

Reentry Services (Adult)

525.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The San Diego County Probation Department is committed to providing the highest quality of services to clients by using evidence-based practices (EBP) through collaborative partnerships with other agencies to address clients' criminogenic needs, prepare them for reintegrating to the community, and reduce recidivism. The vision is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which post-disposition clients are served in detention and support their successful return to the community.

525.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Probation Department to provide reentry services to all eligible clients. Reentry services are collaborative evidence-based programs designed to reduce recidivism through the development and improvement of skills and linkage to services necessary for clients' successful reintegration into society and successful completion of community supervision.

The setting, timing, structure, resources, partnerships, and populations involved vary; however, the following best reentry practices will be observed:

- Assess risks and needs as early as possible.
- Enhance intrinsic motivation through client-centered interaction.
- Target interventions at an intensity appropriate to risk and need.
- Use multidisciplinary team approach in case planning and delivery of services.
- Train pro-social behaviors and decision-making through directed practice.
- Use positive reinforcement or effective use of disapproval in response to behavior.
- Link to and engage with ongoing support systems in the community.
- Measure fidelity of programs to best practices and results on an ongoing basis.
- Obtain and incorporate feedback from clients and partners.

In Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision Services, reentry services will be provided for eligible Mandatory Supervision clients and clients in the STAR Program.

525.3 DEFINITIONS

Multidisciplinary team (MDT) is a group of individuals with varied but complementary experience, qualifications, and skills, who collaborate to make decisions regarding recommended services for Probation Department clients.

525.3.1 REFERENCES

For further guidance, see Field Services Procedure Manual—Reentry Services (Adult).