

STANISLAUS COUNTY

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday – March 14, 2024

Stanislaus County Probation Department

Members/Staff Present

Mark Ferriera, Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Probation Department

Lt. Timothy Burns for Jeff Dirkse, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office

Tony Vartan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender's Office

Jeff Laugero, District Attorney's Office

Latosha Walden for Christine Huber, Community Services Agency

Terry Withrow, Board of Supervisors

Gina Machado for Cynthia Duenas, Center for Human Services

Patricia Sanchez, District Attorney's Office

Courtney Marton, District Attorney's Office

Doris Foster, Workforce Development

Brittney Bailey, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office

Aaron Thomas, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Steve Junqueiro, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office

Elise Price, Probation Department

Michael Walker, Realignment Manager, Probation Department

Vanessa Bravo, Crime Analyst, Probation Department

Lydia Valdez, Leaders in Community Alternatives

Consuelo Guzman, Leaders in Community Alternatives

Gabby Verduzco, Public Defender's Office

Shelli Margarite, Public Defender's Office

Members Absent

Stephanie Kennedy, Superior Court

Brandon Gillespie, Modesto Police Department

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 Minutes from September 14, 2023, and November 30, 2023, meeting**

MOTION: District Attorney Jeff Laugero. SECOND: Public Defender Jennifer Jennison. The minutes from the September 14, 2023, and November 30, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously.

4. **Sheriff's Office Presentation (PowerPoint Presentation is attached)**

Lieutenant Timothy Burns and Deputy Aaron Thomas presented on the Sheriff's Office Inmate Programs. The Sheriff's Office has partnered with various community-based organizations to provide the incarcerated population with educational and vocational programming. The presentation included the following:

Stanislaus County

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

- Adult Detention Facilities
- Educational Classes
- Community Partnerships
- Financials
- Classes and Enrollees Year-to-Date Data
- Learning Quest Highlights
- Programs and Participation
- Program Highlights
- Future Programming
 - The Sheriff's Office is partnering with local community agencies to enhance vocational training for the in-custody population. Participants will receive certifications upon completing the courses. The training will include Servesafe, Window Tinting, Truck Driving, Construction, HVAC, and Cosmetology.

5. Public Defenders Presentation (PowerPoint Presentation is attached)

Client Support Services Manager Shelli Margarite and Client Support Specialist Gabby Verduzco from the Public Defender Client Support Services Office gave a presentation on the services they offer the community. The presentation highlighted their commitment to assisting clients from all walks of life by connecting them with the necessary services to keep them out of custody. They service individuals needing early representation, juveniles, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and post-release clients.

6. Program Update:

Realignment Manager

Realignment Manager Michael Walker from the Probation Department reported that client attendance and successful completions at the Day Reporting Center (DRC) continue to increase.

The tattoo removal program will be held at the Day Reporting Center on March 19, 2024, and May 7, 2024.

Regional Apprehension Team (RAT) operations continue. The most recent RAT Op was partnered with the Modesto Police Department, and additional RAT Ops are forthcoming.

CARE:

Data Analyst Vanessa Bravo from the Probation Department reported the following services provided for the 2nd Quarter of FY 2024 were as follows:

- 456 Food and Clothing
- 182 Transportation
- 158 DMV
- 397 Medical
- 186 Mental Health
- 175 Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- 245 Life Skills Counseling
- 158 Social Security
- 140 Housing
- 60 Assessment
- 15 SUD Assessments
- 850 individual contacts. An average of 250 individuals were served per month.

District Attorney:

District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced that Patricia Sanchez had been promoted and would no longer attend the CCP meetings. Moving forward, Courtney Marton will report on behalf of the District Attorney's Victim Advocates Office.

From December 2023 to March 2024, 148 victims received information for restitution. During this same period, probation contacted their office 205 times for victim names and information, copies of Criminal Protective Orders (CPOs), and restitution information.

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS):

Tony Vartan reported the following:

Collaborative Courts Update: BHRS, partnered with the Public Defender's Office, the DA's Office, and other justice-related departments, are discussing the need to expand caseloads.

Early Response Team: The Early Response Team is on stand-by pending court rule discussions between the Public Defender, District Attorney, and Courts.

Public Defender's Office:

Jennifer Jennison reported that the Board of Supervisors approved CCP funding to start the Homeboy Industries-inspired reentry program. Mr. Michael Baldwin, Legacy Alliance Outreach Founder & CEO, was awarded the contract for the program. Ms. Jennison noted that a client support specialist will be embedded into the program and must pass background checks to be flexible in connecting with people in and out of custody. BOS Terry Withrow pointed out that a building was donated to house the program; the address was not disclosed.

Workforce Development:

Doris Foster reported the following:

Workforce Development receives referrals from Parole; they served 122 previously justice-involved individuals, 45 of whom were employed. The average hourly wage was \$21.16.

Ms. Foster also noted that Workforce Development is facilitating Juvenile Probation programming at their downtown Modesto location due to the limited space at the Juvenile Probation Office. They currently have 17 youths attending.

