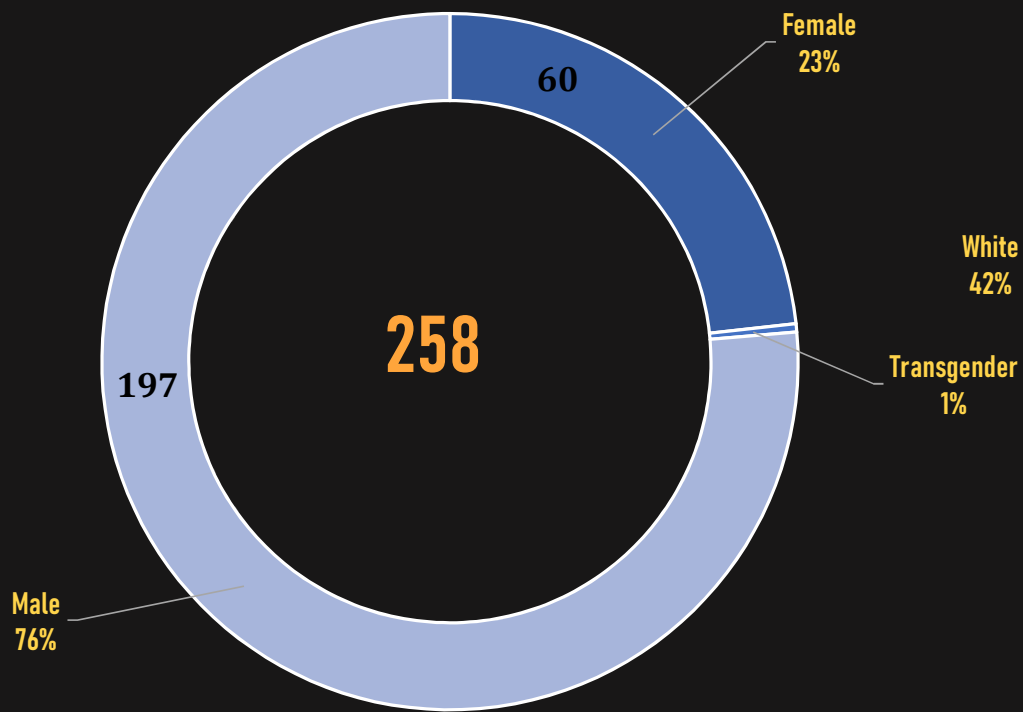
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ADA



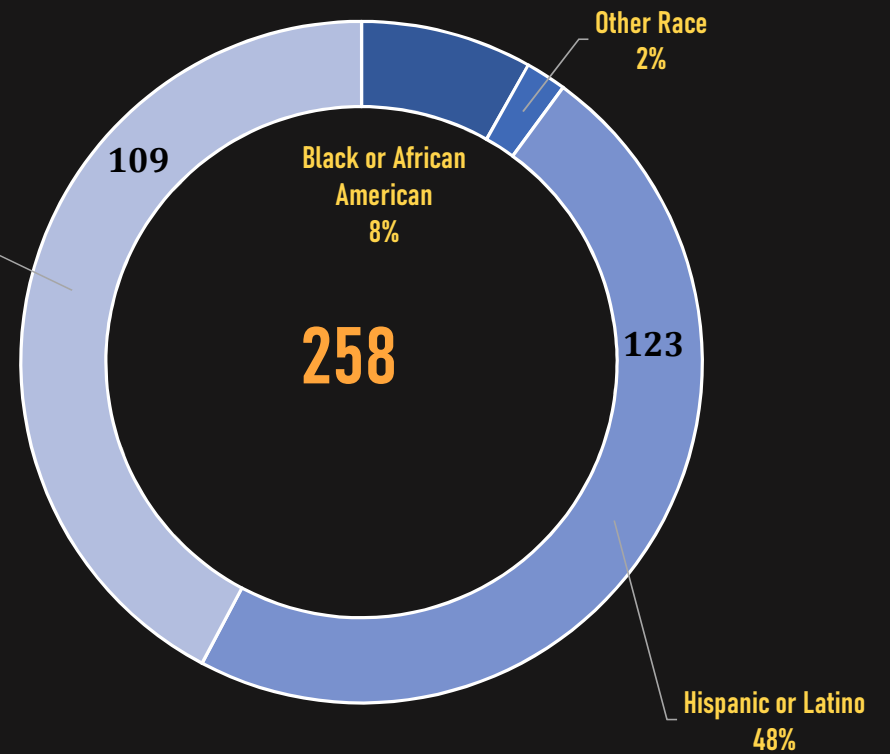
Immigration Need

Client Demographics

Gender Breakdown



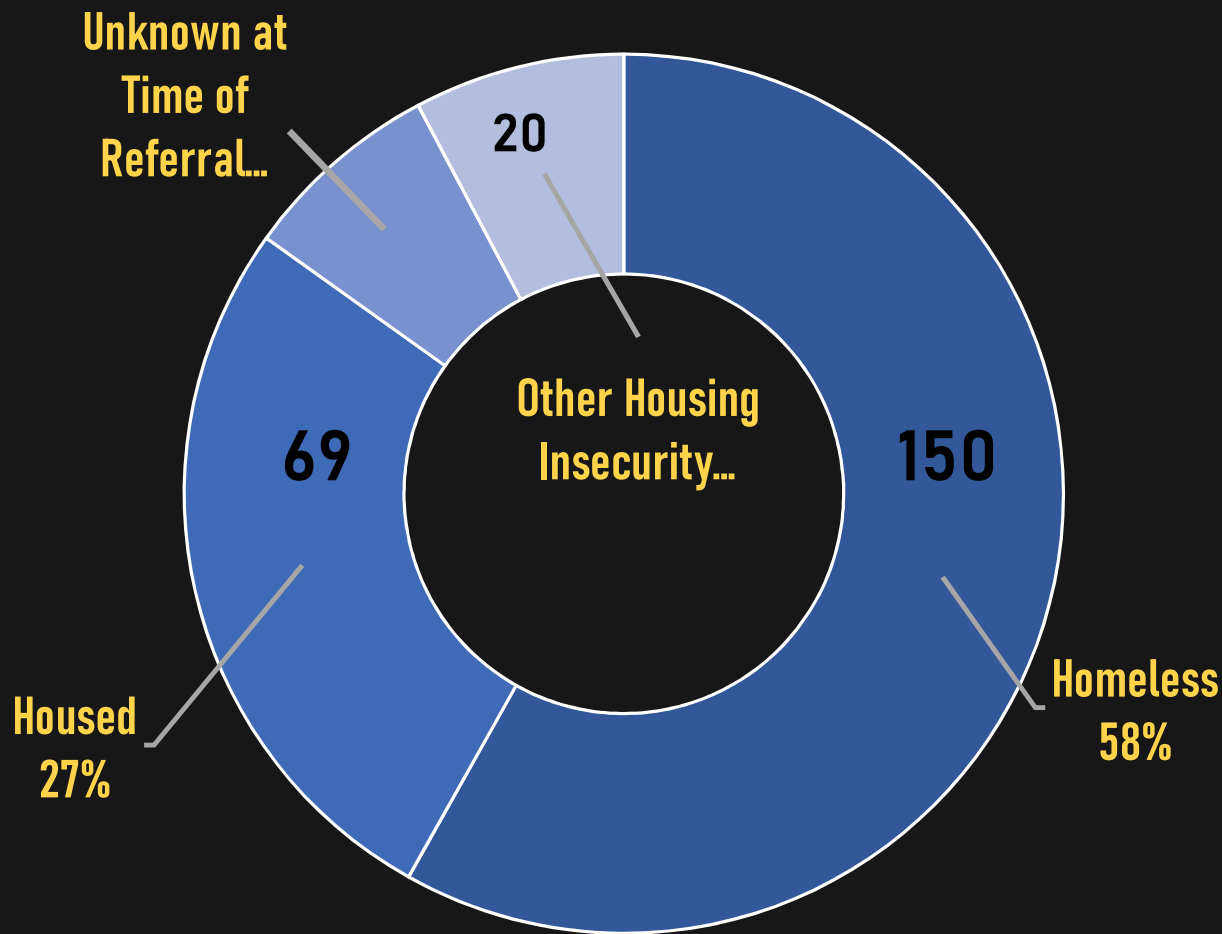
Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



Those referred “have more serious criminal histories, more recent interaction with the court system, and more immediate extralegal problems”.

