

STANISLAUS COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – September 11, 2025

Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
Chandra Campbell for Ruben Imperial, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Lt. Ryan Maxwell for Sheriff Jeff Dirkse, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender's Office
Gina Machado, Center for Human Services
Jeff Laugero, District Attorney's Office
Doris Foster, Workforce Development
La Tosha Walden for 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
Kymberly Lackey, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Aaron Thomas, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Steve Junqueiro, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Brandon Fromm, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Tracie Martin, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
Michael Walker, Division Director, Probation Department
Trisha Birchard, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Vanessa Bravo, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Raul Dominguez, CARE Manager, Probation Department
Consuelo Guzman, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Lydia Valdez, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Melissa Norvise, Nirvana
Wyatt Trammell, Nirvana
Vanessa Carmona, Learning Quest
Michelle Jasper, Director, Learning Quest
Shelli Margarite, Director of Support Services, Public Defender's Office

Members Absent

Stephanie Kennedy for Hugh Swift, Stanislaus County Superior Court
Brandon Gillespie, Modesto Police Department
Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors

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 March 20, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Jennifer Jennison. SECOND: Jeff Laugero. The minutes from the March 20, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously.

**Stanislaus County
Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)**

4. Probation Department Presentation (Presentation is attached)

CARE Manager Raul Dominguez and Data Analyst Vanessa Bravo discussed the Community Assessment Response and Engagement (CARE) initiative in Stanislaus County. CARE 1.0, launched in 2018, emphasizes daily outreach, building trust, and coordinated treatment plans. In 2021, CARE 2.0 expanded to include intensive case management for clients with mild to moderate mental health needs who do not qualify for traditional services. The team's goal is to quickly identify, assess, and connect individuals to supportive services while ensuring continuity of care through dedicated case management. Key objectives involve strengthening community trust, linking clients to mental health and substance use treatments, providing intensive support for those without formal diagnoses, and reducing distress for clients and the broader community.

The presentation also highlighted the program's success in helping high-utilizers of services achieve stability, including a client who was previously resistant to services and frequently involved with law enforcement, but later engaged in treatment and greatly reduced police contacts.

Lastly, Ms. Bravo shared a success story about Angel Martinez, who was reluctant to engage with services but eventually agreed to treatment and is now thriving.

5. District Attorney's Office CCP Presentation (The Presentation is attached)

District Attorney Jeff Lugero announced the appointment of Holly MacKinnon as the new Victim Services Program Manager. Federal cuts have made Victim Services funding unstable, but state backfills have so far allowed the county to retain all eight advocate positions. CCP funding remains essential, not only to sustain victim services but also to strengthen the attorney trainee pipeline and equip both legal and advocacy staff with the resources needed to support victims. This ensures that victims are consistently informed, supported, and able to exercise their rights.

Victim Services Unit Manager Holly MacKinnon and Victim Advocate Yvette Ramirez provided an overview of the District Attorney's Victim Services Unit, explaining how the program is funded, its purpose, core services, and the types of crime victims support both emotionally and practically. Lastly, they shared stories of two crime survivors to discuss the impact of post-conviction and victim advocacy.

6. Program Updates:

Probation Department:

Data Manager Trisha Birchard is creating customized OneDrive data sheets to align with each agency's reporting schedule, streamlining data collection and enabling trend analysis. Some agencies have successfully uploaded data, while others are facing access issues. IT is working on resolving the issue.

Division Director Michael Walker from the Probation Department reported that the Day Reporting Center (DRC) is onboarding a new domestic violence service provider, GEO Reentry Services. The Tattoo Removal program, which recently served about 52 participants, is scheduled to offer tattoo removal services on September 16, 2025, from noon to 3:30 p.m. While the program initially focused on individuals on probation, it has since expanded to serve the broader community. Lastly, he reported that the Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operations are scheduled to resume in the upcoming weeks.

Sheriff's Office:

The detention team recently underwent several leadership changes, with all lieutenants on the detention side being reassigned for the first time in approximately five to six years.

The program area is now fully operational, offering welding, window tinting, truck driving (with three recent graduates and three new participants), and skid steer/forklift training. Currently, 34 Modesto Junior College (MJC) students are enrolled in sociology via Zoom. Lastly, the fire abatement program continues to operate effectively with goats working in areas of the county.

Public Defender's Office:

The Public Defender's Office is opening a new Drop-In Center, expected to launch at the beginning of next month. The office also welcomed its first MSW intern from Stanislaus, California State University (CSU). Three eight-week rehabilitation group classes, currently held at the Public Defender's Office, will soon move to the Day Reporting Center. These classes are led by a former lifer with lived experience, who will also begin teaching a class at REACT on Fridays.

The Public Defender's Office is seeking partnerships with other agencies interested in collaborating at the Drop-In Center, offering monthly visits, classes, or services for clients, including expungement support.

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS):

BHRS has experienced a significant increase in the number of clients served, especially within the Adult System of Care. The rise in demand has been substantial, reflecting the department's ongoing efforts to meet community needs. This includes the CCP-funded Behavioral Health Services team, Substance Use Disorder programs, and the Day Reporting Center, which recently added an Intensive Outpatient level of care in addition to standard outpatient services.

The Reintegration Support Team continues conducting assessments and screenings for individuals who are currently incarcerated.

Additionally, participation in the specialty courts has grown; there are currently 33 clients in Drug Court and 18 in the Mental Health Treatment Court, a notable increase from previous years when participation was down to just one or two individuals.

Workforce Development:

Workforce Development through CCP funding last fiscal year supported 49 incarcerated individuals, resulting in 31 successfully placed into employment upon their jail release. Most of these placements were in entry-level or lower-paying positions that offer opportunities for career growth. The average starting wage among participants was \$21 per hour.

The Prison to Employment Program, funded by the Department of Corrections, currently serves 125 clients, with 89 actively participating in vocational training or job programs. The department recently introduced apprenticeship opportunities, leading to 71 placements so far, with participants earning an average wage of \$26 per hour.

Center for Human Services Agency (CHS):

CHS Director Gina Machado reported monitoring the coordinated entry list to place youth or young adults who need housing. The Youth Navigation Center has now been open for four years and has consistently hovered around the 17% mark for coordinated entry, recently dropping to 11.4%. This decline could be due to the partnerships and the opening of Jenny's Place, which created additional housing.