Community for Services Agency (CSA):

Latosha Walden announced that San Joaquin Street Meds was invited to Stanislaus County to help build up Cal AIM initiatives. Cal AIM pays for San Joaquin Street Meds; all billing will go through them. They will give a presentation at the next CSOC meeting. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. The meeting will be held at Harvest Hall, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Center for Human Services Agency:

Gina Machado reminded everyone that the Center for Human Services is accepting referrals for substance use disorder.

Leaders In Community Alternatives:

Consuelo Guzman provided the following update:

- CBI-Employment Adult: 33 participants were enrolled in CBI-Employment processing between modules 1-4.
 - New classes start every 2 weeks; 11 clients are in the Job Search module.
- Employment: 9 participants are currently employed full-time with retention tracking.
- Vocational: 8 participants currently attend a vocational program: 4 at J&R Trucking, 3 at DeHart HVAC/R, and 1 at Volt Institute Electro-Mechanical.
- Vocational Completions: 14 participants completed a vocational training program in the last 90 days: 1 completed J&R Truck School, 1 completed Cal Trade Welding Program, 4 completed ServSafe, and 8 completed Forklift Training.
- CBI-EA Completions: In the last 90 days, 15 participants completed the CBI curriculum.

- LCA Graduates: In the last 90 days, 7 participants completed and Graduated LCA and remain employed full-time.
- ART: In the last 90 days, 7 participants completed. 8 are scheduled to be completed on 5/2/24.
- REACT: 4 CBI-Employment groups are being facilitated: General Population, Protective Custody, women, and Veterans.

7. Announcements:

Chief Ferriera announced that the representative appointment would be on the agenda for consideration. This included accepting Cindy Duenas' CCP membership resignation pending her retirement as Director of the Center for Human Services and potentially voting on her replacement.

The presenter scheduled for the next meeting is the District Attorney's Office.

8. Next Meeting:

June 20, 2024, @ 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.



SHERIFF INMATE PROGRAMS

SHERIFF JEFF DIRKSE

LIEUTENANT TIM BURNS

SERGEANT JUNQUIERO

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



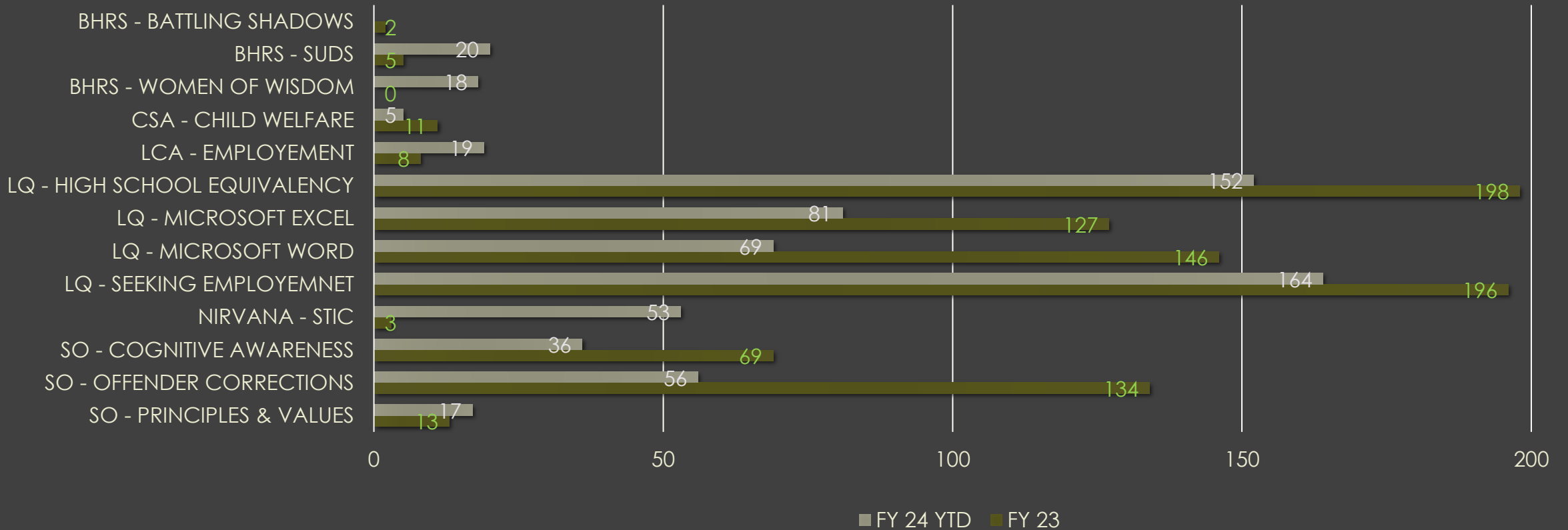
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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



