

Modoc County - Public Safety Realignment & Post-Release Community Supervision (AB 109) Updated Plan - 2024

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OVERVIEW OF 2011 PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT ACT (AB 109)

BACKGROUND

On April 4, 2011, Assembly Bill 109 was signed into law and referred to as 2011 Public Safety Realignment. AB 109 was later modified by AB 117, with both bills together creating extensive changes to existing law which aimed at reducing the number of offenders incarcerated in state prison and “realigning” non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual offenders to counties who are now responsible for their incarceration and/or supervision. This realignment and change in law was a partial response and solution to the state’s budget crisis and a U.S. Supreme Court order requiring the state to reduce prison overcrowding. Public Safety Realignment was proposed as a method to lower state prison inmate population in the safest possible way by allowing for county level management and supervision of those particular offenders, as opposed to the alternative option of massive releases of state prison inmates to communities with no further supervision or accountability.

The intent of the realignment is to allow maximum local flexibility within the statutory framework. The legislation requires a local collaborative planning and implementation process, which emphasizes community-based corrections and punishment, use of evidenced based practices, and improved strategies for the supervision of offenders in the community. Further, the legislation states “the purpose of justice reinvestment is to manage and allocate criminal justice populations more cost effectively, generating savings that can be reinvested in evidence-based strategies that increase public safety while holding offenders accountable.”

The provisions of the public safety realignment were operative on October 1, 2011 and were prospective. This means, as offenders are sentenced on or after October 1 or released to community supervision on or after October 1, they will be the responsibility of the county if they meet the criteria for the realigned population. No one in prison on October 1 will transfer to county jails and no one currently on state parole supervision will transfer to the local jurisdiction.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION CHANGES

The provisions of 2011 Public Safety Realignment change the jurisdiction of specified offender populations from state to local control for sentencing and supervision:

Local Sentence:

- Revises the definition of a felony to specify that certain non-violent, non-serious, non-sexual offenses that previously went to state prison are now punishable for more than one year in

county jail or other local alternative sentencing options and cannot be sentenced to state prison.

- Does not change length of sentences; entire sentence imposed will be served locally and can exceed three (3) years in some instances.
- Options at sentencing for specified felony offenses include:
 - Jail instead of prison for the entire sentence;
 - Felony probation;
 - Jail with early release to alternative custody; or
 - Split sentence (sentence of jail custody combined with mandatory probation which cannot exceed the maximum sentence allowed by law).
- Options in custody:
 - The Sheriff retains all existing tools to manage this population as they do with the current population. In addition, counties may use new alternative custody options such as electronic monitoring and home detention (1203.018 PC), and/or contract back with the state to house some inmates.

Summary of Legislative Changes Post-Implementation

SB823: Establishes the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program, intended to provide and fund services for juveniles who would otherwise have been eligible for DJJ. This fund pays for services, treatment, transportation, and secure housing for any eligible juveniles.

Proposition 47 (2014): Prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses, maximize alternatives for non-serious, non-violent crime, and invest the savings generated from "the new act to support elementary and high school programs, victim's services, and mental health and drug treatment. The initiative seeks to accomplish these goals through four main strategies: (1) reducing most possessory drug offenses and thefts of property valued under \$950 to straight misdemeanors; (2) creating a process for persons currently serving a felony sentence for theft and drug offenses to petition the court for resentencing as a misdemeanor; (3) creating a process for persons who have completed qualified felony sentences to apply to the court for reclassification of the crime as a misdemeanor; and (4) forming a Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund generated by the savings achieved by the change in the sentencing laws

Proposition 57, "The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016": Creates two major revisions to criminal law by changing the rules governing parole and granting custody

credits to inmates in state prison and requiring a judge to determine whether a juvenile may be tried as an adult.

Proposition 64 (2016): Eliminates the criminal consequences for personal level possession and cultivation of marijuana by persons 21 years of age or older. Specifically, newly added Health and Safety Code section 11362.1(a), subject to certain exceptions.

Proposition 36 (2024): Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs and for thefts under \$950, if defendant has two prior drug or theft convictions.

Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS)

- Any offender convicted of a non-serious, non-violent felony, and not deemed a high-risk sex offender will be supervised in the community by the probation department.
- All others will remain subject to state parole supervision provided by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).
- CDCR must notify the county that the offender is being released to PRCS thirty days prior to release and is required to provide relevant background and assessment information concerning the offender.
- Level of supervision and case plan is determined by the probation department.
- General conditions of supervision are established by law; probation department can add additional relevant conditions.
- An offender can be on PRCS for up to 3 years. However, offenders on PRCS may be discharged after 6 months of no violations and shall be discharged after a continuous year of no violations.
- Supervision agency can impose intermediate sanctions for violations of PRCS without Court involvement.
- Intermediate sanctions can include:
 - Short term “flash incarceration” in jail for up to 10 days;
 - Intensive community supervision;
 - Home detention with electronic or GPS monitoring;
 - Community service work;
 - Education and vocational programs;
 - Work release programs;
 - Day reporting programs;
 - Substance abuse treatment programs and drug testing;
 - Community-based residential programs; and other appropriate counseling and treatment programs.

- The Court is responsible for any final revocation hearings for violations. The maximum sentence for PRCS revocation is 6 months confinement in county jail. Offenders cannot be returned to prison for violation of PRCS.
- As of November, 2024, Modoc County had 13 PRCS offenders under supervision.

Parole Revocations

- All parole revocations for state parolees (except those with a life term) will be served in county jail but capped at 180 days and receive day for day credit.
- County cannot “contract back” with CDCR to house parole violators in state prison.
- After parolee completes jail sentence for a parole violation, they return to state parole jurisdiction for supervision in the community.
- Parole revocation hearings for state parolees will continue to be done by the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) until July 2013 when the responsibility transfers to local courts.

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

AB 109/117 expands the current role of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), which was established in 2009 as an advisory committee for the implementation of the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (SB 678). The CCP is now also to be a policy planning body and to develop and recommend to the Board of Supervisors an implementation plan for 2011 Public Safety Realignment. AB 109/117 also added an executive committee within the CCP with the authority to approve the plan to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Membership of the CCP required by SB 678 includes:

- The Chief Probation Officer (chair)
- The presiding judge of the superior court, or his or her designee
- A county supervisor or chief administrative officer for the county
- The district attorney
- The public defender
- The sheriff
- A chief of police
- The head of the county department of social services
- The head of the county department of mental health
- The head of the county department of employment
- The head of the county alcohol and substance abuse programs
- The head of the county office of education

- A representative from a community-based organization with experience successfully providing rehabilitative services to persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense
- An individual who represents the interests of victims

As established in Penal Code §1230.1, membership of the executive committee of the CCP shall be:

- Chief Probation Officer (Chair)
- The Sheriff
- Chief of Police
- The District Attorney
- The Public Defender
- The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
- The head of the county department of social services, or department of health services, as designated by the county board of supervisors.

On September 13, 2011, the Board of Supervisors of Modoc County designated the Director of Health Services as the seventh member of the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee.

Pursuant to Penal Code §1230.1(c), “The plan shall be deemed accepted by the county board of supervisors unless the board rejects the plan by a vote of four-fifths of the board, in which case the plan goes back to the Community Corrections Partnership for further consideration.”

Additionally, the legislation established Penal Code §1230.1(d), which states, “Consistent with local needs and resources, the plan may include recommendations to maximize the effective investment of criminal justice resources in evidenced-based correctional sanctions and programs, including, but not limited to, day reporting centers, drug courts, residential multiservice centers, mental health treatment programs, electronic and GPS monitoring programs, victim restitution programs, counseling programs, community service programs, educational programs, and work training programs.”

The first meeting of the CCP was held on August 24, 2011. Attendees included: Chief Probation Officer Elias Fernandez, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Monica Seevers, The Honorable Francis Barclay, The Honorable David Mason, Supervisor Patricia Cantrell, CAO Chester Robertson, District Attorney Christopher Brooke, Public Defender William Briggs, local attorney John Lawson, Undersheriff Mary Acosta, Sgt. Dan Nessling, Alturas Police Department Chief Ken Barnes, Social Services Fiscal Officer Laura Shinn, Health Services Director Karen Stockton, Alcohol and Drug Administrator Tara Shepherd, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Jim

Schiffman, T.E.A.C.H., Inc. Director Carol Callaghan, and Victim-Witness Advocate Robin Farnam.

The 2024-2025 makeup of the CCP committee is as follows: Stephen Svetich, Chief Probation Officer (Chair)*; Tex Dowdy, Sheriff (Vice-chair)*; Marc Muller, Interim Alturas Chief of Police*; Nina Salarno, District Attorney*; Stacy Sphar, Director of Health Services*; Brandy Malcolm, Court Executive Officer*; Elizabeth Cavasso, Board of Supervisors; Tom Sandage, Director of Social Services; Carol Madison, Director of T.E.A.C.H.; Chester Robertson, County Administrative Officer; Michael Traverso, Behavioral Health; Karina Neld, CalWorks. (*denotes executive committee)

This committee meets quarterly.

