



**COMMUNITY
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PLAN UPDATE

Imperial County

2021 - 2022

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BCalifornia Public Safety Realignment

CA Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act (SB 678)

In 2009, California passed Senate Bill (SB) 678 and implemented the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act, which introduced the concept of a local community corrections advisory board known as the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). The legislative intent was twofold; to alleviate prison overcrowding and to reduce the budgetary impact of long-term incarceration. The effect of the legislation is to reduce the number of individuals on felony who are sent to state prison. The act was also designed to encourage county probation departments to use evidence-based supervision practices to accomplish this goal.

In addition, the Community Corrections Partnerships created by this bill are to develop, implement, and sustain various approaches in addressing local criminal justice needs. Counties across California are expected to invest in various programs and services that focus on caring for people with complex behavioral, medical, socioeconomic, and housing needs in a coordinated approach among county agencies. The CCP is also expected to invest in strategies that provide for an evaluation to determine a program's effectiveness by measuring results based on clearly defined objectives.

This bill marked a significant change in California's approach to adult criminal justice, and also led to the passing of additional California State Assembly Bills that would provide a stable funding base for Public Safety Realignment.

CA Public Safety Realignment (AB 109 & AB 117)

In 2011, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 109 and AB 117, known as **California Public Safety Realignment**, in order to create “*fundamental changes to California’s correctional system to stop the costly, ineffective and unsafe “revolving door” of lower-level offenders and parole violators through our state prisons*” (Governor’s Press Release, April 5, 2011). The California Public Safety Realignment bills:

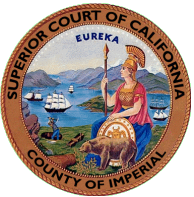
- ❖ Shifted responsibility for all sentenced non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders from state to local jurisdictions
- ❖ Established Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS)
- ❖ Changed the parole revocation process
- ❖ Tasked Community Corrections Partnerships (CCPs) with planning for the change and implementing the local plans; and
- ❖ Gave local law enforcement the right and the ability to manage offenders in smarter and cost-effective ways

The legislation also reassigned three groups of offenders previously processed through the State Prison and Parole System to California counties:

- ❖ The first group included convicted offenders receiving sentences for new non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender crimes that served locally for one year or more. Offenders in this category do not have prior violent or serious convictions.
- ❖ The second group involved individuals released from state prison and coming under Probation Department supervision; offenders in this category may have had prior convictions for violent or serious crimes.
- ❖ The third group included State Parole violators that were revoked into custody. With the exception of offenders sentenced to life with parole, this group was revoked to local County Jail instead of State Prison.

As part of the legislation, AB 109 tasked each CCP with developing and recommending a strategic local plan to the county Board of Supervisors for the implementation of Realignment. This plan could provide recommendations that would maximize the effective investment of criminal justice resources in evidence-based correctional services and programs. Plans also had to be developed consistently with local needs in mind and with available resources.

The Community Corrections Partnership



The Community Corrections Partnership was established by the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act (SB 678). Its purpose is to develop, implement, and sustain productive approaches in addressing local criminal justice needs.

Mission

"The Community Corrections Partnership is committed to working together in order to promote a safer community through effective strategies."

Vision

The Community Corrections Partnership provides leadership through the partnering agencies and partnerships within the community to encourage, support, and network effectively for a safer community by doing the following:

- ❖ *Decrease criminal recidivism through data-driven decision making which addresses substance abuse, criminogenic factors, and mental health issues*
- ❖ *Increase offenders' successful reintegration into the community using research-based strategies and interventions*
- ❖ *Encourage and support effective prevention strategies for members in the community*
- ❖ *Create opportunities for self-sufficiency among offenders*

Values

Community Safety: The CCP is committed to decisions, which prioritize a safe and secure community, which increases the quality of life for all people in Imperial County.

Accountability: The CCP holds itself and its partners to all established standards, agreements and policies.

Fiscally Responsible: The CCP believes in being good fiscal stewards of the public funds entrusted to the Partnership.

Transparency: The CCP meetings are open to the public, all reports and agendas are available for review, and public input is welcomed.

Change: The CCP acknowledges people can change when they are willing and provided the opportunity and resources to succeed.

Community Corrections Partnership Members

The Community Corrections Partnership currently consists of the following members below as required by PC 1230:

Organization	Seat filled by:
Chief Probation Officer	Dan Prince
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or designee	Maria Rhinehart
County Supervisor or Chief Administrative Officer or a designee of the Board of Supervisors	Tony Rouhotas
District Attorney	Gilbert G. Otero
Public Defender	Ben Salorio
Sheriff	Raymond Loera
Chief of Police	Brian Johnson
Head of the County Department of Social Services	Veronica Rodriguez
Head of the County Department of Mental Health	Leticia Plancarte
Head of the County Department of Employment	Priscilla Lopez
Head of the County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs	Leticia Plancarte
Head of the County Office of Education	Todd Finnel
A representative from a community-based organization with experience in successfully providing rehabilitative services to persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense.	Don Gorham
An individual who represents the interests of victims	Heather Trapnell

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee & Subcommittees

CCP Executive Committee

The CCP Executive Committee reviews programs and services for their potential success, considers the fiscal impact and votes to move forward with implementation of the new program or service. The Executive Committee also keeps all agencies informed on updates regarding criminal justice brought on by local, state, or federal government changes.

CCP Executive Committee Members per PC 1203.1

Seat filled by:

Chief Probation Officer (Chair)
Sheriff
District Attorney
Public Defender
Superior Court Executive Officer
Director of Social Services
City of El Centro Chief of Police

Dan Prince
Raymond Loera
Gilbert G. Otero
Ben Salorio
Maria Rhinehart
Veronica Rodriguez
Brian Johnson

Program and Development Subcommittee

The CCP Program and Development Subcommittee reviews and reports on current and potential AB 109–related programs and services. This committee is comprised of agencies that provide a wide range of services to the AB109 population ranging from mental health services, anger management/domestic violence courses, sex offender counseling, child support services, and drug/alcohol counseling. Updates are received on a monthly basis from local agencies and reported to the CCP Executive Committee at the end of the month.

Budget and Fiscal Subcommittee

This committee reviews all CCP–related funding requests that are brought from the Program and Development or Training Subcommittee. In addition, this committee reviews and manages the CCP Budget on an ongoing basis and shares that information as needed by CCP Executive members.

Training Subcommittee

This committee researches relevant training opportunities for CCP Partners and reviews training requests. These training opportunities allow local staff to bring in new ideas regarding programs and services outside of Imperial County that would positively impact the AB 109 community. Training opportunities that the Training Subcommittee researched and brought forward to the CCP Executive Committee this past year included:

- ❖ 2021 American Probation & Parole Association (APPA) Boston Training Conference & 2022 Georgia Winter Training Conference
- ❖ California Narcotics Officers Association's (CNOA) 57th Annual Training Institute & Law Enforcement Exposition
- ❖ Mental Health Conference
- ❖ American Jail Association (AJA) Annual Conference & Jail Expo (Virtual) 2021 Training Conference

Community Corrections Partnership Goals 2020-2021

In the previous fiscal year, the CCP set three goals, which aimed towards assisting the AB 109 population with their reintegration into our community. Below are progress updates to the previous year's goals:

1

DECREASE CRIMINAL RECIDIVISM RATES THROUGH CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY CCP PARTNERS AND LOCAL AGENCIES

Goal Objectives

- ❖ Impact recidivism rates among the AB109 population by:
 - ✓ Increasing referrals to services offered at the Day Reporting Center.
 - ✓ Increasing the number of services being offered at the Day Reporting Center.
 - ✓ Ensuring probation clients are successfully completing program requirements.

Measured Outcomes

- ❖ Monitor and track referrals and enrollment numbers for programs and services offered in order to increase the percentage of AB109 supervised individuals being referred and enrolled.
- ❖ Monitor and track successful completions of programs to ensure methods and services are affecting clients in a positive way.
- ❖ Monitor and track unsuccessful completions to identify possible barriers to success in programs and services.

Progress

The Imperial County Probation Department has continued to monitor programs and services on a monthly basis. The Probation Department tracks referrals, enrollments, discharges and successful completions of programs for each person currently being supervised by the Department. Program facilitators provide this information and it is entered into the case management system, and pulled out through SQL queries and reports. Through these reports, the Probation Department has been able to study data trends from the past three years to see how programs and services are currently affecting recidivism rates for the AB109 population. Based on the most recent reports, the Probation Department can see early trends that programs and services are impacting recidivism in a positive manner and reducing the chance that a participant will recidivate.

2

REDUCE THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PROGRAMS & SERVICES IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE AB109 POPULATION CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE NECESSARY AID THEY REQUIRE FOR SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION.

Goal Objectives

- ❖ Work within established CDC Guideline to return programs and services to pre-covid levels of enrollments and successful completions.
- ❖ Work with local programs and services to continue offering services in an accessible and safe manner
- ❖ Inform probationers of programs and services that become available during the pandemic

Measured Outcomes

- ❖ Compare enrollment and completion rates of programs and services prior to countywide closure due to Covid-19 to verify success
- ❖ Monitor enrollment rates of programs operating during pandemic
- ❖ Monitor and track unsuccessfully completions to identify areas needing improvement in programs and services.

Progress

Imperial County was one of the hardest hit counties in California by the Covid-19 pandemic and this objective was set by the CCP in the previous year to ensure that AB109 probationers continued receiving necessary programming and services required for successful integration. As Imperial County took steps to ensure residents could remain safe, many programs and services adjusted their services to remain in compliance with updated health and safety guidelines. By working alongside with some of our local organizations and updating agency guidelines, the CCP aimed to reduce the impact of the pandemic upon these services. Based off enrollment figures for 2019, the number of AB109 probationers that started one or more programs totaled 57, and in 2020 this number 58. As 2021 comes to a close, the number of AB109 probationers that enrolled into one more programs is at 66, an increase compared to the previous two years. Looking at enrollment data collected over the past 3 years for AB109, the CCP, alongside local programs, have worked successfully to reduce the impact of Covid-19 upon enrollments for AB109 probationers.

