STANISLAUS COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes
Thursday – June 18, 2026
Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present
Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department
Abraham Andres for Ruben Imperial, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Sgt. Hector Delgadillo 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
Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors
Doris Foster, Workforce Development
Christine Huber, Community Services Agency
Holly Mackinnon, Victim Services Manager, District Attorney's Office
Brittney Bailey, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Ryan Maxwell, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Monica Carranza, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Aaron Thomas, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Tracie Martin, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department
Trisha Birchard, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Vanessa Bravo, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Stephanie Sanchez, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Rajit Sen, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Reina Martinez, Crime Analyst, Probation Department
Michael Walker, CARE Manager, Probation Department
Raul Dominguez, Division Director, Probation Department
Consuelo Guzman, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Lydia Valdez, Leaders in Community Alternatives
Felix Mata, Friends Outside
Michael Sorensen, Friends Outside
Brenda Figone, Friends Outside
Melissa Norvise, Nirvana
Kristin Brown, Nirvana
Vanessa Carmona, Learning Quest
Michelle Jasper, Learning Quest
Veronika Rhulenklem, CEO Office
Ruben Mendez, CEO Office
Shelli Margarite, Public Defender's Office
Gabriela Verduzco Ortiz, Public Defender's Office
Brenda Lowell, GEO Group
Destiny Pereira, GEO Group

Members of the Public
Janet Kenworthy
Larry Sanders

Members Absent
Stephanie Kennedy for Hugh Swift, Stanislaus County Superior Court

Brandon Gillespie, Modesto Police Department
Saundra Day for Scott Kuykendall, Stanislaus County Office of Education

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
   Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 13, 2025, meeting.**
   MOTION: Jennifer Jennison. SECOND: Doris Foster. The minutes from the November 13, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **Sheriff's Office Presentation (The Presentation is attached)**
   Sheriff's Office Lieutenant, Ryan Maxwell, and the team presented on the Sheriff's Office's programming and vocational initiatives, highlighting efforts to legitimize certifications, expand educational pathways, and provide incarcerated individuals with meaningful skills.

   The presentation included the following:

   - Adult Detention Facilities
   - Community Partners
   - Financials
   - Re-Entry and Enhanced Alternatives to Custody Training Center (REACT) demographics
   - Educational Classes
     - Educational Programs
       - Various educational offerings include:
       - High School Equivalency (HSE)
       - Women of Wisdom (WOW)
       - Come Back Kids (CBK)
       - American Community Corrections Institute (ACCI), self-paced trauma-informed courses, including some Spanish-language options.
     - Classes & Enrollees
     - ACCI Enrollees
     - Educational Demographics
     - Learning Quest Highlights July 2024-June 2025 and July 2025-December 2025
       - The stats combine both in-custody and Day Reporting Center participants, while graduation numbers represent the REACT program only.
     - 2024-2025 MJC Highlights
     - Staff Lead Program Highlights
   - Vocational Training
     - Vocation Programs
       - The vocational training program is being restructured to focus on certifications and skills that directly lead to employment.
       - Current and planned programs include:
       - Landscaping and grounds maintenance
       - Construction trades through a new partnership with Northern California Construction Training (NCCT).
       - Welding is under review because most participants are released before earning certification. Ways for participants to continue training after release are being explored.
       - Additional vocational certifications include:

        - Window tint installation
        - Food Handler certification
        - Janitorial services
        - Forklift operation
        - Skid steer operation
        - The commercial truck driving program has been temporarily paused pending evaluation of employment outcomes due to its high cost.
        - Agriculture Program
            - Participants care for chickens and collect eggs used by the facility kitchen, teaching animal husbandry and responsibility.
            - Approximately 60 goats are used throughout the county for vegetation management and wildfire prevention, providing valuable work experience while serving the community.
    - Vocation and Enrollees
    - Vocation Demographics
    - Reentry Services
    - Salvation Army Home Detention
        - Provided approximately five transitional housing beds for individuals on home detention who would otherwise be ineligible due to homelessness.
        - The program removes housing barriers, allowing eligible participants to transition from custody while remaining under supervision.
    - Military Veterans Program (M.V.P)
        - The Veterans Housing Unit provides specialized programming for verified veterans who agree to leave gang affiliations and jail politics behind while participating.
        - The structured environment mirrors military culture and promotes accountability and support.
        - A partnership with a transitional housing program in Monterey County provides housing, employment assistance, clothing, food, and other resources for veterans after release.
        - A success story of a veteran who returned to thank the program, crediting it with changing and possibly saving his life, was shared.

Christine Huber praised the Sheriff's Office for the graduation ceremonies, noting that it is meaningful for participants and their families to celebrate educational accomplishments.

5. **Public Defender's Office Presentation (The Presentation is attached)**
Shelli Margarite and Gabriela Verduzco Ortiz from the Public Defender's Office presented on their multidisciplinary client support services, early representation program, and collaborative efforts to address underlying challenges, reduce recidivism, and facilitate successful reintegration, with active partnerships across agencies.

The presentation highlighted the Public Defender's Office Client Support Services (CSS) Program and its comprehensive approach to reducing recidivism by addressing the underlying issues that contribute to individuals' involvement in the criminal justice system. The program combines quality legal representation with intensive case management, social work services, and strong community partnerships to help clients successfully reintegrate into the community while improving public safety.

Established in 2021 with two Caseworkers, the CSS Unit has expanded significantly to include 10 Client Support Specialists, four Social Workers, and one Paralegal, reflecting the growing demand for supportive services. The unit provides early intervention, care coordination, resource navigation, family engagement, and connections to housing, behavioral health, substance use treatment, employment, and public benefits.

A major component of the program is the Early Representation Program (ERP), which places staff in the county jail to engage individuals within 24 hours of arrest. By identifying behavioral health, substance use, and social service needs immediately, staff can begin coordinating treatment, reconnect clients with existing services, and involve family members before court proceedings begin.

The presentation also included several innovative initiatives, including:

- Jail-Based Competency Training (JBCT) support utilizing therapy dogs to build trust and engage individuals with severe mental illness.
- The Collaborative Courts and Pathway to Advocacy Transformation and Hope (PATH) Program, which assists individuals returning from state hospitals by coordinating medications, housing, and community services to prevent repeated arrests and hospitalizations.
- The Hub, a collaborative drop-in resource center providing one-stop access to employment services, public benefits, expungement assistance, educational workshops, food resources, and other supportive services through partnerships with numerous community agencies.

Program data demonstrates substantial growth and impact. The CSS Unit currently manages 895 active cases, has completed 583 triage cases in the past year, and has served 3,305 clients.

Several success stories illustrated the program's effectiveness. Clients highlighted in these stories, after receiving individualized assessments, behavioral health treatment, developmental disability services, housing assistance, and ongoing case management, achieved stable housing, sobriety, and employment opportunities, and remained free of new criminal offenses. These examples reinforced the importance of identifying each client's underlying needs rather than focusing solely on criminal charges.

The presentation concluded by emphasizing that the Public Defender's multidisciplinary model not only improves individual outcomes but also reduces the burden on the criminal justice system, strengthens public safety, and promotes long-term community stability through early intervention, collaboration, and comprehensive support services.

6. Program Updates:

Probation Department:
Since the last CCP meeting on November 13, 2025:

The Day Reporting Center on Hackett Road hosted 3 Tattoo Removal Events. The next event will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. This service is now open to the public. Tattoo removal can be a life-changing opportunity for individuals seeking a fresh start. Anyone who may benefit from this service is encouraged to attend.

7 recent Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operations were conducted with multiple agencies, resulting in 71 searches and 30 arrests.

GEO Group:
The GEO Group provides Domestic Violence and Parenting classes at the Day Reporting Center. They began offering services in November 2025 and have already reported a strong completion rate.

Nirvana:
Nirvana reported continued success and expansion of its sober living program, including the opening of three new homes to increase bed capacity. Through a partnership with the County's Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) program, seven clients are receiving long-term sober living support for up to a year, promoting greater stability and successful transitions to independent housing. Increased collaboration

with community partners, including participation at The Hub, has improved client outcomes and reduced the revolving-door cycle of repeated placements.