FUNDING

AB 118, the budget trailer bill that creates the funding framework for 2011 Public Safety Realignment, requires the county to create the County Local Revenue Fund 2011 (Government Code §30025(f) (1)). Within the County Local Revenue Fund 2011, each county must also establish a:

- Local Community Corrections Account
- Trial Court Security Account
- District Attorney and Public Defender Account
- Juvenile Justice Account
- Health and Human Services Account
- Supplemental Law Enforcement Account

The formula establishing statewide funding allotments for AB109 implementation in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 assumes \$25,000 per offender for six months of local incarceration, with each of these offenders allocated \$2,275 for rehabilitative services while incarcerated or in alternative incarceration programs. This same level of funding will be made available for parole violators serving a 60-day revocation, albeit on a pro-rated basis. Offenders on PRCS are funded at \$3,500 per person for community supervision and \$2,275 per person for rehabilitative services (for a maximum of 18 months). The above formula establishing a statewide allotment was developed by the State Department of Finance and agreed to by County Administrative Officers (CAO) and California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

Since its inception in 2011, the Department of Finance has revisited the formula a number of times. In 2014, the State Realignment Allocation Committee (RAC) focused on devising a means

to redistribute base funding in FY 2014-15 given an approximately \$60 million drop in the funds available for allocation, while at the same time creating a permanent base funding formula beyond FY 2014-15. While the RAC also recommended an interim approach for allocating growth, the committee is supposed to revisit the issue in three to five years to set a permanent growth formula.

The Budget Act of 2016 (SB 826, Chapter 23), also appropriated \$7,900,000 to counties that submitted a report to the Board of State and Community Corrections by December 15, 2016 providing plans for the on-going allocation of funds, including future outcome measures, programs and services, and funding priorities as identified in the original plan accepted by the County Board of Supervisors. Modoc County applied for, and received, these funds to maximize revenues supporting the overall goals and objectives. This revenue source had originally been predicted to end on or around 2017, and therefore, most counties do not include these funds into their budgets as known revenue sources.

Data Collection and Analysis

A number of other factors must be considered regarding each county's statistics on the impact of realignment. These factors include such things as pre-AB 109 per capita rates of state prison commitments, availability of alternative treatment and programming, and general local views regarding rehabilitation of offenders vs. punishment. According to a Working Paper published by Stanford Criminal Justice Center, Stanford Law School, "Follow the Money: How California Counties are Spending Their Public Safety Realignment Funds," these factors are referred to as a "Control Orientation," and can be further evaluated in the context of AB 109 success.¹ In general, research finds that counties that shifted priorities away from past practice of control and surveillance and incorporated treatment programs and services for the justice-involved population demonstrated the greatest success. However, AB 109 success is largely measured in terms of the reduction in recidivism rates through management of lower-level offenders at the community level in locally designed programs, rather than by a comparison of crime rate statistics. Using this standard and considering our size as one of the smallest counties, our approach would be considered successful.

As of November 2024, there were 13 PRCS offenders being supervised by the Probation Department. Of those, four are at large with a warrant. The number of PRCS remains consistent based on accumulated data over the last five years. These high-risk offenders include serious or violent offenders as well as several that were domestic violence offenders with injury to the victims.

¹ Menu SLS | Publications. "Follow the Money: How California Counties Are Spending Their Public Safety Realignment Funds." *Stanford Law School*. Stanford Criminal Justice Center, n.d. Web. 15 May 2017.

These domestic violence offenders are one of the reasons the Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) is being funded through the CCP committee funds.

Adult Parole numbers do not fluctuate very much in Modoc County. As of July 2024, there were 17 Parolees in Modoc County. Of these, a majority – 6 - are high risk sex offenders. The regional office in Redding, California has three agents assigned to the offenders in Modoc. They do not exclusively have Modoc offenders on their caseloads.

LOCAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Goals and Objectives

On an annual bases, the CCP Executive Board updates the Goals and Objectives for Modoc County. In the coming year, the committee has established the following as its priorities for the coming year:

- Development of a jail facility that is safer for inmates and staff and provides for the safe and effective delivery of services.
- Reduce Recidivism / Save Lives
- Implement Drug Court
- Renovate the old county hospital into new Probation Department and Client Housing Facility.

