

MERCED COUNTY

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

**Budget Year
2023/2024**



PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT PLAN



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ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP)

This sub-group of the CCP meets quarterly and welcomes concerned citizens, county service providers, and community-based organizations. Serving as official CCP meetings, the Adult Services Committee of the CCP complies with Brown Act requirements, including public posting in County Administration locations and on the Probation Department's website. The meetings serve several functions, not limited to the following:

- Program data/outcomes
- Opportunity for service providers to give updates
- Information on related community activities
- Notices concerning program transition celebrations
- Opportunities for the public to provide feedback concerning Merced County CCP Programs

Committee Members

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Workforce Investment

Merced County Office of Education

Lifeline CDC

Merced Rescue Mission

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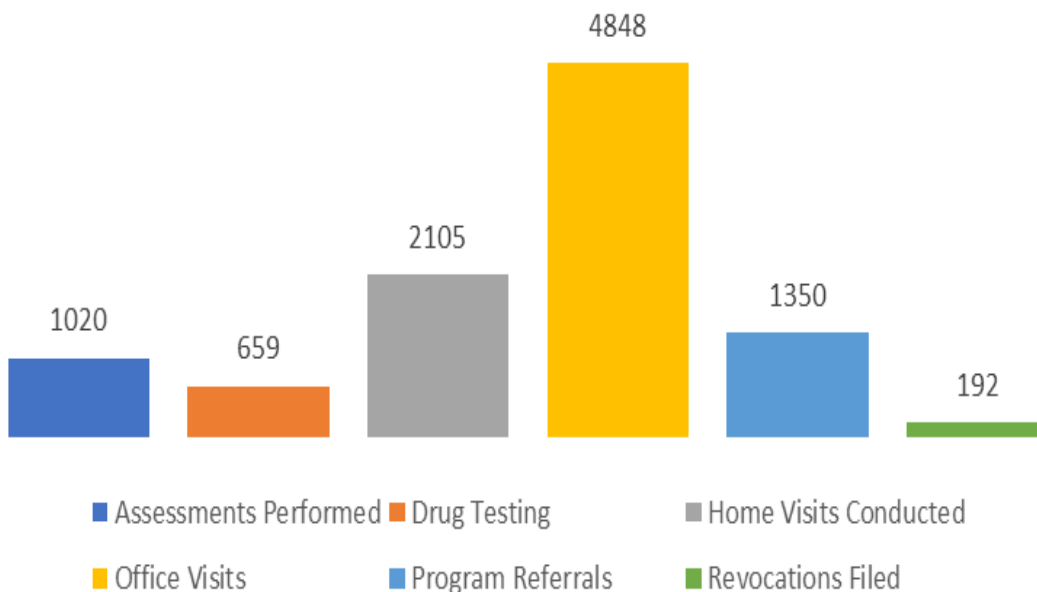
ACE Overcomers

MERCED COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

The Probation Department is responsible for the supervision of offenders released from county jail on mandatory supervision or released from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on Post Release Community Supervision. Probation Officers refer clients to a multitude of services designed to reduce recidivism and crime, along with enforcing terms and conditions of release. Probation Officers conduct home visits, prepare revocation reports, write new law violation reports, drug test, and monitor progress in treatment during the length of supervision.

Post Release Community Supervision/Mandatory Supervision Deputy Probation Officer Activities 2022/2023

*Estimated based on 7/1/22 - 6/30/23



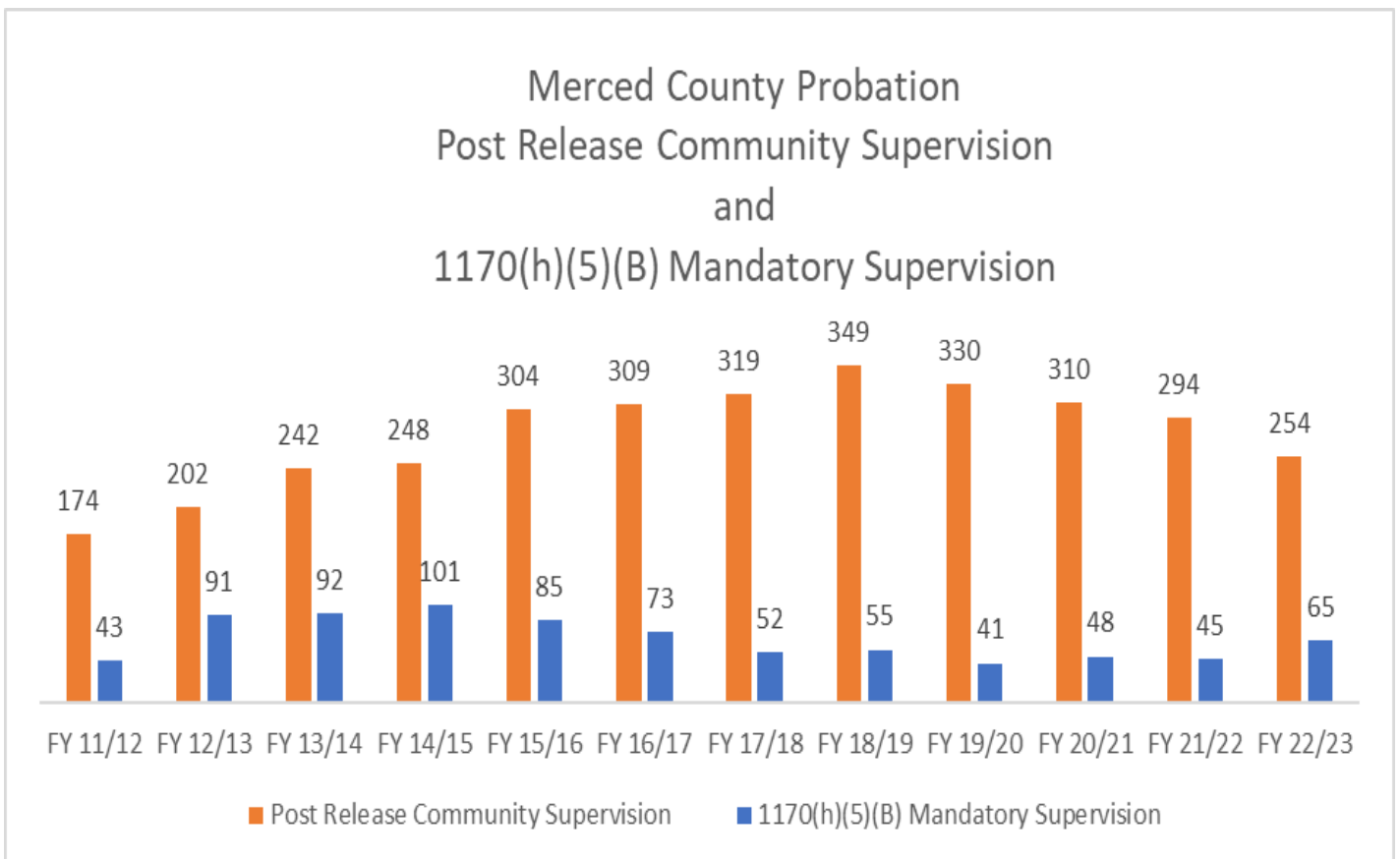
Public Safety Realignment Background

Post Release Community Supervision—Section 3451 of the California Penal Code

- ◆ As a result of AB109 realignment, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) is a form of supervision provided to an offender who has been released from a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institution to the jurisdiction of a county probation agency. Offenders who were serving a sentence for non-serious, non-violent, non-sex offenses and would be released to the probation department instead of state parole for a term not less than six (6) months but not more than three (3) years.

Mandatory Supervision — Section 1170(h)(5)(B) of the California Penal Code

- ◆ Similar to PRCS, offenders convicted of non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenses after October 1, 2011, can serve their incarceration in local county jail rather than state prison. AB109 realignment gave the court the additional tool of split sentencing. A split sentence allows a judge to split the time of sentence between a jail term and a period of supervision by a probation officer.