Leaders In Community Alternatives (LCA):

LCA continues to offer monthly forklift training, which has received strong participation and positive feedback from participants. Transportation support is also provided for vocational training, interviews, and job opportunities, with average wages between \$19 and \$21 per hour. A recent success story highlighted a participant who completed HVAC training and secured employment, earning \$31.50 an hour, crediting the program for helping turn his life around.

Learning Quest:

Learning Quest recently partnered with Volt on the Go. They also switched to off-site computer testing instead of paper tests to reduce widespread testing anxiety among participants. In FY 24-25, Learning Quest served a total of 118 GED participants, including 21 graduates from the DRC and in-custody programs.

Nirvana:

Melissa Norvise reported that Nirvana has received 18 probation referrals since July 1, 2025, with no wait time for bed availability. The men's unit has remained nearly full since March. All probation clients in sober living since June 1, 2025, have been successful, with two currently active and four completing the program. The Department of Health Care Services recently conducted its first inspection since pre-COVID, resulting in zero deficiencies in 14 years. Additionally, Nirvana will be hosting its annual BBQ event on October 4th at Davis Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE):

Efforts are underway to assign a team member at SCOE who regularly works with in-custody individuals to strengthen their connections after release. The goal is to reestablish contact and provide ongoing support through programs such as the Western Pacific Truck Driving School or the Window Tint Program, offering one-day refreshers. It was noted that the collaboration between Western Pacific Truck Driving School and the Sheriff's Department is the first partnership of its kind in the state.

Stanislaus Community Services Agency (CSA):

La Tosha Walden from CSA urged decision makers to attend the CSOC monthly meetings, which focus on educating members about HUD-funded programs and compliance requirements. The meetings take place every third Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Harvest Hall.

7. Comments:

The Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Learning Quest, will be hosting "Over the Edge," a community event on October 11, 2026.

8. Next Meeting:

November 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Community Assessment Response and Engagement



September 11th, 2025

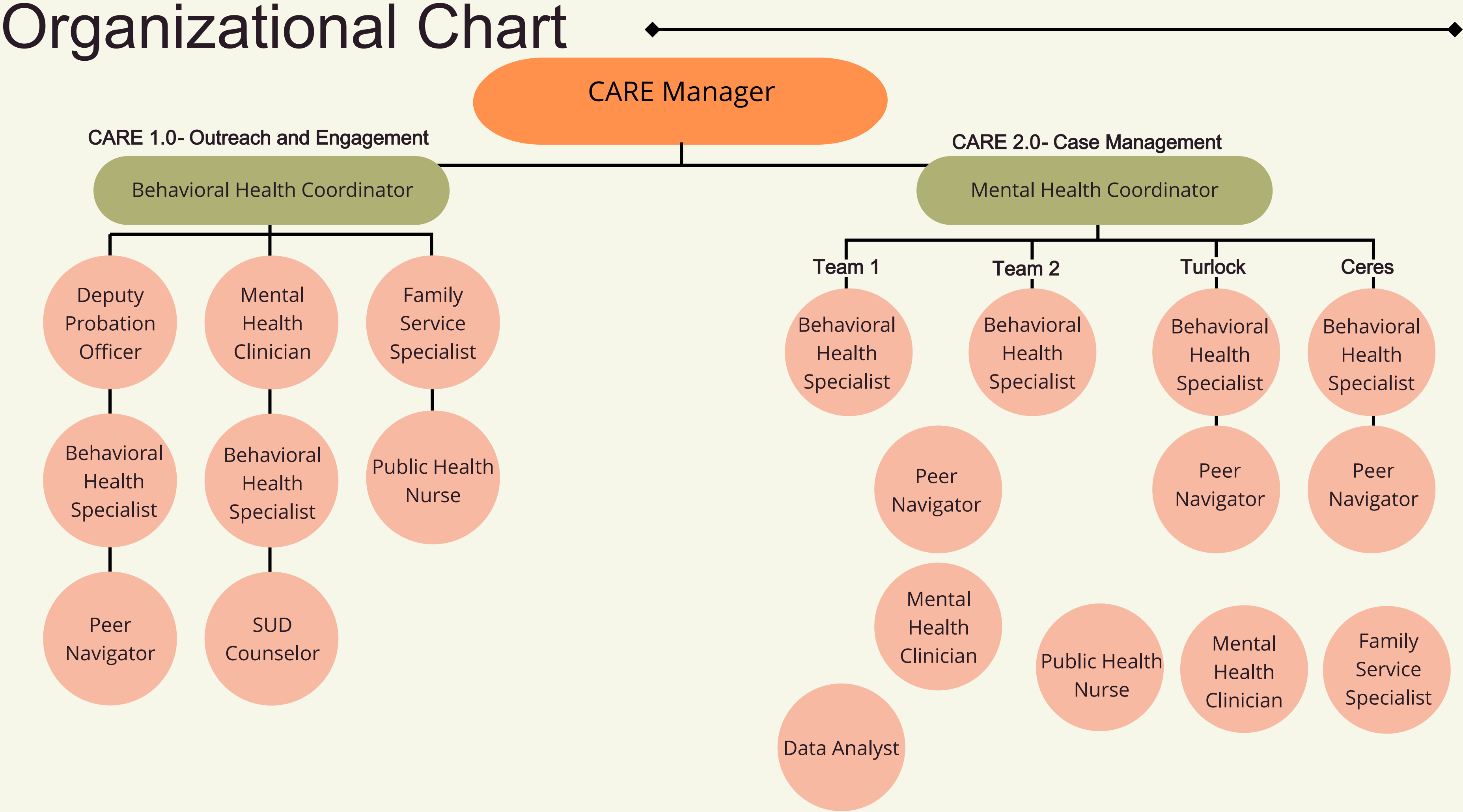


Introduction

The Community Assessment Response and Engagement (CARE) team is a multidisciplinary team established in 2018, created to target unhoused, hard to reach or engage individuals who are high utilizers of emergency services. CARE 1.0 conducts and coordinates daily outreach and engagement in Stanislaus County, with the aim of building trusting relationships and coordinating individualized treatment plans for the priority population.

In 2021, CARE expanded building a second team, CARE 2.0, responsible for providing case management services for clients of the same target population with mild to moderate mental health needs, who might otherwise be ineligible for traditional case management services.