Center for Human Services Agency (CHS):
The Center for Human Services reported the progress and a success story resulting from its Less Restrictive Programming (LRP) through the Youth Navigation Center. Since the program began: 7 shelter placements have been made, of which 6 were unduplicated; 4 participants have successfully transitioned from shelter to transitional housing; 1 returned to custody due to probation violations and shelter abandonment; 1 remains in shelter and is on track to move into permanent housing in July.

Learning Quest:
Learning Quest announced four new public workshops beginning in July, including certified janitorial training, ServSafe food handler certification, hospitality training with hands-on experience at local nonprofit events, and an office assistant program. The Elevate Community Partnership Center was also renovated to provide a welcoming space that provides food, clothing, technology, life skills, financial literacy, and career support for justice-involved individuals. Learning Quest will host a High School Equivalency graduation ceremony on September 17, 2026, at the State Theatre.

District Attorney's Office:
The District Attorney's Office reported a successful 20th annual Candlelight Vigil for homicide victims, which provided families with an opportunity to connect with prosecutors and law enforcement. The office also announced continued staffing progress, filling three Victim Advocate positions, including the CCP post-conviction advocate and the Serious Victim Unit advocate, with highly experienced staff.

Leaders In Community Alternatives (LCA):
LCA continues to monitor 90-day employment retention among participants. Four employed individuals also completed vocational training and the 32-session CBI-Employment program. Participants attended two community job fairs, resulting in two interviews, and LCA continues working to expand employment opportunities. The organization also maintains its REACT jail classes, with recent participants already returning for continued support after release.

Community Services Agency (CSA):
CSA discussed implementing the new eligibility requirements for the Federal Government Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, in addition to the Medicaid/MediCal requirements. An emphasis is placed on educating service providers and the public about available resources, eligibility changes, and multiple ways to access assistance, so individuals can remain informed and connected to services.

Workforce Development:
Workforce Development reported strong collaboration through The Hub, which serves approximately 80 individuals each month. By providing employers with letters of crime explanation, work opportunity tax credits, and bonding assistance, the program has helped approximately 40 participants secure employment and will continue to monitor them for one year to support long-term employment success.

Workforce Development maintains a list of approximately 20 pages of employers who have expressed a willingness to hire justice-involved individuals. When an employer remains hesitant after a background review, staff provides a letter of explanation and offer a $50,000 fidelity bond, which often helps secure the employment opportunity.

The next scheduled presentation will tentatively be provided by the District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department at the September CCP meeting.

7. **Next Meeting:**

The next Community Corrections Partnership meeting will be on September 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.



SHERIFF INMATE PROGRAMS

SHERIFF JEFF DIRKSE
LIEUTENANT RYAN MAXWELL

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)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Leaders in Community Alternatives
- Learning Quest
- Modesto Junior College
- SCOE
- BHRS
- Public Defenders / The HUB
- Animal Services

















	CCP Spending Plan FY 2026	YTD Actuals DEC-25	Year End Projection FY 2026
Base Salary & Benefits	7,488,853.00		
Base Admin Overhead S&B	790,642.00		
Base Programming Contracts (Learning Quest)	417,570.00		
Base Salvation Army	79,037.00		
BAS BASE TOTAL	**8,776,102.00**	**4,388,051.00**	**8,776,102.00**
Exp Phase I/II/III	4,366,367.00		
Exp Phase III	1,207,438.00		
	5,573,805.00	2,331,019.00	5,573,805.00
SDC-W (16 DS-C)	1,806,252.00	844,407.00	1,688,814.00
Jail Medical	1,198,887.00	575,689.00	1,151,378.00
EXPANSION TOTAL	**8,578,944.00**	**3,751,115.00**	**8,413,997.00**
Ag Program Deputy	129,920.00		
Ag Program Services & Supplies	135,305.00		
Ag/Vocation Trng Program Instructors (PT/EH)	52,632.00		
	317,857.00	155,529.00	311,058.00
Yard (4), Mental Health (2), & Medical (1) Dpty	909,437.00	646,811.00	909,437.00
SOAR - SCOE/WFD	300,000.00	0.00	300,000.00
PROGRAMS/PROJECTS TOTAL	**1,527,294.00**	**802,340.00**	**1,520,495.00**
Tsf to GSA Capital Projects for Rec Yards	224,870.00		224,870.00
Jail Medical Base	530,450.00	265,225.00	530,450.00
TOTAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE	**19,637,660.00**	**9,206,731.00**	**19,465,914.00**

REACT IN CUSTODY DEMOGRAPHICS

INMATES IN CUSTODY

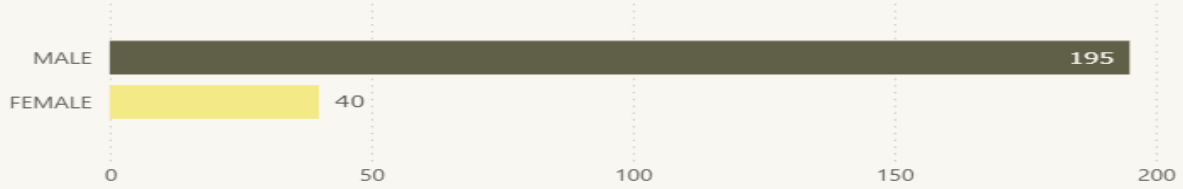
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Inmates	Booked for Last 24 hrs	Released for Last 24 hrs	Average of Days in Custody	Highest Days in Custody

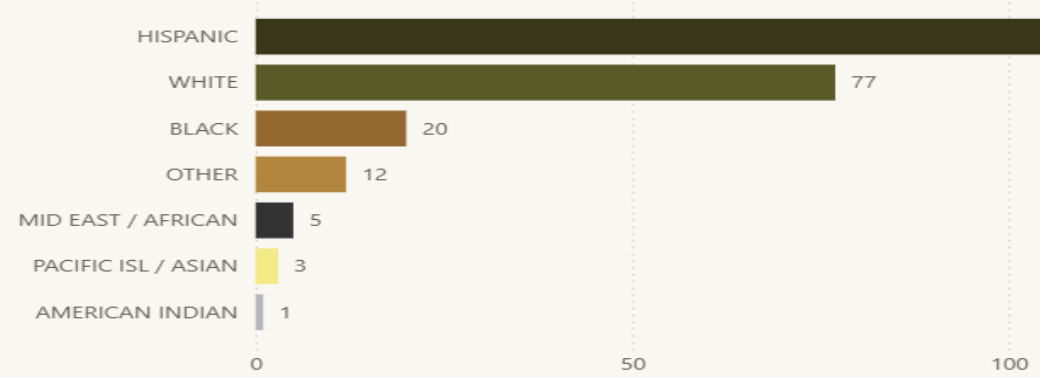
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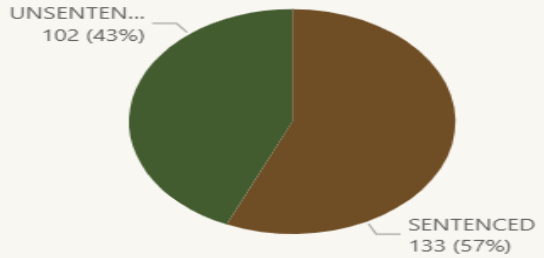
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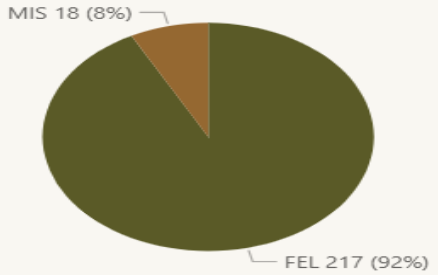
Ethnicity/Race