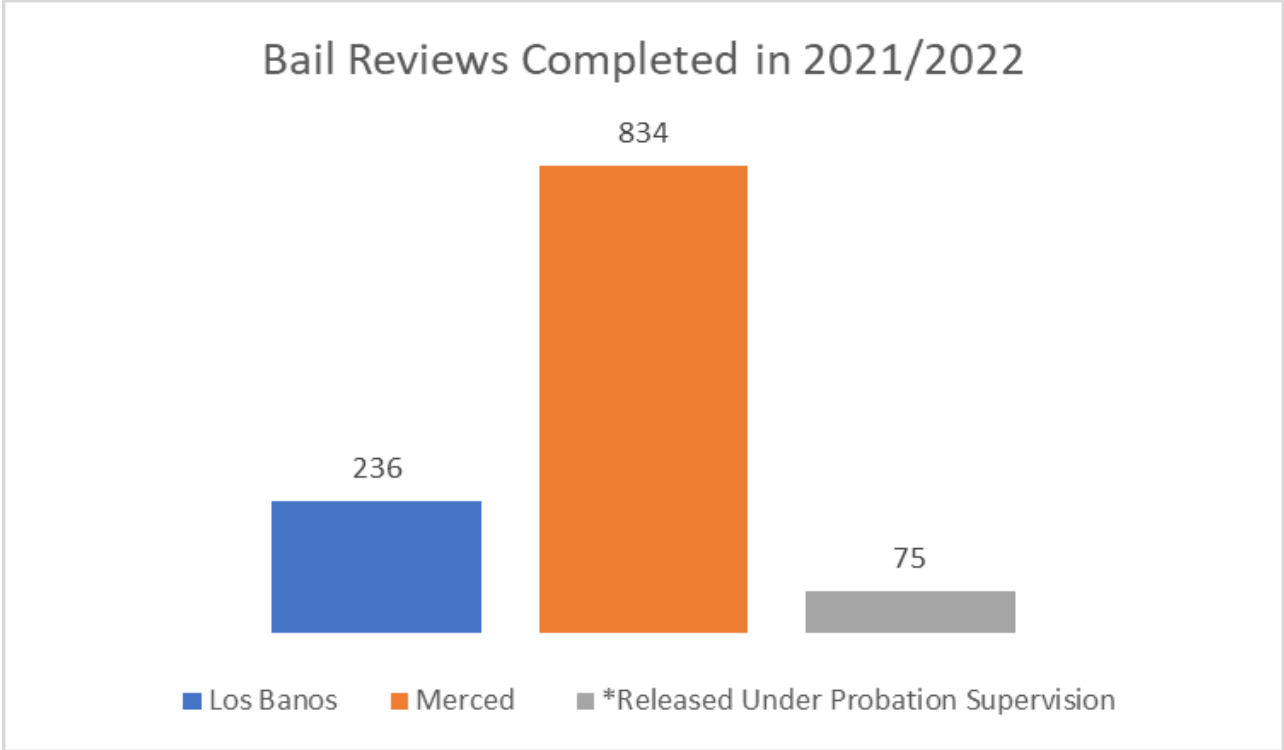


Pretrial Services Unit

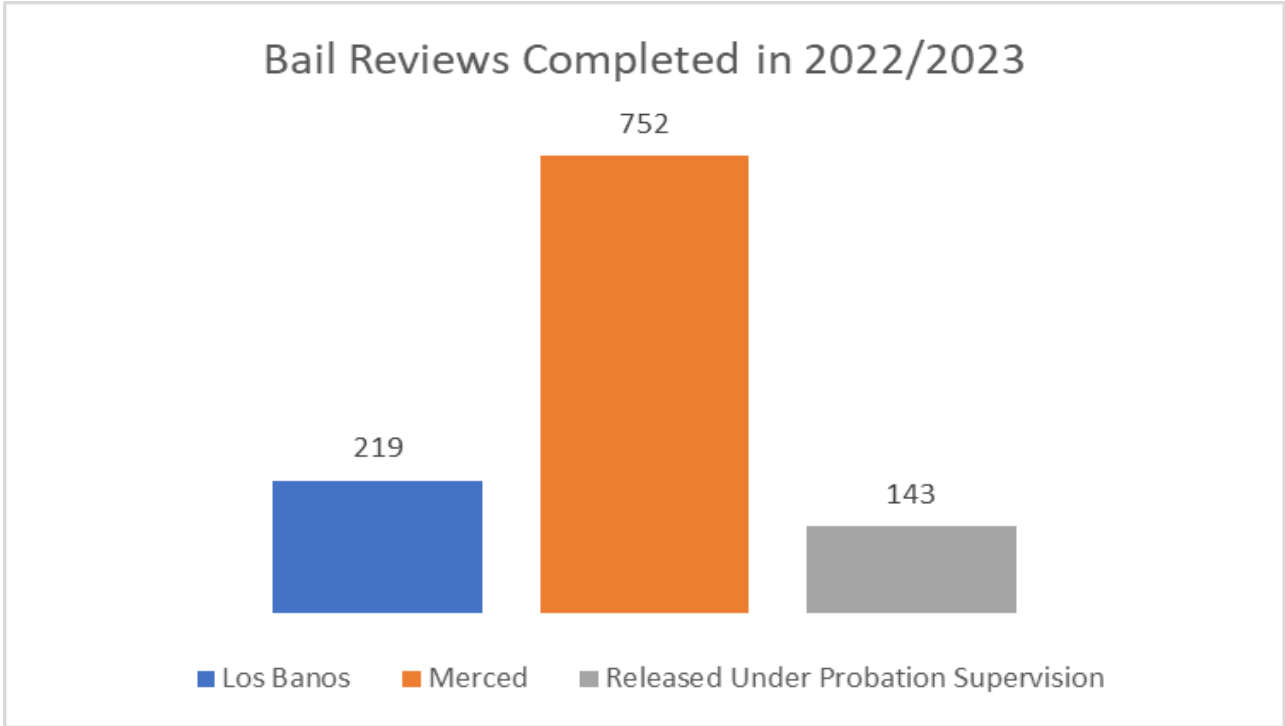
The Pretrial Services Unit conducts pretrial assessments, provides program services, and supervision of defendants while on pretrial release according to their risk level. The unit consists of three (3) Probation Assistants, and one (1) Deputy Probation Officer dedicated to Pretrial, with an additional two (2) officers assigned to the jail reentry program and a transfer-in caseload. Pretrial staff utilizes the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) to assist in the investigation and evaluation of a defendant's risk level of failing to appear in court and re-offending while on pretrial release. Defendants will download the SmartLink mobile app to their smartphones which will send them court reminders. Defendants who do not have a smartphone will be provided one at no cost. The Pretrial Services Unit completes reports at the request of the Merced County Superior Court, providing the Court with information to assist with release decisions. In addition, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and Probation have partnered to develop a robust program for defendants who may suffer from mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders while their criminal proceedings are pending. BHRS will focus on assessments, brief interventions, linkages, referrals, and coordination of care for pretrial defendants to reintegrate into the community upon release. The Merced County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the supervision of those defendants that have been released on electronic monitoring.



Pretrial Services Unit



*Started in March 2022



THE TRIDENT CENTER

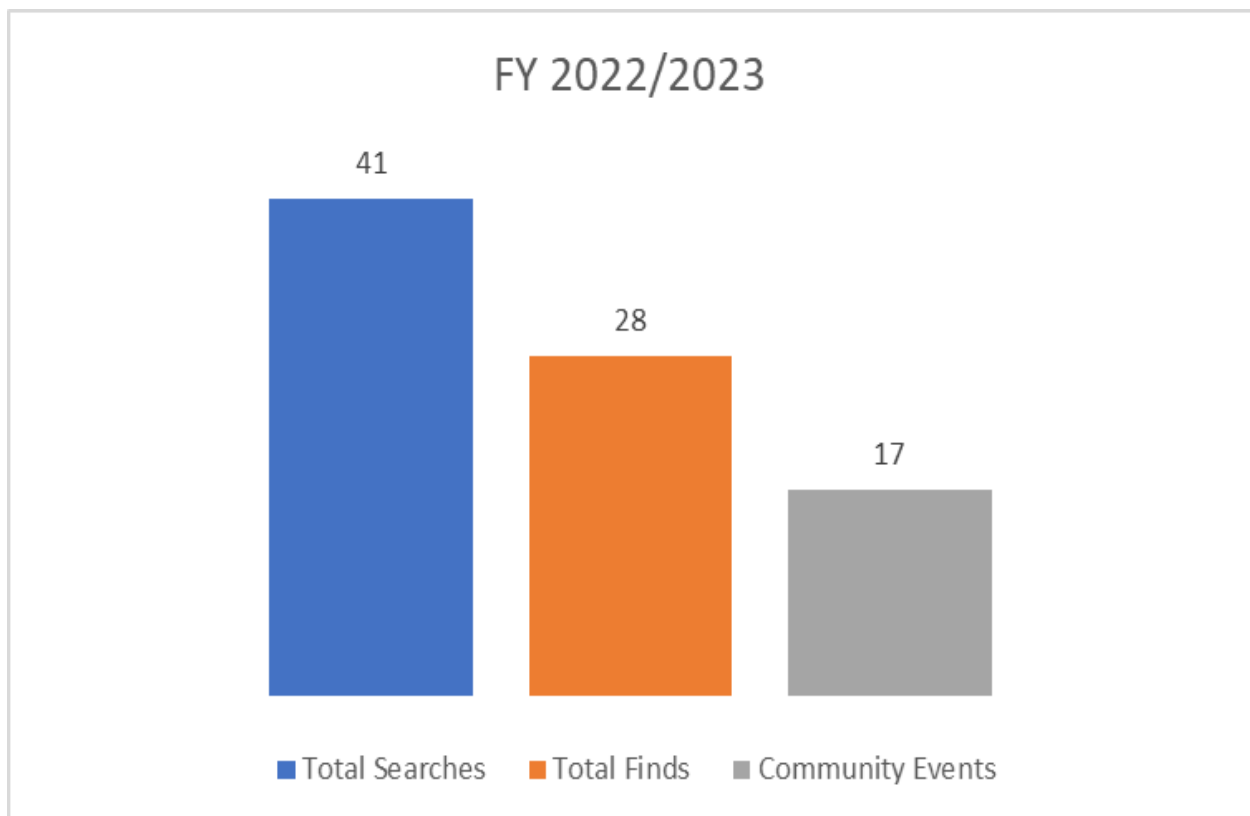
The Trident Center is a collaboration between the Merced County Sheriff's Office, Merced County Probation Department, Human Services Agency (HSA), and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS). Through evidence-based practices this multi-disciplinary effort employs a three-pronged approach focused on public safety, reducing recidivism through rehabilitation, and alternatives to custody. Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) assigned to the Trident Center provide intensive supervision of the Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision populations. DPOs administer a risk/needs assessment to determine each client's criminal risk factors and develop an individualized case plan. By employing a multifaceted application of culturally, developmentally, and gender-appropriate interventions, the client can work towards completing their established goals.