In structuring the goals, the Committee kept in mind the Modoc County Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals, specifically, Reduce Drug Use and Crime in the County.

The jail project has been ongoing, and progress continues. In its current status, the county is working with state to continue to ensure that matching funding is available; as the status of the grant project has changed during and following COVID, this has meant moving money from the CCPIF fund into an allocated jail funding project. The jail project will finish when the construction on the new jail is complete, but this is not anticipated for some years.

In 2022-2023, the CCP committee began looking into the possibility of reestablishing a drug court. During this year, a Drug Court Steering Committee was established, which included the Chief Probation Officer, and the process of applying for State funds was begun. Unfortunately, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year, this was delayed by the turnover of both the DA and the local public defenders. This continues to be a goal in 24-25; a new District Attorney has been sworn in, but Modoc is still in the process of seeking a new Public Defender.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Sheriff's Department continues to offer an In/Out of Custody Inmate Work Program and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and this program has been successful in transitioning inmates into post-release jobs in the community. This was accomplished with Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding. Inmates can attend training courses hosted by correctional staff that certify inmates in various trade areas, such as power tool use and safety, basic carpentry, exposure to construction concepts, food handling safety, and more. These certificates not only expose inmates to new information and skills but can also easily be used to bolster resumes for future employment. As anticipated in 2011, the biggest impact of the increased jail population came with increased need for physical and mental health services. MCSO has a close working relationship with the medical community. A nurse practitioner reports to the jail for regular "sick call". If an inmate has serious medical issues and can be determined not to be a safety risk to the community, the jail is able to do a release. If the inmate is a safety risk, Modoc County Sheriff's Department pays for the required medical care. Currently, Modoc County Behavioral Health responds to mental health and substance use disorder needs and mental health crisis in the jail. Medical and behavioral health services (mental health and substance use disorder services) are paid for with AB109 funds. Additionally, the CCP committee purchased a Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance plan to cover catastrophic medical needs.

Beginning this fiscal year, the Modoc County of Public Health has established an inreach program with the jail. This program will sign up any incarcerated person who is within 90 days of their release date with Medical, thus ensuring a continuity of medical services upon their release.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Modoc County Probation Department (MCPD) is currently staffed by the Chief Probation Officer, two adult caseload Probation Officer, one juvenile caseload Probation Officer, a Probation Technician, a Support Services Administrator, and an Administrative Assistant. Staff positions are funded with AB109, SB 678, SB823, YOBG, and Pretrial Pilot Program funds.

As of November 2024, the department supervises approximately 94 adult probationers and 41 adults on pre-trial supervision. Of the 94 adult probationers, 13 are being supervised while on PRCS. Modoc currently has 7 juveniles under supervision.

MCPD has a long history of collaboration with law enforcement, the Court, Modoc County Health Services, Social Services, and T.E.A.C.H., Inc. The department participates, with the Superior Court and other partner agencies in Modoc County, in several collaborative justice or problem-solving courts addressing adult and parental substance abuse, domestic violence, and juvenile delinquency. As such, the CCP committee started the CCP Treatment team. The team meets

monthly to discuss offenders and any issues that need to be addressed such as necessities, violations, and treatment plans. This team consists of MCPD, Community Based Organization T.E.A.C.H., MCSO, Behavioral Health, and Public Health.

Offender assessment is as much an ongoing function as it is a formal event. Case information that is gathered informally through routine interactions and observations with offenders is just as important as formal assessment guided by instruments. Formal and informal offender assessments should reinforce one another. They should combine to enhance formal reassessments, case decisions, and working relations between practitioners and offenders throughout the jurisdiction of supervision.

MCPD and MCSO use one or more of the following Risk and Needs assessments for supervision, booking, and/or pretrial: the Ohio Risk Assessment System and/or Static Risk Needs Assessment. MCPD will prioritize supervision and treatment resources for higher risk offenders who generally present multiple criminogenic areas needing to be addressed at significant levels. By placing a higher focus on the higher risk offender, the department will better utilize resources to promote public safety. Higher risk offenders have a greater need for pro-social skills and thinking and are more apt to demonstrate significant improvements through related interventions such as well-developed case plans, and placing offenders into sufficiently intense cognitive-behavioral interventions that target their specific criminogenic needs. Higher risk offenders are more likely to be frequent offenders than those who are of lower risk and treatment resources that are focused on lower-risk offenders tend to produce little if any net positive effect on recidivism rates.