Sentenced/Unsentenced



Offense Level



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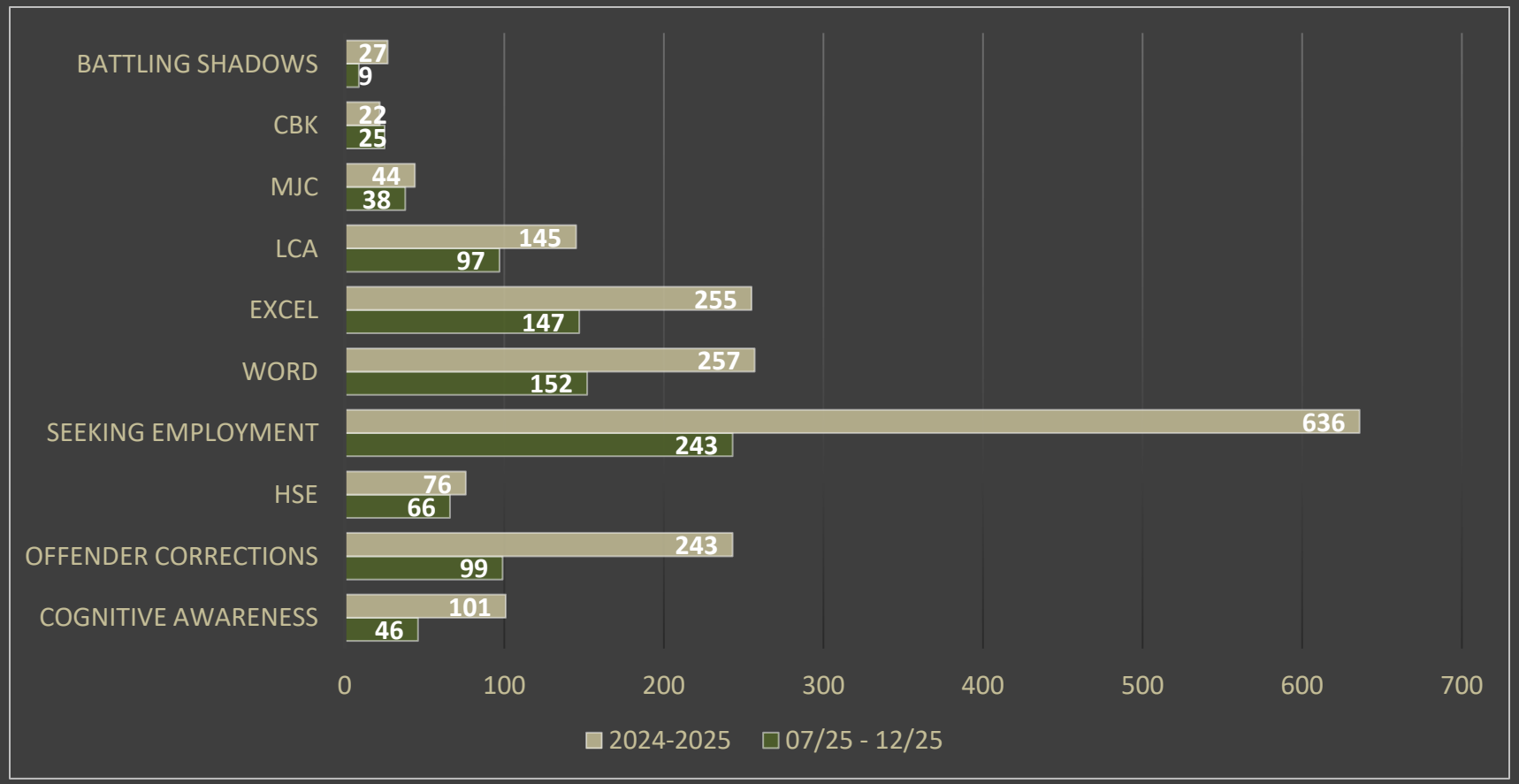
EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

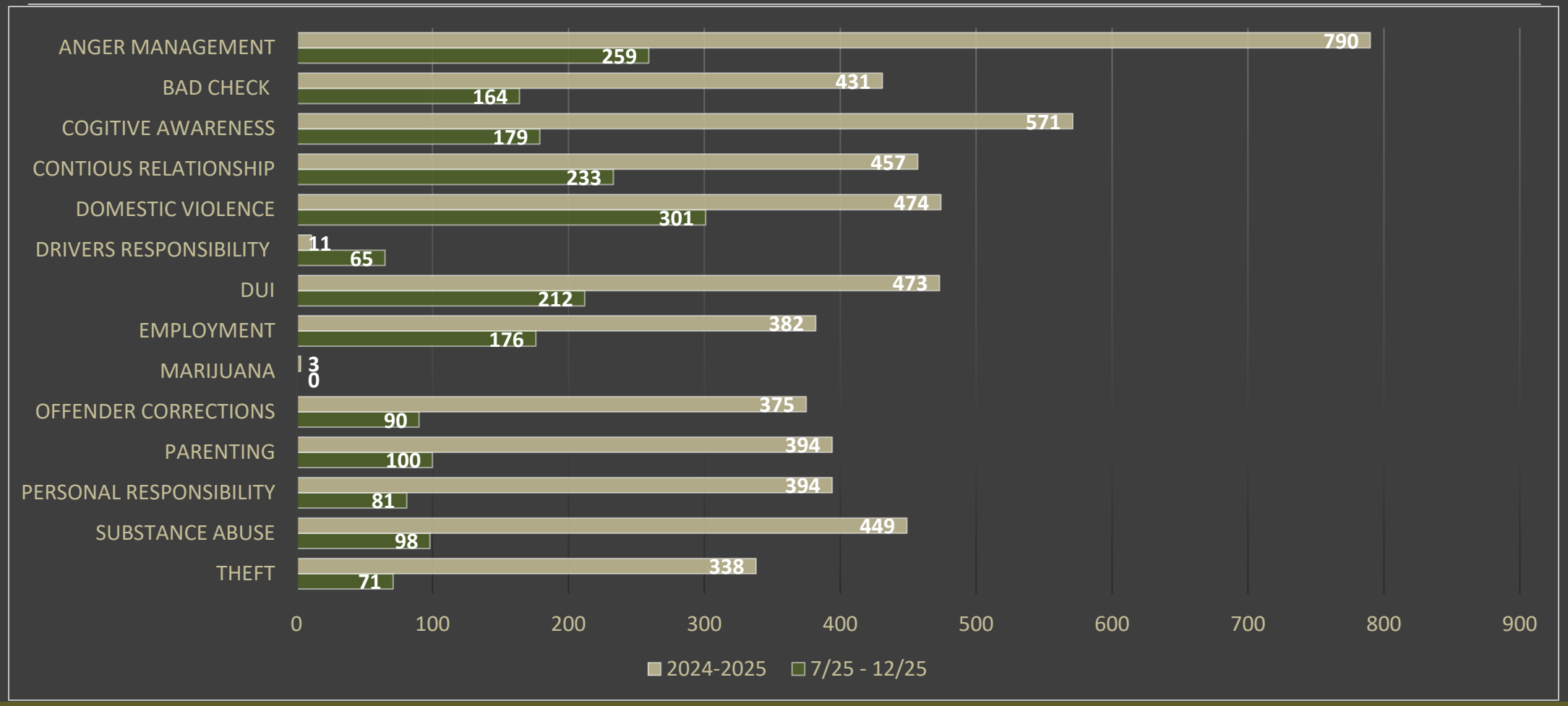
REACT

- LEARNING QUEST
  - SEEKING EMPLOYMENT
  - WORD
  - EXCEL
  - HSE
- STAFF LEAD CLASSES
  - COGNITIVE AWARENESS
  - OFFENDER CORRECTIONS
- SCOE
  - CBK
- MJC
  - SOCIOLOGY
- LCA
  - EMPLOYMENT
- BHRS
  - WOW
  - BATTLING SHADOWS
  - SUDS
- PUBLIC DEFENDER
  - THE CELL IN INSIDE SERIES
- ACCI
  - 14 ENGLISH SELF GUIDED COURSES
  - 6 SPANISH SELF GUIDED COURSES