K-9 PROGRAM

SAGE

K-9 Sage is primarily used to detect narcotics and firearms. In addition to being utilized for probation compliance searches and searches in the juvenile hall, K-9 Sage and her partner/handler, Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Christina Zwart assists local law enforcement agencies with the service of search warrants. K-9 Sage and SPO Zwart also participate in community events for outreach purposes.



Total Cost: \$173,129 (Handler, OT, Supplies)

Programs and Services

K-9 PROGRAM

SAGE

Community Events/Public Relations

Quarter 1

- 7/31/22—Discovery Day at the Kids Discovery Museum
- 9/14/22—Career Day at Peterson Elementary School

Quarter 2

- 10/29/22—Trunk or Treat Event at Fitness Junkie in Atwater, CA
- 10/30/22—Discovery Day at the Kids' Discovery Museum
- 11/18/22—Community Day at Cruickshank Middle School
- 11/25/22— Black Friday Operation Christmas Star Toy Drive
- 12/3/22—Christmas Parade in Downtown Merced
- 12/10/22—Operation Christmas Star Toy Drive in Los Banos, CA

- 12/17/22—Operation Christmas Star Toy Drive in Atwater, CA
- 12/21/22—Operation Christmas Star Toy Drive in Los Banos, CA and Dos Palos, CA
- 12/22/22— Operation Christmas Star Toy Delivery in Merced, Atwater, and Winton areas

Quarter 3

- 1/29/23—Discovery Day at the Kids Discovery Museum
- 3/02/23—Reading Across America Event at Peggy Heller Elementary School
- 3/06/23—Reading Across America Event at St. Paul's Elementary School

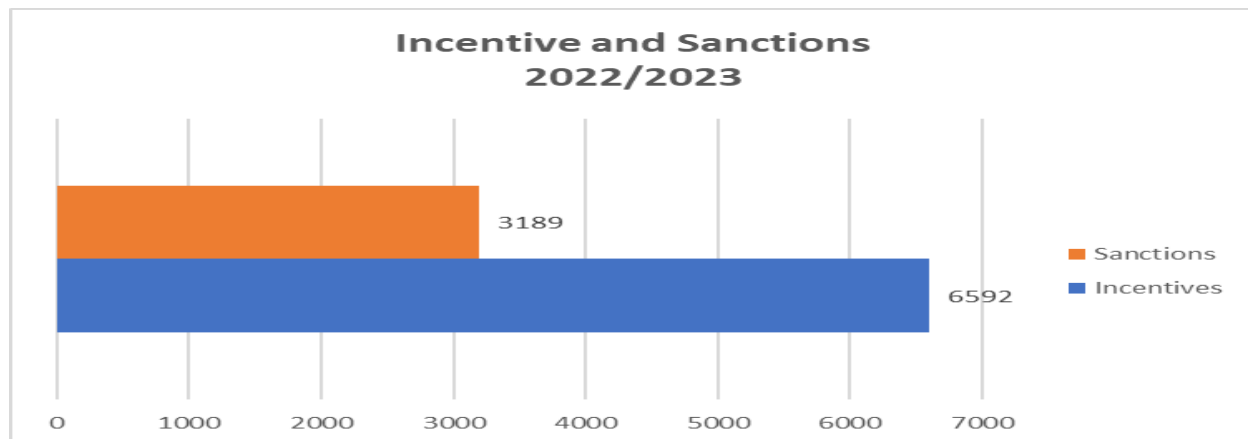
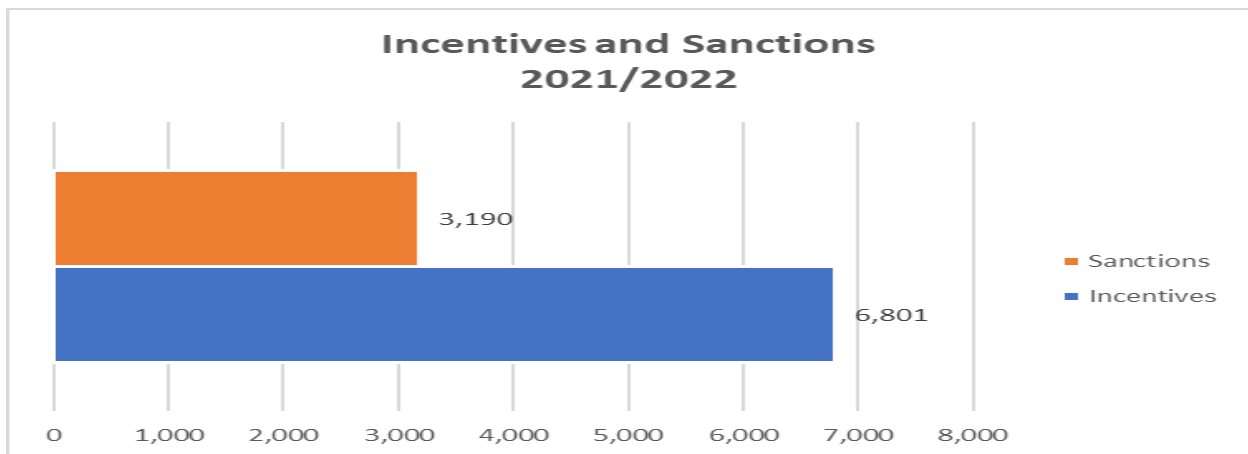
Quarter 4

- 4/27/23— K9 Demonstration at Stone Ridge Christian Elementary School
- 6/8/23—Merced County Fair