Our Mission



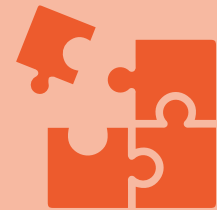
The mission of the CARE Team is to facilitate the expedited identification, assessment, and linkage of CARE clients to supportive services within Stanislaus County. In addition, case management staff will help broker access to services and community supports and ensure that each client is tracked throughout the entire engagement process for continuity of care.



Objectives and Goals



Build relationships
with CARE clientele to
gain their trust and
willingness to accept
services



Link CARE clientele to
services in the
community and
provide them with
resources



Link CARE clientele to
appropriate mental
health and substance
use disorder services.



Provide intensive case
management to
CARE clientele who
have no mental health
diagnosis or a mild to
moderate MH
diagnosis



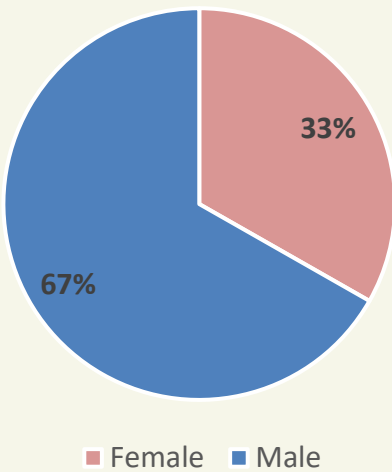
Reduce distress for
individuals and the
community of
Stanislaus County