CLASSES & ENROLLEES



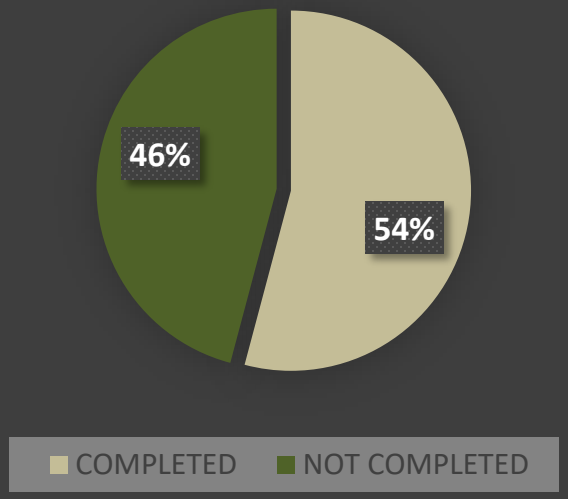
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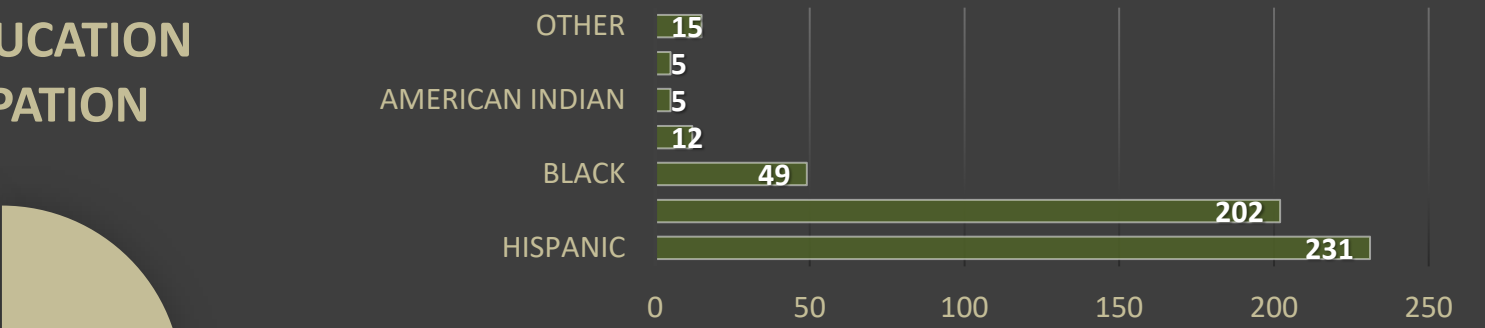
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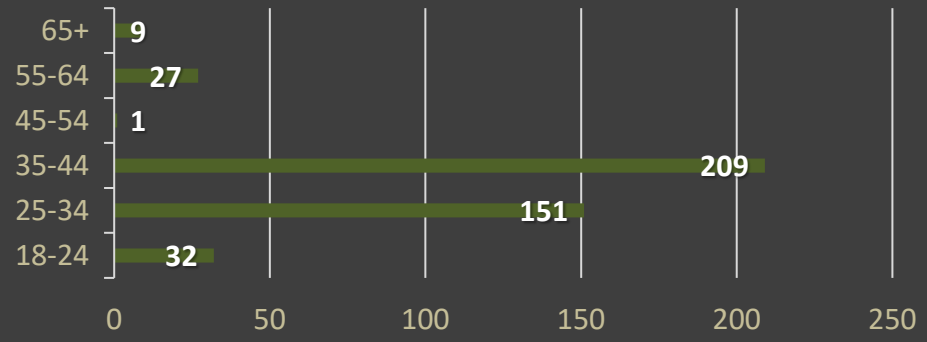
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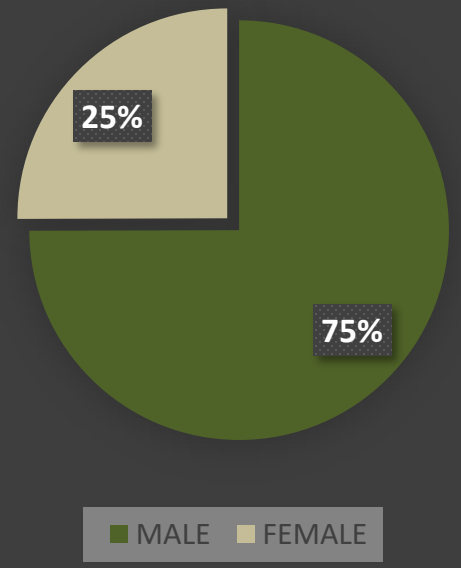
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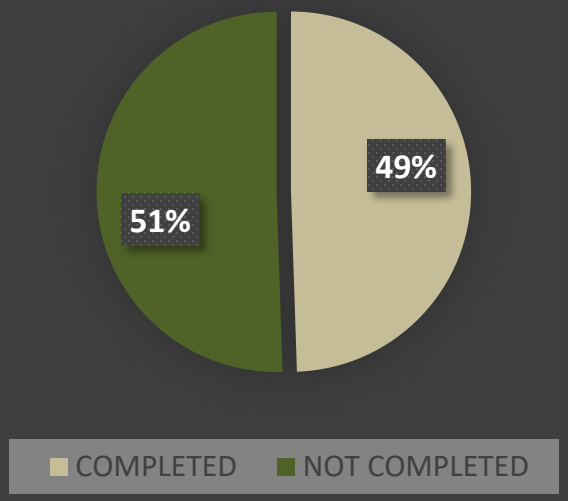
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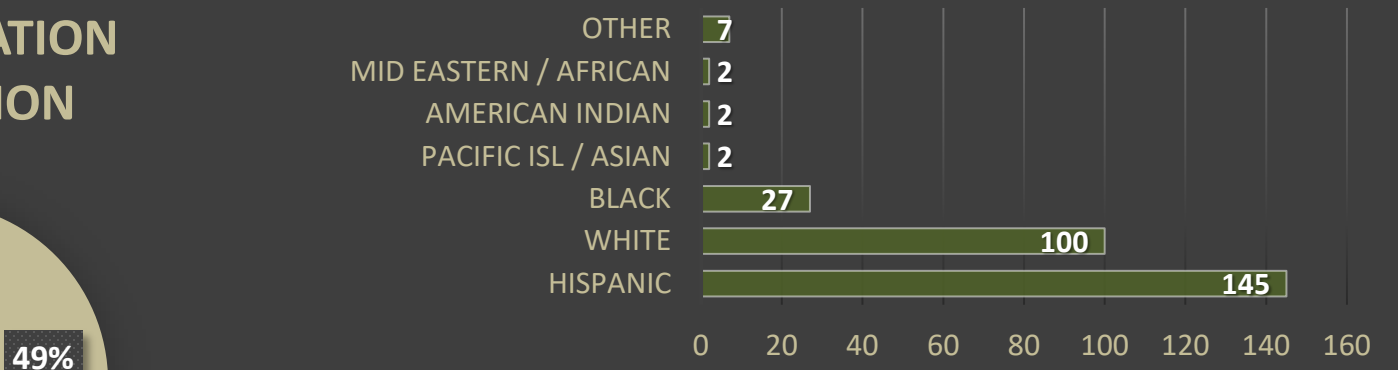
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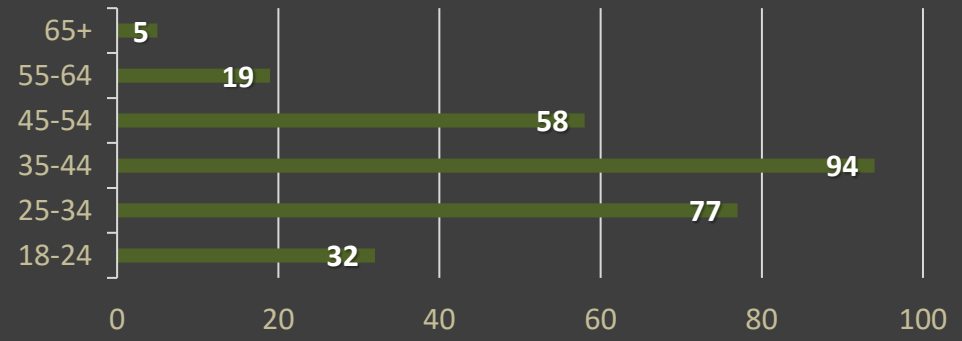
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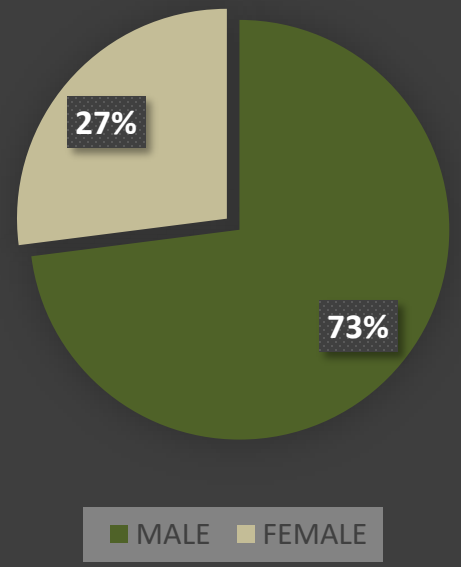
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LEARNING QUEST HIGHLIGHTS
JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025



