



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Community
Corrections
Partnership Plan
FY 2022-23



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Introduction

The County of San Diego's (County) Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Plan describes programs and services that demonstrate the successful implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB 109). In over a decade since Public Safety Realignment took effect, the California justice system has continued to evolve dramatically due to a series of legislative and voter-driven changes to laws. Likewise, in San Diego County, the Board of Supervisors policy priorities have shifted to reflect current community needs and priorities. The CCP Plan centers on populations that were affected by changes to the law in 2011 realignment; yet San Diego's planning for these populations is conducted within the broader context of local initiatives and Board of Supervisor priorities affecting the justice-involved populations, such as work on health and justice data integration and alternatives to incarceration. The local plan intentionally aligns with these initiatives but is not intended to reflect all goals, outcomes, and activities related to the broader initiatives.

Overview of 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act

California's criminal justice system fundamentally shifted on October 1, 2011 as the result of implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act. The intention of the law was to address both state budget shortfalls and the overcrowded conditions of the California prison system. The law fundamentally altered the criminal justice system by changing the definition of a felony; shifting housing for people with some felony level offenses from prison to local county jail; and transferring the supervision of designated people on parole from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to local county agencies. AB 109 and the companion bills addressed four areas of the criminal justice system including felony sentencing, supervision of people with felonies post-release, alternatives to custody, and parole revocations.

Local Planning

The shifting of supervision and housing from CDCR to San Diego County required a comprehensive plan to effectively implement these modifications to the criminal justice system without compromising public safety. The State encouraged Public Safety Realignment plans to maximize the investment of criminal justice resources in evidence-based correctional sanctions and programs. The State continues to incentivize counties to submit an updated CCP plan and report on outcomes. The County updated its CCP Plan in 2021 and plans to update it annually to expand on the progress made since the initial plan was developed in 2011 while addressing current/emerging issues and priorities.

Public Safety Realignment expanded the role and purpose of the CCP, which was previously established in Penal Code §1230 (Senate Bill 678). The CCP provides a structure for county agencies to collaborate on criminal justice policies and improvements and to determine service needs and priorities collectively for clients reentering the community from jail and prison. Pursuant to AB 117, an Executive Committee of the CCP, with membership defined in statute, is required to approve a CCP Plan that enables the County to meet the goals of Public Safety Realignment.

Members of the Community Corrections Partnership

The Executive Committee of the CCP is composed of the Chief Probation Officer (the Chair of the CCP), the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Sheriff, a Police Chief, and the Health & Human Services Agency Director (Table 1).

CCP at large members include representatives from the County Chief Administrative Office, the San Diego Workforce Partnership, the County Office of Education, a representative from a community-based organization, and an individual who represents the interests of victims (Table 2).

The Executive Committee of the CCP established a Working Group to update the CCP Plan. Members of the CCP Working Group are listed in Table 3.

Table 1. Executive Committee of the CCP

Agency	Representative
Probation (Chair)	Tamika Nelson , Chief Probation Officer
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or designee	Honorable Michael Smyth , Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
District Attorney	Summer Stephan , District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney
Public Defender	Randy Mize , Public Defender, San Diego County Public Defender
Sheriff	Anthony Ray , Sheriff, San Diego County Sheriff's Department
Chief of Police	Magda Fernandez , Chief of Police, Port of San Diego Harbor Police Department
Director, Health & Human Services Agency	Nick Macchione , Agency Director, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency

Table 2. CCP At Large Members

Agency	Representative
County Supervisor or Chief Administrative Officer or a designee of the Board of Supervisors	Kathleen Flannery , Chief Operations Officer, Public Safety Group, Chief Administrative Office
Head of the County Department of Employment	Shaina Gross , VP Client Services, San Diego Workforce Partnership
Head of the County Office of Education	Gloria Ciriza , Assistant Superintendent, San Diego County Office of Education
A representative from a community-based organization with experience in successfully providing rehabilitative services to persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense	Charlene Autolino , Chair, Reentry Roundtable
An individual who represents the interests of victims	Linda Pena , Director of Victim Services, San Diego County District Attorney's Office

Table 3. CCP Working Group Members

Agency	Representative
Probation	<p>Abigail Torres, Division Chief, Collaborative Reentry Services, Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services, County of San Diego Probation Department</p> <p>David Joralemon, Deputy Chief, Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services, County of San Diego Probation Department</p> <p>Erinn Herberman, Research Director, County of San Diego Probation Department</p> <p>Karna Lau, Division Chief, Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services, County of San Diego Probation Department</p> <p>Liza Enjambre-Moreno, Division Chief, Investigations, Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services, County of San Diego Probation Department</p> <p>Yazalia Moran, Interim Division Chief, Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services, County of San Diego Probation Department</p>
District Attorney	<p>Ana A. De Santiago Ayon, Division Chief, Collaborative Justice Division, San Diego County District Attorney’s Office</p> <p>Heather Trocha, Director of Diversion, Collaborative Justice Division, San Diego County District Attorney’s Office</p>
Public Defender	<p>Matthew Wechter, Deputy Public Defender IV, County of San Diego Office of the Primary Public Defender</p> <p>Melissa Tralla, Deputy Public Defender V, Holistic Services Unit, County of San Diego Office of the Primary Public Defender</p>
Sheriff	<p>Christopher Buchanan, Commander, Detention Services Bureau, San Diego County Sheriff’s Department</p> <p>Gregory Rylaarsdam, Commander, Law Enforcement Services Bureau – Investigations, San Diego County Sheriff’s Department</p>
Police	TBD
Health & Human Services Agency	<p>Amy Applebaum, Community Health Program Specialist, Public Health Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency</p> <p>Ankita Kadakia, Deputy Public Health Officer, Public Health Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency</p> <p>Cecily Thornton-Stearns, Assistant Director and Chief Program Officer, Behavioral Health Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency</p> <p>Jacqueline Maclean, Chief, Agency Operations, Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency</p> <p>Liberty Donnelly, Deputy Director, Department Operations, Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency</p> <p>Lynn Carr, Chief, Agency Operations, Medical Care Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency</p> <p>Michael Krelstein, Chief Medical Officer, Behavioral Health Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services</p> <p>Sayone Thihalolipavan, Public Health Medical Officer, Medical Care Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency</p>

San Diego County Agencies

Multiple agencies and departments, along with stakeholders and community members, contribute to the successful implementation of the CCP Plan. Within the County, the Health & Human Services Agency, the Public Safety Group (comprised of the District Attorney, Probation, Public Defender, and the Sheriff's Department), and the Court work together to develop, implement, and oversee services and supports for clients across all stages of justice involvement.

In many instances, the Health & Human Services Agency and the Public Safety Group provide services at the same location, to remove barriers to access and to support a seamless experience for clients. For example, the Probation Department has an Adult Reentry Unit co-located in the Health & Human Services Agency, Lemon Grove Family Resource Center, to facilitate engagement efforts with community partners and to provide on-site assessment and linkage to critical services. During FY 2021-22, the Health & Human Services Agency and the Probation Department collaborated in the development of the Southeastern Live Well Center, where Probation staff will be co-located to promote the well-being of justice-involved clients through access to a variety of health and community services.

District Attorney

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

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

CJD is staffed by specialized Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) who are experts on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration. Working alongside a multi-disciplinary justice partner team, DDAs use a fair and balanced approach to develop and implement problem-solving strategies that address the root of an individual's criminogenic behavior by combining rehabilitative services with intensive supervision. CJD currently staffs eight Collaborative Courts, including Mandatory Supervision and Post Release Community Supervision Revocation Court.

Sheriff's Department

The Sheriff's Department is the chief law enforcement agency in the County of San Diego, covering over 4,200 square miles and a population of over 3.3 million. The Sheriff, elected by the residents of San Diego County, is the chief executive of the department. The Department operates seven detention facilities, eighteen patrol stations, a crime laboratory, and an array of support operations necessary to provide full law enforcement services for the County of San Diego. Primary police services are provided to 944,000 county residents, including those in nine contract cities. The Department is responsible for booking arrestees and releasing persons in custody, ensuring court appearances, and providing necessary daily care for an average of 3,927 incarcerated persons per day in 2021. The Department provides security services to the third largest trial court system in the nation. The Department also serves as the County's levying and enforcement agency for the execution, service and return of all writs, warrants, and temporary restraining orders.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Reentry Services Division designs programs to influence change in criminal behavior while promoting healthy lifestyles and community safety. The skills acquired through the Sheriff's Department programming encourage the individuals in custody to translate new behaviors both in custody and into the community. Services provided include case management, reentry planning as well as psycho-social programs, vocational training, employment connection, educational opportunities, and wellness.

Health & Human Services Agency

The Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) is comprised of six service departments and ten administrative support divisions that coordinate within and across agencies to deliver a broad range of vital health and social services to San Diego's over 3.3 million residents, inclusive of those with justice-involvement. HHSA's success in providing high value services and community engagement is built on the Live Well San Diego vision, promoting wellness, self-sufficiency, equity, and improved quality of life for individuals and families. The HHSA Departments of Behavioral Health Services, Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Medical Care Services, Public Health Services, and Self-Sufficiency Services deliver services that support CCP goals and objectives.

Behavioral Health Services

As a health plan, public health entity, contractor, and provider of direct services, HHSA's Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department partners with the Public Safety Group to support the behavioral health needs of individuals with justice involvement. BHS offers an array of mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, recovery, and support services, collaborating with Public Safety Partners, the Courts, and other law enforcement agencies across the sequential intercept. BHS services divert public safety resources by providing an appropriately matched behavioral health response to individuals in crisis, and support connections and continuity of care for individuals entering and exiting detention, jails, and courts.

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

Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities

In 2021, HHSA established the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities (HSEC), which includes the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS). OHS is focused on building coordinated and robust network of housing services and supports through community outreach, and cross-county threading, in addition to engaging in upstream prevention to support and advance equitable outcomes.