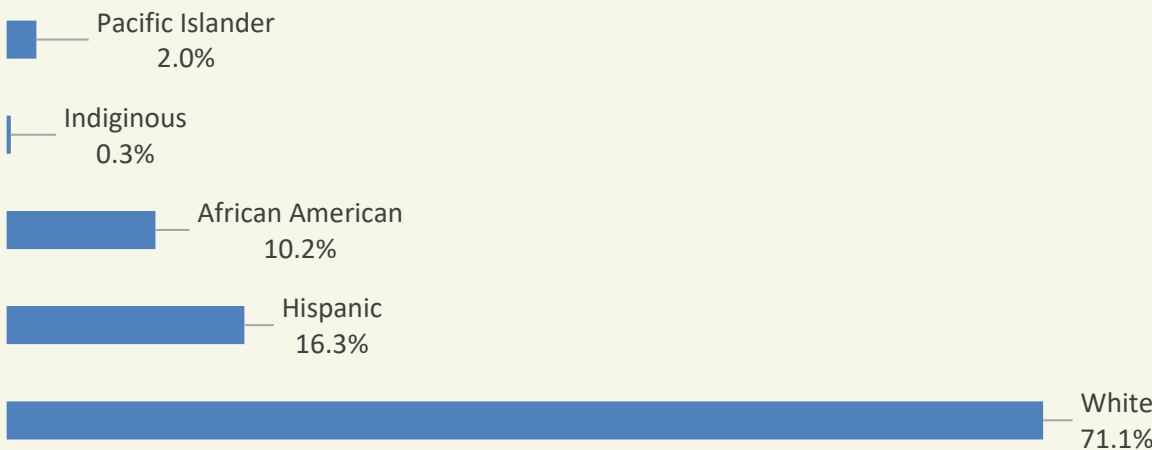
Client Demographics



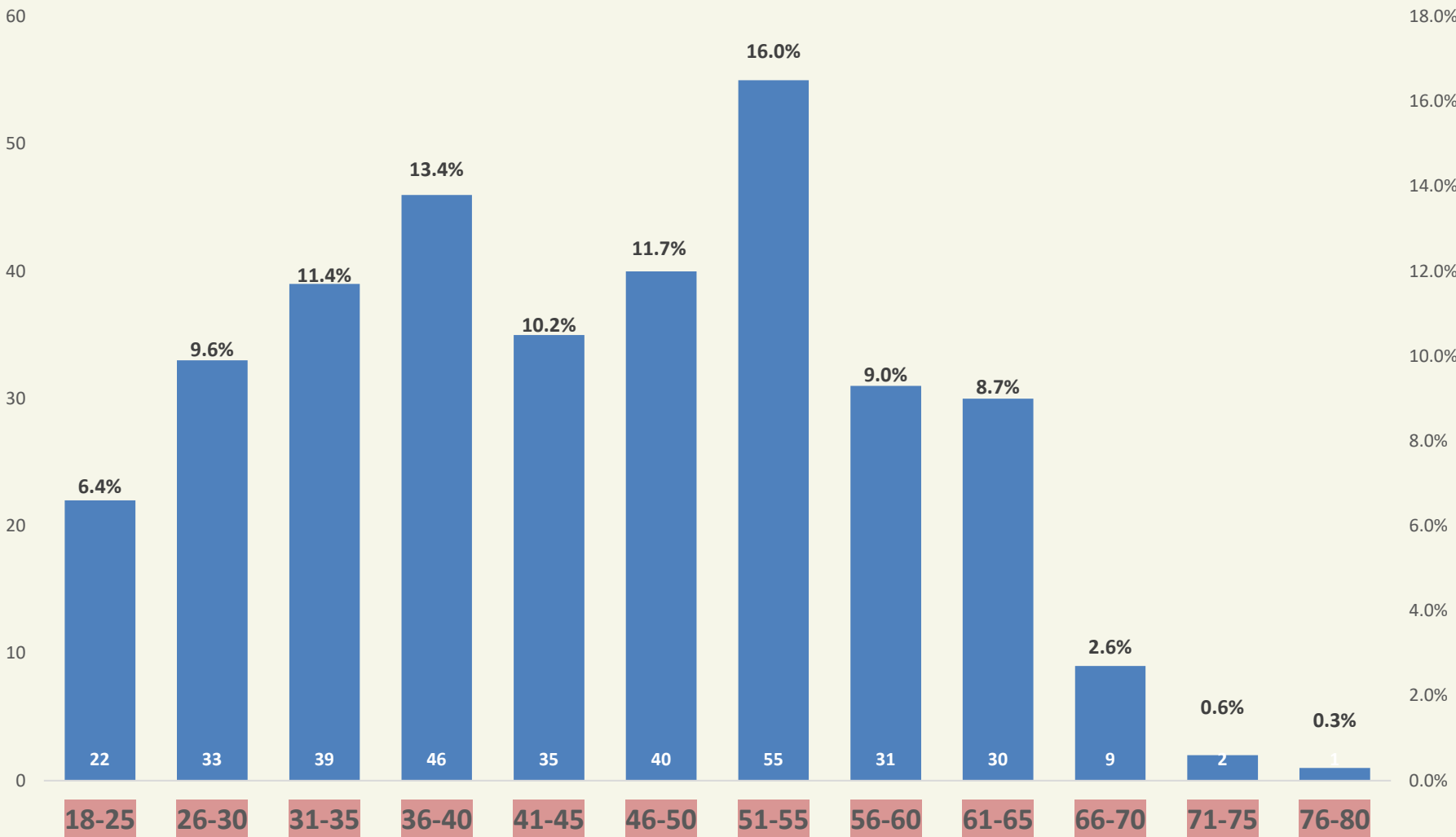
Gender



Race



Age at Start





Building Rapport



60% Decrease
in number of
contacts needed
before
ROI

56% Decrease
in number of
contacts needed
before
VISPDAT

72% Decrease
in number of
contacts needed
before
**Mental Health
Assessment**

71% Decrease
in number of
contacts needed
before
Warm Hand Off

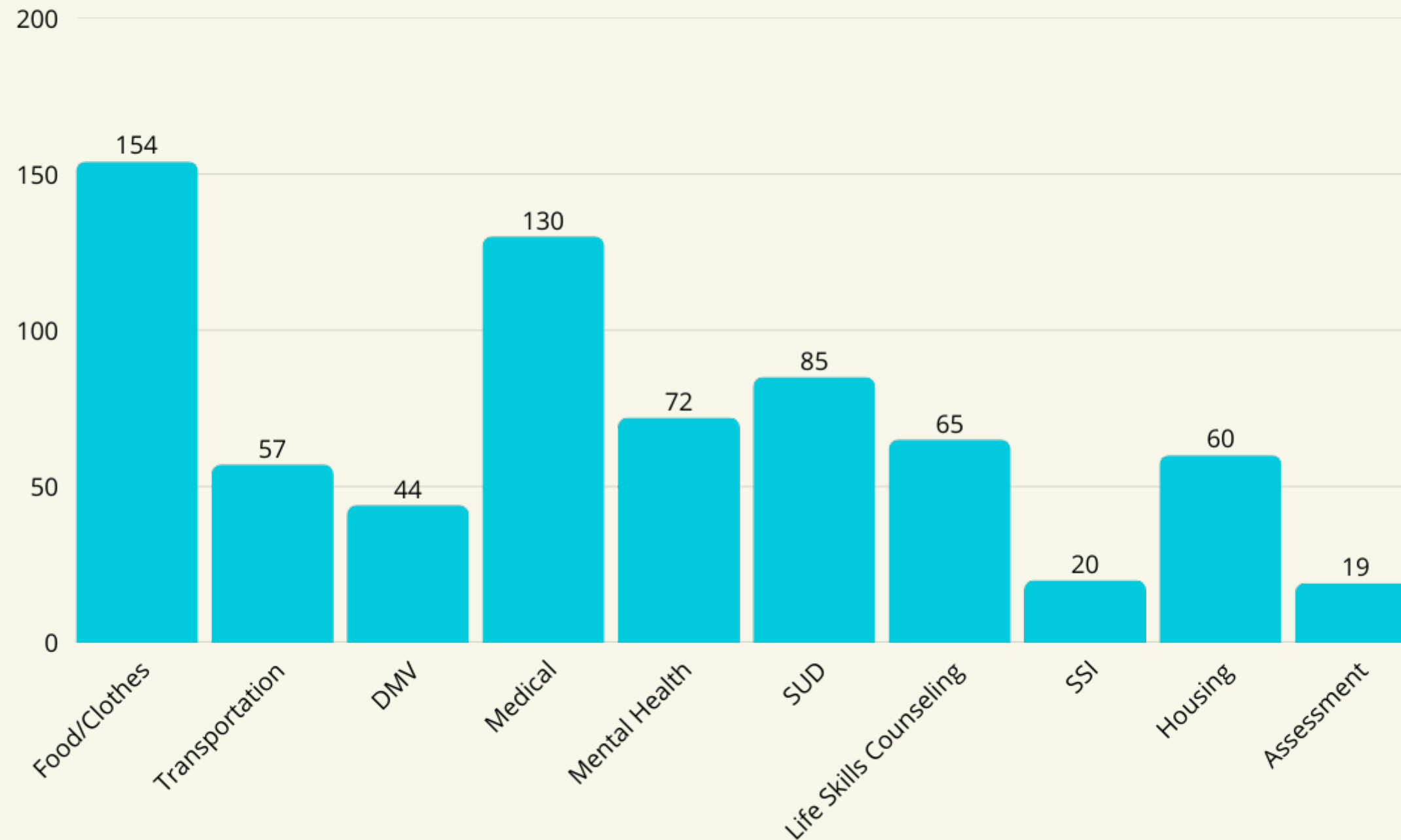




Providing Services



Services Provided - 4 Year Monthly Average



Contacts Per Month:

4 Year Average:

945

FY25 Average:

1011

Individuals Served Per Month:

4 Year Average:

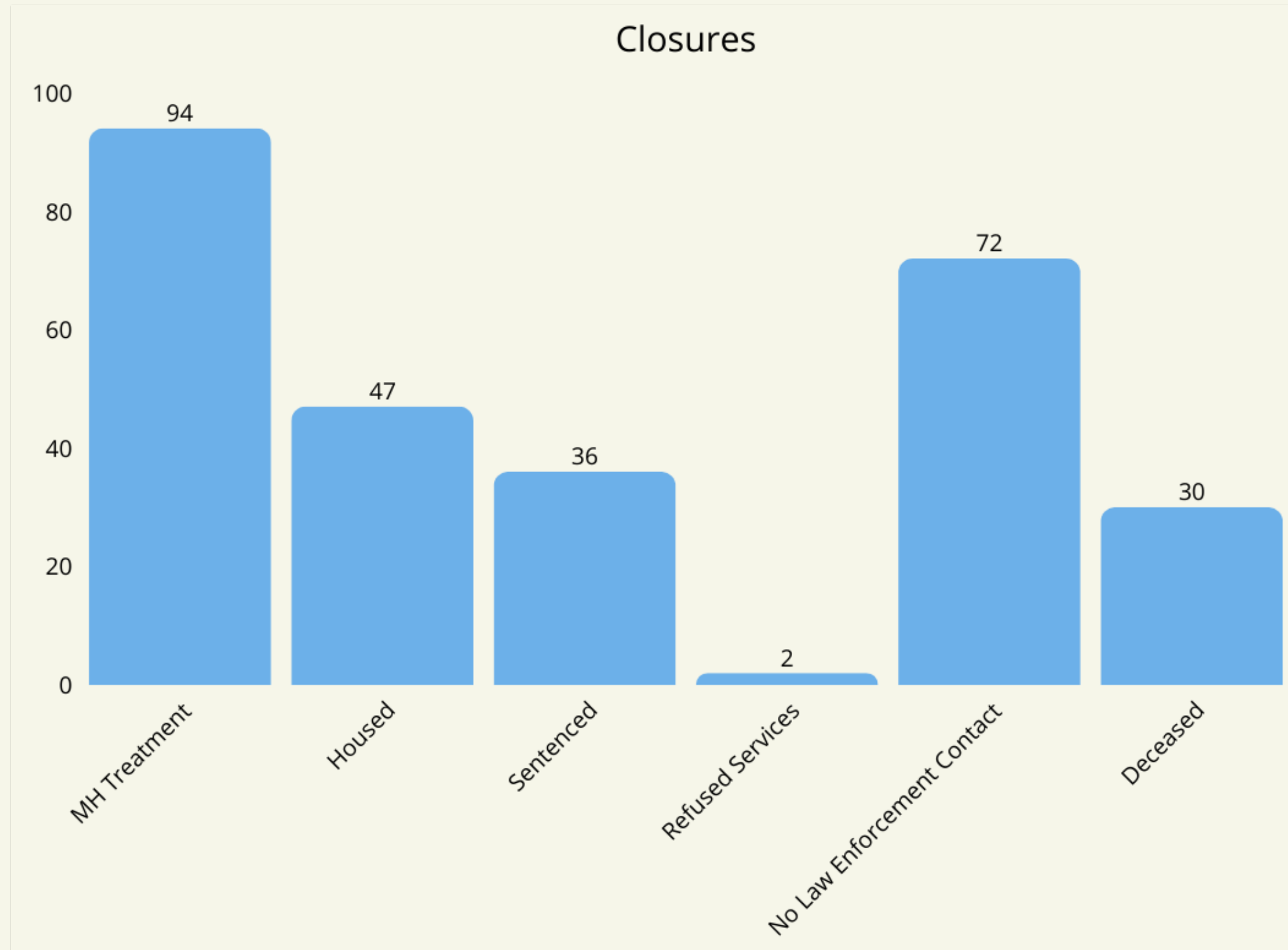
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FY25 Average:

328



Linking Clients



Average Number of Days Open to CARE

656 Days = 1.8 Years

Average Number of Days Open to CARE
• No LE Contact Removed

578 Days = 1.58 years

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Case Management



CARE 2.0 provides intensive case management for those clients who do not meet criteria for a mental health treatment team. Case managers carry an average caseload size of 10-11 clients, allowing for intensive case management and daily contact. Case managers collaborate with their clients to create a case plan and link clients to services such as medical appointments, community services, income, and housing.

