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## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT



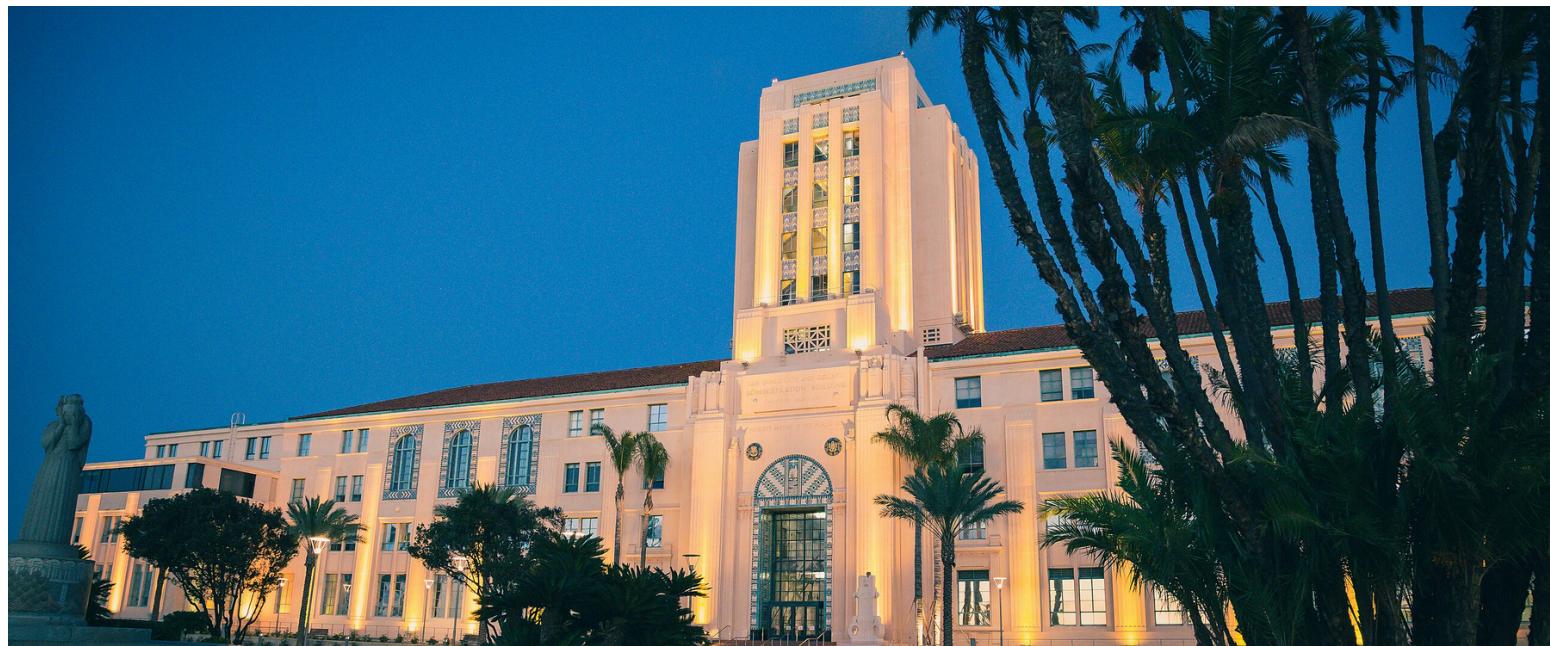
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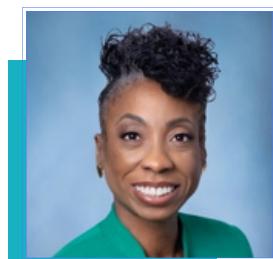
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# COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Executive Committee has its membership defined in statute and votes to adopt the CCP Plan prior to its submission for approval by the County Board of Supervisors.



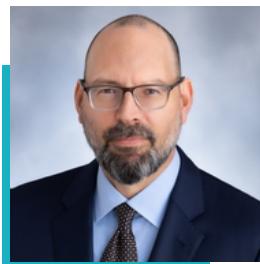
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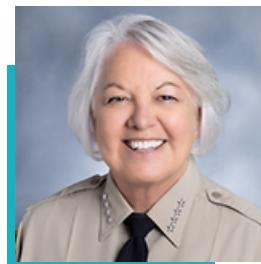
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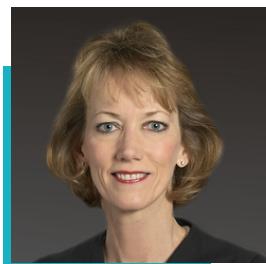
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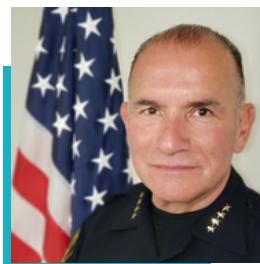
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# FY 2025-26

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP PLAN

The County of San Diego's Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Plan describes programs and services that demonstrate the successful implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB 109). The CCP Plan centers on populations that were affected by AB 109, 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. The local plan intentionally aligns with these initiatives but is not intended to reflect all activities related to the broader initiatives.

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### 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 sentencing 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.

The shifting of supervision and housing from CDCR to San Diego County required a comprehensive CCP Plan to effectively implement these modifications to the criminal justice system without compromising public safety.



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AGENCIES

Multiple agencies and departments, along with the community, contribute to the successful implementation of the Community Corrections Partnership Plan.

Within the County, the Probation Department, the Court, the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, Public Defender, the Public Safety Group, and the Health and Human Services Agency work together to develop, implement, and oversee services and supports for clients across all stages of justice involvement.

## District Attorney's Office

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 ten Collaborative Courts, including: Veterans Treatment Court, Reentry Court, four county-wide Drug Courts, Behavioral Health Court, Behavioral Health Diversion's Treatment Court, Mandatory Supervision Court, and Parole/Post Release Community Supervision Revocation Court, in addition to a monthly Homeless Court, and a bi-monthly Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair.



District Attorney Summer Stephan at the Juvenile Diversion Initiative Annual Convening

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AGENCIES

## Health and Human Services Agency

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is comprised of seven service departments and six administrative support divisions that coordinate within and across HHSA 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 for a region that is healthy, safe and thriving.

Through the collective efforts of our partners, HHSA promotes wellness, self-sufficiency, equity, and improved quality of life for individuals and families. The HHSA departments of Behavioral Health Services, Housing and Community Development Services, Medical Care Services, Public Health Services, and Self-Sufficiency Services deliver services that support CCP Plan 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 prevention, treatment, recovery, and support services, collaborating with Public Safety Partners, the Courts, and other law enforcement agencies across the sequential intercepts.

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 outpatient mental health and substance use programs, residential substance use treatment programs, 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.

### *Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions*

The Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions (HCDS-OHS) is focused on direct services delivery and countywide coordination and collaboration across the homelessness continuum of care. HCDS-OHS staff work with multi-disciplinary teams across a coordinated and robust network of countywide homeless and housing services and provide support through outreach, case management, housing navigation, emergency housing, and specialized programs that serve people with disabilities, seniors, youth, LGBTQ+ and justice-involved individuals.

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AGENCIES

## *Medical Care Services*

The mission of Medical Care Services (MCS) is to ensure San Diego County is home to America's premier local wellness delivery system with an emphasis on quality, equity, sustainability, and transparency. MCS supports access to evidence-based care through a variety of programs. MCS supports the planning and implementation of new opportunities afforded by Medi-Cal Transformation, also referred to as CalAIM. The Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative will further enhance efforts to improve physical and behavioral healthcare and access to supportive services for the justice-involved population, including pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment, behavioral health links, Enhanced Care Management, Community Supports, and 90-day pre-release services for those returning to the community from custody.

## *Public Health Services*

Public Health Services (PHS) 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 human immunodeficiency virus (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. Additionally, the HIV, STD and Hepatitis Branch provides linkages to temporary housing.

The California Board of State and Community Corrections Standards Authority requires the County of San Diego Public Health Officer (PHO), under Health and Safety Code § 101045, to annually conduct Title 15 Medical/Mental Health (MMH), Environmental Health, and Nutritional inspections. These inspections assess and determine whether minimum standards for the detention facilities are met as set forth in the applicable sections of the Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations. The facilities to be inspected include Probation, Juvenile Court and detention facilities, adult detention facilities, Court holding facilities, sheriff stations, police department holding facilities, and work furlough facilities.

PHS has contracted with National Commission on Correctional Health Care Resources, Inc. to conduct Title 15 MMH and Nutritional inspections on behalf of PHS and Department of Environmental Health and Quality conducts the Environmental Health inspections, with PHO review and approval of all final inspection reports.

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AGENCIES

## *Self-Sufficiency Services*

Health and Human Services Agency's Self-Sufficiency Services assists in providing individuals and families access to services that help them in achieving self-sufficiency, such as health insurance, supplemental food assistance, and cash aid.

Through pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment, individuals have continuity of health coverage and services upon their release, as well as access to key services to help individuals successfully return to their communities. Medi-Cal enrollment is increasingly important as upcoming benefits and resources will be available through Medi-Cal Transformation, also referred to as CalAIM, to support the reentry process, as well as provide community-based care management and service coordination to address health and social needs for eligible justice-involved individuals.

## Probation Department

The County of San Diego Probation Department is composed of highly skilled professionals promoting safer communities through engagement and connecting individuals to the highest quality of services, while balancing opportunity with accountability. The 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 and to assist crime victims in numerous capacities.

The Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services 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.

The Department's Pretrial Services Unit supports all clients released by the Courts under a Supervised Own Recognizance status using a collaborative and evidence-based approach. The Department provides clients exiting jail and prison with reentry services, such as those provided by the Community Transition Center. Services are provided through the Collaborative Courts that utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach to client supervision and treatment. The Department supervises clients affected by Assembly Bill 109, including adult clients on Post Release Community Supervision and Mandatory Supervision.

Clients served by the Department are connected to a range of supportive services, including transportation, access to clothing and basic necessities, employment services, and help navigating social support benefits. Clients have access to interim housing and Housing and Resource Navigators, who help them secure stable housing and job opportunities. Comprehensive behavioral health care is offered as needed. By leveraging community partnerships and resources, the Department strives to build a supportive network that empowers clients to make positive changes and reintegrate successfully into their communities.

# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AGENCIES

## 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 and Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections (PACC) Team. The Holistic Services Unit is embedded within the Public Defender's Office and is made up of licensed mental health clinicians, substance abuse assessors, and housing navigators who assist with reintegrating justice-involved clients into the community. The Public Defender's PACC Team is primarily focused on working with clients between arrest and arraignment to support stable community release and appearance at future Court hearings.

The Public Defender works with clients after a conviction through the Fresh Start Program to give clients a second chance outside of prison by assisting with post-conviction relief such as expungements.

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.

## Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office 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 Office.

The Office 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 Office is responsible for booking arrestees and releasing persons in custody, ensuring Court appearances, and providing necessary daily care for an average of 3,988 incarcerated persons per day during FY 2024-25.

The Office provides security services to the third largest trial Court system in the nation. The Office also serves as the County's levying and enforcement agency for the execution, service and return of all writs, warrants, and temporary restraining orders.

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In developing the Community Corrections Partnership Plan, partner agencies identified overarching principles to guide the work aimed at effectively serving our community.