Dr. Heather Harris

Housing Status at the Time of Referral



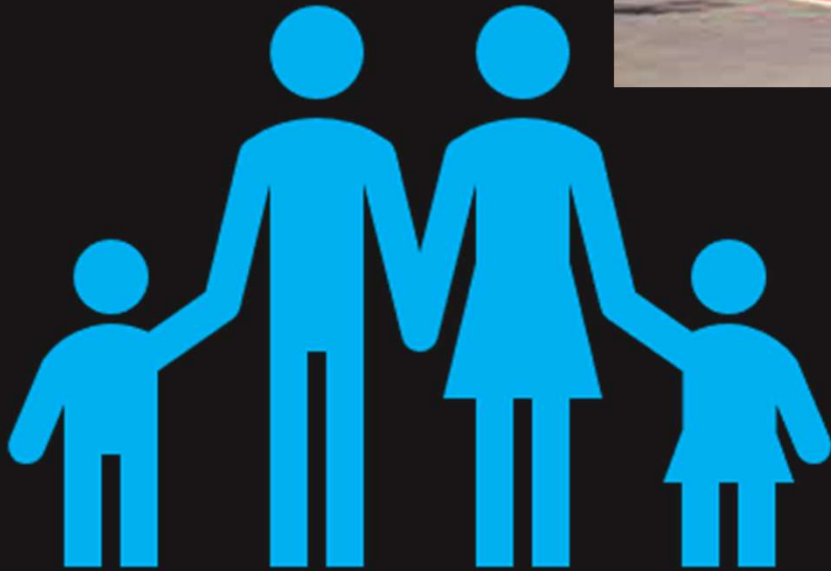
65.9% of clients were experiencing homelessness or other housing insecurity at the time of referral

Connection to Housing

150 clients were experiencing homelessness at first contact



56.7% of these clients were connected to housing services



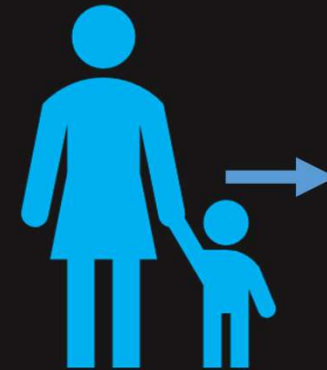
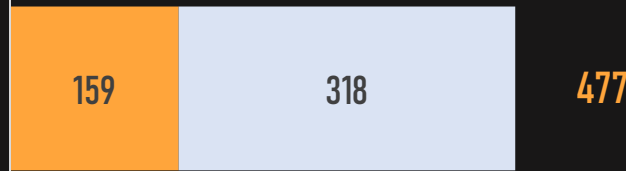
- 55 Connections to Transitional Housing
- 42 Connections to Shelter
- 37 Connections to Sober Living
- 33 Connections to Permanent Housing
- 18 Connections to Step-Down Housing

Connection to MH and SUD Services

■ 4-Month Period

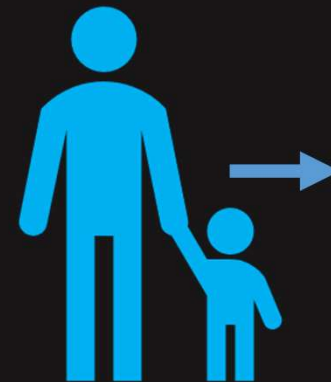
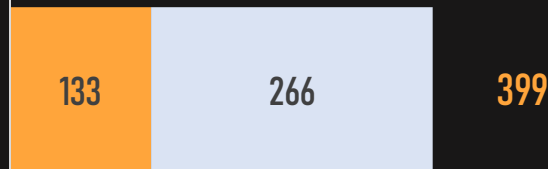
■ Remaining 8-Month Projection

Clients with SUD Needs Connected with SUD Services



73.3% of clients with SUD were connected to SUD services

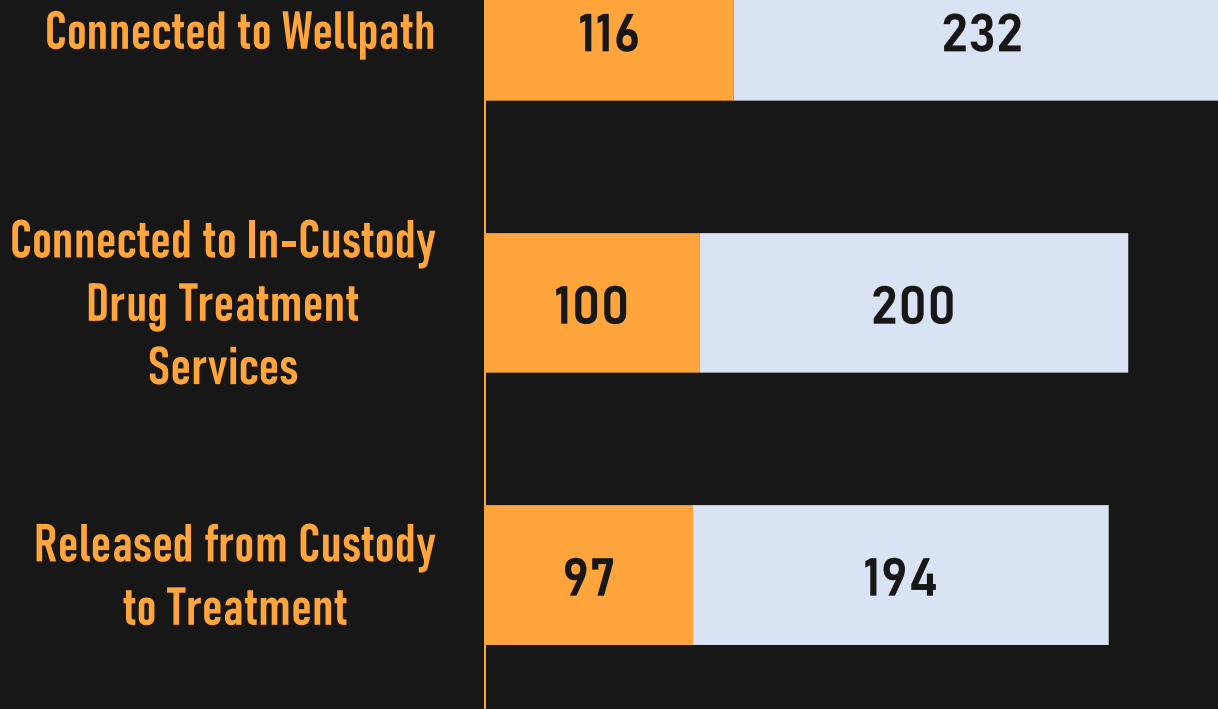
Clients with MH/SMI Needs Connected with MH/SMI Services



