



STANISLAUS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Chief Probation Officer

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

STANISLAUS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

2215 BLUE GUM AVENUE, MODESTO

TRAINING ROOM

1. Call to Order / Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Adoption of Minutes – March 20, 2025, meeting
4. Probation Department Presentation
5. District Attorney's Office Presentation
6. One Drive Data Tracking
7. Program Updates
8. Comments
9. Next Meeting Date – November 13, 2025 @ 1:30 PM

Notice: This meeting is in person, and public participation is welcome. The meeting will be held in the Human Resources Training Room within the gated parking lot, which will remain open for the duration of the meeting.

MEETING AND PARKING NOTICE:

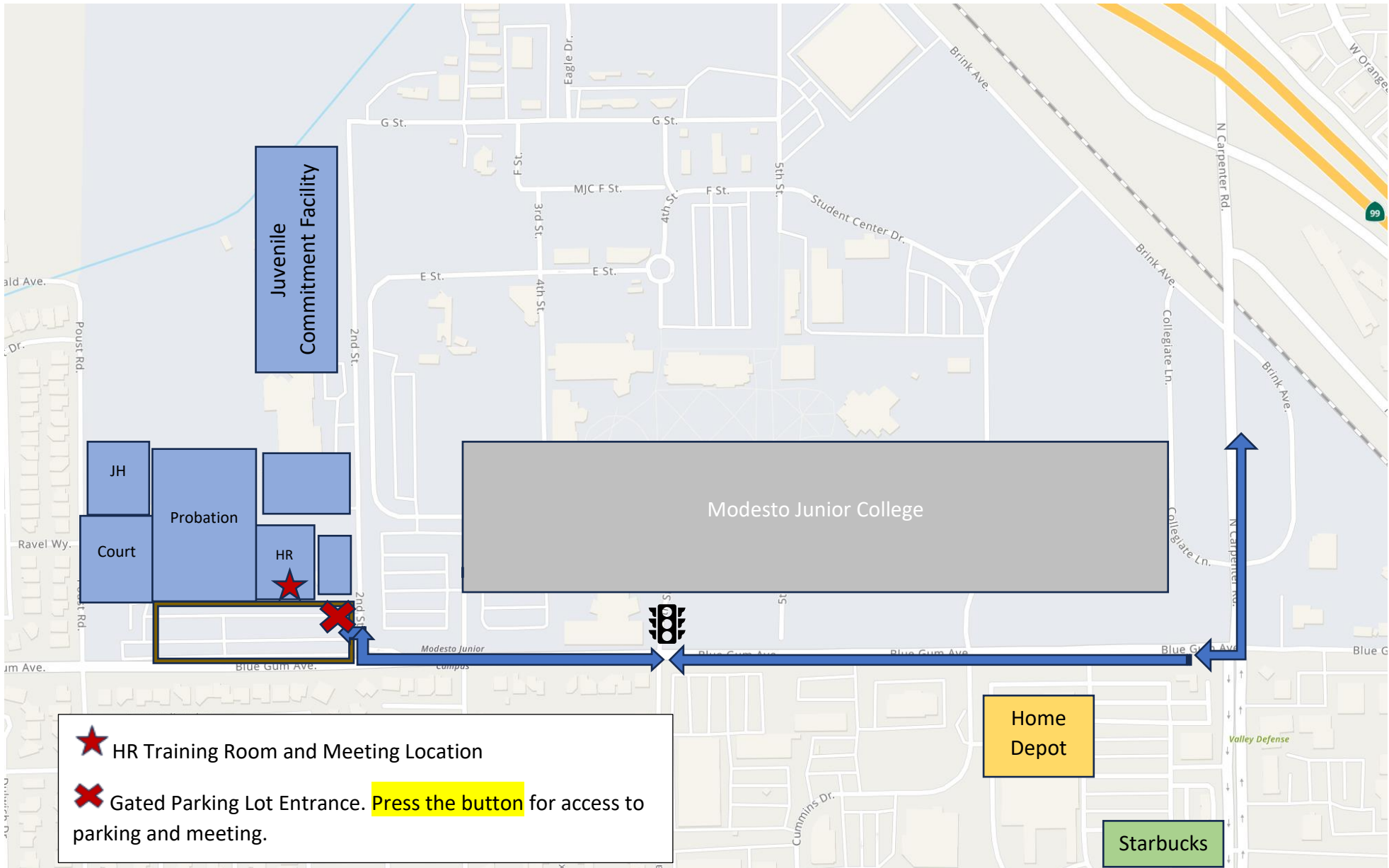
- The meeting will be held in the Human Resources Training Room in the gated parking lot on the corner of Blue Gum Avenue and Second Street.
- The entrance to the parking lot is off Second Street, directly across from the Modesto Junior College parking lot.
- Press the button for the gate attendant to allow you entrance into the parking lot.
- The meeting notice will be directly in front of the HR Training Room.
- A Map is attached.

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HR Training Room and Meeting Location



Gated Parking Lot Entrance. **Press the button** for access to parking and meeting.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – March 20, 2025

Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
Chris Adams for Brandon Gillespie, Modesto Police Department
Chandra Campbell for Tony Vartan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Lt. Timothy Burns for Sheriff Jeff Dirkse, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender's Office
Gina Machado, Center for Human Services
Michael Houston, District Attorney's Office
Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors
Christine Huber, Community Services Agency
Saundra Day for Scott Kuykendall, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Holly Mackinnon, Victim Services Manager, District Attorney's Office
Yvette Ramirez, District Attorney's Office
Brittney Bailey, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Lizbeidy Solorio, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Steve Junqueiro, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Tracie Martin, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
Erika Ruano, Supervising Probation Officer, Probation Department
Stephanie Jimenez, Probation Department
Trisha Birchard, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Vanessa Bravo, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Raul Dominguez, CARE Manager, Probation Department
Richard Perez, Step-Down Program Director, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Consuelo Guzman, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Melissa Norvise, Nirvana
Wyatt Trammell, Nirvana
Vanessa Carmona, Learning Quest
Michelle Jasper, Director, Learning Quest
Martin Velasco, Support Specialist, Public Defender's Office
Gabriela Verduzco, Support Specialist, Public Defender's Office
Shelli Margarite, Director of Support Services, Public Defender's Office

Members Absent

Stephanie Kennedy for Hugh Swift, Stanislaus County Superior Court
Doris Foster, Workforce Development

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and members of the group introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

No one provided public comment.

3. Adoption of the Minutes from the November 14, 2024, meeting.

MOTION: Jennifer Jennison. SECOND: Mark Ferriera. The minutes from the November 14, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously.

4. Sheriff's Office CCP Presentation (Presentation is attached)

Lieutenant Tim Burns from the Sheriff's Office (SO) delivered a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the detention facilities and services offered. The Sheriff's Office partners with various community organizations to provide inmates with vocational training, religious services, job readiness, job skills, and basic education. Forthcoming projects include expanding the welding program, a second phase of electrical training, and launching a window tinting program.

5. Public Defender's Office CCP Presentation (Presentation is attached)

Shelli Margarite, Gabriela Verduzco, and Martin Velasco presented a PowerPoint outline of the Public Defender's Client Support Services, which aims to keep clients out of custody by connecting them with needed services and addressing both legal and non-legal consequences of arrest. They also assist with legal mitigation by gathering personal and service-related information to share with attorneys, helping to humanize clients in court. They focus on preventing collateral impacts, such as job or housing loss, by offering care coordination, advocacy, system navigation, case management, peer support, and referrals to services like mental health and substance use treatment. The presentation included the following:

- The Role of the Public Defender's Office
- Client Support Services Unit
- Client Support Services Goals
- Program Services Provided

Public Defender's Office:

Public Defender Jennifer Jennison reported that the client support team has over 850 open cases. Tricia Birchard, Raul Dominguez, and Michael Walker from the Probation Department collaborated with the team, demonstrating their generosity. The team consists of six full-time Client Support Specialists, two part-time staff members, and two full-time social workers. The embedded behavioral health team is two and a half weeks into its operation and is excited about the potential for great work together. The Public Defender's office appreciates the support and collaboration from the Probation Department.

The Public Defender PAC team, a CCP-funded pair, will assist post-release individuals from jail, providing case management, medication connections, and other services. A similar team, funded by the state, will be added to the CARE court to help those at risk of becoming inmates. The team has successfully housed a client in his residence for the first time in 40 years, thanks to the efforts of the client support team.

6. Program Updates:

Chief Ferriera referenced a prior discussion regarding the format of program reporting, redirecting the focus toward broader trends, issue identification, and outcomes. Data Analyst Trisha Birchard proposed creating an online platform for stakeholders to centrally submit data, suggesting the use of OneDrive except for BHRS, which does not yet have access to OneDrive.

Trisha Birchard will coordinate with everyone to distribute instructions on accessing the system, logging in, and submitting data, ensuring a smooth transition to the new reporting process.

Probation Department:

Deputy Probation Officer Stephanie Jimenez from the Probation Department provided an update regarding the tattoo removal program, including the distribution of a new flyer with upcoming service dates, May 6 and June 17. The most recent event had a strong turnout, with approximately 52 individuals receiving services. While the program initially targeted individuals on probation, it has since expanded to serve the broader community.

Deputy Probation Officer III Erika Ruano reported on three recent Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operations, conducted in Oakdale, Waterford, and Newman, that resulted in multiple arrests primarily related to firearm-related violations. A RAT operation is scheduled for March 20 in Waterford.

CARE Manager Raul Dominguez reported that in Quarter 2, service numbers remained stable compared to the same period last year, 2,467 this year versus 2,454 last year.

There are currently 103 active clients in CARE: 57 with the Outreach and Engagement Team (1.0 Team) and 46 with case management. This quarter, three individuals were linked to Mental Health Full-Service Partnerships. Two individuals moved into long-term care facilities, and two cases were closed due to a loss of contact, which often indicates that individuals are no longer in the area or have connected to other services.

Mr. Dominguez shared a success story about a woman on the transient offender list who had nearly 20 police contacts in three months. She was quickly given temporary housing and completed assessments, then moved to treatment. Working with the Public Defender's Office, seven municipal code violations were dismissed. She continues in treatment and is doing well.

District Attorney's Office:

Yvette Ramirez, from the Victim Advocate Services Unit, shared a success story in their efforts to support crime victims, highlighting their recent work with an individual who was orphaned at the age of 10 following the murder of his parents 46 years ago. After one defendant was released on parole and a second was granted parole in January 2024, the advocates assisted him in applying to the California Victim Compensation Board, enabling him to access therapy services at no cost.

Modesto Police Department:

Captain Chris Adams from the Modesto Police Department reported that the CHAT team has extended a conditional offer to fill its final open position, bringing the team to full staffing with a total of 12 members. The CHAT team has implemented seven-day-a-week coverage, which has been functioning well.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS):

Chandra Campbell from BHRS reported that the outpatient level of care officially launched in December. Since then, participation has grown quickly. In FY 2023–24, about 80 people were served, with nearly 70 already served this year, showing strong momentum.

The Mental Health Court program is currently supporting 15 participants, having previously been reduced to only one or two for an extended period. Notably, two individuals graduated from the program last month.

Although all treatment teams are currently fully staffed, the Adult System of Care, including the Collaborative Courts treatment teams, continues to be significantly affected by exceptionally high caseloads.

Community Services Agency (CSA):

CSA Director Christine Huber discussed the Community Services Agency's ongoing monitoring of developments at both the budgetary and state levels, recognizing that many of the programs used to determine eligibility are also employed for billing and related purposes. They are actively monitoring for any potential impacts on Medi-Cal and CalFresh that may arise.

Leaders In Community Alternatives (LCA):

LCA continues to hold CBI employment and job search groups, as well as ART at the Day Reporting Center and REACT. They are now collaborating with the City of Oakdale, which is hosting new training;

lunch and transportation will be provided. LCA has also started utilizing the program van to provide transportation to participants during their job search.

Learning Quest:

Learning Quest Program Manager Vanessa Carmona provided a staffing update, announcing the retirement of Executive Director Karen Williams and introducing Michelle Casper as her successor in the Executive Director role.

Ms. Carmona reported challenges related to testing, both in custody and at the Day Reporting Center (DRC), due to widespread testing anxiety expressed by participants. Learning Quest is exploring the development of a supportive resource, such as a pamphlet or guide, to help address and reduce testing anxiety.

Despite this temporary setback, Learning Quest has seen significant improvement, with a total of 14 graduates from the DRC and in-custody programs. Recent successes include a minimum housing graduate who scored 87 out of 100, as well as several students achieving near-perfect or perfect scores on the HiSET exam.

Chief Ferriera shared a story about newly retired Learning Quest Director Karen Williams, recalling when the Probation Department launched its first Day Reporting Center (DRC) in Salida, operating with minimal funding and no budget for programming. The department partnered with community-based organizations, including Learning Quest, to provide essential services to high-risk probation clients at no cost. The initiative was to create a one-stop shop for supervision and support services, laying the foundation for the current DRC on Hackett Road. He acknowledged that Learning Quest played a key role by offering high school equivalency exam preparation and remains grateful to all of the early partners, especially Karen Williams, whose contributions were vital to the program's success.