## ■ Data Integration Efforts

Pursue data sharing and integration efforts between justice partners and the Health and Human Services Agency to promote diversion and enhance the coordination of care for individuals with justice involvement, to support data-driven decision making, and measure meaningful outcomes.

## ■ Community & Stakeholder Engagement

Facilitate robust community and stakeholder engagement including individuals with lived experience to ensure service equity across the region.

## ■ Multi-Agency Collaboration

Engage in multi-disciplinary collaboration and leverage community and stakeholder resources to address operational and legislative challenges in a timely and comprehensive manner.

## ■ Equity

Reduce disparities across the health and justice systems and ensure equitable access to quality prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services to unserved and underserved communities.



Community Resource Fair





Free haircuts offered at a Community Resource Fair

# CCP PLAN GOALS

## San Diego County's Overarching Strategy

### 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 focuses on providing services to prevent law-enforcement contact and to support alternatives to incarceration.

### Goal 2

**Enhance reentry interventions through transition from custody to the community.**

Goal 2 focuses on enhancing reentry interventions during the process from incarceration until the client returns to the community and gets reestablished with services and supports.



Probation Officer meeting with a client



Sheriff's Office Reentry Works at the Earth Day Fair

### Goal 3

**Provide evidence-based supervision and intervention services to reduce recidivism.**

Goal 3 ensures that clients who are justice-involved receive supervision, treatment, and case management services that are evidence-based and trauma-informed.

# GOAL 1

## OBJECTIVES

Each of the Community Corrections Partnership Plan goals has objectives that identify the specific strategies and interventions implemented to achieve the goals.

**Objective**

**1**

Maximize prevention and diversion opportunities to divert individuals with primary behavioral health conditions, including substance use conditions, away from justice involvement by connecting them to behavioral health care and housing services.

**Objective**

**2**

Maximize use of alternative custody options and explore opportunities for growth in areas such as:

- District Attorney (DA) Juvenile Diversion Initiative
- Probation Department Pretrial Services
- Public Defender (PD) Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections
- PD Holistic Services Unit
- DA Community Justice Initiative
- DA Transitional Age Youth Diversion Initiative
- County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit
- Work Furlough/Residential Reentry Center
- Collaborative Courts referrals
- DA Homeless Enhanced Legal Program (HELP)/East County Drug Court Severe Co-Occurring Pilot Program (SCOPE)
- DA Prop 36 - HS 11395 Deferred Entry of Judgment Program
- Probation Department Community Transition Center



Exodus Mobile Crisis Response Team

# GOAL 1

## OBJECTIVES

### Objective

**3** Capitalize on all housing resources available and work towards addressing and removing barriers to housing.

### Objective

**4** 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.

### Objective

**5** Strengthen partnerships through co-location of departments and programs to support an integrated model of supervision and service delivery.



Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair

# GOAL 2

## OBJECTIVES

Reentry services prepare clients while they are in custody to ensure successful transitions back to the community.

### OBJECTIVE 1

Provide direct and support services to the incarcerated 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

### OBJECTIVE 2

Provide services to individuals as they are transitioning back to the community upon release including:

- Reentry planning
- Intensive case management where appropriate
- Coordinated release with community partners
- Care coordination to include linkage to community support, interim housing, and transportation services
- Mentoring using community members with lived experiences
- Addressing behavioral health care and homelessness
- Linkages to a medical home for physical and behavioral healthcare
- Behavioral health linkages and in-reach care management through the Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative
- Public health services for HIV-positive individuals and other communicable diseases



District Attorney Summer Stephan with Sheriff's Office staff

# GOAL 2

## OBJECTIVES

### OBJECTIVE 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
- District Attorney's (DA) Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center
- DA Tattoo Removal Program
- DA Community Grant Program
- Public Defender's Defense Transition Unit and Substance Use Assessment Unit
- Probation Department Community Transition Center
- Increased utilization of resources for education, employment, financial literacy, and housing
- Improved physical and behavioral healthcare coordination through new opportunities provided by the Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative, such as Enhanced Care Management and Community Support services



**Reentry services  
help clients to  
successfully  
transition back to  
the community**



Chief Probation Officer Tamika Nelson (left) with staff

## GOAL 3 OBJECTIVES

### Objective 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), using principles and practices proven to support engagement and accountability including the use of incentives and risk-based supervision.

### Objective 2

The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division and the Public Defender's Collaborative Courts / Holistic Services Units will continue to staff the Collaborative Courts, MS Court, and Parole and PRCS Revocation Court with specialized Deputy District Attorneys, Public Defenders, and clinicians who have expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.



# GOAL 3

## OBJECTIVES

### Objective 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 reentering 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.



Community Resource Fair

### Objective 4

Identify and address gaps in services for clients with acute mental health and substance use disorders who have co-occurring conditions.

### Objective 5

Provide 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.

# SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL

## POINTS FOR INTERVENTION

In developing the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Plan, the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) was used to understand how clients come into contact with the criminal justice system and to identify interventions to minimize involvement with the system.

- Goal 1 of the CCP Plan generally aligns with SIM intercepts 0 through 2.
- Goal 2 of the CCP Plan generally aligns with SIM intercepts 3 and 4.
- Goal 3 of the CCP Plan generally aligns with SIM intercept 5.



# COUNTYWIDE INITIATIVES

## Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI)

The ATI initiative aims to reduce incarceration of individuals who do not pose a public safety threat and promote public safety, health and equity.

The County of San Diego's ATI initiative, established by the Board of Supervisors in October 2021 and affirmed in May 2023, aims to reduce incarceration of individuals who do not pose a public safety threat and promote public safety, health, and equity. It collaborates with justice, health, and community stakeholders to advance strategies and services that prevent initial incarceration and reduce recidivism.

ATI addresses justice system disparities with community-based prevention, behavioral health-focused alternatives, and booking alternatives for low-level misdemeanors. It adds service connections and support for individuals released pretrial; and for those in-custody, it promotes successful reintegration through transitional planning and connections to supportive services.

Key components include extending universal transportation, care coordination, and housing for individuals exiting jail and those who are at risk of entering jail, establishing a centralized resource and reentry hub, expanding in-custody rehabilitative programming,

and hosting job fairs focused on career pathways and peer roles for justice-involved individuals. The initiative also focuses on Fair Chance Act outreach to support employment for individuals with a history of justice involvement and connecting justice-involved populations to healthcare and other benefits including services available through Medi-Cal Transformation.

ATI operates under guiding principles emphasizing equitable access, data-driven evaluation, and cross-agency collaboration. Integral to its approach is involving individuals with lived justice system and behavioral health experience and increasing peer support in the service system.

The ATI enterprise structure includes an Advisory Group with community members and County representatives that monitors the ATI Work Plan, reviews system needs and provides recommendations. CCP Departments are represented on the Advisory Group, and the CCP Plan supports and reflects the ATI initiative.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At the County of San Diego, community engagement is fundamental to our mission. As a guiding principle of the Community Corrections Partnership Plan, engaging with the community and stakeholders is at the core of what we do.



## Engagement Strategies

Agencies provide a comprehensive array of services, programs, and strategies designed to engage the community in various ways. The County involves individuals with lived experiences in collaborative initiatives and problem-solving efforts.

## Key Engagement Events

County agencies host a variety of community engagement events designed to connect with clients and provide them with resources.

These events include the East County Resource Fair, Veteran Stand Down Events, Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs, Alternatives to Incarceration Community Forums, Public Defender “Know Your Rights” events, Probation Department’s Citizens Academy, Sheriff’s Office Spanish Academy, District Attorney’s Juvenile Diversion Initiative monthly Community Collaborative meetings, and Docu-Ready Resource Fairs.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Citizens Academy participants using virtual reality

## Citizens Academy

The Probation Department regularly hosts Citizens Academies. The Academies allow community members to gain an increased understanding of the role, operations and practices of the Department. Participants have the opportunity to tour the Department's Youth Transition Campus, Community Transition Center, and state-of-the-art Training Center. They also engage in panel discussions with the Department's executive team during the final session.

## Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs

In 2021, the Public Defender, District Attorney, City Attorney, Superior Court, and Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions came together to create a resource fair for the unhoused in our community. These pop-up style resource fairs rotate monthly, to different areas throughout the County of San Diego, providing resources and relief to those who need it most.



Sheriff's Office Spanish Academy

## Spanish Academy

The Sheriff's Office Spanish Academy held its seventh academy in May 2025, celebrating the graduation of 64 community members. This six-week academy provides an opportunity for the community to meet our dedicated deputies while learning about public safety topics. This relationship building program was designed to provide equity in educating our Spanish-speaking community about law enforcement procedures and available resources.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Docu-Ready Resource Fair

## Docu-Ready Fairs

The San Diego District Attorney's Office hosts quarterly Docu-Ready Resource Fairs at the Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center. These fairs focus on reducing barriers to obtaining vital personal records, such as Birth Certificates, Social Security cards, and California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification cards, in partnership with the DMV, the San Diego Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk's Office, Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Administration, and the Internal Revenue Service. Attendees can also receive assistance with tax preparation, employment services, long-term housing assistance, and unemployment claims. The CARE Center is a community office dedicated to connecting individuals and their families to community-based interventions to prevent crime and victimization.

## Parole and Community Team Meeting

The Health and Human Services Agency Self-Sufficiency Services Department participated in a Parole and Community Team meeting every month. These meetings are designed to help justice-involved individuals reintegrate into their communities by connecting them with local service providers. Social workers with Hospital and Community Support Services carried out more than 276 interactions in FY 2024-25, offering hands-on support to individuals and families navigating self-sufficiency programs. These efforts included assistance with food and cash aid, securing health insurance coverage, and replacing lost benefits or Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards.



Self-Sufficiency Services at the Parole and Community Team meeting

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The County implements many different programs and services that are aligned with the goals of the Community Corrections Partnership Plan.

This section highlights examples of programs and services implemented by the County that are aligned with the goals and objectives of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Plan.

Given the extensive array of services provided by the County and its partner agencies, the programs and services described below are just a few examples and do not encompass the entire inventory of County initiatives that support the objectives of the CCP Plan.

**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 - OBJECTIVE 1

**Maximize prevention and diversion opportunities to divert individuals with primary behavioral health conditions, including substance use conditions, away from justice involvement by connecting them to behavioral health care and housing services.**

### 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, when safety is not a concern, 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 2024-25, MCRTs served 9,842 clients.

### Behavioral Health Services - Crisis Stabilization Units

Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) 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.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) services provide a client-centered and cost savings approach to care, diverting individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis away from an unnecessary emergency department visit or acute care hospitalization.

The CSUs are located across the County (Central, South, North Inland, and North Coastal regions). Development is in progress to site the East County region CSU with implementation forecasted for 2025.

An additional CSU will be operational in 2025 in Chula Vista. This CSU is co-located within an emergency department. During FY 2024-25, CSUs provided crisis care to 14,178 clients.

## **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 police dispatch 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 may also transport individuals to a hospital or other community-based treatment, as appropriate.

During FY 2024-25, PERT completed 8,470 crisis intervention contacts.

## **Behavioral Health Services - Recovery and Bridge Center**

The Recovery and Bridge Center (RBC) 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 health, safety, or law enforcement personnel. Services are provided up to 24 hours and may incorporate linkages to behavioral health services, linkages to medication assisted treatment, linkages to shelter, referrals to longer-term withdrawal management programs, and coordination of care with other providers, as applicable.