3

REVIEW RECIDIVISM BASELINE RATE FOR THE AB 109 POPULATION THAT HAS BEEN SUPERVISED AND PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS.**Goal Objectives**

- ❖ Identify specific data elements required for recidivism study
- ❖ Develop methods of extracting data from the Probation Case Management System
- ❖ Share data to CCP partners to obtain a better understanding on the effectiveness of programs and services being offered

Measured Outcomes

- ❖ Establish a baseline recidivism rate for programs and services within Imperial County
- ❖ Analyze effectiveness of programs and services provided by CCP partners
- ❖ Determine factors that contribute to recidivism within Imperial County

Progress

This goal was set to allow the CCP to expand its understanding of the impact on recidivism that programs and services being utilized have had on the AB 109 population. This information is crucial to determine how effective these services are in order to better prepare the AB109 population in reintegrating into our community and to better utilize the funding provided to the CCP. Initial work has been done to create reports that allow the Probation Department to identify elements, such as age, sex, risk level, and programming history, within the AB109 population to determine rates of recidivism. Currently the Department is able to pull data from its case management system through SQL queries and create reports for study. The methods for setting up a baseline recidivism rate will require some additional time to set up and process, but the Probation Department will continue to work towards this goal.

Community Corrections Partnership Goals 2021-2022

For the upcoming fiscal year, the CCP is looking to expand upon its current goals and continue assisting the AB 109 population with their reintegration into our community. The goals set forth will assist the CCP in determining how effective its programs and strategies are and focus on improving existing programs and services.

1

CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS DECREASING CRIMINAL RECIDIVISM RATES THROUGH CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Goal Objectives

- ❖ Increase referrals to services offered at the Day Reporting Center or other local agency.
- ❖ Increase the number of services being offered at the Day Reporting Center.
- ❖ Ensure that probation clients are successfully completing program requirements.

Measured Outcomes:

- ❖ 90% of AB 109 Probationers are being referred & enrolled into one or more program
- ❖ Utilize the Program & Services subcommittee to review one or more new program or service in the upcoming year that can be used to assist the AB 109 population
- ❖ 90% of the AB109 Probationer are successfully completing their programs

Progress:

The CCP will continue to work towards this goal of utilizing its wide range of tools to better service the AB 109 population by increasing referrals to programs and services, by modifying current programs and services or adding new services that can better meet the population's needs, and by ensuring that these individuals are successfully completing their treatments. The Probation Department will take a front role in this effort and will utilize its Probation staff to monitor and track information related to these goals and objectives. In addition, some initial progress has been made towards increasing services offered at the Day Reporting Center as the Geo Program works towards establishing a new Community Service Program that will be offered to participants that require community service hours mandated by the court. Other CCP agencies have also been working to establish new programs, such as Behavioral Health, which is working on three projects related to increasing mental health services and the District Attorney's Office, which is working on a new program that will be utilized to assist the sex offender population.

2

UTILIZE THE NEWLY DEVELOPED PROBATION PRE TRIAL SERVICES UNIT TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY WHILE DEFENDANTS ARE AWAITING TRIAL

Goal Objectives

- ❖ Ensure that clients are being contacted by Probation Officers on a regular basis.
- ❖ Ensure that clients are being referred and enrolled into Programs and Services
- ❖ Ensure that clients are successfully completing their Programs and Services

Measured Outcomes

- ❖ 90% of Pretrial Service Unit clients will have one or more contact event with a Probation Officer every month.
- ❖ 90% of Pretrial Service Unit clients will be referred and enrolled into one or more Program and/or Service
- ❖ 90% of Pretrial Service Unit clients will successfully complete their Program and/or Services

Progress

Due to the recent Humphrey's decision regarding bail, the Probation Department has worked quickly to establish a Pretrial Services Unit that would work alongside the Sheriff's Office and Superior Court in order to provide individuals sentenced to pretrial services with regular supervision and to ensure that these individuals enrolled in court mandated programs and services. As this unit is newly created, the CCP recognizes the importance of tracking information related to this population and will be tracking a number of different options to see areas of success and areas where improvements can be made. Currently the Probation Department has worked to modify its case management system to track information related to these cases more easily and Monthly Reports are created for Pretrial Unit Supervisors, which displays data related to contact events, program enrollments, and program completions. The Probation Department will track the number of contact events that Probation Officers make with these individuals on a monthly basis in order to ensure that regular supervision is occurring and that these individuals are kept accountable. In addition, the Probation Department will track referrals to programs and services as well as the progress that these individuals are making in order to make sure that court orders are being followed and to confirm that treatments are being received.

3

CONTINUE TO REVIEW RECIDIVISM DATA FOR SUPERVISED AB 109 POPULATION THAT PARTICIPATED IN ONE OR MORE PROGRAM OR SERVICE.

Goal Objectives

- ❖ Utilize identified data elements to continue to study recidivism data among Imperial County AB109 population
- ❖ Determine if recidivism trends in a positive direction as Covid-19 restrictions ease up among local agencies

Measured Outcomes

- ❖ Reduce the number of Revocations of Probation among AB109 population by 10%
- ❖ Reduce the number of Violations of Probations among AB109 population by 10%
- ❖ Reduce the number of Probations unsuccessfully completing probation among the AB 109 population by 10%

Progress

This goal modifies a previously set goal from last year in order to obtain a better understanding of the information collected and to see if there are any significant changes as Covid-19 restrictions begin to lift. One of the initial discoveries from the previous year's goal indicate that there was a noticeable change in recidivism data among the AB109 population as they participated in one or more program. The Community Corrections Partnership is looking to gain additional insight into this information and see if recidivism continues to trend in a positive direction as local agencies return to full operations. This goal will allow the CCP to better identify areas of strengths and weakness among programs and services and determine their possible impact upon recidivism in the AB109 population. The Probation Department has already begun to collect this information on a monthly basis and will be reviewing it in the upcoming year to determine if there are any significant changes.

Realignment in Imperial County

Imperial County Probation Department

The Imperial County Probation Department has taken great strides in its commitment to California's Public Safety Realignment. Since Realignment, the Imperial County Probation Department has provided supervision to 807 Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and 216 Mandatory Supervision (MS) offenders. As of November 2021, there are currently 76 active PRCS and 63 active MS offenders being supervised by the department. Based on current caseload, the majority of individuals under supervision are Hispanic Males between the ages of 26 and 44.

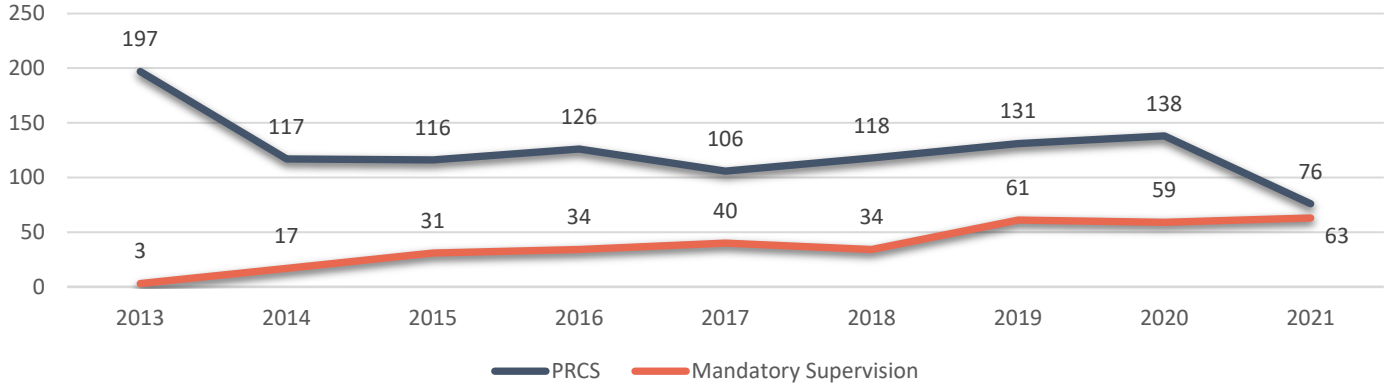
The Probation Department is committed to continuing local implementation of Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) to reduce the number of probation failures resulting in prison commitments. These practices imply that there are definable outcomes; are measurable and evaluated based on recidivism, victim satisfaction, and other relevant factors. These are approaches and interventions that have been scientifically tested in controlled studies and proven effective

To date, SB 678 funds have been used to purchase the Noble Assessment Tool (an evidence-based actuarial risk and needs assessment), train staff to implement the assessment, provide for intensive supervision caseloads, and build capacity within the Department to implement the "Thinking for a Change", "JobTEC", "Adult Parenting", and "Anger Management" cognitive behavioral courses for those under supervision. These programs incorporate evidence-based principles, including the use of validated assessments and matching services to individuals risk levels. They also provide foundational data-driven systemic interventions that safely reduce jail reliance and assist with the successful transition of oversight for non-serious prisoners to the county.



