

# VENTURA COUNTY

## Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Plan Implementation

**Describe an accomplishment or highlight (as defined by the CCP) achieved in FY 2011-12 and or 2012-13.**

With the passage of realignment the Ventura CCP recognized the importance of assessing and providing appropriate treatment services for mentally ill offenders within the AB 109 population. Since FY 2011-12 clinicians from the Behavioral Health Department have been placed in the Probation Department's Adult Field Units on multi-disciplinary teams with the case managing probation officer. These clinicians conduct comprehensive mental health (and substance abuse) assessments to target the appropriate level of services needed and assist in providing treatment. The Behavioral Health Department also contracted for mental health services through Telecare. Telecare provides treatment in accordance with the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model as well as services for lower level of care as part of a wellness component.

The CCP also identified employment upon release from custody as a key need. To address this concern the Probation Department and Human Services Agency (HSA) partnered via a Memorandum of Agreement to create and implement an employment program. This collaboration resulted in the creation of the Specialized Training and Employment Project for Success (STEPS) program that launched in FY 2012-13. The program is staffed by an Employment Specialist who works with the Probation Department and the offender to develop and implement an individualized employment case plan (includes assessments, workshops, job readiness courses, etc.) and an Employer Outreach component linking offenders with appropriate employment in the community based on their strengths. HSA staff are embedded in regional field offices where they have access to the field probation officers and offenders five days a week. STEPS was selected by the California State Association of Counties as an innovative AB 109 program (<http://www.csac.counties.org/post/smart-justice-ventura-county>).

**In FY 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 the CCP plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors included the following areas derived from Penal Code section 1230.1**

|  | FY 2011-12 | FY 2012-13 | FY 2013-14 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Community Service Programs             | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |
| Counseling Programs                    | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |
| Day Reporting Center                   |            |            |            |
| Drug Courts                            |            |            |            |
| Educational Programs                   | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |
| Electronic and GPS Monitoring Programs | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |
| Mental Health Treatment Programs       | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |
| Residential Multiservice Centers       | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |
| Victim Restitution Programs            | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |
| Work Training Programs                 | ✓          | ✓          | ✓          |

**Describe a local success story (as defined by the CCP).**

An offender on Mandatory Supervision (MS) was supervised in the community by the Probation Department. While in custody the offender’s risk and needs were assessed by an AB 109 funded custody Deputy Probation Officer (DPO). Upon release from custody the offender struggled with substance abuse and chronic unemployment issues and was returned to custody for violating his MS. While serving his sentence the offender participated in a job training program, earning a print shop training certificate. Prior to his release a case plan was created that included seeking employment in the printing field and coordination with Behavioral Health to create a treatment plan for his substance abuse needs. Despite these efforts he had a brief relapse. The DPO responded by continuing to work with him towards sobriety and coordinated his placement into an AB 109-funded drug detox and residential program. The offender entered the program in September 2013, remained drug free and is expected to graduate in 2013. While working to maintain sobriety he was screened for his unemployment risk factor and was placed in an AB 109 funded STEPS program operated by HSA. At STEPS he was provided résumé and job application assistance, leading to an on-the-job training program where he earned full-time employment at a local print shop. Concurrently he remained sober and arrest free. Those involved with his case are hopeful the range of services provided by the Sheriff’s Office, the Probation Department, Behavioral Health, and STEPS have provided him with the tools and support needed to remain crime-free and productive in the community.

**For FY 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 rank the priority areas^ of the CCP on a scale from 1 to 9. A rank of 1 indicates that area was the HIGHEST priority (as defined by the CCP) and a rank of 9 indicates that area was the LOWEST priority (as defined by the CCP).**

| FY 2011-12         | FY 2012-13*        | FY 2013-14*        |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Staffing        | 1. Staffing        | 1. Staffing        |
| 2. Health          | 2. Health          | 2. Health          |
| 3. Data            | 3. Risk Assessment | 3. Risk Assessment |
| 4. Risk Assessment | 4. Law Enforcement | 4. Law Enforcement |
| 5. Law Enforcement | 5. Data            | 5. Data            |
| 6. GPS             | 6. Staff Training  | 6. Day Reporting   |
| 7. Staff Training  | 7. Medical         | 7. Staff Training  |
| 8. Medical         | 8. GPS             | 8. Medical         |
| 9. Day Reporting   | 9. Day Reporting   | 9. GPS             |

^Priority areas are representative of the information counties included in the FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 CCP plans and the information BSCC received from counties and published in the *report 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act: Report on the Implementation of Community Corrections Partnership Plans*.

Priority areas: Day Reporting Center, Data (e.g. data identification, collection, analysis, etc.), GPS/Electronic Monitoring, Staff Training (e.g. Probation Dept., District Attorney’s Office, etc.), Local Law Enforcement (municipal police), Public Health/Mental Health (e.g. substance abuse, treatment, etc.), Medical Related Costs, Risk Assessment Instruments (COMPAS, STRONG, etc.), and Staffing (e.g. Victim Witness Advocate, Deputy Sheriff, Deputy Probation Officer, etc.).

\*FY 2012-13: Risk and needs assessment instruments and Local Law Enforcement increased in priority as it was imperative to assess offenders’ risk and needs and provide appropriate supervision for high risk offenders.

\*FY 2013-14: Day Reporting Center increased in priority as data highlighted community-based alternative-to-custody programs as a need. Health/Mental Health remains a priority as substance use is the top offense type and behavior leading to violations.