Medical Care Services

Access to Medi-Cal covered physical and behavioral health services is a critical piece in delivering continuity of care for the justice involved population. HHSA's Medical Care Services will be exploring new opportunities afforded by the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative to further enhance these efforts to improve physical and behavioral healthcare for the justice-involved population, also to include access to community support services for those released from custody.

Public Health Services

HHSA's Public Health Services (PHS) Department works closely with Public Safety Group (PSG) partners to provide recommendations for robust screenings, testing, vaccinations, health education, and other public health interventions for County jails, in addition to providing services including case management to ensure continuity of care and treatment for individuals who are HIV-positive, test positive for tuberculosis and other communicable diseases during incarceration and upon release. PHS collaborates with PSG for medical consultations as needed for communicable disease management. PHS also assists with connecting individuals to a medical home when released from jail and provides temporary housing for those individuals released from jail with a communicable disease who do not have a place to complete their treatments, which are all critical components for successful treatment of disease and maintaining good health.

Self-Sufficiency Services

HHSA's Self-Sufficiency Services assists in providing individuals and families access to services that assists them in achieving self-sufficiency, such as medical health insurance, supplementary food assistance, and cash aid.

Probation Department

The Probation Department supports community safety by working with County departments, criminal justice agencies, and community partners to supervise and rehabilitate youth and adults in the justice system. The Department assists crime victims by educating them on their rights, securing restitution, and holding clients accountable. The Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services (ARCSS) Bureau provides supervision and reentry services to justice system involved adults, focusing on case management and assessment to link them to the services that will assist in rehabilitation. ARCSS envisions a fair and equitable model of support for all adult probation clients that values the client's individual needs and ensures access to meaningful and relevant opportunities for success.

Public Defender

The Department of the Public Defender consists of four separate divisions: the Primary Public Defender, the Alternate Public Defender, the Multiple Conflicts Office, and the Office of Assigned Counsel, all ethically walled to avoid conflicts. The Public Defender's diverse staff provides legal representation to indigent persons charged with a crime, all persons at arraignment except those who have retained private counsel, and in some civil cases such as mental health matters. The Public Defender staffs all Collaborative Courts with specially trained Deputy Public Defenders to assist clients through the process to ensure their rights are protected and they are successful in graduation.

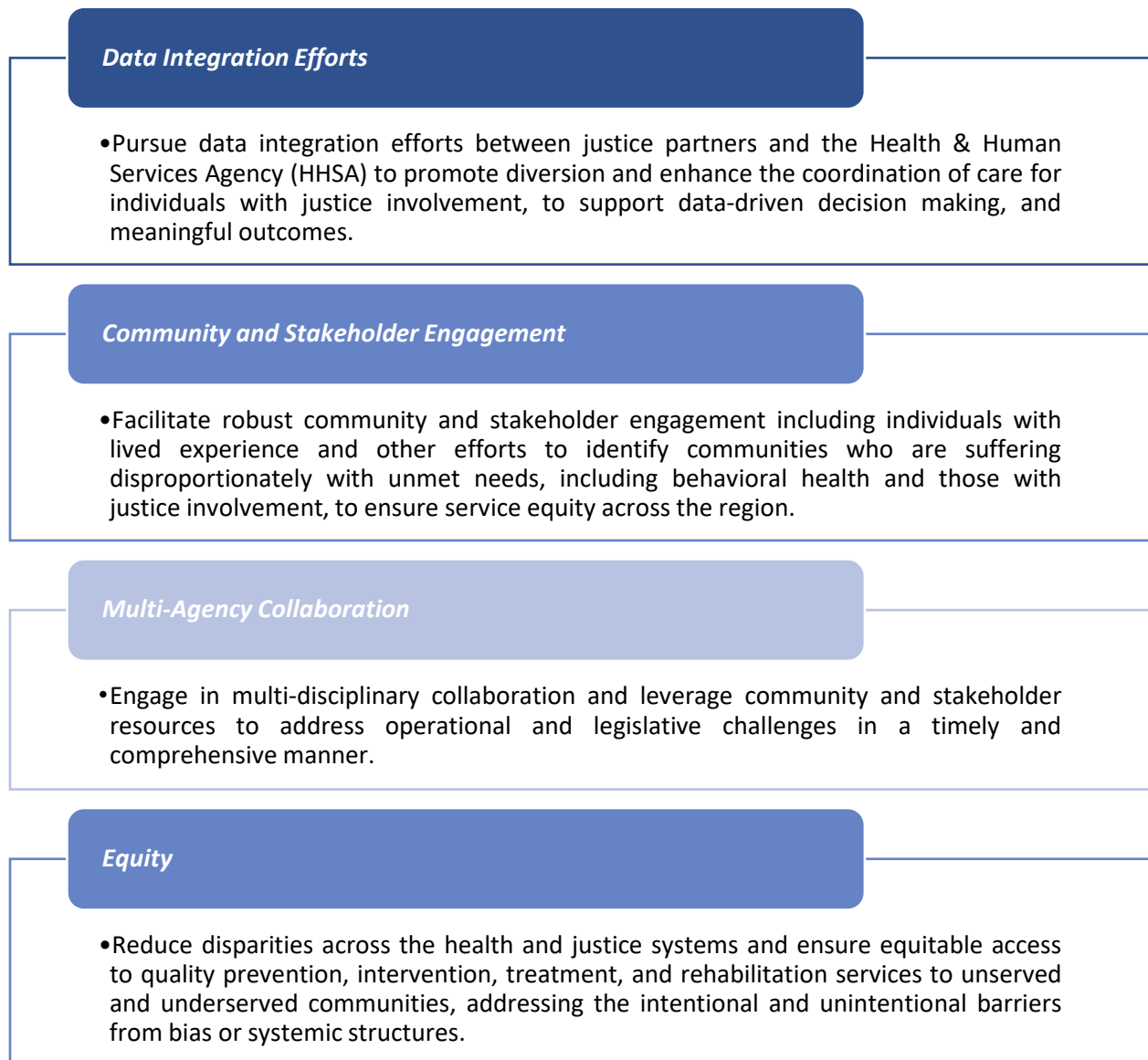
In addition to services in the courtroom, the Public Defender has the Holistic Services Unit that is embedded within the Public Defender's Office and is made up of the Defense Transition Unit, the Substance Abuse Assessment Unit, and housing navigators who assist with reintegrating justice-involved clients into the community.

Lastly, the Public Defender works with clients after a conviction through reentry services and post-conviction resentencings to give clients a second chance outside of prison. Through an emphasis on continuing legal education, diversity, development and implementation of innovative programs and holistic support services, the Public Defender demonstrates its commitment to delivering the best possible representation to our community.

Guiding Principles

In developing the CCP Plan, partner agencies identified overarching principles to guide the work of the collective partners to best serve our community. These principles highlight the areas of focus that inform the collaborative work, emphasizing equity and data-informed decisions with the guidance of the community and stakeholders.

Figure 1. Guiding Principles



CCP Plan Goals

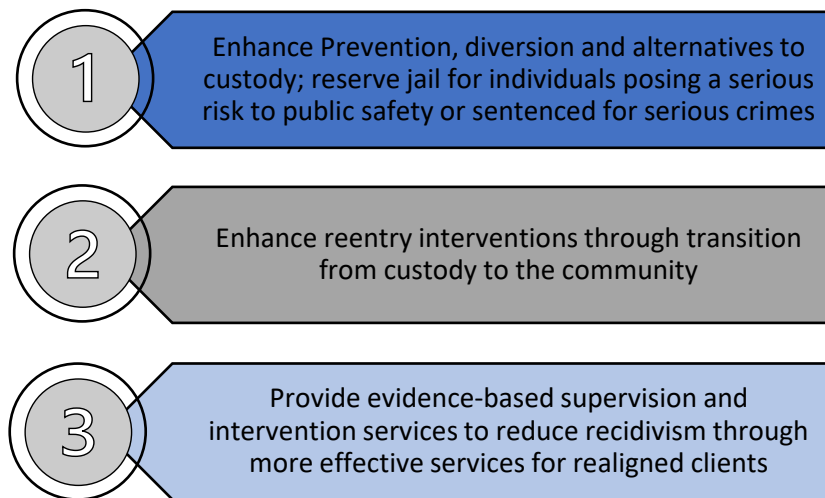
The FY 2022-23 CCP Plan includes three goals that summarize San Diego County’s overarching strategy.

Goal 1 is to enhance prevention, diversion, and alternatives to custody; reserve jail for individuals posing a serious risk to public safety or sentenced for serious crimes. This goal is focused on community-based interventions that prevent and divert unnecessary utilization of criminal justice resources by providing services to prevent interaction with law-enforcement and to support the use of alternatives to incarceration for those clients who do come in contact with the criminal justice system. This goal reserves public safety resources for serious crime while helping clients to achieve the best outcomes with the least amount of involvement in the justice system.

Goal 2 is to enhance reentry interventions through transition from custody to the community. Because clients in custody will return to the community, Goal 2 is focused on preparing them for the successful transition. Clients brought into custody often need services related to education/employment, treatment, health care, housing, etc. Reentry services start while clients are in custody and extend until clients physically reenter the community.

Goal 3 is to provide evidence-based supervision and intervention services to reduce recidivism through more effective services for realigned clients. This goal is focused on ensuring that clients who are justice-involved receive supervision, treatment, and case management services that are evidence-based and trauma-informed, using Multi-Disciplinary Team approaches to achieve successful outcomes.

Figure 2. CCP Plan Goals



Objectives

Each of the goals in the CCP Plan has associated objectives that identify the specific strategies and methods implemented that help to achieve the goals.

