

MERCED COUNTY

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

**Budget Year
2022/2023**



PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT PLAN



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Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership

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ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP)

This sub-group of the CCP meets quarterly and welcomes concerned citizens, county service providers, and community-based organizations. Serving as official CCP meetings, the Adult Services Committee of the CCP complies with Brown Act requirements, including public posting in County Administration locations and on the Probation Department's website. The meetings serve several functions, not limited to the following:

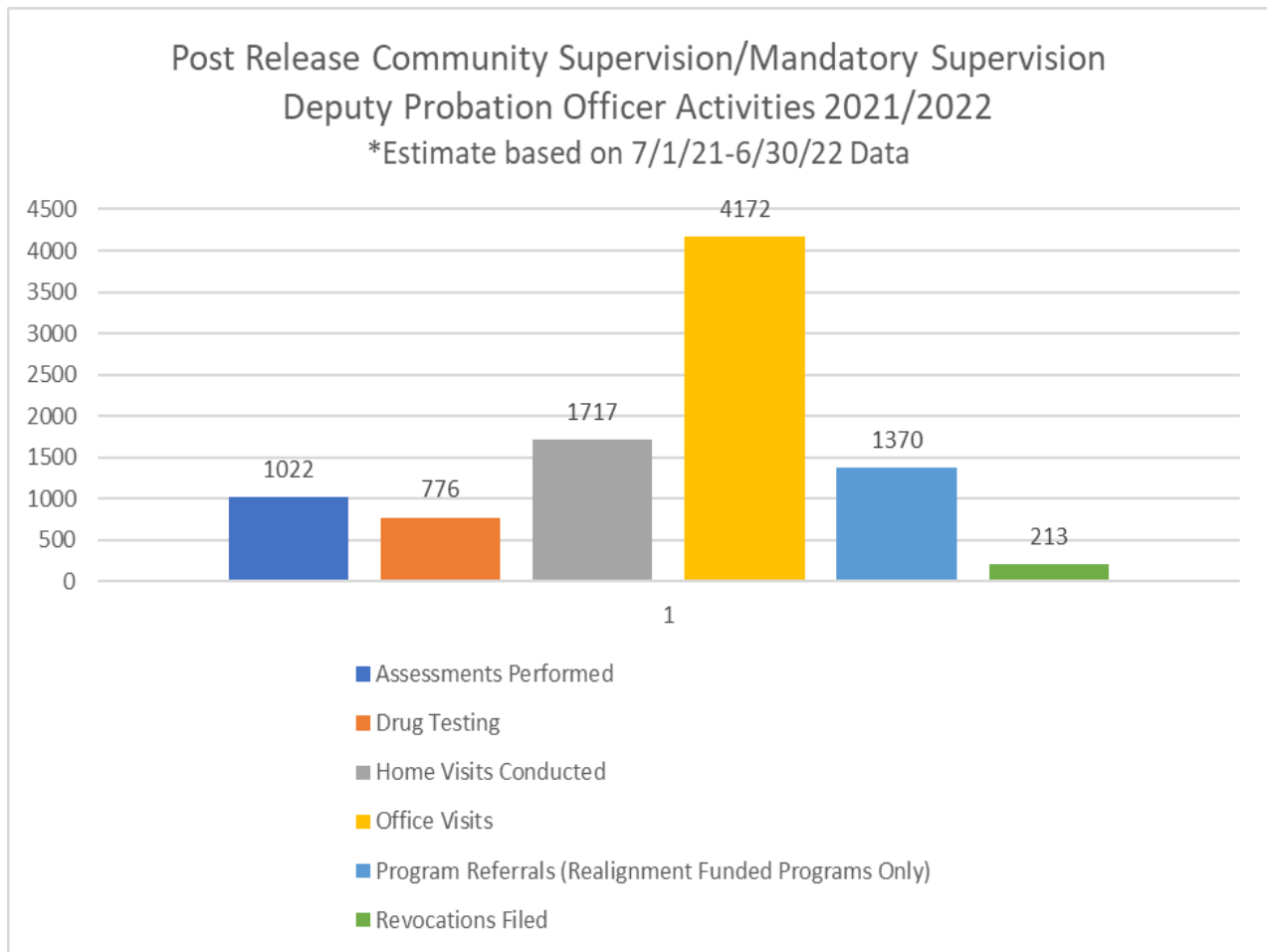
- Program data/outcomes
- Opportunity for service providers to give updates
- Information on related community activities
- Notices concerning program transition celebrations
- Opportunities for the public to provide feedback concerning Merced County CCP Programs

Committee Members

Christopher Henn, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Chair)	Probation Department
Amanda Toste, CEO	Merced Superior Court
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Monika Grasley, Executive Director	Lifeline CDC
David Carr, Director Bridge to Hope	Merced Rescue Mission
Humberto Sanchez, Central California Regional Manager	BI/GEO Group
Dave Lockridge, Executive Director	ACE Overcomers

MERCED COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The Probation Department is responsible for the supervision of offenders released from county jail on mandatory supervision or released from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on Post Release Community Supervision. Probation Officers refer clients to a multitude of services designed to reduce recidivism and crime, along with enforcing terms and conditions of release. Probation Officers conduct home visits, prepare revocation reports, write new law violation reports, drug test, and monitor progress in treatment during the length of supervision.



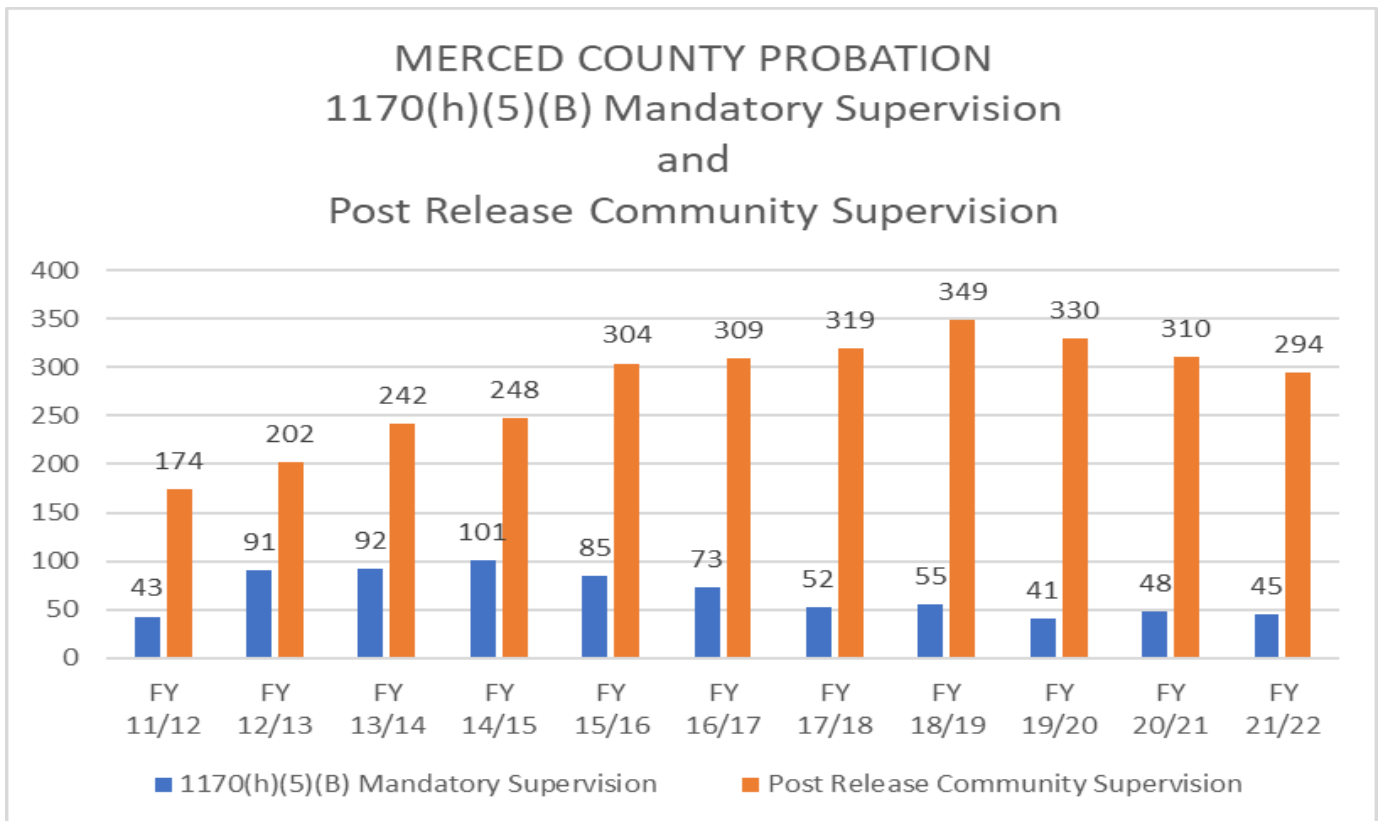
Public Safety Realignment Background

Post Release Community Supervision—Section 3451 of the California Penal Code

- ◆ As a result of AB109 realignment, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) is a form of supervision provided to an offender who has been released from a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institution to the jurisdiction of a county probation agency. Offenders who were serving a sentence for non-serious, non-violent, non-sex offenses and would be released to the probation department instead of state parole for a term not less than six (6) months but not more than three (3) years.

