

# **PUBLIC DEFENDER HOLISTIC INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

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**OCTOBER 7, 2024**

**PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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## Early Representation Program (EarlyRep)

- Public Defender works with **law enforcement** partners to provide misdemeanor clients with an **attorney** and legal representation prior to charges being filed or going to court
- Established 2016
- Ongoing AB109 program in all 3 regions of Contra Costa

## Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP)

- Work with **community organizations** and County partners to provide community members with **supportive, wraparound services** designed to address the root causes of system involvement
- Funds access to housing, mental health and substance use treatment, and much more
- Established 2020
- Prop 47 BSCC grant funded



## REDUCING FAILURE TO APPEAR AT CRIMINAL COURT ARRAIGNMENT

Evaluation of Contra Costa County, California "Innovative Solutions  
in Public Defense" – the Early Representation Program

The Justice Management Institute  
September 2019

## BASIC EARLY REPRESENTATION PROGRAM DESIGN

- Starting right after arrest...
- Explain legal processes & procedures
- Monitor court **records** for filing
- Assist clients with court appearance plans
- Represent clients in **arraignment court**
- Dramatically reduces **failures to appear** in court countywide

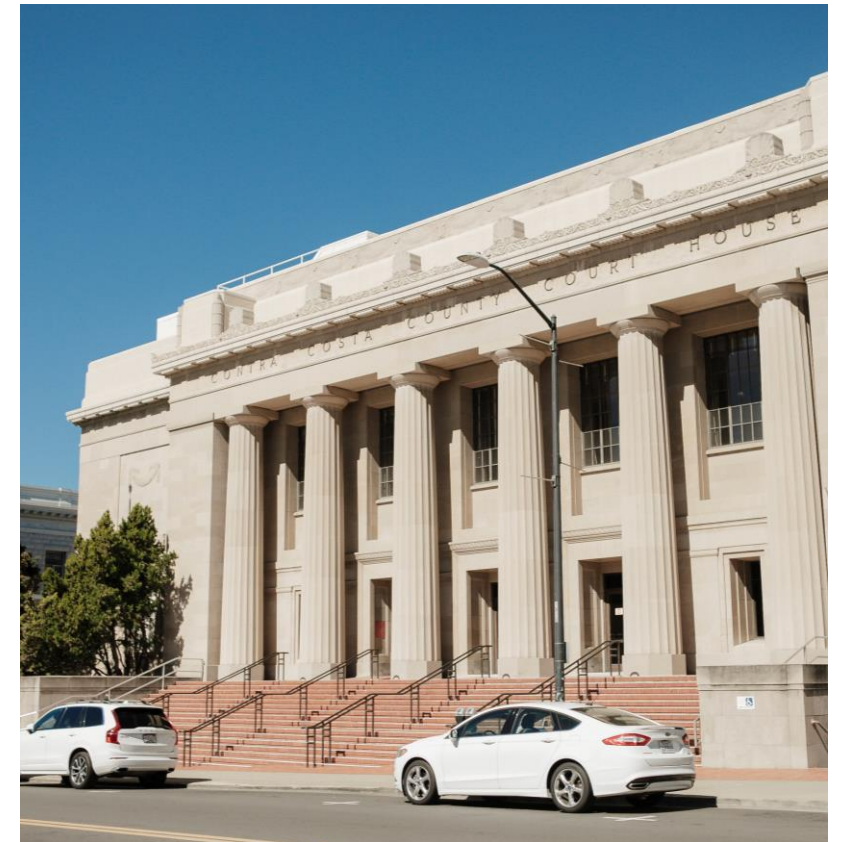
# EARLY REPRESENTATION PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Work with **over 5,000** individuals countywide annually

Decreased FTA rate from:  
57% (2015) to  
27% (2023) in East County  
and  
39% (2016) to  
18% (2023) in West County

**90%** court appearance rate for individuals successfully contacted

More cases resolved, dismissed, or diverted at or before arraignment



# HIP 1.0 and 2.0

## 2020 GRANT: “HIP 1.0”

**\$3M over 3 years**      **BSCC JAG Funding**

Designed to serve 300 clients (though 503 total served over 3 years)

## 2023 PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS: “HIP 2.0”

**\$6M over 3 years**      **BSCC Prop 47 Funding**

1. **Caseload capacity** – 900 clients over 3 years
2. **Housing** – 50% of grant funds go to housing
3. **Increased staffing** for civil legal aid and PD client services

# HIP PARTNERS



Reentry Success Center

CCC Behavioral Health

- Adult Forensic Mental Health
- Alcohol and Other Drugs (AODS)