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

Goal 1 Objectives

1. Maximize prevention and diversion opportunities to divert individuals with primary behavioral health conditions, including substance use disorders, away from justice involvement by connecting them to behavioral health care and housing services.
2. Maximize use of alternative custody options and explore opportunities for growth in areas such as:
 - Pretrial Services
 - County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit
 - Home Detention
 - Residential Reentry Center
 - Collaborative Court referrals
 - District Attorney (DA) Community Justice Initiative
 - DA Juvenile Diversion Initiative
 - Community Transition Center
 - Public Defender Defense Transition Unit
 - Public Defender Substance Abuse Assessment Unit
3. Capitalize on all housing resources available and work towards addressing and removing barriers to housing.
4. Maximize the use of screening and assessments, treatment, graduated sanctions, alternatives to custody, and community sanctions using multi-disciplinary approaches to address violations for clients on Post Release Community Supervision, Mandatory Supervision, and felony probation. This includes providing alternatives to traditional criminal justice sanctions through evidence-based practices, for targeted offenses where there is not an enhanced public safety risk.
5. Continue to improve felony settlement by identifying appropriate cases for alternatives to custody as early in the process as possible and continuing cross collaboration, education, and training with justice partners by using best practices in sentencing.
6. Strengthen partnerships through co-location of departments and programs to support an integrated model of supervision and service delivery.

Goal 2: Enhance reentry interventions in custody and the community.

Goal 2 Objectives

1. Provide direct and support services to the inmate population in San Diego County detention facilities including:
 - Screening and assessment
 - Services for behavioral health conditions
 - Services for individuals who rapidly cycle in and out of custody
 - Public health interventions including immunizations
 - Housing services for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness

2. Provide services to individuals as they are transitioning back to the community upon release including:
 - Discharge planning
 - Intensive case management where appropriate
 - Coordinated release with community partners
 - Mentoring using community members with lived experiences
 - Addressing behavioral health care and homelessness
 - Medical health screenings and linkages to a medical home
 - Public health services for HIV-positive individuals and other communicable diseases

3. Provide services to clients in the community after a period of incarceration to avoid recidivism including:
 - A widened scope of services for clients on Mandatory Supervision
 - DA Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center
 - DA Tattoo Removal Program
 - DA Community Grant Program
 - Public Defender Defense Transition Unit and Substance Use Assessment Unit
 - Community Transition Center
 - Increased utilization of resources for education, employment, financial literacy, and housing
 - Improved physical and behavioral health coordination through new opportunities provided by California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal initiative

Goal 3: Provide evidence-based supervision and intervention services to reduce recidivism through more effective services for realigned clients.

Goal 3 Objectives

1. Incorporate evidence-based practices, trauma-informed care, and multi-disciplinary team approaches into supervision and case management of clients placed on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS). Utilize principles and practices proven to support engagement and accountability, to include the use of incentives and risk-based supervision. Increase equity and facilitate breaking the cycle of poverty, addiction, disease, and incarceration.

2. The District Attorney’s Collaborative Justice Division will continue to staff the Collaborative Courts, MS Court, and Parole and PRCS Revocation Court with specialized Deputy District Attorneys who have expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.
3. Connect individuals with behavioral health conditions and who have justice involvement to existing services within the system of care to support them in successfully re-entering the community. This includes ensuring people with first episode psychosis are connected to care in healthcare settings and connecting individuals to housing services and supportive services in the community.
4. Identify and address gaps in services for clients with acute mental health and substance use disorders who have co-occurring conditions.
5. Agencies will focus on providing training related to best practices in serving justice-involved clients with a focus on equity, inclusion, cultural competency, poverty, substance abuse, trauma-informed care, and harm reduction.

Measures

Agencies identified examples of the inputs, outputs, and outcome measures for FY 2021-22 that describe the qualitative and quantitative results from the strategies implemented that help us to understand if we are reaching our goals.

- Inputs reflect resources committed such as staffing, expertise, training, new programs/services, facilities, etc.
- Outputs reflect numerical counts of the activities of programs such as the number of people served, activities and services provided, etc.
- Outcomes reflect changes to the population served such in their behavior, condition, or status.

Please note that the measures listed do not account for all data-driven efforts that agencies use to gauge the success of their services and programs such as performance measures, statistics, trend analyses, dashboards, program evaluations, etc.

Example FY 2021-22 Inputs

(Resources committed such as staff, expertise, training, new programs/services, facilities)

Data Infrastructure

- Efforts to integrate health and justice data continued to advance through development of a proposed data governance and management structure to support care coordination for justice-involved individuals.

Staffing/Training

- The District Attorney’s Collaborative Justice Division staffed the Collaborative Courts with seven Deputy District Attorneys who have expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.

Example FY 2021-22 Inputs (continued)

- Public Defender Collaborative Courts Unit trained and staffed all Collaborative Courts to ensure best practices are in place for client success.
- The Public Defender created the Holistic Services Unit to streamline delivery of client services to individuals needing support in conjunction with their criminal cases.
- Deputy District Attorneys (DDA) and newly hired DDAs were trained on Collaborative Courts, Reentry Services, and Alternatives to Custody.
- 100% of Probation sworn staff received at least 8 hours of training on Social Justice, Behavioral Health, and Equity, Diversity & Inclusion.

Programs/Services Implemented During FY 2021-22

- Behavioral Health Services Mobile Crisis Response Teams were launched in the North Coastal Region in January 2021.
- A new Behavioral Health Services Crisis Stabilization Unit opened in Oceanside in April 2022.
- The Community Care Coordination – Straight to Home (C3STH) program was launched in April 2022.
- In March of 2022, the District Attorney established a felony probation violation pilot program.
- The District Attorney established a felony disposition framework to continue to improve felony settlements by using best practices in sentencing and identifying appropriate cases for alternatives to custody.
- The Public Defender, District Attorney, City Attorney, Office of Homeless Solutions, and the Superior Court began Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fairs throughout the County to resolve immediate barriers to benefits, licenses, and housing.

Programs/Services Planned for FY 2022-23

- Community Care Coordination Re-entry Support (C3RES) program is expected to launch in January 2023.
- The District Attorney's Children Exposed to Neighborhood Violence Program will debut in FY 2022-23.
- District Attorney's Homeless Enhanced Legal Program will begin in FY 2022-23 and will provide individuals with referrals and connections to programs upon police contact.
- District Attorney's Transitional Age Youth Diversion Program will be implemented in FY 2022-23.
- The Probation Department is implementing the Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) Release program during FY 2022-23 that will provide pretrial monitoring and needs assessment in collaboration with Community Peer Supports.

Facilities

- The Probation Department opened the Community Support Office in North Park that increases client access to services close to where they live and work with space for community-based providers.
- The Health & Human Services Agency and the Probation Department continued to collaborate in the development of the Southeastern Live Well Center.

Example FY 2021-22 Outputs

(Numerical counts of program activities including the number of people served and services provided)

Prevention and Diversion

- Behavioral Health Services Mobile Crisis Response Teams served 1,774 unique clients.
- Behavioral Health Services Crisis Stabilization Units provided crisis care to 12,102 clients.
- Behavioral Health Services Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams conducted 42,000 emergency assessments and referrals including 10,164 Crisis Intervention contacts and 23,029 Community Service Interventions.
- Behavioral Health Services Inebriate Sobering Services and Prosecution and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services programs served 3,697 individuals.
- Behavioral Health Services Serial Inebriate Program served 141 clients.
- The District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Initiative served 260 youths.
- The Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities made close to 18,000 engagements with persons at risk or experiencing homelessness countywide. Nearly 3,300 self-sufficiency program applications were completed.

Alternatives to Custody

- The Sheriff's Pretrial Services Unit released 1,155 individuals on Supervised Own Recognizance.
- The Sheriff's County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit had 2,320 participants.
- Behavioral Health Court provided services to 141 clients.
- Drug Court provided services 309 clients
- Reentry Court provided services 71 clients.

Reentry Interventions in Custody and During Transition

- Reentry interventions were provided to 4,470 individuals through the Sheriff's Department Reentry Services Division.
- Behavioral Health Services provided behavioral health care to 9,431 adults in a jail setting and to 720 youth who were justice-involved.
- 930 total annual contacts were made with participants in the Sheriff's - Supporting Individual Transitions (S-SIT) program.
- 470 participants moved through Behavioral Case Management services provided by the Sheriff's Department.
- Behavioral Health Services Project In-Reach enrolled 90 clients.
- Behavioral Health Services Wellness Ministry enrolled 119 clients.
- The Public Defender's Defense Transition Unit processed over 2,200 attorney referrals.
- The Sheriff's Department conducted 2,744 coordinated releases.

Reentry Interventions in the Community

- The Community Transition Center (CTC) screened and assessed 1,556 clients and provided reentry services to 647 clients on Post Release Community Supervision and 119 clients on Mandatory Supervision.
- Clients at the CTC received 1,810 referrals to services including 662 referrals to residential treatment for substance use disorders, 600 referrals to mental health treatment, 254 referrals to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and 294 referrals to Outpatient Treatment Programs.

Example FY 2021-22 Outputs (continued)

- The District Attorney CARE Center conducted 132 assessments, including 34 assessments for individuals currently supervised on probation or parole and 75 for individuals who were previously incarcerated.
- The District Attorney Tattoo Removal Program served 44 clients.
- The Sheriff's Peer Reentry Leaders Academy graduated 38 individuals and conducted 16 speaking engagements.
- The Department of Homeless Solutions & Equitable Communities - Office of Homeless Solutions (HSEC-OHS) Community Care Coordination (C3) program served 93 individuals.
- The HSEC-OHS Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V) program served 69 individuals.