Nirvana:

Melissa Norvise reported an increase in sober living referrals. She shared a success story about Nirvana's first probation-funded client from 2013, who stayed with Nirvana over the years and ultimately became a house manager. Through his continued dedication and financial discipline, he has recently achieved homeownership and successfully transitioned to his new life. Ms. Norvise also introduced Nirvana, Men's Program Director Wyatt Trammell.

Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE):

Saundra Day shared that she attended the Modesto Window Tinting Academy graduation ceremony, where six female graduates received their certificates.

Center for Human Services Agency (CHS):

CHS Director Gina Machado announced the completion of the Youth and Family Outpatient Behavioral Health Facility, set to open in May 2025. Services will be available to individuals ages 0-25 and their families with mental health and substance use disorders.

7. Comments:

Supervisor Terry Withrow addressed the County's decision to terminate its contract with Mr. Michael Baldwin's Legacy Alliance Outreach Program, modeled after Homeboy Industries from Southern California. The program currently serves 70 to 100 individuals who have been previously incarcerated. He expressed his hope of finding a way to preserve the program's mission and continue its valuable initiatives within the community.

Chief Ferriera discussed being close to finalizing the CCP Plan, which he aims to present to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on April 29 at 9:00 a.m. A draft of the plan will be circulated for your review and feedback in advance of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

The June quarterly CCP meeting was canceled, and the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department will present on their CCP-funded programs at the following CCP meeting in September.

8. **Next Meeting:**

September 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.



SHERIFF INMATE PROGRAMS

SHERIFF JEFF DIRKSE
LIEUTENANT TIM BURNS
SERGEANT JUNQUEIRO

ADULT DETENTION FACILITIES

Sheriff's Detention Center – East
(SDC-E)

Sheriff's Detention Center – West
(SDC-W)

Minimum Housing Unit
(MHU)

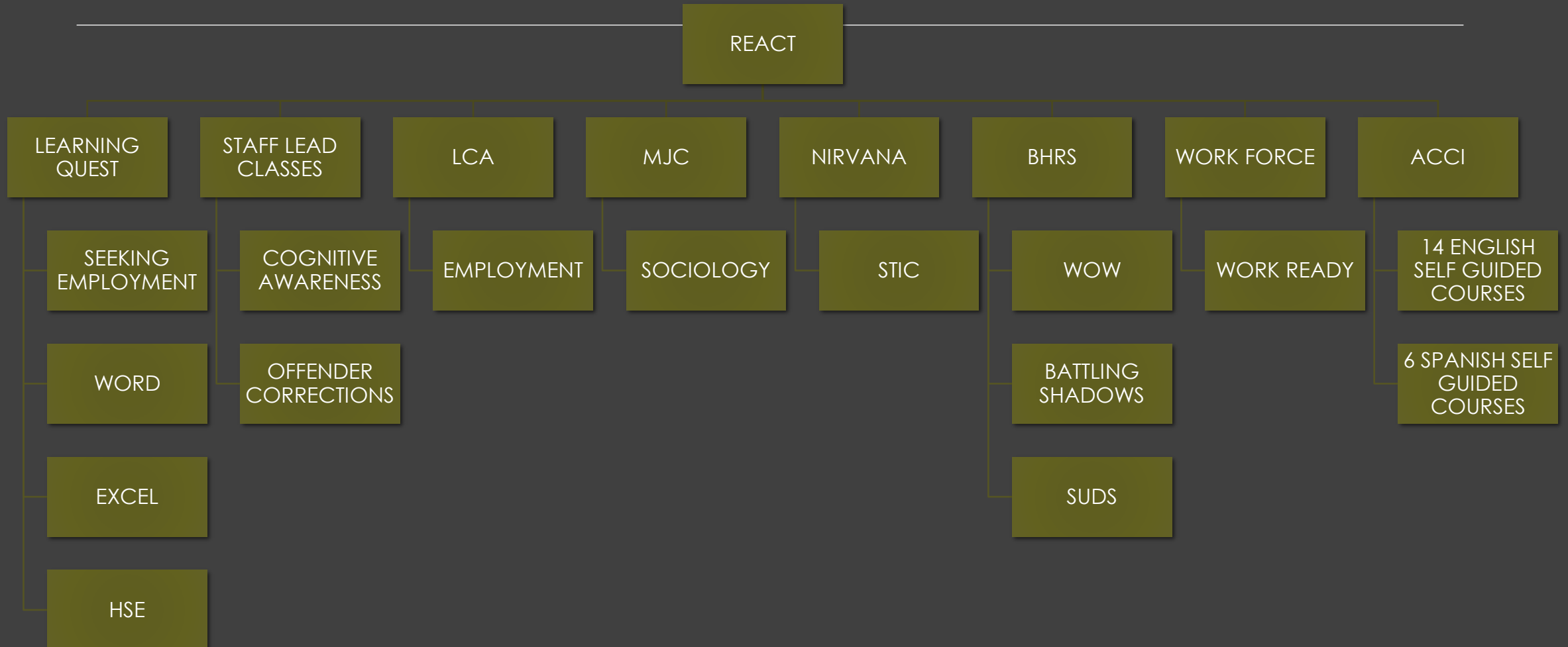
Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training Center
(REACT)



EDUCATIONAL CLASSES



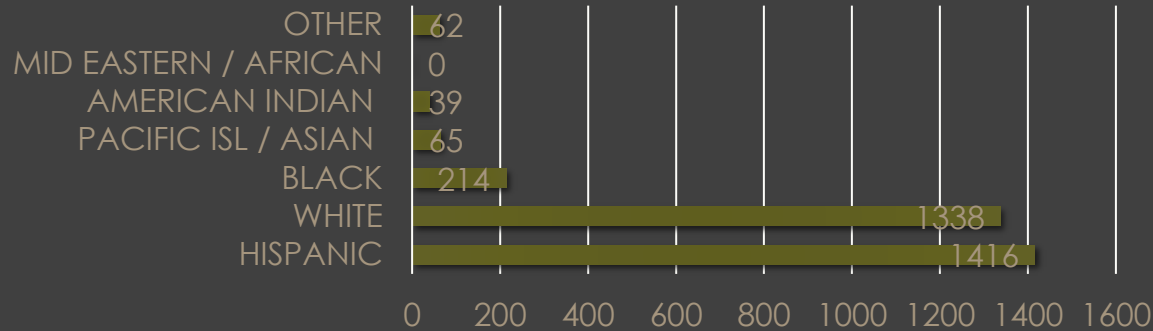
EDUCATION PROGRAMS



EDUCATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

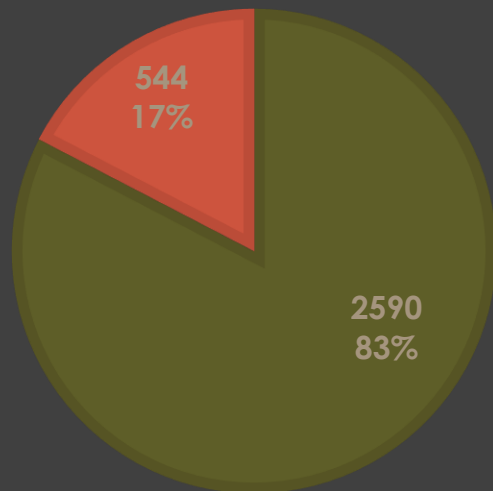
JULY 2023- JUNE 2024

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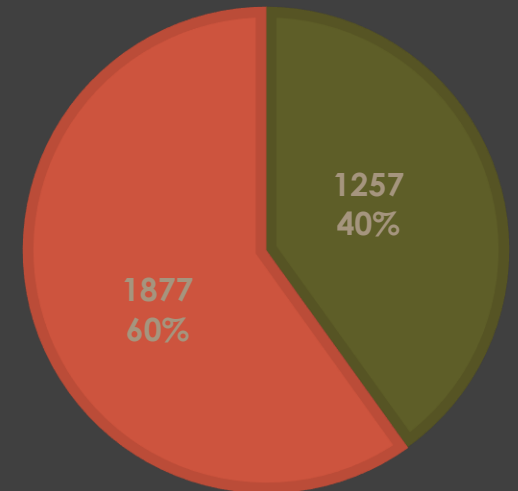
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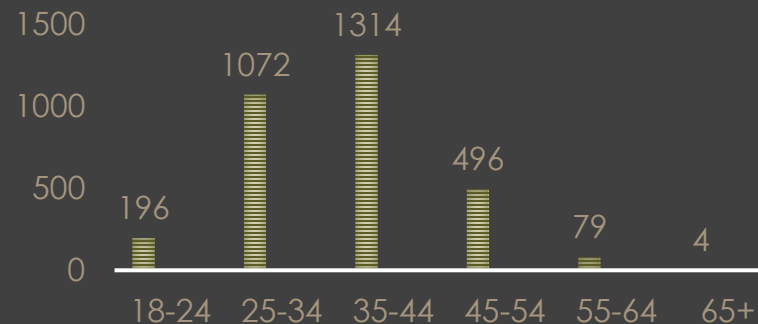


GENDER

FEMALE MALE



AGE



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

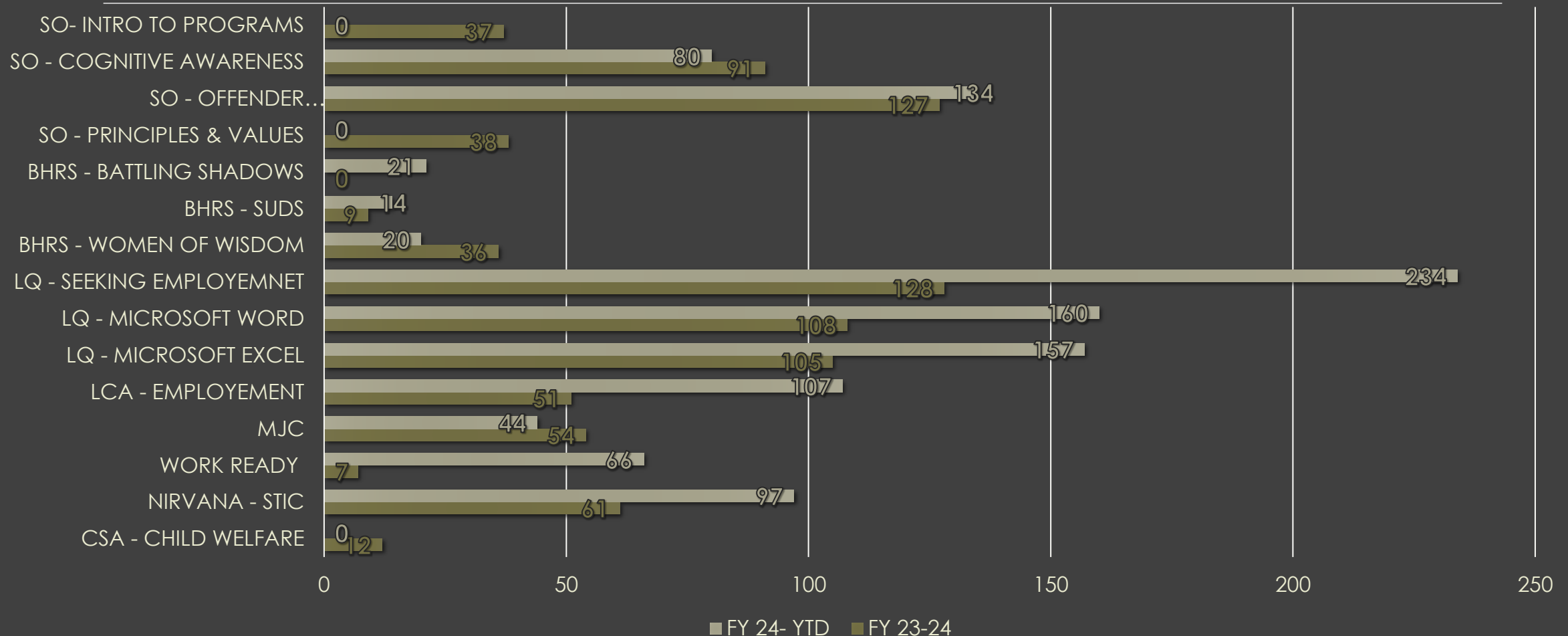
- Leaders in Community Alternatives
- Learning Quest
- Modesto Junior College
- Nirvana
- Animal Services
- BHRS
- SCOE
- SCWD



