

## FY 2022-23 Community Corrections Partnership Survey

# Merced County

### CCP Membership

<b>Kalisa Rochester</b> Chief Probation Officer	<b>Yvonnia Brown, MSW</b> Department of Social Services
<b>Mark Bacciarini</b> Presiding Judge or designee	<b>Genevieve Valentine, LMFT</b> Department of Mental Health
<b>Raul Lomeli Mendez</b> County Supervisor or Chief Administrator	<b>Erick Serrato</b> Department of Employment
<b>Kimberly Lewis</b> District Attorney	<b>Genevieve Valentine, LMFT</b> Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs
<b>Vincent Andrade</b> Public Defender	<b>Steve Tietjen, Ed.D.</b> Head of the County Office of Education
<b>Vernon H. Warnke</b> Sheriff	<b>David Carr</b> Community-Based Organization
<b>Gary Brizzee</b> Chief of Police	<b>Monika Grasley</b> Victims' Interests

**How often does the CCP meet?**

Quarterly

**How often does the Executive Committee of the CCP meet?**

Quarterly

**Does the CCP have subcommittees or working groups?**

Yes



## Goals, Objectives, and Outcome Measures

### FY 2021-22

<b>Goal</b>	Provide recidivism classes to assist in overcoming the negative effects of childhood trauma and household dysfunction.
Objective	Reduce recidivism by providing trauma-informed adult recidivism classes.
Objective	Increase the number of referrals to the program.
Objective	Increase the number of graduates in the program.
Outcome Measure	Number of clients referred in the ACE Overcomers programs.
Outcome Measure	Number of clients that graduate from the ACE Overcomers programs.
Progress toward stated goal	Between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, there were 57 enrollments and a total of 14 graduates from the program, resulting in a 24% graduation rate from the program. Compared to fiscal year 20/21, there were 41 enrollments, and 19 graduates resulting in a 46% graduation rate. In 2022, the graduation rate decreased by 22%. The main reason for the decrease was due to COVID restrictions.

<b>Goal</b>	Increase the number of referrals and graduates in the Los Banos Leadership for Life Program
Objective	Reduce recidivism by transitioning clients released from jail back into the community.
Objective	Increase the number of referrals into the program.
Objective	30% of those clients will graduate from the program.
Outcome Measure	Number of clients enrolled in the Leadership for Life Program.
Outcome Measure	Number of clients that graduate from the Leadership for Life Program.
Progress Toward Stated Goal	Between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, there were 15 enrollments, and a total of 4 graduates from the program, resulting in 26% of the clients graduating from the program. Compared to fiscal year 20/21, there were 8 enrollments, and 2 graduates from the Los Banos program. This reflects a rate increase of 53% for enrollments and a graduation rate increase of 50%.

## Goals, Objectives, and Outcome Measures

### FY 2022-23

<b>Goal</b>	Provide trauma-informed adult recidivism reduction classes to better equip clients with increased self-regulation, emotional intelligence, resilience, communication, and parenting skills.
Objective	Increase the number of referrals into the program.
Objective	Increase the number of graduates from the program.
Objective	Positively impact client's household and parenting skills.
Outcome Measure	Track the number of client participation.
Outcome Measure	Track the number of graduates from the program.
Outcome Measure	Classes focused on providing tools to maintain stable, nurturing relationships and build healthy life skills.
Progress toward stated goal	In 2022 the number of referrals to ACE Overcomers increased by 72%. Probation will continue to identify and refer clients that are in need of trauma-informed adult curriculum which will assist them in developing a successful foundation for personal and familial relationships.