Evidence-Based Supervision and Intervention Services

- 98% of eligible clients on Mandatory Supervision and Post Release Community Supervision were referred to services through the Community Resource Directory. Clients of different races/ethnicities were referred to services at similar rates, including 97% of Black clients, 97% of Hispanic clients, 98% of White clients, and 98% of other clients.
- The AB 109 Strength-Based Case Management (SBCM) program served a minimum of 465 clients.
- The Post Release Outpatient Program Services (PROPS) Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program served 96 clients.
- The Center Star ACT program served 207 clients.
- The Vida ACT program served 129 clients.
- The District Attorney Community Grant Program awarded 82 grants and the District Attorney K-12 Community Grant Program awarded 17 grants.
- The Public Defender's Fresh Start Program opened 2,722 cases.
- Six Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fairs were sponsored across the County.

Example FY 2021-22 Outcomes

(Changes to the population served such as in their behavior, condition, or status)

Prevention and Diversion

- The District Attorney's Community Justice Initiative served 68 participants, of which 56 successfully completed the program resulting in a dismissal of their criminal cases.
- The Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities provided housing to over 1,500 individuals throughout the region.
- As of 6/30/22, 114 youth out of 143 participants successfully completed the District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Initiative.

Alternatives to Custody

- The Sheriff's Pretrial Services Unit had an annual success rating average of 94%.
- The Community Transition Center (CTC) provided services to 319 clients who were referred to the CTC in lieu of custody, saving an estimated 2,233 jail days.
- The Public Defender's Substance Abuse Assessment Unit assessed approximately 2,100 clients and placed 70% into residential treatment programs.

Example FY 2021-22 Outcomes (continued)

Reentry Interventions During Transition from Custody

- The Intensive Case Management program that works with HIV positive individuals during and post incarceration in County detention facilities showed that 75 (32%) of clients were released with a medical appointment scheduled and a 30-day supply of medication, 39 (16%) of clients were released to another agency and did not require ongoing care coordination, and 125 (52%) of clients were released without advance notification so that care coordination couldn't be provided.

Reentry Interventions in the Community

- 92 individuals were placed in a home by the Sheriff's Department Housing Services.
- Over 837 clients utilized temporary housing at the Community Transition Center.
- 100% of participants in the Department of Homeless Solutions & Equitable Communities - Office of Homeless Solutions (HSEC-OHS) Community Care Coordination (C3) program who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail.
- 88% of participants in the HSEC-OHS Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V) program who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail.
- 93% of participants in the HSEC-OHS Community Care Coordination Straight to Home (C3STH) program who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail.
- 82% of participants in HSEC-OHS Community Care Coordination (C3) program who had been released from custody for a year had reduced justice involvement as measured by an increase in the number of days lived out of custody and in the community compared to the prior 12 months.
- 87% of participants in HSEC-OHS Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V) program who had been released from custody for a year had reduced justice involvement as measured by an increase in the number of days lived out of custody and in the community compared to the prior 12 months.

Evidence-Based Supervision and Intervention Services

- The District Attorney's Post Release Community Supervision Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) evaluated 33 cases, which resulted in an increase in the number of days before engaging in a new violation from a pre-MDT average of 20 days to a post-MDT average of 124 days.
- 46% of clients on Post Release Community Supervision successfully completed supervision within twelve months.
- 92% of clients on Mandatory Supervision terminated from supervision without new convictions.
- 70% of clients on Post Release Community Supervision terminated from supervision without new convictions.
- 97% of clients on Mandatory Supervision did not have new convictions one year after termination from supervision.
- 99% of clients on Post Release Community Supervision did not have new convictions one year after termination from supervision.

Strategies across Sequential Intercepts

This section highlights examples of programs and services implemented by the County to meet the CCP Plan goals and achieve successful client outcomes. Programs and services are presented according to the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) which provides a conceptual model to understand how clients flow through and interact with the criminal justice system based on six intercept points:

- Intercept 0 – Community Services
- Intercept 1 – Law Enforcement
- Intercept 2 – Initial Detention and Initial Court Hearings
- Intercept 3 – Jails and Courts
- Intercept 4 – Reentry
- Intercept 5 – Community Supervision

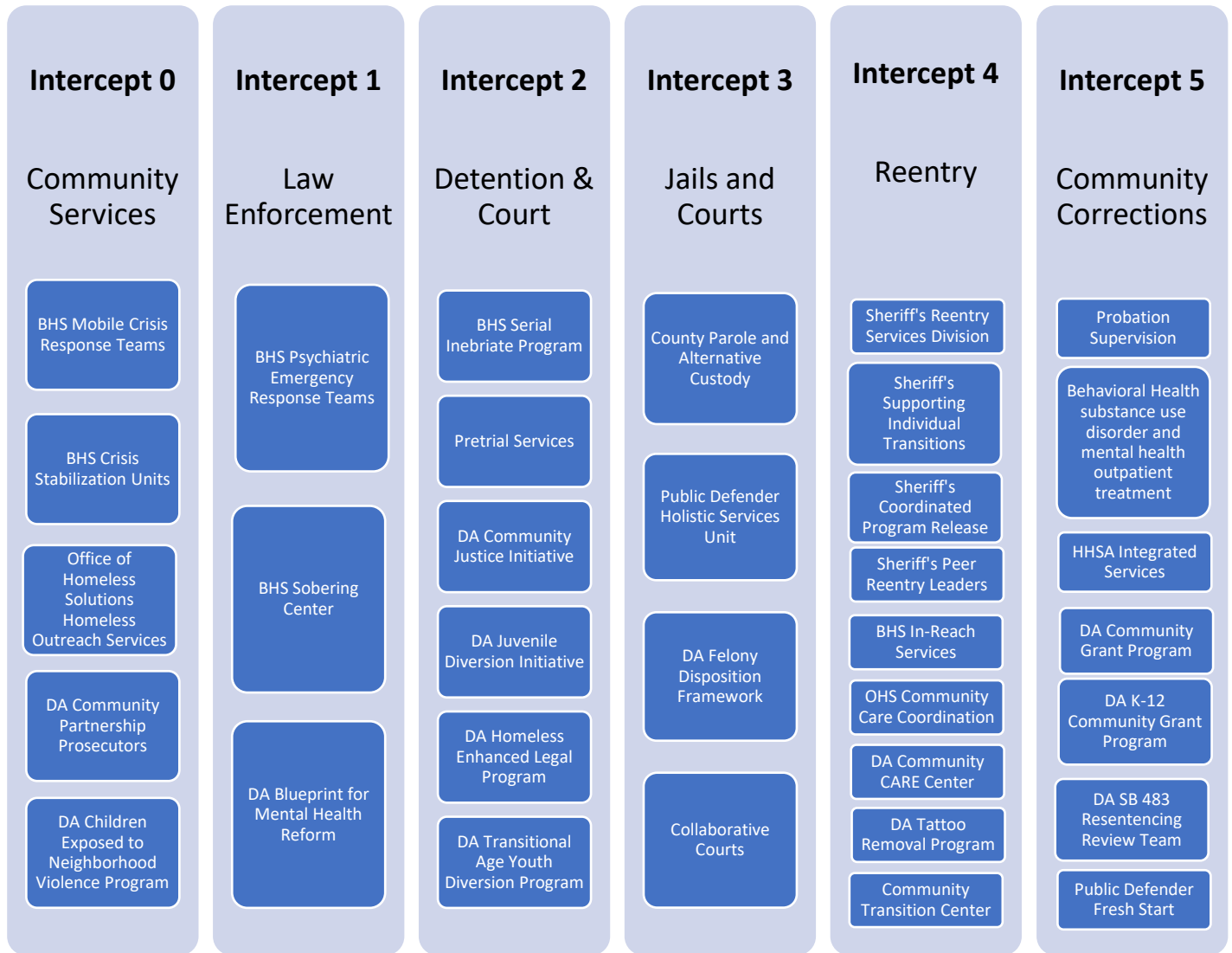
The six criminal justice intercepts included in the Sequential Intercept Model identify where interventions are implemented to prevent further involvement in the justice system.

The goals of the CCP Plan align with the Sequential Intercept Model as follows:

- Goal 1 of the CCP Plan is focused on prevention, diversion, and alternatives to custody and aligns with Intercepts 0 – 2 describing the system activities that provide opportunities to divert people into treatment and services for crisis care instead of arresting them including diversion performed by law enforcement and emergency service providers, and diversion to community-based treatment during the initial detention and court hearing phases.
- Goal 2 of the CCP Plan is focused on reentry interventions and aligns with Intercepts 3 and 4 that describe the services provided through jail and court processes including those offered while a person is in custody and reentry services to support clients as they transition back into the community.
- Goal 3 of the CCP Plan is focused on evidence-based supervision and intervention services and aligns with Intercept 5 that describes community supervision with supports including treatment for mental health and substance use disorders to prevent violations of community supervision and recidivism.

Because of the wide range of services offered by the County and partner agencies, the following description of programs and services aligned with the Sequential Intercept Model provides examples of programs and services and not the complete inventory.

Figure 3. Example Programs and Services based on the Sequential Intercept Model



Intercept 0 – Community Services

Intercept 0 includes the system activities that provide opportunities to divert people into treatment and services for crisis care instead of arresting them. Examples of programs and services that align with Intercept 0 include the following:

- Behavioral Health Services Mobile Crisis Response Teams**

Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) provide in-person support to individuals of all ages experiencing a behavioral health crisis within the County of San Diego. MCRT dispatches behavioral health experts to emergency calls instead of law enforcement, when appropriate, with teams made up of clinicians, case managers, and peer support specialists. Deploying clinicians and peer-support specialists to non-violent behavioral health crisis calls rather than law enforcement, when appropriate, is more effective and less traumatic to clients. MCRT launched in the North Coastal Region in January 2021, and has since expanded countywide, in partnership with law enforcement entities in the region. During FY 2021-22, MCRTs served 1,774 unique clients.