In 2010, MCPD developed and implemented a Batterer Intervention Program (BIP). The BIP program is up and running for males; however, we currently lack a female BIP provider. MCPD contracts with certified facilitators. Participant progress is reviewed regularly by the facilitators and the PO with a quarterly collaborative court review. AB 109 funds are now used to fund the BIP program.

Research has shown that an interviewing technique called *Motivational Interviewing (MI)* is very effective in engaging offenders and substance abusers in treatment and in making positive changes.

Electronic Monitoring and/or GPS is an alternative to incarceration that can be used by the Probation Department to provide offenders with structure, control and accountability, as well as to provide an extra layer of supervision to the community. The client rate for GPS has varied over the year from its current high of 19 to a low of 4. The Superior Court has, in the past two years, increased its use of GPS monitoring for pretrial clients, along with SCRAM monitoring (see below.)

At the department's discretion, the Sheriff's Department also offers the GPS monitoring system for the Electronic Monitoring Program. The Electronic Monitoring Program allows the offender to remain at home while wearing a device on their ankle, in lieu of being incarcerated in jail for technical violations, reserving beds in the County Jail for more serious and violent offenders. The offender's schedule may be set up to allow him/her to attend work and/or school on a daily basis; however, any appointments or instances where the offender must leave the residence must be approved in advance by the probation officer.

GPS allows a probation officer to determine the location of an offender who is wearing the receiver 24-hours-a-day. Alerts can be set to notify a Probation Officer either via text, email, or both, and within a timeframe determined by the PO, including immediate notifications for events such as exclusion zone alarms. From there, the probation officer can determine the appropriate course of action. The system has the ability to create inclusion (approved) or exclusion (stay away) zones as ordered by the judge or directed by the probation officer. GPS also allows for school and work schedules as well as curfew restrictions.

MCPD regularly implements the use of the SCRAM system which combines the electronic monitoring/GMS system with continuous alcohol monitoring. This system allows for an offender to be released on supervision while being continuously monitored for alcohol consumption. Alerts are sent to the call center who in turns reports the results to the supervising probation officer.

Pretrial Pilot Program

The Probation Department and the Sheriff sought to increase available alternatives to incarceration in order to manage anticipated population increases under AB 109. These additional alternatives provided for by AB 109 legislation include involuntary home detention and electronic monitoring for the pretrial population. Penal Code Section 1203.018 allows for the release of prisoners being held in lieu of bail in the county jail to an electronic monitoring program under specific circumstances. The Sheriff, Probation Chief, and the District Attorney may prescribe reasonable rules and regulations under which such a program will operate, including determination of specific eligibility criteria that may limit the number and type of pre-trial prisoners eligible for this program. In 2019, Modoc County began a Pretrial Pilot Program as part of a grant from the Judicial Council of California. On April 1, 2020, the first assessments and pretrial reports took place. In an abundance of caution due to Covid-19, many inmates were being cited and released and/or given \$0.00 bail was instituted. Although Modoc County employs the ORAS assessment for all offenders booked into the jail as a means to assist in the decision-making process many of the low risk and/or sober offenders are cited and released due to Covid-19 concerns and population limitations of the jail.

As of FY 21-22, the Pretrial Program was implemented for all California Counties. Modoc County has partnered with our technology provider Corrections Solutions Software, to implement a reporting protocol for the Judicial Council.

Due to staffing considerations, it is not always possible for the Probation Department to conduct Pretrial Assessments on all clients. However, this remains a priority goal within the department, and a focus of effort for this fiscal year.

Community Work Service

Community work service (CWS) is another alternative to incarceration for technical and minor violations of supervision. It can also be a way for offenders to work off court fines. T.E.A.C.H. (Community Based Organization) provides staff to supervise offenders and track their hours. Offenders who are assigned a specific number of hours to complete within a specified timeframe as part of their probation conditions, can also complete their hours through the CWS program. The benefits of community service for the offender are that they can give back to the community, fulfill a court order, learn new skills, or utilize the skills they already have to help others.

Alcohol and Drug testing

Currently all probationers are required to report to MCPD on some regular schedule. For some that may mean simply mailing in a monthly report form. For most it means reporting in person on a regular schedule and be tested for drugs and/or alcohol. Some 85% of prisoners in the State of California report a substance abuse problem so we can assume that the majority of those returning on PCRS and those felons serving their sentences locally will require testing for alcohol and drugs on a random basis. MCPD has a contract with Cordant, a certified laboratory in California. All staff are trained in collection procedures and maintaining the required chain of evidence. Additionally, all MCSO officers and deputies have been trained in the collection of samples to assist MCPD.