75.6% of clients with MH/SMI Needs were connected to MH/SMI services

Connection to In Custody Services

■ 4-Month Period ■ Remaining 8-Month Projection



51.2% were in custody at the time of referral

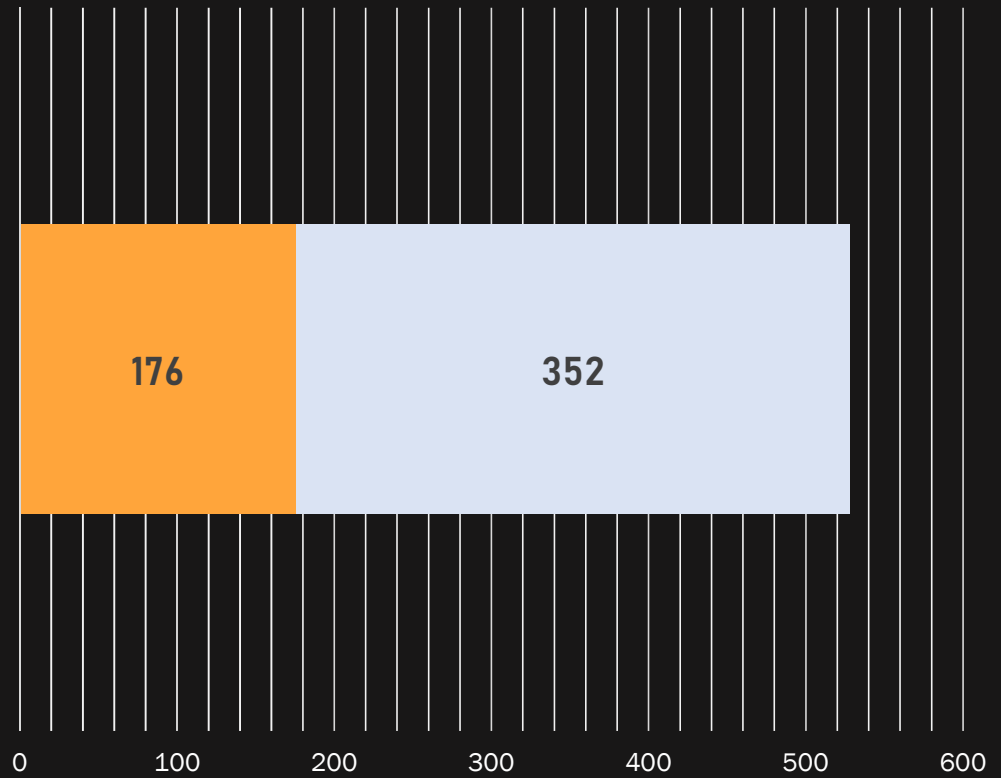


73.5% of these clients were released from custody to treatment

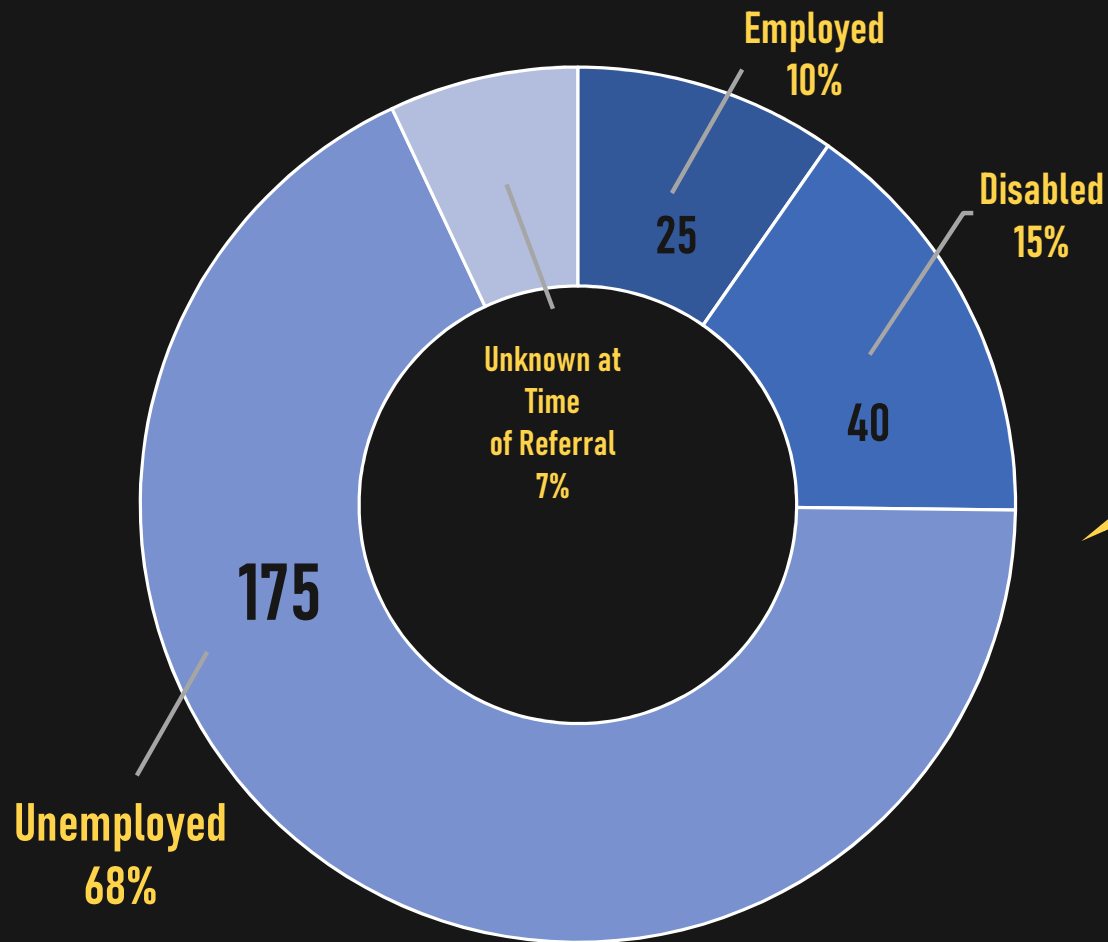
Connection to Social Services

■ 4-Month Period ■ Remaining 8-Month Projection

Assisted with
Benefits/Connected to
Social Services



Employment Status at the Time of Referral



83.3% of clients were unemployed or disabled at the time of referral

Employment

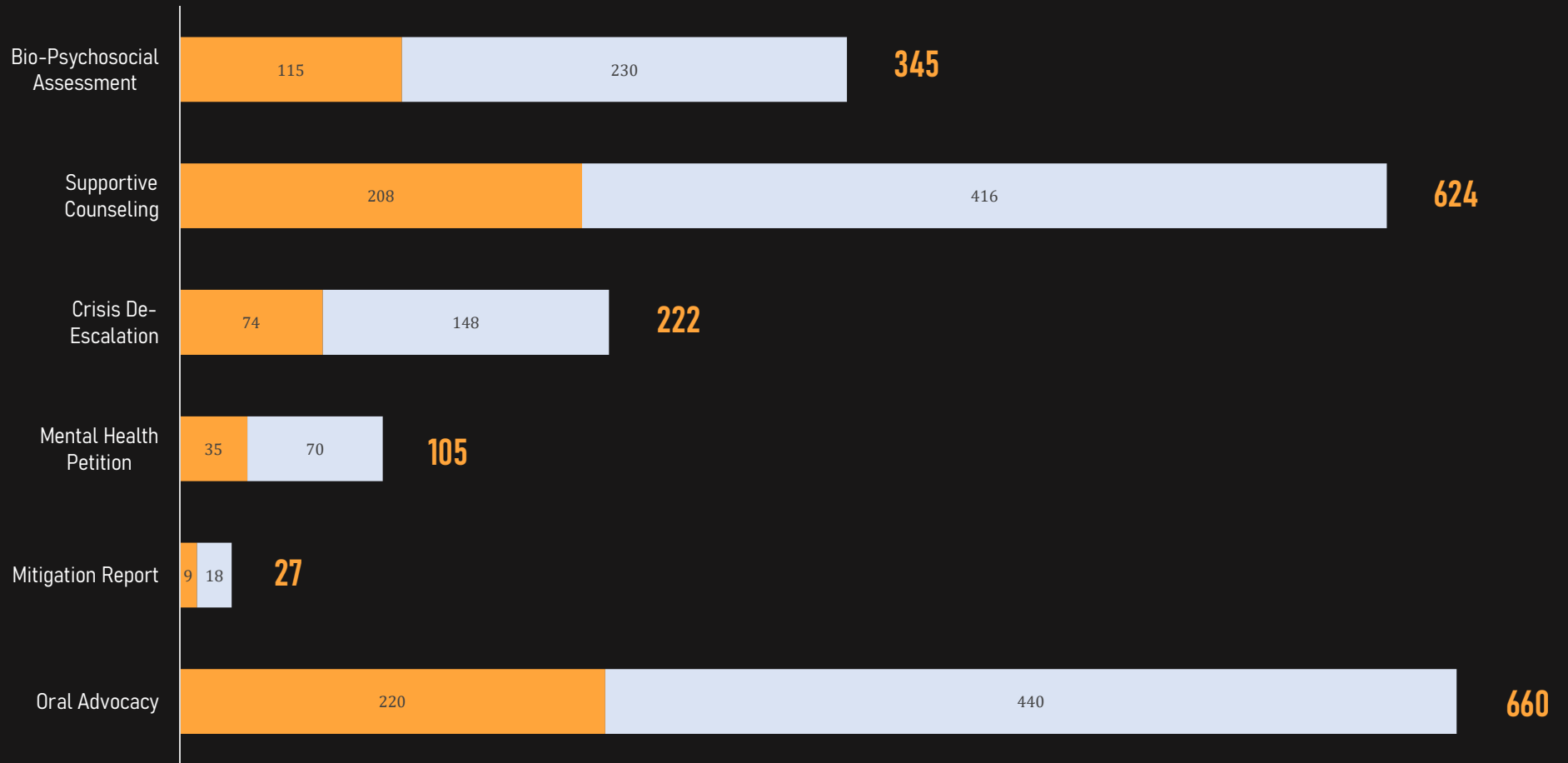


68% (175) were unemployed when referred

19% (33) previously unemployed clients gained employment in the 4-month period

Advocacy

■ 4-Month Period ■ Remaining 8-Month Projection



Transportation



233 Client Transports in four months

- Residential Treatment Programs
- Medical/Mental Health/Dental
- COVID-19 Testing
- Social Services/DMV
- Shelters / New Homes
- Court Appointments

Projected **699** Transports per year

94.2% of clients assigned to
an advocate appeared in
court for their next court date

Fiscal Additions

	FY 22/23 REQUESTED BUDGET
Licensed Clinical Social Worker – 1.0 FTE	\$124,900
Client Service Specialist – Convert 1.0 EXH to 1.0 FTE	\$55,843
ADMHS Recovery Assistant – Convert 1.0 EXH to 1.0 FTE	\$48,325
3% Increase for current 4.0 FTE positions	\$12,806
3% Admin Cost Increase	\$7,495
TOTAL ON-GOING FISCAL ADDITIONS FOR FY22/23 REQUESTED BUDGET	\$252,368



On-going fiscal additions from FY21/22 to FY22/23=\$249,369

FY22/23 Requested Budget

	FY 21/22 ADOPTED BUDGET	FY 22/23 REQUESTED BUDGET
Advocate/Social Workers MSW – Public Defender (4.0 FTE)	\$426,494	\$439,300
Licensed Clinical Social Worker – 1.0 FTE		\$124,900
LOP – Public Defender (.5 EXH)	\$45,291	\$45,300
Client Services Specialist – Public Defender (1.0 EXH)	\$56,457	*Converted EXH to FTE for FY22/23
Client Service Specialist – Convert 1.0 EXH to 1.0 FTE		\$112,300
3 RTP Transporters – Public Defender (3.0 EXH) *Reduced down from 3 to 2 EXH	\$133,575	\$93,000
ADMHS Recovery Assistant– Convert 1.0 EXH to 1.0 FTE		\$88,900
Travel Expenses	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Holistic Defense	\$711,817	\$960,700
4 Housing Specialists – Public Defender	\$45,000	\$45,000
Administration – Public Defender (3.0%)	\$22,705	\$30,200
TOTAL BUDGET	\$779,522	\$1,028,900

FY21/22 On-Going Budget=\$779,522; FY22/23 On-Going Requested Budget=\$1,028,900
FY22/23 On-Going Budget Increase from FY21/22=\$249,378