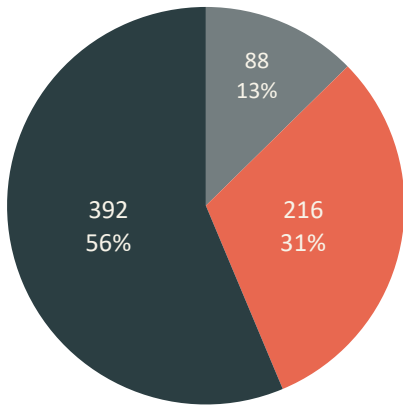
Post Release Community Supervision Breakdown

AB 109 Probation Population as of June 30 2013-2021



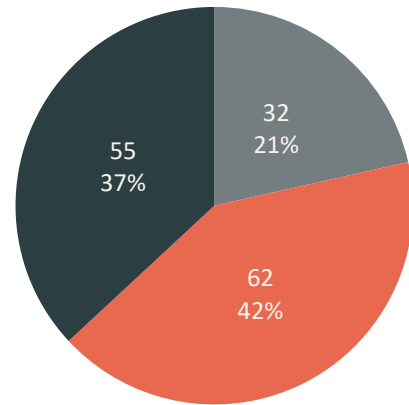
PRCS Terminations 2013-2021

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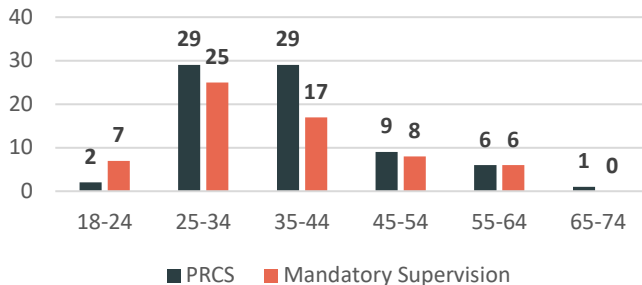


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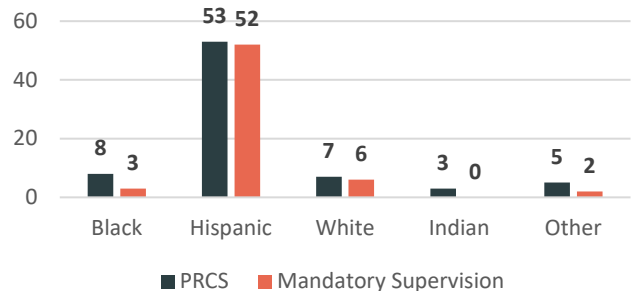
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Age Breakdown of Current AB109 Supervision Population



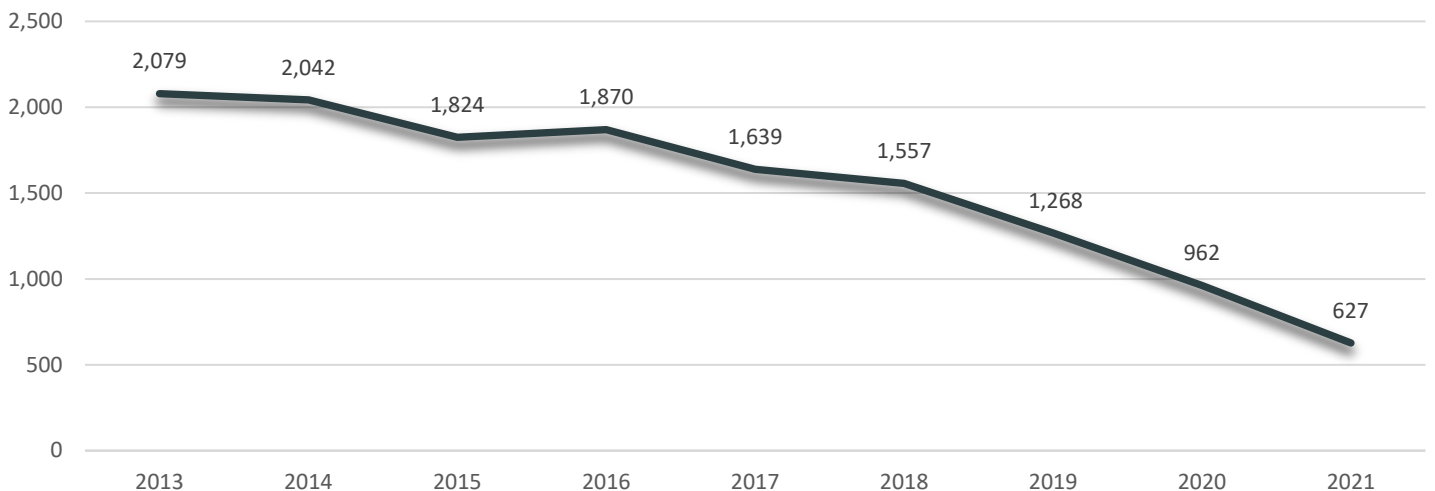
Ethnicity Breakdown of Current AB109 Supervision Population



Formal Probation

On June 30 2011, the Imperial County Probation Department had 1,682 active formal probation offenders under supervision, and as of June 30 2021, due to a combination of Covid-19 and updated term lengths brought about by AB 1950, the number of offenders was 627 based off updated CPOC reporting criteria. Deputy Probation Officer caseloads consist of probationers that are evaluated for risk level at intake and can be considered low, moderate or high risk which correlate to the actual level of supervision. Officers of the Adult Supervision Unit manage their caseloads on a daily basis, and keep a record of all information that pertains to that individual through the IJS Case Management System. This unit is staffed with a small number of armed officers who provide direct offender supervision in the community including search and seizure orders, warrant and compliance checks and routine offender contact. There are a number of participants whose minor violations are more cost effectively met with responses that are both proportional to the seriousness of the violation and address the situations that may have led to the behavior. The Adult Supervision Unit continues to utilize guidelines that set out clear penalties that include low intensity interventions such as additional frequency of reporting for minor violations, and short jail stays for serious infractions. As an alternative to revocations or violations, Probation Officers are using flash incarceration (up to ten consecutive days), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), community service, increased drug testing, GPS monitoring, restrictive curfews, and increased supervision as sanctions for offenders.

Formal Probationers captured for June 2013-2021
Based off CPOC Reporting Criteria



Community Supervision and Program Interventions

Depending on the Noble Assessment Risk and Needs Tool, the probationer will be assessed utilizing a case plan addressing their top three criminogenic needs. Utilizing Motivational Interviewing (MI) skills, Probation Officers gather as much information necessary to make proper referrals. Services offered include cognitive-behavioral treatment classes, drug testing, referrals to community-based organizations, and access to job training, GED preparation and testing, participation in work crews, mental health referrals and Day Reporting Center programming offered by the GEO Group.

PRCS Intensive Supervision Units

If AB 109 offenders do not meet the criteria for the Day Reporting Center, they will be assigned to the high-risk AB109 supervision unit. This PRCS unit is staffed with armed officers that provide direct contact by monitoring an offender's home, work, and community throughout all phases of the program to ensure they are enrolled in treatment and comply with established conditions. The officers track an individual's progress during the program, along with conducting searches, administering drug tests, and working with offenders to change their criminal behavior patterns in an effort to reduce recidivism. Technical violations, which occur among the PRCS offender group, are handled at the community level without compromising public safety. High/Moderate-risk offenders who present a threat are returned to jail when they commit a serious violation or new crime.

Pretrial Services Unit

The Probation Department's Pretrial Services Unit was created in response to the California Supreme Court's Humphrey's case where it was established that "common practice of conditioning freedom solely on whether an arrestee can afford bail is unconstitutional." The Probation Department utilizes this unit to provide additional, comprehensive, pretrial services that are ordered by the court and are offered at the Day Reporting Center or other local organizations. Currently, the Probation Department is providing these services to 48 cases and since the unit's establishment in May 2021; the Probation Department has provided 123 bail review assessments for these cases.

Use of Incentives/Rewards and Progressive Sanctions

Research indicates that positive reinforcement, incentives and rewards are powerful tools in the supervision process. By employing them for progress, along with sanctions for violations, PRCS Officers can enhance offender motivation, support positive behavior change, and

reduce recidivism. Examples of incentives and rewards staff are utilizing include awarding certificates of achievement, reducing reporting requirements, removing conditions such as home detention or curfew, and asking the offender to be a “mentor” to others. If an offender demonstrates successful behavior for six months (no new arrests, violations, revocations, noncompliance, or sanctions) they may be eligible for early release from supervision. If an AB 109 offender completes the necessary programs or treatment and/or is demonstrating progress during supervision, the case can be evaluated for a lower level of supervision.

Flash Incarceration

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 3450, a PRCS offender who is violating the supervision conditions or treatment plan may be placed in county jail for a maximum of ten days.

GPS Tracking

Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking has been used to track the precise location of an offender and sets boundaries of confinement to assure that the offender is complying with conditions of supervision. The use of GPS is also a method of graduated sanctions in lieu of incarceration. As of November 1, 2020, the Probation Department currently offers SCRAM and STOP GPS Monitoring systems.

Sex Offender Polygraphing

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 209.023, all registered sex offenders on formal probation are required to undergo polygraph examinations for purposes of supervision. Sex Offenders also undergo the STATIC 99R, which is a risk assessment tool for sexual offenders that fall within the classification of 290 PC. This tool scores the offender as to their risk to re-offend (low, moderate, or high). Based on their score, the level of supervision during the term of probation will be determined.

The Iran Martinez Probation Services Building (Day Reporting Center)

On May 29, 2014, the Day Reporting Center located adjacent to the Probation Department, celebrated its Grand Opening after awarding the GEO Group contract to provide day-to-day operations. The Day Reporting Center is administered by the Probation Department to service participants aiming to affect positive change by modeling pro-social attitudes and providing a structured environment by linking clients with the resources and services they need to be successful.

The Day Reporting Center assists the Probation Department and Imperial County Sheriff's Office in managing the population they serve by promoting behavioral change, increasing linkages to addiction treatment, promoting participation in education and employment programs, and holding probationers accountable for their behavior in the community. A growing number of other formal probation cases also receive supervision and services through the Day Reporting Center, administered by the Probation Department in partnership with GEO Re-Entry Services.

Participants at the Day Reporting Center are encouraged to practice pro-social behaviors and are provided with a structured environment that matches them with resources and services they need to be successful. Ten of these participants are California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation parolees that are served through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Offenders participate in daily programming, which includes Cognitive and Behavioral Change, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Behavioral and Criminogenic Assessments, Case Management, Outpatient Substance Abuse Education, Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment, Anger Management, Parenting, Life Skills and Random Drug and Alcohol Testing.