During FY 2024-25, there were a total of 3,403 individuals transported to the RBC, with 2,357 of those transports leading to successful admissions to the RBC.

## **Behavioral Health Services - TURN to Recovery**

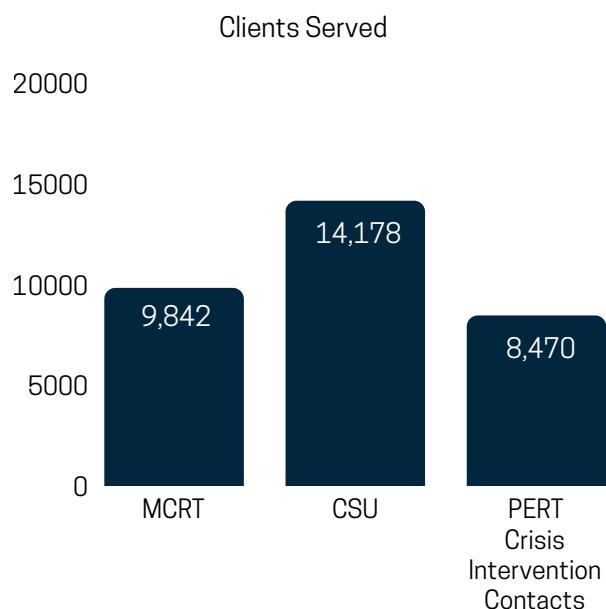
The TURN to Recovery program (formerly the Serial Inebriate Program) is a collaboration between Behavioral Health Services, San Diego Housing Commission, and law enforcement to provide substance use treatment services for individuals with a primary Alcohol Use Disorder who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. In addition to outpatient substance use treatment services, the program provides care coordination and short-term transitional housing, if eligible.

During FY 2024-25, the program served 137 clients.

# GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 1

## Prevention and Diversion

### FY 2024-25



#### Diverting clients from the justice system into behavioral health care

Individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis are stabilized and connected to ongoing services through the use of the following:

- Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT)
- Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU)
- Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) Crisis Intervention Contacts

**2,357**  
Admitted

#### Recovery and Bridge Center

RBC provides alternatives to custody for individuals inebriated in public and in need of sobering services.

**137**  
Served

#### TURN to Recovery Program

TURN to Recovery provides services for individuals with alcohol use disorders who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.



Mobile Crisis Response Team - Telecare

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## **District Attorney - 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 three CCPs 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.

CCPs also organize community events including forums on various criminal justice related topics which create opportunities for community feedback to the District Attorney's Office through the CPP's work in our neighborhoods.

## **District Attorney - Project Intervention, Mentorship, Prevention, Accountability, and Community Trust (IMPACT)**

Project IMPACT is designed to curtail juvenile delinquency, diminish recidivism rates, and provide viable alternatives to involvement in street gangs, substance abuse, and a life entangled in the criminal justice system.

Through a 24-session introductory course spanning 12 weeks, participants have the opportunity to engage with law enforcement officials and community members, fostering authentic relationships with positive role models.

The 12-week course incorporates decision-making classes, healthy communication, financial literacy, conflict resolution, athletics, field trips, and student-led discussions. Throughout this period, special guest speakers, including individuals with lived experiences in the criminal justice system, are regularly invited to share their life stories and provide valuable life lessons to the group. In addition to the structured curriculum, students will have access to a diverse range of extracurricular activities aimed at fostering holistic development. These opportunities include daily sports activities, academic assistance, mentor support, and team-building activities with peers. By providing these services and meaningful engagements, the program aims to help youth recognize their value, enhance self-worth, and build confidence while shaping their vision for achieving life goals.

Upon successful completion, individuals who graduate from the program acquire essential skills that enable them to make more informed decisions, positively influencing the quality of life for both their families and communities. We encourage graduates to come back as student leaders, fostering an ongoing relationship with the Project IMPACT staff. Beyond the support provided during group sessions, graduates have access to additional assistance, such as tutoring, employment preparation, counseling, and referrals to external organizations. This comprehensive support network aims to ensure the continued success and well-being of our graduates as they navigate their post-program journey.

# GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

## Alternatives to Custody

The programs and services included in the Community Corrections Partnership Plan under Goal 1 provide alternatives to custody at multiple intercepts in the criminal justice system, from initial contact with police to avoiding jail time for clients who are on community supervision. Alternatives to custody help clients maintain their ties to the community while avoiding the collateral consequences of incarceration such as loss of employment. They reserve jail resources for those who commit serious crimes and who pose risks to public safety.

JUSTICE SYSTEM DECISION POINT	SIM INTERCEPT*	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
Diversion	2	Juvenile Diversion Initiative	Clients participate in services to avoid criminal charges being filed
During the Court process	2	Pretrial Services	Clients are released from custody and monitored while going to Court
During the Court process	2	Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections Team	Individuals are supported during criminal case processing
During the Court process	2	Holistic Services Unit	Individuals are supported during criminal case processing
Sentencing alternatives	3	Community Justice Initiative	Post-plea program with services that may result in cases dismissed
Sentencing alternatives	3	Transitional Age Youth Diversion Program	Post-plea program with services that may result in cases dismissed
Sentencing alternatives	3	Prop 36: HS 11395 Deferred Entry of Judgment Program	Post-plea programs with services that may result in cases dismissed
Sentencing alternatives	3	County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit	Clients complete their custodial sentence in a non-jail setting
Sentencing alternatives	3	Work Furlough and Residential Reentry Centers	Clients complete their custodial sentence in a non-jail setting
Sentencing alternatives	3	Collaborative Courts	Clients receive supervision and treatment in a non-jail setting
Sentencing alternatives	3	Homeless Enhanced Legal Program	Post-arrest program to assist clients experiencing homelessness
Community supervision	5	Community Transition Center	Clients with probation violations go to treatment instead of jail

\*See page 19 for a description of the Sequential Intercept Model

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Goal 1 - Objective 2

### Maximize use of alternative custody options and explore opportunities for growth in areas such as:

- District Attorney (DA) Juvenile Diversion Initiative
- Probation Department Pretrial Services
- Public Defender (PD) Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections
- PD Holistic Services Unit
- DA Community Justice Initiative
- DA Transitional Age Youth Diversion Initiative
- County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit
- Work Furlough/Residential Reentry Center
- Collaborative Courts referrals
- DA Homeless Enhanced Legal Program (HELP)/East County Drug Court Severe Co-Occurring Pilot Program (SCOPE)
- DA Prop 36 - HS 11395 Deferred Entry of Judgment Program
- Probation Department Community Transition Center



## District Attorney - Juvenile Diversion Initiative

The District Attorney Juvenile Diversion Initiative (DA-JDI) is a county-wide, prefiling diversion option for eligible youth between the ages of 12 and 18. DA-JDI is a voluntary program that provides San Diego County youth with an alternative to prosecution at no cost to them. While in the program, they have the opportunity to repair the harm they caused, understand the impact of their choices, and to avoid permanent and negative outcomes related to the juvenile justice system.

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. Upon successful completion of the program, the diverted youth will have the opportunity to have their arrest record sealed, further alleviating future stigma and labeling that can come with justice involvement.

The District Attorney's Office contracts with the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) to administer the JDI program to ensure participants are supported while also addressing victims' needs.



Juvenile Diversion Initiative Annual Convening

## GOAL 1- OBJECTIVE 2

### Alternatives to Custody

#### **Juvenile Diversion Initiative (JDI)**

Diversion programs use restorative approaches to repair harm and connect clients to services while diverting them from the justice system to improve outcomes and reduce the likelihood of reoffending.

**2,500+**

Clients Served

#### **Diverting Clients from the Justice System**

The District Attorney's Juvenile Diversion and Community Justice Initiatives are voluntary programs that have served 1,023 adults and 1,536 youth since implementation, diverting clients to services in lieu of filing criminal charges and providing sentencing alternatives post-plea.

JDI prioritizes alternative diversion options for youth before filing criminal charges. Since JDI's inception in July 2021, there have been 1,536 participants who exited the program. Of these 1,536 participants, 1,291 successfully completed JDI.

Successful Completion of JDI

84%

#### **Community Justice Initiative (CJI)**

CJI provides individuals with the opportunity to have their cases dismissed before sentencing. Since its inception in April 2018, there have been 1,023 participants, with 697 participants successfully completing the program.

Successful Completion of CJI

68%

Clients who successfully completed CJI with no new cases filed

87%

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

In the District Attorney Juvenile Diversion Initiative (JDI), the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) collaborates with local organizations throughout the county to provide direct services to youth including therapeutic services, pro-social skill building opportunities, educational support, and mentoring. Culturally competent services are provided in the community where youth live. The community is engaged in the restorative process with the youth. NCRC, JDI community partners, and the District Attorney's Office meet quarterly and once a year to discuss best practices.

Since JDI's inception in July 2021 through June 30, 2025, there have been 1,536 participants who exited the program. Of those 1,536 participants, 1,291 successfully completed JDI which represents an 84% completion rate.

During the FY 2024-25, 596 youth participated in JDI. During that time 413 successfully completed the program and 61 did not meet the completion criteria. By the end of FY 2024-25, 122 youth are still enrolled. The JDI participant completion rate for those who exited the program during FY 2024-25 is 87%.

## Probation Department - Pretrial Services Unit

On June 30, 2022, the County of San Diego Probation Department launched the Pretrial Services Unit. This unit focuses on three essential elements: maximizing Court appearances, ensuring public safety, and enhancing individual liberty.

Pretrial Services supports all clients released by the Courts under a Supervised Own Recognizance status, aiming to facilitate the safe, efficient, fair, and timely release of individuals awaiting their case resolution.

The Pretrial Services approach is collaborative and evidence-based, designed to lower recidivism rates and encourage prosocial behavior by linking clients to vital services for their successful reintegration into the community. Clients receive connections to supportive services, including transportation, interim housing, access to clothing and basic necessities, and help with navigating social support benefits. Additionally, clients are referred to employment services and Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists. Service delivery has been expanded to offer clients access to Housing and Resource Navigators, who assist them in securing stable housing and career opportunities.



Probation Department Collaborative Reentry Services

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Pretrial Services Unit of the Probation Department offers a mobile app for pretrial clients, along with cell phones as needed to encourage enrollment. This app enhances virtual customer service by providing appointment reminders and enabling remote check-ins. Utilizing the mobile app increases client engagement, ensures court appearances, and removes obstacles to service delivery.

During FY 2024-25, the Pretrial Services Unit monitored 4,936 individuals who were granted Supervised Own Recognizance with an average annual success rate of 89% (1,460 of 1,634 on average each month).

## **Public Defender - Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections Team**

The Public Defender created a Pretrial Advocacy and Community Connections (PACC) Team dedicated to working with clients between arrest and arraignment to support stable community release and appearance at future Court hearings. This effort aligned courtroom practice with recent caselaw regarding pretrial release, and involves pre-arrainment needs assessments, increased communication, community partnerships, and physical locations to provide services to recently released clients and promote pretrial client success by addressing the root causes of their behavior.

## **Public Defender - Holistic Services Unit**

The Public Defender created the Holistic Services Unit to streamline delivery of

client services to individuals needing support in conjunction with their criminal cases. 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.

## **Public Defender - 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 mental health clinicians and 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.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

As part of the Defense Transition Unit (DTU), 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.