Hope Solutions,  
Housing provider

Rubicon Programs,  
Civil legal aid

Antioch & Martinez  
Police Departments

CCC Health, Housing &  
Homeless Services  
(H3)

CCC District Attorney

CCC Probation

AB109 Community  
Advisory Board (CAB)

Racial Justice Coalition

Cal. State University  
Long Beach, Evaluators

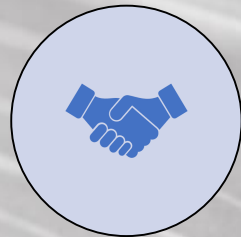
# Local Advisory Committee Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title/Role</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Diana Becton	District Attorney	District Attorney
Lynn Mackey	Superintendent	County Office of Education
Fatima Matal-Sol	Program Manager	County Health Services/Alcohol and Other Drugs
Pat Mims	Director	Reentry Success Center
Rena Moore	Member	Safe Return Project
Aaron Perez	Division Manager	County Workforce Services Bureau
Michael Pitts	Field Operations Coordinator	Reentry Network/HealthRIGHT 360
Adam Poe	Managing Attorney	Bay Area Legal Aid
Jenny Robbins	Chief of Programs	County Health, Housing, and Homeless Services
Marie Scannell	Program Chief	County Behavioral Health Services/Adult Mental Health
Dana Wargo	Workforce Services Specialist	County Workforce Services Bureau
Antoine Watt	Member	Safe Return Project
Andrew White	Chief of Police	Martinez Police Department
Jeffrey Robinson	Project staff/also CAB representative	Holistic Intervention Partnership & Community Advisory Board member