HOLISTIC DEFENSE



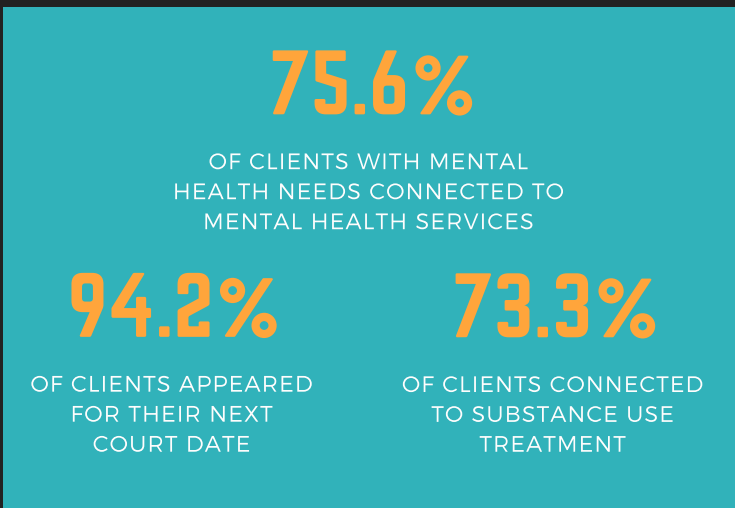
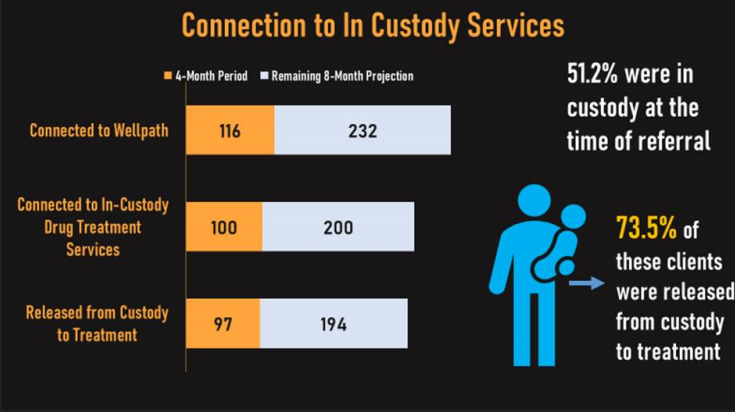
The County of Santa Barbara impacted more than 250 clients the first quarter of this year and is on track to work alongside at least 774 vulnerable people in our community. The Public Defender Office (PDO) provides holistic legal services in our community with attorneys and social work advocates collaborating in teams to identify and address the consequences of poverty and the justice system. We are a reactive part of the legal system but one capable to helping people move from obstacles to opportunities.



Holistic Defense Advocates are essential to help people understand the legal system and to achieve the best overall legal outcomes. Advocates facilitate successful reentry and enhance engagement with system players, community supervision, and continuity of care. Supportive services are integrated into case resolutions to keep individuals avoid incarceration and reduce recidivism.

SERVICES

- Comprehensive jail discharge planning
- Connection to social services i.e., Cal Fresh, Medi-Cal, General Relief, Social Security, and DMV assistance
- In court oral advocacy
- Written case advocacy
- In-custody bridge counseling
- Drug and alcohol interventions
- Mental health crisis intervention
- Psychosocial accompaniment
- Motivational interviewing
- Community service navigation
- Housing support and navigation
- Enhancing client's coping skills



NEEDS & PROPOSED FUNDING REQUESTS

1 HOLISTIC DEFENSE ADVOCATE

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

- Develops clinically appropriate treatment plans for diversion and sentencing alternatives
- Supports clients with the most complex needs and serious charges
- Conducts high level assessments
- Provides targeted social work interventions
- Drafts mitigation reports
- Offers short term bridge counseling
- Provides oral and written advocacy
- Secures access to resources
- Provides clinical supervision

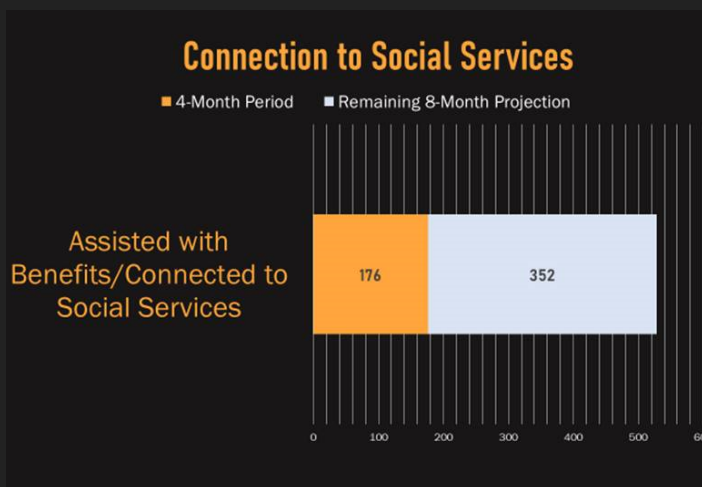
Clinical supervision will support advancement of career goals, ensure staff retention, and broaden internship opportunities and academic partnerships

While our office is tasked with serving our most vulnerable community members, we are the most underfunded public safety agency. Funding these positions would provide continuity of care and sustainability to continue promoting the public health, safety, and welfare of all constituents within Santa Barbara County.

**ADDITIONAL
ADVOCATES EXPAND
OUR CAPACITY TO
SERVE CLIENTS**

2 CLIENT RESOURCE ADVOCATES

- Provides case management, resource and housing support
- Connects clients with ACCESS screenings for inpatient and outpatient treatment
- Secures vital resources for clients
- Communicates with clients in custodial, residential, and community settings
- Connects clients to mental health, substance use, medical, housing, and medication services
- Develops case plans and goals
- Provides continuity of care



The PDO is appreciative of the collaborative efforts of our county justice partners: Behavioral Wellness, Probation, District Attorney, Sheriff Department, Family Service Agency, Good Samaritan Shelters, and countless other CBOs. The intent of these services is to strengthen community resiliency and to foster an environment where people may thrive.



COMMUNITY DEFENDER DIVISION





COMMUNITY DEFENDER DIVISION

The Community Defender Division (CDD) impacted more than 250 clients the first quarter of FY 21-22 and is on track to work alongside at least 774 vulnerable people in our community. The Public Defender Office (PDO) provides holistic legal services in our community with attorneys and social work advocates collaborating in teams to identify and address the consequences of poverty and the justice system. We are a reactive part of the legal system but one capable of helping people move from obstacles to opportunities.

HOLISTIC DEFENSE

Holistic Defense Advocates are an essential component to the Public Defender office providing zealous legal representation and assisting attorneys to better understand client needs to achieve the best possible legal outcomes. Positive outcomes facilitate successful reentry and enhances engagement with ongoing justice partners, community supervision, and continuity of care. Supportive services are integrated into case resolutions to ensure successful outcomes of clients' criminal matters to keep individuals out of the justice system and reduce recidivism. The cornerstone of Holistic Defense advocacy is empathy, trust, and collaboration with clients and partner agencies, all of which contribute to improving outcomes both in and out of the criminal legal system.



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LOMPOC

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SM

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WHAT DO THEY DO?

- Holistic Defense Advocates are assigned clients with the most serious cases and complex circumstances
- Target social work interventions toward improved legal and life outcomes
- Perform Biopsychosocial Assessments
- Draft mitigation reports, identifying factors that contribute to fair sentencing
- Assist attorneys in developing case theory by identifying and understanding underlying issues
- Facilitate improved trust and communication between attorney and client
- Provide in-custody supportive counseling, crisis de-escalation, motivational engagement, psychosocial accompaniment, and psychoeducation
- Provide oral and written advocacy that seeks to humanize and shift client narratives
- Coordinate and collaborate with partner agencies to secure access to community resources

Holistic Defense Advocates are NOT for solely coordinating re-entry services

WHO DO THEY SERVE?

Erica works with clients charged with misdemeanors and felonies out of the Santa Barbara office and assists with CREDO-47 and 1810 grants.

Benjamin works with clients charged with misdemeanors and felonies out of the Santa Maria and Lompoc offices.

Julia works with clients charged with misdemeanors and low-level felonies to screen for diversion and connect to substance use and mental health treatment.

Michelle works with individuals through the DSH 1810 felony mental health diversion grant that focuses on clients with Serious Mental Illness.

Rosie works with individuals through the DSH 1810 felony mental health diversion grant that focuses on clients with Serious Mental Illness.



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WHAT DO THEY DO?

- Locate programs, services, and resources to provide sentencing alternatives
- Provide clients with program information, applications, and connection to programs for interviews in Spanish and English
- Assess client suitability for programs and implement intensive and comprehensive service plans to obtain program admission
- Counsel clients regarding alternative sentencing programs, program expectations, and the Court expectations
- Arrange for release of clients to a program by assuring Release Orders and other legal documents are sent to the Jail and all appropriate agencies
- Assist clients in making the transition from jail to a program by coordinating appointments with relevant agencies such as Social Security, DMV, pharmacies, medical appointments, etc.
- Transport clients to programs, in and out of county, and evaluate client progress while in a program



WHO DO THEY SERVE?