Mandatory Supervision — Section 1170(h)(5)(B) of the California Penal Code

- ◆ Similar to PRCS, offenders convicted of non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenses after October 1, 2011, can serve their incarceration in local county jail rather than state prison. AB109 realignment gave the court the additional tool of split sentencing. A split sentence allows a judge to split the time of sentence between a jail term and a period of supervision by a probation officer.

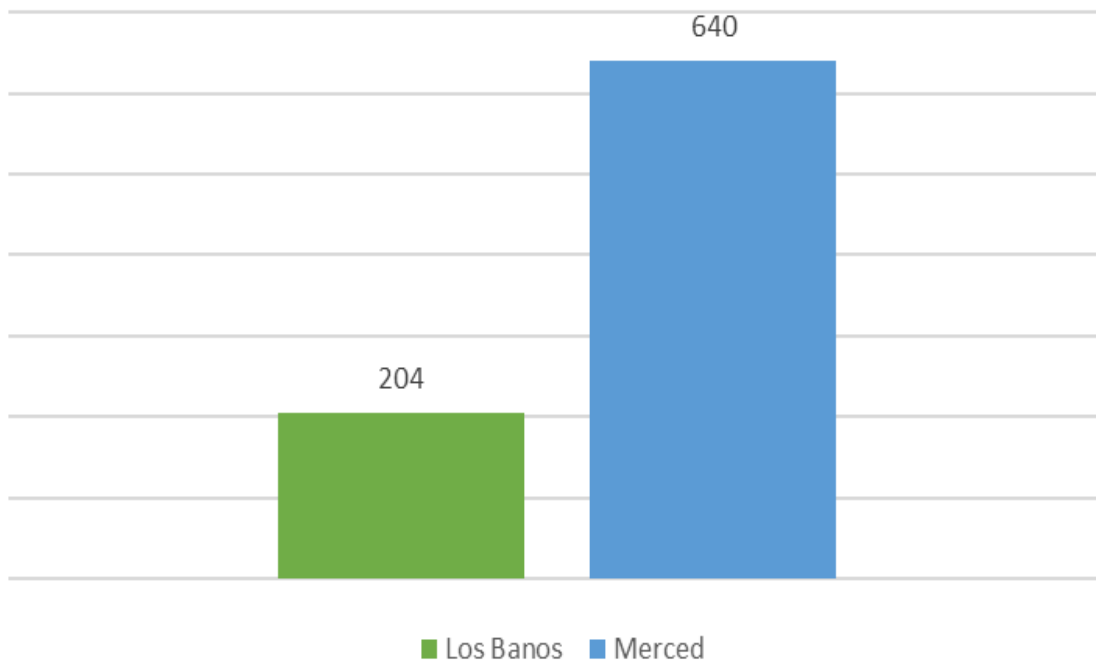


Pretrial Services Unit

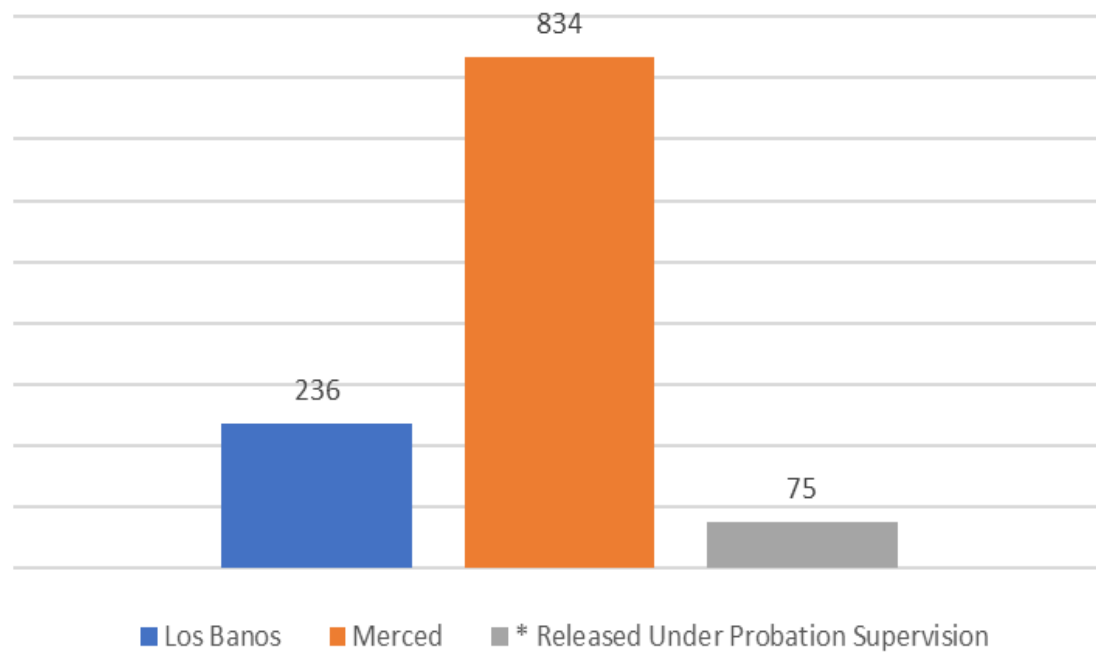
The Pretrial Services Unit is funded by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and SB 129. The three (3) Probation Assistants and one (1) Probation Officer assigned to the unit conduct pretrial assessments and provide program services and supervision of defendants while on pretrial release according to their risk level. Pretrial staff utilizes the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) to assist in the investigation and evaluation of a defendant's risk level of failing to appear in court and re-offending while on pretrial release. Defendants will download the SmartLink mobile app to their smartphones which will send them court reminders. Defendants who do not have a smartphone will be provided one at no cost. The Pretrial Services Unit completes reports at the request of the Merced County Superior Court, providing the Court with information to assist with release decisions. In addition, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and Probation have partnered to develop a robust program for defendants who may suffer from mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders while their criminal proceedings are pending. BHRS will focus on assessments, brief interventions, linkages, referrals, and coordination of care for pretrial defendants to reintegrate into the community upon release. The Merced County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the supervision of those defendants that have been released on electronic monitoring.