During FY 2024-2025, the DTU processed approximately 2,867 attorney referrals while participating in Behavioral Health Court, the Behavioral Health Oversight and Treatment calendar, competency 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.

## Public Defender - 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.



Public Defender staff

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Public Defender's Substance Abuse Assessment Unit (SAAU) works closely with attorneys and 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. During FY 2024-25, the SAAU assessed approximately 2,303 clients and placed approximately 85% 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 who 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 - 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 six hours of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, ten hours of community service, and remain law abiding. During participation in the DA-CJI program, the participant can choose to be connected to services in lieu of 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 in April 2018, there have been 1,023 participants, with 697 successfully completing the program, which represents a 68% successful completion rate.

Of those who successfully completed the program, 87% have not had additional cases filed against them, indicating no further justice system involvement. For FY 2024-2025, 28 people were accepted into the program. During that time period, 25 completed the program, 2 did not meet the completion criteria, and 1 is still enrolled.



Community Resource Fair

## GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

### Alternatives to Custody

#### FY 2024-25

#### DURING THE COURT PROCESS

##### Pretrial Services Unit

Pretrial Services provides support to all clients released by the Courts on Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) status, to promote the safe, efficient, fair, and timely release from jail for individuals pending disposition. Clients are provided linkages to supportive services.



Clients Served



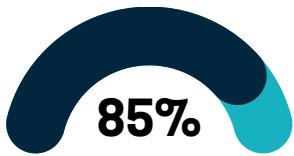
Annual Success Rating

##### Substance Abuse Assessment Unit (SAAU)

The SAAU is a full-service placement agency that assesses, transports, and connects in-custody clients directly to residential treatment programs (RTPs). When clients are recommended for treatment, the assessors work directly with residential treatment providers to ensure continuum of care from incarceration to RTPs.



Clients Assessed



Placed in Residential Treatment Programs

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## **District Attorney - Transitional Age Youth Diversion Program**

The District Attorney's Office is getting ready to launch a transitional age youth diversion program predominantly tailored to felony crimes and some select misdemeanors. This program will be based on restorative justice principles, as well as other practices that focus on and address the underlying cause of these unsafe behaviors. This program will begin implementation in early FY 2025-26.

## **Sheriff's Office - County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office 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, Reentry Court, Collaborative Courts, and County Parole and Fire Camp. In FY 2024-25, there were 1,596 participants in the program.

## **Probation Department - Work Furlough and Residential Reentry Center**

The Probation Department's Work Furlough (WF) and Residential Reentry Center (RRC) programs serve as alternatives to incarceration by allowing clients to seek employment or maintain work in the community without having to be in a traditional jail setting.

While in the programs, clients develop reentry case plans and have access to an array of services that focus on developing their life skills to improve their finances, employment opportunities, and address other identified areas of need.

In FY 2024-25, the Work Furlough and Residential Reentry Center served approximately 281 probation clients who were sentenced by the Court. Clients maintained employment and/or participate in services to obtain employment in lieu of custody, saving an estimated 25,828 jail days.



Work Furlough and Residential Reentry Center clients doing a group workout

# GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

## Alternatives to Custody

### FY 2024-25

#### SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES

##### **County Parole and Alternative Custody Unit (CPAC)**

CPAC participants can complete their custodial sentence in a non-jail setting, maintain or attain employment, continue individual treatment and/or programming needs.



CPAC supervises participants on Home Detention, Reentry Court, Collaborative Courts, and County Parole and Fire Camp.

##### **Work Furlough (WF) and Residential Reentry Center (RRC)**

The WF and RRC programs allow clients to seek employment or maintain work in the community without having to be in a traditional jail setting.



The WF and RRC served approximately 281 probation clients who were ordered by the Court, saving an estimated 25,828 jail days.

#### PROBATION SUCCESS STORY

*Clients receive life changing services that impact recovery, rehabilitation, job readiness, and placement*

A client on Post Release Community Supervision completed his supervision ahead of schedule and expressed gratitude to his probation officer for inspiring his desire for change. He successfully finished Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and employment programs and is now employed and living with his family, showcasing the power of redemption and a hopeful future!

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## **Collaborative Courts**

San Diego County has numerous types of Collaborative Courts including Behavioral Health Court, Behavioral Health Court Diversion, Drug Court, Mandatory Supervision Court, Reentry Court, and Veterans Treatment Court. Collaborative Courts utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach to client supervision and treatment, providing 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 representative, probation officer, and treatment provider.

All Collaborative Courts provide their participants a vast array of treatment, assistance, guidance, and supervision. 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 services to address their individual needs. Services provided by the Collaborative Courts include mental health and substance use treatment, assistance with health care and more. Each participant's supervision and assistance are designed specifically for them with the goal of fostering 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, reunification with family, and employment or education support. Successful completion of the program may result in the reduction or dismissal of charges. During FY 2024-25, 84 clients were provided BHC services.

### *Drug Court*

The four Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Drug Court programs provide substance use disorder treatment services as part of the County's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System to participants in each of the four regional Drug Courts (North, East, South, and Central). 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, and have a primary substance use disorder. Services support sobriety, housing, employment, education, and family reunification with the goal of addressing substance use treatment needs, diverting from incarceration, and preventing future arrests.

Criminal charges may be reduced or dismissed upon successful completion of the program. During FY 2024-25, 528 clients were served in the Drug Court programs, an increase of 132 clients from the previous year. This data includes linkages to services by the Drug Court treatment teams.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## *Homeless Court and Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs*

The Public Defender, District Attorney's Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (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 and citation 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.

## *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 a 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 once a week 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 is a collaborative effort between Behavioral Health Services and justice system partners to engage individuals who have violated their probation community supervision and have been assessed as having a primary substance use disorder and may also have co-occurring mental health conditions. The program's services support the individual's sobriety, housing, employment, education, and family reunification. Successful program completion may result in early termination from probation. During FY 2024-25, 51 clients were served in Reentry Court.

# GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 2

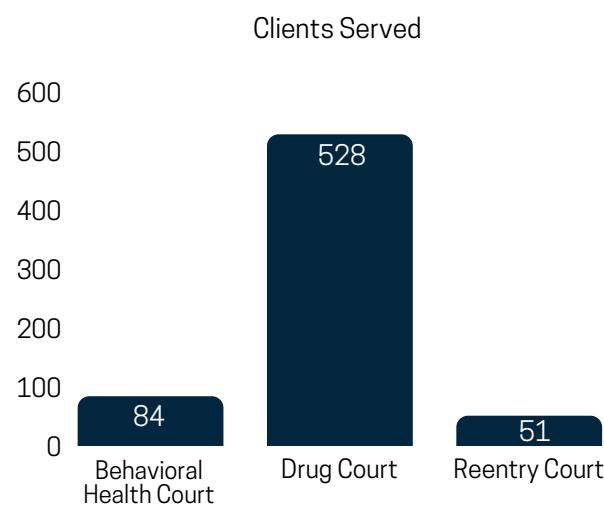
## Alternatives to Custody

### FY 2024-25

#### SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES

##### Collaborative Courts

The Collaborative Courts can serve as a sentencing alternative to incarceration. They use a multi-disciplinary team approach to client supervision and treatment, providing both support and accountability to encourage recovery and reduce recidivism. Successful completion of some programs may result in a reduction or dismissal of charges or early termination from supervision.



**2,867**  
Referrals

##### Defense Transition Unit

The DTU processed over 2,867 attorney referrals while participating in Behavioral Health Court, the Behavioral Health Oversight and Treatment calendar, and Competency Court, advocating for diversion motions, and educating justice partners daily concerning Behavioral Health Services program criteria.

##### Diverting Clients with Probation Violations from Jail to the Community Transition Center



**Community  
Transition Center  
(CTC)**



206 probation clients were diverted to the CTC for treatment in lieu of custody



1,442 jail days saved

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## **District Attorney - Homeless Enhanced Legal Program (HELP) / East County Drug Court Severe Co-Occurring Pilot Program (SCOPE)**

In July 2024, in collaboration with our East County Drug Court partners, the District Attorney's office led the development of the HELP/SCOPE Pilot program to focus on the intersection of mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness. The pilot program leverages existing resources and treatment providers to fill a void in our justice system, which lacked the structured Court Supervision and evidence-based individualized treatment and supervision that has been successful in our Collaborative Courts.

This Drug Court program in our East County branch is a co-occurring track for justice-involved individuals who are suffering from substance use disorder and a severe mental health illness, who normally would not qualify for Drug Court or Behavioral Health Court.

## **District Attorney - Prop 36: HS 11395 Deferred Entry of Judgment Program**

Proposition (Prop) 36 was passed in November 2024. Prop 36 gave prosecutors the discretion to charge "treatment-mandated" felonies for certain drug possessions after two previous convictions of drug offenses under Health and Safety Code (HS) 11395 and allows individuals the option of participating in drug and mental health treatment, in lieu of custody in prison.

Upon successful completion of treatment, the felony charge would be fully expunged, with no jail time.

The District Attorney collaborated with the justice partners, Court, Public Defender, and Behavioral Health Services (BHS), to create a streamlined referral system from our Readiness Courts and into dedicated HS 11395 Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEOJ) Courts. Currently there are four dedicated HS 11395 Court calendars in each of San Diego's regions (North, South, East, and Central).

The District Attorney's Office (DA) has committed three experienced Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) who are well-versed in evidence-based practices, substance use treatment, rehabilitative efforts, prevention, and public safety.

In addition, dedicated DA staff has been designated at each of the branch offices to assure that calendars and treatment reports from BHS are timely downloaded from Justice Electronic Library System and available for the Court hearings.

The value of having an experienced DDA oversee the HS 11395 calendars furthers the goal of prioritizing treatment over incarceration. This will ensure a balanced approach that addresses both relapses and temporary setbacks with public safety, by using intentionality when advocating for successful completions, reinstatements, revocations, and terminations.

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Probation Department - Community Transition Center

The Community Transition Center (CTC) is a reentry center but also serves as an alternative to incarceration for clients who violate their community supervision terms and who need treatment. Clients are provided referrals and housing 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. For clients in need of brief housing assistance, up to thirty-six beds for both male and female clients are available at the CTC with additional beds allocated for withdrawal management needs. During FY 2024-25, 206 clients were referred to the CTC in lieu of custody, saving an estimated 1,442 jail days.



Community Resource Fair



## Goal 1 - Objective 3

**Capitalize on all housing resources available and work towards addressing and removing barriers to housing.**

## Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions Regional Homeless Services

During FY 2024-25, Human Services Specialists and Social Workers with Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions Regional Homeless Services successfully connected 1,328 individuals throughout the region to temporary and permanent housing.

This team made over 42,548 engagements with persons at risk of or experiencing homelessness countywide and provided 6,149 self-sufficiency services.