- All Public Defender clients who are eligible for alternative sentencing programs
- Clients enrolled in PRCS or PSS with the express approval of Probation
- Clients on PRCS or PSS who have been arraigned on a new charge
- Clients in collaborative courts on a case-by-case basis



CLIENT RESOURCE TEAM

1810 RESOURCE ADVOCATE

- Funded through a grant received by the Department of State Hospitals to divert persons with felony charges and serious mental illness into clinically appropriate treatment
- Contact clients in custody to build rapport and trust
- Support clients through the IST process
- Coordinate with Justice Alliance Team on client needs in referral process and upon release
- Respond to inquiries related to safety and wellbeing of clients in custody, including those in jail observation or safety units, decompensating, not receiving medication, or not transported
- Connect clients to services through discharge planning, such as: social service appointments and SSI/SSDI applications, and treatment



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MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM HOMELESS OUTREACH ADVOCATE

- Provides intensive supportive outreach to those who lack adequate support or stability to enter emergency housing
- Coordinates, supports, and advocates for clients medical and mental health needs with Public Health, Behavioral Wellness, and other agencies
- Supports access to public benefits, income, medical and behavioral health services
- Works in conjunction with community agencies to address issues preventing access to emergency and permanent housing



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The PDO received funding for the third year in a row to partner with United Way and AmeriCorps to address housing insecurity. Prior to joining the PDO full-time, Clarissa Ornelas served with AmeriCorps for 3 years. She now trains new AmeriCorps members in best practices. The Public Defender has been one of the leading AmeriCorps host sites and we welcome our new 2021-2022 service members.



HOUSING ADVOCATES

- Address barriers to obtaining residential stability
- Assist with emergency shelter and benefits
- Provide intensive case management and connection to rehabilitation services, including referrals to treatment
- Provide assistance securing identification documents necessary for housing
- Aid in temporary housing placement and applications for permanent housing
- Connect with community organizations for food, employment, education, and medical and dental assistance
- Engage in street outreach and provide transportation to appointments
- Advocate for clients in the collaborative courts and support housing goals



IT & AMERICORPS VISTA TEAM

NLADA & PDO

The Public Defender received a grant through National Legal Aid & Defender Association for the third year in a row. Through this funding, PDO brought on two Vista AmeriCorps service members each giving one year of public service to help build data systems to increase capacity and improve outcomes.

Sarah Rothschild is a former member of the AmeriCorps Vista team and has since been employed with the office as a Data Analyst with the IT team, specifically working to improve data tracking processes and outcomes for the Community Defender Division.

AMERICORPS VISTA GRANTS AND DATA LIAISON

- Maintains office intranet and external website content
- Administrates Homeless Management Information System for the office and CDD Team
- Designs visual elements for projects and website
- Performs tasks related to office grants and finances
- Builds capacity and sustainability within office grants

AMERICORPS VISTA THRIVE SBC DEVELOPER

- Administrates ThriveSBC Resource App
- Develops content to produce for site
- Liaises between PDO and CBOs to ensure content and resource information is accurate
- Updates social media accounts with current and reliable public information
- Acts as a member of the IT department to streamline data use

DATA SYSTEMS ANALYST

- Builds data capacity in all areas of the office
- Enhances office use of technology
- Produces statistical and visual reports on office metrics
- Assists with data and technical needs within eDefender case management system
- Identifies data needs and reporting metrics requirements for office grants



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Item V
District Attorney's Items

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD
Restorative Justice
Program



The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Second District Supervisor's Office, has developed a Pre-Filing Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program for the Goleta Valley.



Development of Program



RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT

- Collaborated with Yolo County District Attorney's Office
- Created SBDA RJ Program Materials
- **Trainings attended:**
 - RJ Panelist Training
 - RJ Facilitator Training
 - Yolo DA RJ Conference Shadow training
 - CCVAA Being trauma informed
 - Restorative Practices and Community Health
 - The Power of Listening Circles
 - Teaching Restorative in times of Covid
 - Complexity and Restorative Practices
 - IIRP RJ Conferencing
- **Future Training:**
 - IIRP Training the Trainers: Restorative Conferencing
 - Training of Panelist and Facilitators

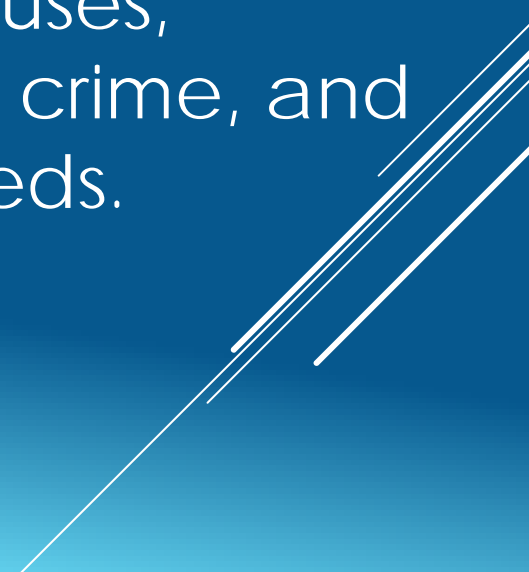
What is the Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program?

Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program seeks to address low-level crimes through community-based solutions to swiftly redress the harm caused by these offenses outside of the traditional criminal justice system utilizing the concepts of Restorative Justice.



Restorative Justice

An approach to justice in which provides opportunities for victims, offenders, and communities affected by a crime to communicate about the causes, circumstances, and impact of that crime, and to address their related needs.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Once referred, the offender *must* attend a Pre-Conference and Conference with community members and, in some cases victims, in order to *successfully complete* the program.

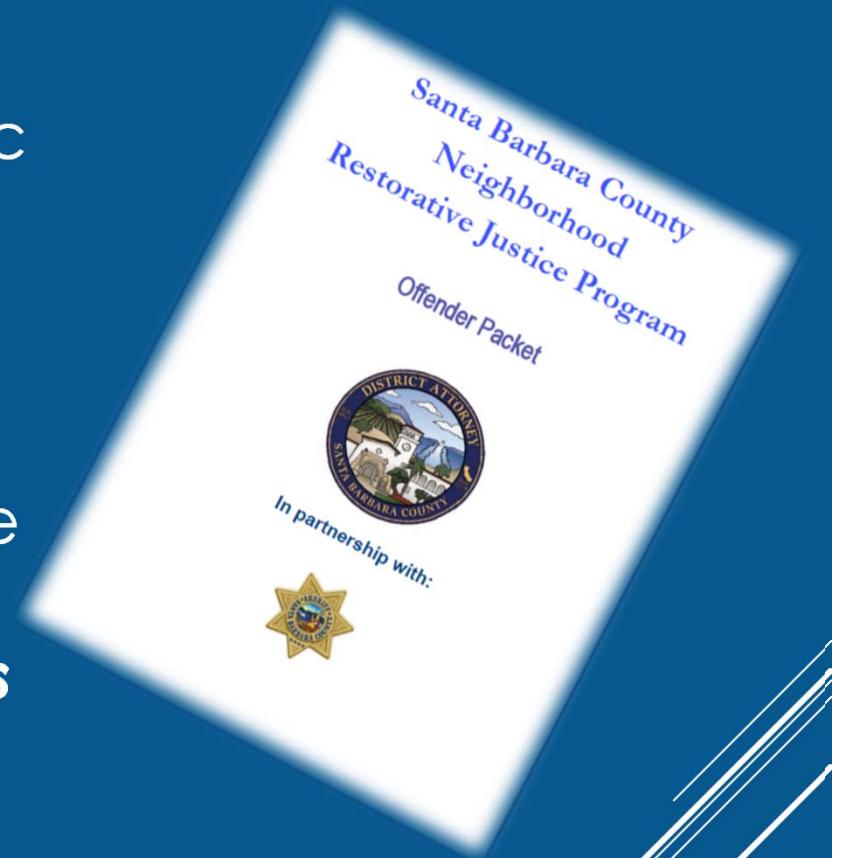


Referral Process

The program at this time is specific for crimes occurring in Goleta Valley.

The DA reviews citation/arrest reports for suitability to participate under the appropriate qualifying offense – *low level misdemeanors and infractions*.

If the offender is deemed eligible, the case will then be referred to the program.





Pre-Conference

The pre-conference is a discussion in a community setting with the offender and a facilitator to ensure the offender has taken responsibility for his actions and is ready to fully participate in the Restorative Justice process.





Conference

The Conference is a discussion in a community setting with the offender, facilitator and panelists that is designed to hold offenders accountable by helping them recognize the harms caused by their conduct.



Goals of the Conference

- Name the Harms
- Asks questions
- Come to a Mutual Agreement

The Facilitator

The Facilitator plays an important leadership role in the program.

Duties include:

- Leading Pre-conference meeting
- Facilitating the Conference with offender, victim(s) and panelists
- Develop a Mutual Agreement

Santa Barbara County
Neighborhood
Restorative Justice Program

Facilitator Packet



In partnership with:



The Panelist

Santa Barbara County
Neighborhood
Restorative Justice Program

Panelist Packet



In partnership with:



The Panelists play a supportive role. They represent the community's needs, interests and perspective with respect to the crime committed.

Duties include:

- Meet with offender at Conference
- Name the Harms
- Ask questions regarding offense
- Develop Mutual Agreement

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Neighborhood
Restorative Justice Program

Victim Information



In partnership with:



If we wish to rebuild our cities,
we must first rebuild our
neighborhoods.