Bail Reviews Completed in 2020/2021



Bail Reviews Completed in 2021/2022



* Started in March 2022

THE TRIDENT CENTER

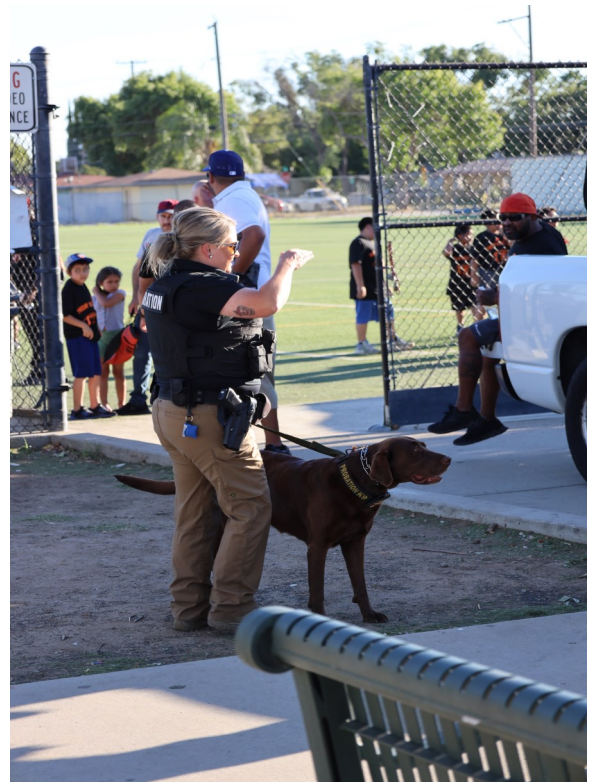
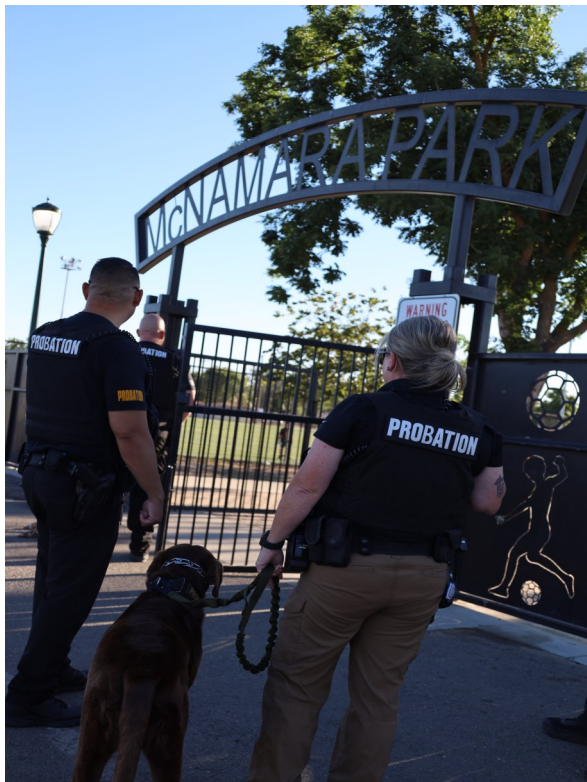
The Trident Center is a collaboration between the Merced County Sheriff's Office, Merced County Probation Department, Human Services Agency (HSA), and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS). Through evidence-based practices this multi-disciplinary effort employs a three-pronged approach focused on public safety, reducing recidivism through rehabilitation, and alternatives to custody. Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) assigned to the Trident Center provide intensive supervision of the Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision populations. DPOs administer a risk/needs assessment to determine each client's criminal risk factors and develop an individualized case plan. By employing a multifaceted application of culturally, developmentally, and gender-appropriate interventions, the client can work towards completing their established goals.



K-9 PROGRAM

SAGE

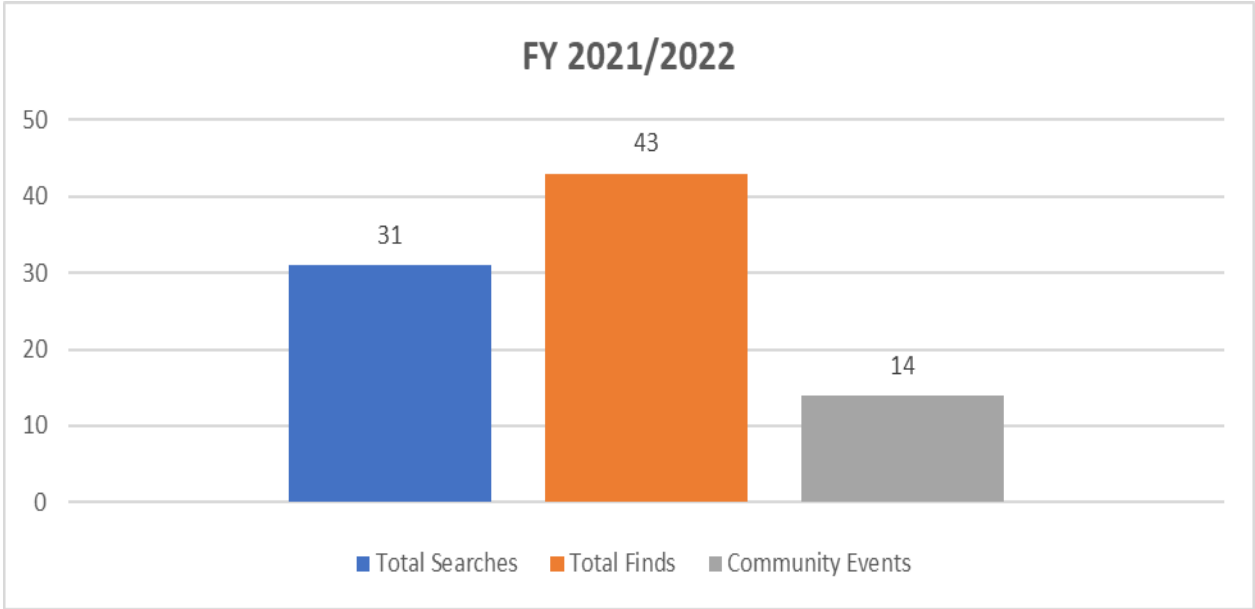
K-9 Sage and her partner/handler, Deputy Probation Officer Christina Zwart, are housed at the Trident Center. Sage is primarily utilized for the purpose of detecting narcotics and firearms. In addition to being utilized for probation compliance searches and searches in the juvenile hall, Sage and DPO Zwart also assist local law enforcement agencies with service of search warrants. Sage and DPO Zwart participate in community events for outreach purposes.



Programs and Services

K-9 PROGRAM

SAGE



Total Cost: \$173,129 (Handler, OT, Supplies)

Programs and Services

K-9 PROGRAM

SAGE

Community Events/Public Relations

Quarter 1

- 8/12/21—GEO Group Back to School Event
- 9/25/21—Woofstock

Quarter 2

- 10/2/21—Stoneridge Elementary Read-A-Thon
- 10/26/21—Open Cockpit Day at Castle Air Museum
- 11/20/21—K9 Association Fundraiser
- 11/26/21—Operation Christmas Star Toy Drive
- 12/21/21 & 12/22/21—Operation Christmas Star Toy Drive Deliveries
- 12/23/21—Boys & Girls Club Demo for Kids at Winter Camp

Quarter 3

- 3/31/22—GEO Group Family Night

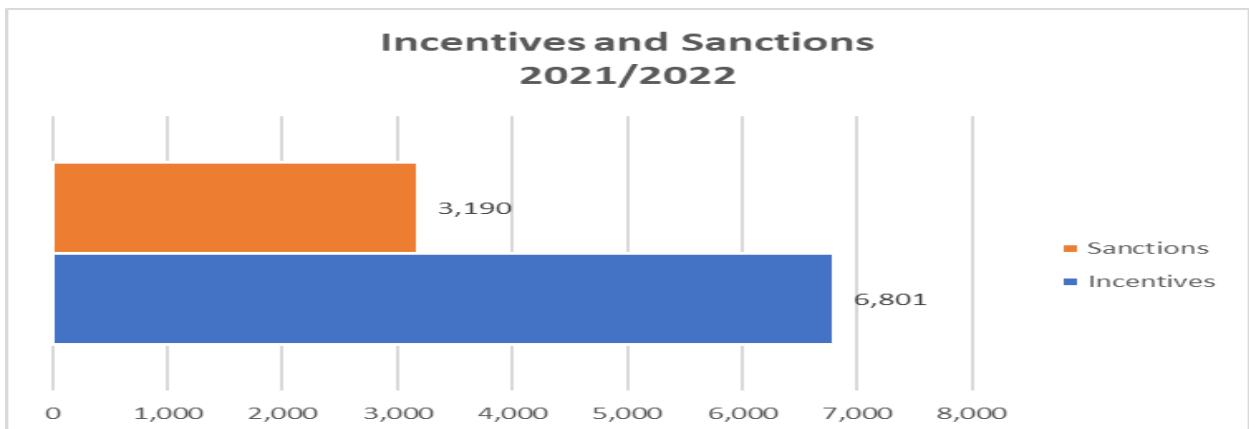
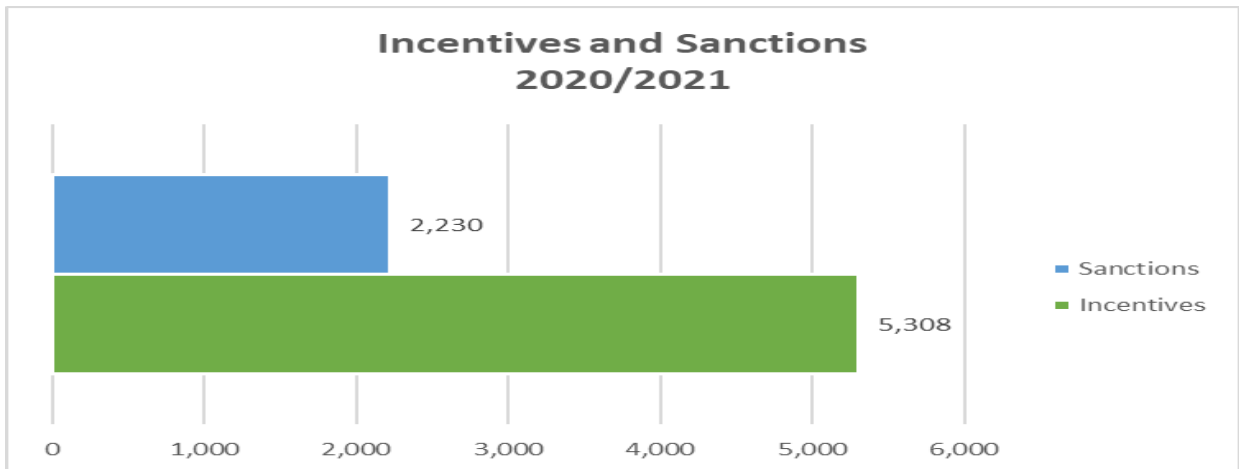
Quarter 4

