



Transition from Jail to
Community (TJC)

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Department
Fresno County Probation
Department

Presentation to the Fresno
Community Corrections
Partnership (CCP)

Purpose of the Transition Unit

- Facilitate intensive risk-reduction programming for moderate and high-risk offenders
- Develop an effective model for handing individuals off from jail to probation supervision
- Enhance capacity to deliver jail-based risk-reduction interventions
- Increase the probability of offender compliance with Probation and Court Orders
- Develop pro-social attitudes and behaviors
- Increase Public Safety by decreasing recidivism

Transition Unit Program Components

- Dedicated jail staff and probation officers
 - Transition Unit probation officers supervise these offenders post release
- Thinking for a Change cognitive-behavioral curriculum
- General Education Development
- Job Readiness Education
- Sierra Educational Research Institute (SERI)
 - Assessment, counseling, group
- Programming through Turning Point:
 - Substance Abuse Treatment
 - Anger Management
 - Parenting and Family Systems
 - Release and Re-integration
 - Mental Health Assessment and Counseling
- Incentives and sanctions structure

Population Served

- **AB 109 Mandatory Supervision Offenders**
 - Moderate to High Risk (Proxy then STR)
 - Agree to transition unit rules
 - Within the last 4-6 months of sentence

- **146 enrolled in unit since August 2013**
 - 134 high-risk
 - 12 moderate-risk

In Custody Outcomes of the TJC

(Cut off date of 8/31/14)

- 146 inmates have been enrolled in the TJC Unit since it opened 8/5/13.
- 41 inmates housed in the Unit.
- 9 Gang Members housed in the unit (6 Active, 3 Drops)
- 26 inmates have been terminated from the TJC Unit.
 - 9 left voluntarily, 17 terminated for not following TJC rules.
- 69 inmates have completed the Thinking for Change curriculum.
 - 60% Completion Rate.
- 76 inmates have been released to Probation on Post Release from TJC.

Post Release Supervision Outcomes

- 76 offenders have been released on post release supervision;
- 72 offenders have been assigned for supervision;
 - 1 did not have Mandatory Supervision-Straight sentence, 1 terminated MS, and 2 transferred to another county
- 30 offenders have found some type of employment;
- 5 offenders have completed outpatient treatment services with Turning Point; several other offenders are currently enrolled;
- 29 offenders have participated in sober living;
- 3 offenders have been referred for GED testing;
- 21 offenders have returned to custody at least one time;
- 6 offenders on warrant status.

Reduction in Jail Costs

Pre TJC Placement

(One year prior to arrest leading to placement in the TJC)

- Average number of arrests: 4
 - High:14, Low: 0
- Average number of days in custody: 34
 - High: 365, Low: 0

Post Release from TJC

- Average number of arrests: 0.4
 - High: 3 , Low: 0
- Average number of days in custody: 10
 - High: 177, Low: 0
- Average number of days on Post Release Supervision: 147
 - High: 336, Low:12