Probation Department staff facilitates five on-going COG groups: Thinking for a Change, JobTech, Parenting, Anger Management, and Felony Offenses, held weekly at the Day Reporting Center and County Jail. There is also significant interaction with the faith-based community, with probationers being referred to programs such as New Creations. Catholic Charities assists in enrolling participants in the Covered California Program, and several local churches provide services to those individuals needing assistance with drug and alcohol prevention. The Probation Department, through its community partners, has certified and added several 52 Week Batterer's Programs for domestic violence offenders as well as sex offender group counseling. Additional programming at the DRC includes Job Preparedness services through the Workforce Development Office, Literacy Classes through the County Library, and services offered by the Office of Child Support Services to assist probationers in complying with their court-ordered obligations.

Inside/Out Program

In addition, Imperial County Sheriff's Office and Imperial Valley Community College provide educational and vocational programming for a growing number of inmates allowed to program at the Day Reporting Center through the Inside/Out Program. The Imperial County Inside/Out College Program was the first such program in the United States offered through a county partnership between a community college, county jail and probation department.



At the time of implementation of the program, the Imperial County Day Reporting Center was the only Day Reporting Center within California providing college courses as an educational component of the Community Corrections Partnership's efforts to reduce recidivism. In 2016, The Inside/Out College Program received one of the only two Challenge Awards given to mid-size counties by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

Adult Re-Entry Summit



The Imperial County Probation Department's Day Reporting Center also hosts an annual Adult Re-Entry Summit in partnership with local agencies and organizations to provide information to the probation population, incarcerated individuals, and parole clients about services and programs available to them within the community. While the pandemic has caused this event to be put

on hold, the Probation Department hopes to resume the event as soon as possible to help these individuals with connecting to local, private, and public agencies to better assist them in their journey to rehabilitation and to reduce recidivism within the Imperial County.

Imperial County Office of Education - Charter School



The DRC in collaboration with the Imperial County Office of Education also continues to implement a Charter School Program. The Charter School serves as a dropout recovery program that assists probationers, paroles, and inmate clients in obtaining their High School Diploma or GED.

The goal of this program is to focus on long-term success for students and paves the way for post-secondary education, vocational education, and other career oriented job paths. Since Covid-19, the Charter School has taken steps to continue to offer these services through telecommunication and the instructors for this program collaborate with probation officers to determine the best option for the clients in obtaining their diploma or GED.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Courses (CBT)

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is a problem-focused, therapeutic approach that attempts to help people identify and change dysfunctional beliefs, thoughts, and patterns of behavior that contribute to their problem behaviors. For adult offenders, CBT explains how cognitive deficits, distortion, and flawed thinking processes can lead to criminal behavior. CBT programs emphasize individual accountability and attempts to help adult offenders to understand their thinking processes and the choices they make before they commit a crime.

CBT is based on a theoretical foundation that focuses on how “criminal thinking” contributes to criminal behavior and offending. This can include self-justificatory thinking, misinterpretation of social cues, feelings of dominance and entitlement, and a lack of moral reasoning. Imperial County Probation Officers facilitate Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Courses at the Day Reporting Center and the Imperial County Jail.



The courses taught by Probation Officers follow the National Curriculum & Training Institute (NCTI) Crossroads Program guidelines and include:

❖ **Felony Offenses**

The Adult Felony Offenses curriculum addresses the needs of medium to high-risk offenders who have entered the court system for a wide variety of felony offenses. This curriculum uses activity-enhanced components to provide an in-depth process for gaining and practicing new behavioral skills that can help participants achieve constructive life changes. Individuals are encouraged to practice skills outside of the group setting and to report on the progress and problems they experienced during practice. The length of the curriculum allows for greater development of the participant/facilitator relationship, providing an additional support base for the participant.

❖ **JobTEC**

The JOBTEC curriculum teaches those competencies that the Department of Labor and research have found to be necessary for finding and keeping a job. Through this extensive curriculum, participants learn practical job-finding skills, practice positive and professional behavior, and explore their own personal strengths and values.

❖ **Adult Parenting**

The Adult Parenting curriculum helps parents understand the process of changing negative behavior in their children and motivating positive behavior. Through activity-enhanced components, parents learn how to counteract negative behaviors using methods that are non-threatening and effective, and that build responsibility. Parents learn the difference between punishment and discipline, and are encouraged to use discipline instead of punishment.

❖ **Anger Management**

The Adult Anger Management curriculum is designed to give participants an opportunity to practice skills that will allow them to positively control their behavior and the events in their lives. Through activity-enhanced components, individuals learn to successfully control their emotions and channel their energies in a positive direction.

❖ **Thinking for a Change (T4C)**

Thinking for a Change stresses interpersonal communication skills development and confronts thought patterns that can lead to problematic behaviors. The program has three components: cognitive self-change, social skills, and problem-solving skills.

Behavioral Health On-Site Care and Referral Services

The on-site Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist provided by Imperial County Behavioral Health Services has the ability to refer higher-need probation clients to the Substance Use Disorder Program in Imperial County and to out of county residential facilities.

Workforce Development

Employment is a key factor in a person's road to successful reintegration, and the DRC partners with the local Workforce Development Office to assist our clients in obtaining training and employment opportunities. Representatives from the Department of Workforce Development work with GEO to provide probationers vocational education and assist clients with job placement. Probation Officers are provided with a Job List and encourage clients to visit Workforce Development locations to obtain assistance with resume building, interview preparedness, and further prepare them for employment success. The Workforce Development Office currently offers two programs for adults looking to obtain employment:

❖ ADULT WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (WEX)

The Adult Work Experience Program (WEX) is a program where businesses host and train an eligible WEX participant at a position within the company, while all wages are paid through the Imperial County Workforce and Economic Development Office. The program allows businesses to receive new labor at no cost and allows participants the opportunity to learn new skills, gain valuable work experience and showcase their abilities in order to be hired long term.

❖ ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) PROGRAM

On-the-Job Training (OJT) is one strategy for individuals to receive training funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. OJT provides reimbursements to employers to help compensate for the costs associated with skills upgrade training. OJT training assists employers who are looking to expand their businesses and who need additional staff trained with specialized skills.

SMART (Self-Management and Recovery Training)

SMART Recovery is an international non-profit organization that assists individuals seeking abstinence from addiction. The SMART approach is secular and science-based, using cognitive behavioral therapy and non-confrontational motivational methods, using a four-point program Building and Maintaining Motivation, Coping with Urges and Cravings,

Problem Solving and Lifestyle Balance. The Day Reporting Center hosts group drug and alcohol counseling sessions facilitated by SMART Recovery on a weekly basis. Due to the pandemic, these sessions have been held through online telecommunication services in order to continue to reach members of our community. Through these new online service options, the program has discovered newfound success in reaching members of the Imperial County community previously unable to make the trip to the Day Reporting Center on a regular basis. SMART Recovery in Imperial County served 216 individuals from March 2019 to March 2021 and is currently serving 87 individuals through its face-to-face and online zoom groups.

Certified Anger Management – New Creations

The Day Reporting Center hosts a Certified Anger Management Program that is provided by the New Creations Organization. The program utilizes activity-enhanced components, where individuals learn to successfully control their emotions and channel their energies in a positive direction.

GEO Group

Located within the Day Reporting Center, the GEO Group is a primary point of contact for clients who participate in Cognitive Behavioral Programs. GEO aims to promote positive change by modeling pro-social attitudes and providing a structured environment by linking offenders with the resources and services they need to be successful. GEO orients new clients to program requirements and use assessment tools to determine an individual's risk and needs in developing a comprehensive behavior change plan.



Through monthly Community Connections events, the Day Reporting Center continues to provide information and referrals to other services that participants need in order to complete their reintegration into their communities. These referrals include Behavioral Health Services, CPS, Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities, Imperial Valley Food Bank, IVROP, the One Stop Employment Services, the Employment Development Department, Imperial Valley College Adult Education, New Creations, Calexico Neighborhood House, and the Salvation Army.

The GEO Group currently provides the following services to participants at the Day Reporting Center:

- ❖ Cognitive and Behavioral Change through Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- ❖ Behavioral and Criminogenic Assessments
- ❖ Behavioral Change Plan
- ❖ Weekly Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT)
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Outpatient Substance Abuse Education (OSAE) & Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment (OSAT)
- ❖ Anger Management
- ❖ Parenting
- ❖ Employment Readiness and Job Search
- ❖ Life Skills and Cognitive Restructuring Lab
- ❖ Random Urine Analysis Testing, Daily Alcohol Breathalyzer Testing, and Daily Check-Ins.

The Geo Program located within the Imperial County Day Reporting Center receives referrals for services from the Imperial County Probation Department, Imperial County Sheriff's Office, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). These services are provided through a four level reporting and supervision program at the Day Reporting Center and initially provided services to 50 participants. The program has since been expanded to provide services to a maximum of 75 participants consisting of 65 clients of the Imperial County Probation Department or Imperial County Sheriff's Office, and 10 Parolees from CDCR. Each participant starts at the most intensive level and progressively moves through the program to the less structured levels. As of November 1, 2021, there are currently 61 Probation Clients, 2 Imperial County Jail Clients, and 4 CDCR Parole Clients participating in the program. Of the current participants, 23 are in Phase 1 of program, 19 are in Phase 2, 18 are in Phase 3, and 7 are participating in the After Care Phase.

