



Realignment also established the Postrelease Community Supervision classification of supervision, altered the parole revocation process by placing more responsibility in local jurisdictions, gave local law enforcement the freedom to manage offenders in a more cost-effective manner, and charged the Community Corrections Partnerships (CCPs) with planning and implementing Realignment in each county. Also, effective July 1, 2013, parole violations are housed, prosecuted and tried locally. Realignment thus created an opportunity for counties to determine an appropriate level of supervision and services to address both the needs and risks of individuals released from prison and local jails into the community.

The OCCCP established the following Realignment goals that guide agencies in their efforts to continue striving for a safer Orange County:

1. Implementation of a streamlined and efficient system to manage additional responsibilities under Realignment.
2. Implementation of a system that protects public safety and utilizes best practices in recidivism reduction.
3. Implementation of a system that effectively utilizes alternatives to pre-trial and post-conviction incarceration where appropriate.

As OCCCP agencies continue their Realignment efforts, the following achievements for 2016 are notable:

1. Orange County is one of 12 counties participating in a multi-county study by the Board of State and Community Corrections and the Public Policy Institute of California. The study aims to: (a) compile recidivism statistics for the full Realignment population and range of recidivism measures; (b) analyze relative effectiveness of different services, programming, sanctioning and other recidivism-reduction strategies; and (c) assist counties with improvements in data collection and the use of data for continuous self-evaluation.
2. Probation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Marshal Service Regional Fugitive Task Force (RFTF), combining the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and apprehend fugitives, with priority given to fugitives wanted for violent crime. A Deputy Probation Officer is assigned to the program.
3. The Health Care agency (HCA) received an award from the National Association of Counties for demonstrating outstanding innovation in a government program. The award recognized the HCA-Probation partnership for providing mental health and substance use disorder services to the Realignment population.
4. Sober living services for the Realignment population were expanded to include short-term stay and emergency housing. The expansion fulfilled the need to house offenders waiting for treatment and, if needed, a place to stay during the weekend or after work hours.
5. HCA's mental health outpatient clinics served 210 Realignment clients. Data showed that between intake and discharge, offenders had significant decreases in psychiatric hospitalizations, incarcerations, and homelessness. Offenders receiving services recorded increases in employment and school enrollment.
6. A pre-trial pilot program using evidence-based practices and a validated risk assessment was implemented to identify defendants who would likely stay out of trouble and appear in court for arraignment on their criminal charges. While more than half of the inmates in jail await sentencing for their crimes, the pre-trial program provides a method to reduce the jail population without sacrificing public safety.

7. The Orange County Sheriff's Department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for the Fire Camp Program, using sentenced inmates under Penal Code section 1170 for state fire crews. Inmates who volunteer for the program undergo extensive training and screening. Successful candidates are subsequently selected to serve their sentence at a designated fire camp, for later consideration for state employment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment A - Public Safety Realignment in Orange County - 5th Annual Report, 2016

Attachment B - Penal Code (PC) § 1170