- 5/2/22—Merced County Spring Fair
- 6/8/22—The Merced County Fair
- 6/10/22—Friday Night Lights with Students with Aspiring Goals (SWAG)
- 6/12/22—The Merced County Fair Probation Booth



INCENTIVE AND SANCTIONS MATRIX

Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) utilize an Incentive and Sanctions response matrix to enhance community safety and promote positive behavior change in our clients. DPOs provide incentives such as verbal affirmations, gift cards, and refreshments during client contacts. DPOs also deliver meals and gifts to clients and their families who may need extra support during the holidays. Clients in violation of their terms and conditions of supervision are subject to sanctions ranging from flash incarceration, to GPS monitoring and community service referrals. Sanctions are swift community-based interventions to discourage further violations.

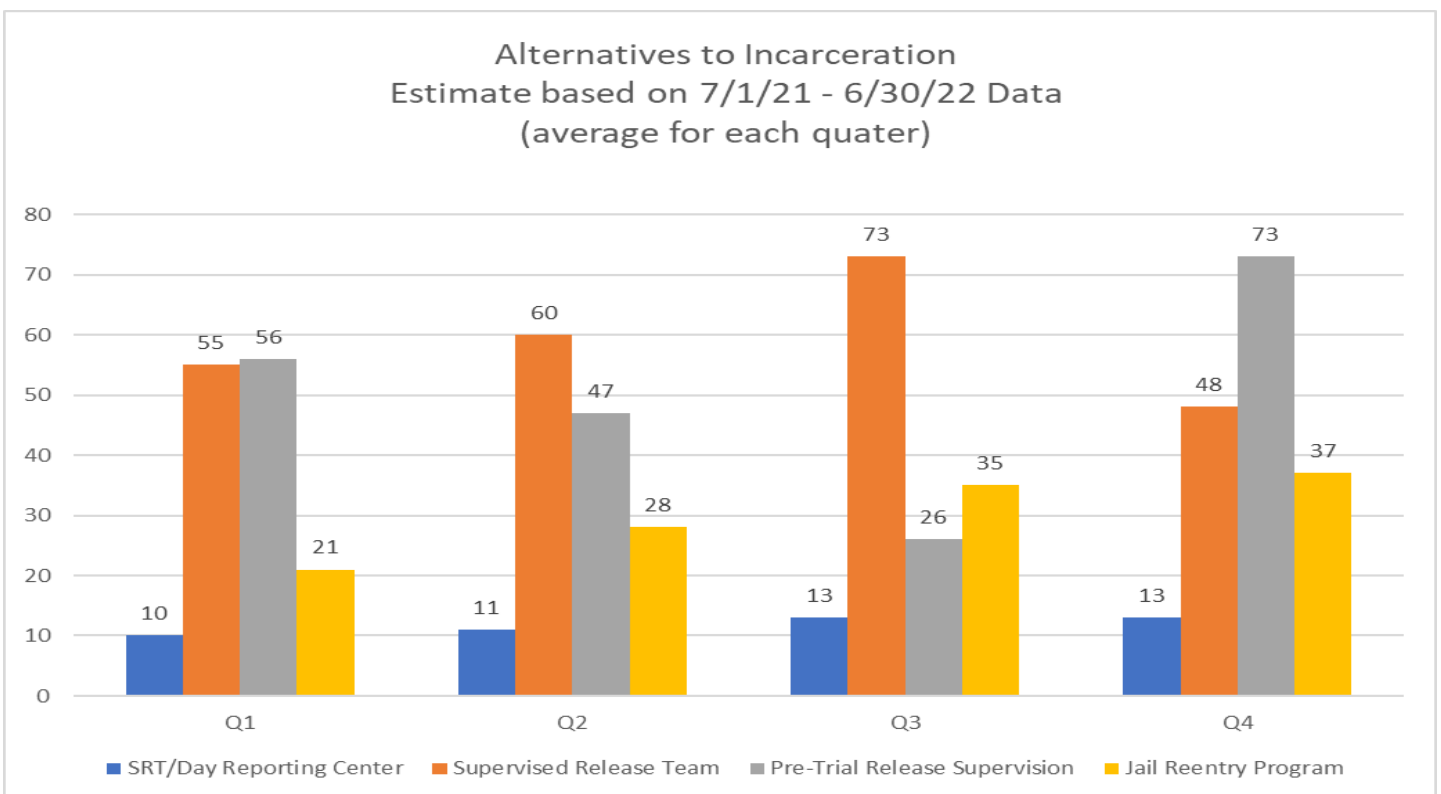


Programs and Services

Merced County Sheriff's Office Alternatives to Incarceration Programs



The Merced County Sheriff's Office operates the Alternatives to Incarceration Program. Sheriff Deputies are assigned to supervise individuals who have been released to the community, in lieu of Incarceration, at various stages of the judicial process, from Pretrial to the sentencing phase.



JAIL RE-ENTRY PROGRAM



The GEO Group, Inc. offers in-custody treatment programs for clients nearing the end of their jail commitments. Starting treatment before clients are released, the GEO Group, Inc. facilitates consistent treatment and helps them be better prepared for their transition back into the community. The GEO Group, Inc. assesses client risks, needs and initiates specialized programming during incarceration, ensuring the transition to community-based programs is seamless by changing clients behavior and reducing recidivism. Probation has a re-entry Deputy Probation Officer stationed at the John Latorraca Correctional Center (JLCC) to work with The GEO Group, Inc. and Merced County Sheriff's Office in referring clients to the appropriate programs and services upon their release.



Total Cost: \$ 456,151

Programs and Services

LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE

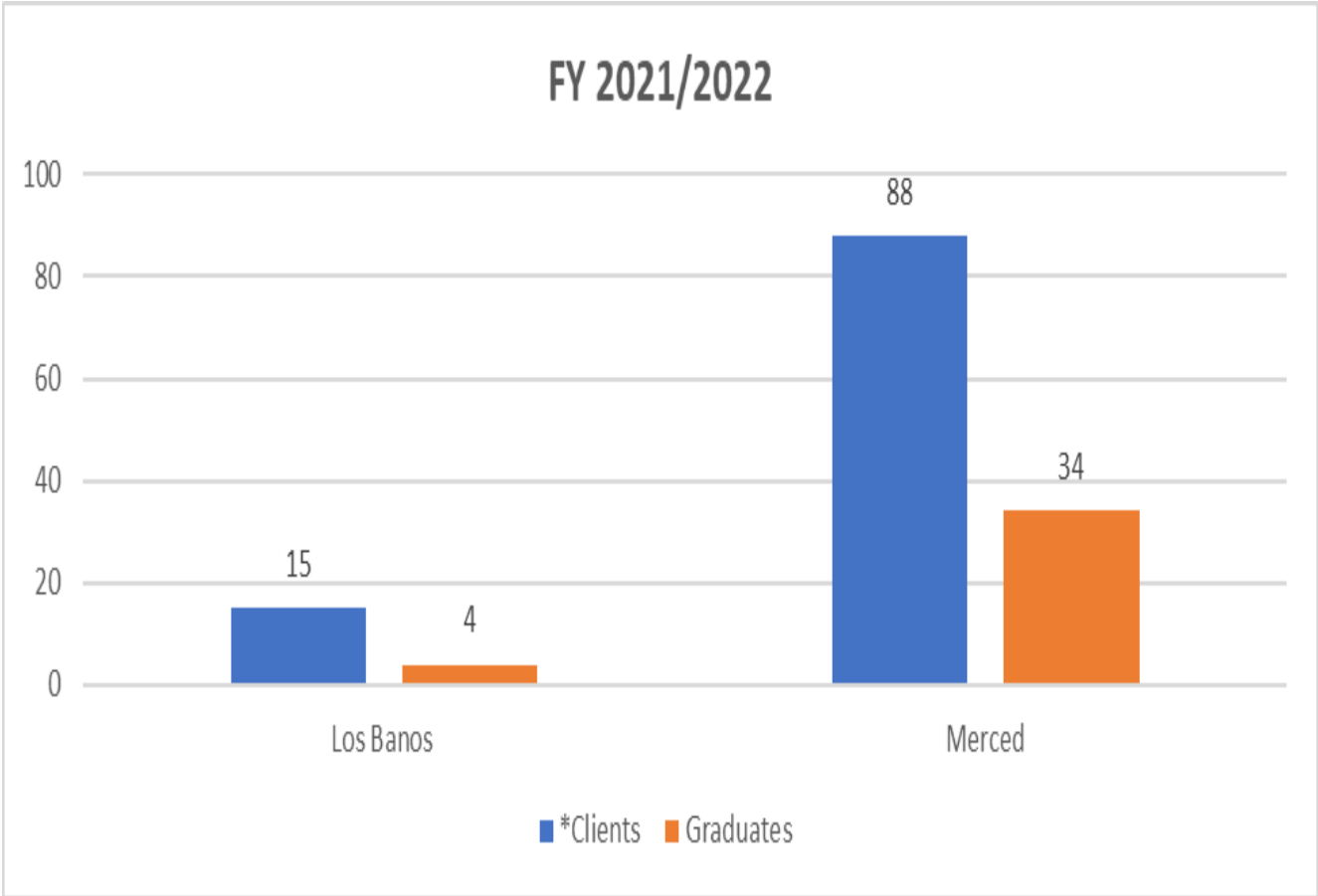
Leadership for Life is a program focusing on the development of constructive and practical life skills for clients on formal probation. The Probation Department employs non-sworn staff who were formerly system involved. Staff facilitate and coach clients through workshops that are designed to introduce them to services that have an immediate impact on their lives. Leadership for Life provides workshops in both Merced and Los Banos in an effort to foster support and assist in the following areas:

