Alternatives to Incarceration

Alternatives to Incarceration Update
Office of Community Safety (OCS)

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Behavioral Health Advisory Board

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Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI)

- Collaborative County initiative focused on community-based programs and resources that prevent incarceration or reincarceration
- Public Safety, Office of Community Safety, provides administrative leadership and direct services
- Leadership structure includes HHSA, Office Equity and Racial Justice, Public Safety
- Partner departments include BHS, HHSA departments criminal justice departments, County Library, Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement
- Advisory Group community members inform priorities

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ATI Work Plan Program Highlights

- Two programs provide care coordination/housing for justice involved individuals with complex needs
- Homeless Court pop up events
- Jail reentry programs focused on expanding in-custody programming and successful reentry
- Universal transportation/transit passes at jail release
- Medi-Cal enrollment for justice-involved individuals and CAL AIM integration
- Fair Chance Act education and enforcement
- Peer workforce events and coordination
- Recovery Bridge and Reentry Hub
- Paid lived experience consultants advising on program development



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Peer Support in Action 2026 Event

- Hosted the third annual Peer Support in Action event on August 5, 2026, at Grossmont College
- Connected justice-involved community members with career and education pathways in behavioral health and peer support
- Featured presentations from NAMI, Pacific Clinics, Grossmont College and peer support professionals along with peer panels highlighting lived experience and career success
- Provided free lunch, onsite parking, and resource connections to support participation



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Peer Support Workforce Development

- Overarching goal: Peers with behavioral health and justice involvement support effective treatment settings and successful reentry
- Secondary goal: Justice involved community members learn about career and educational opportunities, network, and connect to funded certification programs
- Three events since 2024 in Central, North and East Regions
- Over 400+ members of the community, including individuals recently released and in treatment
- Next event will be held in South Region and looking to partner with BHS Elevate Program

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Reentry Hub Vision

Welcoming, Accessible Hub

- Strong support for a welcoming, centrally located Hub

Whole-Person, Trauma-Informed Services

- Services address various needs in a safe place and a safe manner, peer staff

Easy Access to Resources

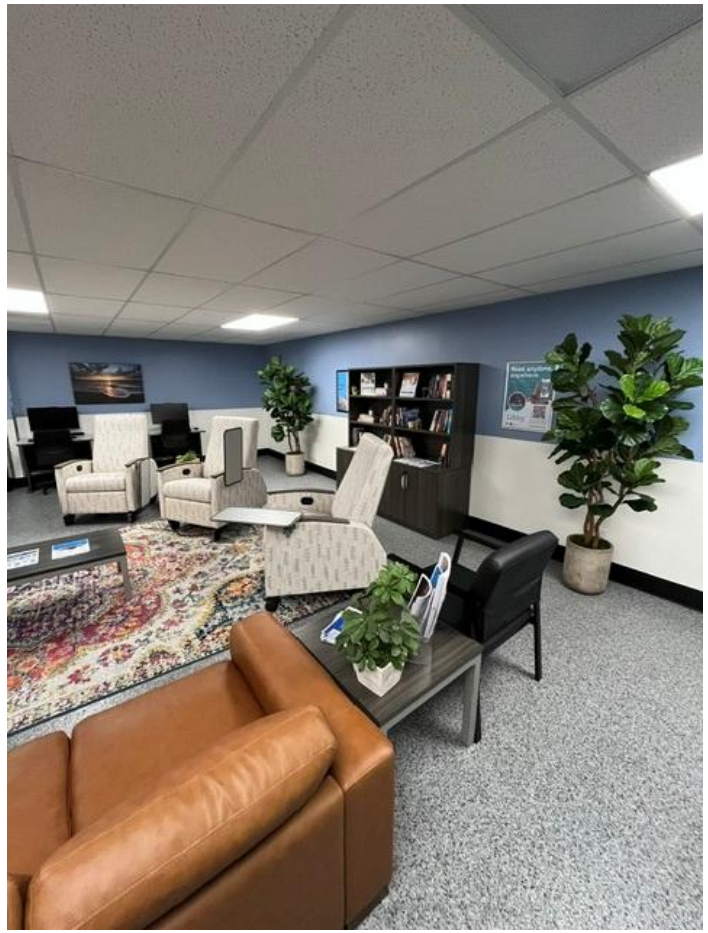
- Need for co-located, easily, accessible information and services

Partnerships & Pathways

- Collaborative model with clear pathways through various systems such as criminal-legal system, housing, employment, and education

Realizing the Vision: Recovery Bridge and Reentry Hub (RBRH)

- Sobering services and treatment connections by McAlister
  - 24/7 Program
- Peer support and case management services by UPAC
  - 7 days a week, 8:30 a.m.- 5p.m.
- No wrong door: Providers coordinate closely
- Bridge housing for justice-involved clients waiting for treatment



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NEED HELP? START HERE.

PEERS WITH JUSTICE SYSTEM LIVED EXPERIENCE WILL SUPPORT YOU.

Welcoming & Open 24/7!

HERE YOU CAN FIND:

Behavioral health and social services connections
Connecting with court or public defender
Assistance with public benefits
Showers and hygiene supplies
Space to rest or recover
Transportation support
Housing resources
Computer access
Snacks and water
Phone charging

RECOVERY BRIDGE & REENTRY HUB

OPEN 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK

2506 MARKET ST SAN DIEGO, CA 92102

HOW TO GET HERE

Accessible via public transportation

Trolley (Orange Line) Commercial St. - approx 15 min walk
Bus Routes along Market St: 3, 4, 5, 13, 60, 916, 917, 955
Nearest stop: Market St & 25th St (Routes 3 & 5)

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RBRH Focused Populations

- Justice-involved clients with open cases/recently released from jail
- Prop 36/open drug cases
- People with warrants because of missed court dates
- People arrested/cited frequently by law enforcement
- Justice-involved individuals seeking treatment at “inconvenient times”

What's Next in ATI

- Continued enterprise collaboration amid constant change
- Monitoring and developing evaluation for current programs
- Working on new actions based on Advisory Group priorities



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Get Involved

We’d like to stay connected. For questions, updates and information about upcoming opportunities, please contact: psg-outreach@sdcounty.ca.gov



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Thank You!

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