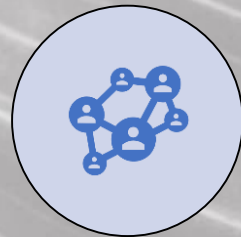
# HIP GOALS & PROGRAM DESIGN



ENGAGE HIP  
CLIENTS AT THE  
**EARLIEST POINT**  
IN THE CRIMINAL  
LEGAL PROCESS



ADDRESS  
CLIENTS'  
**HOLISTIC NEEDS**  
FROM DAY ONE



PROVIDE  
INDIVIDUALIZED  
**CLIENT**  
**NAVIGATION,**  
LINKAGES, AND  
FOLLOW-UP  
BASED ON LEGAL  
& SOCIAL NEEDS



COLLABORATE  
WITH PARTNERS  
TO LEVERAGE  
EXISTING  
**COMMUNITY-**  
**BASED SERVICES**

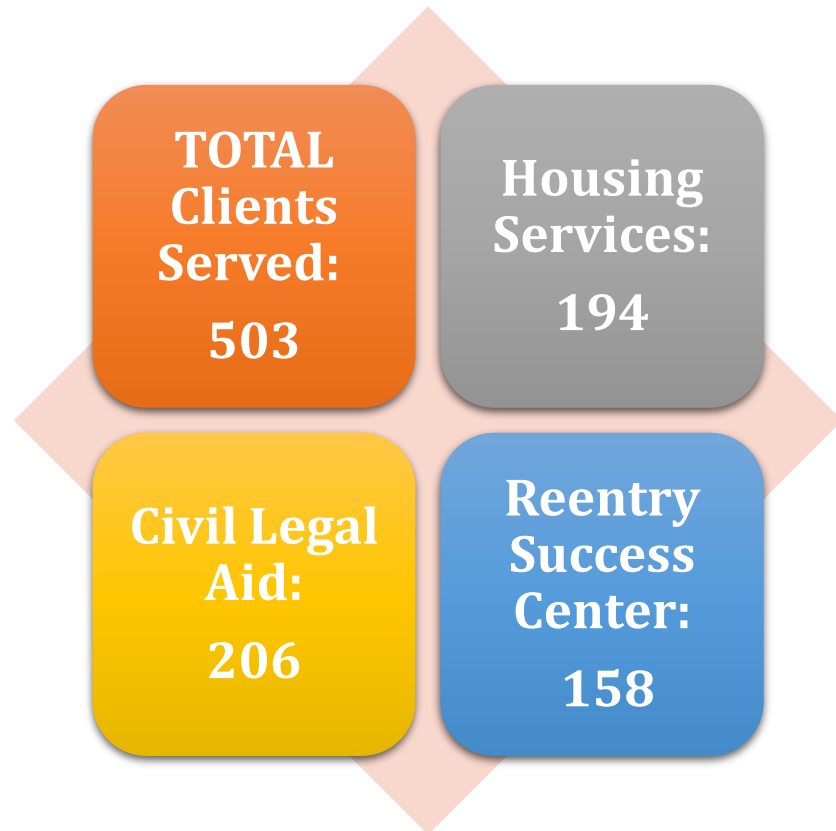


WORK WITH  
CLIENTS TO  
ADDRESS  
**HOUSING,**  
**BEHAVIORAL**  
**HEALTH &**  
OTHER CRITICAL  
NEEDS



# HIP 1.0 DASHBOARD

## FINAL PROGRAM NUMBERS JUNE 2020 - MARCH 2023





Contra Costa Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP)  
Final Local Evaluation Report

Agency:  
Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender

Funding Source:  
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

Project Period:  
October 2019-March 2023

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# HIP 1.0

# PROGRAM EVALUATION

**June 2020 - March 2023**  
Cal. State Univ. Long Beach

*“a highly needed program that is  
best located within a public  
defender’s office”*

# HIP 1.0 Housing Evaluation Highlights

73.1% of H3 clients exited HIP to a permanent housing destination

All 155 H3 clients were provided with short-term or permanent housing solutions.

**59** clients enrolled in rapid rehousing program

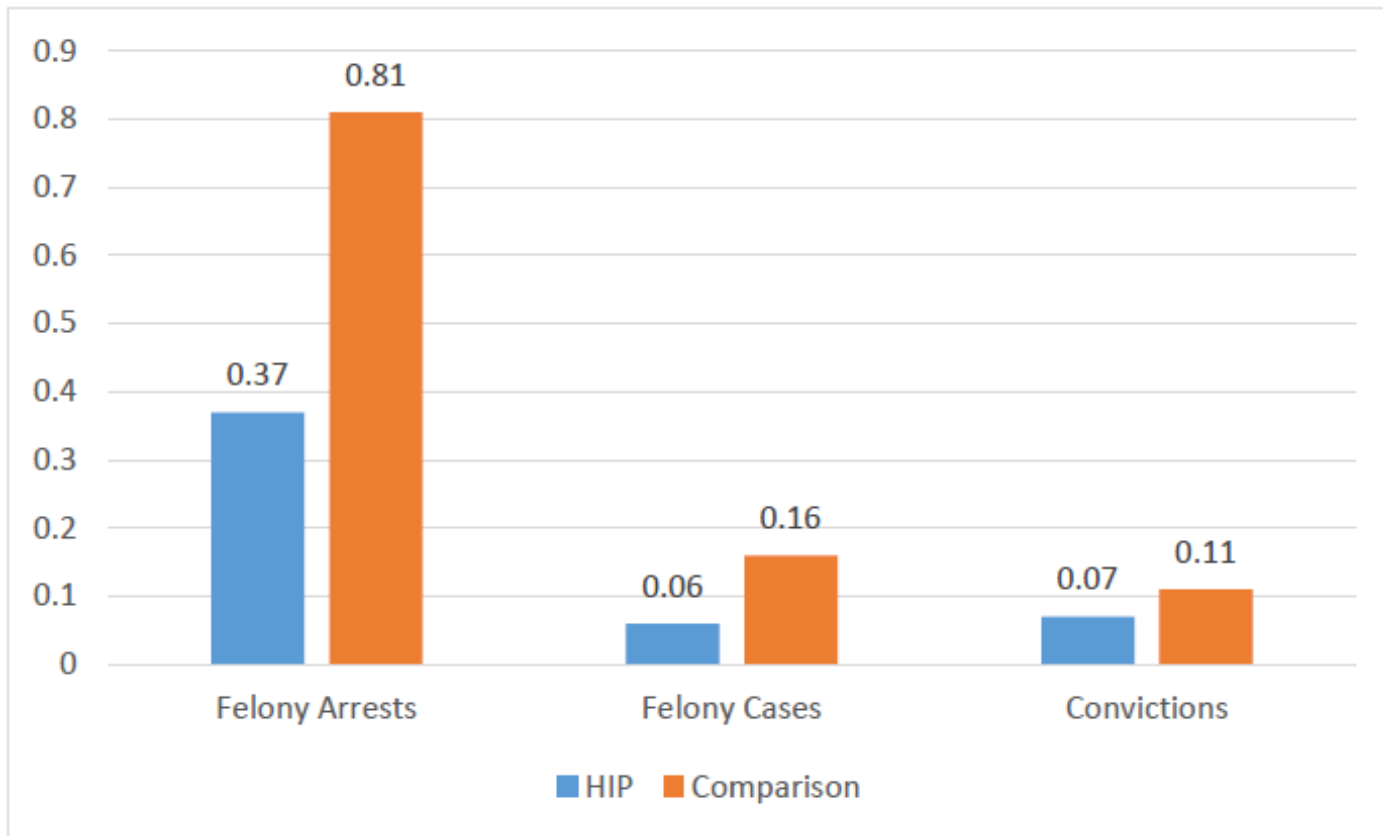
**96** clients given homeless prevention services