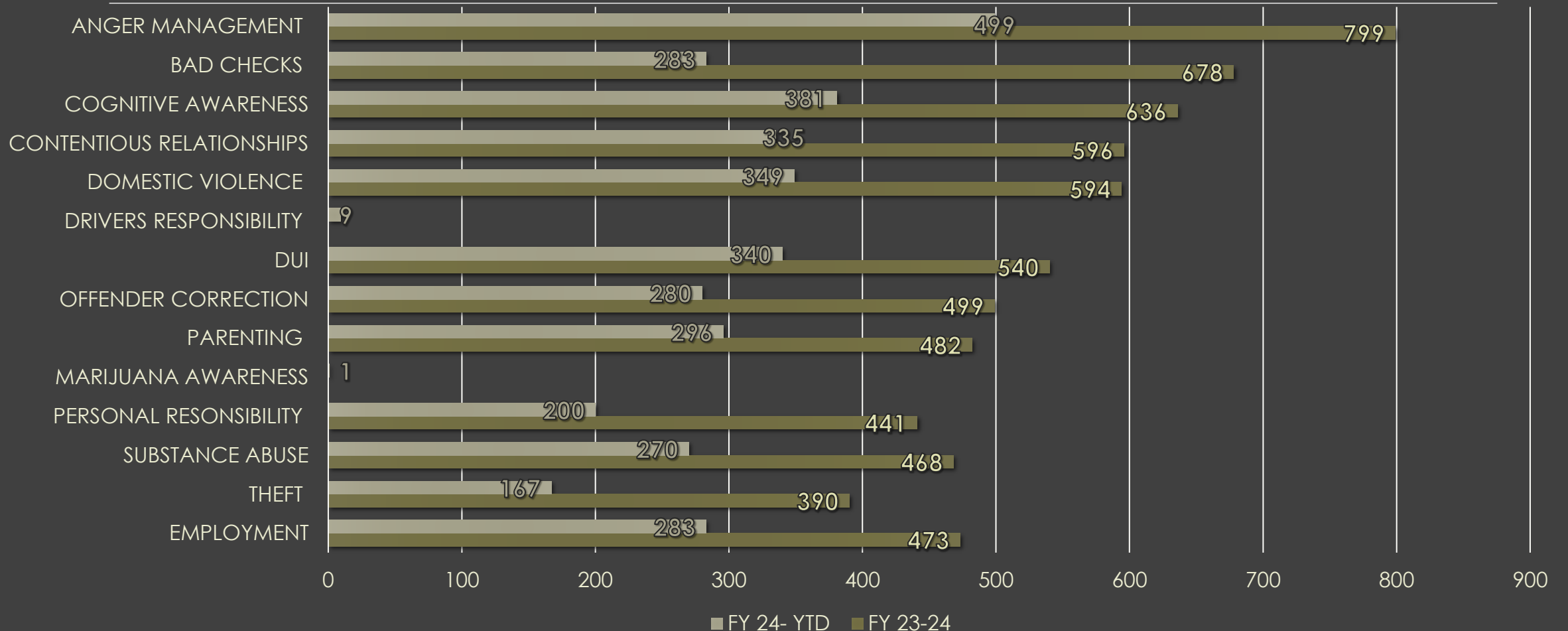
	CCP SPENDING PLAN	YEAR END PROJECTION
Base Salary & Benefits	7,270,731.00	7,270,731.00
Base Admin Overhead S&B	767,614.00	767,614.00
Base Programming Contracts (Learning Quest)	405,408.00	405,408.00
Base Salvation Army	76,735.00	76,735.00
BASE TOTAL	8,520,488.00	8,520,488.00
Exp Phase I/II/III	4,218,712.00	4,218,712.00
Exp Phase III	1,066,477.00	1,066,477.00
SDC-W (16 DS-C)	1,244,800.00	682,400.00
Jail Medical	1,158,345.00	1,106,100.00
EXPANSION TOTAL	7,688,334.00	7,073,689.00
Yard, Mental Health & Medical Deputies (7)	878,683.00	878,683.00
Ag Program Deputy (x1)	125,526.00	125,526.00
Corrections Treatment Team (BHRS/WFD County Contract)	217,266.00	137,947.00
Ag/Vocation Trng Program Services, Supplies & Contractors	218,405.00	160,400.00
SOAR - SCOE/WFD	254,276.00	234,855.00
PROGRAMS/PROJECTS TOTAL	1,694,156.00	1,537,411.00
Rec Yard	1,350,000.00	1,350,000.00
Jail Medical Base	515,000.00	515,000.00
CCP Approved FY 25 Spending Plan	19,767,978.00	18,996,588.00



CLASSES & ENROLLEES



ACCI ENROLLEES



LEARNING QUEST HIGHLIGHTS (JULY 2024 – FEB 28, 2025 FY)



27 HSE PARTICIPANTS WITH
INCARCERATED PERSONS



235 RESUMES, 7 ASSISTED JOB
APPLICATIONS & 10 JOB PLACEMENTS



1 HSE/GED GRADUATES*

2024-2025 MJC HIGHLIGHTS



A PREVIOUS IP WAS A STUDENT OF THE FIRST MJC CLASS OFFERED IN THE FACILITY. SHE HAS BEEN RELEASED AND HAS CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AND SHE IS EARNING STRAIGHT A'S. SHE WAS RECENTLY HIRED BY RISE UP CENTER AS A STUDENT WORKER. SHE HAS JOINED THE RISING SCHOLAR CLUB THAT SERVES SYSTEM IMPACTED STUDENTS AND IS OFFICIALLY THE CLUB SECRETARY.



3 OTHER STUDENTS THAT TAKEN A PREVIOUS CLASS WHILE IN CUSTODY ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN CLASSES ON CAMPUS AND MJC HOPE THEY JOIN THE RISING SCHOLAR CLUB AS WELL.



MJC INSTRUCTOR REPORTED "N2 has created a wonderful learning environment among themselves. A "teacher" emerged among them, and they have informal teaching sessions during the week among themselves. The teacher breaks down what I teach further to the others, giving them examples that are relevant to them. They have also had debates among each other. Students that struggle a little more have expressed how valuable this additional learning experience is for them. "

2024-2025 BHRS HIGHLIGHTS

A message from an Instructor:

"I have a client who was guarded in the beginning of the group. The Client has trauma from serving in the military as well as other traumas throughout life and has severe anger issues. The client was able to connect with the group facilitator through music. Once a trusting relationship began the client started to absorb the material from the battling shadows trauma group and was able to use it for his anger. The client took the group seriously and told other vets that the group was beneficial. The client continued utilizing the coping skills he had learned in the group. The facilitator would see the client using coping skills in the group such as the three-breath technique when he was getting frustrated with other group members. The client reports that this group has been super beneficial for his mental health. The client has now been serving as the mentor of the group after graduating. The client has been the mentor for months and continuously uses the tools from the workbook. The client now supports other group members in dealing with their trauma. The client has exhibited an openness to discussing the hard topics and being open to discussing his own experiences. Other group members have told me how helpful he has been and has even convinced some group members that this is beneficial. This client has worked with other group members outside of group to assist them with the workbook and help them understand how the different coping skills work. He has shown significant improvements since the beginning when he was guarded. "



2023-2024 WORKFORCE HIGHLIGHTS



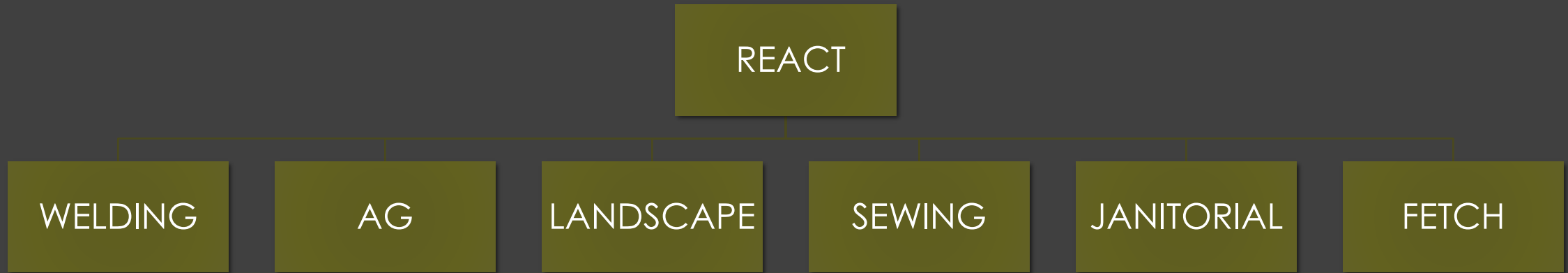
A IP THAT COMPLETED THE WORK READY PROGRAM WHILE IN CUSTODY HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED AND SIGNED UP FOR RESOURCES THROUGH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. WORKFORCE ASSISTANCE HIM WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER. TOGETHER THEY ASSISTED HIM WITH HIS LICENSES SO HE CAN OPEN HIS TATTOO SHOP. HE CURRENTLY IS PLANNING HIS GRAND OPENING, HOPING TO OPEN BEFORE THE SUMMER.





VOCATIONAL TRAINING

VOCATION PROGRAMS

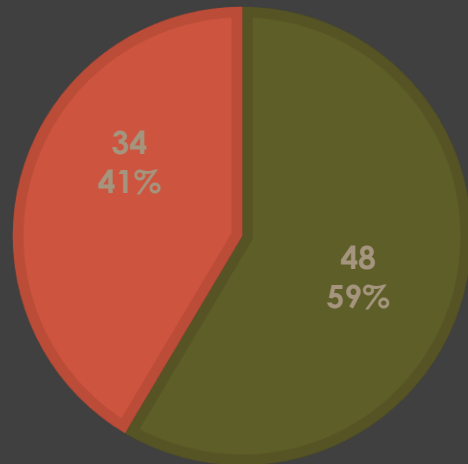


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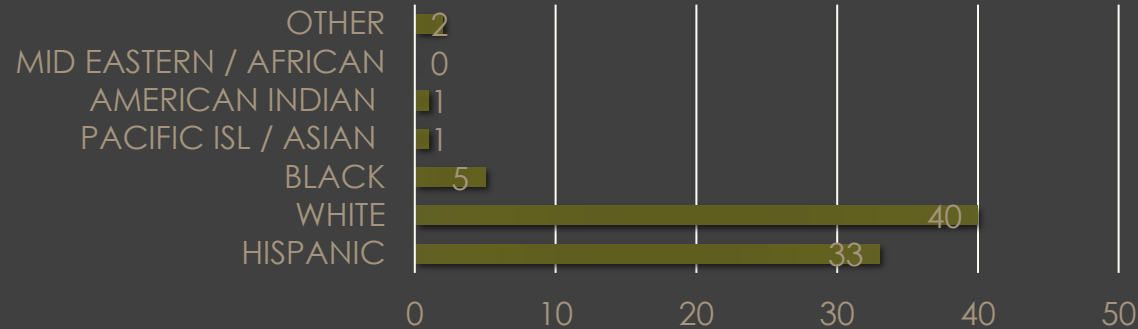
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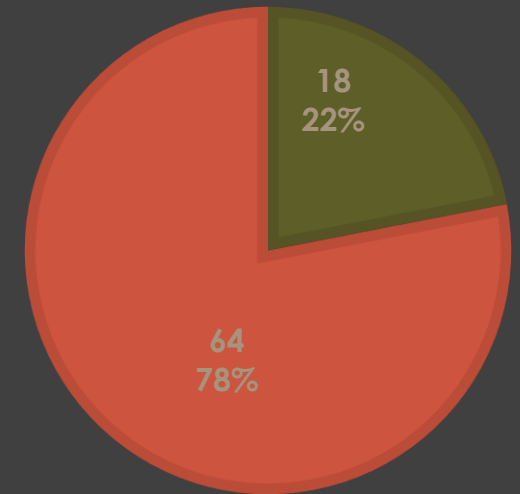


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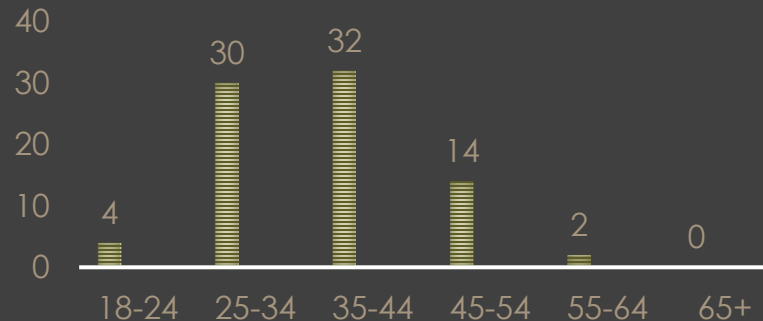