- **Behavioral Health Services Crisis Stabilization Units**

Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) provide 24/7 services to individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to stabilize and connect them to ongoing services that meet their individual needs. CSU services are available in hospital and community-based settings and include law enforcement drop-offs as a safe alternative to a jail or hospitalization, for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. CSUs provide psychiatric services, medication, peer support, connection to community-based services and transition planning, with short-term stays of less than 24 hours. CSUs services provide a client-centered and cost savings approach to care, diverting individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis away an unnecessary emergency department visit or acute care hospitalization. The CSUs are located in six areas in the County (South, North Inland, North Coastal, Palomar, Paradise Valley) and a new CSU opened in Oceanside on April 25th, 2022. During FY 2021-22, CSUs provided crisis care to 12,102 clients.

- **Office of Homeless Solutions Homeless Outreach Services**

During Fiscal Year 2021-22, Human Services Specialists and Social Workers with the Office of Homeless Solutions Direct Services Team, within the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, successfully provided housing to over 1,500 individuals throughout the region. This team made close to 18,000 engagements with persons at risk or experiencing homelessness countywide and completed almost 3,300 self-sufficiency program applications.

- **District Attorney's Community Partnership Prosecutors**

The District Attorney established a team of Community Partnership Prosecutors (CPP) to work in the community to address many issues that lead to criminal behavior before it elevates to the justice system. The four Community Partnership Prosecutors are assigned regionally throughout the county to problem solve in neighborhoods, build relationships, identify issues with a nexus to public safety, and help create strategic solutions that ultimately improve quality of life in our communities. Community Partnership Prosecutors also organize community events including forums on various criminal justice related topics which creates opportunities for community feedback to the District Attorney's Office through the CPP's work in our neighborhoods.

- **District Attorney's Children Exposed to Neighborhood Violence Program**

The District Attorney's Office recognizes that community violence affects more people than those who are directly involved. This program recognizes that and aims to help San Diego County's school-aged children who have either been the victim of a crime or have been exposed indirectly to neighborhood violence.

Children will be given access to therapy, counseling, mentorship, and any other tools needed to help youth who have been exposed to trauma. These resources and follow-up will give every child the chance to thrive despite their current or past circumstances. This program will debut in FY 2022-23.

Intercept 1 – Law Enforcement

Intercept 1 focuses on diversion efforts performed by law enforcement and emergency service providers to divert people with mental health and substance use disorders to treatment instead of arresting them and booking them into jail. Examples of programs and services that align with Intercept 1 include the following:

- **Behavioral Health Services Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams**

The Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams (PERT) provide mobile crisis response services, utilizing a co-response model which pairs a licensed mental health clinician with a uniformed law enforcement officer in the field. PERT clinicians are deployed countywide via 911 to provide behavioral health assessments, consultation, case coordination, linkage, and limited crisis intervention services to individuals who come into contact with law enforcement. PERT teams also transport individuals to a hospital or other community-based treatment, as appropriate. During FY 2021-22, PERT conducted 42,000 emergency assessments and referrals for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis who came to the attention of law enforcement. Services included 10,164 Crisis Intervention contacts and 23,029 Community Service Interventions.

- **Behavioral Health Services Sobering Center**

The Sobering Center provides a safe alternative to custody for individuals who are inebriated in public and in need of sobering services. Individuals who are under the influence of alcohol and other intoxicants may be transported to the facility by law enforcement for a minimum of 4 hours. Individuals receive counseling and linkage to treatment resources. The Inebriate Sobering Services (ISS) and Prosecution and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services (PLEADS) program served 3,697 individuals during FY 2021-22.

- **District Attorney’s Blueprint for Mental Health Reform**

The District Attorney’s Blueprint for Mental Health Reform was created to memorialize the work of stakeholders who participated in two symposiums mapping the intersection between mental health and the criminal justice system. The Blueprint includes ten specific recommendations with many sub-recommendations that move the needle on mental health reform and keep the public safe using evidence-based practices, while treating individuals with mental illness with compassion, dignity, and respect.

Several of the Blueprint’s recommendations have been implemented or are on their way to implementation including de-escalation training for every police officer in the county, Mobile Crisis Response Teams, Community Based Crisis Stabilization Units with law enforcement drop offs and expanded mental health diversion options.

Intercept 2 – Initial Detention and Court Hearings

Intercept 2 focuses on diverting clients to community-based treatment during the intake, booking, or initial court hearing phases. Examples of programs and services that align with Intercept 2 include the following:

- **Behavioral Health Services Serial Inebriate Program**

The Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) is a collaboration between Behavioral Health Services, the Courts, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and hospitals to provide services for individuals who are experiencing homelessness and have not been well served by traditional outpatient services. SIP provides outpatient substance use treatment services, which includes case management and short-term transitional housing, as eligible, as an alternative to custody. During FY 2021-22, the SIP served 141 clients, up five clients from the previous year.

- **Pretrial Services**

The Sheriff's Pretrial Services Unit works to safely reduce the number of people detained before trial by gathering information about new arrestees, conducting pretrial assessments, preparing individually tailored recommendations to the Court regarding release options and conditions, and providing pretrial services and supervision to individuals on pretrial release. In FY 2021-22, the Pretrial Services Unit was operational in all San Diego felony courts and released 1,155 individuals on Supervised Own Recognizance with an annual success rating average of 94%.

During FY 2021-22, the Probation Department planned for the implementation of the Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) Release program that will provide pretrial monitoring and needs assessment in collaboration with Community Peer Supports who will refer clients to services and support their engagement in social services, employment assistance, housing, mental health, education, drug treatment, parenting classes, anger management, and transportation services.

- **District Attorney's Community Justice Initiative**

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

Since its inception, there have been 925 participants, with 612 participants successfully completing the program. Due to the Pandemic and partial court-closures, in 2021 there were 68 participants who were admitted into the DA-CJI program. Of those participants, 56 successfully completed the program resulting in a dismissal of their cases.

- **District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion Initiative**

The Juvenile Diversion Initiative (JDI) is a county-wide early intervention program that prioritizes alternative diversion options for youth before filing criminal charges, to help reduce the possibility that a young person will reoffend. The JDI, in conjunction with the National Conflict Resolution Center, works in collaboration with other community-based organizations to provide culturally competent services and restoration to the youth diverted through the DA's JDI.

The objective is to provide San Diego County youth the opportunity to attempt to repair the harm they caused, understand the impact of their choices, and to avoid permanent and negative outcomes related to the formal criminal justice system, including stigma, labeling, and a criminal record. Evidence-based data shows that when a youth who commits a crime is provided specific services in their own community, they can maintain those connections, reducing the likelihood of reoffending. All impacted parties are eligible to participate in the JDI with the goal of accountability for the crime. This includes the person harmed (the victim), the youth responsible for the harm, family members, and/or community members.

The DA's JDI program is for youth between the ages of 13 and 17 and provides comprehensive services using restorative justice principles to ensure participants address the harm they caused. Participation

is a voluntary process, and upon completion, the diverted youth responsible for the harm will have the opportunity to have their arrest record sealed. In FY 2021-22, 260 youth participated in the DA's Juvenile Diversion Initiative. As of 6/30/22, 114 youth out of 143 participants successfully completed the DA's Juvenile Diversion Initiative, with 94 youth still active in the program.

- **District Attorney's Homeless Enhanced Legal Program**

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

This pilot program will begin in FY 2022-23 and will provide individuals with referrals and connections to programs upon police contact. The program has been designed to address homeless related needs and housing insecurity in the hopes of steering participants away from becoming further justice involved.

- **District Attorney's Transitional Age Youth Diversion Program**

The District Attorney's Office has created a countywide diversion program specifically tailored for transitional age youth accused of misdemeanor and felony crimes. This program will be based in restorative justice principles, as well as other practices that focus on and address the underlying cause of these unsafe behaviors. This program will be implemented in FY 2022-23.

Intercept 3 – Jails and Courts

Intercept 3 focuses on providing community-based services through jail, court processes, and programs after a person has been booked into jail including services offered while in custody. Examples of programs and services that align with Intercept 3 include the following:

- **Realigned Populations in Custody of the Sheriff's Department**

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

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

These types of sentences fall into two categories. Individuals sentenced pursuant to 1170(h)(5)(a) serve the entirety of their felony sentence in the county jail. Through August 2022, the Sheriff's Department has processed and released 12,334 bookings which fall into this category, with an overall average length of stay of 244 days spent in custody per booking.

Individuals sentenced pursuant to 1170(h)(5)(b) are eligible to "split" their sentences between custody in the county jail and in the community, under the supervision of the San Diego County Probation Department. Through August 2022, the Sheriff's Department has processed and released 5,104 bookings which fall into this category, with an overall average length of stay of 217 days spent in custody per booking.

As of September 2022, the longest stay in custody of an individual currently sentenced pursuant to 1170(h) PC is 2,463 days, or approximately 7 years.

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

Individuals entering the Sheriff's custody as a PRCS violator may be subject to a "flash" incarceration of up to 10 days, per California Penal Code 3453(q) or for a more serious violation resulting in a revocation of the individual's PRCS status, for which the individual may serve up to 180 days in the county jail for each custodial sanction per Penal Code 3455(a).

Through August 2022, the Sheriff's Department has processed and subsequently released 39,597 bookings in either of these categories, with an overall average length of stay of 37 days spent in custody per booking.

Individuals booked into the Sheriff's custody pursuant to California Penal Code 3056 for violating the terms of their parole may be housed in the county jail for a maximum of up to 180 days per revocation. Through August 2022, the Sheriff has processed and subsequently released 29,179 bookings in this category with an overall average of 28 days spent in custody per booking.

- **Behavioral Health Services for Clients in Custody**

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

- In FY 2021-22, 9,431 adults received behavioral health services in a jail setting.
- In FY 2021-22, 720 youth with justice-involvement received behavioral health services including 603 youth receiving services in the Stabilization, Treatment, Assessment and Transition Team (STAT) program, 64 youth in the HOPE program, and 53 youth in the Bridgeways program.