	CCP SPENDING PLAN	YEAR END PROJECTION
Base Salary & Benefits	7,058,962.00	7,058,962.00
Base Admin Overhead S&B	745,256.00	745,256.00
Base Programming Contracts (Learning Quest)	393,600.00	393,600.00
Base Salvation Army	74,500.00	74,500.00
DETENTION BASE TOTAL	8,272,318.00	8,272,318.00
Exp Phase I/II/III	4,806,072.00	4,733,174.00
Jail Medical	1,119,174.00	1,159,614.00
JAIL EXPANSION TOTAL	5,925,246.00	5,892,788.00
Yard, Mental Health, Ag and Medical Deputy (8 FTE)	848,969.00	979,348.00
Ag Program Supplies	250,000.00	141,548.00
Correction Treatment Team Deputy	121,281.00	0.00
Corrections Treatment Team (BHRS/WFD Contracts)	209,919.00	69,973.00
Ag/Vocation Trng Program Instructors (Contracts)	93,900.00	0.00
EMTs (OES PSCs)	207,000.00	29,754.00
Vocational Training Center Expansion (One-Time)	2,300,000.00	2,300,000.00
PROGRAMS/PROJECTS TOTAL	4,031,069.00	3,520,623.00
Rec Yard	3,100,000.00	3,100,000.00
Mobile Crisis Response Team (s/b BHRS)	304,740.00	0.00
Jail Medical Base	500,000.00	500,000.00
CCP Approved FY 24 Spending Plan	21,633,373.00	20,785,729.00

CLASSES & ENROLLEES



LEARNING QUEST HIGHLIGHTS (JULY 2022-JUNE 2023 FY)



198 HSE PARTICIPANTS WITH
INCARCERATED PERSONS



246 RESUMES, 77 ASSISTED JOB
APPLICATIONS WHICH LED TO 29 JOB
PLACEMENTS



20 HSE/GED GRADUATES

LEARNING QUEST HIGHLIGHTS (JULY 2023-JANUARY 2024 FY)