The following list indicates how progress through the Day Reporting Center Program is measured:

Progress from Phase 1 to Phase 2

- ❖ Consistent Reporting (90% minimum)
- ❖ Assessments completed
- ❖ Behavioral Change Plan completed
- ❖ Progress in Programming:
 - ✓ Completion of: Orientation, Community Connections, and Employment Readiness
 - ✓ Completion of MRT group through Step 3
 - ✓ Group Attendance (90% minimum)
 - ✓ Group Participation (8 or higher on a scale of 1-10)
 - ✓ Progress or completion in group (8 or higher on a scale of 1-10)

Progress from Phase 2 to Phase 3

- ❖ Consistent Reporting (90% minimum)
- ❖ Clean Breathalyzer (no less than 60 days)
- ❖ Clean Urine Analysis (no less than 60 days)
- ❖ Progress in Programming:
 - ✓ Group Attendance (90% minimum)
 - ✓ Completion of MRT group through Step 8
 - ✓ Group Attendance (90% minimum)
 - ✓ Group Participation (8 or higher on a scale of 1-10)
 - ✓ Progress or completion in group (8 or higher on a scale of 1-10)

Progress from Phase 3 to Aftercare

- ❖ Consistent Reporting (90% minimum)
- ❖ Clean Breathalyzer (no less than 90 days)
- ❖ Clean Urine Analysis (no less than 90 days)
- ❖ Progress in Programming:
 - ✓ Attendance (90% minimum)
 - ✓ Completion of MRT group through Step 12
 - ✓ Completion of Groups not included in Aftercare
 - ✓ Group Participation (8 or higher on a scale of 1-10)

The following is a breakdown of program outcomes from November 15, 2020 to November 10, 2021 based on 189 Probation Department referrals to the program:

171	Probationers who participated in the GEO intake process	4	Dropped due to re-arrest or probation violation
18	Probationers referrals who never attended GEO programming	15	Dropped due to termination of probation
59	Currently Active Participants	0	Dropped due to medical condition
26	Absconded after 2 months or less	43	Successful Program Completions
6	Absconded after 4 months or less	8	Immediate Abscond after intake
0	Dropped due to death		

Of the 43 Participants that have completed the GEO Reentry Services program at the Imperial Day Reporting Center, the following is their current status:

11	Attending various educational programs	2	Self Employed
2	Enrolled at Imperial Valley Community College	2	Employed at Home Health Aid Services
9	Enrolled in a High School / General Education Program	7	Employed part time (25 hours or less)
0	Enrolled in IVROP	19	Employed full time
4	Medical condition that prevents employment	6	Currently unemployed

The GEO Group also provides services at the Day Reporting Center to individuals who are incarcerated at the Imperial County Jail. From November 15, 2020 to November 10, 2021, the following results were noted:

9	Participants referred and enrolled	5	Successfully completed the program
1	Dropped due failing to comply with jail or program rules and regulations	2	Currently active participants
1	Completed jail terms and conditions and were released	5	Participated in the Inmate Work Crew Program

In August 2015, The Imperial County Probation Department entered into an agreement to provide services to CDCR Parole participants, creating 10 available slots for Parolees to participate in the GEO Reentry Program at the Imperial County Day Reporting Center.

Of the parole participants, the following information has been collected:

25	Parole participants were referred to the DRC	4	Currently active Parole participants
4	Parole participants never attended first appointment	7	Immediate Abscond after intake
21	Provided with intake services	3	Participants are currently employed
7	Participants completed program		

From November 15, 2020 to November 10, 2021, the following percentages reflect the activities of the participants in the program:

- 9% Of participants continue to test positive for substance abuse and are currently receiving counseling to get them to stop using substances
- 81% Of participants attend their check-in as required per week
- 84% Of participants attend **all** of their group/class sessions
- 2% Of participants have had a relapse and had to begin their sobriety again while in the program
- 51% Of participants entered the program and had already been sober before being enrolled
- 89% Of participants maintained a sober living life style
- 4% Of participants enrolled during this quarter have absconded and were dropped from the program
- 4% Of participants were dropped from the program because they completed probation

Goals for 2021-2022

The GEO Group at the DRC will continue to look at program failures in an effort to improve the available services to DRC participants and increase the levels of positive outcomes. This will allow the program to increase communication and improve services as well as to modify the way in which services are provided in order to better serve the AB109 population within Imperial County

Imperial County Sheriff's Office

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division currently operates three jail facilities with combined bed space of 876 beds; housing male and female, sentenced and non-sentenced county and federal within the Imperial County.

The Herbert Hughes Correctional Center (HHCC) consists of six dormitory style-housing areas referred to as dorms with a total bed space of 314 beds. HHCC houses a full working kitchen where prescreened inmate workers receive valuable vocational training and work experience preparing three meals a day and run a hot food services line that provides meals to all three jail facilities. HHCC boast a large multipurpose room, which is centrally located within the housing units and is used as educational programming space, which has allowed a multitude of inmates to receive their GED or High School Diploma. Having programming space line the multipurpose room is imperative to restorative justice of offender reentry and recidivism reduction programs. The majority of the inmates housed at HHCC are actively working and participating in inmate programs provided to them both in and out of the housing areas.

The Oren R. Fox Medium Security Detention Facility (OFDF) features six two-tiered housing areas referred to as units, each unit can house 45 inmates in addition to having a state-of-the-art Medical Center that can house an additional four inmates creating a total of 274 beds. During the construction of the facility, ensuring that the design featured ample programming space was vital. Having this new facility has created many opportunities to provide additional staff trainings as well as increase access to inmate programs.

The Regional Adult Detention Facility (RADF) is a linear style facility with twelve two-tier housing areas referred to as modules, each module is made up of cells in which up to two inmates can be housed per cell with a total bed space of 288 beds. RADF house the jails main medical center, which includes one male and one female medical housing unit each with five beds available. In 2017, through grant funding, RADF received its first educational and vocational programming space, the Second Chance Classroom.



Creation of Pre-Trial Services Unit

In February of 2014 the Imperial County Sheriff’s Office began Pre-Trial Services; using a validated assessment tool to screen arrestees on their risk for PTS release. The information obtained during an interview is provided to the Courts, District Attorney and the Public Defender. The PTS Unit continues to work closely with the Superior Court to implement felony own recognizance (OR) releases from the jail.

The PTS team continues to attend various trainings funded by AB109; California Association of Pre-Trial Services Annual Conference and the National Association of Pre-Trial Agencies. To date, six (6) Sheriff Staff members have tested for the National Association of Pre-Trial Services Certification, and they are the first PTS members in the State of California to receive certification. In the near future four (4) Sheriffs staff members will seek re-certification from the National Association of Pre- Trial Services.

Pre-trial Operations

The Pre-trial Services Program is funded through the CCP and staffed by Sheriff Personnel who are working out of the Jail due to the pandemic, as opposed to the DRC where they have previously been housed. Staff conduct screenings on jail pretrial detainees 10 hours a day, seven-days-a-week. The pre-trial services specialist uses objective criteria (a point scale system) to conduct interviews with all new arrests, and make recommendations to assigned judicial officers for the inmate’s early release from custody. One of their primary duties is to verify the information gathered during the OR interview process.

Much of the information is verified through references supplied by the defendant however, information concerning criminal arrest history is verified through the use of automated criminal justice information networks. Defendants released through the program are required to sign an “Agreement for Release on Own Recognizance” document, which requires the defendant to appear at a scheduled time. Jail Release interviewers provide Superior Court Judges with the background information enabling them to determine the appropriateness of OR releases. The Program has also developed and implemented a “Call-In” system in which officers located at the DRC help ensure defendants released on OR maintain their scheduled Court appearances.

Pretrial Release Screening Criteria

Offenders must be in the custody of the Sheriff's Office for a felony or misdemeanor offense to be considered for Pretrial Release. Detainees with no-bail holds or immigration hold warrants (federal, ICE, Border Patrol, State Parole) are not eligible. Defendants arrested for violent or serious felony crimes, as determined by the Superior Court Bail Schedule, do not qualify for OR releases.

Risk Assessment and Screening Tool

The Program uses a recently implemented Risk and Needs Assessment to meet the challenge of providing the appropriate level of services, effective evidence based interventions, and public accountability in the management of the community supervision population in Imperial County. This research-based tool identifies a pretrial detainee's level of potential risk of failure-to-appear for Court, or to reoffend while on pretrial release status. The factors considered in the instrument include offense type, criminal history, failure to appear history, employment status/history, and history of drug abuse.

Pretrial Services Stats As of November 2021	
Total Interviewed	10,193
Total Released	2,090
Total Successful Completions	2,444
Total Unsuccessful Completions	233
Total Arrests on PTS	122
Total Felony or Referred by Courts	139

Educational/Vocational and Evidence Based Programming

The Sheriff, Probation, and Imperial Valley College have partnered to provide Inside/Out college classes for fifteen inmates and fifteen college students. August of 2019 marked the eleventh semester of the Inside/Out Program. From spring of 2014 to spring of 2020, 195 incarcerated students have participated in the Inside/Out college course. The Sheriff's Office and Imperial Valley College have begun researching the feasibility of hosting Career Technical Education courses at the jail facilities.

The Sheriff’s Community Services Program (SCSP)



Designed for nonviolent offenders who have been ordered to the county jail. As an incentive, inmates who participate in the Sheriff’s Community Service Program will be awarded “good time” credit to be applied to their sentence. The Sheriff’s Community Service Program is designed to grant those who have shown responsibility, maturity, and stability the privilege of working in the community. These participants are supervised by Imperial County Sheriff’s personnel to perform meaningful community service projects. All Community Service participants are carefully selected, medically screened, and interviewed for consideration into the program. Participants are expected to obey all rules and regulations set forth by the Sheriff’s Office. The work crew continues to be a popular program among county offices and non-profit organizations such as the Imperial County Parks and Recreation Department, the Imperial

County Fire Department, Cal-Trans, Imperial County Airport and the City Governments. Last year the SCSP established two partnerships. One with the Imperial County Fire Department, which established the first Inmate Fire crew to assist in wildland fires and fire preventions and the second partnership with the City Of El Centro Public Works Department to assist in the beautification of the City.

Imperial County Behavioral Health Services Substance Use Disorder Program

Imperial County Behavioral Health Services (ICBHS) provides mental health treatment to residents of Imperial County through a wide variety of programming available through a number of different clinical sites throughout Imperial County. The goals of ICBHS programs is to provide services that promote wellbeing, recovery, and self-help; prevent the long-term negative impact of severe mental illness; and reduce stigma. Services are culturally competent, easier to access, and more effective in preventing and treating severe mental illness and are obtained by using the “whatever it takes” approach.