- **Public Health Services for Clients in Custody**

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

- **Sheriff's County Parole and Alternative Custody**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department operates the County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit (CPAC), which was created in 2012 in response to realignment. The mission of CPAC is to maximize jail bed availability through alternative custody programs designed to socially reintegrate participants utilizing evidence-based practices and proactive supervision methods. CPAC uses evidence-based practices and proactive supervision methods to provide participants the opportunity to complete their custody sentence in a non-jail setting, maintain or attain employment, continue individual treatment and/or programming needs. CPAC supervises participants on Home Detention, Pretrial Home Detention, Reentry Court, Collaborative Courts, and County Parole and Fire Camp. In FY 2021-22, there were 2,320 participants in the program.

- **Public Defender's Holistic Services Unit**

The Holistic Services Unit is embedded in the Public Defender's Office and is made up of the Defense Transition Unit, the Substance Abuse Assessment Unit, and housing navigators who assist with reintegrating justice-involved clients into the community.

- *Defense Transition Unit*

The Defense Transition Unit (DTU) was created October 2016 within the Primary Public Defender's Office to assist with the resolution and sentencing of criminal cases where the primary goal is effective mental health management. The DTU is centered on seven licensed mental health clinicians and three housing navigators who work as part of the criminal defense team accepting referrals directly from a client's assigned Deputy Public Defender. With both legal and clinical supervision and paralegal support, DTU clinicians meet with and assess the mental health needs of clients in custody. In collaboration with Behavioral Health Services, the clinicians use their knowledge of community resources to arrange comprehensive mental health treatment. The DTU then proposes treatment plans for use by attorneys, judges, and the Probation Department. When these plans are adopted by the court, the DTU ensures that clients are transported directly from custody to mental health service providers.

Public Defender clinicians work closely with the mental health providers at all levels of care across the County. In particular, the DTU maintains crucial connections with Sheriff and County Mental Health clinicians to ensure that clients move with continuity of care between the jail, the hospital, and community treatment. DTU clinicians also work closely with housing navigators and substance abuse assessors within the department so that treatment planning includes housing and substance use disorder care whenever needed. Annually, the DTU processes over 2,200 attorney referrals while participating in Behavioral Health Court, advocating for diversion motions, and educating justice partners daily concerning Behavioral Health Services program criteria.

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

- *Substance Abuse Assessment Unit*

The Substance Abuse Assessment Unit (SAAU) of the County of San Diego Primary Public Defender's Office is a vital resource to the community of San Diego. The SAAU is a full-service placement agency that assesses, transports, and connects in-custody clients directly to residential treatment programs. For individuals with co-occurring disorders, the unit works closely with the Sheriff's Department to provide a supply of psychiatric medication directly to the treatment facility, within the same day of the client's arrival.

The SAAU works closely with attorneys and the justice partners to identify those clients with both the need for treatment and amenability. An in-depth assessment designed around the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria is conducted with every individual to establish the person's amenability and reception towards change. If the unit makes the

recommendation for treatment, the assessors work directly with residential treatment providers to ensure a continuum of care from incarceration to admission into the program.

Not all who are assessed by the unit are recommended to be placed in treatment. SAAU assesses approximately 2,100 clients per year and places approximately 70% into residential treatment programs. Unsuccessful placements occur for multiple reasons which range from: clients declining services at assessment; clients not meeting ASAM criteria for residential level of need; clients declined by programs due to severity of charges; primary medical or mental health needs; or clients that are released prior to the possibility of placement.

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

- **District Attorney's Felony Disposition Framework**

During FY 2021-22, the District Attorney created a more robust felony disposition framework where custodial sanctions are thoughtfully weighted and alternatives to incarceration are contemplated in cases where there is not an enhanced public safety threat.

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

- **Collaborative Courts**

San Diego County has numerous types of Collaborative Courts tailored to the needs of our client population. Collaborative Courts promote accountability by combining judicial supervision with rigorously monitored rehabilitation services and treatment in lieu of detention. The Collaborative Court Unit includes Behavioral Health Court, Behavioral Health Court Diversion, Drug Court, Mandatory Supervision Court, Reentry Court, and Veterans Treatment Court. There is a multi-disciplinary team approach to client supervision and treatment which utilize both support and law enforcement monitoring to encourage recovery and reduce recidivism. Each collaborative court team is comprised of a Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, City Attorney, Law Enforcement, Probation Officer, and Treatment Provider.

The DA Collaborative Justice Division continues to staff these courts with seven Deputy District Attorneys who have an expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration. The DA continues to improve their case management system technology to efficiently track the number of referrals to collaborative courts and diversion programs.

The Public Defender Collaborative Courts Unit currently has seven Deputy Public Defenders specially trained to work with clients and our Holistic Services Unit to navigate the different Collaborative Court options and ensure positive outcomes. During FY2021-2022, Public Defender has worked to increase the participation in Collaborative Courts and work within new probation timelines to ensure success.

All Collaborative Courts provide their participants a vast array of treatment, assistance, guidance, and supervision. All participants are provided with basic needs, like housing, help with acquiring Identification and Social Security cards, and access to medical care. They are also provided with more tailored needs, such as behavioral and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, dental

assistance and more. Each participant's supervision and assistance are created specifically for him/her with the goal of rehabilitation and independence.

- *Behavioral Health Court Services*

Behavioral Health Court (BHC) applies the Collaborative Court model to individuals who are diagnosed with serious mental illness who have engaged in criminal behavior. BHC provides intensive mental health treatment with concurrent emphasis on sobriety, stable housing, linkage to benefits and employment, re-unification with family, and employment or education support. Successful completion of the program may result in the reduction or dismissal of charges. During FY 2021-22, 141 clients were provided BHC services.

- *Drug Court*

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides services to four Drug Courts, which requires participation in substance use disorder treatment services as part of the County's Drug Medical Organized Delivery System. BHS Drug Court services are provided in collaboration with justice partners including the Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, City Attorney, Probation, and Sheriff. Services are provided for adults who have committed a non-violent, drug-related crime, which may be a result of their substance use. Services emphasize sobriety, housing, employment, education, and family re-unification with the goal of addressing their substance use treatment needs, divert them from incarceration, and reduce future arrests. Criminal charges may be reduced or dismissed upon successful completion of the program. During FY 2021-22, 309 clients were served in Drug Court, up from 188 the previous year.

- *Homeless Court*

The Public Defender, District Attorney's Care Center, City Attorney, and Court have been partnering on Homeless Court, which is a voluntary program that participants access through their Homeless Service Agency. It addresses a full range of misdemeanor offenses using a progressive plea-bargaining system and alternative sentencing structure that is designed to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Partner agencies have also been sponsoring Homeless Court Pop-up Resource Fairs throughout the County for post-conviction clients to remove barriers to future success, including six fairs offered during FY 2021-22.

Mandatory Supervision Court

Clients on Mandatory Supervision (MS) participate in an intensive and structured supervision process through MS Court. Approximately 45 days prior to release, clients complete a "Community Reentry Plan" and Probation prepares an MS Pre-Release Plan, which includes a risk and needs assessment, behavioral health screening when indicated, and a case plan. Thirty days prior to release, the client attends a pre-release court hearing. At that time, the client's progress in custody is reviewed and the plan for transition to the community is discussed with the Court and the multi-disciplinary team, which includes a deputy district attorney, a deputy public defender, a correctional counselor, and a probation officer. The client is then brought into court and is informed of the conditions and requirements of MS.

When the MS clients are released from custody to supervision, they participate in MS Court which is held twice weekly with regular status hearings calendared for continued monitoring

of the client's progress. In addition to these regular status hearings, the probation officer continues working with the client on the case plan, monitoring compliance, and referring the client to appropriate programs using the Community Resource Directory based on the client's assessed risk and needs.

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

- *Reentry Court*

The Reentry Court program consists of collaboration between Behavioral Health Services and justice system partners to engage individuals who have violated their probation community supervision and have been assessed as having substance use disorders and may have co-occurring mental health conditions. This program also emphasizes sobriety, housing, employment, education, and family re-unification. The successful program completion may result in early termination from Probation. During FY 2021-22, 71 clients were served in Reentry Court, up 10 from the previous year.

- **District Attorney's Felony Probation Violation Program**

In March of 2022, the District Attorney also established a felony probation violation pilot program. The goal is to open an additional "entry point" to the Collaborative Courts by screening felony probation violation cases in the Central Superior Court for eligibility and referrals to a Collaborative Court. The pilot program is still in the data collection phase.

Intercept 4 – Reentry

Intercept 4 includes reentry services to support clients as they transition back into the community after prison and jail. Examples of programs and services that align with Intercept 4 include the following:

- **Sheriff's Department Reentry Services Division**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department Reentry Services Division (RSD) provides direct and support services to the inmate population in San Diego County detention facilities. RSD counselors meet with individuals and perform an assessment to address needs. Based on needs identified, prescribed programming is done through individual and group reentry interventions in the following four tracks offered while in custody:

- *Vocational Programs*

Vocational programs offer valuable skills and participants may receive certifications, preparing them for employment opportunities in the community, in partnership with Grossmont Adult Education instructing curricula in a learning environment with hands on training. Vocational opportunities include Culinary Arts, Bakery, Commercial Laundry, Healthcare Service Assistant Training, Industrial Sewing, Landscape Maintenance, Construction Trades, Bicycle Shop, and CIVICS Landscape. San Diego Workforce Partnership offers job readiness training, resume building, and linkage to employment through the Job Centers in the reentry facilities.