152 HSE PARTICIPANTS WITH
INCARCERATED PERSONS



211 RESUMES, 61 ASSISTED JOB
APPLICATIONS WHICH LED TO 14 JOB
PLACEMENTS

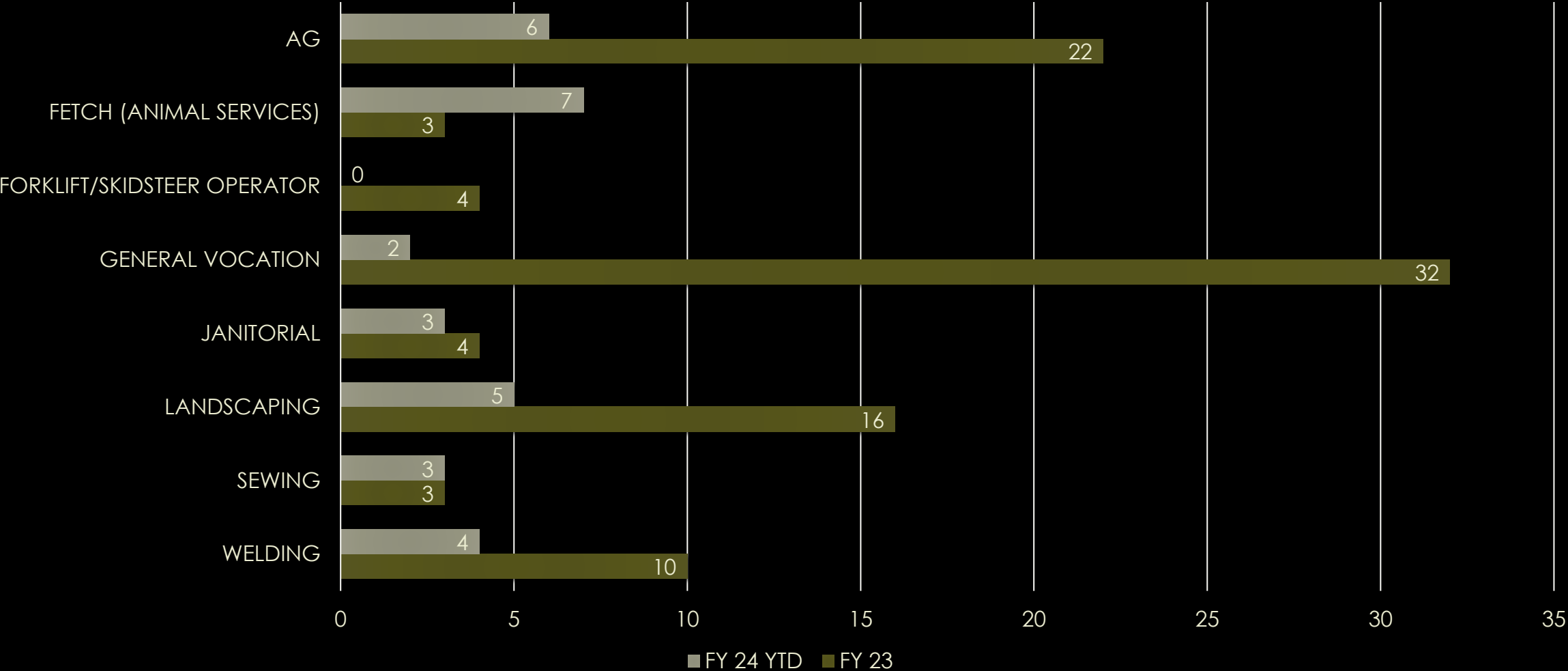


20 HSE/GED GRADUATES





PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION



2022-2023 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



373 DENIED ASSISTANCE



71 INTERVIEWED WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



7 HIRED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RELEASE

2023-2024 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



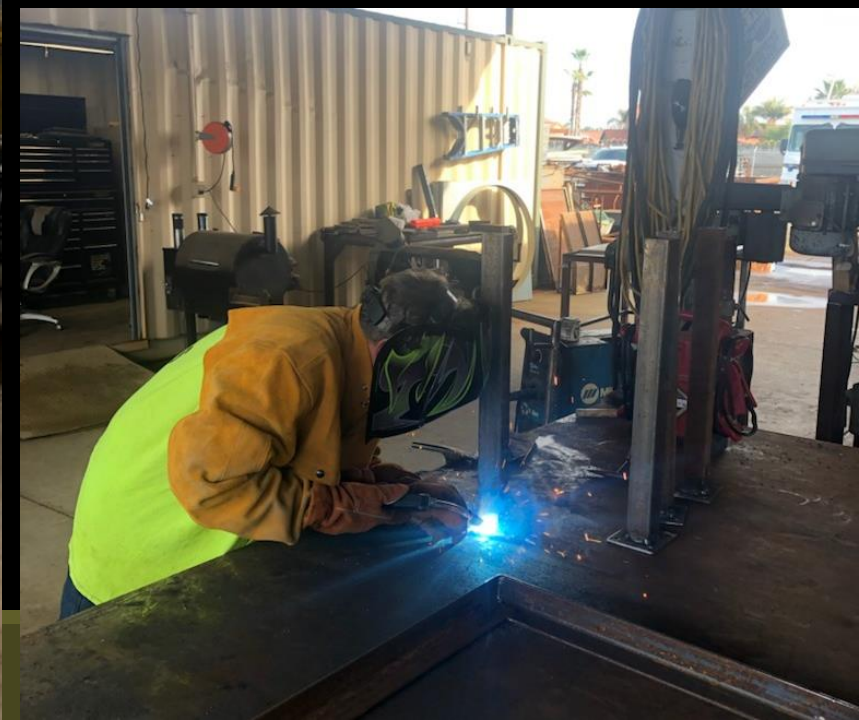
83 INTERACTIONS



16 INTERVIEWED WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



5 HIRED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RELEASE



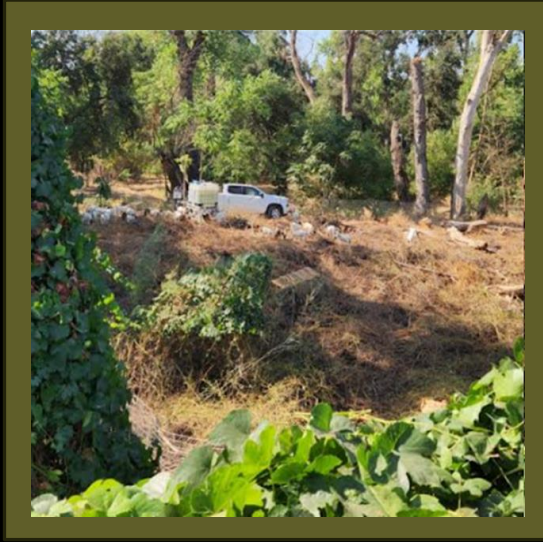
The Goats and our Goat Dog, Kizi



Day 1



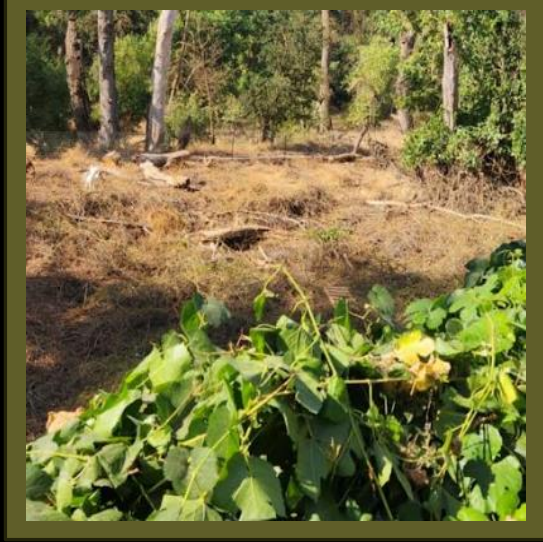
Day 7



Day 1



Day 7



FUTURE PROGRAMMING

SERVESAFE

WINDOW TINTING

TRUCK DRIVING

CONSTRUCTION

HVAC

COSMOTOLOGY



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STANISLAUS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES



Public
Defender
Stanislaus County

Jennifer Jennison, Public Defender
Shelli Margarite, Manager II

About the Public Defender's Office:

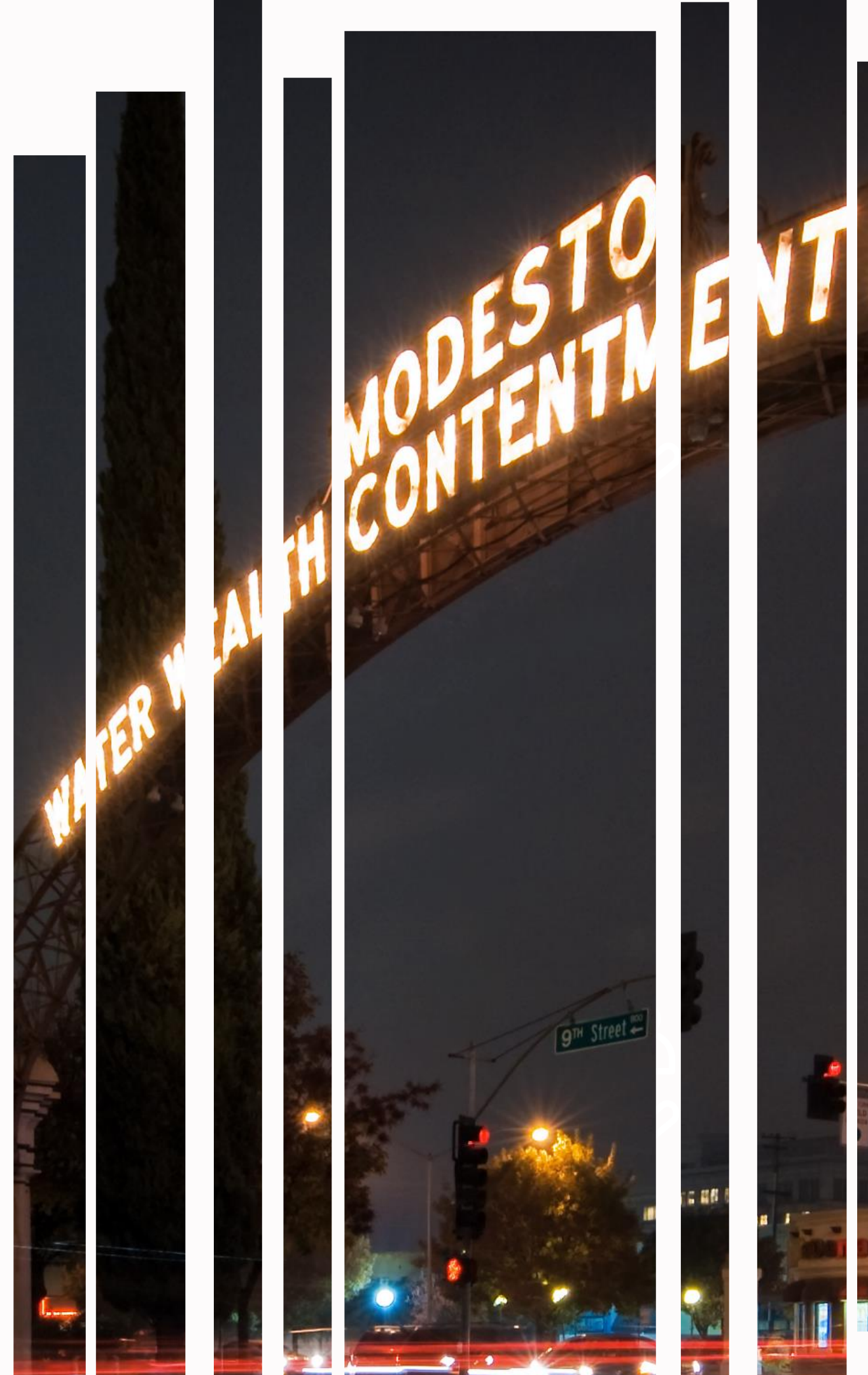
The Public Defender's duties are mandated by the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of California, and by statutes enacted by the California Legislature. The services provided by the office help assure the orderly administration of justice within our community and protect 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.