Caseload Size

Probation was designated as the county agency responsible for supervision of the PRCS offenders. Intensive Community Supervision for high risk PRCS offenders includes routine home visits, office visits, home detention with electronic monitoring, residential substance abuse treatment, outpatient behavioral health treatment (sex offender treatment, mental health treatment, and substance use treatment), urinalysis testing, restorative justice programs, community service, family strengthening strategies, pre-release case planning (assessments and supervision planning pending release from custody), referral to education, referral to vocational training/employment

services and housing resources, and imposition of a flash incarceration sanction of up to ten days in jail for violations of release conditions.

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) recommends, as best practice, a 20:1 caseload ratio given the assessed higher-risk level of the PRCS population. As with most law-enforcement agencies throughout the state, staffing has been a challenge in the past few years. Recruiting has proved difficult given Modoc County's remote location. As a result, the Probation Department instead focused on developing and promoting from within. In the previous fiscal year, the Probation Department made the determination that the continued efforts to find an Assistant Chief, and instead brought on an additional Probation Officer. The department's current plan is to continue developing these officers in their careers, with the goal of eventually promoting into the Assistant Chief position. However, given the relative inexperience of the staff, the Chief Probation Officer continues to carry a significant caseload. This impacts not only caseload size, but the number of programs we are able to offer.

New Facility

Following the construction of a new medical clinic, Modoc County is in the process of renovating the old clinic for general use. The Modoc County Probation Department is anticipated to be the main occupant for the building, and has been engaged in planning the remodel to meet the needs of our client base.

One of the main obstacles faced by justice-involved individuals in Modoc County is a lack of available/affordable housing, and specifically housing away from the environments that led to them becoming justice-involved. Currently, Modoc County has partnered with the Hacienda Motel to provide short-term housing (up to six months) for clients in need.

However, with the new facility, Probation will have the ability to dedicate a wing of the building to a sober/clean living and long-term housing facility. The advantages of this are numerous:

1. Cost savings
2. Continual monitoring and support of clients
3. Safe living environment for justice-involved individuals
4. Dedicated areas for life skills training – on-site kitchens and washers, a dedicated computer for job searches and computer literacy, among others.

RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL

Probation has invested in establishing evidence-based supervision and intervention practices proven effective at reducing recidivism and improving outcomes. At the heart of evidence-based

practices are concepts of risk, need and responsivity (the practice of assessing and identifying criminogenic risk factors contributing to ongoing criminal behavior, which can be changed through application of culturally, developmentally and gender appropriate interventions, teaching new skills and building on offender's strengths to mitigate criminality). These principles are applied in the use of the Static Risk Needs Assessment (SRNA). Risk and need factors are assessed prior to sentencing using the SRNA assessment tool which then guides the most appropriate supervision conditions to reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

The Noble SRNA risk/needs assessment tool is administered to every supervised offender – consistent with the above referenced principles and in turn, helps the officer and offender address the offender's needs for successful completion of their term of supervision. These processes in turn guide supervision intensity, treatment/program referrals, case management efforts, and offender activities.

An important component and effective part of this redesign has been the full support of Health Services including Mental Health and the Substance Use Disorder Clinicians. Originally, the Substance Use Disorder services were contracted out for the first six years. This became too costly and Behavioral Health was able to step in and provide services at a reduced cost beginning in 2017. In 2020, Modoc County Behavioral Health engaged in the Drug Medi-Cal Regional Model with Partnership Health Plan. This regional model has allowed for expanded service delivery to those with substance use disorder, to include recovery services and has allowed greater access to residential treatment with bed availability being shared throughout the other counties. This is particularly important to Modoc as there are no residential facilities in Modoc County.

Additionally, to increase offender accountability and community safety, the CCP Executive Committee also partially funds a Deputy Sheriff and a Police Officer to work collaboratively with Probation to assist in community supervision and work with the CCP Treatment Team. This level of inter-departmental cooperation has proven to be a valuable and effective method to reduce recidivism and ensure public safety.

In addition to intensive supervision and collaborative case planning, the Probation Department employs a variety of alternatives to incarceration when addressing violations, such as an informal BIP review court and PC1000 diversion programs.