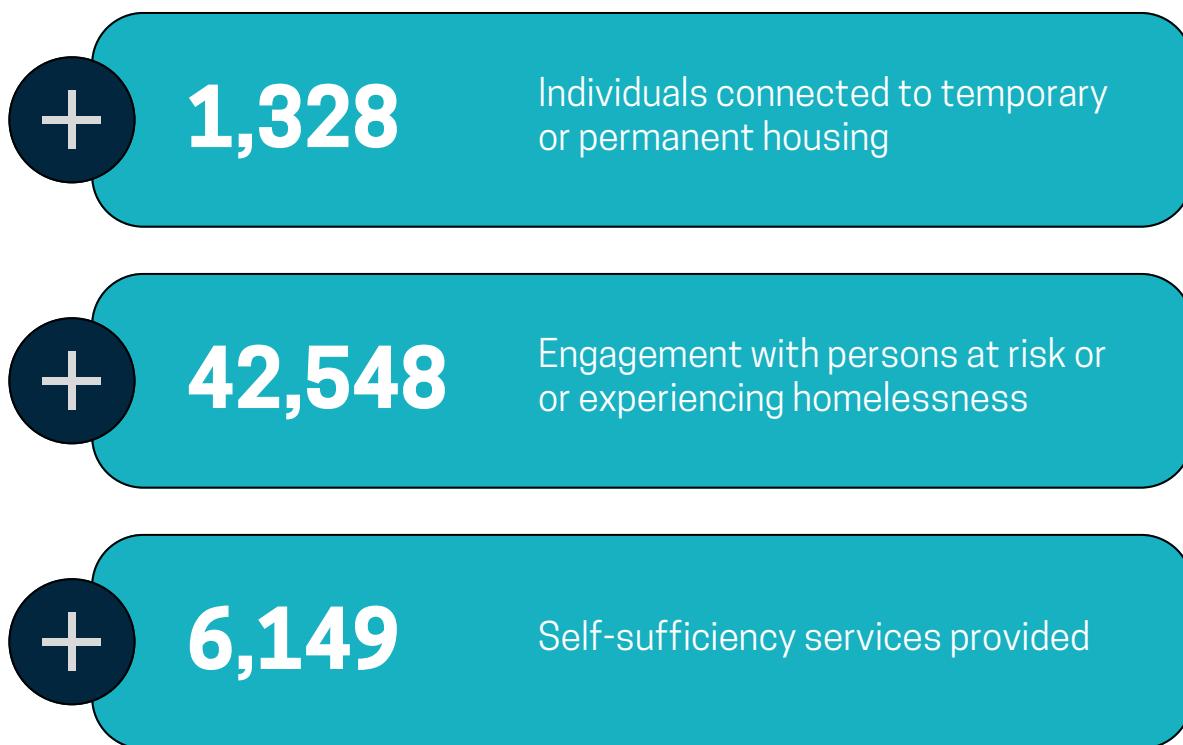
# GOAL 1 - OBJECTIVE 3

## Housing Resources

### FY 2024-25

#### Housing and Community Development Services

The Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions (HCDS-OHS) is focused on direct services delivery and countywide coordination and collaboration across the homelessness continuum of care. HCDS-OHS staff work with multi-disciplinary teams to provide support through outreach, case management, housing navigation, emergency housing, and specialized programs.



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## Goal 1 - Objective 4

**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.**

### District Attorney - Felony Disposition Framework

The District Attorney continues to evaluate each case on a 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.

## Goal 1 - Objective 5

**Strengthen partnerships through co-location of departments and programs to support an integrated model of supervision and service delivery.**

### Co-Location of Departments and Programs

In many instances, the Health and 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. This strategic co-location not only enhances service delivery but also fosters collaboration among various departments, creating a holistic approach to addressing the needs of individuals and families.

This integrated setting allows for real-time communication and coordination. For example, the Probation Department has an Adult Reentry Unit co-located at the Health and Human Services Agency's Lemon Grove Family Resource Center to facilitate engagement efforts with community partners and to provide on-site assessments and linkages to critical services.

Additionally, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) and the Probation Department collaborated on the development of the Southeastern Live Well Center (SELWC), a state-of-the-art resource center which opened to the community in the fall of 2023. Probation staff are co-located at the SELWC with several County agencies, such as HHS Self-Sufficiency Services, to promote the well-being of community members by providing access to a variety of health and community services.



Health and Human Services Agency Self-Sufficiency Services staff

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## **Goal 2: Enhance reentry interventions through transition from custody to the community.**

### **Goal 2 - Objective 1**

#### **Provide direct and support services to the incarcerated 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

#### **Realigned Populations in Custody of the Sheriff's Office**

Since the inception of California's Criminal Justice Realignment (AB 109) on October 1, 2011, the San Diego County Sheriff's Office has been faced with several new challenges. Primarily, this is 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.



Sheriff's Office Wellness Program, visual arts

Individuals sentenced pursuant to 1170(h) (5)(a) serve the entirety of their felony sentence in the county jail. Through June 2025, the Sheriff's Office has processed and released 14,289 bookings which fall into this category, with an overall average length of stay of 247 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 County of San Diego Probation Department. Through June 2025, the Sheriff's Office has processed and released 5,710 bookings which fall into this category, with an overall average length of stay of 216 days spent in custody per booking.

As of June 2025, the longest stay in custody of an individual currently sentenced pursuant to 1170(h) PC is 2,463 days, or approximately 7 years.

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Sheriff's Office programming in custody

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

Individuals entering 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 June 2025, the Sheriff's Office has processed and subsequently released 46,620 bookings in either of these categories, with an overall average length of stay of 40 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 June 2025, the Sheriff's Office has processed and subsequently released 33,751 bookings in this category with an overall average of 28 days spent in custody per booking.

## **Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Division**

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Division (RSD) provides direct and support services to the incarcerated population in San Diego County detention and reentry facilities.

RSD designs programs to influence change in behavior while promoting healthy lifestyles and community safety. The skills acquired through the Sheriff's Office 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, career technical education training, employment connection, educational opportunities, religious services and wellness.

Reentry Services Division 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 tracks offered while in custody:

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 1

## Realigned Populations in Custody

### 2011-June 2025

#### Populations in Custody of the Sheriff's Office

Since the inception of California's Criminal Justice Realignment (AB 109), the Sheriff's Office has processed and released bookings that fall into categories of Straight Jail, Split Sentence, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) Violators, and Parole Violators.



#### Average Length of Stay (ALOS) in Custody in Days



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## *Career Technical Education Programs*

Career Technical Education (CTE) 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.

CTE opportunities include Culinary Arts, Bakery, Commercial Laundry, Healthcare Service Assistant Training, Industrial Sewing, Landscape Maintenance, Construction Trades, Bicycle Shop, Screen Printing, and Community Involved Vocational Inmate Crew Services (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 District, 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, performance and visual art classes, and workshops addressing health topics.

Medi-Cal enrollment assistance is also available to support care coordination needs upon release by activating their health insurance allowing for linkage and access to services in the community, as well as support obtaining essential documents such as California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) identification (ID) replacement cards and birth certificates to assist with accessing resources for a successful reentry into the community.



Sheriff's Office Culinary Arts program

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## *Religious Services*

Regular services are provided at each facility with additional one-on-one meetings with facility chaplains and faith representatives throughout the County. Individuals also have the option of clergy visits with members of their selected church on an individual basis, upon request.

## *Psycho-Social Programs*

The foundation of the Psycho-Social classes offered are Cognitive Behavioral Therapy based curriculum addressing self-cognitive change, social skills, and problem-solving techniques. Gender Responsive and Trauma Informed curriculum addressing cognitive behavioral restructuring and grounding skills for trauma triggers is available for women in custody. All correctional counselors were trained by The Change Companies on various curriculums and facilitation techniques.



Sheriff's Office Wellness Program, visual arts



Sheriff's Office Wellness Program, visual arts

In addition, there was a certified train the trainer component in support of future facilitators.

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 or on an individual basis.

The Reentry Services Division's newest contract is for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment classes being offered at all facilities. The groups focus on identifying triggers and developing coping skills and strategies for relapse prevention. 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 2024-25, one or more reentry interventions were provided to 9,740 individuals.

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## **Behavioral Health Care for Clients in Custody**

Behavioral Health Services provides behavioral health care for both adults and youth in-custody. During FY 2024-25, behavioral health care was provided to 10,913 adults in a jail setting and to 616 youth who were justice-involved, including 427 youth receiving services in the Stabilization, Treatment, Assessment and Transition Team (STAT) program, 67 youth in the Probation Healing Opportunities for Personal Empowerment (HOPE) program, and 81 youth in the Probation Youth Development Academy.

## **Behavioral Health Services - Project In-Reach**

Through Project In-Reach, Behavioral Health Services collaborates with the Sheriff's Office to engage individuals in custody who have been diagnosed with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring conditions, in treatment. This program receives referrals by the Sheriff's Office and provides services to clients 90 days prior to their release into the community to allow for sufficient time to build rapport. The program provides ongoing support to clients for up to 120 days to help them successfully transition from custody to community. In FY 2024-25, 157 clients were enrolled. Project In-Reach is a provider supporting the Medi-Cal Transformation and the Justice-Involved Initiative Behavioral Health Links for the adult population.

## **Behavioral Health Services - Project In-Reach Ministry**

The Project In-Reach 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 2024-25, there were 182 clients enrolled. Project In-Reach Ministry is a provider supporting the Medi-Cal Transformation and the Justice-Involved Initiative Behavioral Health Links for the adult population.

## **Behavioral Health Services - Next Move**

In response to Medi-Cal Transformation and the Justice-Involved Initiative Behavioral Health Links, Behavioral Health Services launched the Next Move program toward the end of FY 2024-25 (October 2024). Next Move is a specialized, community-based outpatient program that provides behavioral health treatment and support to justice-involved youth and those at risk of justice involvement, with a focus on youth transitioning out of juvenile detention. The program serves youth up to age 21 who are either enrolled in Medi-Cal or uninsured. Services are offered countywide through two clinic locations—one in Southeast San Diego and the other in Oceanside. The program provides individual, family, and group therapy; psychiatric medication assessment and support; and case management services. During its first nine months of operation the program served 205 youth and their families.

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 1

## Reentry Services in Custody

### FY 2024-25

#### Reentry Services for Adults in Custody

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office Reentry Services Division provides direct and support services to clients in custody with programming in multiple tracks:

- Career Technical Educational Programs
- Educational Programs
- Wellness Programs
- Religious Services
- Psycho-Social Programs

**9,740**



Individuals provided with reentry interventions in custody

#### Behavioral Health Care in Custody

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



**10,913**

Adults in custody who received behavioral health care



**157**

Clients with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring conditions served through Project In-Reach



**182**

Clients in custody enrolled in the Project In-Reach Ministry that pairs a religious pastor with a clinician

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## Public Health Services for Clients in Custody

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

## Sheriff's Office - Supporting Individual Transitions

The Sheriff's Supporting Individual Transitions (S-SIT) program serves the 100 individuals with the highest number of bookings over the last three years. On average, these individuals are in custody 17 days per booking and remain in the community approximately 40 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.

## Goal 2 - Objective 2

**Provide services to individuals as they are transitioning back to the community upon release including:**

- Reentry planning
- Intensive case management where appropriate
- Coordinated release with community partners
- Care coordination to include linkage to community support, interim housing, and transportation services
- Mentoring using community members with lived experiences
- Addressing behavioral health care and homelessness
- Linkages to a medical home for physical and behavioral healthcare
- Behavioral health linkages and in-reach care management through the Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative
- Public health services for HIV-positive individuals and other communicable diseases



Sheriff's Office staff

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## **Sheriff's Office Coordinated Program Release**

The Sheriff's Office 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 reentry information. The Sheriff's Office conducted 3,108 coordinated releases for FY 2024-25.