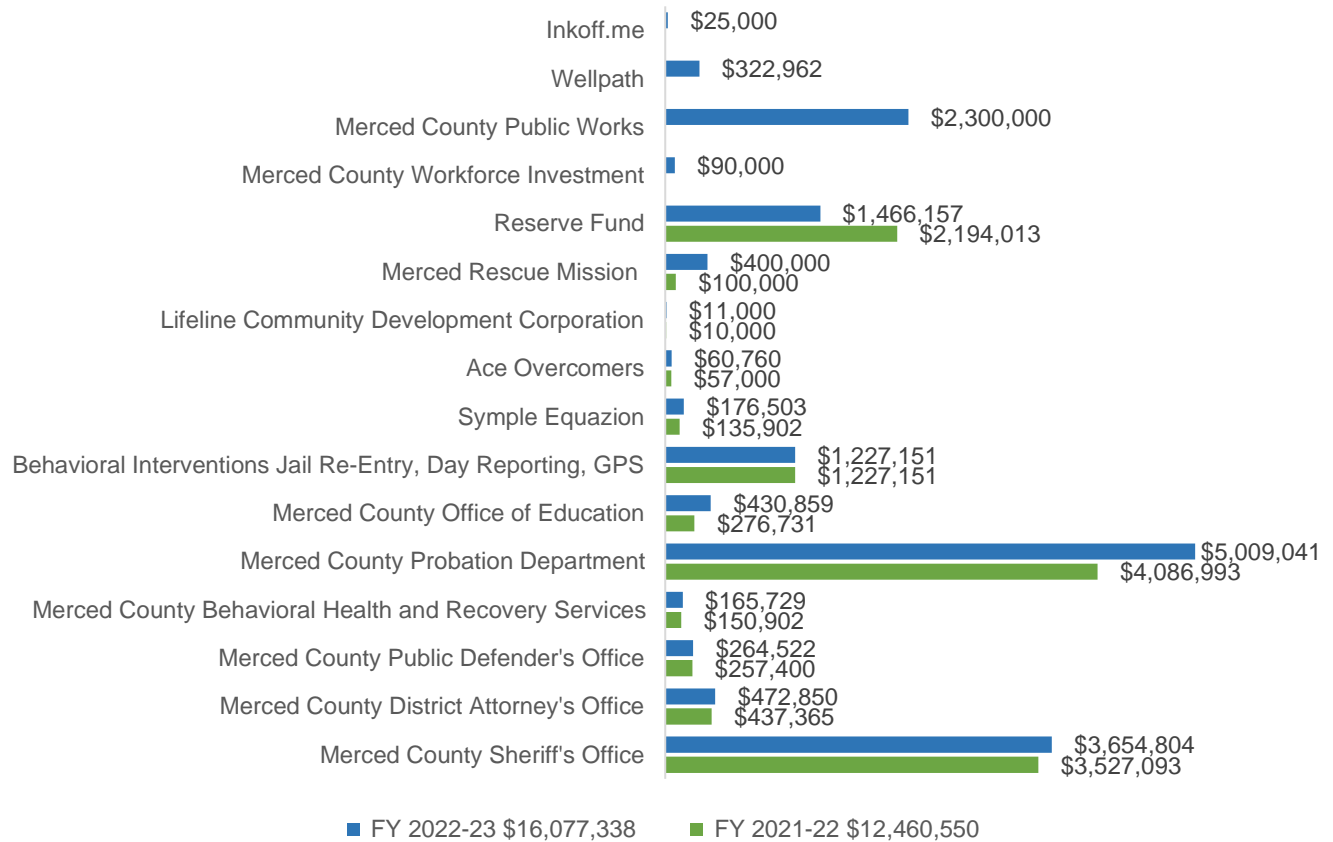
<b>Goal</b>	Transitional and sober living environment housing program for clients.
Objective	Provide transitional housing for individuals released from state prison or county jail.
Objective	Provide frontline peer navigators and service coordinators for the recently released clients.
Objective	Assist in the recovery process of overcoming substance abuse, emotional, mental health, and physical health disabilities.
Outcome Measure	Track the admitted clients to the agency.
Outcome Measure	Provide Service Coordinators services - initial intake interviews for proper evaluation of needs
Outcome Measure	Provide a Health Action Plan for clients to address substance abuse, emotional, mental health, and physical health and track the results.
Progress Toward Stated Goal	In 2021/2022, the number of housed clients for the Merced Rescue Mission increased by 47%. Due to drastic increase, the Executive Committee of the CCP elected to add additional bed days and increase the contract to from \$100,000 to \$400,000.

<b>Goal</b>	Provide a personalized career action plan to participants which includes a vocational aptitude assessment, assistance in educational needs, one-on-one mentoring, and vocational skills training.
Objective	Provide a comprehensive assessment and develop a personalized Career Action Plan that identifies the educational and vocational goals for each participant.
Objective	Provide each participant with referrals that are tailored to his/her career plan.
Objective	Provide Career Technical Education and related supportive services.
Outcome Measure	Track the number of participants referred to the Phoenix Project Program.