**29** clients received landlord engagement services

**38** clients received full or partial rental assistance

# HIP Decreases Future System Involvement for Community Members

Figure 3-6: 12-month significant criminal history outcomes



Felony **ARRESTS** were **181% more likely** for non-HIP public defender clients with comparable demographics & criminal backgrounds

Felony **CHARGES** were nearly two and a half times more likely (**236%**) for comparison group

Criminal **CONVICTIONS** were **238% more likely** to occur to comparison group

# HIP 1.0 Failures to Appear (FTA) Evaluation:

HIP client FTA rate: **15.1%**  
Comparison group: **45%**

*Table 3-11: Arraignment Outcomes*

Arraignment Outcome	HIP (N=152)	Comparison (N=160)
Appeared with Public Defender	70 (46.1%)	74 (46.3%)
Failure to Appear	23 (15.1%)	72 (45%)
Public Defender appeared on PC § 977	50 (32.9%)	7 (4.4%)
ERP	9 (5.9%)	7 (4.4%)

# HIP 2.0 Year One Evaluation

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**April 2023 – March 2024**

Released September 6, 2024

Process & Outcome Evaluations



CONTRA  
COSTA  
PUBLIC  
DEFENDERS

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# HIP 2.0 DASHBOARD TO DATE

APRIL 2023 –  
SEPTEMBER 2024

**TOTAL Clients  
Served:**

**445**

**Substance use  
treatment:**

**69**

**Housing  
services:**

**204**

**Civil legal aid:**

**120**

**Mental health  
treatment:**

**46**

**Reentry  
Success Center:**

**194**

**Public benefits:**

**24**

# HIP 2.0 Outcome Evaluation: Demographics

HIP enrolled **238 new clients** between April 2023 and March 2024

Most HIP clients were **male** (66.1%) and between the **ages of 25 to 44** (35%)

Hispanic/Latino (35.6%), White (27.3%), and Black/African American (25.4%) are the most common race/ethnicity groups

Two-thirds (66.8%) graduated high school or have a GED, and more than half (53.1%) are unemployed



# HIP 2.0 Feedback from Partner Focus Groups



“We get to **meet clients exactly where they're at**. Assess them as a whole person, figure out all their different needs. Each client needs an **individualized plan**. Everyone's different.”



“It's not mandatory that they receive these services. It's strictly up to them. If they don't want it, it's ‘no harm, no foul,’ but we let them know that, even though you were declining today, you may wake up tomorrow feeling different, and **these services are always here when you're ready.**”



“We have literally done applications, driving clients to interviews, picking them up, getting them work clothes, getting them cell phones so that they can do those calls or do the internet on their phone, setting up emails. These clients are fresh, they don't know life on life's terms, and so I think case management that we've done is literally like, ‘follow me, let me show you. **Let me support you. Don't jump off the bridge. We're right here.**”



## HOLISTIC INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP

If you have had recent police contact, we may be able to connect you with free resources that will help you get back on the right track

- ✓ Employment assistance
- ✓ ID and document retrieval
- ✓ Fight an eviction
- ✓ Substance abuse treatment
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Reinstate/apply for benefits
- ✓ Restraining orders
- ✓ Debt collection issues
- ✓ Housing navigation
- ✓ Mental health services

Call, text, or email: **(925) 378-0058** / [help@pd.cccounty.us](mailto:help@pd.cccounty.us)



## ASOCIACIÓN DE INTERVENCIÓN HOLÍSTICA

Si ud ha tenido contacto reciente con la policía, es posible que le podamos conectar con recursos gratuitos para ayudarle a seguir el camino correcto:

- ✓ Asistencia con desempleo
- ✓ Recuperación de identificación y documentos
- ✓ Oposición al desalojo de vivienda
- ✓ Tratamiento de abuso de sustancias
- ✓ Restablecimiento/solicitud de beneficios
- ✓ Ordenes de restricción
- ✓ Asuntos de cobro de deudas
- ✓ Vivienda de navegación
- ✓ Servicios de salud mental

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# THANK YOU!