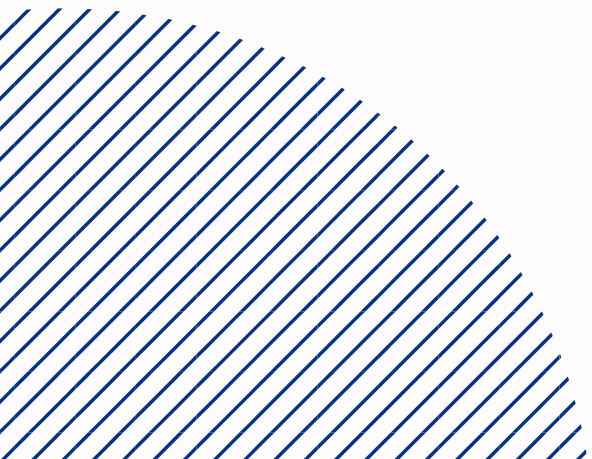
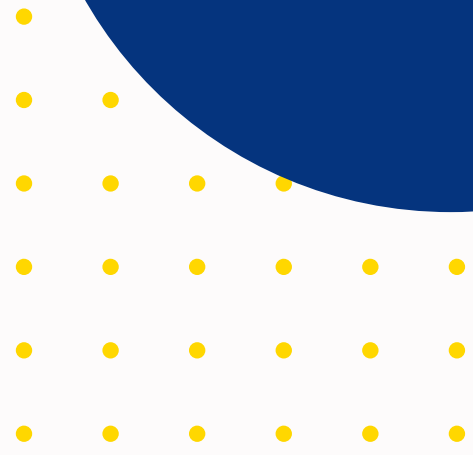


Client Support Services Unit



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 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