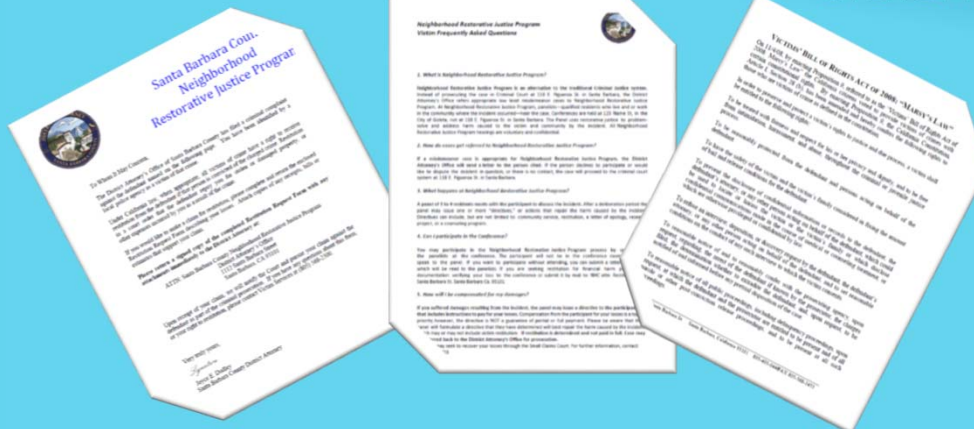
— Henry Roth —

Victims

The Restorative Justice Program is victim centered by placing emphasis on the victim's needs. It focuses on offenders making things right to the greatest extent possible with their victims. Offenders pay restitution to victims who have suffered monetary losses or property damage.

Victim Participation Includes:

Being present or providing a Victim Impact Statement at the Conference.



Santa Barbara County Restorative Justice Program

Conference Packet



In partnership with:



Mutual Agreement

Menu of Options

- Advent eLearning
- Social services resource
- CareerOnestop, Work Resource Center
- SBCC Extended Learning
- Community services, such as Santa Barbara Alcoholics Anonymous AA, Narcotics Anonymous, Behavioral wellness (Drug Medical) Al-anon, al-ateen, gamblers anonymous.
- Apology letter
- Research/essay paper

The image shows a stack of documents. The top document is the 'Mutual Agreement' form, which includes sections for 'Restorative Justice Options', 'Restorative Justice Program', and 'Offender Signatures'. The form lists various options such as 'To complete the following educational program(s)', 'To attend Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program', and 'To complete the following other program(s)'. It also includes a section for 'IN CONCLUSION' and 'OFFENDER SIGNATURES'.

Benefits to Offender

- An opportunity to make it right
- No conviction on criminal history
- A way to put the incident behind them
- A timely resolution



V OUTREACH

U N D E R T A K E R

Santa Barbara County
Neighborhood
Restorative Justice Program
A Division of the District Attorney



An alternative to Criminal Court that promotes innovative solutions to low-level crime by resolving cases with the help of community volunteers.

Why volunteer for Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program?

- Volunteer for Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program gives you the opportunity to:
- Improve the quality of life in your community.
- Work with others in your community to address crime in your city.
- Help offenders avoid repeating the mistakes that led to the original crime.

Want to join the Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program team of volunteers?

To learn more or to download the application: Visit: www.countyofsb.org/dar
Email: sbda@neighborhoodcourt@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
Call: Joanne Flores, Volunteer Coordinator
805-403-0448

Is Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program open to the public?

No. When Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program meets, the only people there during the conference will be:

- The offender and 2 or 3 panelists.
- Observers (if pre-approved by the DA's Office).
- The victim and/or a victim advocate, may attend at the victim's discretion.
- A program supervisor (other members of the DA's staff)

Will the Offender take part in the conference, too?

Yes. During the NRJP conference, the offender will have the opportunity to:

- Share his/her story.
- Acknowledge the crime.
- Understand how the crime impacted the victim and the community, and himself.
- Take responsibility for what s/he did, and participate in the solution.

How does Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program work?

Before the conference, a trained facilitator will lead separate meetings with the panelists, the offender, and the victim, if s/he wants to take part. During the conference, a facilitator will guide the participants through these restorative steps:

1. Understand how and why the crime happened.
2. Acknowledge how the crime hurt the victim and the community.
3. Decide how to repair the harm done and make things as right as possible for the victim and the community.
4. Agree on a plan that says how things will be made right, and what must be done so the offender does not repeat the crime.

Who started Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program?

The original pilot program was started by Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office with the Davis Police Department and the Woodland Police Department. Since then, Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program has expanded to other cities of West Sacramento and Woodland, including the West Sacramento Police Department, County Sheriff's Office, and the California Highway Patrol.

How is Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program staffed?

All facilitators and panelists are volunteers from our community. Additionally, Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program is staffed by paid employees of the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office: legal support staff, a victim advocate

- FARMERS MARKET
- COMMUNITY EVENTS
- SOCIAL MEDIA

Thank you

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
PROGRAM





COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Realignment Implementation Planning Workgroup
Office of the District Attorney

12/15/2021

COLLABORATIVE COURTS

Realignment funds currently enable the District Attorney’s Office to staff the Collaborative Courts with 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney, allowing for full-time staffing of both northern and southern regions of the County. Investing in Collaborative Courts is specifically authorized under §1230(d) PC as a justice reinvestment strategy, which states that evidence-based rehabilitation programs including, but not limited to, drug and alcohol treatment, mental health treatment, anger management, and cognitive behavior programs help maximize the effectiveness of criminal justice resources. The individuals assigned to these courts are often charged with Realignment-eligible offenses, these courts can provide positive, therapeutic alternatives to jail that help end the cycle of recidivism. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on the number of individuals enrolled in Collaborative Courts, along with increasing the percentage of individuals in warrant status. During the pandemic, thousands of individuals who were cited or charged with criminal offenses that could have qualified for enrollment into one of the various Collaborative Courts, had their initial court dates vacated whether they were released per the zero-bail policy, or given an appearance date by the citing law enforcement agency. A comparison of the enrollment reports from 2020 and 2021 illustrates the dramatic decline in numbers when warranted individuals are dropped.

COLLABORATIVE COURTS ENROLLMENT REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 2020

		<u>Santa Barbara</u>	<u>Santa Maria</u>	<u>Lompoc</u>	<u>Total</u>
SATC	<i>Post-Plea</i>	7	6	N/A	13
	<i>Pre-Plea</i>	21	25	N/A	46
RDC		N/A	5	N/A	5
DDX		21	6	0	27
MHTC		33	11	3	47
Proposition 36		184	128	30	342
VTC		27	11	1	39
*Total number of individuals enrolled in Collaborative Courts countywide					519

**361 of these individuals are in warrant status as of the November 2020 Report*

COLLABORATIVE COURTS ENROLLMENT REPORT NOVEMBER 2021

		<u>Santa Barbara</u>	<u>Santa Maria</u>	<u>Lompoc</u>	<u>Total</u>
SATC	<i>Post-Plea</i>	0	1	N/A	1
	<i>Pre-Plea</i>	0	0	N/A	0
RDC		N/A	N/A	N/A	0
DDX		14	6	0	20
MHTC		21	15*	5	41
Proposition 36		7	4	2	13
VTC		14	13	1	28
*Total number of individuals enrolled in Collaborative Courts countywide					103

VICTIM SERVICES

The District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program provides early intervention to victims of crime at the arraignment stage and pre-filing. Delayed intervention creates additional collateral stress for victims who are unaware of the criminal justice system, their rights or critical services available in the aftermath of a crime. To expedite services and mitigate victims' crises, the District Attorney's Office works diligently to serve victims at the earliest moments following the crime.

Early Intervention Services

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program has dedicated a 1.0 FTE advocate resource to be on-call and available for walk-in victims to the Arraignment Courts and the District Attorney's Office. The additional advocate resource is available to victims in crisis seeking services or case information.

- **Restitution Determination:** The advocate proactively contacts and responds to victims to determine restitution prior to arraignment. The advocate determines the victim's losses and obtains supporting documentation to establish the court ordered restitution amount. Early restitution determination mitigates unnecessary continuances, ensures resource management for Deputy District Attorneys and the Probation Department, and recoups victims' losses expeditiously.
- **Safety Concerns:** The Victim-Witness advocate's presence in court and on-call also expedites victims' access to services, which include crime prevention assistance and criminal protective orders provision.
- **California Victims' Bill of Rights (Marsy's Law):** The allocation of resources has enhanced the Victim-Witness Assistance Program's ability to meet the constitutional requirements of Marsy's Law, which include providing timely notice of case status, custody status, and assessing safety and determining restitution.

The District Attorney's ability to make early contact with victims of crime leads to better outcomes for both the offender and the victim. The earlier we intervene, the less likely victims will be re-victimized or decompensate emotionally due to lack of information and services. Early interventions can also reduce defendant's court appearances, minimize criminal justice partner's staff time related to protracted court appearances, and expedite case dispositions.

Recognizing the importance of early victim engagement, the arraignment court has increased requests to VW advocate staff to meet with victims who appear in court or to call victims and obtain input at the time of arraignment. In 2021-2022, the Advocate was funded full-time to meet victims' needs.

During Fiscal Year 2020-2021, a total of 2098 victims were contacted at or before arraignment and received safety planning guidance, case status, and orientation to the criminal justice system, restitution assistance and victim's rights notification per Marsy's Law.