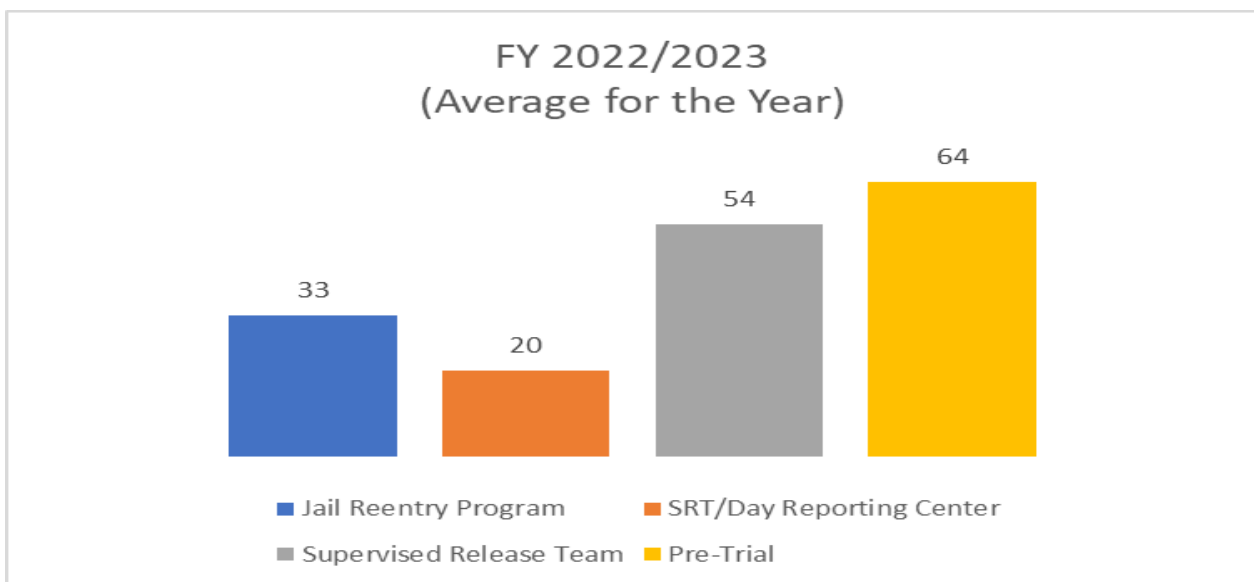
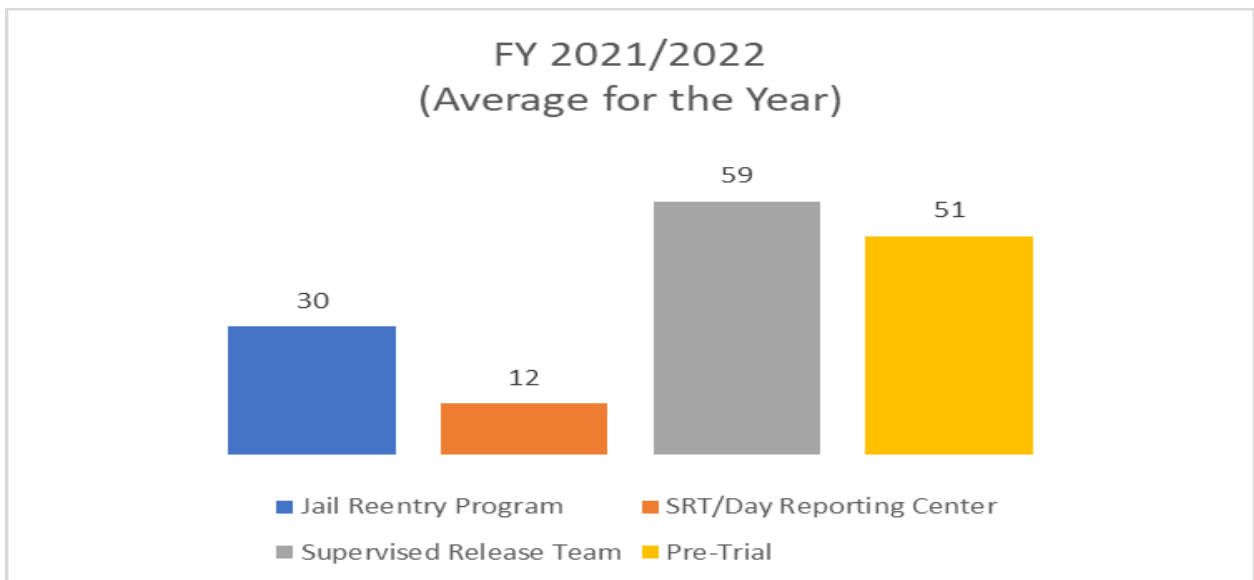
INCENTIVE AND SANCTIONS MATRIX

Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) utilize an Incentive and Sanctions response matrix to enhance community safety and promote positive behavior change in our clients. DPOs provide incentives such as verbal affirmations, gift cards, and refreshments during client contacts. DPOs also deliver meals and gifts to clients and their families who may need extra support during the holidays. Clients in violation of their terms and conditions of supervision are subject to sanctions ranging from flash incarceration, to GPS monitoring and community service referrals. Sanctions are swift community-based interventions to discourage further violations.



Merced County Sheriff's Office Alternatives to Incarceration Programs

The Merced County Sheriff's Office operates the Alternatives to Incarceration Program. Sheriff Deputies are assigned to supervise individuals who have been released to the community, in lieu of Incarceration, at various stages of the judicial process, from Pretrial to the sentencing phase.



JAIL RE-ENTRY PROGRAM



The GEO Group, Inc. offers in-custody treatment programs for clients nearing the end of their jail commitments. Starting treatment before clients are released, the GEO Group, Inc. facilitates consistent treatment and helps them be better prepared for their transition back into the community. The GEO Group, Inc. assesses client risks, needs and initiates specialized programming during incarceration, ensuring the transition to community-based programs is seamless by changing clients behavior and reducing recidivism. Probation has a Jail Reentry Deputy Probation Officer stationed at the John Latorraca Correctional Center (JLCC) to work with The GEO Group, Inc. and Merced County Sheriff's Office in referring clients to the appropriate programs and services upon their release.



Total Cost: \$ 456,151

Programs and Services

LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE

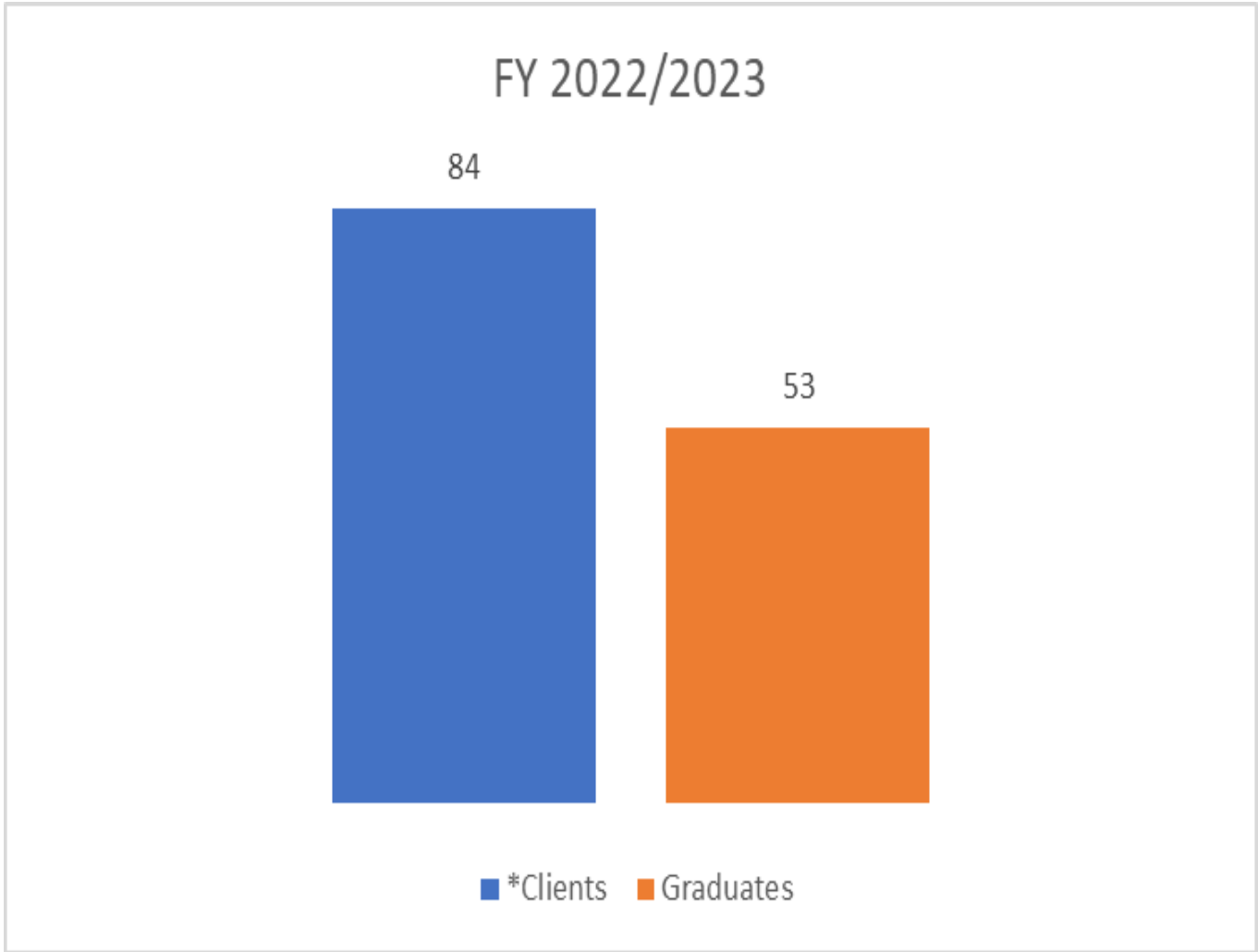
Leadership for Life is a program focusing on the development of constructive and practical life skills for clients on formal probation. The Probation Department employs non-sworn staff who were formerly system involved. Staff facilitate and coach clients through workshops that are designed to introduce them to services that have an immediate impact on their lives. Leadership for Life provides workshops in both Merced and Los Banos in an effort to foster support and assist in the following areas:

- ◆ Life Skills
- ◆ Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- ◆ Education and Career Assessments
- ◆ Employment Assistance
- ◆ Referrals to Homeless Assistance
- ◆ Assistance with Section 8 Housing
- ◆ General Relief/Food Stamps
- ◆ Child Support Services
- ◆ Parenting Skills
- ◆ Assistance with Obtaining Driver’s Licenses
- ◆ Post Graduate Mentorship, as needed