- ◆ Life Skills
- ◆ Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- ◆ Education and Career Assessments
- ◆ Employment Assistance
- ◆ Referrals to Homeless Assistance
- ◆ Assistance with Section 8 Housing
- ◆ General Relief/Food Stamps
- ◆ Child Support Services
- ◆ Parenting Skills
- ◆ Assistance with Obtaining Driver's Licenses
- ◆ Post Graduate Mentorship, as needed



Programs and Services

LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE



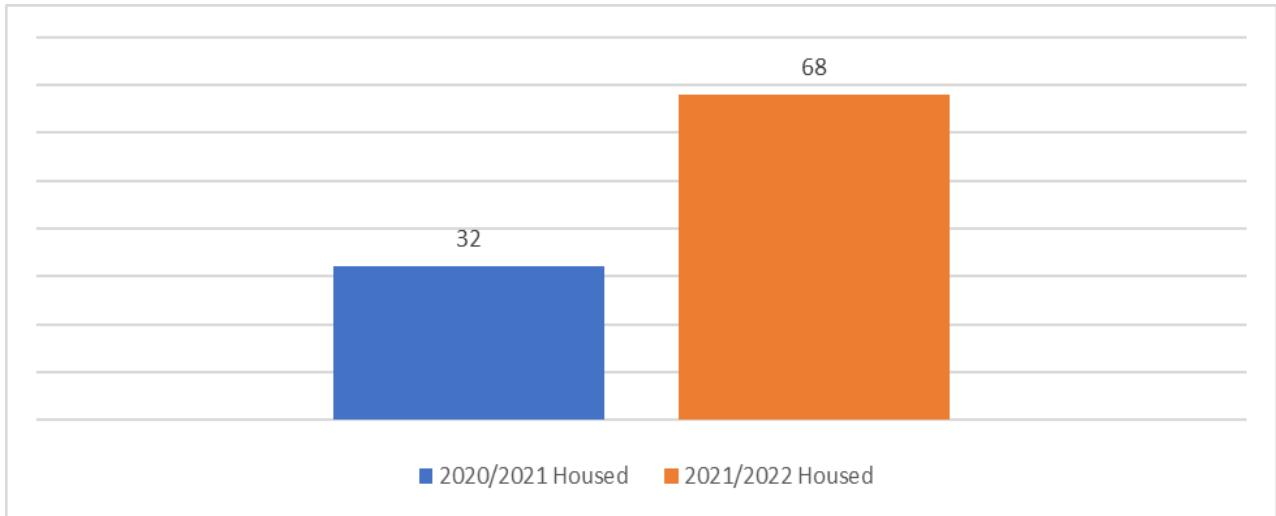
*Unduplicated Clients

Total Cost: \$173,623

Programs and Services

Transitional Housing

Transition to Hope sober living houses are facilities that provide safe housing and supportive living conditions for people entering that last step prior to independent housing. Clients are encouraged to establish long term connections as they search and secure employment. Transition to Hope is a program for both men and women who are willing to take charge of their own recovery while living in a supportive family-like setting.



Total Cost: \$100,000

Programs and Services

Day Reporting Center (DRC)

GEO Reentry Services provides clients with comprehensive programming tailored to meet their individual risks and needs. The program model at the Merced County Day Reporting Center (DRC) includes the following:

- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT)
- Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBI-SA)
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Drug Education
- Employment/Education Readiness
- Anger Management
- Parenting Classes
- Trauma-Informed Services
- Batterers Intervention Classes
- Relapse Prevention
- Life Skills

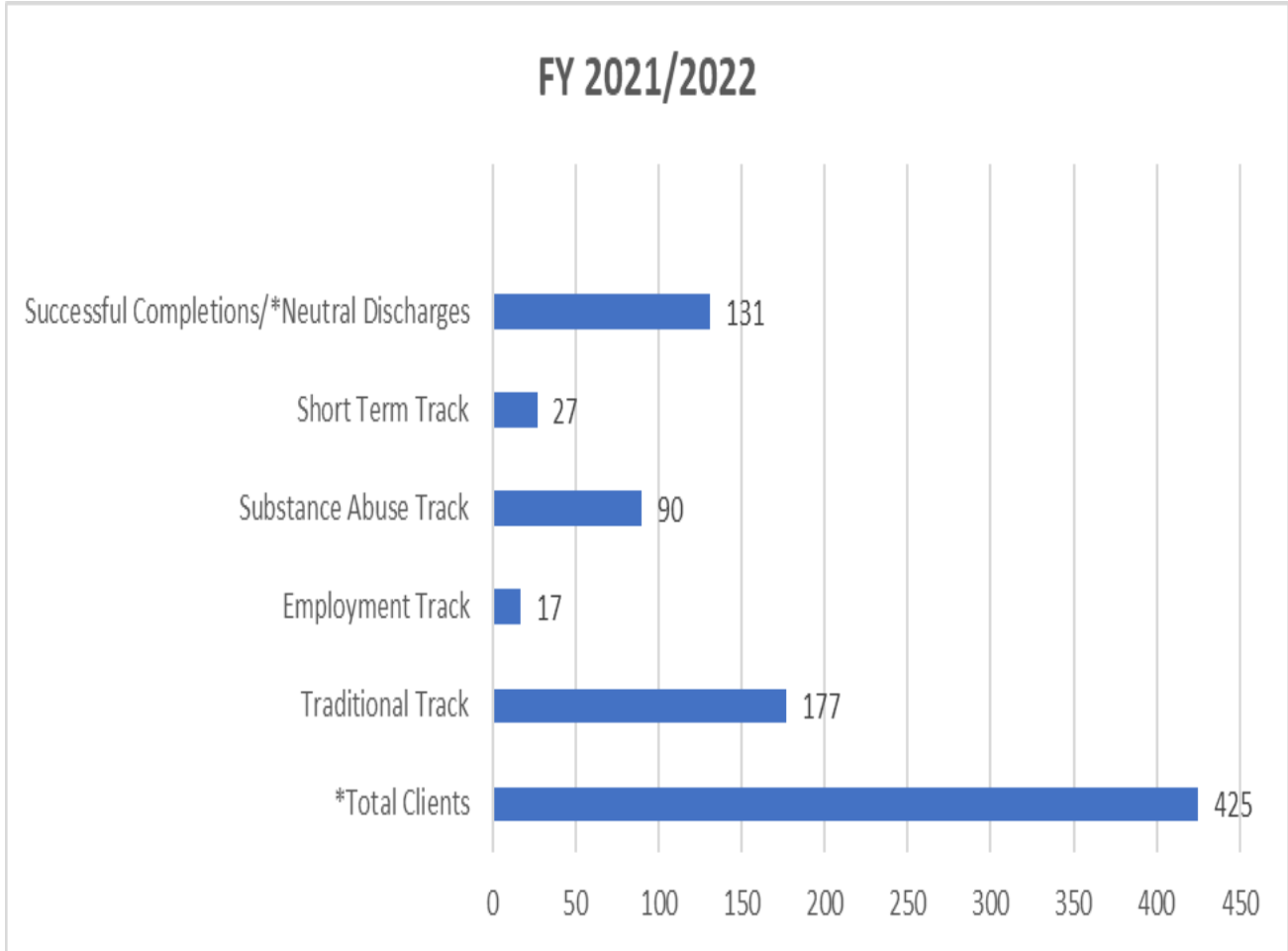
The Day Reporting Center is designed to be part of the solution in changing behavior and reducing recidivism in Merced County. In October 2021, specialized program tracks were implemented to help prioritize specific criminogenic needs, increase responsivity, and ultimately increase program completions.