COVID-19 Victim Services

The Covid-19 pandemic has created additional pressures on the criminal justice system and victims of crime. This has increased the need for early intervention to victims of crime who may not feel safe calling 911 with limited financial or housing options to exit violent situations. The advocate continues to provide the following services pre-arraignment:

- Contact with victims to assess safety concerns
- Restitution assessment and requests to the court

Access to victim services has become more time sensitive and urgent. Bookings and incarceration have declined during the COVID-19 pandemic, which can pose a greater risk to victims when defendants are out of custody. There is now a limited window of opportunity to reach victims prior to release from custody.

State prison inmates are also being released early on parole due to legislative changes, necessitating outreach to victims who are unaware of advanced release dates and are in need of safety and contingency planning.

Increased measures include the following:

- On-call 24/7 phone line accessible to victims in crisis with a focus on in-home crimes.
- On-call availability to Probation Pre-Trial Services to coordinate outreach and safety planning to victims.
- 24/7 availability to the Sexual Assault Response Team as rape crisis advocates in South County respond via phone only.
- Co-response with Probation during probationer checks involving victims of in-home crimes.
- Early contact with victims who request emergency protective orders.
 - Countywide law enforcement agencies email emergency protective orders in real-time as they are issued.
 - Advocates reach out to victims to conduct safety planning, assess emergency needs, and provide resource/referral counseling.

Advocates continue to be available in-person as needed. As other critical service partners have gone to virtual or telephonic service only, the demand for in-person assistance has increased.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PILOT PROGRAM

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, in partnership with the Second District Supervisor's Office, will implement a Neighborhood Restorative Justice pilot program to take place during Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22. The Neighborhood Restorative Justice Program ("NRJP") is a restorative justice-based pre-filing diversion program for certain misdemeanor offenses and infractions. Through a NRJP, a person who commits a qualifying offense would appear before a panel of trained community volunteers to discuss the offense that took place, the impact of the offense on the community, and actions that the individual can take to make amends with the community and prevent future offenses from taking place. After meeting with NRJP volunteers, the participant would complete the agreed-upon accountability actions, such as community service, letters of apology, educational opportunities, counseling, etc. Upon the participant's successful completion of accountability actions, the District Attorney's Office would not file the charge in court.

The City of Goleta will be the location for this pilot program. Upon direction from the City Council, the City could assist with the recruitment of volunteers, provide space for neighborhood court sessions to be held, and provide community service opportunities for people who go through the neighborhood court process (ex: helping with park maintenance, picking up trash, painting over graffiti, volunteering at the library, etc.) The pilot program will serve the City of Goleta and the unincorporated Goleta Valley (with the exception of Isla Vista/UCSB).

Benefits of a Neighborhood Court program include diverting low level offenses through a restorative justice process that promotes accountability, increased community involvement in advancing public safety, and a reduction in time and money spent on adjudicating low level offenses in court.

Funding will pay for one staff member to oversee the Neighborhood Court pilot program and costs associated with training and technical assistance. This staff member will work in conjunction with other District Attorney staff, Neighborhood Court volunteers, law enforcement partners, and community stakeholders in carrying out the program. After a competitive recruitment process, a Senior Legal Office Professional was hired by the District Attorney's office. We would like to request an additional two years of one-time funding from AB109 reserves to fund the Senior Legal Office Professional position for the continued support of the Neighborhood Restorative Justice Pilot Program.

PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT ACT BUDGET

FY 2022-23 Recommended Budget			
	FY 2021-22 Budget	FY 2022-23 Recommended	Variance
Collaborative Courts			
Deputy District Attorney (1.0 FTE)	\$ 321,524	\$ 328,492	\$ 6,968
Victim Services			
Victim-Witness Program Advocate (1.0 FTE)	\$ 119,534	\$ 122,922	3,388
Administration - Ongoing (3%)	13,232	13,542	311
<i>District Attorney Ongoing</i>	454,290	464,956	10,667
Proposition 47	-	-	-
Neighborhood Court Pilot Program	154,500	150,000	(4,500)
<i>District Attorney One-Time</i>	154,500	150,000	(4,500)
Total District Attorney	\$ 608,790	\$ 614,956	\$ 6,167

Note: Fiscal Year 2022-23 salary amounts were based on Fiscal Year 2022-23 Salary Model assumptions.

District Attorney Proposed Budget
CCP Workgroup Presentation
12/15/2021

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
	Budget	Budget	Budget
Collaborative Courts			
Deputy District Attorney (1.0 FTE)	<u>321,524.00</u>	<u>328,492.00</u>	<u>336,700.00</u>
Victim Services			
Victim Witness Program Advocate (1.0 FTE)	<u>119,534.00</u>	<u>122,922.00</u>	<u>126,000.00</u>
Proposition 47	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Neighborhood Courts (One time funds)	<u>154,500.00</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
Administration (3%)	<u>13,232.00</u>	<u>13,542.00</u>	<u>13,900.00</u>
Total	<u>608,790.00</u>	<u>614,956.00</u>	<u>626,600.00</u>

Item V
Discharge Planning



COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP WORKGROUP
 12/15/2021
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Discharge Planning

Overview

Addressing the needs of justice-involved individuals from custody to re-entry into the community is crucial during the transition period. Successful re-entry can have a significant positive impact in reducing recidivism. The Santa Barbara County Discharge Planning Team works diligently and collaboratively, using evidence-based assessment and treatment practices to help integrate these individuals back into our community.

Coordinated Service Delivery

Discharge planning referrals are received from a variety of sources, including:

- Clients
- Family Members
- Defense Counsel

For FY 2020-2021, the Discharge Planning Team received and processed 373 referrals for assistance to connect with treatment programs, sober living residences, residential treatment programs, and housing. These referrals also address many areas of need for clients, including assisting in obtaining valid government-issued identification, securing supplemental and disability social security income, applying for benefit entitlements such as Medi-Cal, and enrolling in veterans benefit programs. The target population for discharge planning includes all inmates who request assistance for pre-release services. The level and extent of assistance is based on risk and needs, as determined through the use of an evidence-based screening and assessment tool.

**Discharge
 Planners
 Assist
 Individuals
 with**



Housing



Treatment



Mental Health Services



Obtaining Government Issued Identification



Applying for Benefit Programs



Out of the 373 total requests in FY 2020-21:

- 5% involved assistance with locating housing
 - 55% of individuals were released to residential treatment
 - 15% percent were released into sober living
- 5% requested assistance with gaining access to mental health services

A major component of discharge planning focuses on coordinated service delivery, addressing housing needs, and facilitating assessment for treatment referrals.

Current Staffing

The current Discharge Planning Team consists of one Community Release Specialist, one Discharge Planner contracted through the Sheriff’s Department, two Probation Officers assigned as Jail Assessors (JAs), and two Rehabilitation Services Coordinators employed through the Public Defender’s Office. This multidisciplinary approach allows the team to utilize their skills and knowledge as they collaborate in the assessment of inmates’ needs and subsequent discharge planning.

Area of Opportunity

In addition to the efforts of the Discharge Planning Team and PRRC staff, multiple county departments and agencies partake in re-entry and discharge planning efforts. These efforts include, but are not limited to, additional work by Probation, the Sheriff’s Office, Behavioral Wellness, Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services, and the Public Defender’s Office. Behavioral Wellness staff process inmates into the ACCESS line utilizing appointments within the jail for connection to appropriate services and have worked to facilitate better discharge planning upon release. Wellpath confirms any medications for inmates and assists in processing inmates’ release with prescriptions. Social Services assists with confirmation of and assistance with inmates applying for Medi-Cal. Holistic Defense staff serve as advocates to assist clients with mental health needs and transportation. Public Defender advocates also assist with transportation needs, and Public Defender’s Office discharge planners assist clients with getting into residential treatment programs, in addition to helping clients with transportation needs.

Each agency provides services according to its particular mandates and funding sources. However, coordination between the individual agencies providing referrals or services does not always happen. Clients have received duplicative or repeat referrals, and if they move between agencies while justice-involved, the agency most recently working with the client may be unaware of previous efforts or treatment status. There is not a “warm hand-off” between



agencies, which at its most basic level is a way of maintaining continuity of services and reducing barriers and system confusion for clients. At times individuals may not receive all services they are entitled to, and assessment data may reveal gaps in service which could be addressed through better collaboration, but that data is not shared.

To reduce these barriers, enhance coordination and collaboration between agencies, and remove work from silos; the creation of a Discharge Planning Coordinator position is proposed. This coordinator would help connect the re-entry and discharge planning work done across agencies. The coordinator would help agencies enhance partnerships and streamline processes for more productive case management and client outcomes and more efficient use of agency resources and time.

FY 22-23 Budget Enhancement Request

It is proposed that the CCP allocate funding for a Discharge Planning Coordinator (DCP) for the reasons outlined above. The DCP will be responsible for aligning funding and discharge planning activities across agencies to eliminate silo-driven redundancies, facilitate deeper collaboration on client case management, and work toward streamlined processes throughout re-entry and discharge planning efforts countywide.

In addition, it is recommended the CCP set aside an earmark of additional funds, as noted in the budget chart below, for any additional agency requests related to discharge planning which may result from efforts to transform these processes as they are coordinated and enhanced.