- *Educational Programs*
Educational courses incorporate classroom-based learning along with independent studies to cultivate skills that will contribute to a successful reentry into the community. Educational courses include High School Equivalency and Computer Literacy through Grossmont Adult Education. College-level courses are provided by Southwestern Community College, Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College, and Palomar Community College. In addition, a science workshop is facilitated by students from the University of California San Diego.
- *Wellness Programs*
Wellness services provide individuals in custody the opportunity to work on building and maintaining healthy lifestyles through wellness education. In partnership with various community-based organizations and volunteers, the population can participate in yoga classes, meditation classes, and workshops addressing health topics. Medi-Cal enrollments are also available to support any medical needs upon release by activating their health insurance.
- *Psycho-Social Programs*
The foundation of the Psycho-Social classes offered is Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) curriculum such as Thinking for a Change, a 12-week course addressing self-cognitive change, social skills, and problem solving. Gender Responsive and Trauma Informed curriculum: Beyond Anger and Violence focuses on anger along with the traumas experienced while addressing cognitive behavioral restructuring and grounding skills for trauma triggers. Other supplemental classes are assigned based on individual needs also in partnership with contracted providers offering direct services with other evidence-based programs facilitated in a group setting.

These interventions provide additional education, skills, linkage to services in the community and assist in creating a reentry plan to support future success and reduce the likelihood of returning to custody. In FY 2020-21, one or more reentry interventions were provided to 4,470 individuals.

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

The S-SIT program serves individuals who over the last three years, have averaged 10 or more bookings per year. On average, these 100 individuals are in custody 15 days per booking and remain in the community approximately 24 days before they return to custody. As a result of their rapid cycling through the system, they are rarely connected to a provider in or out of custody. Taking a long-term look at the needs of these individuals is the focus of the S-SIT team. Reentry Services Division (RSD) counselors meet with S-SIT clients regularly to build rapport, assess the individual's interest in services, and provide support towards appropriate community referrals. RSD counselors are notified each time the client returns to custody to continue to build rapport and attempt to link the client to community resources. S-SIT team staff work closely with community providers to assist them in contacting their clients while they are in custody. Our latest report shows that 930 total annual contacts were made with S-SIT participants.

- **Sheriff's Department Coordinated Program Release**

The Sheriff's Department provides our community partners with additional assistance through the Coordinated Program Release process. Providers who pick-up individuals from the jails can submit a

Coordinated Program Release Form prior to the person's release date. The process ensures individuals being released are prepared with medication, transportation, program linkage, and transitional information. The Sheriff's Department conducted 2,744 coordinated releases for FY 2021-22.

- **Sheriff's Department Peer Reentry Leaders**

The Sheriff's Department received grant funding to provide programs and services to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus with a focus on reentry related needs. A new contract was awarded to a community-based organization to train individuals with criminal justice lived experience as Peer Reentry Leaders (PRL). The PRL Academy is a 5-week training that equips its students with the necessary knowledge and skills to lead individual or group discussion sessions on relevant topics for promoting successful reentry, including "how" and "where" to access services, and to support individuals in their transition from the detention or reentry facility into the community and to share health messages related to preventing the spread of COVID-19. During FY 2021-22, 38 individuals completed the academy and 16 speaking engagements were conducted.

- **Sheriff's Department Housing Services**

Interim housing contracts are being used as a short-term housing option for people who meet this level of need. For individuals being referred to housing, Sheriff's staff create an individualized reentry plan that addresses individual needs and includes linkages to employment services and community-based organizations for ongoing support. While individuals are in interim housing, the providers assist clients in accessing public assistance benefits (CalFresh and Medi-Cal) within 30 days of entering housing. Safe, secure, and stable housing is provided while supporting clients in achieving educational and/or employment goals, physical and mental well-being, and positive connections to the community. During FY 2021-22, 92 individuals were placed in a home.

- **Sheriff's Department Reentry Services Division Programming for Reentry, Support and Stability**

Sheriff's Department Reentry Services Division Programming for Reentry, Support and Stability (PROGRESS) opened in January 2018. The project was designed collaboratively by the Superior Court, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Probation Department, and the Health & Human Services Agency. The program was originally in the community with a focus on providing interventions which address mental health and substance abuse. When COVID-19 hit, it was clear that the existing facility where PROGRESS was housed was too small to meet the CDC's recommended guidelines. Thus, the program, its interventions, and staff were transitioned into the detention and reentry facilities in April 2020. Program staff work with individuals with a history of homelessness who have mental health needs that impact their ability to remain out of custody. The primary focus continues to be the Stepping Up goal of "reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jail."

In addition to our in-custody interventions, the Sheriff's Department works with a broad range of community providers and residential treatment programs to create reentry plans that are individually tailored to the needs of participants. By providing additional education and support along with an emphasis on ongoing mental health treatment in and out of custody, the Sheriff's Department is preparing participants to better manage their mental illness when they return to the community. During FY 2021-22, 470 participants moved through Behavioral Case Management services.

- **Behavioral Health Services In-Reach Services**

- *Project In-Reach*

Through Project In-Reach, Behavioral Health Services collaborates with the Sheriff's Department to engage individuals in custody and who have been diagnosed with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders, in treatment. This bridging program receives referrals by the Sheriff and provides services to clients 30-60 days prior to their release into the community. The program provides ongoing support to clients for up to 90 days to help them successfully transition from custody to community. In FY 2021-22, 90 clients were enrolled.

- *Wellness Ministry*

The Wellness Ministry functions similarly to Project In-Reach and includes the added element of pairing a religious pastor with a mental health clinician to provide services. This program emphasizes the support of an individual's spiritual needs and provides linkage to religious organizations within the community based on the client's choice. In FY 2021-22, 119 clients were enrolled.

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

- *Community Care Coordination (C3)*

The C3 program provides up to twelve months of comprehensive care coordination, service navigation, and housing assistance to adults who have a serious mental illness, are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, and are incarcerated or recently released from custody. All participants have a housing option available to them on the day they are released from jail. During FY 2021-22, 93 individuals were served in the program, 100% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 82% of participants who had been released for a year experienced reduced justice involvement as measured by an increase in the number of days lived out of custody in the community compared to the number of days in the 12 months prior to program enrolment.

- *Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V)*

The C3V program provides comprehensive Care Coordination, service navigation, and housing assistance to justice-involved veterans being released from the Veterans Moving Forward (VMF) mod in Vista jail and other local jails. During FY 2021-22, 69 individuals were served, 88% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 87% of participants who had been released for a year experienced reduced justice involvement as measured by an increase in the number of days lived out of custody in the community compared to the number of days in the 12 months prior to program enrolment.

- *Community Care Coordination – Straight to Home (C3STH)*

The C3STH program was launched in April 2022 and provides housing, intensive care coordination and service navigation to individuals who are experiencing homelessness, have high needs, including behavioral health needs and/or chronic physical health conditions, and are exiting local jails. During FY 2021-22, 93% of participants who had exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail.

- *Community Care Coordination Re-entry Support (C3RES)*

The C3RES program is expected to launch in January 2023. This program will provide intensive care coordination and service navigation to individuals who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, are justice-involved, including those impacted by Proposition 47 (which aims to maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated in prevention and support programs, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment), and have a history of mental illness or a substance use disorder, with additional complex factors such as physical health, social, income and legal needs. This program is designed to improve community safety through services to reduce justice system involvement for these individuals while also supporting improved health outcomes.

- **Public Health Services during Reentry**

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

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

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

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

- **District Attorney's Community CARE Center**

The Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center is a satellite office of the District Attorney's Office, located in National City. The CARE Center is a product of the community's collaboration with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, aimed at actively linking individuals in the community to community-based prevention and intervention services with the goal of building strong community relationships and reducing crime. The CARE Center provides individuals with evidence-based prevention and intervention support services to help them improve their quality of life, reduce crime and recidivism, and promote public safety.

Using an evidence-based needs assessment, motivational interviewing, and trauma-informed practices, the DA's Prevention and Intervention Program team members work with both adults and youth to identify their top needs. Crime prevention specialists at the CARE Center assist those individuals transitioning back to the community with reentry services. The CARE Center also assists families in receiving wraparound services, which includes family counseling, employment, housing, and food distribution. In 2021-2022, a total of 132 assessments were conducted at the CARE Center. Thirty-four assessments included individuals currently supervised on probation or parole, and seventy-five individuals were previously incarcerated.

- **District Attorney's Tattoo Removal Program**

The Tattoo Removal Program is a DA led initiative to support successful reentry of our justice involved populations. The program provides free of charge, to those who qualify, removal of gang and human trafficking tattoos for youth and adults who have been involved in the criminal justice system and are making strides to disassociate themselves from that life. Elimination of tattoos has been shown to improve employment opportunities and decrease negative bias towards individuals seeking to reenter the community and work force. The DA Tattoo Removal Program served 44 individuals in FY 2021-22.

- **Community Transition Center**

To facilitate the successful reentry of clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), the County of San Diego developed the Community Transition Center (CTC), which became operational in January of 2013. The CTC was created through a collaborative partnership between Probation and justice partners, including the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the Public Defender's office, and the Health & Human Services Agency (HHS). The CTC is co-located with a residential treatment program that provides a culture of recovery and resiliency that instills hope in clients returning to the community.

A key component of the program is that every PRCS client is picked up at state prison upon release and transported directly to the CTC by staff members who have lived experience with the justice and substance abuse treatment systems. The CTC is designed to reduce barriers to reentry by ensuring a seamless transition from prison to the community.

In addition to clients released from state prison, the CTC serves some clients on Mandatory Supervision who are brought to the center from jail to await placement into community-based programming. Another innovative use of the CTC is that it allows clients who violate their community supervision terms and who need treatment to be referred to and housed at the CTC while awaiting availability of a residential treatment program. This temporary housing helps to save limited jail bed space and keeps the clients in a therapeutic environment until they can enter a program. During FY 2021-22, 319 clients were referred to the CTC in lieu of custody, saving an estimated 2,233 jail days.

