



Contra Costa Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP)

Contra Costa County's Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) identifies and addresses the underlying needs of indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors immediately after arrest. Launched in July 2020, HIP takes a holistic approach to seamlessly provide community-based services and reduce future criminal legal system involvement.

HIP CLIENTS HAVE A VARIETY OF NEEDS:

- ❖ *SUBSTANCE USE PROBLEMS*
- ❖ *PHYSICAL HEALTH AILMENTS*
- ❖ *MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES*

33% REPORT BEING UNHOUSED

HIP stakeholders and service providers share a common definition of holistic defense. They envision holistic defense as involving the local community and utilizing strong partnerships with a variety of service providers to best address the needs of the “whole client” and “meet them where they are at.”

HIGHLIGHTS:

- *AFTER 1 YEAR IN HIP, HIP CLIENTS HAD SIGNIFICANTLY*
 - *LOWER RATES OF FELONY ARRESTS,*
 - *LOWER RATES OF FILED FELONY CASES, AND*
 - *LOWER RATES OF CONVICTIONS*
- *~75% OF UNHOUSED CLIENTS EXITED HIP IN PERMANENT HOUSING*
- *HIP SIGNIFICANTLY SAVED CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM COSTS*



“.... an intervention at the right time, the right place can have the power to alter pathways. ...a government agency um does have an impact, like especially at the local level, has a huge impact on the lives, not only of their client, or of the clients, but really the family and the community.”

“I think what is most gratifying about, about HIP participation is the collaboration with partners in a way that allows us to enhance our services to our clients and enhance client's wellbeing.”