Public Safety Realignment Act Budget
 FY 2022-2023 Estimate

	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023
	Adopted	Estimate
DETENTION ALTERNATIVES		
Discharge Planning Coordinator (1 FTE)	-	192,951
DPO Assessor (2.0 FTE)	330,442	329,966
Additional Discharge Planning Services	-	200,000
Total Detention Alternatives:	\$330,442	722,917

NOTE: FY 2022-2023 Salary Model was provided by the Auditor-Controller's Office during the recent 5-Year Forecast Budget cycle.

Item IX



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH **Justice Intervention Services**

Request for Applications: Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS)

At a Glance

DHCS is looking for behavioral health agencies and first responder, law enforcement, and community stakeholder groups that want to improve and enhance their collaborative response to individuals facing mental health or substance use crises.

\$16.25 million is available to support local and statewide efforts to improve first responder, law enforcement, and other community efforts to address behavioral health crises. These funds support collaborative planning, capacity building, strategic program development and first-year implementation.

Application requests must be a minimum of \$50,000 and no more than \$700,000 each.

[Register for the Informational Webinar Here](#)

Informational Webinar: December 8, 2021, 12:00 p. m. – 1:00 p. m. (PST)

**Submit completed application, narrative questions for scoring, and budget document and justification by
December 22, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (PST)**

Funding and Period of Performance

Application requests must be a minimum of \$50,000 and no more than \$700,000. The estimated contract term is from February 15, 2022, through February 14, 2023 (1 year).

For all grant recipients, AHP will contract with one lead agency to approve its subcontracting partners, if any. All funds must be expended by February 14, 2023, or they will be forfeited. AHP will work with each award recipient to establish a statement of work, deliverable schedule, and implementation plan.

Scope of Work

DHCS is looking for agencies in the law enforcement, first responder, and behavioral health communities that will:

- Implement innovative solutions to problems and connect people experiencing mental or substance use crises with services at the right time in the right environment;
- Utilize best practices of SAMHSA, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and Crisis Now, including co-responder models and/or the Memphis Model Curriculum or a Crisis Intervention Team–Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (CIT-POST) certified curriculum;
- Demonstrate collaboration between system partners and communities; and
- Adopt policies and practices to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and establish culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Benefits of Behavioral Health Integration and Diversion Practices

- Reduce arrests and costly jail stays
- Reduce lengthy and costly competency involvement
- Connect individuals with resources and support within their own communities

Projects must be doable within approximately one year. Funds must be used to build capacity. DHCS is also making funding available to support some initial implementation of direct services.

Capacity-Building Activities

Recognizing that communities have different needs and resources, AHP will consider a wide array of proposed projects. Examples of allowable capacity-building activities include the following:

- Establish short-term or ongoing local, regional, or statewide community action councils, workgroups, advisory committees, or other multisystem groups to address and implement cross-systems collaboration between law enforcement and the behavioral health system that should include capacity building, values clarification, and service continuum of care. Membership should be broad and include community members and system partners.
- Identify service and resource gaps through intercept or system mapping and create a sustainable action plan to address these gaps.
- Establish agreements for warm handoffs to community wellness, harm-reduction, stabilization, detoxification, peer respite, or other receiving centers.
- Assess long-term financial needs, including sustainability, braided funding, identification of funds, training on allowable costs, billing, and tracking.

- Develop data collection and appropriate sharing mechanisms.
- Provide Crisis Intervention Training and/or other behavioral health training to law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and/or other first responders.
- Develop coordination and training, and establish agreements for behavioral health co-response with law enforcement, EMS, and/or other first responders.
- Develop resources, products, or reports that will assist law enforcement, fire, EMS, and/or other first responders, behavioral health providers, and community groups to adopt best practices that address social determinants of health, culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and structural inequities in crises response.
- Implement marketing, education, or coordination efforts to divert calls from law enforcement to the behavioral health system.
- Integrate mental health into the law enforcement system, including screening/assessment, officer wellness programs, adoption of trauma-informed care, and minor environmental modifications.
- Bolster recruitment and salaries to support capacity building.

Co-Responder Direct Service Implementation

Funds may be used to implement a co-responder team by embedding behavioral health clinicians, case managers, or peers into law enforcement, fire, EMS, and/or other co-responder teams. Direct services may include the following:

- Recruitment, training, salaries, and supervision for behavioral health clinicians, case managers, and/or peer staff embedded into law enforcement, fire, EMS, and/or first responder response activities
- Assessing, stabilizing, and referring individuals with mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges to the appropriate services
- Funding virtual or in-person clinical or peer staff to respond to community situations alongside law enforcement, fire, EMS, and/or other first responders
- Funding specialty law enforcement and behavioral health collaborative programs, including jail-transition-based and peer-operated programs targeting behavioral health populations

Project Timeline

Applications are due December 22, 2021, at 4:00 p. m. (PST), and award announcements will be made in early February 2022. Contracts are anticipated to be for one year, from February 15, 2022, through February 14, 2023.

Attachment B – Application Contents

Submit application, including uploading relevant documents at the [BHJIS Online Application](#)

I. Application Form

Application Overview	
Overview	
Lead Agency Name	
Project Name	
Area Served (catchment area) (20 words max)	
County/Counties	
Total Funds Requested	
Projected number of unduplicated individuals with substance use and/or mental health conditions that will be reached through this project	
Projected number of system partners that will participate in or receive training from this project	
Projected number of unduplicated stakeholders that will participate in or receive training from this project	
Project abstract (provide a 50-word description; if selected, this will be used to announce the award)	

Applicant Information and Qualifications	
Lead Agency Contact Information	
Street Address	
City, State, ZIP	
County	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	
Website Address	
Lead Agency Authorized Representative	
Name (First and Last)	
Title	
Email Address	

Telephone Number	
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Project Director	
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Name (First and Last)	
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Title	
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Email Address	
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Telephone Number	
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<p>Lead Agency Type:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fire Department or Other First Responder</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> County Behavioral Health</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Behavioral Health Provider</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Community Based Organization</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please specify _____</p>

Subcontractor and Other Key Partner Agencies and Roles (only include partners that have agreed to participate in this project)	
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<p>1. Subcontractor or Key Partner Agency Name:</p> <hr/> <p>Contact Name/Title:</p> <p>Contact Email:</p> <p>Check one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Key Partner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Stakeholder</p>	<p>Role and Contribution to Project (up to 50 words)</p>
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<p>2. Subcontractor or Key Partner Agency Name:</p> <hr/> <p>Contact Name/Title:</p> <p>Contact Email:</p> <p>Check one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Key Partner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Stakeholder</p>	<p>Role and Contribution to Project (up to 50 words)</p>
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<p>3. Subcontractor or Key Partner Agency Name:</p> <hr/> <p>Contact Name/Title:</p> <p>Contact Email:</p> <p>Check one:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Key Partner</p>	<p>Role and Contribution to Project (up to 50 words)</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Stakeholder	
Auditing	
Describe your plan for an annual financial audit, how it will be conducted, and by whom (50 words max)	

II. Proposal Narrative:

Attach a Word document or PDF that responds to the questions below. See scoring on page 5 of this RFA. Do not exceed maximum number of words per section. Do not include additional attachments.

A. Community Need (300 words max)

- a. What current community need are you proposing to address?
- b. Describe community partnerships and resources that could be readily established or are already in place to support this project.

B. Project Description (1000 words max)

- a. Describe in detail what you are proposing to do, including
 - i. Project purpose/vision;
 - ii. Goals, objectives, and project activities;
 - iii. How the proposed project will build collaboration between law enforcement and/or first responders, behavioral health agencies, and/or providers and communities;
 - iv. How the proposed project will address structural inequities, community engagement, policy/culture changes, and sustainability; and
 - v. If providing direct services, how individuals will be identified, screened, assessed, and referred or linked to available behavioral health services, whether for crisis or follow-up care.
- b. List two to five expected direct outcomes of the project.
- c. What barriers do you anticipate, and how will you overcome these barriers?

C. Applicant Qualifications, Including Collaborations (500 words max)

- a. Describe the lead agency's qualifications, commitment, and plan to collaborate across system partners. *Respond to i, ii, or iii below depending on which best describes the lead agency.*
 - i. If the lead agency is from law enforcement or a first responder agency, describe how it will work with behavioral health agencies and other community stakeholders to improve crisis response and reduce justice involvement for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD)/serious mental illness (SMI).
 - ii. If the lead agency is from a behavioral health agency, describe how it will work with law enforcement and/or first responder agencies and other community stakeholders to improve crisis response and

reduced justice involvement. Has it secured an agreement from law enforcement or first responder agency to participate and include behavioral health staff as co-responders?

iii. If the lead agency is another community stakeholder, describe how it will involve law enforcement and/or first responders and behavioral health agencies to improve crisis response and reduce justice involvement. Has it secured an agreement from law enforcement, first responder, and/or behavioral health agencies to participate and include behavioral health staff as co-responders?

b. Discuss how the lead agency and project partners will carry out the work of this project (including staffing, management capacity, collaboration, conducting co-responder services, training, experience managing state/SAMHSA funds, and reporting requirements).

c. Who will serve as the Project Director or Champion? What is their role and experience in integrating behavioral health with first responders and law enforcement?

III. **Budget and Budget Justification**

Provide a deliverable-based budget using the deliverable-based budget template form located [here](#). Provide a separate Word document with a detailed budget justification for each line item of the budget form.

Proposals that do not include a deliverable-based budget and a budget justification will not be reviewed.