Veteran Client
Focus / ER



Gregory
Merritt

Unhoused Client
Focus



Angelica
Castellanos

Post-release
Focus



Marlen
Contreras

Early
Representation



Justin
Cruz

Client Support
Specialist



LaVon
Lopez

BHRS Forensic
Services

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



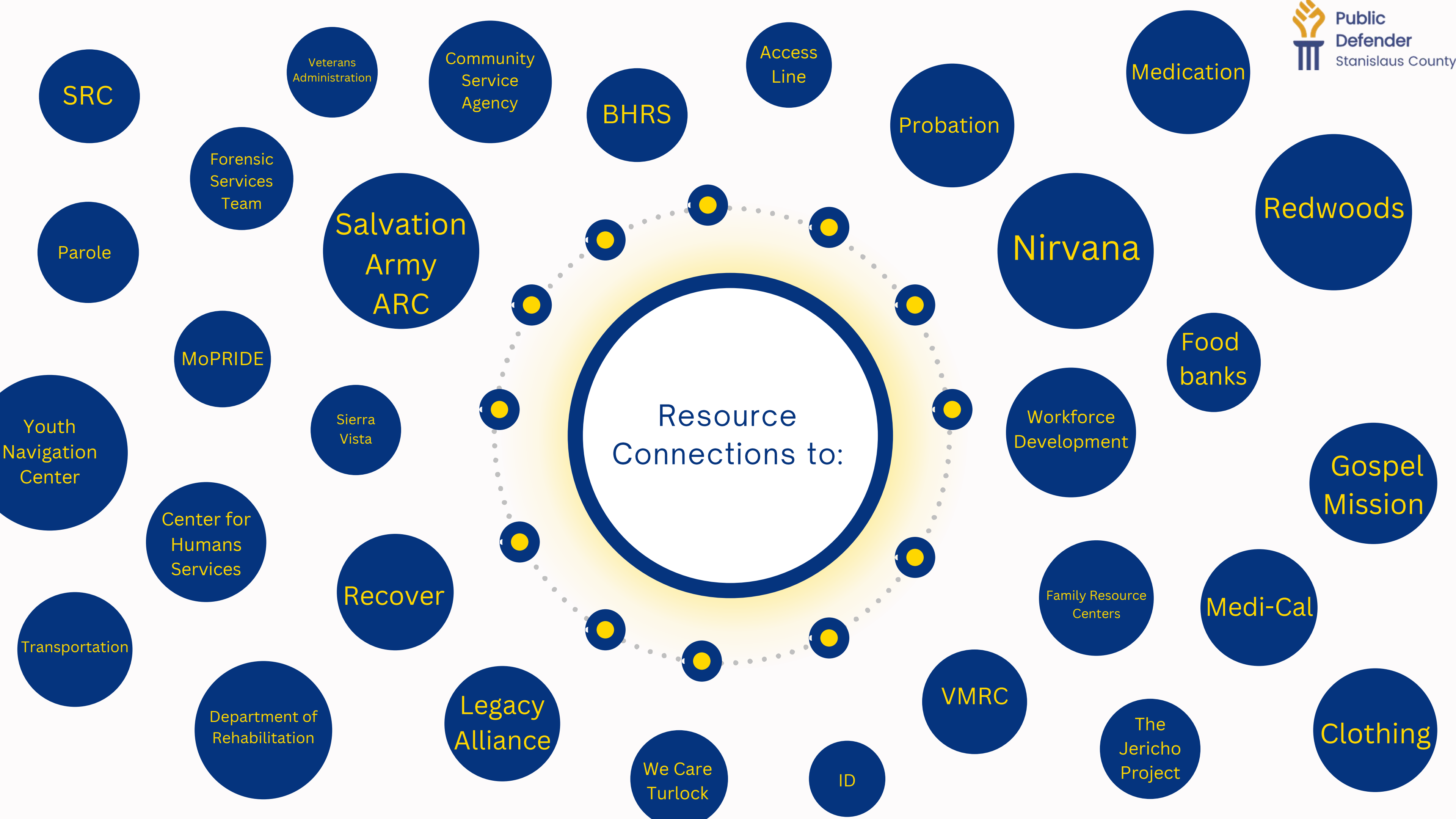
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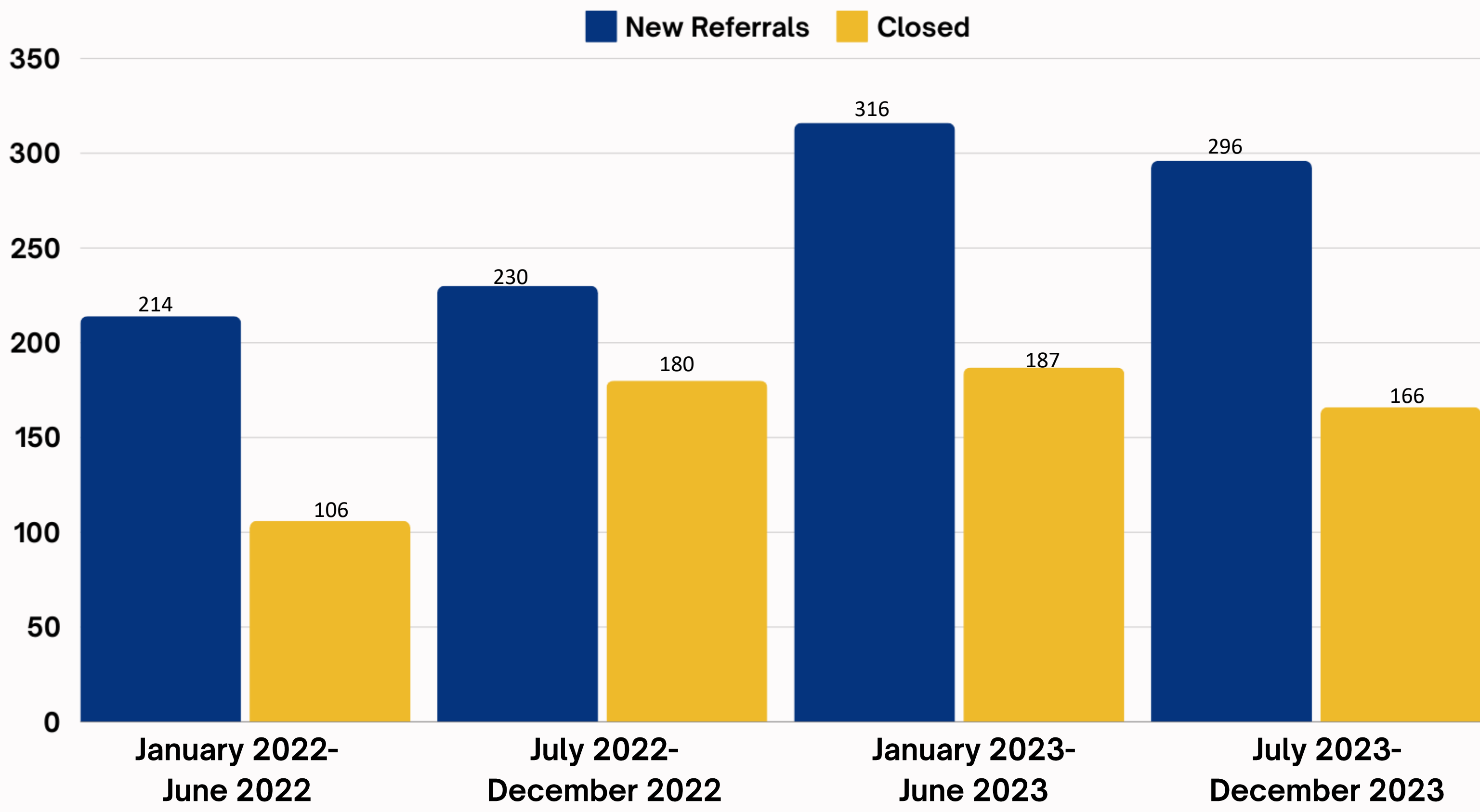
Advocacy