2.0 Clients are contacted an average of
14 times per month

Higher need clients can require an average of
21 contacts per month



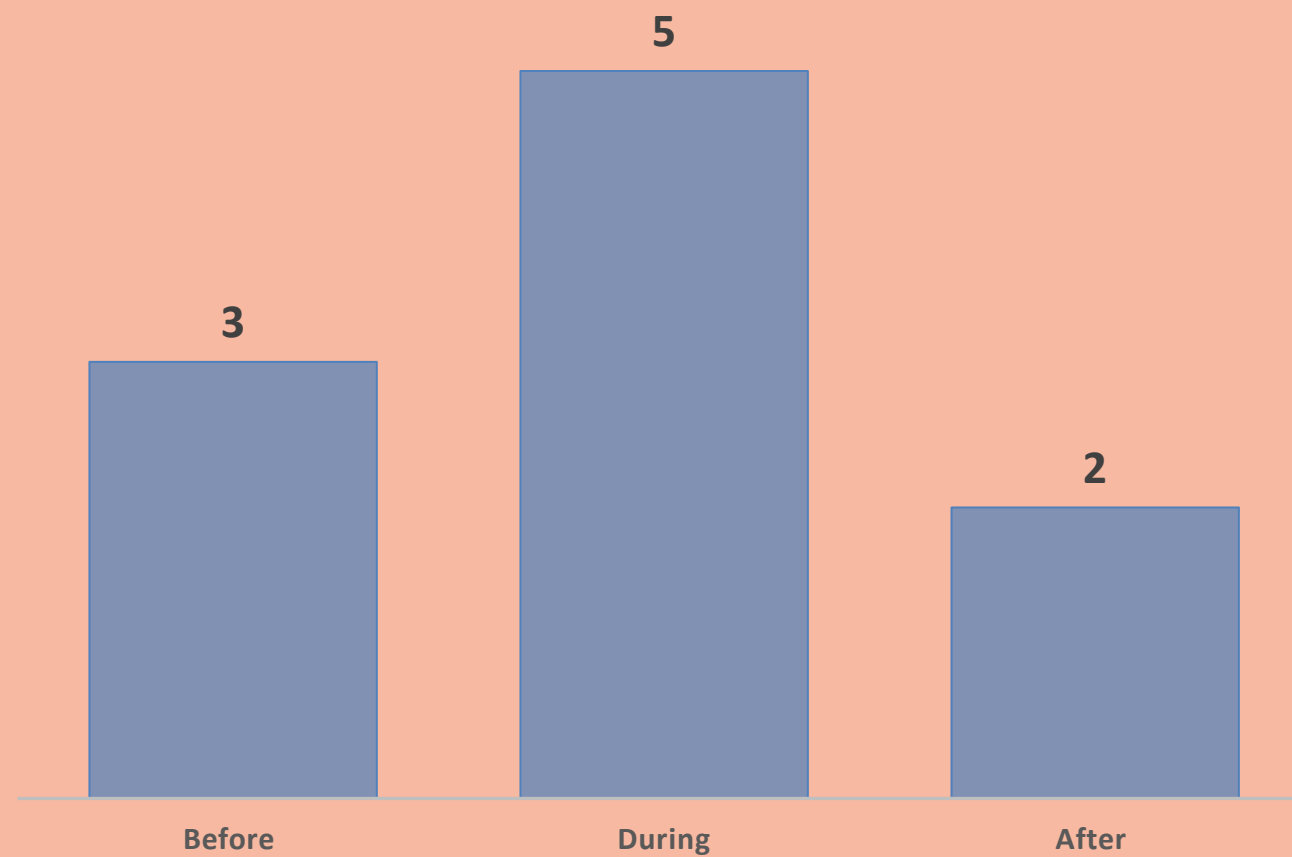
Reducing Distress



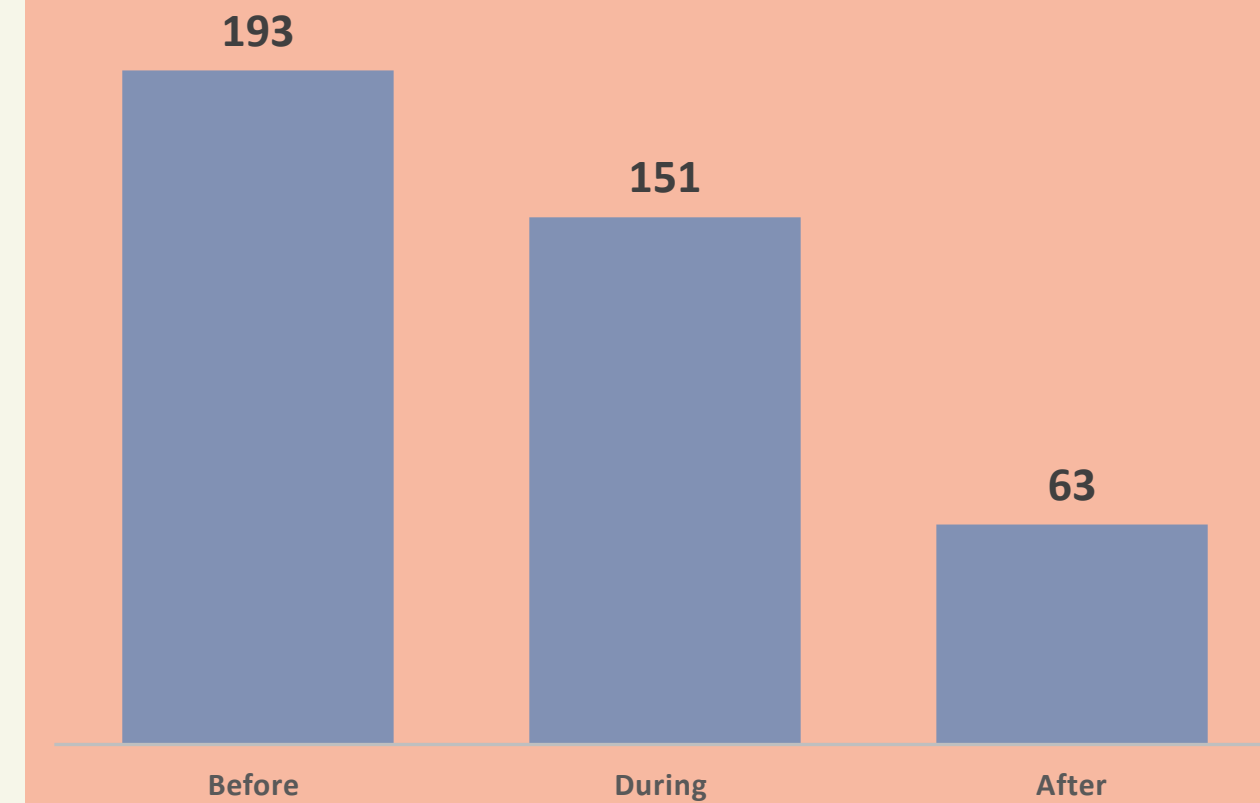
Prior to CARE, clients spend an average of 18 days in custody

Within 6 months of exiting CARE, time spent in custody is reduced to an average of 1 day.