During FY 2020-2021 Imperial County residents were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic and as Imperial County moved into quarantine in March of 2020, programs became significantly affected and the norm in which services were provided by ICBHS programs was altered. Because of this, the Imperial County Behavioral Health Department recognized it was even more important to maintain a strong presence in our community. Through a stakeholder process that includes consumers, family members, and community partners, Imperial County Behavioral Health developed and implemented various programs to meet the specific needs of Imperial County during this trying time.

One program that was continued through the pandemic was the Imperial County Behavioral Health Services Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Program. This program provides quality professional services in an outpatient setting for individuals suffering from substance use. A wide variety of services are available for individuals to assist them in the improvement and/or maintenance of their daily functioning. On-site outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment services are based on the individual’s assessment and needs.



Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient provide the following services:

- ❖ Intake Assessment
- ❖ Group Counseling
- ❖ Family Therapy
- ❖ Collateral Services
- ❖ Treatment Planning
- ❖ Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- ❖ Case Management
- ❖ Individual Counseling
- ❖ Patient Education
- ❖ Medication Services
- ❖ Crisis Intervention Services
- ❖ Discharge Services
- ❖ Physician Consultation
- ❖ Recovery Services

Additional Programs Offered through ICBHS:

Additionally, Adults SUD Treatment Program offers Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) treatment, residential, & recovery residences services. With the support of the CCP, the Imperial County Behavioral Health Department provides drug and alcohol services at the DRC to enhance recovery and reduce recidivism for low and medium risk offenders. The program consists of individual and group counseling with goals that include:

- ❖ Decreasing consumption of alcohol and other drugs
- ❖ Increasing in abstinence rates
- ❖ Increasing in social adjustment
- ❖ Increasing in successful referrals to treatment
- ❖ Creating and sustaining positive attitudes toward change & recovery
- ❖ Committing to change
- ❖ Engaging and retaining clients
- ❖ Improving treatment options

The on-site Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist provided by Imperial County Behavioral Health Services located at the Day Reporting Center has the ability to refer higher-need probation clients to the Substance Use Disorder Program in Imperial County and to out of county residential facilities. These facilities include:

Volunteers of America

Volunteers of America program provides a comprehensive range of substance use treatment services including individual and group counseling, individualized treatment planning, educational



workshops, family therapy, collateral services, case management, recovery topic-centered groups, job skills, recovery, relapse prevention and wellness, and discharge planning services. The non-medical facility is located in San Diego, California and offers SUD residential services for males and females 18 and over. The institute includes a residential fourteen-day detoxification. VOA provides drug & alcohol education and an introduction to twelve-step recovery in a safe, evidence based therapy and a non-lock down supportive environment.

Foundations in Recovery Inc.

Foundations in Recovery (FIR) is a Transitional Housing program to help individuals that are struggling to change their lives due to a history of trauma, mental illness and/or drug and alcohol use. FIR functions as a bridge between active addiction, treatment and/or incarceration and independence in the community. FIR works with clients to help them gain life skills and a foundation for their future that will allow them to remain clean and sober, remain in the community, remain or become employed or attend school, and become successful. Foundations in Recovery has a fully structured schedule at an off-site Center, with clinicians who utilize an evidence-based. Foundations in Recovery has on-site UA and breathalyzer testing for illegal substances. FIR has designated curfews, although they work with individuals' schedules for employment purposes.

Tarzana Treatment Centers Inc.

Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc. provides high quality, substance use and mental health treatment to adults and youth. A non-profit, community-based organization that operates a psychiatric hospital, residential and outpatient alcohol and drug treatment



centers, and adolescent drug treatment centers. All facilities are licensed and certified by the State of California and the County of Los Angeles. Tarzana Treatment Centers offers Withdrawal Management and Residential Rehabilitation services to eligible men, women, young adults, and teens. The services are aimed at helping clients to develop the

psychological, behavioral and life skills needs for building a satisfying, drug-free lifestyle. Both long-term and short-term stays are available to individuals, based on medical necessity.

Clare | Matrix

ClareMatrix utilizes a comprehensive treatment service that provides an array of outpatient, residential and behavioral health treatment programs are tailored to each person's individual needs that are rooted in evidence-based practices. This program offers Residential, Detoxification, and Outpatient services for individuals in need of care. In addition, the program utilizes a multi-disciplinary team comprised of medical professionals, psychologists and nursing staff who supervise the detoxification process and administer clinical support as needed.



Imperial County District Attorney's Office

The Imperial County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation is dedicated to the protection of the community and serving the victims of crime in Imperial County. The agency's main goal is to create a sense of security for Imperial County citizens through vigorous enforcement of criminal and civil laws in a just, honest, efficient, and ethical manner.

Since the inception of California's Public Safety Realignment and the creation of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), the District Attorney's Office has played an intricate role in fulfilling the objectives of the California Legislature¹. Through the funding resources provided by the CCP, the District Attorney's Office has been able to employ a Deputy District Attorney, Victim/Witness Program Supervisor, Criminal Research Specialist, and Investigative Assistant assigned to reach the realignment objectives.

The Imperial County District Attorney is responsible for prosecuting state parole violations as well as violations of Post Release Community Supervision. One CCP funded deputy district attorney is assigned to prosecute 1170(h) offenses, however, the volume of cases requires that every Deputy District Attorney in the office contribute to the prosecution of these realignment offenses. The office of the District Attorney understands the importance of tracking data in order to get a full picture of the successes and/or failures under Realignment. Although the process of addressing participant's violations is important, the District Attorney's office places equal if not more emphasis on Victim's rights and restitution.



Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP)

The Imperial County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program's mission is to make the criminal justice system more understandable, accessible and responsive to crime victims and witnesses. Each day program staff review criminal complaints and assign advocates cases so that they may initiate contact with individuals who are identified as possible victims. Advocates notify victims of their rights under Marsy's Law and detail services available through the program. The primary role of an advocate is to offer crime victims support and guidance while navigating the often-unfamiliar territory of the criminal justice system. Assigning an advocate from the onset of a case increases victim participation in criminal proceedings that aids in fostering a sense of victim empowerment.

The District Attorney’s office has also assigned a CCP funded Investigative Assistant who is responsible in collaborating with the Probation and Sheriff Departments to develop a process that will facilitate the collection of restitution fines due to Victims.

Imperial County Narcotics Task Force (ICNTF)

In November 2019, a newly funded and created Criminal Research Specialist (CRS) was assigned to the Imperial County Narcotic Task Force (ICNTF), also identified as a Senior Intelligence Analyst (SIA). This was a collaboration effort between the Probation Department, District Attorney’s Office, Imperial County Sheriff’s Office, and the ICNTF. This effort resulted in the initial creation of the Regional Realignment Intelligence Unit that became a component of the ICNTF. Because the Covid-19 pandemic has halted the normal process of conducting business for the District Attorney, Probation, Sheriff, and Behavior Health Departments, this pandemic has also made it difficult to gather and process data from our stakeholder partners. Due to safety concerns, the Sheriff limited the intake of prisoners, valley wide suspects were issued cite and release citations instead of being arrested, and both Probation and the District Attorney limited employee home visits. This was implemented as a precaution to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our employees. Every agency began the process of having employees work from home and avoid coming to the office if possible.

Regional Realignment Intelligence Unit

Realignment has afforded the District Attorney's office the opportunity to create the Regional Realignment Intelligence Unit that will be located at the Imperial County Law Enforcement Coordination Center (IV-LECC) and staffed by the Imperial County District

Attorney's Office. The unit works under the supervision the Imperial County Narcotic Task Force (ICNTF). This Unit is modeled after a similar Unit currently used in San Diego County, who has provided us technical assistance in the implementation of the Unit when safe to do. ICNTF consists of local policing agencies tasked to develop and implement a targeted, proactive intelligence-based approach to control and counteract the risks associated with realigned offenders released into the county.

The Imperial County District Attorney's Office assigned one Senior Intelligence Analyst to the IV-LECC under the direction of ICNTF commander. The mission of this assignment has been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The analyst assigned to the unit is responsible for researching and analyzing AB109 crime data to include 1170(h) (5) (A) offenders prior to release. The analysts' duties are to provide support and information to the unit by:

- ❖ Producing weekly release notifications for AB109 offenders.
- ❖ Assist in identifying and prioritizing high-risk enforcement targets in collaboration with other law enforcement entities by providing the "Smart Target Initiative," four weeks prior to any ICNTF Operation. The purpose of RRIU's ICNTF "Smart Target Selection Initiative" is to:
 - ✓ Support the Imperial County Narcotic Task Force, Sheriff's Department, Imperial County Probation Department, and all law enforcement agencies in their mission to create safer communities.
 - ✓ Facilitate clear communication and collaboration between the Imperial County Probation Department and local law enforcement agencies.
 - ✓ Assist local law enforcement agencies with timely selection of appropriate, accurate, and current targets for all ICNTF operations.
 - ✓ Support meaningful modifications to target selection by identifying high-risk AB109 collaterals who are currently on formal probation, expanding a region's potential target pool and allowing agencies to target offenders who present the highest risk to the community.
 - ✓ Enable local law enforcement agencies to target a specific offender population to address the particular needs of each region (i.e. – crimes of violence, residential burglaries, drug sales, auto theft, etc.)
- ❖ Creating target packets in support of countywide operations to assist in the apprehension of offenders related to AB109.
- ❖ Creating and maintaining statistical reports that include tracking and analysis of crime rates and data related to AB109 offenders in the Imperial County.
- ❖ Providing analytical support for any local law enforcement and ad hoc requests.

The District Attorney's office recognizes the desire of the legislature in the implementation of AB 109 and fully supports the corroborative efforts of the Imperial County CCP members and partners.