147 HSE PARTICIPANTS WITH INCARCERATED PERSONS



793 RESUMES, 150 ASSISTED JOB APPLICATIONS & 31JOB PLACEMENTS



10 GRADUATES

LEARNING QUEST HIGHLIGHTS JULY 202 – DEC 2025



100 HSE PARTICIPANTS WITH INCARCERATED PERSONS



254 RESUMES, 164 ASSISTED JOB APPLICATIONS & 20 JOB PLACEMENTS



4 GRADUATES

2024-2025 MJC HIGHLIGHTS

A note from the Instructor:

Isabel Andrade is our Northern Star for REACT. Isabel's trajectory remains a powerful example of what is possible. She was part of our first cohort 2.5 years ago, when only four women enrolled in the course. She earned her A while incarcerated, transferred to campus immediately upon release, and earned straight A's on campus. She successfully transferred to CSU Stanislaus, though her academic record would have made her competitive at any institution. For personal reasons, she chose Stanislaus State, where she is now double majoring in psychology and sociology with plans to pursue advanced degrees. She recently earned a scholarship in recognition of her academic achievement.

Isabel was hired as a contract employee at MJC, served as President of the Rising Scholars Network student club during her time on campus, and is currently serving as a UC Berkeley Underground Scholars Ambassador.

STAFF LEAD PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PUPS FOR PROGRESS

Twice a week, Animal Control partners with our program by bringing in dogs that have been placed on the euthanasia list. Participants engage with the dogs through supervised socialization, learning and practicing empathetic engagement. These interactions create meaningful therapeutic benefits for both the participants and the animals.

The Next Chapter

We recently completed the second round of our book club program in the female unit. A Deputy selects the book and creates a reading plan for participants. The group meets once a week to discuss assigned chapters, answer discussion questions, and connect the book's themes to real-life experiences. At the end of the program, participants watch the movie adaptation based on the book they read.


Certificate
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VOCATIONAL TRAINING