## **Public Health Services during Reentry**

Public Health Services (PHS) provides temporary housing for persons with communicable diseases (tuberculosis (TB), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Coronavirus Disease 2019 (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 cases 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.

## **Medical Care Services - Transitions Clinic**

Using funding from the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Initiative, Medical Care Services, in collaboration with San Diego County Sheriff's Office, is implementing a local Transitions Clinic. The Transitions Clinic uses the Transitions Clinic Network (TCN) model and connects individuals who have healthcare needs to a trustworthy, cultural, and linguistically responsive medical home that ensures continuity of care and provides equitable and person-centered healthcare for clients reentering the community from a San Diego County jail.



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Clients at the Transitions Clinic are also connected to social supports, as needed, to maximize opportunities for successful reentry.

The Transitions Clinic Network (TCN) is an evidence-based primary care system intervention that improves health and reentry outcomes. Central to TCN's program model are Community Health Workers (CHW) with lived experience of incarceration. TCN supports health systems to hire and train CHWs to integrate into the primary care system, engaging and supporting individuals returning from incarceration, and serving as liaisons to navigate health and social services. The shared history between CHWs and patients helps build a trusting and engaging relationship, which leads to better health outcomes for patients.

TCN programs provide a patient-centered primary care medical home. Each program is based within safety-net community health centers in neighborhoods most impacted by incarceration and provides:

- CHWs with a history of incarceration as part of an integrated medical team;
- Linkages with correctional partners to provide continuity of care;
- Easy access to comprehensive primary care;
- Culturally competent, patient-centered medical services; and
- Close partnerships with local reentry and social services organizations to address social drivers of health.

## Sheriff's Office Peer Reentry Leaders

The Sheriff's Office received Proposition 47 grant funds to improve outcomes and

reduce return to custody rates for individuals with justice involvement who face significant barriers upon reentry to the community. A contract was awarded to a community-based organization to train individuals with justice lived experience through a Peer Reentry Leadership Academy (PRLA). PRLA is a 20-hour training that equips participants 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 how to support individuals in their transition from the detention or reentry facility into the community. During FY 2024-25, 38 individuals completed the academy, and 38 speaking engagements were conducted.

## PEER REENTRY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SUCCESS STORY

*The restorative opportunity to give back builds confidence, knowledge, and skills*

Mr. David Kahaunaele was a participant in the Peer Reentry Leadership Academy (PRLA) and presented at a speaking engagement about his path to PRLA and the benefits of being part of the program. He went on to speak about his drug addiction and the lifestyle that got him incarcerated, sharing details of his addiction and the struggles he has overcome to get where he is now. He kept the audience engaged and encouraged participants to take part in the program if possible.

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 2

## Reentry Services During Release

### FY 2024-25

#### **Sheriff's Office Coordinated Program Release**

The Coordinated Program Release process ensures individuals being released are prepared with medication, transportation, program linkages, and reentry information.



Peer Reentry Leadership Academy

**3,108**

Coordinated Releases

#### **Sheriff's Office Peer Reentry Leadership Academy (PRLA)**

PRLA provides training to individuals with justice lived experience to help them support individuals in their transition from detention facilities into the community.

**38**

Individuals Trained

**38**

Speaking Engagements Completed

#### **Sheriff's Office Housing Services**

This short-term housing option for people who meet this level of need includes linkages to employment services and community support.

**474**

Individuals Served

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## **Sheriff's Office 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. Upon release, individuals may be provided with transportation to interim housing locations if needed. 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 through the Sheriff's Office Housing Services while supporting clients in achieving educational and/or employment goals, physical and mental well-being, and positive connections to the community. There have been 474 individuals referred to interim housing services during FY 2024-25.

## **Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions - Community Care Coordination Programs**

### *Community Care Coordination for Veterans*

The Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V) program provides comprehensive care coordination, service navigation, and housing assistance to justice-involved veterans being released from the local jails as well as veterans in

the community who are currently or recently justice-involved. The services include peer support, immediate housing and connecting each person, based on their individual needs, to medical care, behavioral health treatment, self-sufficiency benefits and other supportive services. This program is designed to improve community safety through services to reduce justice system involvement for these veterans while also supporting improved health outcomes.

During FY 2024-25, 160 individuals were enrolled in the program, 97% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 79% 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 enrollment in the last program year.



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## *Community Care Coordination Straight to Home*

The Community Care Coordination Straight to Home (C3STH) program provides comprehensive care coordination, service navigation, and housing assistance to individuals exiting local jails who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and have high needs, including behavioral health needs, chronic physical health conditions, and/or who are medically complex.

The services include peer support, immediate housing and connecting each person, based on their individual needs, to medical care, behavioral health treatment, self-sufficiency benefits and other supportive services.

This program is designed to improve community safety through services to reduce justice system involvement for these individuals while also supporting improved health outcomes.

This program ended in January 2025. During FY 2024-25, 132 individuals were enrolled in the program, 98% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 91% 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 enrollment in the last program year.

## *Community Care Coordination Reentry Support*

The Community Care Coordination Reentry Support (C3RES) program provides comprehensive care coordination, service navigation, and housing assistance to justice-involved individuals with a history of behavioral health needs and who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness as they leave custody from local jails to return to their communities. This program is designed to improve community safety through services to reduce justice system involvement for these individuals while also supporting improved health outcomes. The services include peer support, immediate housing and connecting each person, based on their individual needs, to medical care, behavioral health treatment, self-sufficiency benefits, employment, and other supportive services. This program was made possible by Proposition 47, an initiative that was voter-approved in November of 2014, that reduces certain felony drug and theft crimes to misdemeanors.

During FY 2024-25, 201 individuals were enrolled in the Community Care Coordination Reentry Support program, 87% of participants who exited custody had a housing option available to them on the day they were released from jail, and 73% 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 enrollment.

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 2

## Reentry Services During Release

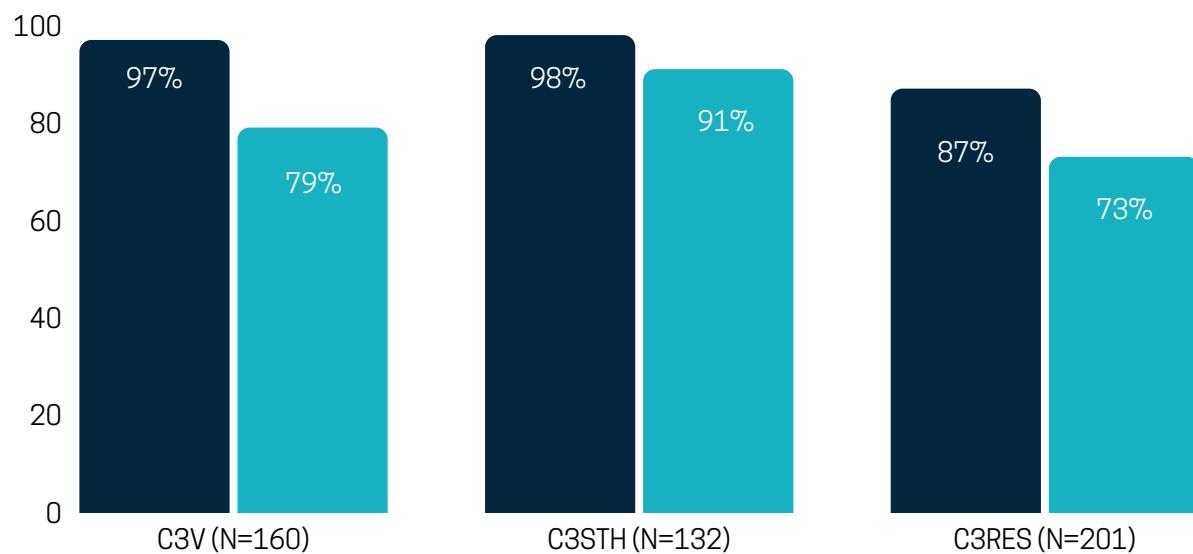
### FY 2024-25

#### Community Care Coordination Programs

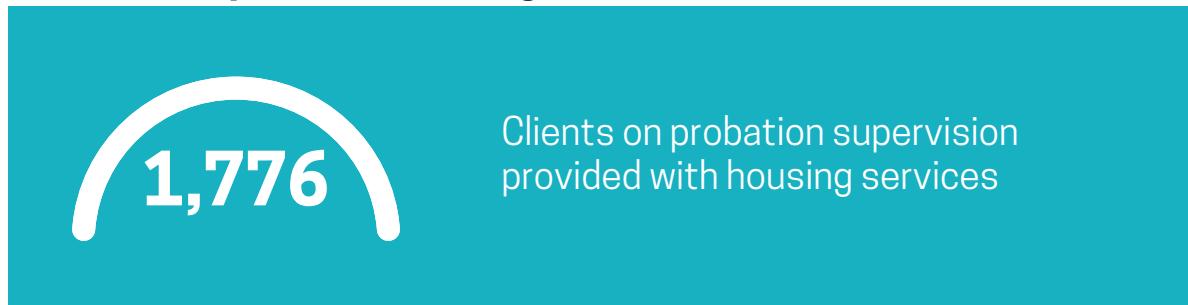
The Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions offers three specialty programs that provide 12 months of comprehensive care coordination and housing assistance to individuals being released from jail or who have been recently released to the community:

- **Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3V)**
- **Community Care Coordination Straight to Home (C3STH)**
- **Community Care Coordination Reentry Support (C3RES)**

- Housing option when released from jail
- Reduced justice involvement in the following year



#### Probation Department Housing Services



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## **Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Program**

The ATI program provides up to 12 months of comprehensive care coordination, service navigation, peer support, and housing-related assistance to individuals who have interacted with the justice system, or are at risk of justice system involvement, and are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. These individuals often experience barriers that adversely impact their ability to successfully navigate systems of care and the justice system.

The ATI program helps address these barriers to services by supporting connections to behavioral health treatment, housing support, and employment services for individuals who are at high risk of poor outcomes and may be at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

This program is designed to improve health outcomes, self-sufficiency, and community safety through services designed to reduce justice system involvement for program participants.

The services include outreach and engagement, peer support, transportation, family reunification, housing navigation, tenancy support, landlord mediation as well as linkages to self-sufficiency benefits. The goal of the ATI program is to reduce justice system contact and address unmet basic needs for people who commit low-level, non-violent offenses.

During FY 2024-25, 96 individuals were enrolled in the program, 73% of those who were experiencing homelessness, and did not refuse housing, were housed.

Reduced justice involvement data is not available because it is 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 enrollment, and this program has been in operation for less than a year.

## **Probation Department Housing Services**

The Probation Department offers interim housing for adult clients on Pretrial Services, probation supervision, clients at the Community Transition Center and clients receiving other reentry services. Over 300 beds are funded through five different community providers. Interim housing is intended to be a support towards self-sufficiency. The program has two primary objectives: 1) Ensure clients are linked to all social support programs for which they are eligible (e.g., CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Affordable Care Act, etc.); and 2) Support the transition to permanent housing.

Referrals are tailored to meet the unique needs of each client. A variety of programs are available to support clients, including women parenting up to two children, individuals with disabilities, and those with mild mental health or physical health challenges. This individualized approach helps ensure clients are matched with the most appropriate and supportive housing environment.

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The Probation Department's interim housing program is voluntary and lasts approximately 90 days per client. While participating, clients must work through case plan goals such as participation in mental health services, substance use treatment, employment, etc.