Average Number of Arrests



Total Arrests



*Before and After reflect a 6 month period

**During reflects a duration averaging 1.5 years

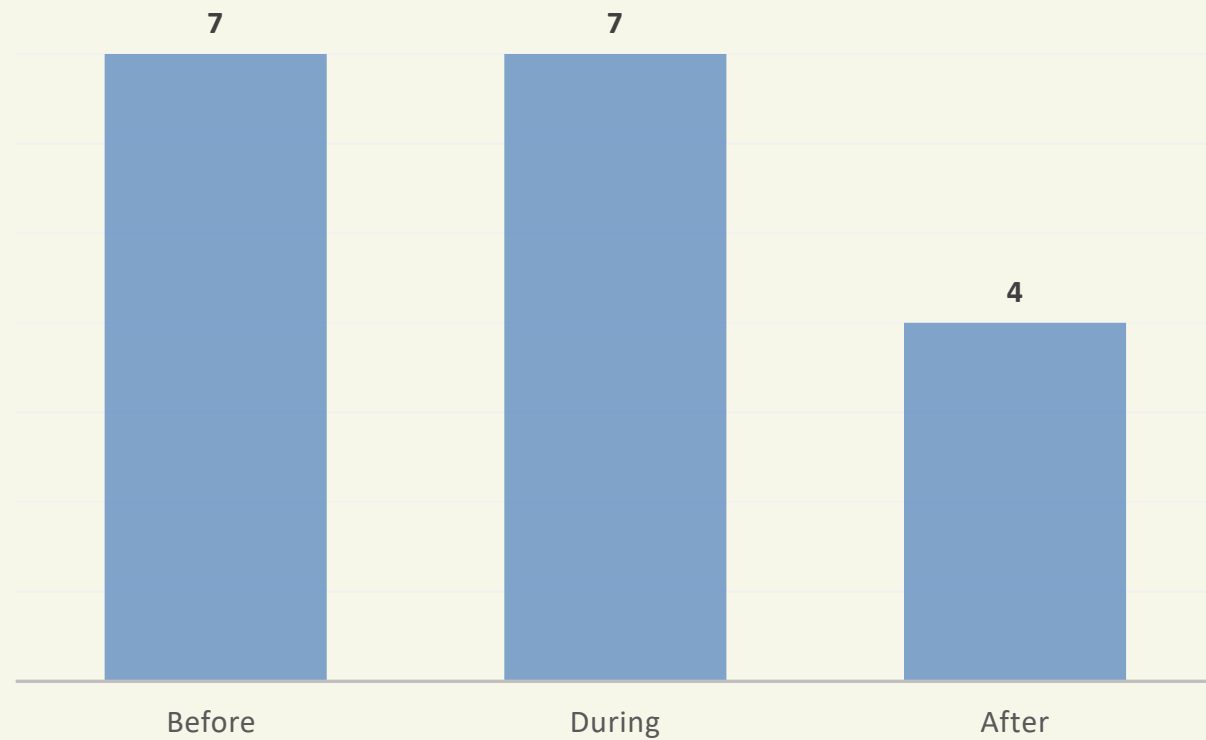
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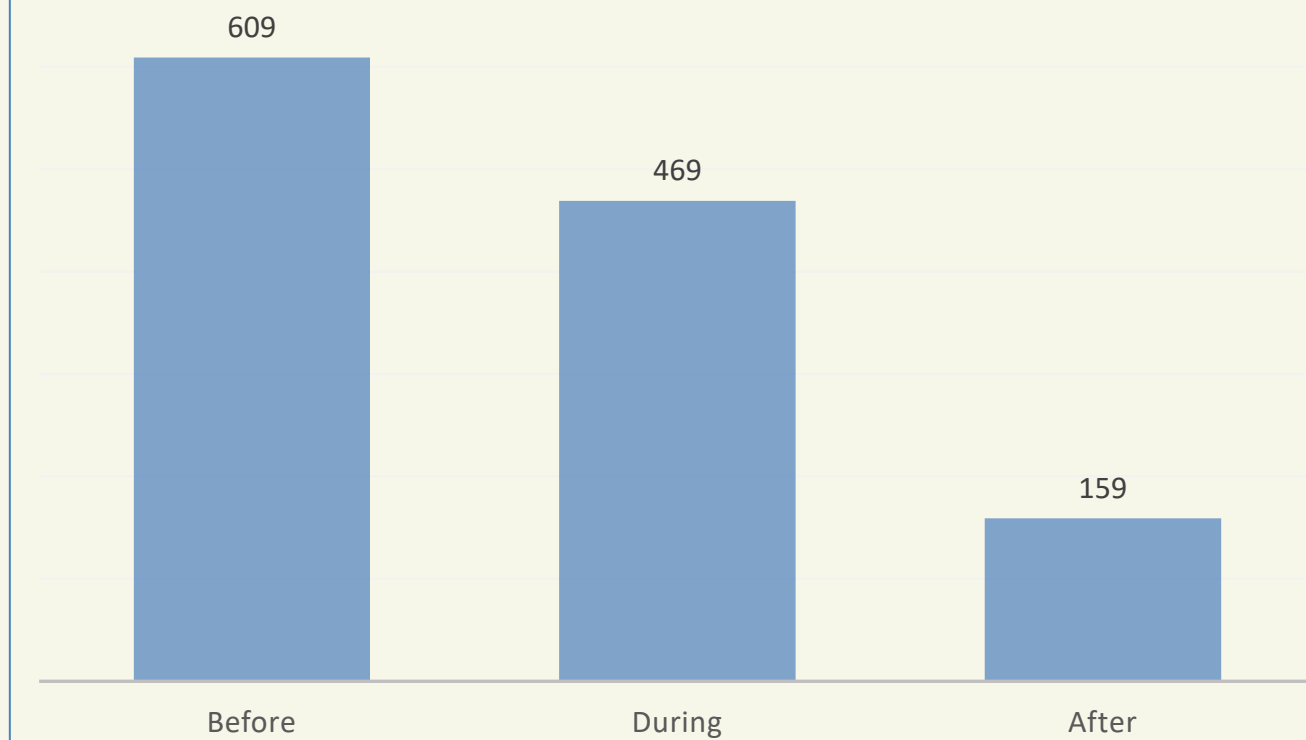
Reducing Distress



Average Number of Calls for Service



Total Calls for Service



*Before and After reflect a 6 month period

**During reflects a duration averaging 1.5 years

Max Before: 68 Calls for Service
During: 7 Calls for Service
After: 4 Calls for Service

Client Success Story





Stanislaus County Office of the District Attorney



District Attorney Jeff Laugero

Victim Services Program Manager Holly MacKinnon

Victim Services Advocate Yvette Ramirez

Current CCP Funding

**1 Deputy
District
Attorney**

**3
Attorney
Trainees**

**3 Victim
Advocates**

**4 Legal
Clerks**

VSU Services

- **Provide Crisis Intervention**
- **Orientation to the Criminal Justice System/Case Status & Disposition**
- **Provide Court Escort and Support**
- **Help with Victim Impact Statements**
- **Assist with Property Return**
- **Help with Restitution Information & Submission of Forms**
- **Refer Victim to Community Resources & Further Counseling**
- **Assist with Claim for Benefits from the California Victim Compensation Board Program**
- **Notify of Post Conviction Events- Parole Hearings on Life Cases; Non-Violent Prop 57 Early Parole; Clemency; Notification of Inmate Release**



Marsy's Law



- The Victims' Bill of Rights Act of 2008
- The California Constitution, Article 1, Section 28, confers certain rights to victims of crime

- 1) Fairness & Respect
- 2) Protection from the Defendant
- 3) Victim Safety Consideration in Setting Bail & Release conditions
- 4) Prevention of Disclosure of Confidential Information
- 5) Refusal to be Interviewed by the Defense
- 6) *Conference with the Prosecution & Notice of Pretrial Disposition*
- 7) *Notice of & Presence at Public Proceedings*
- 8) *Appearance at Court Proceedings & Expression of Views*
- 9) Speedy Trial & Prompt Conclusion of the Case
- 10) Provision of Information to the Probation Department
- 11) *Receipt of Pre-Sentence Report*
- 12) *Information about Conviction, Sentence, Incarceration, Release, & Escape*
- 13) Restitution
- 14) Prompt Return of Property
- 15) *Notice of Parole Procedures & Release on Parole*
- 16) Safety of Victims & Public are Factors in Parole Release
- 17) Information about these 16 Rights