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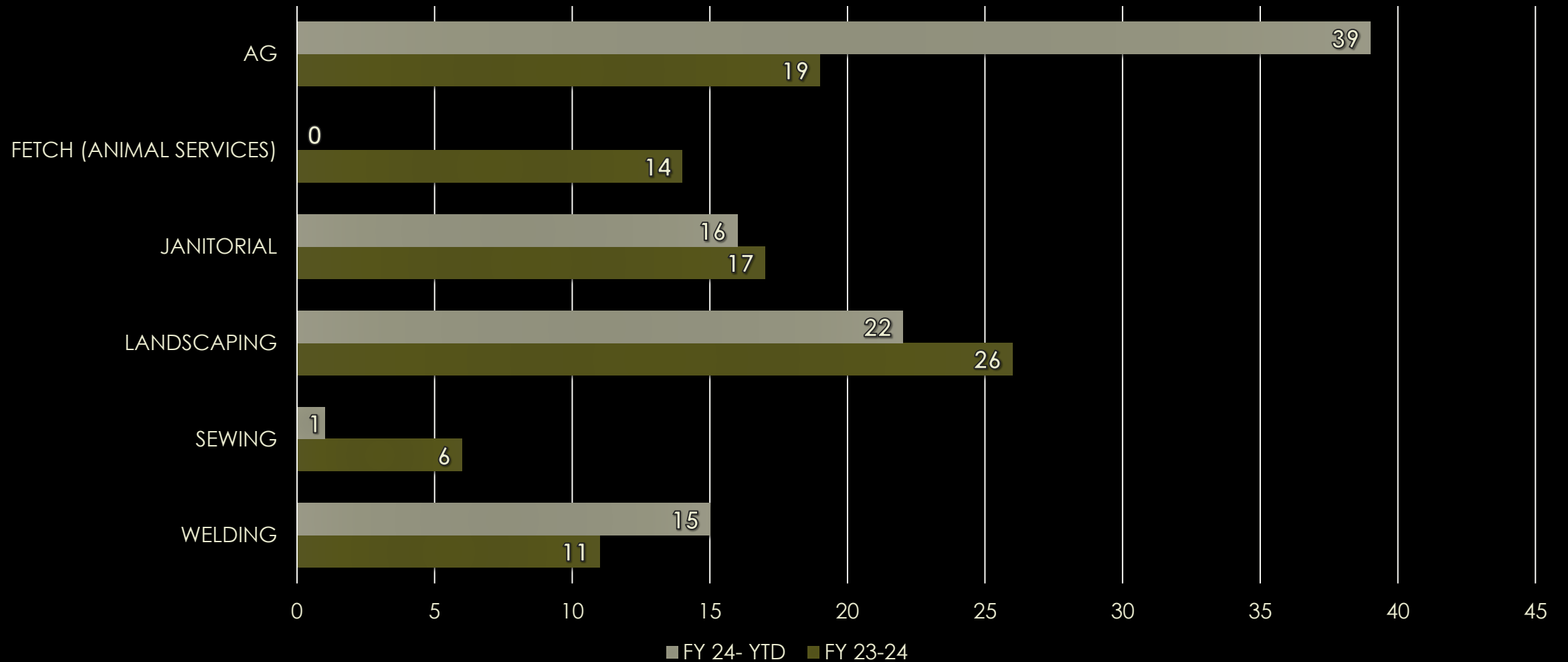
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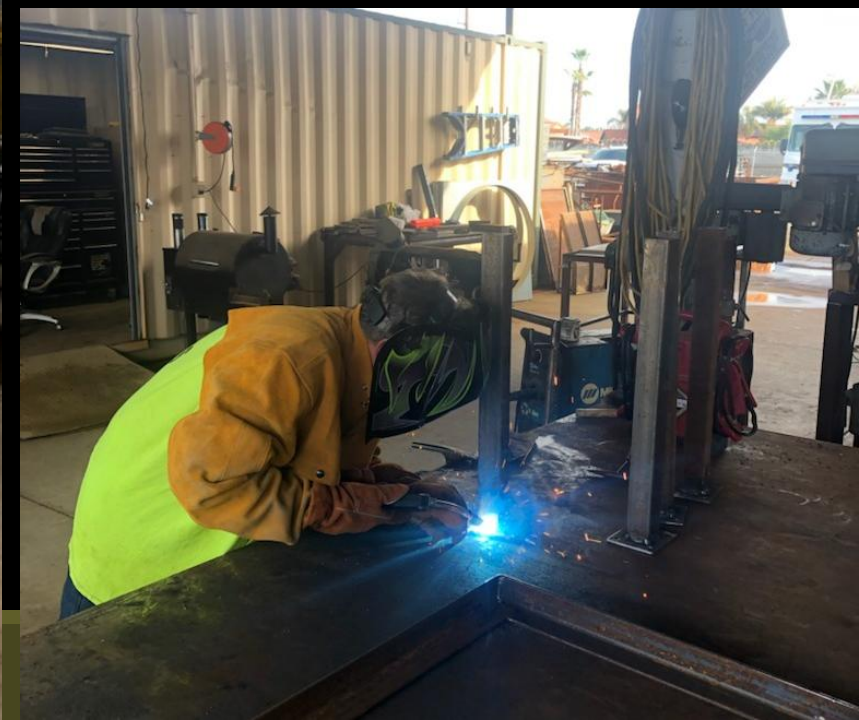


AGE



PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION





The Goats and our Goat Dog, Kizi



Day 1



Day 7



Day 1



Day 7



FUTURE PROGRAMMING

SERVESAFE
(ENROLLING)

WINDOW TINTING
(ALREADY STARTED)

TRUCK DRIVING
(ENROLLING)

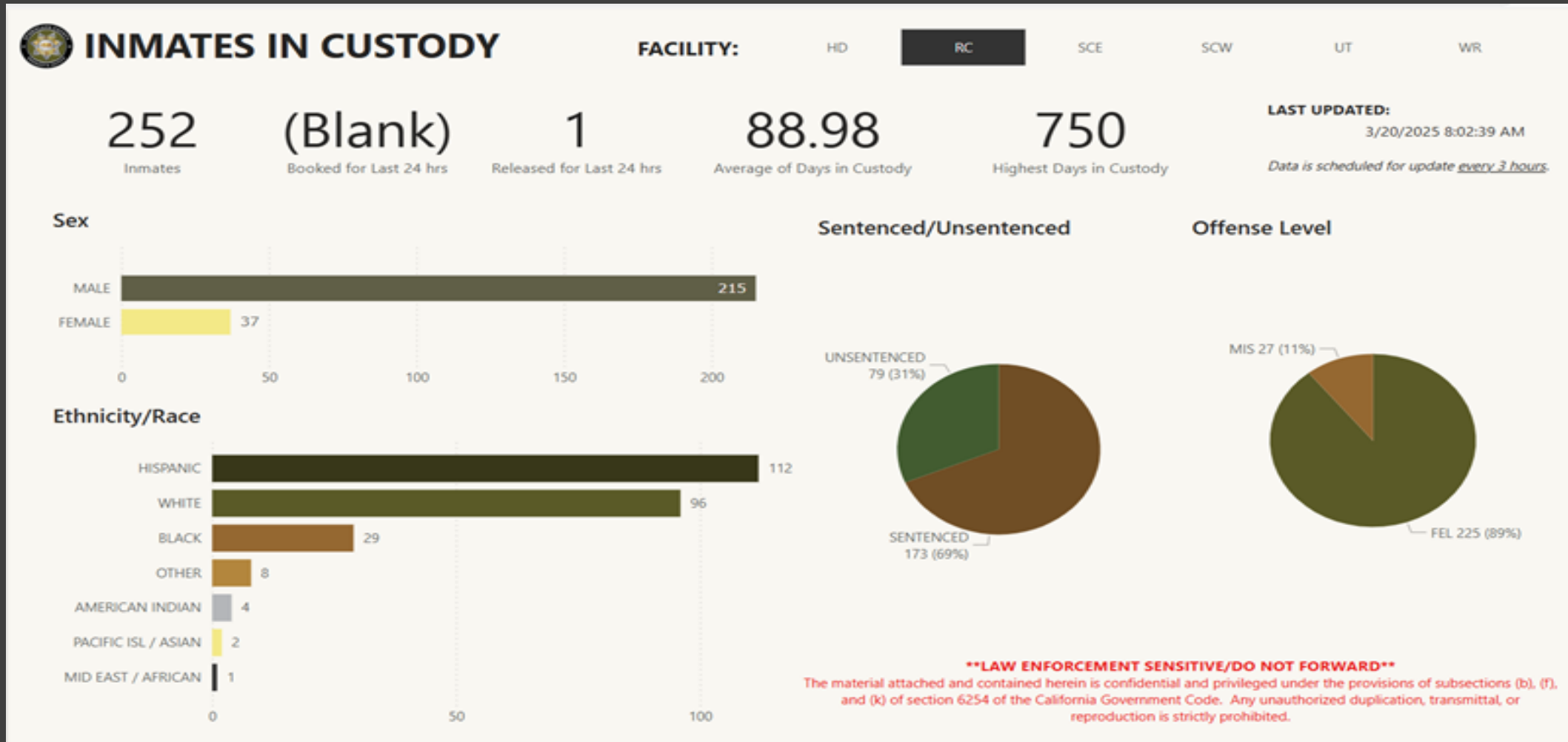
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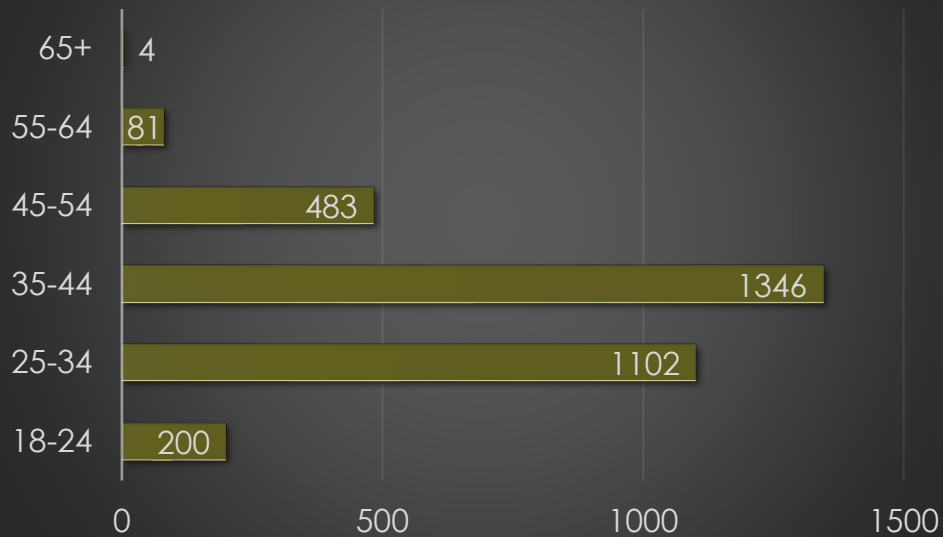
REACT IN CUSTODY DEMOGRAPHICS



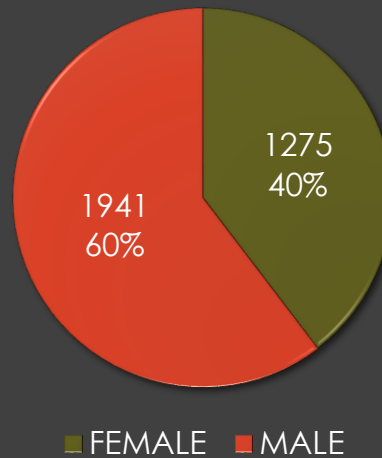
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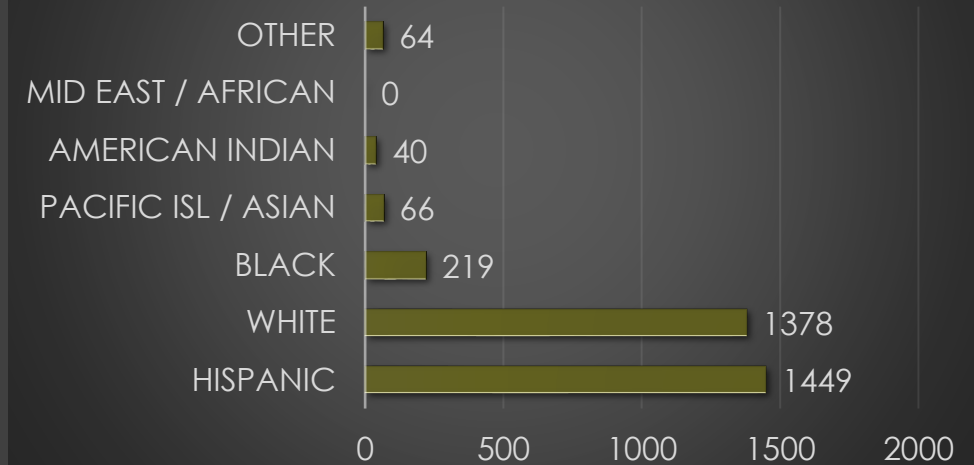
AGE OF PARTICIPANTS