Imperial County Public Defender's Office

The Imperial County Public Defender's Office provides the highest quality criminal defense by vigorously advocating for the rights of individuals facing criminal charges in adult and juvenile court. The Public Defender also effectively represents the legal rights of children in dependency court and individuals involved in conservatorship proceedings. The mission of the Imperial County Public Defender's Office is to protect and defend the rights of our clients through zealous legal representation of the highest quality, in pursuit of a fair and impartial system of justice for all.

Since Realignment, the Public Defender has become responsible for representing individuals charged with violations of Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), Mandatory Supervision, and parole. Since 2015, the Public Defender's Office began representing every person at arraignment. This ensures that defendants no longer appear alone when initially facing a judicial officer on criminal charges. Instead, they are represented by trained attorneys who are able to make informed arguments on behalf of the client. This is critical since studies have shown that when counsel represents a typical defendant charged with a nonviolent crime, the chance of a judge ordering pretrial release, or an affordable bail, increases significantly. The Public Defender will continue to work in a coordinated and collaborative manner with our justice partners.



Agency Goals 2021 - 2022

The Public Defender’s Office is continuing to work towards implementation of two important goals with respect to Imperial County’s AB 109 population for the upcoming fiscal year. The first main goal includes promoting, supporting, and referring clients to the Substance Use Disorder (SUDs) program offered through Behavioral Health in order to reduce recidivism due to drug addiction. Through the SUD Program, clients will receive services such as Narcotics Treatment, Medication Assisted Treatment, Case Management, Recovery Services, Individual Counseling, and Physician Consultations, which will assist them in their recovery and allow them to better integrate into our community.

The second main goal involves promoting, supporting, and referring clients to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) sessions at the Day Reporting Center in order to reduce recidivism due to mental/emotional health issues. At the Day Reporting Center, clients will have access to GEO services, which will utilize Behavioral and Criminogenic Assessments in order to create and implement a Behavioral Change Plans. Through Weekly Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy sessions, Case Management Services, and other GEO programs, clients will be able to receive comprehensive treatment that will allow them to change their behavior and reintegrate successfully into Imperial County.

The Public Defender’s Office also still hopes to hire, or retain, an immigration law expert to advise non-citizen clients of potential negative effects of a criminal plea on their immigration status. Due to Imperial County’s closeness to the southern border and its large immigration population, this position will be key in dealing with this unique population that exists within Imperial County.

The Public Defender’s Office will continue to work with our Realignment partners to improve the lives of our clients, while simultaneously enhancing public safety.

Imperial County Department of Social Services

The Imperial County Department of Social Services is the second largest County agency comprised of 512 staff members across the Imperial Valley. ICDSS operates under the policy direction of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, the California Department of Social Services, and California Department of Health Care Services. ICDSS is responsible for planning, implementing, operating and monitoring social services programs that protect children and adults from abuse or neglect, enable the frail and disabled to remain in their homes, move eligible individuals and families from dependency to self-sufficiency and provide public assistance benefits for eligible recipients. Funding for programs comes from Federal, State and County sources.

The Imperial County Department of Social Services is committed to being an innovative leader in providing quality social services to those individuals and families in Imperial County needing assistance. Through a collaborative effort with other agencies and organizations, the department maximizes effective delivery of services in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible. The Imperial County Department of Social Services provides essential basic need assistance to individuals by connecting them to critical benefits including General Relief, referrals to Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, and other social service programs. ICDSS services are geared to assist individuals in their reintegration back into society and in the path to self-sufficiency thereby reducing recidivism. The services provided by the Department such as Medi-Cal assistance, gives many people within our community access to important medical care and gives the AB109 population the opportunity to remain healthy so that they can continue to work and attend court mandated programs and services.



Healthcare and Nutrition



Medi-Cal and CalFresh make up the largest entitlement programs in Imperial County. Medi-Cal is a public health insurance program that provides health care services for low-income individuals including families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, foster care, pregnant women, and others with special medical needs. CalFresh assists low-income households by adding to their food budget to help put healthy and nutritious food on the table. Through the administration of Medi-Cal, eligible community members receive comprehensive medical services. The numbers reflect how Medi-Cal is an essential foundation of the County's healthcare delivery system. The CalFresh program is Imperial County's best defense in the fight against hunger because benefits are long-term and provided directly to the recipient.

Employment and Financial Assistance



One of the Department's most important tasks is to provide clients with an income safety net through the CalWORKs program.

Through CalWORKs, clients are exposed to employment and educational opportunities and prepares them to capitalize on these chances. Clients in the CalWORKs, CalFresh, and General Assistance programs receive access to ICDSS core employment resources: training and mentorship, job readiness and career enhancement workshops, and work opportunities in a variety of fields.

Welfare-to-Work

Welfare-to-Work (WTW) is an employment services program for all adults receiving CalWORKs. The objective of Welfare-to-Work is to help participants become ready for work and maintain work through multiple different programs, which leads to economic self-sufficiency. CalWORKs WTW program includes the following services:

- ❖ Child Care
- ❖ Training and education
- ❖ Unsubsidized/subsidized employment
- ❖ Housing Support Program
- ❖ Supportive services: Behavioral Health, Alcohol/Drug Treatment, Domestic Violence, Counseling, and Family Stabilization

General Relief

The General Relief (GR) program is a stronghold of support for many of whom are homeless and seeking assistance with the basics of daily living. Through the GR program, eligible clients may receive a monthly cash grant for housing, utilities, food, clothing and their personal needs. Just as importantly as providing a cash grant, the GR program helps clients get back on their feet by offering Vocational Services for those who can work and SSI Advocacy referrals for the disabled.



Homeless Continuum of Care

Imperial County's Continuum of Care (CoC) engages organizations in a community-based process that works to end homelessness for all individuals and families throughout the region, to address the underlying causes of homelessness and to lessen the negative impact of homelessness on individuals, families, and communities. The ultimate goal is for homelessness in Imperial County to be rare, brief and non-recurring. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 has been a year of growth for the IVCCC and the County in the homelessness arena. ICDSS contribution includes: Operating the Homeless Taskforce, Building Staffing Support for the Administrative Entity, and Providing Housing Support for Imperial Valley Community

Homeless Taskforce

This team implemented and operated the Assessment Center and Project Roomkey during the COVID-19 pandemic. They provided non-congregate shelter options, such as hotels or self-contained trailers, for people experiencing homelessness, and in need of space to isolate, quarantine or practice safe social distancing. Services offered by the Homeless Taskforce have the goal of protecting human life, and minimizing the strain on health care system capacity.

Agency Goals for 2021-2022

- ❖ Update the County Homeless Strategic Plan
- ❖ Revamp the Coordinated Entry System and implement an electronic platform to improve effectiveness and continuum of services.
- ❖ Increase the number of day centers available throughout Imperial County
- ❖ Develop Mental Health & Addiction Focused Program for individuals suffering from mental health and/or addiction

City of El Centro Police Department

The El Centro Police Department has been a pillar in Imperial County that has worked tirelessly to improve public safety and improving the quality of life within our community. The Department is dedicated to serving the community through partnerships, professionalism and uncompromising excellence. Through its mission, the El Centro Police Department hopes to strengthen community trust and proactively reduce crime by continuing to be a leading, innovative, progressive and professional police department within Imperial County.

Through its dedication to these goals, the El Centro Police Department established the Community Relations Unit (CRU) in 2019 to serve as a liaison between the City of El Centro and the community. The El Centro Police Department recognized the need for a compassionate response to mental illness, substance use disorder, and homelessness and determined that effective policing was not just about enforcement, but also about working within and alongside the community to identify and solve problems. To combat these issues, the El Centro Police Department dedicated officers assigned to the Community Relations Unit. The CRU applies a pro-active community policing philosophy to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with local resources and service providers to reduce recidivism and crimes associated with homelessness. One of the main goals for this program has been to increase the quality of life for all individuals who reside, work, and visit the City of El Centro.

As Imperial County moves into 2022, one of the main goals for the Department is to increase its contacts with the targeted community of El Centro and to improve the Department's ability to connect individuals in need with the appropriate resources to help them succeed. This goal would work towards reducing the recidivism rate among these individuals and reduce the strain on city services in the process. The CRU will also continue to strive to improve the quality of life for everyone in the community of El Centro.



Community Relations Unit (CRU)

The CRU is currently staffed by Sergeant James Thompson and Officer Luis Hernandez and assisted by code enforcement and various other outside agencies and non-profits. This outreach program strives to engage and link individuals to resources and solutions when they come in contact with the El Centro Police Department.

This program regularly collaborates with the Imperial County Probation Department to locate probationers with high-frequency law enforcement contacts within the city of El Centro. The Department utilizes Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings to formulate the best plan of action to help these probationers succeed with their goals. Often either due to mental illness or a severe drug dependency, the unit will have to wait until the probationer is briefly incarcerated and stabilized to gather all the required resources to provide wraparound services once the probationer is released.

The following statistics are the progress of the CRU during 2021

❖ Business/Property owners contacted	235
❖ Transients contacted	393
❖ Property cleanups	40
❖ Bus tickets provided	27
❖ Program referrals	16
❖ Individuals housed	23
❖ Temporarily sheltered	13
❖ Individuals off the streets total	67

Homeless Court

The Community Relations Unit has also worked with the Imperial County Courts to develop the Homeless Court. Through the Homeless Court, multiple agencies focus on the defendant's needs for rehabilitation instead of just focusing on punishment. One of the main benefits of this court is that it increases the success rate of individuals to reintegrating into the community due to various agencies being able to focus on the needs of individuals involved in the court.

Closing

As 2021 comes to a close, the Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership continues to remain committed to ensuring that our AB109 population receives critical programming and services that will enable them to successfully reintegrate into our community and achieve a successful life. Through the continued use of referrals to the Day Reporting Center's services as well as other Imperial County programs, the CCP is able to create positive change in the lives of its realignment population.