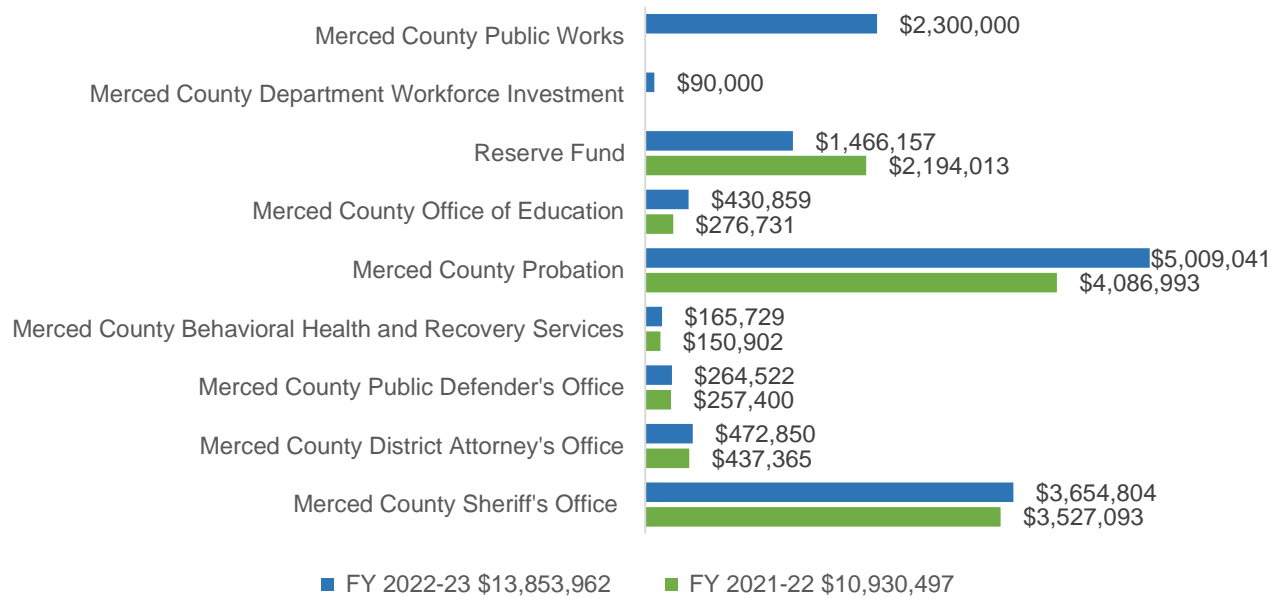
Outcome Measure	Track the number of graduates quarterly/end of fiscal year.
Outcome Measure	Track the number of participants gainfully employed
Progress Toward Stated Goal	Phoenix Project has a full-time career educator assigned to address the 40% increase in graduates from the program in 2022 and increased stipends to assist participants while attending the program.

## FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-23 Allocation Comparison

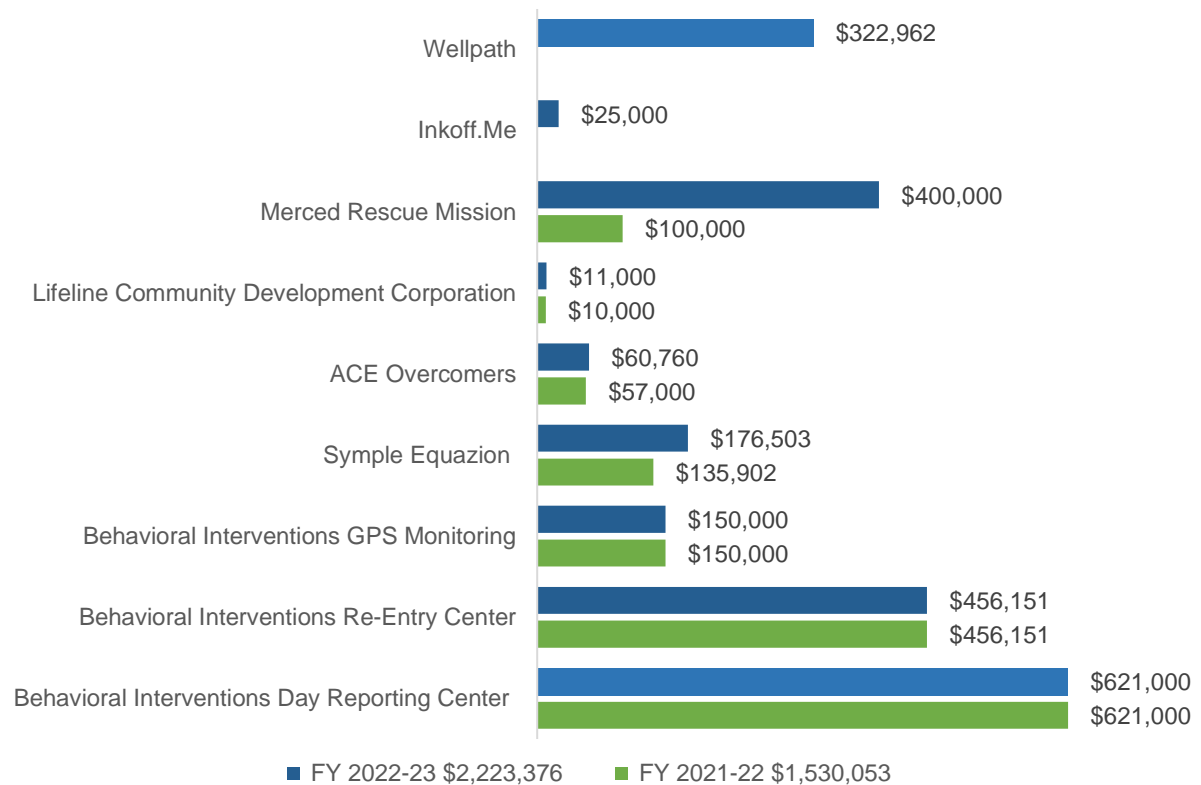
### FY 21-22 and 22-23 Allocations



## FY 21-22 and 22-23 Allocations to Public Agencies for Programs & Services



## FY 21-22 and 22-23 Allocations to Non-Public Agencies for Programs & Services



## Optional Questions

**Describe the process the CCP uses to determine potential programs and/or services for local implementation using Realignment funds?**

The Executive and Local Community Corrections Partnership meet quarterly to discuss outcomes based on approved strategies. Meetings are posted publicly pursuant to the Brown Act via social media and the county's website to encourage community participation. The strategies are discussed and new community partners and/or services are identified.

**Does the county evaluate the effectiveness (as defined locally) of programs and/or services funded with its Public Safety Realignment allocation?**

Yes

**If yes, how?**

The Merced County Probation data analyst reviews the reported monthly data provided by the service providers and meets quarterly with them to discuss monthly stats, participation numbers, and internal processes before reporting to the Executive Committee and Local Community Corrections Partnership. The data analyst uses its case management system to validate the reported monthly data and works in collaboration with community partners and various county departments to ensure the trends and changes are accurate.

**Does the county consider evaluation results when funding programs and/or services?**

Yes

**If yes, how?**

By using the data presented at the Executive Community Corrections Partnership meeting at the end of the fiscal year, the Executive CCP approves the probation strategies and sends those approved community-based organizations' contracts to the County Board of Supervisors for final approval and execution.

**Does the county use BSCC definitions (average daily population, conviction, length of stay, recidivism, and/or treatment program completion rates) when collecting data?**

Yes	No	
	X	Average daily population
	X	Conviction
	X	Length of stay
	X	Recidivism
X		Treatment program completion rates

**What percentage of the Public Safety Realignment allocation is used for evidence-based programming (as defined locally)?**

21% to 40%

**We would like to better understand your county's capacity to offer mental health, substance use disorder, behavioral health treatment programs, and/or other services. What type and level of services are now available?**

Currently, we are utilizing Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Mental Health Clinicians to assist individuals with reintegration into the community by coordinating services and/or treatment. They are to provide targeted case management services for incarcerated individuals to assist in their reintegration into the community and provide substance abuse assessments to the Court for individuals being considered for residential treatment.

**What challenges does your county face in meeting these program and service needs?**

In 2022, the Executive Community Corrections Partnership identified that Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services were not able to meet the staffing requirements for the appropriate needs and assessments of incarcerated individuals. The Executive Community Corrections Partnership voted to remove Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services due to continued staff shortages and a consistency in care, and contract with California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. to provide the services needed to adequately assess, treat, educate, and place in residential treatment after release starting in 2023.

**What programmatic changes and/or course corrections have you made in the implementation of Public Safety Realignment that you believe other counties would find helpful?**

The Executive Community Corrections Partnership voted for the following: to add a Program Specialist that is responsible for all adult services programming and monitoring, InkOffMe service to assist in the removal of stigmatizing tattoos and additional funding for existing programs such as Symple Equazion and The Phoenix Project to increase the stipends for clients while completing their programs.

**Describe a local best practice or promising program that has produced positive results. If data exists to support the results, please share.**

Symple Equazion is a local non-profit program that provides food service skills and training to clients. Clients receive up to 460 hours of paid time that includes life skills classroom training, on-the-job work experience in a food truck, and a food handlers' certification. Symple Equazion has a 65% participation rate and provides clients with an immediate source of income which allows them to transition into other employment opportunities and pay for necessary cost of living expenses.