VSU Crime Types

- **Homicide / Attempted**
- **Robbery / ID Theft**
- **Assault / Battery**
- **Sexual Assault**
- **Assault with Deadly Weapon**
- **Child Abuse/Molest**
- **Domestic/Family Violence**
- **Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse**
- **Kidnapping**
- **Carjacking**
- **Hate Crimes**
- **Stalking**
- **Online Harassment**
- **Vehicular Offenses**
 - **DUI w/ Injury or Death**
- **Hit and Run**
- **Vehicular Manslaughter**
- **Fleeing scene of crime**
- **Assault with vehicle**
- **And Many Others...**

VSU Statistics



During the 2023 Calendar Year (Jan – Dec)

- **Total Victims Served: 14,031**
- **CalVCB Claims Assistance: 2,388**
- **CalVCB Applications Submitted: 287**
- **CalVCB Payment \$283,472**
- **Services Provided: 86,000+**

During the 2024 Calendar Year (Jan – Dec)

- **Total Victims Served: 13,566**
- **CalVCB Claims Assistance: 2,188**
- **CalVCB Applications Submitted: 430**
- **CalVCB Payment \$369,974**
- **Services Provided: 86,000+**

VSU Funding



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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **Victim Services Unit is Primarily Grant Funded**
 - **Victim/Witness Grant (5 Advocate positions)**
 - **Unserved/Underserved Grant (2 Advocate positions)**
 - **Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Grant (1 Advocate position)**
 - **CCP – Community Corrections Partnership participation and funding (AB 109) (3 Advocate positions)**

CCP Advocate Positions

1 Post Conviction Cases/Notifications

- **Inmate Releases**
- **Non-violent Prop 57 Early Release Review**
- **Board of Parole Hearings- Lifer and SVP**
- **1203.4 Motions**
- **SB483**
- **SB384**
- **Felony Murder Petitions**
- **HEARD Petitions**
- **RJA Petitions**
- **Clemency**
- **& More**

2 General Crimes

- **CPO & Victim Information Requests from Probation**
- **Restitution Assistance**
- **CalVCB Claims**

Post Conviction Advocate Role and Function

- **Work closely with Post Conviction DDA Team**
- **Review files and identify victims**
- **Locate and attempt to contact victims**
- **Register Victims and Families with CDCR's OVSRS**
- **Provide case status updates – notifications about post conviction petitions**
- **Assist with the writing of victim impact statements**
- **Court escort assistance**
- **Crisis intervention**
- **Provide victim community resources**

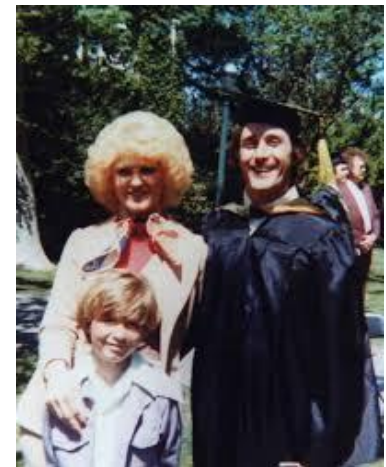
California Victim Compensation Board Program

- The Victim Compensation Program was created in 1965 to lessen the financial impact of crime on qualifying victims
 - **Mental Health Counseling**
 - **Medical/Dental Expenses**
 - **Funeral/Burial**
 - **Relocation Reimbursement (DV or other)**
 - **Income/Wage/Support Loss**
 - **Crime Scene Clean-up (home or vehicle)**
 - **Home or Vehicle Modifications**
 - **Home Security**
 - **Job Retraining**
 - **Loss of support for dependents (death or disabled)**



Ranzo Case Update

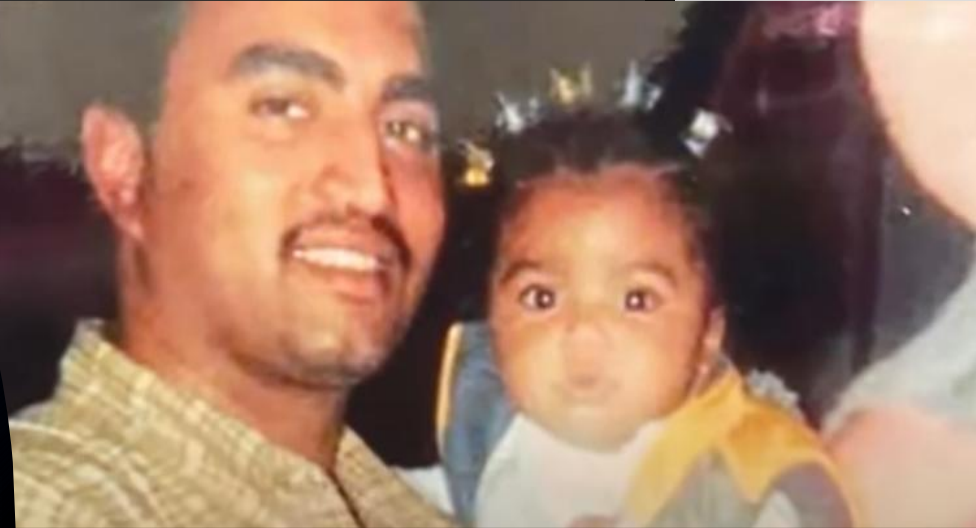
- **Claims were submitted to CalVCB on 3/10/25**
 - **Approved 3/28/2025 - 45 years after the crime**
 - **Survivors now have access to mental health treatment benefits**
- **CalVCB allows for late claims if there is good cause**
- **Jeffery Maria – Release on parole in 2023**
- **Daren Lee- Granted parole January 2025, Parole Recission Hearing scheduled **September 2025****
- **Marty Spears- Parole Hearing August 2026**
- **Ronald Anderson- Parole Hearing March 2028**



Eric Adorno Jr.

Eric Adorno Sr. murdered in 2003

- **Lopez granted parole September 2024**
- **March 2025 DDA Roen and I attended an Executive Board meeting with Eric in Sacramento**
- **July 2025 Lopez's parole grant was rescinded - Commissioners found good cause to rescind parole grant based on substantiated allegations of restitution evading and concerns over substance abuse**
- **Next Parole Hearing is scheduled December 2025**





HEALING THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE



CCP Funding- Outreach and Emergency Supplies



Facility Dog



JANIE



Violence knows no boundaries. It transcends culture, race,
income, location, age and gender.

Our goal is to deliver exceptional service to victims of crime,
inform and advocate for victims' rights, and educate our
community about our program and the services we provide.

**For further information you can contact the
Victim Services Unit at (209) 525-5541**