Programs and Services

LEADERSHIP FOR LIFE



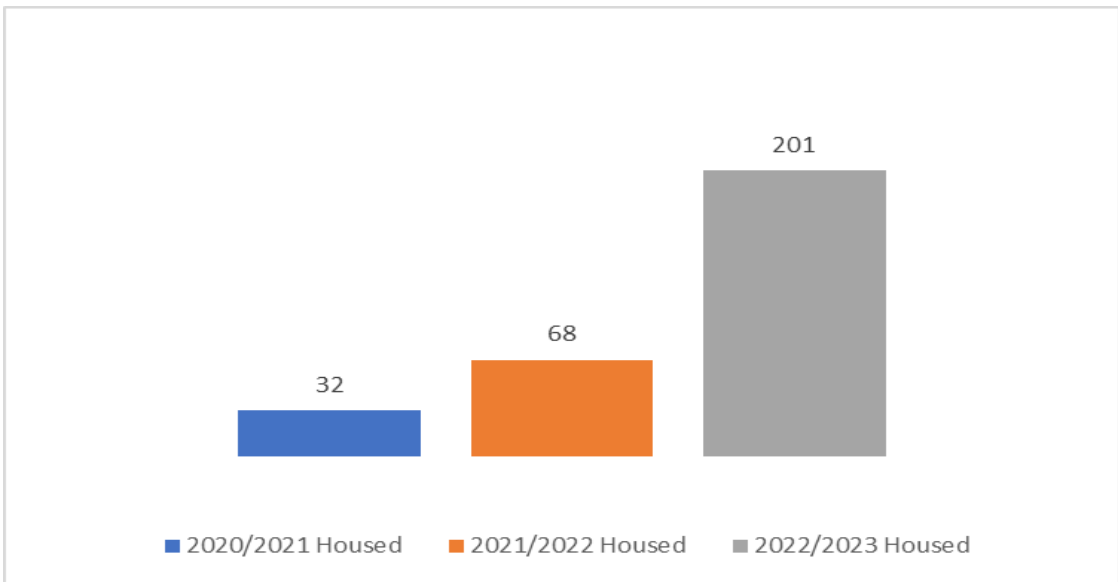
*Unduplicated Clients

Total Cost: \$173,623

Programs and Services

Transitional Housing

Transition to Hope sober living houses are facilities that provide safe housing and supportive living conditions for people entering that last step prior to independent housing. Clients are encouraged to establish long term connections as they search and secure employment. Transition to Hope is a program for both men and women who are willing to take charge of their own recovery while living in a supportive family-like setting.



Total Cost: \$400,000

Programs and Services

Day Reporting Center (DRC)

GEO Reentry Services provides clients with comprehensive programming tailored to meet their individual risks and needs. The program model at the Merced County Day Reporting Center (DRC) includes the following:

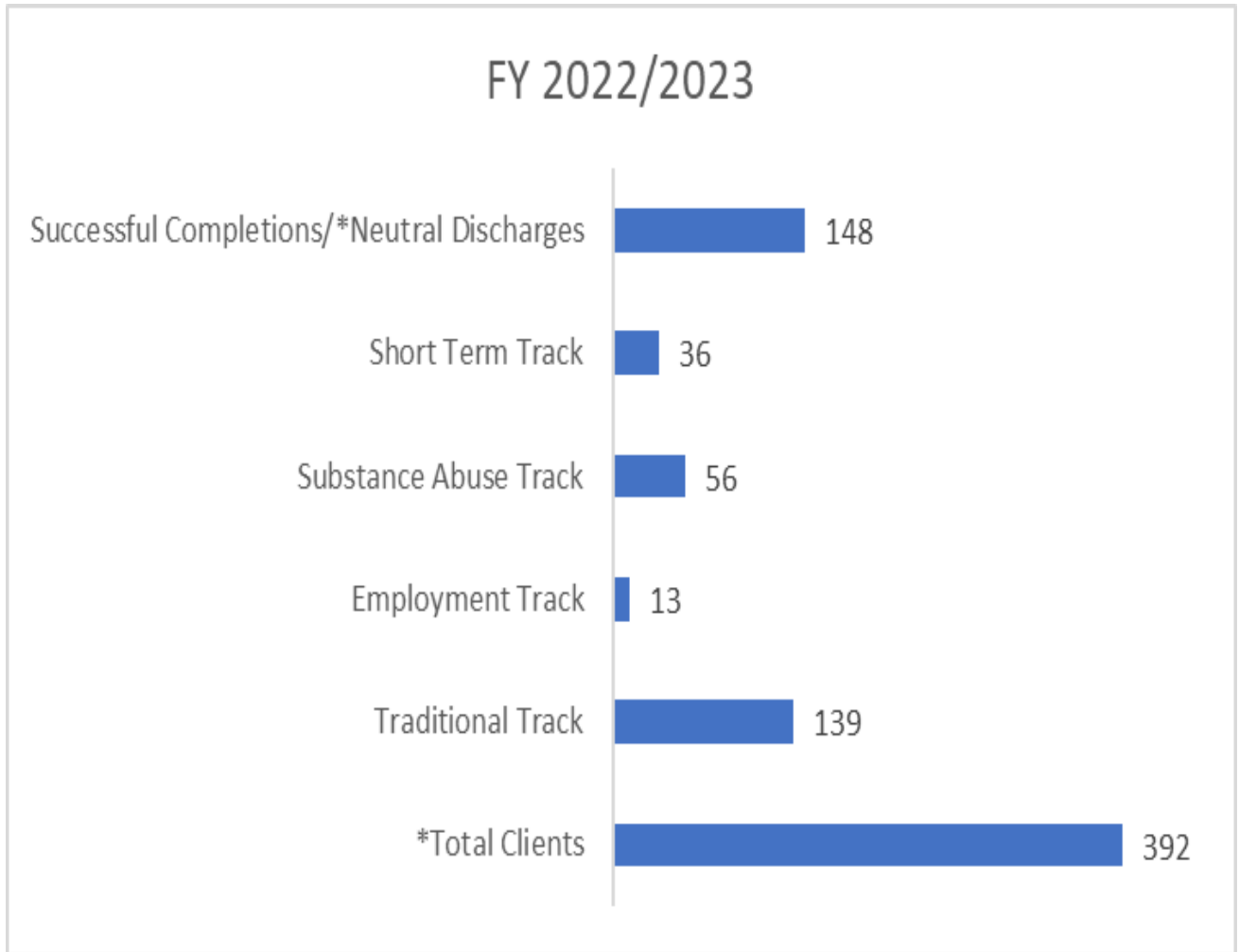
- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT)
- Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBI-SA)
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Drug Education
- Employment/Education Readiness
- Anger Management
- Parenting Classes
- Trauma-Informed Services
- Batterers Intervention Classes
- Relapse Prevention
- Life Skills

The Day Reporting Center is designed to be part of the solution in changing behavior and reducing recidivism in Merced County. In October 2021, specialized program tracks were implemented to help prioritize specific criminogenic needs, increase responsibility, and ultimately increase program completions.



Programs and Services

Day Reporting Center (DRC)



* Unduplicated Clients

* Neutral Discharge Definitions = Agency Ordered Discharge, Deceased, and Transfer-External/Internal