In 2021, the Probation Department worked to establish a new Pretrial Unit in response to California's evolving justice system. The Department has collaborated with the Imperial County Courts and the Sheriff's Office to prepare assessments and studies for County Judges so that they can make well-informed decisions regarding pretrial individuals and ensure that they are referred to the proper programming and services. The Imperial County Behavioral Health Department continues to make strides in improving mental health services within our community. The Department has been working to expand its services through new grants for the Casa Serena project and the Crisis Core Response Team. These services will allow them to assist vulnerable members in our community that are suffering from serious mental health issues while also helping to ensure that these individuals can avoid negative interactions with law enforcement agencies. The Department of Social Services is continuing to work on its outreach and is making the expansion of its services towards the homeless a key goal for 2021, which will be important for justice-involved individuals that are homeless within our County. Our District Attorney and Public Defender Offices have continued to work tirelessly to ensure that both offenders' and victims' rights are observed and respected so that they receive fair judgements and are recommended proper services and have been integral in working alongside the Probation Department to establish new programs.

Each member of the Community Corrections Partnership has worked to enact positive change in our community and as Imperial County moves into the next year, the CCP will continue to work on improving programs and services for its justice-involved clients and will utilize all its available tools to ensure that our community remains safe.

Appendix

2021-2022 Spending Plan Agency Allocations

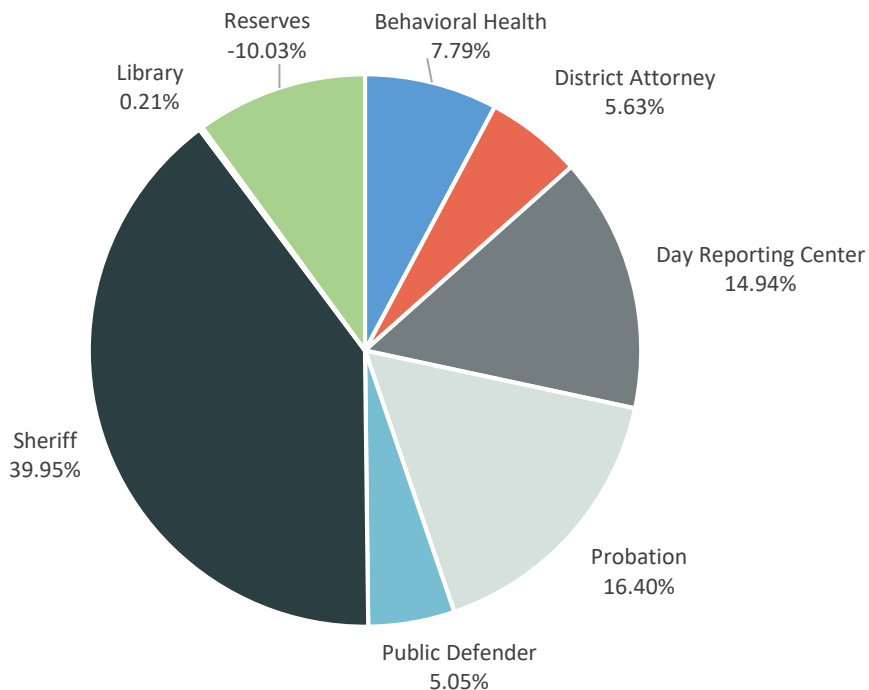
Agency	Amount (Dollars)
Behavioral Health	565,542
District Attorney	430,684
Day Reporting Center	878,684
Probation	1,742,735
Public Defender	366,119
Sheriff	2,515,974
Library	15,000
Reserves	4,494,541
Total	11,009,279

2021-2022 Public Agency Allocations (Breakdown)

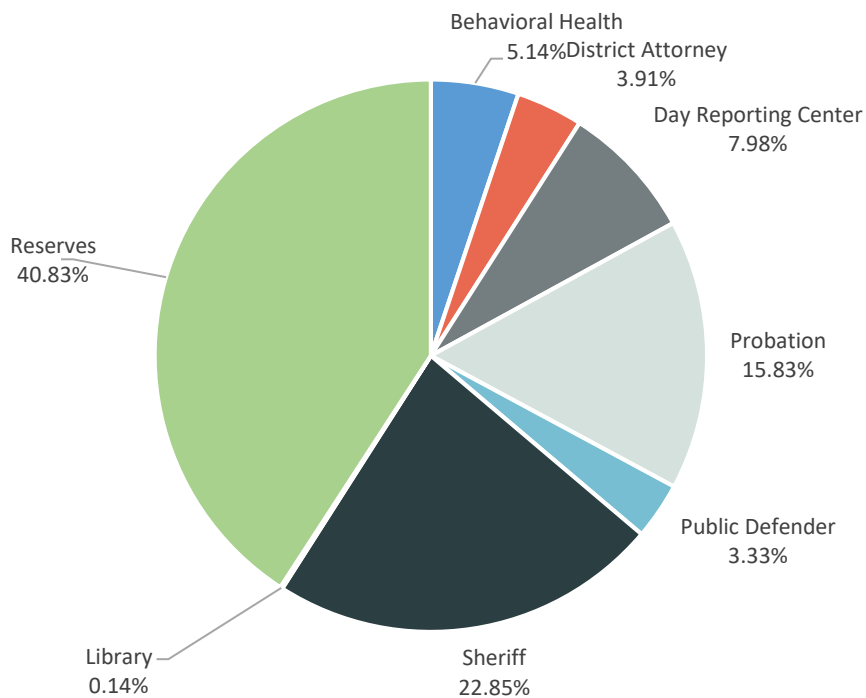
Program	Amount (Dollars)
Library Literary Services	15,000
Transport Behavioral Health Services	73,958
Sober/Transitional Living Housing	-
DRC Programs/Services	614,300
Field Supervision/PCRS/Pretrial	1,679,053
Home Detention/EM Program	-
Sex Offender Counseling & Polygraph	80,000
Probation Operational	63,682
Smart Recovery	61,747
Behavioral Health-Counselor	102,269
Day Reporting Center Operational	77,600
Operation CWS Program	658,777
Inmate Housing	1,794,722
Sheriffs Operational	62,475
District Attorney – Investigator, Victim Witness Supervisor, Deputy	430,684
Public Defender - Deputy	366,119
Charter School	106,784
Total	11,009,279

Spending Plan Agency Allocations Fiscal Year Comparisons

Agency Allocation 2020-2021



Agency Allocation 2021-2022



Imperial County Community Corrections Partnership Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget

FY 2021 – 20200 Estimated Allocations	\$	6,074,733
Backfill	\$	122,155
Growth 2020 / 2021	\$	660,400
Total Available	\$	6,857,288

Department / Program	Estimated 6/30/21	Requested 21-22	Augmentation
Sheriff's Correctional Department			
Inmate Housing	\$ 1,801,737	\$ 1,794,722	\$
Inmate Welfare & Supplies	\$ 16,046	\$ 38,475	\$
Cell Phones	\$ 1,884	\$ 2,500	\$
Operational Costs CWS Program	\$ 416,439	\$ 658,777	\$
Office Expense	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$
IVECA	\$ 1,710	\$ 2,000	\$
Drug Testing	\$ 175	\$ 2,000	\$
Mileage	\$ 3,207	\$ 15,500	\$
Prior Year 6/30/21	\$ -	\$ -	\$
1847001 – 552250 Total	\$ 2,241,198	\$ 2,515,974	\$ -
Probation Department			
Field Supervision PRCS / Re Entry	\$ 1,146,017	\$ 1,168,326	\$
Pre Trial	\$	\$	\$ 510,727
Business Manager	\$	\$	\$ 9,983
IVEAC & Radio Maintenance	\$ 7,785	\$ 7,785	\$
Mileage	\$ 17,001	\$ 17,001	\$
Drug Testing	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$
Cell Phones	\$ 3,913	\$ 3,913	\$
Prior Year 6/30/21	\$ -	\$ -	\$
1847001-552085 Total	\$ 1,174,716	\$ 1,222,025	\$ 510,710
DRC Operational			
Communications / Phones	\$ 4,320	\$ 5,9000	\$
DRC Program	\$ 722,800	\$ 722,800	\$
Charter School	\$ 108,000	\$ 106,784	\$
Adult Re Entry Summit	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$
Sex Offender Counseling	\$ 58,500	\$ 60,000	\$
Polygraph	\$ 9,600	\$ 20,000	\$
Office Expense	\$ 3,142	\$ 7,200	\$
Special Department Expenses	\$ 360	\$ -	\$
Memberships – PITMA	\$ 200	\$ 300	\$
Maintenance – Equipment	\$ 547	\$ 2,200	\$
Maintenance – Structures, Improvements, Grounds	\$ 20,127	\$ 37,000	\$
Utilities	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$
CDCR – Parole Reimbursements	\$ (90,000)	\$ (108,500)	\$
1847001-552247 Total	\$ 857,596	\$ 878,684	\$

Department / Program	Estimated 6/30/21	Requested 21-22	Augmentation
Behavioral Health Services			
Salary & Benefits	\$ -	\$ 102,269	\$
SMART Recovery	\$ -	\$ 61,747	\$
Substance Abuse Treatment – Clare, VOA, Foundations	\$ 275,864	\$ 327,568	\$
Professional & Special Services	\$	\$	\$
Transportation AB 109	\$	\$ 73,958	\$
1847001-552245 Total	\$ 275,864	\$ 565,524	\$
District Attorney's Office			
Salary & Benefits	\$ 404,000	\$ 430,684	\$
184700-552246 Total	\$ 404,000	\$ 430,684	\$ -
Public Defender's Office			
Salary & Benefits	\$ 314,969	\$ 366,119	\$ -
1847001-552249 Total	\$ 314,969	\$ 366,119	\$ -
Library			
Salary & Benefits	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
1847001-552265 Total	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
1847001 – 446010 Total	\$ 5,268,343	\$ 5,994,028	\$ 520,710
Total Budget Request	\$ 5,994,028		
Augmentations	\$ 520,710		
Prior Year Encumbrances FY 19/20	\$ -		
	\$ 6,514,738		
Reserves	\$ 342,550		