The Probation Department also provides temporary housing at the Community Transition Center (CTC). During FY 2024-25, 1,776 adults were provided with housing services, including interim housing through contracted providers and with temporary housing at the CTC.

## Goal 2 - Objective 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
- District Attorney's (DA) CARE Center
- DA Tattoo Removal Program
- DA Community Grant Program
- Public Defender's Defense Transition Unit and Substance Abuse Assessment Unit
- Probation Department Community Transition Center
- Increased utilization of resources for education, employment, financial literacy, and housing
- Improved physical and behavioral healthcare coordination through new opportunities provided by the Medi-Cal Transformation Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative, such as Enhanced Care Management and Community Support services

### **District Attorney's 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 District Attorney'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 FY 2024-25, a total of 315 assessments were conducted at the CARE Center, including 58 individuals who were previously incarcerated.

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In 2021, the San Diego District Attorney's Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center began hosting monthly community resource fairs throughout San Diego County to provide critical resources to the homeless and those in need.

During these events, the CARE Center partners with the Public Defender's Office, California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Probation Department, the Assessor's Office, Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Child Support, City of San Diego and numerous other community-based organizations, with the goal of providing a wide array of services. Such services range from removing legal barriers, connecting attendees with providers and County resources, and access to dental services, showers, and food.

In FY 2024-25, the CARE Center hosted 20 Pop-Up Resource Fairs, serving 2,080 attendees.

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

The Tattoo Removal Program is a District Attorney (DA) led initiative to support successful reentry of our justice-involved populations. The program provides to those who qualify, no-cost removal of gang and human trafficking tattoos for youth and adults who have been involved in the criminal justice system or are at-risk of being 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 workforce. Our first tattoo removal session was November 7, 2022. The DA Tattoo Removal Program served 33 individuals from July 2024 through June 2025. Since inception, we have served 51 San Diego residents.

## **District Attorney's Community Grant Program**

The San Diego County District Attorney's Office is dedicated to supporting organizations with a willingness to help keep our neighborhoods safe. The DA's Community Grant Program seeks to engage organizations in San Diego County to identify community needs and implement new and innovative methods to address community safety and expand community assets – such as hope and resilience, regardless of zip code.

Grant funding up to \$50,000 is available to selected community-based organizations to support projects and services over a maximum of twelve months, to grow promising community-based solutions that produce positive results in the following focus areas: youth and family support, environmental justice, protecting vulnerable youth, and victim support.

As of June 2025, 164,899 San Diegans were served (with over 42,000 unduplicated people served). In FY 2024-25, 64 grants were awarded through the District Attorney's Community Grant Program.

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 3

## Reentry Services in the Community

### FY 2024-25

Reentry services in the community provide individuals with the services and resources they need to succeed.



#### **District Attorney's CARE Center**

The Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (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.



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

The Tattoo Removal Program is a DA led initiative to support successful reentry of our justice-involved populations. Since inception, the program has assisted 51 youth and adults who are at-risk or have been involved in the criminal justice system with the removal of gang and human trafficking tattoos.



#### **District Attorney's Community Grants Program**

The District Attorney's Community Grant Program seeks to engage organizations in San Diego County to identify community needs and implement new and innovative methods to address community safety and expand community assets.



Docu-Ready Fair held at the Community, Action, Resource, Engagement (CARE) Center

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## Probation Department - Community Transition Center

The County of San Diego has a Community Transition Center (CTC) that was created through a collaborative partnership between Probation and justice partners, including the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the Public Defender, and the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Since opening in 2012, the CTC has provided temporary housing, programming, and treatment to over 23,800 individuals.

The CTC is co-located with a residential treatment program that provides a culture of recovery and resiliency that instills hope in clients.

Every client on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) is picked up at state prison and transported directly to the CTC by staff members who have lived experience with the justice system. The CTC also serves clients on Mandatory Supervision (MS) who are brought to the center from jail to await placement into programming.

The CTC is the site of a multi-disciplinary team comprised of probation officers, Behavioral Health Services Team licensed mental health clinicians, treatment staff, a nurse case manager, and Medi-Cal Assistance Support Specialists from HHSA. Clients are assessed using the reentry version of the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions tool and screened for behavioral health needs.

While at the CTC, a preliminary case plan is developed, and clients are referred to treatment and intervention services 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.

During FY 2024-25, 1,656 clients were served at the CTC. Reentry services were provided to 1,042 clients on PRCS released from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, 110 clients on MS released from jail, and five clients on high-risk Formal supervision.



Providing clients with transportation to the Community Transition Center

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 3

## Reentry Services in the Community FY 2024-25

### Community Transition Center

The Community Transition Center (CTC) provides temporary housing, programming, and treatment to individuals on Post Release Community Supervision, Mandatory Supervision, and Formal Supervision reentering the community from prison and jail. 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.



### Clients served at the CTC



Post Release  
Community Supervision



Mandatory  
Supervision



Formal  
Probation

1,656 Individuals Served FY 2024-25

23,800+ Individuals Served Since 2011

### Housing and Resource Navigators

Housing and Resource Navigators help clients on probation to obtain stable housing, career opportunities, and critical resources.



**276**

Clients  
Engaged



**85%**

Received a  
Housing and  
Resource Plan

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The Community Transition Center (CTC) also serves as an alternative to incarceration by providing clients who are violating the conditions of their supervision with additional treatment and services instead of incarcerating them. During FY 2024-25, clients were provided with services at the CTC in lieu of incarceration including 423 on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), 15 on Mandatory Supervision (MS), and 61 on high-risk Formal supervision.

During FY 2024-25, clients at the Community Transition Center received 2,424 referrals to services including 623 referrals to residential treatment for substance use disorder, 531 referrals to outpatient treatment programs, 545 referrals to employment and vocational services, 258 referrals to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, 333 referrals to housing, and 134 referrals to other services.

In addition to referrals made by the Probation team at the CTC, the Behavioral Health Services Team also received 1,425 mental health referrals for clients at the Community Transition Center and regional offices.

One client reflected on the Community Transition Center by saying that, “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 on how to access services and resources for the successful transition back into the San Diego community: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/probation/docs/MyReentryRoadmap.pdf>

My Reentry Roadmap 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.



Probation Reentry Services Team

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 3

## Reentry Services in the Community

### FY 2024-25

#### Referrals to services for clients at the Community Transition Center

While at the Community Transition Center, every client is connected to tailored services that align with their individual needs and supervision goals. Clients are referred to services such as substance use treatment, job readiness and vocational training, education and literacy programs, medical and dental care, employment support, counseling, therapy, and housing assistance.



Community Resource Fair

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Probation officer meeting with a client

## Probation Department - Housing and Resource Navigators

The Probation Department is partnering with a community-based organization to provide support and assistance to clients who are experiencing homelessness or who are in need of community support. Housing and Resource Navigators actively engage clients, taking the clients' unique needs and circumstances into account to help clients on probation to obtain stable housing, career opportunities, and critical resources.

Individualized housing and resource service plans help clients to overcome barriers to housing and engage in career development and social services to foster long-term success. The length of the program can last up to five months and includes aftercare services. In FY 2024-25, Housing and Resource Navigators actively engaged 276 probation clients, with 85% receiving Housing and Resource Plans.

## Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs

The Public Defender and District Attorney, along with the Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions, hold monthly hyper-localized community resource fairs where the need for services is great.

Through partnerships with community-based organizations, other critical city/county/state agencies, and the Court, Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs can remove legal barriers, such as outstanding warrants and California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) holds, that prevent justice-involved homeless individuals from moving forward. Since November 2021, 47 Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs have served over 1,600 individuals with Court matters, cleared over 945 warrants, and removed 612 DMV holds. The Health and Human Services Agency separately has served over 3,000 clients at the events.



Community Resource Fair

# GOAL 2 - OBJECTIVE 3

## Reentry Services in the Community

### Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fairs



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Individuals  
Served



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# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## **Goal 3: Provide evidence-based supervision and intervention services to reduce recidivism.**

### **Goal 3 - Objective 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 and Mandatory Supervision, using principles and practices proven to support engagement and accountability including the use of incentives and risk-based supervision.**

#### **Realigned Populations Supervised by Probation**

The Post Release and Mandatory Supervision Division of the Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services Bureau at the County of San Diego 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 Assembly Bill (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 Penal Code 1170(h) for non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex related offenses. Clients on MS receive a “split” sentence and spend a portion of their sentence in jail and another portion under probation supervision.

During FY 2024-25, 631 individuals were on MS and 2,820 individuals were on PRCS.

#### **Probation Department - Community Supervision Model**

The County of San Diego Probation Department utilizes evidence-based practices in the supervision of its clients. The process begins by assessing a client's criminogenic risks and needs using the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) assessment tool, which is a validated risk assessment that is used to determine the level of supervision and interventions that could reduce a client's risk of reoffending.



Probation officer meeting with a client

# GOAL 3 - OBJECTIVE 1

## Community Supervision FY 2024-25

### Mandatory Supervision

Clients on Mandatory Supervision (MS) receive a “split” sentence and are required to spend a portion of their sentence in jail and another portion under probation supervision.

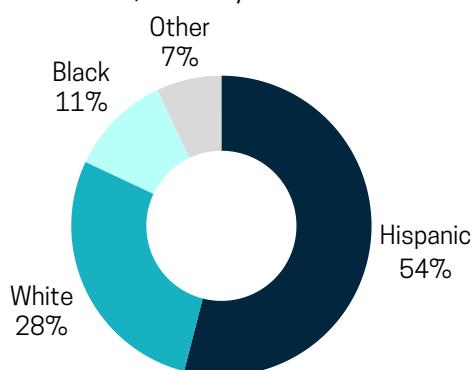
**631**

Clients  
on MS

**79%**

Male

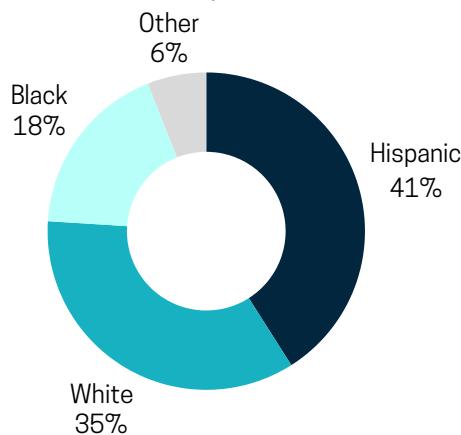
Race/Ethnicity of MS Clients



### Post Release Community Supervision

Clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) have felony convictions and are released from prison with committing offenses that are non-violent, non-serious, or non-sex related. Prior to Assembly Bill 109, these individuals were supervised by State Parole.

Race/Ethnicity of PRCS Clients



**2,820**

Clients  
on PRCS

**91%**

Male

**100%**

100% of 1,135 eligible clients on MS and PRCS were referred to community-based services to address their risk and needs

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As part of the Probation Department's supervision model, the results of the Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) assessment are used to develop individualized case plans. Officers utilize the Community Resource Directory (CRD), that provides a catalogue of countywide services, to refer clients to services to address the risk and needs identified through the COMPAS assessment.

During FY 2024-25, 100% of 1,135 eligible clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (MS) were referred to services through the CRD.

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

Probation officers utilize Integrated Behavioral Intervention Strategies including motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral skills, to 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.