Total Cost: \$621,000

Programs and Services

THE PHOENIX PROJECT

MERCED COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

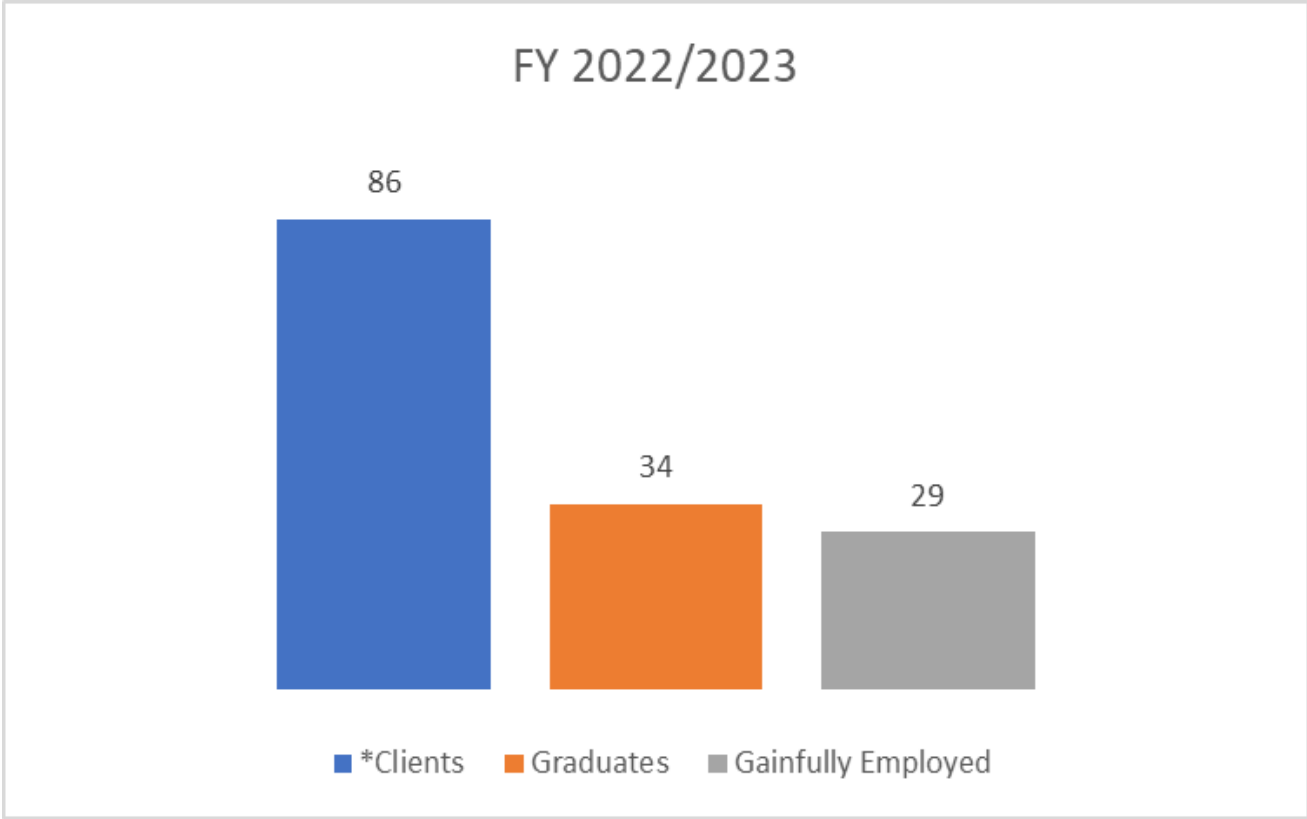
The Phoenix Project is a partnership between Probation and the Merced County Office of Education which provides clients with vocational and aptitude assessments and one-on-one mentoring. The Phoenix Project assists clients in obtaining their GED/High School Diplomas, and college enrollment, including financial aid. Phoenix Project works with clients to tailor their career action plans and vocational training programs which include the following:

- ◆ Professional Truck Driver
- ◆ Welding Technology
- ◆ Industrial Maintenance Mechanic
- ◆ Automotive Technology
- ◆ Electrical/Programmable Logic Controllers
- ◆ Barbering/Cosmetology
- ◆ Medical Assisting
- ◆ Computerized Technology
- ◆ Medical Office Administration
- ◆ Accounting
- ◆ Construction Technology



Programs and Services

THE PHOENIX PROJECT

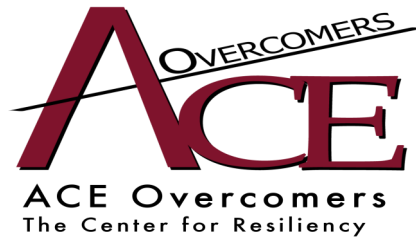


*Unduplicated Clients

Total Cost: \$430,859

Programs and Services

ACE OVERCOMERS

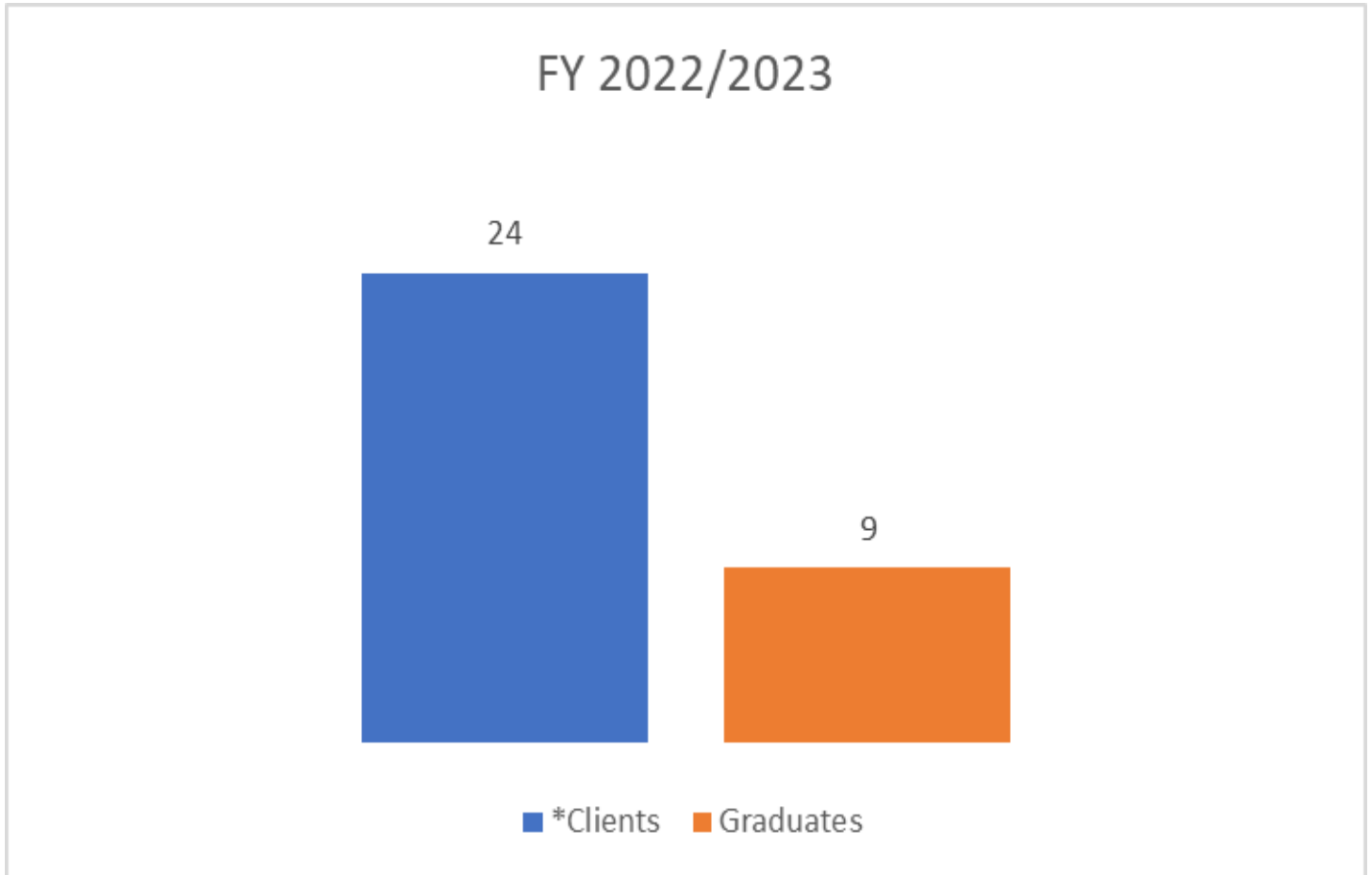


Ace Overcomers provides clients with a 12 week evidence-based trauma informed curriculum that enables participants to address potential criminal behaviors and responses by practicing self-awareness and self-regulation. By recognizing past traumas clients are able to develop communication and empathetic socialization which assists in developing a successful foundation for personal and familial relationships.