The CTC is the site of a Multi-Disciplinary Team comprised of probation officers, Behavioral Health Services Team (BHST) licensed mental health clinicians, treatment staff, a nurse case manager, and Medi-Cal Assistance Support specialists from the Health & Human Services Agency.

Upon arrival at the CTC, clients are drug tested and assessed for criminogenic risk and needs using the Reentry version of the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) tool and screened for behavioral health needs. Clients can meet with a nurse case manager as well as with Medi-Cal Assistance Support staff, as needed.

Through the assessment and screening process, the clients' criminogenic, behavioral health, and physical health needs are identified. Clients are then linked to appropriate community-based treatment and intervention programs to address their needs. Services range from strength-based mental health case management, full-service partnership/Assertive Community Treatment programs, outpatient substance use disorder (SUD) programs, residential SUD programs, withdrawal management programs, co-occurring programs, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and education/employment services. Clients also have immediate access to on-site short-term housing pending placement in long-term programs.

With the implementation of the CTC, probation officers can immediately assess and engage the clients and connect them with services needed to successfully reintegrate into society. While at the CTC, a preliminary case plan is developed, and clients are referred to treatment and intervention services. Upon leaving the CTC and reporting to the assigned supervision probation officer, clients may be referred to additional services based on their specialized case plans.

During FY 2021-22, 1,556 clients were screened and assessed at the CTC. Reentry services were provided to 647 clients on Post Release Community Supervision released from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and 119 clients on Mandatory Supervision released from jail.

Clients at the CTC received 1,810 referrals to services including 662 referrals to residential treatment for SUD, 600 referrals to mental health treatment, 254 referrals to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and 294 referrals to Outpatient Treatment Programs. Over 837 clients utilized temporary housing at the CTC during FY 2021-22.

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

- **My Reentry Roadmap Resource Guide**

The Probation Department developed a resource guide called My Reentry Roadmap that provides clients and community members with links and guidance for the successful transition back into the San Diego community: [MyReentryRoadmap.pdf \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#). The resource guide helps clients to identify what they need to transition back into the community given the available resources throughout San Diego County. It provides information about how to be successful on community supervision including information about accessing the following: identification/documents; transportation services; housing and homeless services; substance use disorder resources; medical services; social security/disability; Veteran’s services; resources for families; employment/education; financial literacy; and criminal record relief.

Intercept 5 – Community Corrections

Intercept 5 focuses on community supervision with supports including treatment for mental health and substance use disorders to prevent violations of community supervision and recidivism. Examples of programs and services that align with Intercept 5 include the following:

- **Realigned Populations Supervised by Probation**

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

MS who receive a “split” sentence are required to spend a portion of their sentence in jail and another portion under probation supervision.

During CY 2021, 791 individuals were on MS and 3,003 individuals were on PRCS. Clients on MS were predominantly male (74%) and identified as 2% Asian, 9% Black, 51% Hispanic, 35% White, and 3% other. PRCS clients on supervision were predominately male (92%) and identified as 3% Asian, 23% Black, 39% Hispanic, 32% White, and 3% other.

- **Community Supervision Model**

The San Diego County Probation Department utilizes evidence-based practices in the supervision and case management of its clients. The process begins by assessing a client’s risk and criminogenic needs using the COMPAS assessment tool. The COMPAS is a validated risk assessment designed to measure the critical risk and needs of adult clients in the correctional system to provide objective, structured decision-making regarding the level of supervision and interventions that could reduce their risk to reoffend.

Based on the results of the COMPAS assessment, the Probation Department applies an evidence-based and therapeutic approach by developing individualized case plans to target the client’s highest needs and increase the likelihood of success. Officers utilize the Community Resource Directory (CRD), which is a web-based resource developed by the Probation Department that provides a catalogue of countywide services to which clients can be referred. The CRD supports the delivery of case management services by probation officers who assess client needs and develop individualized case plans with referrals to services in the community to address behavioral health, substance abuse, and other issues. For FY 2021-22, 98% of eligible clients on Post-Release Community Supervision and Mandatory Supervision were referred to services through the CRD. Clients of different races/ethnicities were referred to services at similar rates, including 97% of Black clients, 97% of Hispanic clients, 98% of White clients, and 98% of other clients.

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

During community supervision, probation officers positively reinforce progress and sanction negative behavior with the goal of reinforcing long-term positive behavior change. Probation officers apply Integrated Behavioral Intervention Strategies in their interactions with their clients. Equipped with motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral skills, probation officers engage their clients to encourage lasting behavior change and to promote positive outcomes. These evidence-based supervision and intervention services are provided with a focus on reentry.

During FY 2021-22, the Probation Department provided interim housing to adult clients on supervision and began planning for the implementation of Housing and Resource Navigators with lived experience who will provide peer-to-peer outreach. The Housing and Resource Navigators will support clients and assist them in transitioning from interim housing to safe and secure housing while increasing self-sufficiency through career development, social service enrollment, and advocacy.

The Probation Department monitors recidivism for clients based on the criteria defined by the Chief Probation Officers of California that measures new convictions during supervision. During FY 2021-22, 92% of clients on Mandatory Supervision and 70% of clients on Post Release Community Supervision terminated without new convictions. When clients were followed for one year after termination from supervision, 97% of clients on Mandatory Supervision and 99% of clients on Post Release Community Supervision did not have new convictions.

As another indicator of success during FY 2021-22, 46% of clients on Post Release Community Supervision successfully completed supervision within twelve months by increasing the use of early discharge for clients in compliance with the conditions of supervision.

- **Assertive Community Treatment**

- *Post Release- Assertive Community Treatment*

The Post Release Outpatient Program Services (PROPS) Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program utilizes the ACT model of care to serve clients who are diagnosed with serious mental illness, which may include co-occurring substance use, who have been adjudicated under AB 109, and who are supervised by local Probation (i.e., Post Release Community Supervision and Mandatory Supervision). The PROPS ACT program provides comprehensive mental health services to individuals who have extensive contacts with the criminal justice system, and includes outreach and engagement, benefits assistance, independent living skills training, counseling, and transitional housing support. In FY 2021-22, 96 clients were served by the PROPS ACT program, an increase of 51 clients from the previous year.

- *Center Star Assertive Community Treatment*

The Center Star Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) utilizes the ACT model of care to provide comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, field-based mental health services for justice-involved clients who are diagnosed with SMI and co-occurring disorders who are experiencing homelessness. The program supports the client in stepping down to a lower level of care within the program utilizing a strength-based case management approach and offers both transitional and long-term housing resources. During FY 2021-22, 207 clients were served at Center Star.

- *Vida Assertive Community Treatment*

The Vida Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program utilizes the ACT model of care to serve clients that have been diagnosed with serious mental illness and may have co-occurring disorders, who are experiencing homelessness and are re-entering the community from custody. The program specializes in assessing criminogenic needs to ensure they are addressed in the treatment plan. During FY 2021-22, 129 clients were provided with the ACT program at Vida.

- **Strength-Based Case Management**

The AB 109 Strength-Based Case Management (SBCM) program provides outpatient mental health services, including medication management and strength-based case management. This program has flex funds to cover various needs including temporary housing. Participants in this program are

referred by Probation and are under supervision. The program serves adults 18 years old and older and serves a minimum of 465 clients annually.

- **Post Release Community Supervision Violation Pilot Program**

During FY 2021-22, the District Attorney established a multi-disciplinary pilot program in collaboration with Public Defender, Probation, Behavioral Health Services, and the Court, for “high resource utilizer” Post Release Community Supervision violators who suffer from mental health and substance abuse. The team meets weekly to plan for post-release care-coordination and supervision. The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) has evaluated 33 cases, which has resulted in an increase in the number of days before engaging in a new violation from a pre-MDT average of 20 days to a post-MDT average of 124 days.

- **Public Defender’s Fresh Start Program**

The Public Defender operates the Fresh Start Program that provides comprehensive criminal record relief. The Fresh Start program assists clients in moving forward to overcome the difficulties that a criminal record can make finding employment, obtaining housing, enrolling/funding an education, and securing other civic opportunities. From reducing felony convictions to misdemeanors, dismissing/expunging criminal records, and to getting Certificates of Rehabilitation, the Public Defender helps clients make a Fresh Start. During FY 2021-22, 2,722 Fresh Start cases were opened.

- **Public Defender Fresh Start Grant-Funded Unit**

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

- **District Attorney’s SB 483 Resentencing Unit**

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

- **District Attorney’s Community Grant Program**

The District Attorney’s Community Grant Program (CGP) seeks to engage San Diego County community-based organizations to identify and implement new and innovative methods to address community safety and expand community assets, such as hope and resilience regardless of zip code. One-time grant funding of up to \$50,000 is awarded to participating organizations for a maximum of twelve months, to grow promising evidence-based solutions that produce positive results in the following four focus areas: youth and family support, environmental justice, protecting vulnerable

youth, and victim support. In FY 2021-22, 82 grants were awarded through the District Attorney Community Grants Program.

CGP partners with small organizations embedded in communities who may not have had previous access to grant opportunities but are poised to propose innovative and dynamic communitive-based approaches to addressing the four areas of focus. The District Attorney's Office is committed to ensuring CGP providers reflect the diverse makeup of the communities we serve.

- **District Attorney's K-12 Community Grant Program**

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

Through this grant program, the District Attorney's Office and fellow stakeholders, including the Health & Human Services Agency's Behavioral Health Services and Child Welfare Services, Office of Equity and Racial Justice, and the County Office of Education, strive to identify and implement programs that address educational equity and acceleration of learning, behavioral health needs, housing, food stability, address poverty, provide mentorship and wrap-around services that allow children to thrive. In FY 2021-22, 47 grants were awarded through this program.