VOCATION PROGRAMS

LANDSCAPE

SEWING

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HOSPITALITY

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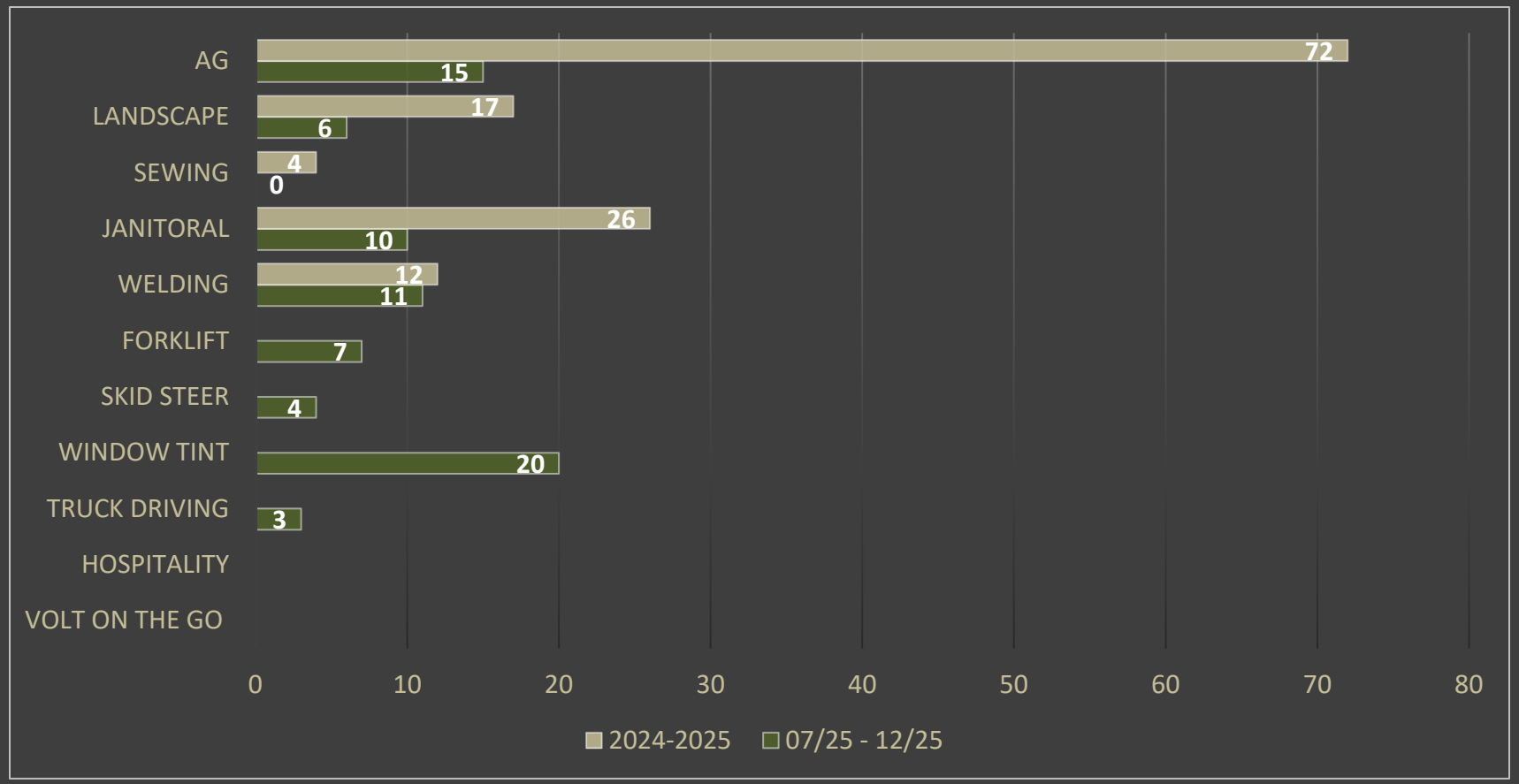
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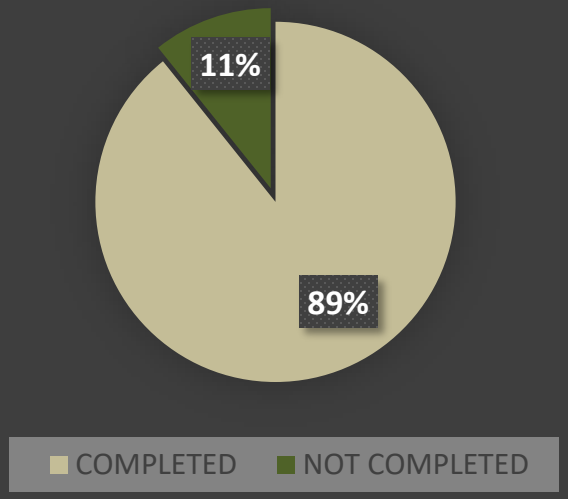
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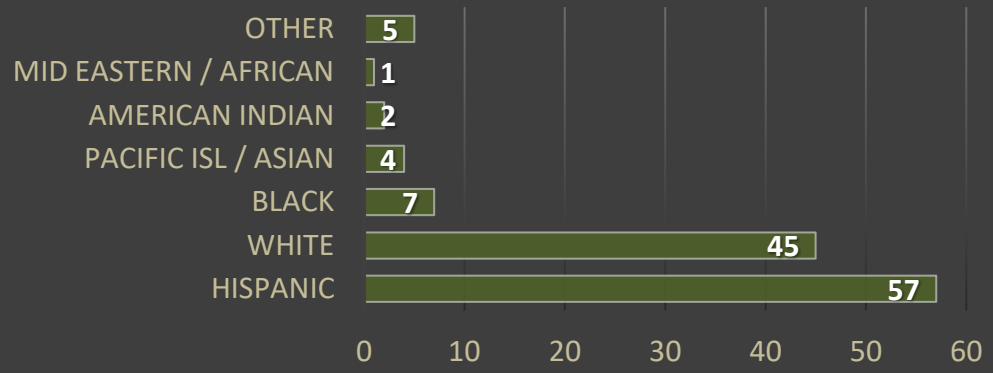
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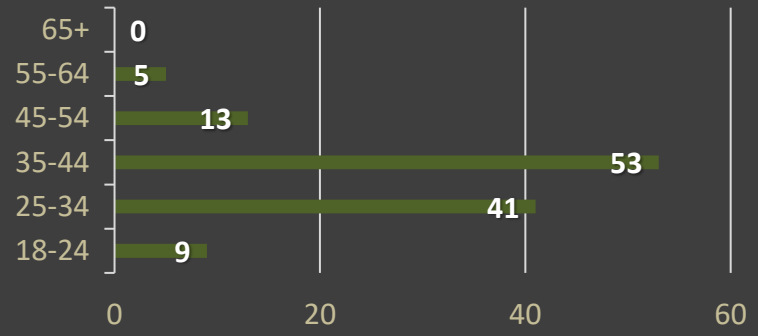
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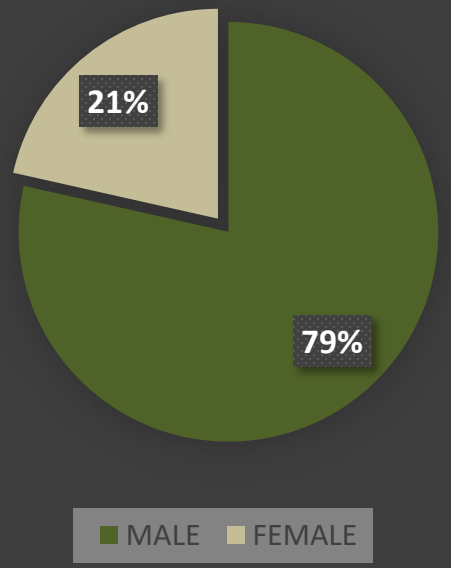
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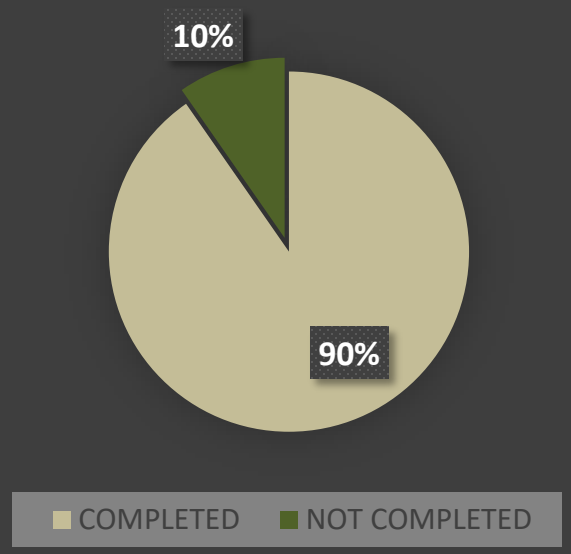
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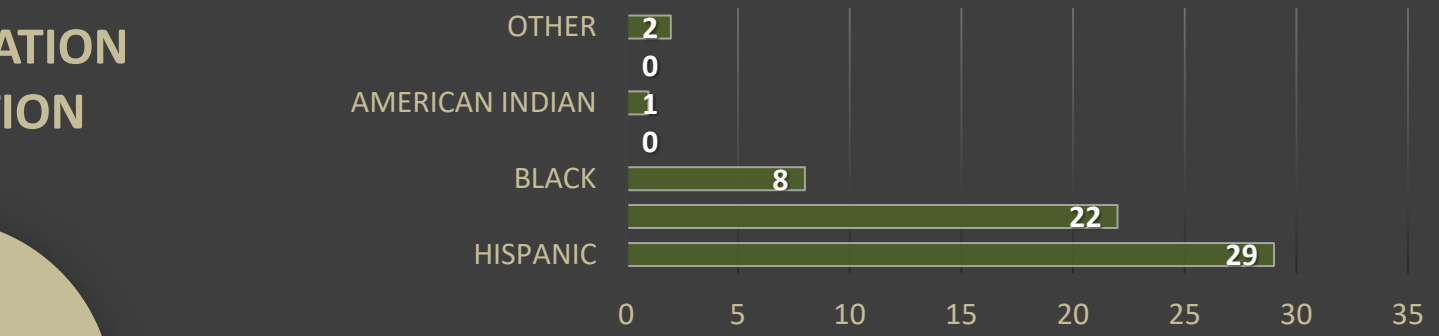
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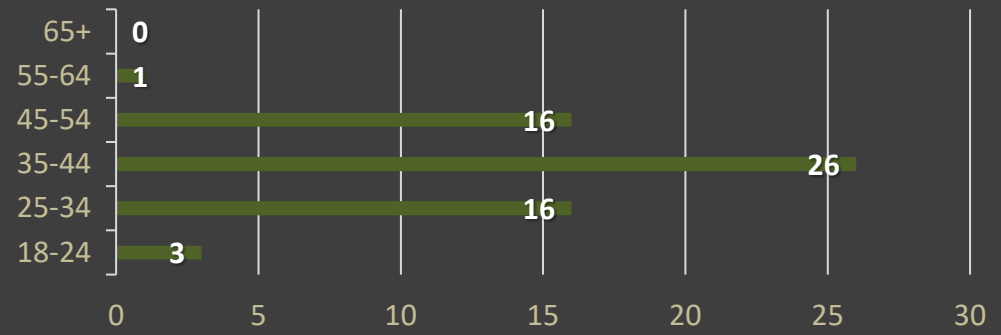
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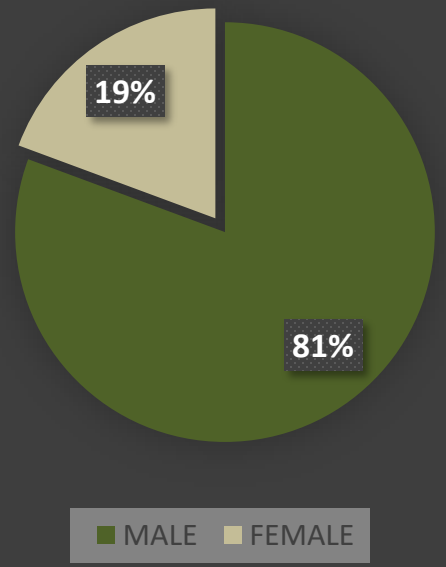
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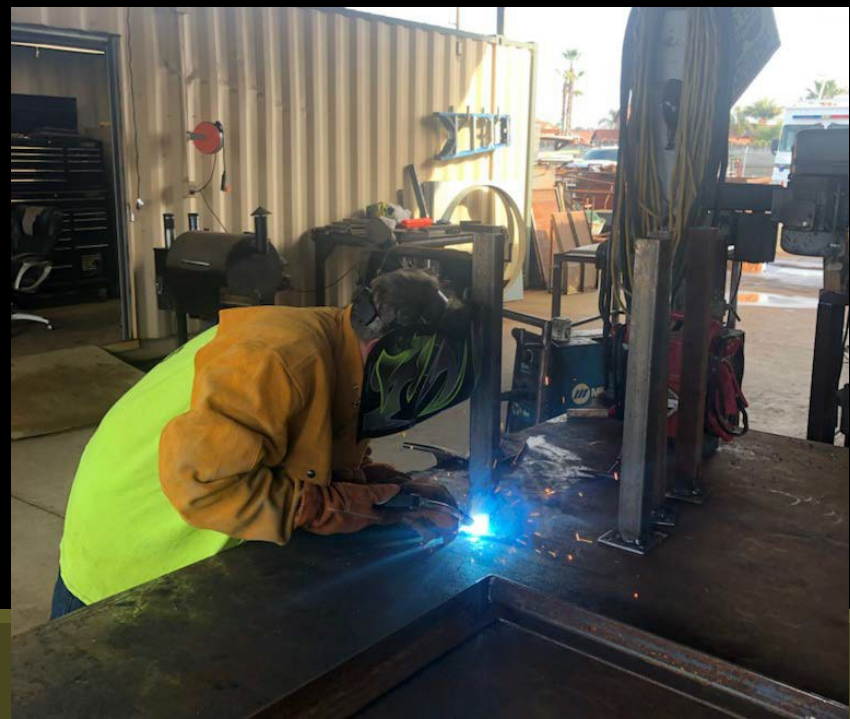