Programs and Services

ACE OVERCOMERS



*Unduplicated Clients

Total Cost: \$60,760

Programs and Services

LIFELINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PACT PROGRAM



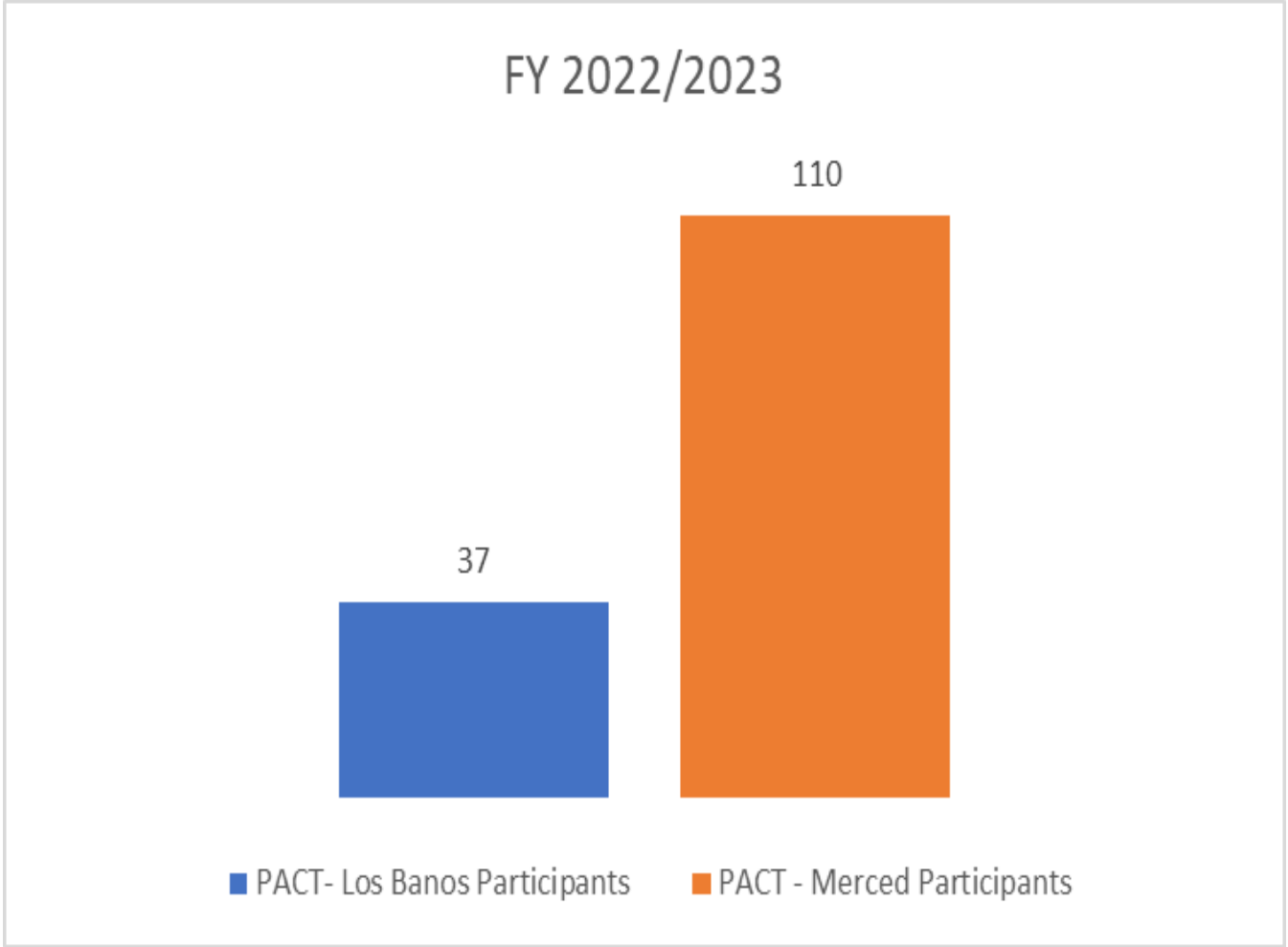
Lifeline Community Development is a community-based organization that provides resources and empowerment to underserved communities within Merced County. In addition, Lifeline organizes and hosts the monthly PACT (Probation/Parole and the Community Team) meetings to assist clients who are re-entering the community after a period of incarceration. Meetings are primarily focused on providing clients with support by advising them of available resources within the community. PACT meetings are held in Merced and Los Banos.



Programs and Services

LIFELINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PACT PROGRAM



Total Cost: \$11,000

Programs and Services

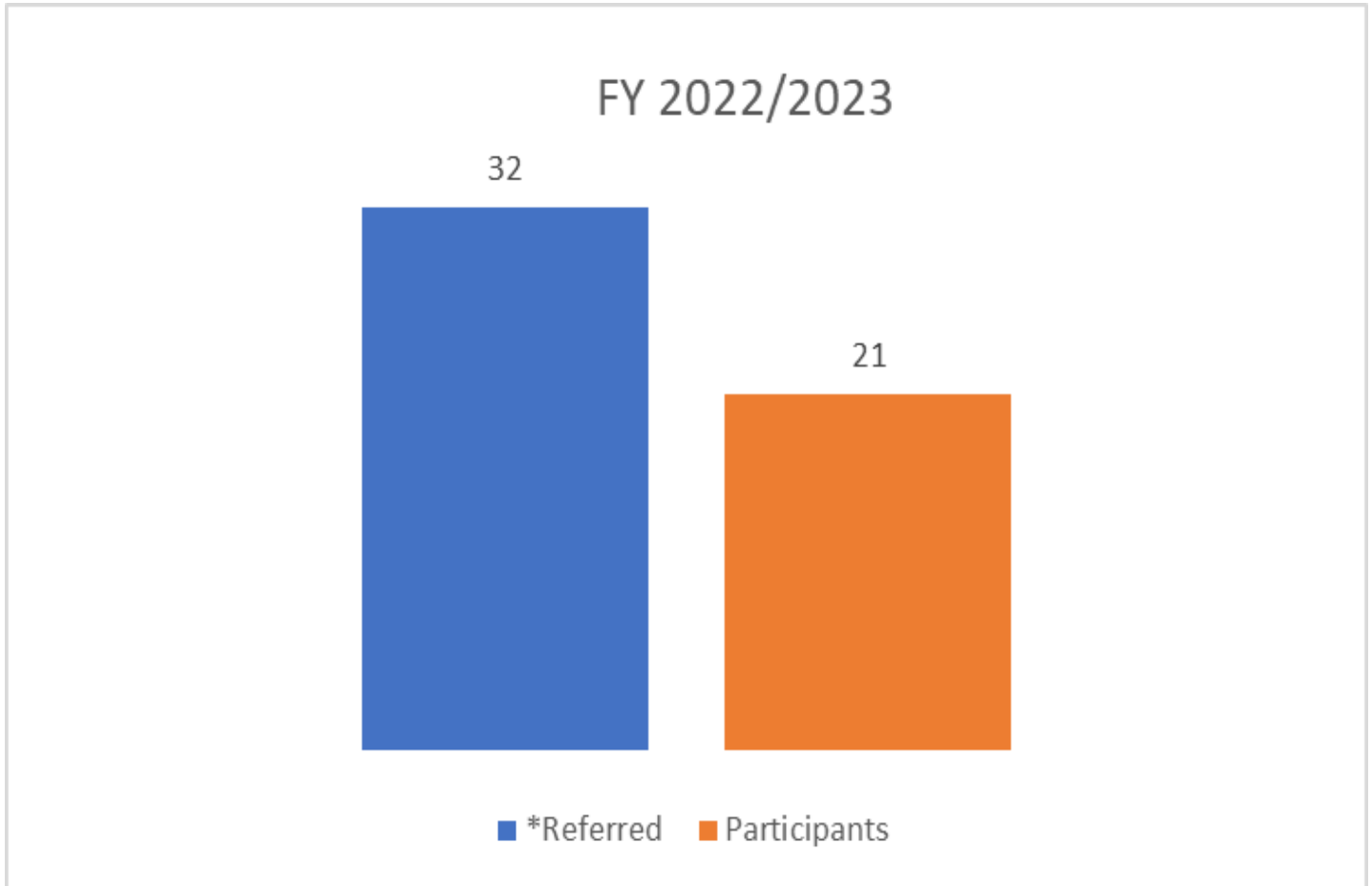
SYMPLE EQUAZION/SYMPLE SOUL FOOD TRUCK

Symple Equazion is a local non-profit that provides food service skills and training to clients. Symple Equazion has partnered with Merced County Probation to assist those who suffer from employment difficulties due to the stigmatism of being formerly incarcerated. The clients can receive up to 460 hours of paid time that includes one hundred hours (100) of classroom training, three hundred sixty (360) hours of paid on-the-job work experience in the Symple Soul Food truck, and receive their California Food Handlers Certification.