Programs and Services

Day Reporting Center

Merced



* Unduplicated Clients

*Neutral Discharge Definitions = Agency Ordered Discharge, Deceased, and Transfer-External/Internal.

Total Cost: \$621,000

Programs and Services

THE PHOENIX PROJECT

MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Phoenix Project is a partnership between Probation and the Merced County Office of Education which provides clients with vocational and aptitude assessments and one-on-one mentoring. The Phoenix Project assists clients in obtaining their GED/High School Diplomas, and college enrollment, including financial aid. Phoenix Project works with clients to tailor their career action plans and vocational training programs which include the following:

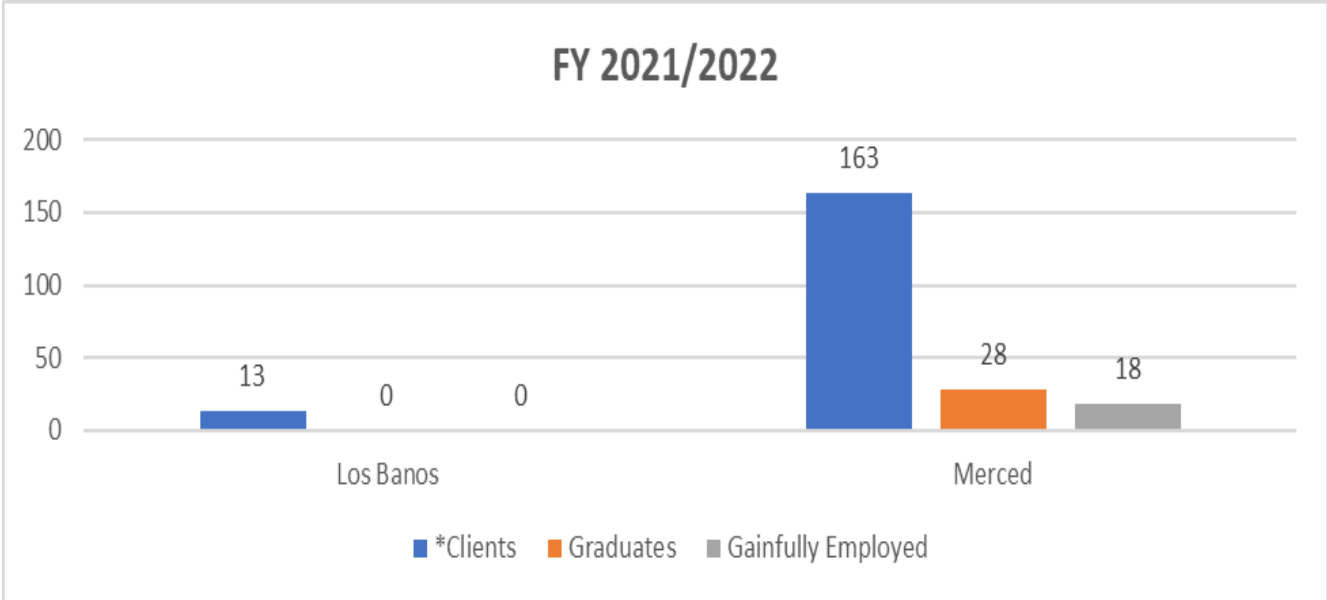
- ◆ Professional Truck Driver
- ◆ Welding Technology
- ◆ Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
- ◆ Automotive Technology
- ◆ Electrical or Programmable Logic Controllers
- ◆ Barbering/Cosmetology
- ◆ Medical Assisting
- ◆ Computerized Technology
- ◆ Medical Office Administration
- ◆ Accounting
- ◆ Construction Technology



Programs and Services

THE PHOENIX PROJECT

MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION



*Unduplicated Clients

Nadine Hernandez-Perez ROP Accounting Occupations

Nadine obtained her GED through Phoenix Project and was referred to the ROP Accounting Occupations for Adults at MCOE.

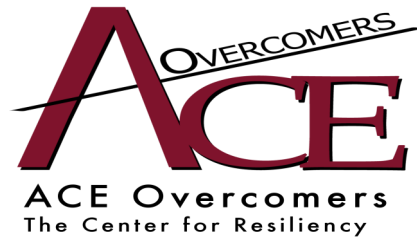
Nadine graduated on May 2nd and obtained full-time employment at VIA Transportation as a Reservation Coordinator.



Total Cost: \$276,431

Programs and Services

ACE OVERCOMERS

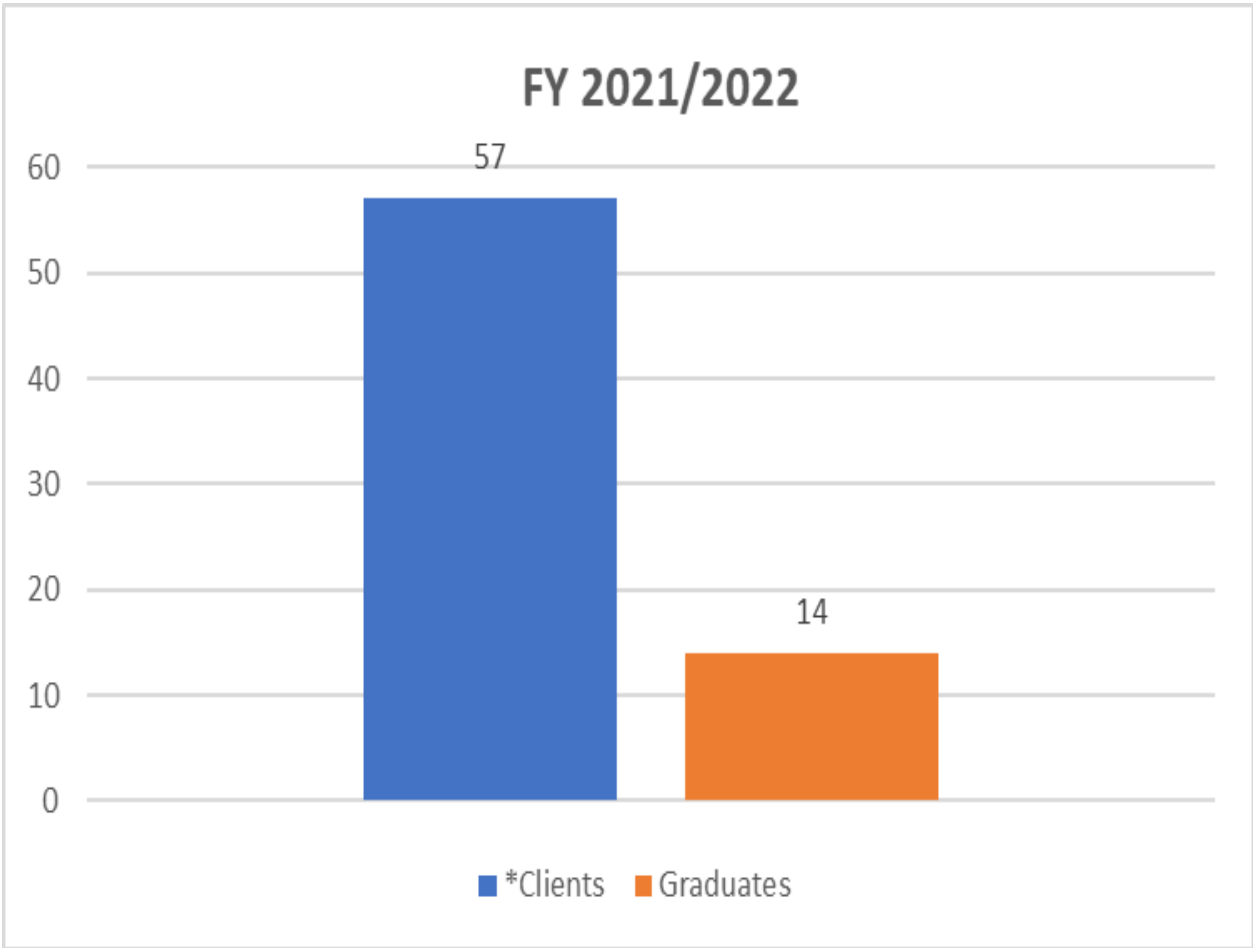


Ace Overcomers provides clients with a 12 week evidence-based trauma informed curriculum that enables participants to address potential criminal behaviors and responses by practicing self-awareness and self-regulation. By recognizing past traumas clients are able to develop communication and empathetic socialization which assists in developing a successful foundation for personal and familial relationships.