3219 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS



RACIAL DEMOGRAPHIC OF PARTICIPANTS

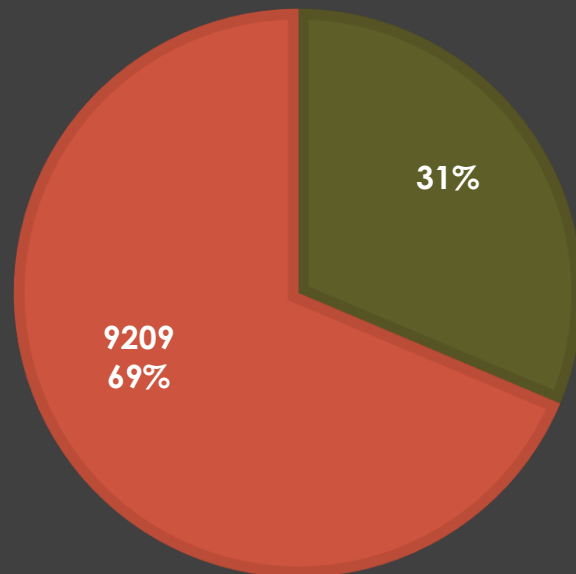


PROGRAM RECIDIVISM

(JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024)

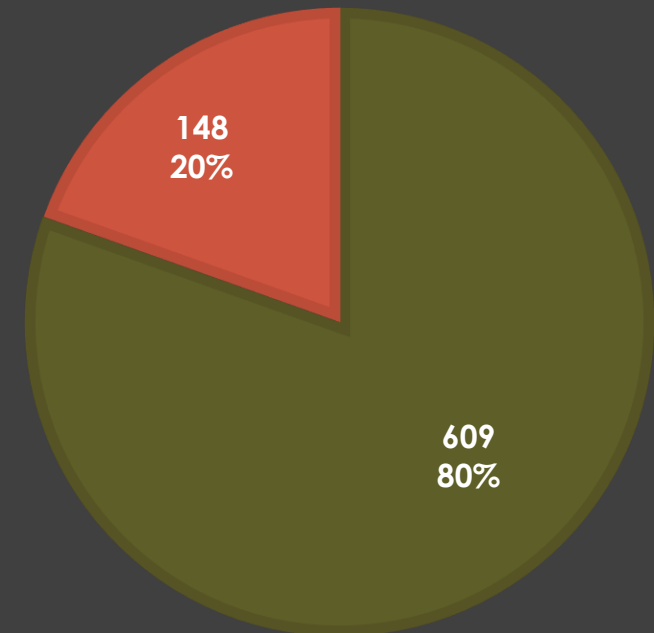
RECIDIVISM ALL FACILITIES AFTER 7/01/2023 REGARDLESS OF PROGRAMING

■ DIDNT RECIDIVISED ■ RECIDIVISED



RECIDIVISM FOR REACT IP THAT COMPLETED COURSES

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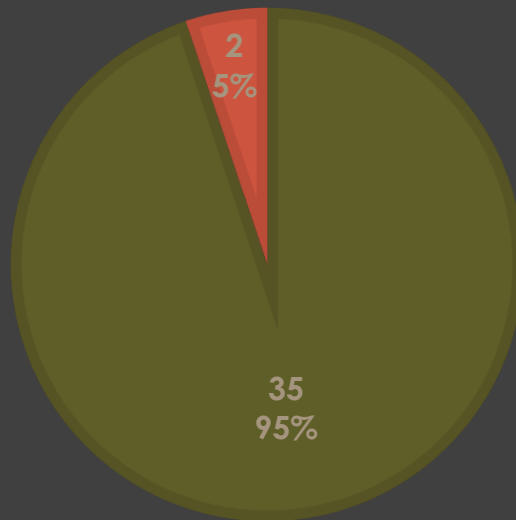


SALVATION ARMY HOME DETENTION

JULY 2023- JUNE 2024

SALVATION ARMY SENTENCE COMPLETIONS

■ Completed ■ Didn't Complete



Over the course of the last 18 months there were 37 IP that have been released from custody and placed on home detention at the Salvation Army. Of the 37 only 2 have not completed there sentenced on the program.



MILITARY VETERANS PROGRAM (M.V.P)

JULY 2022- OCT 2024

Groups

Battling Shadows MRT – BHRS

Veterans Group - Marine Corps League

**All classes that are offered to the other units are also offered to MVP

Outside Assistance

Veterans Service Office of Stanislaus County

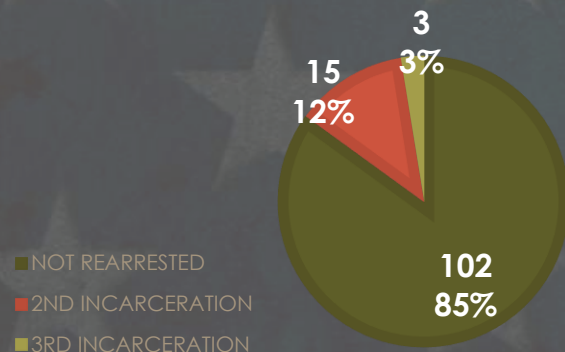
Veterans Justice Outreach – Veterans Administration

Veterans Treatment Court – Stanislaus County Superior Court

Marine Corps League Detachment 019

Veterans Transition Center of Northern California

SINCE JUNE 2022 120 IPS
HAVE BEEN IN THE MVP



PLEASE CONTACT US IF NEEDED

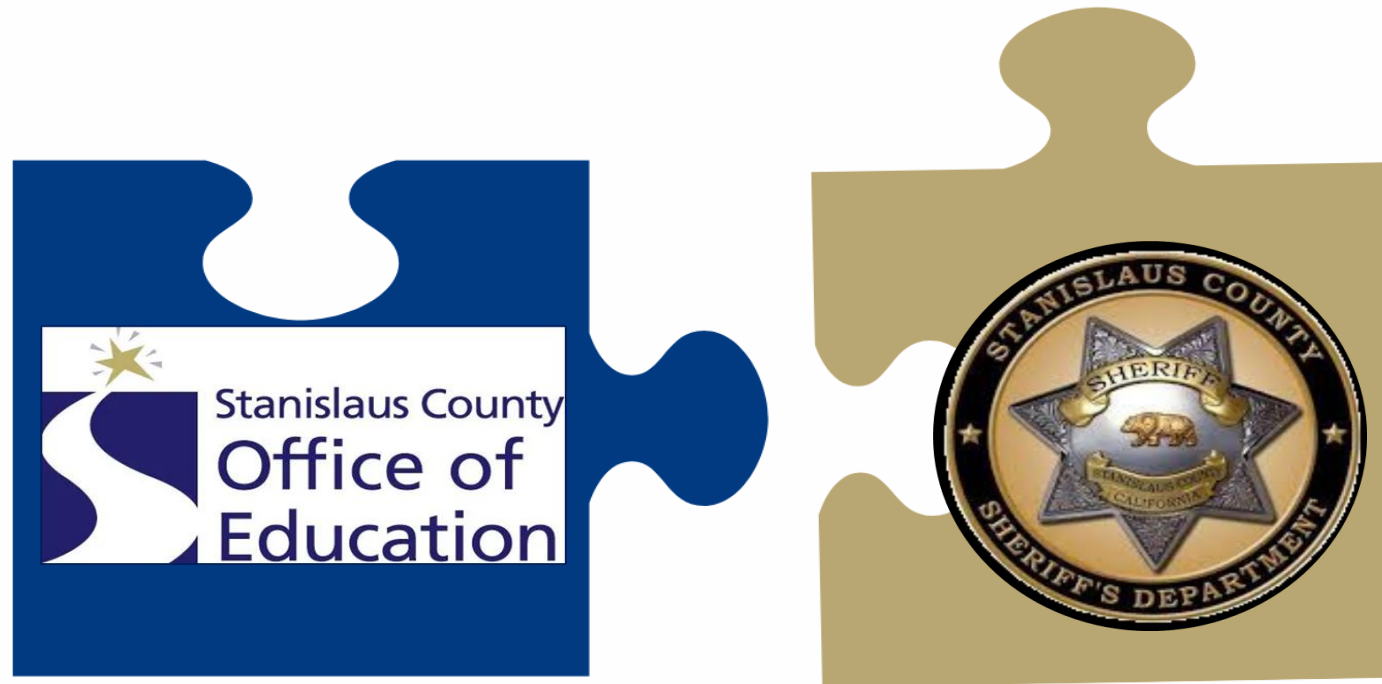
SGT. JUNQUEIRO
MAIN: 209-525-7212
MOBILE: 209-305-2948

DEPUTY LONGORIA
MAIN: 209-525-7212
MOBILE: 209-652-0677

DEPUTY THOMAS
MAIN: 209-525-7212
MOBILE: 209-857-2689

CSO BAILEY/ SOLORIO
MAIN: 209-491-8771





A CONTINUUM OF OPPORTUNITY

Timeline



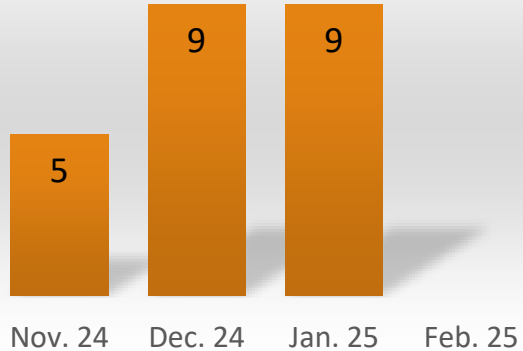
Summer / Fall 2023
Conversations began

23-24 School year
Concept framed

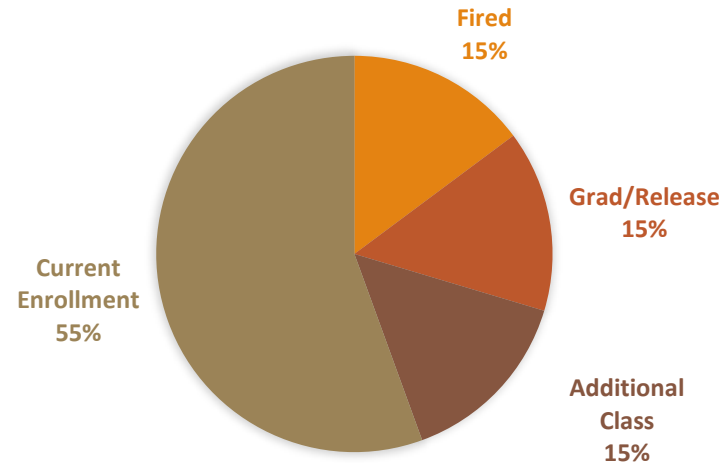
24 – 25 School year
It's happening

DATA points

Enrollment by Month

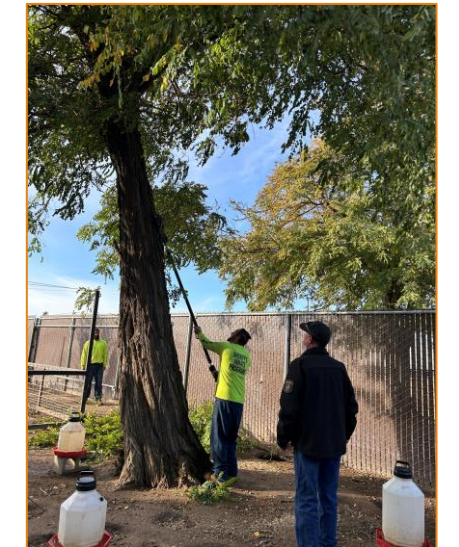
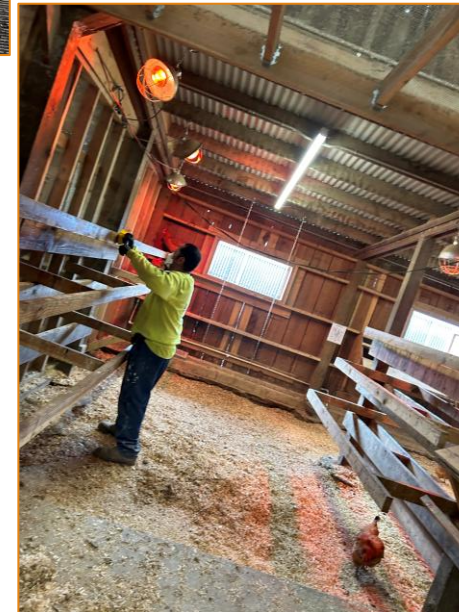


SUMMARY OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT



Average daily head count in REACT is estimated at 200 IPs. Currently, 29 IPs are IWOC or “cleared to work outside”. **17/29** are utilized for AG, Landscaping, and Irrigation. That’s **59%!**

The Daily with the Ladies (Hens)





The Daily with the Weed Eaters (Goats)



Looking Forward...



Goal: to build a *sustainable* continuum of opportunity.

Sheriff's Dept., California Tint Academy, Western Pacific Truck School, MC3 (Multi-Craft Core) with Sheet Metal, NCCT, and CBK.

Two IPs were introduced to the idea of NCCT while in REACT. They filled out the paperwork, have begun participating and have also completed forklift certification with Kevin.





STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES



Public
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Stanislaus County

Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender

Shelli Margarite, Manager II

Gabriela Verduzco Ortiz, CSS II

Martin Velasco, CSS II

About the Public Defender's Office:

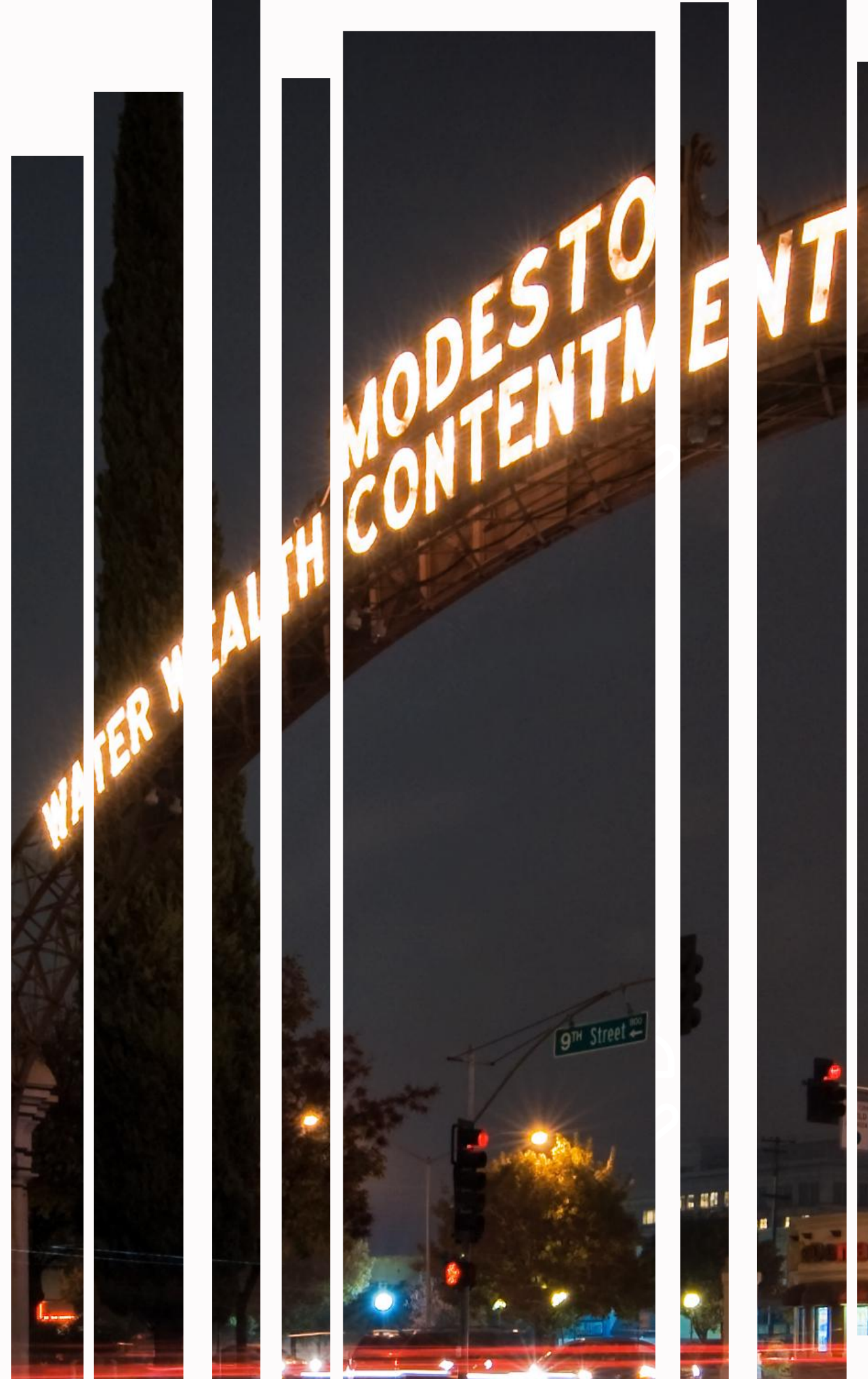
The Public Defender's duties are mandated by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of California, and by statutes enacted by the California Legislature. The services provided by the office help assure the orderly administration of justice within our community and protect the liberty of those accused of crime as well as those who might someday find themselves accused.





OUR ROLE

To ensure and promote justice, reduce recidivism, and provide zealous advocacy through client-centered high quality legal representation that protects the liberty and constitutional rights of indigent persons accused of crimes. Our office is dedicated to serving our indigent population with high quality representation.



Client Support Services Unit



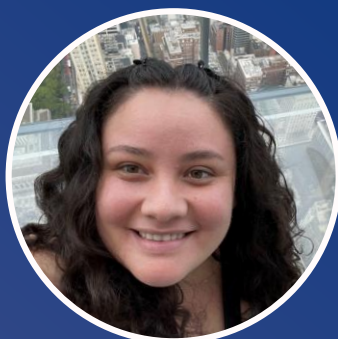
The Client Support Services Unit consists of a team of non-legal advocates committed to identifying the full range of needs and helping clients access relevant services to achieve their goals. Client Support Specialists and Social Workers work directly with Stanislaus County Public Defender Clients free of charge to help keep them out of jail and connect them with supportive community services. The goal is to prevent the non-criminal consequences of arrest that impact housing, employment, public benefits and many other areas of life.



Our Team



Shelli
Margarite
Client Support
Manager



Gabriela
Verduzco Ortiz
Regional Center
/ Juvenile Focus



Martin
Velasco
Early Representation
Program



Gregory
Merritt
CARE Court



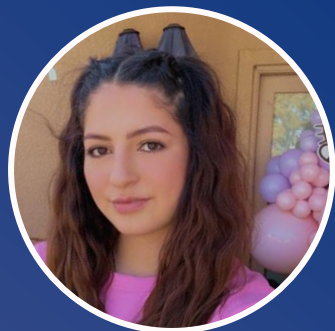
Angelica
Castellanos
Post-release
Focus



Maria
Vera
Client Support
Specialist



Farm
Saevang
Client Support
Specialist



Natalie
Andrade-Campos
Client Support
Specialist



Alexa
Ortega
Client Support
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Marlen
Contreras
Social Worker
IV / ERT



Michael
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Social Worker
IV



Mario
Benavidez
Social Worker III

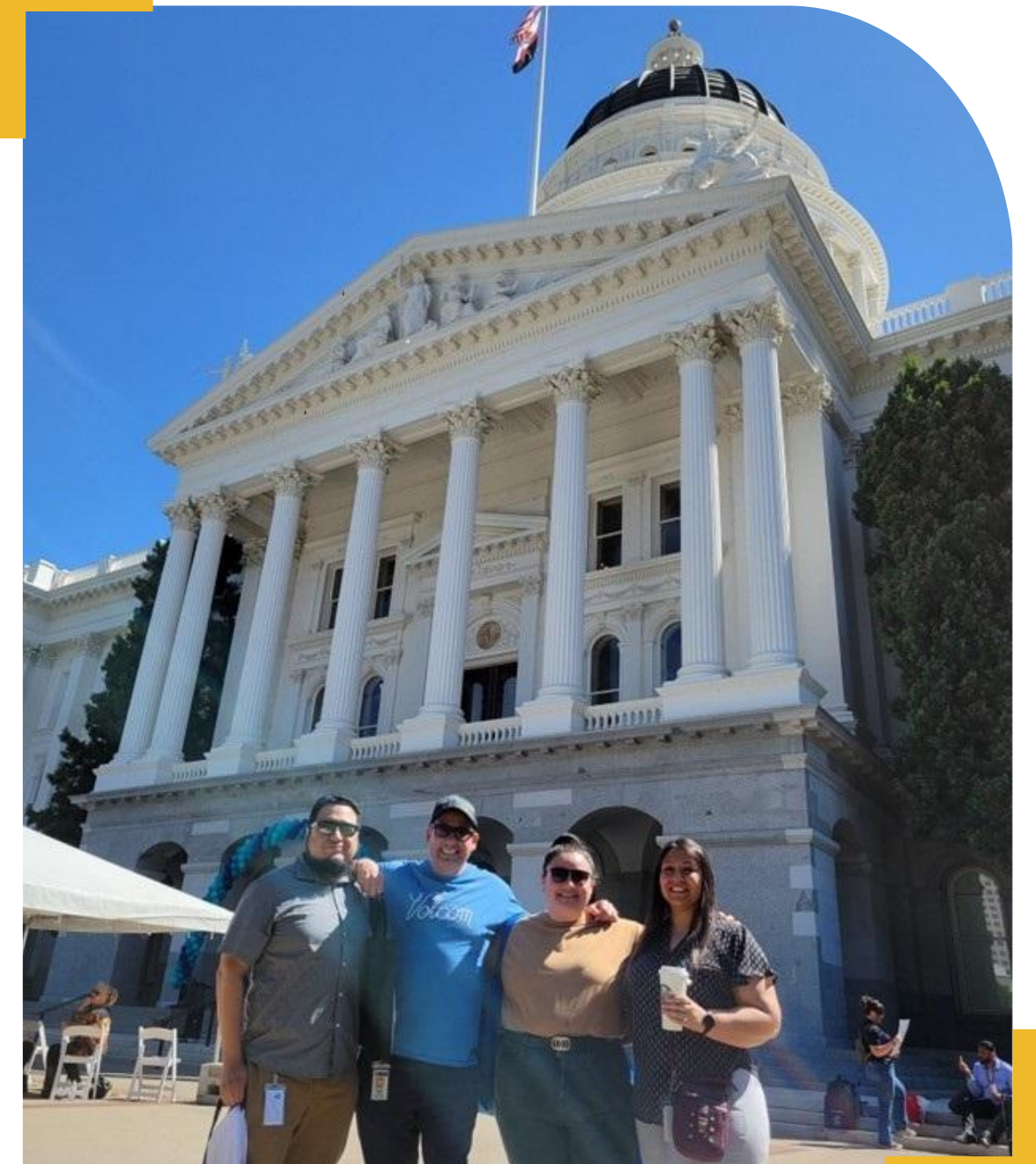


Robert
Padilla
Social Worker III

CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES TEAM GOALS:

Assist in keeping clients out of jail by connecting them with supportive community services and contributing to legal mitigation.

To prevent the collateral non-criminal consequences of arrest that impacts housing, employment, public benefits, and many other areas of their lives.



**Stanislaus
County Public
Defender's Client
Support Program
provides individuals
with the following
services:**



Additional supportive services needed to ensure clients become successful in making healthy life choices



Connection to local resources such as substance use disorder treatment and behavioral health services