Programs and Services

SYMPLE EQUAZION/SYMPLE SOUL FOOD TRUCK



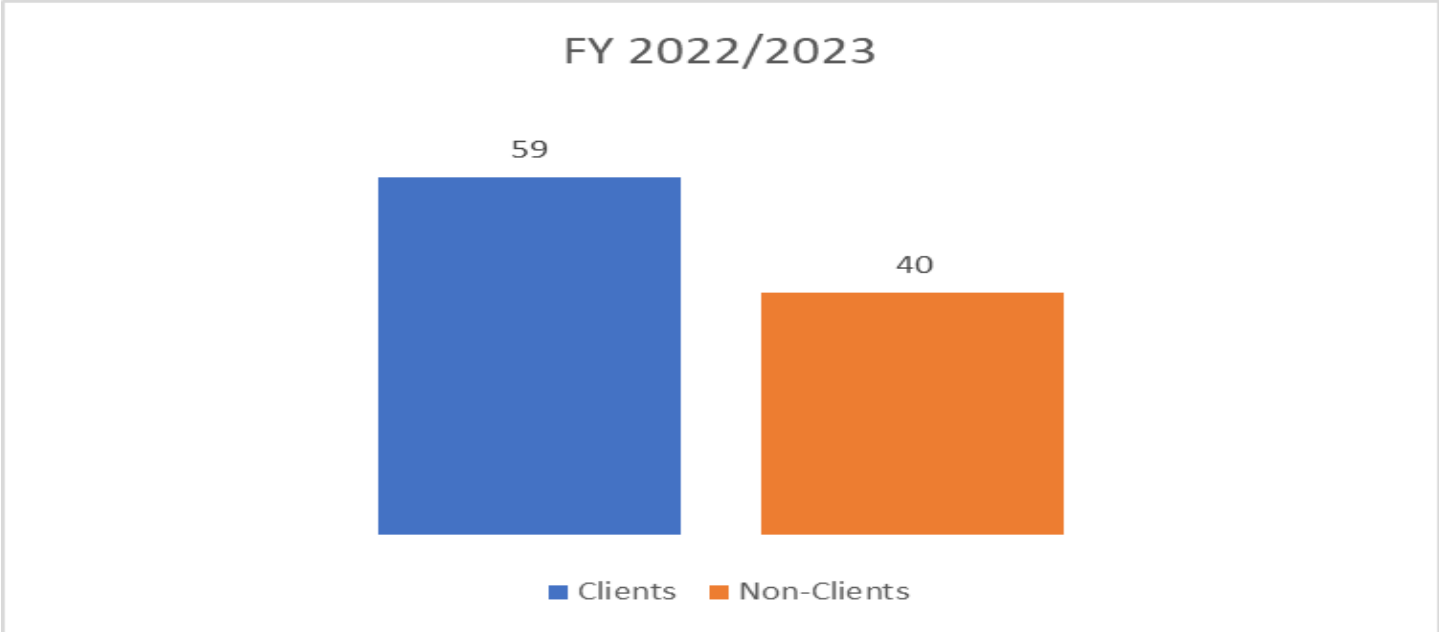
*Unduplicated Referrals

Total Cost: \$176,503

Programs and Services

INKOFF.ME

Stigmatizing tattoos are often a barrier for employment eligibility. Ink.Off Me is a mobile tattoo removal service designed to provide safe and effective tattoo removal for clients and the community. A registered nurse and nurse’s assistant provides the laser tattoo removal service under a physician’s supervision.



Total Cost: \$25,000

Programs and Services

BREAKING BARRIERS

Breaking Barriers is a neighborhood service center where system-involved individuals and their families as well as community members access needed services, resources, and support to help them thrive in their community. Breaking Barriers' clients have access to trained staff that deliver Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, education, vocational training, life skills, family services and legal services under one roof. Through coordination and collaboration between community partners we hope to improve client engagement and retention.



Total Cost: \$486,182

Programs and Services

FY 2023/2024 CCP Budget

AB 109 Operational Allocation

Department/Agency	2020/21 Approved	2021/22 Approved	2022/23 Approved	2023/24 Proposed	2023/24 Requested	2023/24 Final
Sheriff						
Operations	\$ 1,476,077	\$ 1,704,223	\$ 1,806,510	\$ 1,873,278	\$ -	\$ 1,873,278
Corrections	\$ 1,810,568	\$ 1,822,870	\$ 1,848,294	\$ 1,895,756	\$ -	\$ 1,895,756
Total Sheriff	\$ 3,286,645	\$ 3,527,093	\$ 3,654,804	\$ 3,769,034	\$ -	\$ 3,769,034
Probation						
Post-Release Supervision	\$ 3,315,681	\$ 3,480,940	\$ 3,991,730	\$ 4,056,402	\$ -	\$ 4,056,402
AB 109 Data Collection	\$ 141,970	\$ 153,874	\$ 135,126	\$ 136,738	\$ -	\$ 136,738
Fixed Asset (Vehicles)	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 60,000
Fixed Asset (Metrasens)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed Asset (Body Scanner)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,000	\$ 260,000	\$ -	\$ 260,000
Services & Supplies	\$ 412,475	\$ 392,179	\$ 412,185	\$ 452,496	\$ 425,700	\$ 878,196
Adult Program Center Lease	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,550	\$ 125,550
Wellpath	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 322,962	\$ 450,000	\$ -	\$ 450,000
BI-Day Reporting Center	\$ 621,000	\$ 621,000	\$ 621,000	\$ 621,000	\$ 81,625	\$ 702,625
BI-GPS	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000
BI-Jail Re-Entry	\$ 456,151	\$ 456,151	\$ 456,151	\$ 456,151	\$ -	\$ 456,151
Symple Equazion	\$ -	\$ 135,902	\$ 176,503	\$ 176,503	\$ -	\$ 176,503
Jail Utilization Review	\$ 79,936	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Inkoff.Me	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 60,000
Ace Overcomers	\$ 57,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 60,760	\$ 60,760	\$ -	\$ 60,760
Lifeline CDC	\$ 4,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 62,000
MCOE - Phoenix Project	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 430,859	\$ 442,949	\$ -	\$ 442,949
MCRM-Rescue Mission	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000
Total Probation	\$ 5,588,713	\$ 5,867,046	\$ 7,663,276	\$ 7,758,999	\$ 718,875	\$ 8,477,874
District Attorney						
Victim Witness Advocate	\$ 88,703	\$ 95,610	\$ 107,078	\$ 106,163	\$ -	\$ 106,163
Deputy District Attorney	\$ 221,412	\$ 230,540	\$ 246,469	\$ 273,068	\$ -	\$ 273,068
Investigative Assistant	\$ 113,047	\$ 111,215	\$ 119,303	\$ 122,976	\$ -	\$ 122,976
Total DA	\$ 423,162	\$ 437,365	\$ 472,850	\$ 502,207	\$ -	\$ 502,207
Behavioral Health						
Jail Clinician	\$ 140,259	\$ 150,902	\$ 165,729	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Defender						
Deputy Public Defender	\$ 246,125	\$ 257,400	\$ 264,522	\$ 274,063	\$ -	\$ 274,063
Legal Process Clerk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,505	\$ 103,505
Total PD	\$ 246,125	\$ 257,400	\$ 264,522	\$ 274,063	\$ 103,505	\$ 377,568
DWI						
WEX Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 90,000
Dept. of Public Works						
Sheriff JBCT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000
Pre-Trial Services TI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Adult Program Center TI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Modular @ JLCC/JJCC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ -	\$ 1,300,000
Total DPW	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,300,000	\$ 8,300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 8,600,000
Total	\$ 9,684,904	\$ 10,239,806	\$ 20,611,181	\$ 20,694,303	\$ 1,122,380	\$ 21,816,683
					State Allocation	\$ 13,412,420
					Growth	\$ 92,037
					Trust	\$ 8,312,226
					Total FY 23/24	\$ 21,816,683

Approved Recommendations of the Executive Committee

Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Probation has significantly expanded programmatic services offered to the adult population since the inception of AB 109. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023, the Executive Community Corrections Partnership (Exec CCP) funded a Probation Program Specialist dedicated to facilitating, and overseeing cognitive behavioral and evidence-based programs. In order to uphold the fidelity of quality program services, Probation will lease a property solely for this purpose. Dubbed “Pathways to Success”, this program will use a multiagency collaborative approach to work with clients needing different levels of care, services, and support. The property is conveniently located across the street from the new adult services office. Tenant improvements to include furnishings, information technology equipment, and building renovation will allow for the space to be transformed into a modern and fully functional program center.

Contracts that have increased services and costs include LifeLine Community Development Corporation (LifeLine CDC), Inkoff.me, and the BI Day Reporting Center. Lifeline CDC will be able to add three (3) neighborhood service centers in Atwater, South Merced, and East Merced to assist with after school programs, field trips, resume assistance, job searches, and various classes in underserved communities. Inkoff.me, a mobile tattoo removal clinic, was initially piloted for five (5) months during FY 2022/2023. The additional increase to their contract will allow for twelve (12) months of services provided to clients and the community. Due to a wait list for program services at the Day Reporting Center, Behavioral Interventions (BI) has expanded their client capacity from seventy (70) to one-hundred (100) clients.

Although many AB 109 cases are in Merced, the Public Defender handles cases in both the Merced and Los Banos courts. As the number of collaborative court calendars continue to increase, the need for additional clerical support increases as well. The addition of a full-time Legal Process Clerk I/II will provide greater case management continuity and client support.

Increased funding breakdown:

ONGOING

- Services and Supplies: \$125,700 (increase for Adult Program Center)
- Adult Program Center Lease: \$125,550 (8 mos.)
- LifeLine CDC \$51,000 (3 New locations)
- Inkoff.me: \$35,000 Tattoo Removal (increase to serve the full fiscal year)
- Public Defender Legal Process Clerk: \$103,505
- Day Reporting Center: \$81,625 (increase to accommodate 100 clients)

ONE TIME

- Adult Program Center Furnishings: \$300,000 (Laptops, Cubicles, and Furniture)
- Adult Program Center TI: \$300,000 (Tenant Improvements)

TOTAL INCREASE: \$1,122,380

The Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership approved the above recommendations on July 18, 2023.