GENDER






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WEED & BRUSH ABATEMENT

Day 1



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FUTURE PROGRAMMING

HVAC

CONSTRUCTION

Vocation Expansion has completed the move from over by fleet services and is now by our AG Area.

Volt on the go has started and 6 have completed with multiple certificates.

ICEV has started we currently have 5 currently enrolled.

SALVATION ARMY HOME DETENTION

JULY 2024 – DEC 31,2025

July 2024- June 2025

Over the course of the last FY there were 19 IP's that have been released from custody and placed on home detention at the Salvation Army. Out of the 19 IP's all 19 had completed the program.

July 2025 – Dec 31,2025

Over the course of the last FY there were 29 IP's that have been released from custody and placed on home detention at the Salvation Army. Out of the 29 IP's 27 had completed the program. The other 2 are still currently in the program.

** We are contracted with 5 beds.

MILITARY VETERANS PROGRAM (M.V.P)

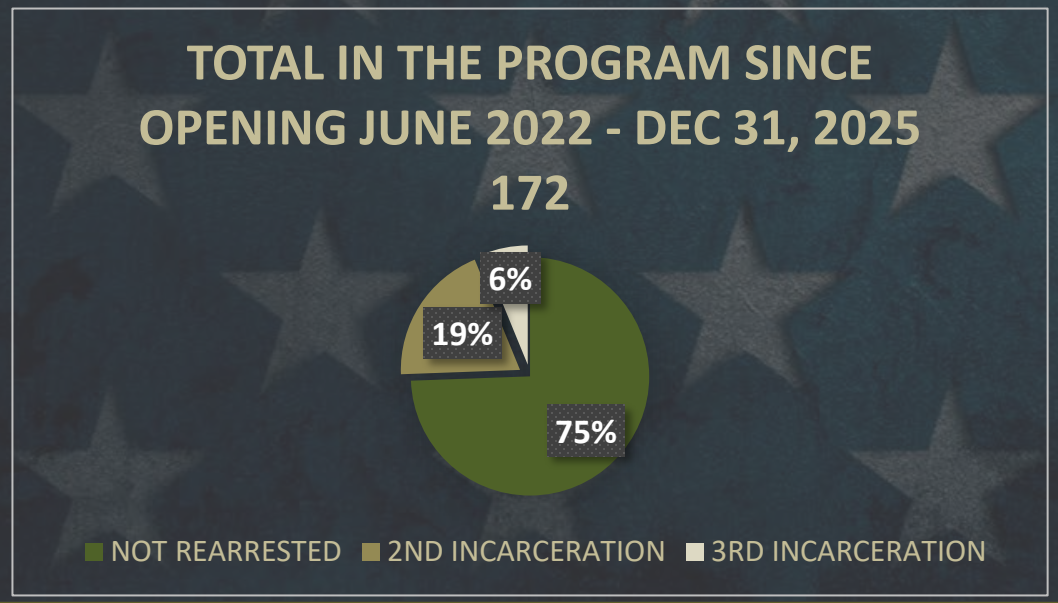
JULY 2022- OCT 2024

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

Veterans Transition Center

Veterans Housing Program has assisted 5 IP's



Non-profit has operated on historic Fort Ord land to provide meals, clothing, and housing to Veterans who are homeless or have been incarcerated. We are one of very few programs in the Nation that welcomes Veterans and their families, as well as pets.

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Public Defender Client Support Services Program

Community Corrections Partnership Quarterly Meeting, June 18, 2026

About the Public Defender's Office

WHY WE EXIST

The Public Defender's Office exists to safeguard the constitutional right to legal representation and to promote justice, equity, and fairness within the criminal legal system.

WHAT WE DO

We provide comprehensive legal defense to individuals facing criminal charges while also delivering service programs aimed at reducing recidivism, addressing underlying causes of justice involvement, and supporting successful reintegration into the community.

HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Through skilled advocacy, innovative programs, and a commitment to upholding the rule of law, we strengthen public trust in the justice system and contribute to safer, more resilient communities.

Why Supportive Services in the Public Defender's Office?



We identify needs early by recognizing barriers to stability before many other systems do.



We leverage trusted relationships to engage clients in services and support they might otherwise decline.



We connect clients to community resources through coordinated partnerships that promote stability and positive outcomes.

Cycle of Recidivism



Client Support Services Unit

A multidisciplinary team of non-legal advocates focused on addressing the underlying causes of system involvement and connecting clients to services that support long-term success.



By stabilizing lives and strengthening support, we reduce system burden, decrease recidivism, improve legal system outcomes and promote public safety.

- 10 FTE Client Support Specialists
- 4 FTE Social Workers
- 1 Paralegal

- Care Coordination
- Supportive Counseling
- Advocacy
- Peer Support
- System Navigation
- Connection to resources
- Case Management
- Additional supportive services for success

Building a Comprehensive Client Support Model



Early Representation Program (ERP)

- Client Support Staff embedded in jail
- Reach clients as soon after arrest as possible
- Identify underlying needs that led to system involvement (mental health, SUD, housing, etc.)
- Link to services, diversion and collaborative courts
- Develop coordinated discharge plans
- Connect with family
- Provide case management