Care Coordination

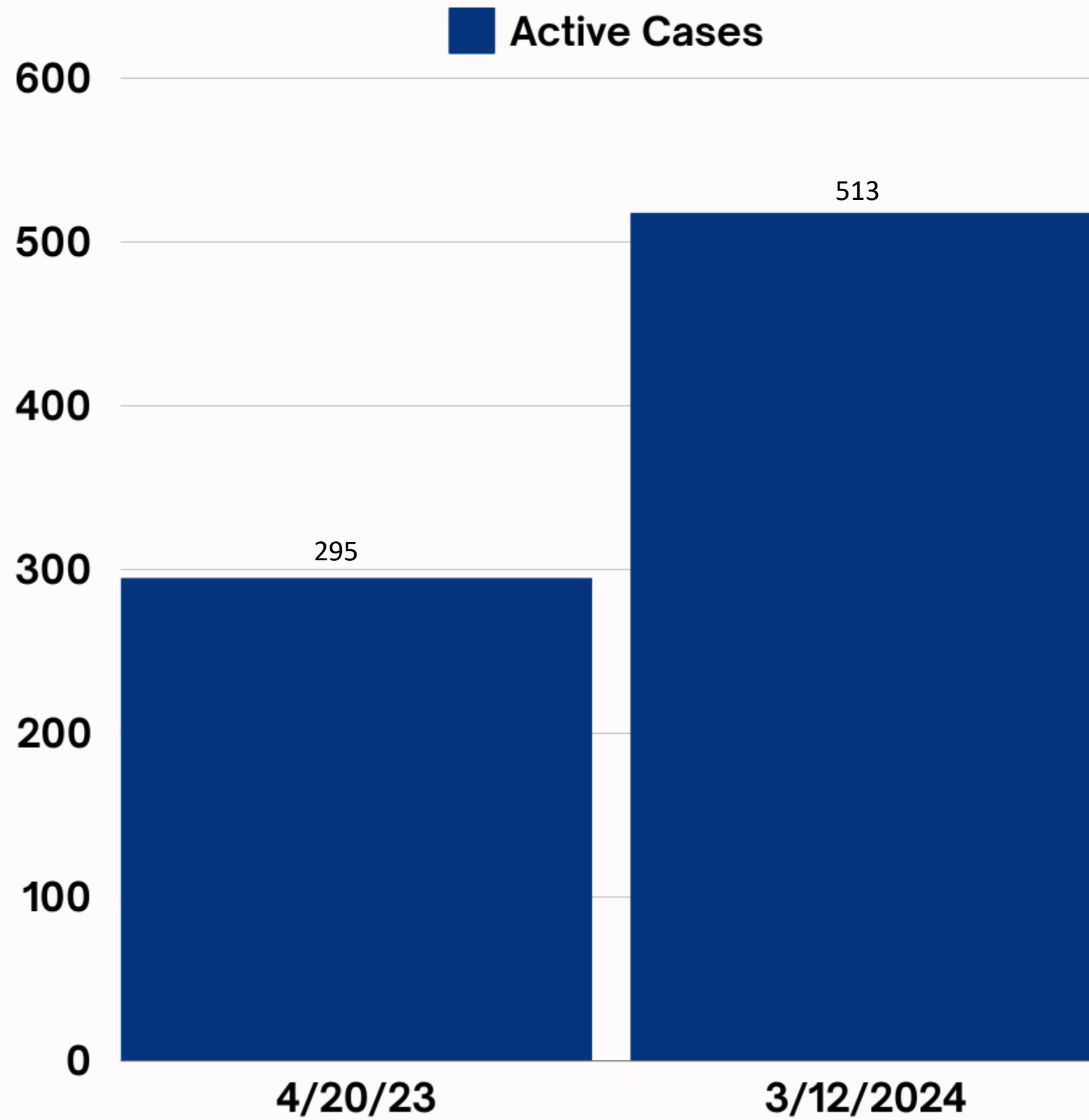


Statistics



Triage
March 2023-March 2024:
105

Statistics



**Increase of
218**



Client Testimonies

Mr. Rick Jones



Mr. Jones has been in and out of jail and prison for the past 18-years. Mr. Jones has struggled with substance use disorder for over 20-years. In his most recent justice-involved case, the Public Defender (Stanislaus County) provided his legal defense. The Public Defender's office was able to get Mr. Jones a deal for a drug program in leu of jail or prison time. Client Support from the office of the Public Defender assisted Mr. Jones with program placement. Mr. Jones entered treatment at the Stockton ARC program per his agreement with the court to complete a 6-month residential program. After 3-months Mr. Jones left the program. However, Mr. Jones contacted Client Support seeking assistance. Client Support assisted Mr. Jones with returning to the Stockton ARC program. The court was even gracious enough to allow Mr. Jones another chance to complete the 6-month program. In total, Mr. Jones was at the Stockton ARC program for 9-months. Mr. Jones' recent case is now closed. Client Support has connected Mr. Jones to the Valley Build Apprenticeship Program. This training program will lead to gainful employment with a union job.

"I want to thank the Public Defender and the court for giving me a chance. Instead of prison I went to a program, and it changed my life. It helped me to better myself in a positive way. I have hope for a better future and a better me. I am currently enrolled in the Valley Build program, and this will lead to a good job. This is such a great opportunity that I never dreamed of having. Thank you for the support!"

Mr. 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.**

Referrals

Public
Defenders

Self-referrals

Partner
Agencies

Family
Members

Community
Members



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QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU!



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