Peer Support



Supportive Counseling



Case management



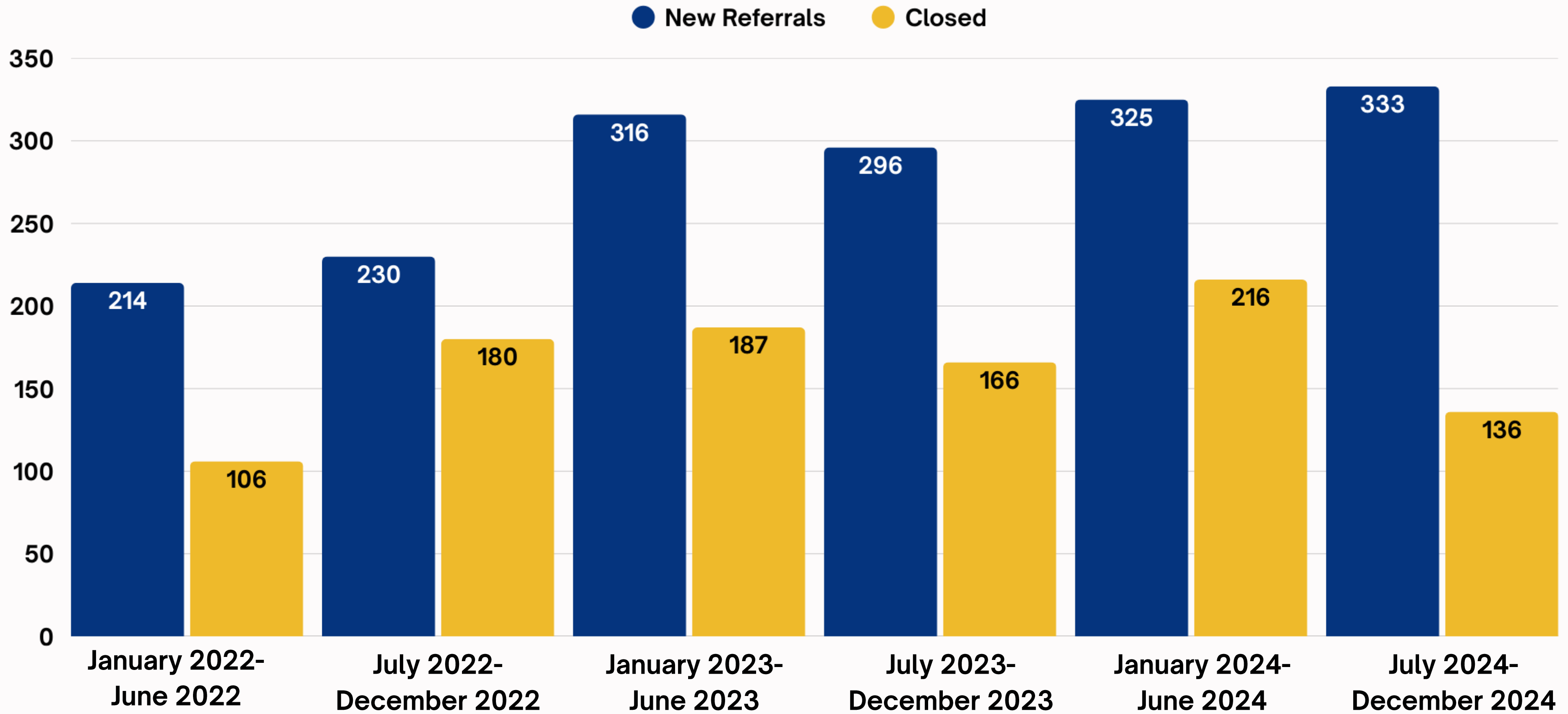
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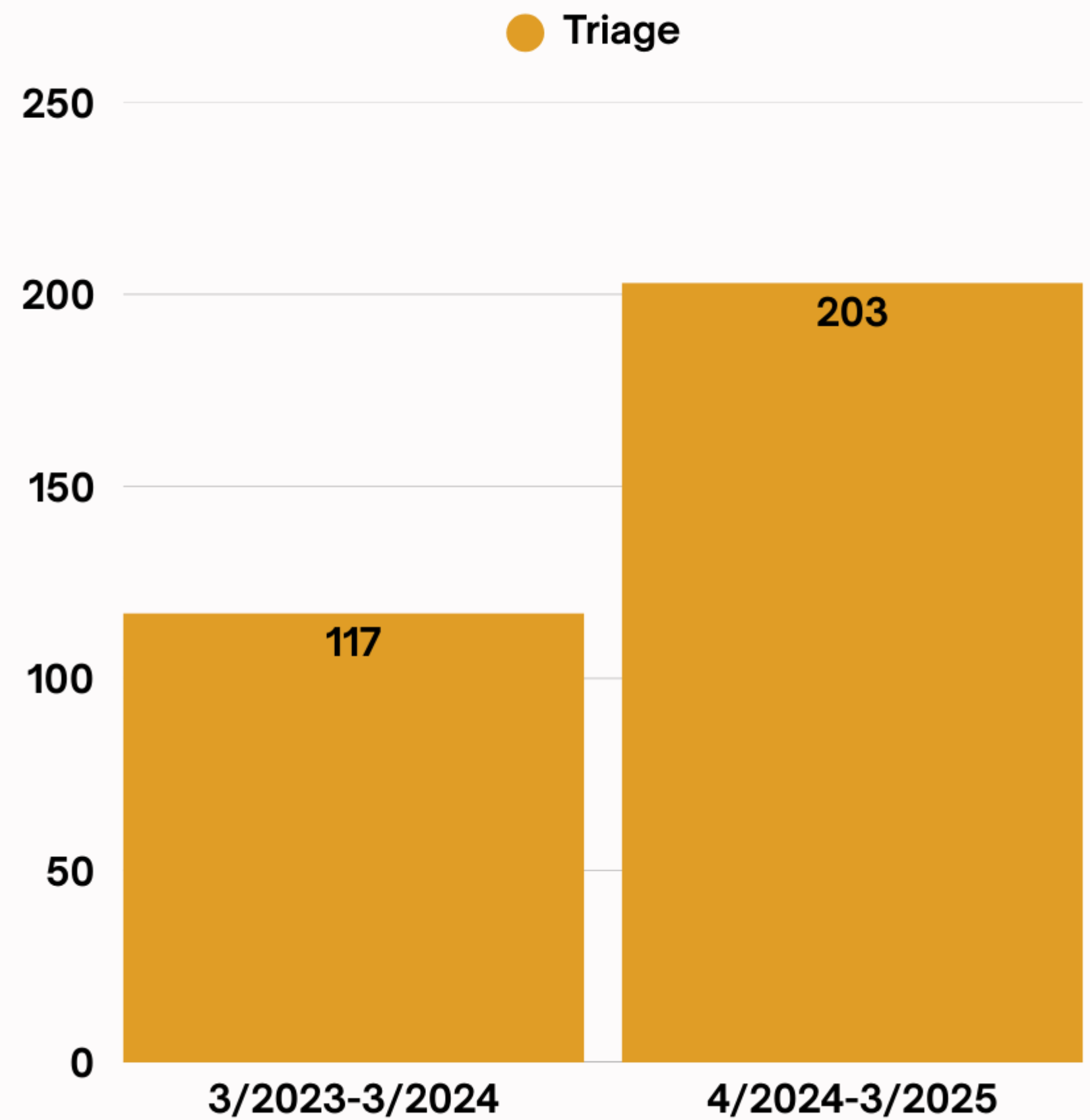
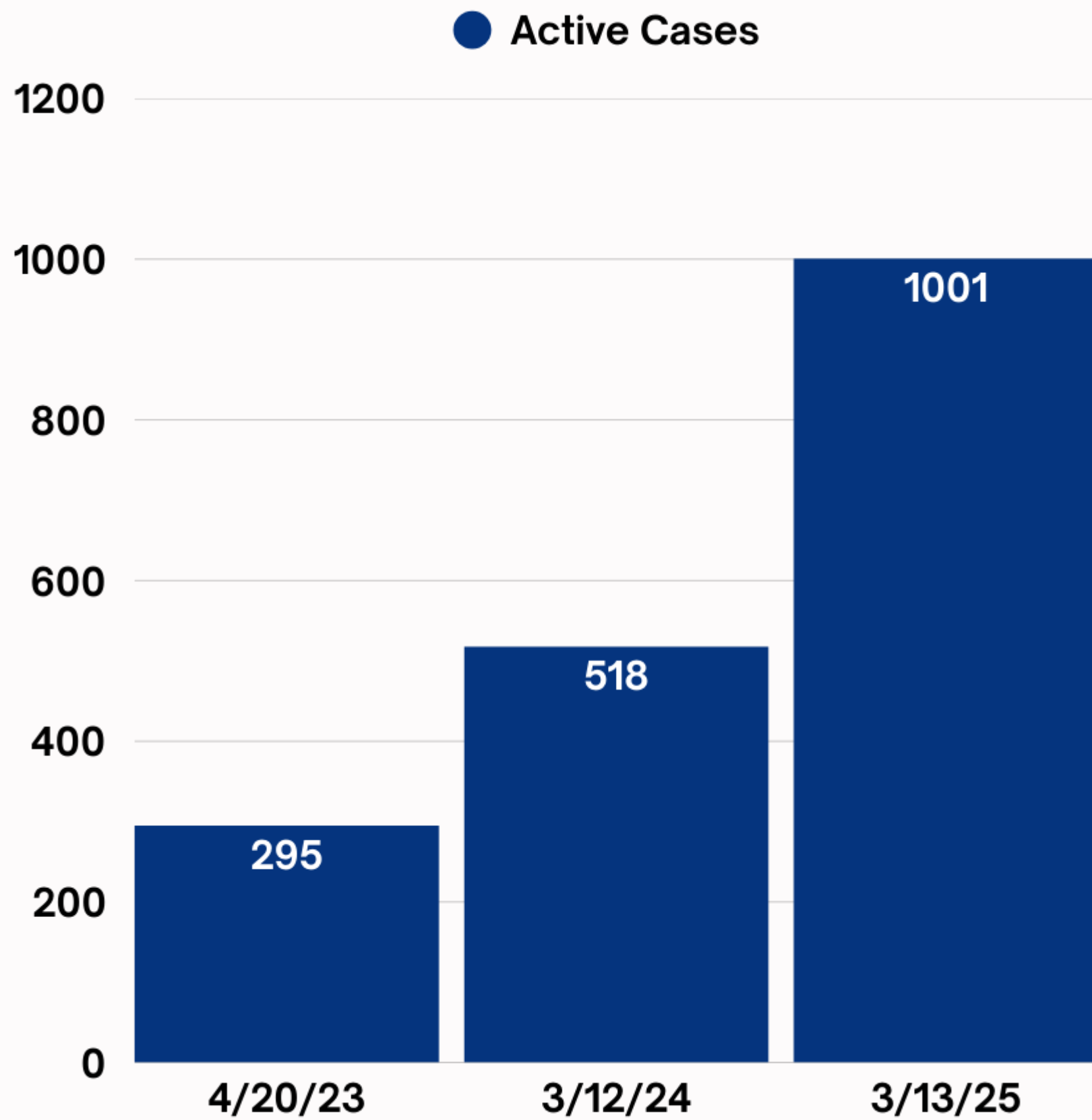
Advocacy



Care Coordination



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Public Defender's Early Representation Program (ERP)

Purpose: access to counsel during the critical period after arrest & prior to arraignment.

- Reach clients at the earliest opportunity
- Information relevant to custodial status of arraignment (employment, housing, medical conditions, MH, SUD etc) to allow for better detention decisions which more accurately reflect risk levels.



Public Defender's Early Representation Program (ERP) Team

- Attorney
- Social Worker
- Client Support Specialist
- Paralegal
- Consultants



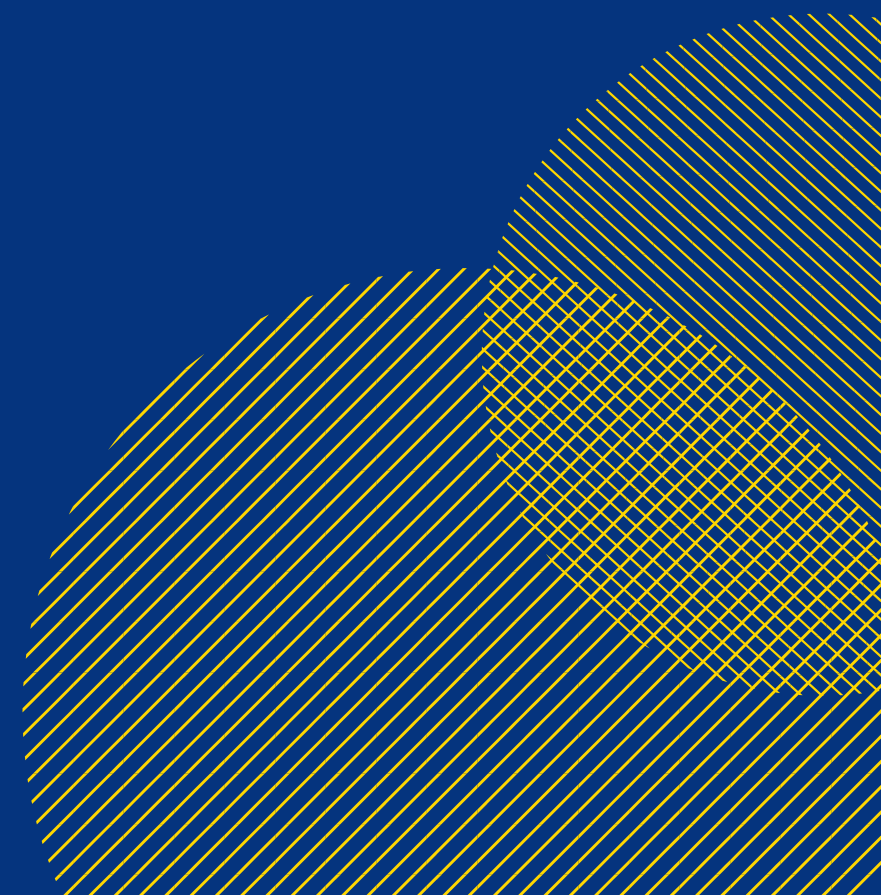
Goal: reduce system burden, reduce recidivism, and improve criminal legal system outcomes.

- identify any underlying needs that may have led to criminal legal system involvement
- link individuals to services and specialty courts
- develop coordinated discharge plans
- provide case management.