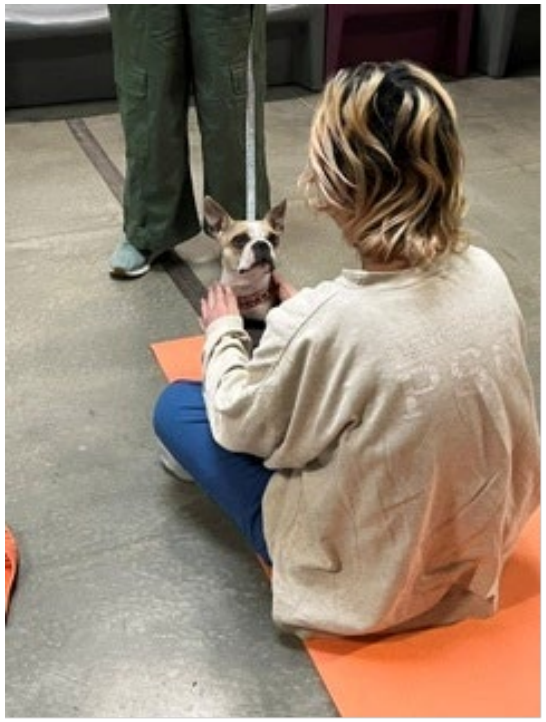
Therapy Dogs







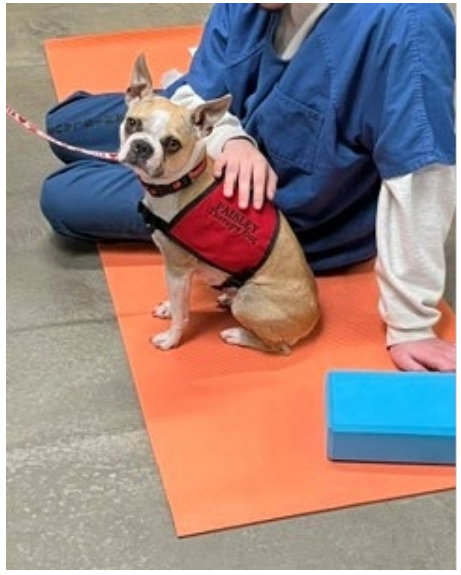


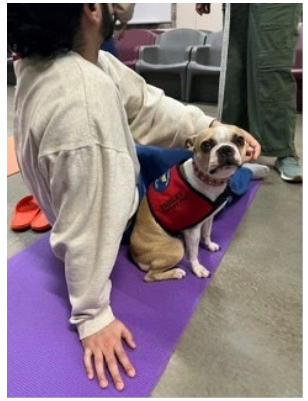










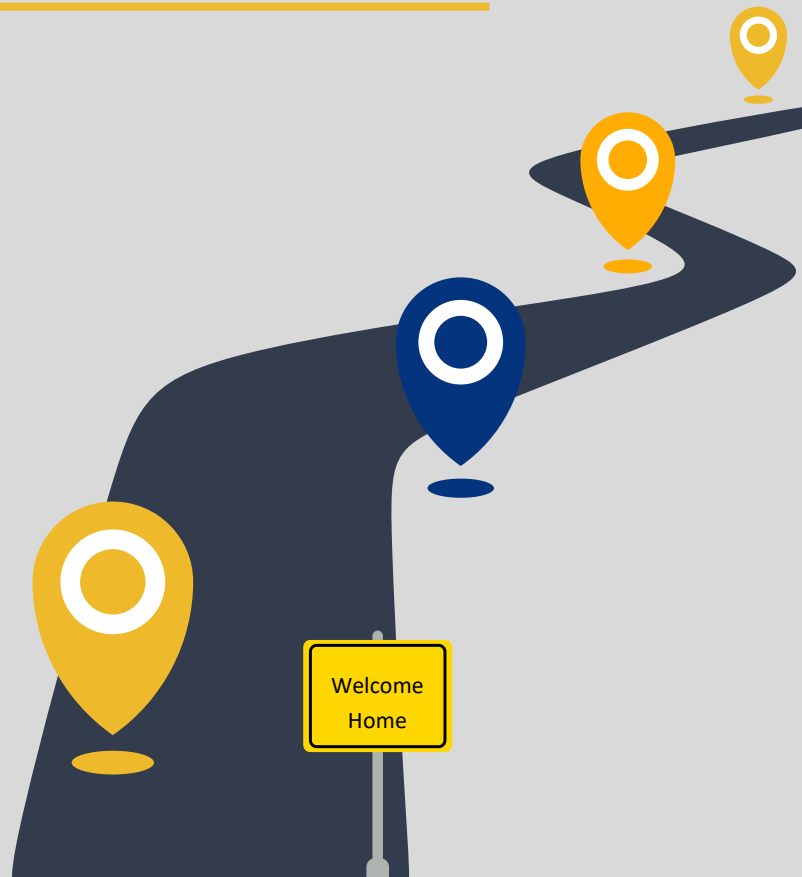






Pathway to Advocacy Transformation and Hope (PATH)

- Focus on DSH returns and the IST population
- Provide medication support
- Bridge gap between incarceration and release
- Assist with access to community resources
- Connect to housing and employment



the hub

Resource and re-entry drop-in center for community members to access supportive services, workforce development, literacy classes, behavioral health counseling, peer-led lived-experience workshops, benefits activation, basic needs, navigation and case support.



The Hub in Action



















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Collaboration & Partnership

- Parole
- Sheriff
- Shelters
- District Attorney
- CSA
- Center for Human Services
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- MPD
- BHRS
- Probation
- Nirvana
- Community Hospice
- LearningQuest
- Come Back Kids (SCOE)
- Workforce Development
- Gospel Mission



The Impact of Early Intervention and Support Services

- Stabilizes clients at the earliest point of system contact
- Reduces unnecessary custody time and overall system strain
- Lowers recidivism through early intervention and continuity of care
- Improves legal system outcomes and client participation
- Strengthens public safety through prevention, stability, and reentry support

Client Support Data

Current open CSS cases: 895

Triage cases over past year: 583

Total served in program: 3305

Success Story #1

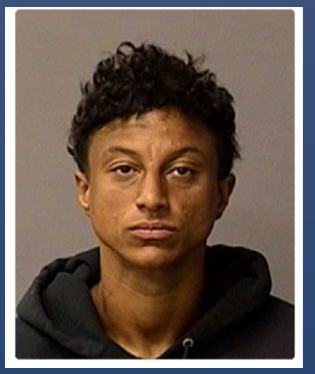


Focused on addressing the underlying causes of system involvement and connecting client to services that support long-term success.

- 1997-2024: 23 cases
- Deaf: communication frustration
- Developmental disability
- Eligible for regional center services and receiving wrap around services
- Living independently for almost one year with no new charges



Success Story #2

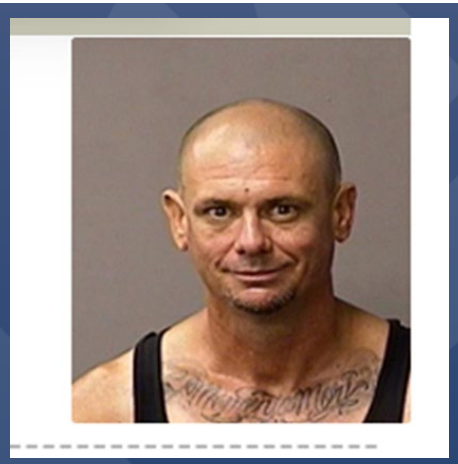


Thank You to Robert my case manager and all the additional staff that played a role in my recovery and dismissal! I have been on my own since 18 struggling with addiction, mental health and homelessness. I started using at 13 years old due to severe sexual, mental and physical abuse. This lead to a life of instability and incarceration. Due to the Public Defenders office, ~~and my~~ my treatment team, and God I am 1 year and 6 months clean and sober, and actively participating to recover my mental health and heal from trauma! If it wasn't for this program I don't know where I would be or if I ever would of recieved my second chance! I hope to one day be an example to homeless youth and young adults everywhere that with a little grace and a lot of God we don't have to leave our dreams on the pillow when we wake up in the morning!

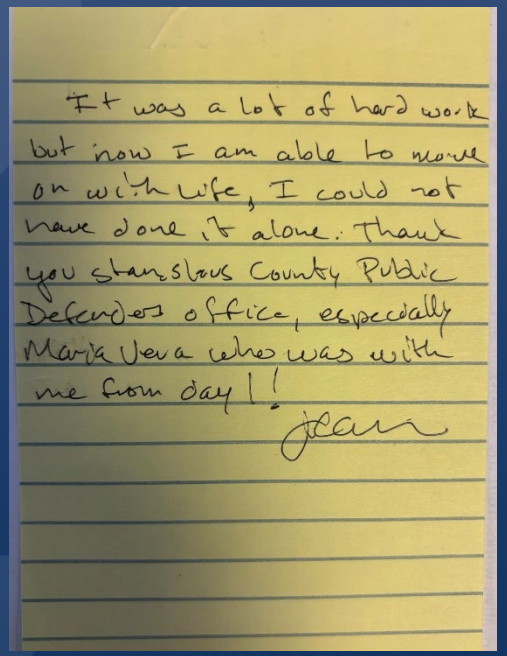
and will be returning to school in the fall



Success Story #3







"It was a lot of hard work but now I am able to move on with life, I could not have done it alone. Thank you Stanislaus County Public Defender's office, especially Maria Vera who was with me from day 1!" – James

THANK YOU!

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