Programs and Services

ACE OVERCOMERS



*Unduplicated Clients

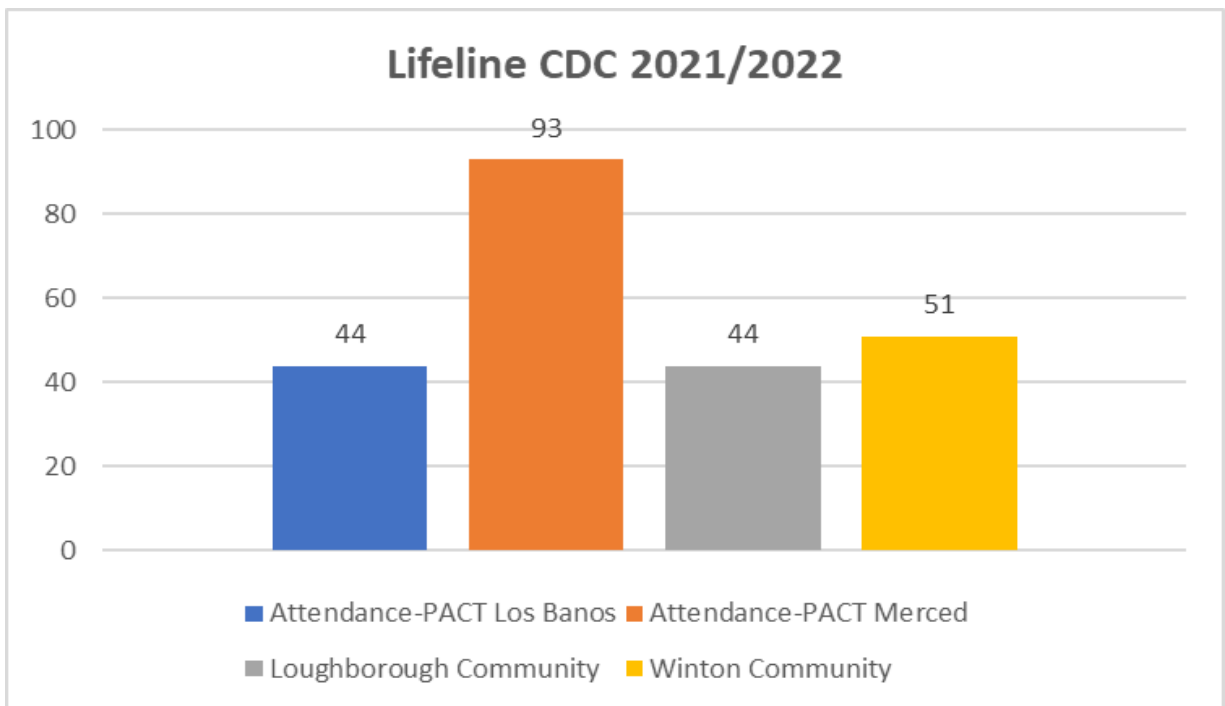
Total Cost: \$57,000

Programs and Services

LIFELINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Lifeline Community Development is a community-based organization that provides resources and empowerment to underserved communities within Merced County. In addition, Lifeline organizes and hosts the monthly PACT (Probation/Parole and the Community Team) meetings to assist clients who are re-entering the community after a period of incarceration. Meetings are primarily focused on providing clients with support by advising them of available resources within the community. PACT meetings are held in Merced and Los Banos.



Total Cost: \$10,000

Programs and Services

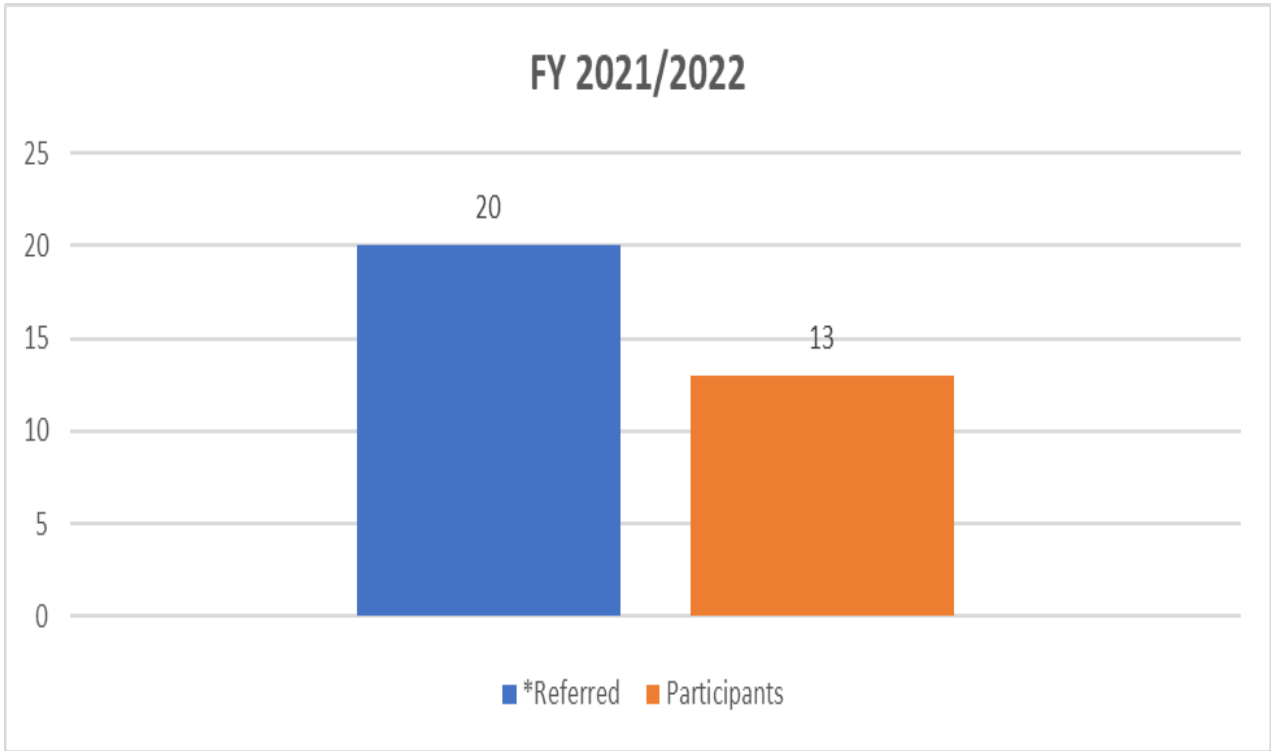
SYMPLE EQUAZION/SYMPLE SOUL

Symple Equazion is a local non-profit that provides food service skills and training to clients. Symple Equazion has partnered with Merced County Probation to assist those who suffer from employment difficulties due to the stigmatism of being formerly incarcerated. The clients can receive up to 460 hours of paid time that includes one hundred hours (100) of classroom training, three hundred sixty (360) hours of paid on-the-job work experience in the Symple Soul Food truck, and receive their California Food Handlers Certification.