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Client Testimonies



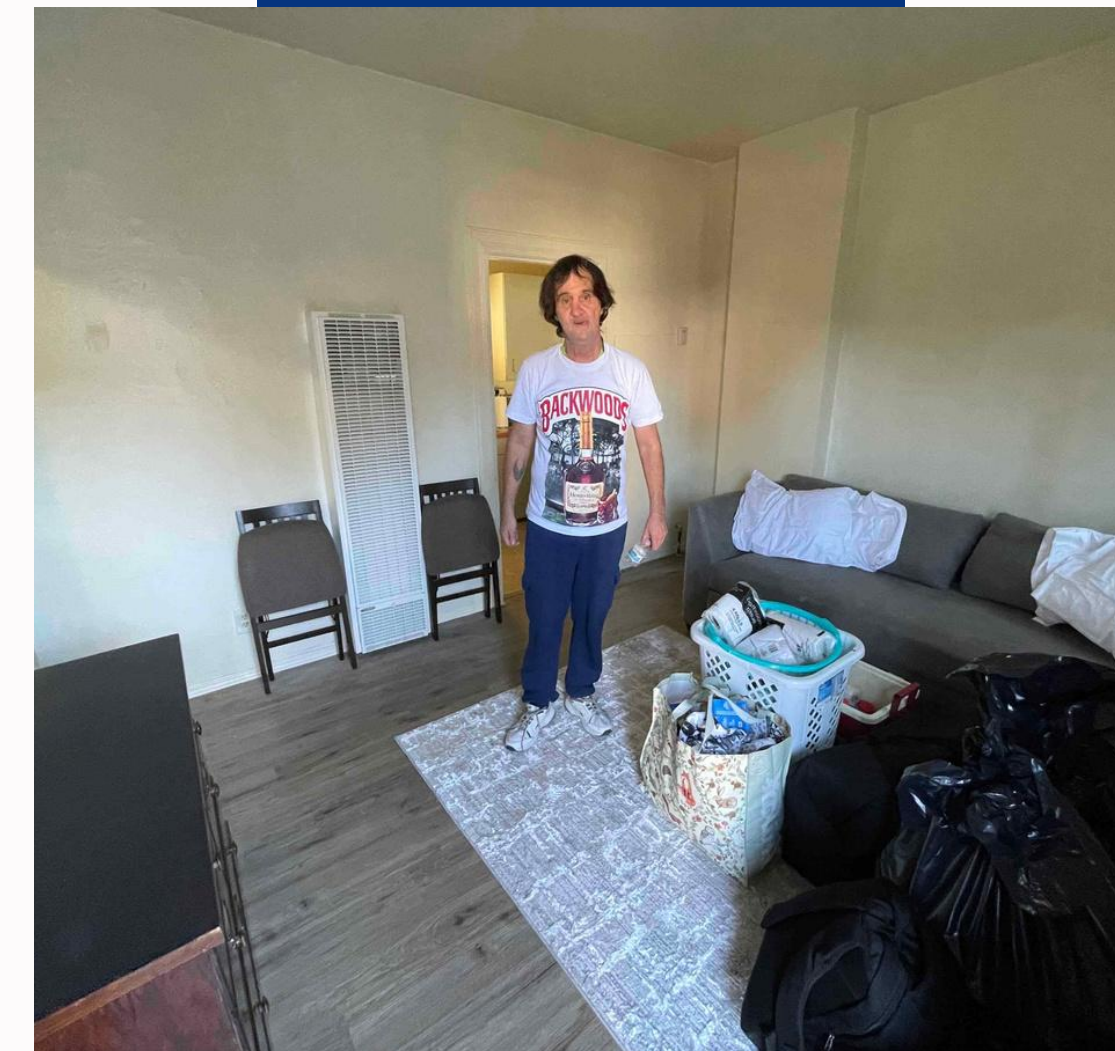
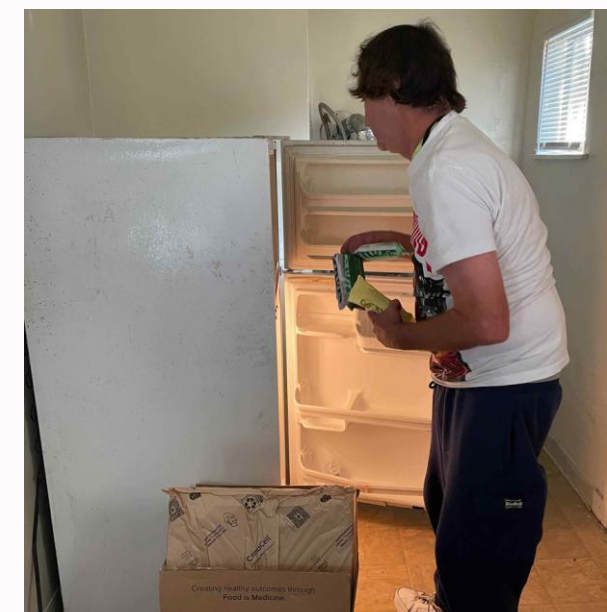
Andrew Ball

I was asked to give a brief account of the support and help I have received from the Public Defender's Office through the Veteran's Treatment Court. I also want to personally thank Mr. Martin Velasco and Neil Zientek for their help with meeting all my personal goals and obligations. They have been huge supports in my times of need. I've been battling my addiction for seventeen years and it has gotten me in and out of trouble with the law and I've sent to prison four times due to it. With this opportunity through the Veteran's Treatment Court, Probation Department, and the Public Defender's Office, I've been able to go to rehab, complete my PHP [partial hospitalization program] program, and am currently enrolled in an IOP [intensive outpatient program]. Due to the support I've received, I've managed to pull eight months of sobriety, which I had not been able to do on my own. Martin has been there every step of the way to help and guide me on my path to recovery and I am very grateful for the help he has given me. Now that I am sober and have a clear mind, I want to get into the career of helping others by possibly becoming a substance use counselor. I'm slowly getting back on my feet, starting with a safe and stable place to stay, and my family back in my life, and I now have healthy friends and relationships. Thank you again for being the support system that I needed to make this change.



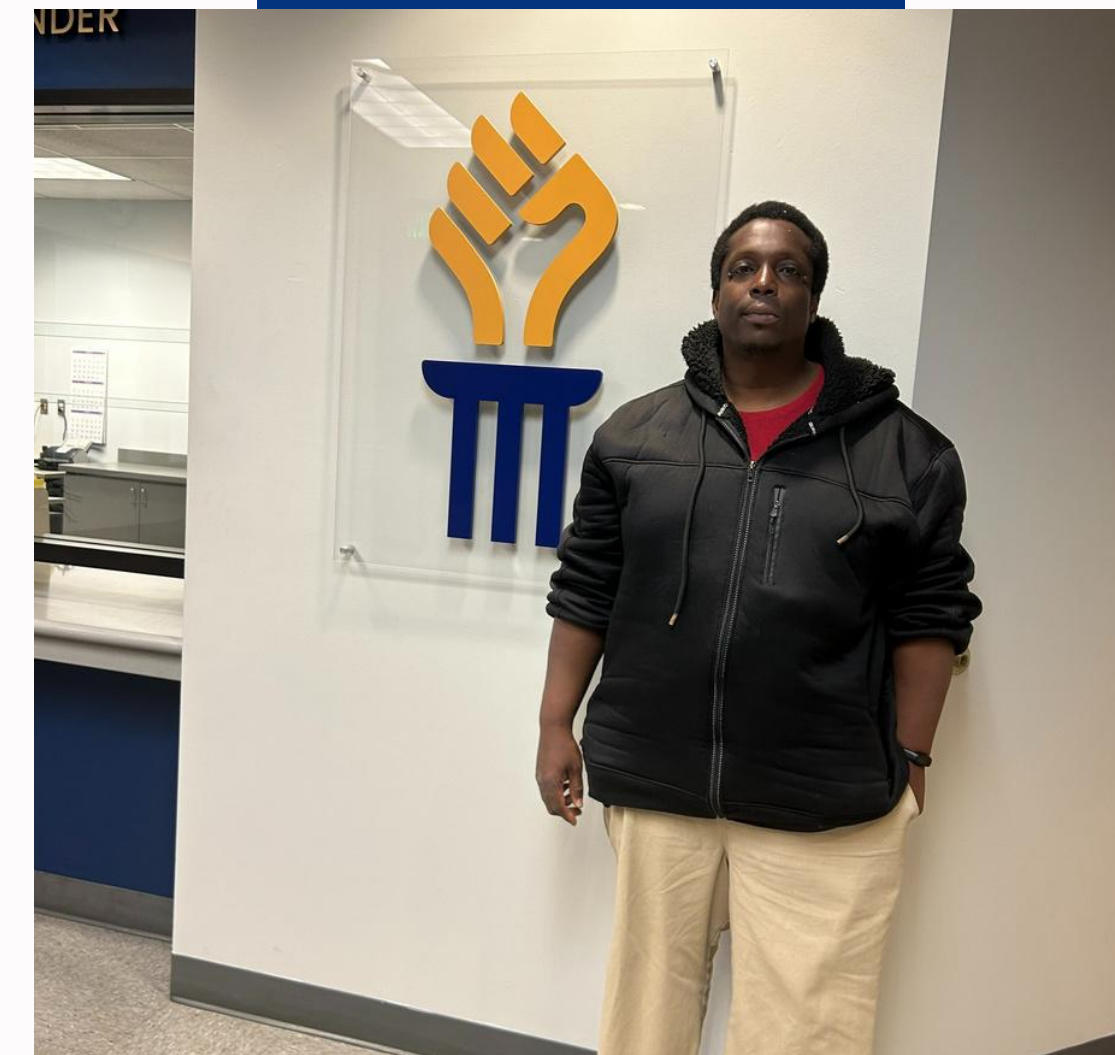
Mr. Angle

- Born & raised in Modesto
- Family/trauma
- Accident at 18; severe traumatic brain injury and history of chronic mental illness
- Unhoused living on the streets much of his adult life
- 40-year Cycle: Streets, Jail, DSH, repeat: Napa, Atascadero, Patton
- CSS & neuropsychic consult
 - Blind in left eye
 - Eye exam
 - Hair cut
 - Social security blind rate
 - Likes 80's music (Billy Squire, Joan Jett)
 - YouTube videos
 - Likes cars
- House with grass & smell the flowers



Willie Blue

- Willie Blue's story is one of perseverance, transformation, and hope. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Willie moved to Modesto at the age of 13. For years, he struggled with his mental health, finding himself caught in a cycle of incarceration and homelessness. Life felt like an uphill battle, with stability always just out of reach.
- Willie connected with the Public Defender Client Support Team at the beginning of 2024. With their guidance and support, he found the structure and resources he needed to regain control of his life. Through dedication and newfound insight into his treatment, Willie committed to making a change. He began attending all of his appointments, taking his medication routinely, and prioritizing his well-being.
- Now, Willie resides in a room and board home in Modesto, where he has built a stable foundation for his future. He is connected to Turning Point's Full-Service Partnership, which continues to support his journey. No longer just surviving, Willie is thriving. He sets clear goals for himself—securing permanent housing, obtaining his driver's license, and eventually owning a car.
- Through it all, Willie stays true to his motto: "Stay in your own lane and take the necessary steps to be successful." And that's exactly what he's doing. His story is a testament to the power of resilience, support, and self-determination. Willie's future is bright, and he's driving toward it—one step at a time.



Referrals

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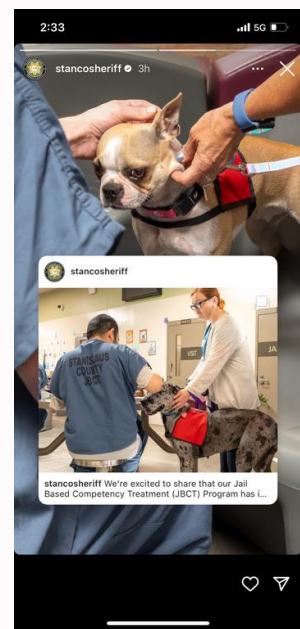
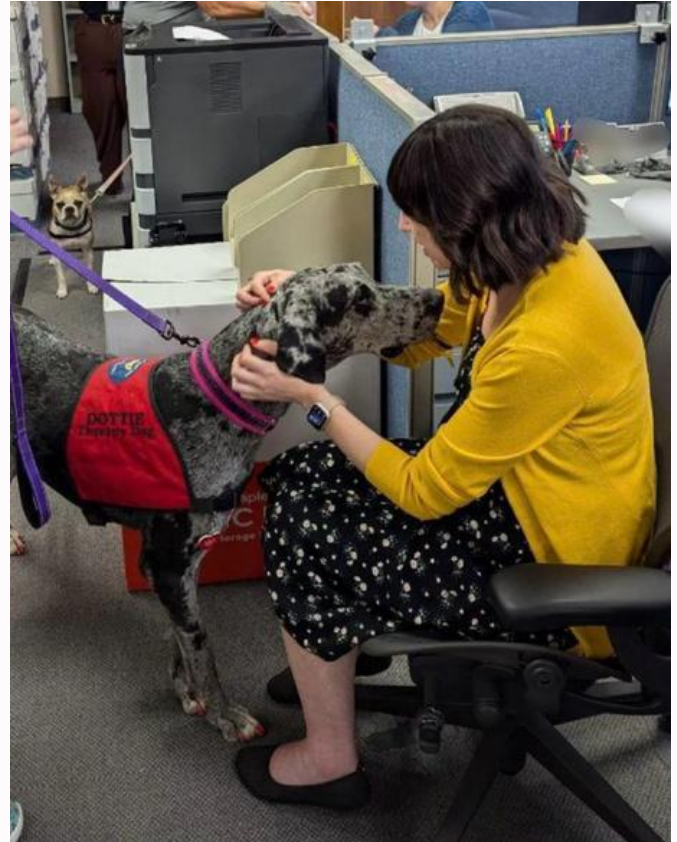
Self-referrals

Partner
Agencies

Family
Members

Community
Members

Therapy Dogs



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