## Probation Department - Harm Reduction Strategy

The Probation Department continues to support the County's Comprehensive Harm Reduction Strategy by equipping regional offices and officers with Naloxone kits to prevent overdoses.

### PROBATION SUCCESS STORY

#### *A Journey of Growth and Determination*

One client took his second chance seriously following his release from jail and placement on four years of Mandatory Supervision. He immediately enrolled in a residential treatment program after receiving a referral from his probation officer. At the program, his case manager described him as an asset during group sessions, praising his valuable insight and active participation.

Although he faced challenges securing stable employment to support his recovery, he remained persistent and was eventually hired at a local car wash. His dedication led to multiple promotions, and he now serves as general manager. He continues to comply with all supervision conditions, including random drug testing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy classes, while maintaining sobriety and making steady progress on both personal and professional goals.

# GOAL 3 - OBJECTIVE 1

## Community Supervision

### FY 2024-25

One key performance indicator utilized by the Probation Department to assess success on community supervision is the percentage of clients who complete their supervision without new convictions.

During FY 2024-25, 95% of clients on Mandatory Supervision (MS) and 71% of clients on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) successfully completed their supervision without new convictions.

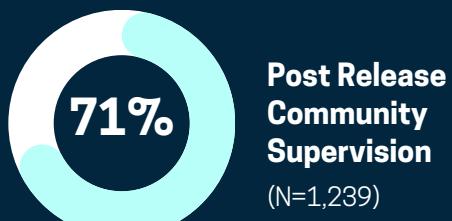
The Department also measures the percentage of clients who remain conviction-free for twelve months after terminating from supervision.

During FY 2024-25, 95% of clients on MS and 64% of clients on PRCS did not have new convictions one year after termination from supervision.



Honoring a client who successfully terminated from supervision

No New Convictions During Supervision



No New Convictions Twelve Months after Terminating from Supervision



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Staff with the Mobile Probation Service Center

## Probation Department – Mobile Probation Services Centers

The Probation Department is finalizing the development of two Mobile Probation Service Centers that were grant-funded and will be used to perform outreach, deliver case management services, and provide linkages to care to more vulnerable clients, including those who are homeless.

## Public Defender – Fresh Start Program

The Public Defender operates the Fresh Start Program which provides criminal record relief.

The program assists clients in moving forward to overcome the difficulties from a criminal record such as finding employment, obtaining housing, enrolling/funding an education, and securing other civic opportunities.

The Fresh Start team assesses the record of conviction and creates an expungement plan to seal/expunge all eligible convictions visible on the Department of Justice record of conviction. The Fresh Start Program was extremely popular, but this led to a large backlog of cases. The Fresh Start Program stopped accepting applications in March 2024. Since then, our efforts have been focused on the backlog. During FY 2024-25, we opened 1,004 Fresh Start cases, and 96% of the petitions were granted.

## 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, Assembly Bill 600 petition assistance and resentencing, 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) in providing retroactive mitigation packages for use at parole hearings under Penal Code 1203.01.

Under Penal Code 1172.7/75 (Senate Bill 483), 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.

# GOAL 3 - OBJECTIVE 1

## Fresh Start and Resentencing

### FY 2024-25



#### FRESH START PROGRAM

##### \* **Fresh Start Grant-Funded Unit**

This unit provides full resentencing of cases that meet specific legal requirements. 750 clients have been referred for resentencing since inception.

##### \* **Fresh Start Program**

The Fresh Start Program provides criminal record relief to assist clients in moving forward to overcome the difficulties from a criminal record.

Fresh Start  
Cases

**1,004**

Petitions  
Granted

**96%**



#### “TOGETHER HOME” INITIATIVE

Providing incarcerated women with case review and support

##### \* **District Attorney's Resentencing Unit**

This Unit is working through 700+ cases where previously sentenced individuals can petition for resentencing of their cases.

##### \* **Prosecutor Initiated Resentencing**

District Attorneys have the authority to recommend resentencing under Penal Code 1172.1

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## District Attorney's 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 (Penal Code 667.5(b)) or a drug sales prior (Health and Safety Code 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. The District Attorney's office is still working through these 700+ cases to resolve them with a calendar scheduled at least once a week.

In 2019, District Attorneys were given the authority to recommend resentencing under Penal Code 1172.1. In September 2021, San Diego joined eight other California counties to engage in the state funded pilot program for Prosecutor-Initiated Resentencing (PIR). This state funded pilot officially ended June 30, 2025. However, San Diego will remain dedicated in FY 2025-26 to resentencing deserving candidates in the interest of justice under PIR.

In May 2024, San Diego partnered with For The People in their "Together Home" initiative. It focuses on reviewing cases of incarcerated women and, if resentenced, providing them with additional reentry support. This partnership will continue in FY 2025-26.

## Goal 3 - Objective 2

**The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division and the Public Defender's Collaborative Courts / Holistic Services Units will continue to staff the Collaborative Courts, Mandatory Supervision Court, and Parole and Post Release Community Supervision Revocation Court with specialized Deputy District Attorneys, Public Defenders, and clinicians who have expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.**

## The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division

The District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division (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 ten Collaborative Courts, including: Veterans Treatment Court, Reentry Court, four county-wide Drug Courts, Behavioral Health Court, Behavioral Health Diversion's Treatment Court, Mandatory Supervision and Post Release Community Supervision Revocation Court, a monthly Homeless Court, and a bi-monthly Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair.

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In addition, with the new Proposition 36 law going into effect, District Attorney's Collaborative Justice Division (CJD) staffs four Health and Safety Code 11395 Deferred Entry of Judgment Calendars. CJD houses seven Deputy District Attorneys who have an expertise on evidence-based practices and alternatives to incarceration.

## The Public Defender Collaborative Courts Unit

The Public Defender Collaborative Courts Unit assists clients in Drug Court, Reentry Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and Mandatory Supervision Court. Deputy Public Defenders work with the Court, treatment providers, law enforcement, and probation officers to help clients successfully complete their programs while protecting their rights. There are eight attorneys in the Collaborative Courts Unit, which also represents clients in Probation Violation Court and Post Release Community Supervision/Parole Violation Court.



Public Defender Community Outreach

## Goal 3 - Objective 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 reentering 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.**

## Behavioral Health Services - Center Star Assertive Community Treatment

The Center Star Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program utilizes the ACT model of care to provide comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, field-based mental health services for justice-involved clients who are diagnosed with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders who are experiencing homelessness.

The Center Star Assertive Community Treatment 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 2024-25, 265 unduplicated clients were served at Center Star Assertive Community Treatment.

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## **Behavioral Health Services - 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 a serious mental illness and may have co-occurring conditions, who are experiencing homelessness and are reentering the community from custody. The program specializes in assessing criminogenic needs to ensure they are addressed in the treatment plan. During FY 2024-25, 125 unduplicated clients were provided with the ACT program at Vida.

## **Probation Department - Behavioral Health Care in Regional Probation Offices**

The Probation Department provides behavioral health clinicians and Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists in regional Probation offices to support client engagement in services and rapidly respond to clients who have urgent behavioral health needs.



These staff work closely with probation officers and clients using a multi-disciplinary team approach to provide screenings, assessments, consultation, and referrals to services. During FY 2024-25, 348 probation clients were referred to mental health clinicians and 703 probation clients were referred to Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists located at regional Probation offices.

## **Goal 3 - Objective 4**

**Identify and address gaps in services for clients with acute mental health and substance use disorders who have co-occurring conditions.**

## **District Attorney's Blueprint for Mental Health Reform Shelter Ready App**

The District Attorney's Blueprint for Mental Health Reform was created in 2019 to memorialize the work of stakeholders who participated in two symposiums mapping the intersection between mental health and the criminal justice system. The Blueprint included 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 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.

# GOAL 3 - OBJECTIVE 3

## Behavioral Health

### FY 2024-25

#### **Behavioral Health Services for Justice-Involved Clients**

Behavioral Health Services operates two programs, Center Star Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Vida ACT, specifically designed to connect justice-involved individuals with behavioral health conditions to services within the system of care to support them in successfully reentering the community.

**265**

Clients served at Center Star ACT

**125**

Clients served at Vida ACT



Community Resource Fair

#### **Probation Department - Behavioral Health Care in Regional Probation Offices**

Mental health clinicians and Alcohol and Drug Program Specialists (ADPS) are located at regional probation offices in order to remove barriers for clients to receive mental health assessments and referrals.

**348**

Clients referred to mental health clinicians

**703**

Clients referred to ADPS

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In 2022, the District Attorney (DA) provided an update to the Blueprint for Mental Health Reform with a Three-Point Plan to address the Intersection of Crime, mental health, and Homelessness. In June of 2025, the DA updated stakeholders as to the progress on all three points:

- 1) Proven tech solution – the launch of “Shelter Ready” app to address homelessness in real time by connecting people experiencing homelessness to emergency shelter in real time. Shelter Ready is a transparent and efficient platform that helps frontline workers quickly locate and refer unsheltered individuals to appropriate shelter beds.
- 2) Expanding legal options for those at the intersection of mental health, substance use disorders, and homelessness. The DA’s office worked with Behavioral Health Services and county partners to implement Proposition 36, the voter-approved law, deferring certain drug-use felonies to treatment; and, the creation of the Drug Court pilot SCOPE (Severe Co-Occurring Pilot East County), to address the intersection of individuals suffering from substance use disorder and a severe mental health diagnosis.
- 3) Legislation supported the passage of Senate Bill 43 expanding the definition of “gravely disabled” to include individuals who are unable to provide for their basic needs, personal safety, or necessary medical care, due to severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder.

## Goal 3 - Objective 5

**Provide 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.**

### Probation Department Training

The Probation Department provides extensive training programs to enhance the professionalism and effectiveness of its employees. This includes comprehensive training for probation officers covering essential job functions, safety protocols, as well as specialized topics such as substance use and mental health. Training efforts are focused on client rehabilitation and community safety, ensuring that officers are well-equipped to meet the complex needs of their clients. In recent fiscal years, the Department incorporated new trainings on Virtual Reality De-escalation, Virtual Reality Empathy, and more.



Virtual reality training for probation officers

# CONCLUSION

The FY 2025-26 Community Corrections Partnership Plan outlines a comprehensive array of programs and services provided by the County of San Diego to support the health and safety of our communities.

The FY 2025-26 Community Corrections Partnership Plan builds on the advancements made over the past decade since the passage of Public Safety Realignment. It is designed to respond to current conditions and align with the County's strategic initiatives aimed at reforming the justice system and enhancing health-justice care coordination.

The County of San Diego is committed to advancing programs and services that prevent individuals from entering the justice system and reduce unnecessary justice-system contact when feasible.

From prevention and diversion to alternatives to incarceration, reentry, and community supervision, County programs and services are responsive to the needs of our community members by offering:

- Housing
- Mental health treatment
- Substance use services
- Transportation
- Access to social services

These resources are essential for helping clients achieve success.

The programs and services provided by the County of San Diego will continue to adapt, reflecting local initiatives, community feedback, and the priorities set by the Board of Supervisors to promote the health and safety of our communities.



Transforming the local criminal justice landscape by emphasizing rehabilitation, community reintegration, and collaborative approaches

# MORE INFORMATION

County of San Diego

## THANK YOU!

The accomplishments highlighted in the County of San Diego Community Corrections Partnership Plan stem from the cooperative endeavors of the community alongside the justice and healthcare systems. Please contact us for more information.

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