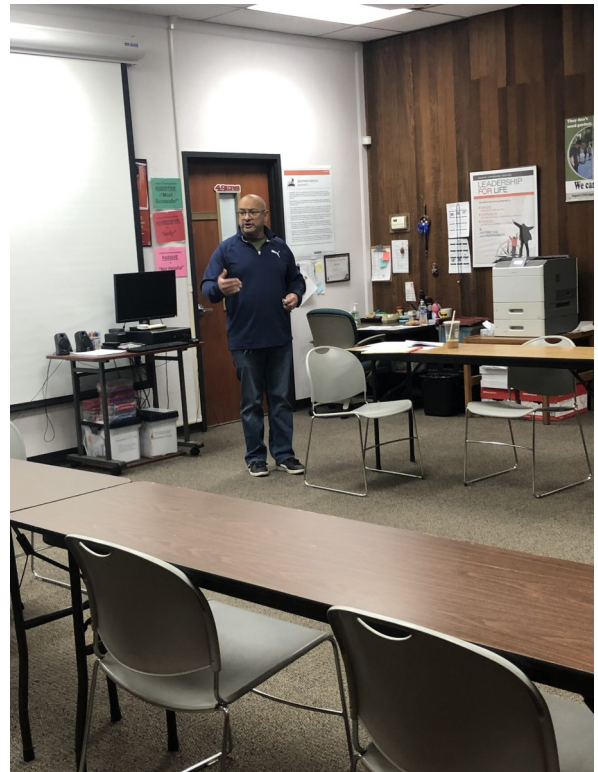
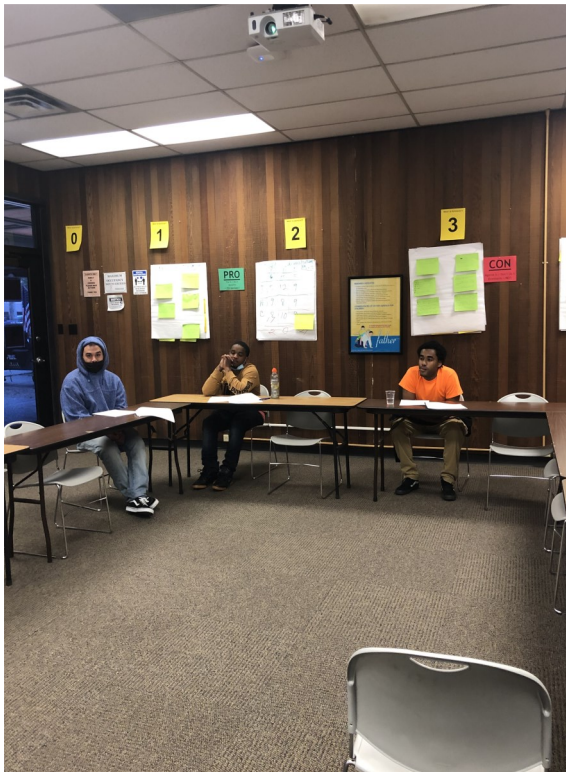


Total Cost: \$135,902

Programs and Services



*Unduplicated Referrals



BREAKING BARRIERS

Breaking Barriers is a neighborhood center where system involved individuals and their families can access needed services, resources, and support. Breaking Barriers' clients have access to highly-trained staff that deliver Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, education, vocational training, life skills, and family services under one roof. Through coordination and collaboration between community partners we hope to improve client engagement and retention.



Total Cost: \$486,182

Programs and Services

FY 2022/2023 CCP Approved Budget

AB 109 Operational Allocation

Department/Agency	2019/20 Approved	2020/21 Approved	2021/22 Approved	2022/23 Proposed	2022/23 Requested	2022/23 Approved
Sheriff						
Operations	\$ 1,440,754	\$ 1,476,077	\$ 1,704,223	\$ 1,746,510	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,806,510
Corrections	\$ 1,765,718	\$ 1,810,568	\$ 1,822,870	\$ 1,848,294	\$ -	\$ 1,848,294
Total Sheriff	\$ 3,206,472	\$ 3,286,645	\$ 3,527,093	\$ 3,594,804	\$ 60,000	\$ 3,654,804
Probation						
Post-Release Supervision	\$ 3,240,508	\$ 3,315,681	\$ 3,480,940	\$ 3,844,647	\$ 147,083	\$ 3,991,730
AB 109 Data Collection	\$ 127,658	\$ 141,970	\$ 153,874	\$ 135,126	\$ -	\$ 135,126
Fixed Asset (Vehicles)	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000
Fixed Asset (Metrasens)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
Fixed Asset (Body Scanner)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
Services & Supplies	\$ 412,185	\$ 412,475	\$ 392,179	\$ 412,185	\$ -	\$ 412,185
Wellpath	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 322,962	\$ 322,962
BI-Day Reporting Center	\$ 849,000	\$ 621,000	\$ 621,000	\$ 621,000	\$ -	\$ 621,000
BI-GPS	\$ 175,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
BI-Jail Re-Entry	\$ 456,151	\$ 456,151	\$ 456,151	\$ 456,151	\$ -	\$ 456,151
Symple Equazion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135,902	\$ 135,902	\$ 40,601	\$ 176,503
Jail Utilization Review	\$ 79,936	\$ 79,936	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Inkoff.Me	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Ace Overcomers	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 3,760	\$ 60,760
Lifeline CDC	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 11,000
CSMA	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MCOE - Phoenix Project	\$ 342,874	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 276,431	\$ 154,428	\$ 430,859
MCRM-Rescue Mission	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 400,000
Total Probation	\$ 6,029,812	\$ 5,588,713	\$ 5,867,046	\$ 6,258,442	\$ 1,404,834	\$ 7,663,276
District Attorney						
Victim Witness Advocate	\$ 96,913	\$ 88,703	\$ 95,610	\$ 107,078	\$ -	\$ 107,078
Deputy District Attorney	\$ 158,565	\$ 221,412	\$ 230,540	\$ 246,469	\$ -	\$ 246,469
Investigative Assistant	\$ 108,227	\$ 113,047	\$ 111,215	\$ 119,303	\$ -	\$ 119,303
Total DA	\$ 363,705	\$ 423,162	\$ 437,365	\$ 472,850	\$ -	\$ 472,850
Behavioral Health						
Jail Clinician	\$ 153,255	\$ 140,259	\$ 150,902	\$ 165,729	\$ -	\$ 165,729
Mental Health Worker I/II	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,542	\$ -
Alcohol & Drug Counselor	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,982	\$ -
Total BHRS	\$ 153,255	\$ 140,259	\$ 150,902	\$ 165,729	\$ 212,524	\$ 165,729
Public Defender						
Deputy Public Defender	\$ 197,672	\$ 246,125	\$ 257,400	\$ 264,522	\$ -	\$ 264,522
DWI						
WEX Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Dept. of Public Works						
Los Banos Modular Remodel	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Courtroom 11 Remodel	\$ 304,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adult, Tridient, Reentry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pre-Trial Services TI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Modular @ JLCC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000
Total DPW	\$ 429,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,300,000
Total	\$ 10,380,568	\$ 9,684,904	\$ 10,239,806	\$ 10,756,347	\$ 4,067,358	\$ 14,611,181
					State Allocation	\$ 13,680,442
					Growth	\$ 2,396,896
					Total FY 22/23	\$ 16,077,338
					Reserve	\$ 1,466,157

Recommendations of the Executive Committee

Fiscal Year 2022/2023

In FY 2018/19, the office formerly known as “Courtroom 11” was repurposed to allow for a designated pre-trial office. The intent was to create space for Probation and the Sheriff’s Office to partner for a dedicated pre-trial program. Two additional Probation Assistants were added to perform bail reviews to ensure timely review by the Court. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services was added to the team to provide clinical and linkage services to pre-trial clients. Due to the lack of space in the pre-trial office, Probation is actively pursuing purchasing a building to accommodate both pre-trial and adult intake.

In addition to pre-trial services, a new program is requested for the AB 109 population. Inkoff.me is a mobile tattoo removal service that will provide monthly sessions to clients wanting to remove tattoos that are stigmatizing.

Approved Requests:

ONGOING

• Probation Program Specialist:	\$147,083 Probation Program Specialist
• WEX Coordinator:	\$90,000 DWI Work Experience Coordinator
• Inkoff.me:	\$25,000 Tattoo Removal (5 Sessions/ 1 per month)
• ACE Overcomers:	\$3,760 Cost of Living Adjustment & Los Banos
• Merced Rescue Mission:	\$300,000 Additional Beds and Costs
• Lifeline CDC:	\$1,000 Cost of Living Adjustment
• Symple Equazion:	\$40,601 Paid work experience increase
• MCOE Phoenix Project:	\$154,428 Fund Full-Time Career Educator and stipends
• Wellpath	\$322,962 2.0 FTE Jail Mental Health Professionals (replaces BHRS Jail Clinician)
	\$1,084,834

ONETIME

• Mestrasens Replacement:	\$170,000 Replacement of existing units
• Body Scanner Replacement:	\$240,000 Replacement
• Sheriff:	\$60,000 Vehicle Re-Budget from FY 21/22
• Modular:	\$1,300,000 Cost of Modular
• Pre-Trial Services Tenant Improvement:	\$1,000,000 Cost of Renovations
	\$2,770,000

GRAND TOTAL INCREASE: \$3,854,834