



Using Data and Research to Inform Local Policy

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CPL Mission

The California Policy Lab generates research insights for government impact.

Through hands-on **partnerships with government agencies**, CPL performs rigorous research across issue silos and builds the data infrastructure necessary to improve programs and policies that millions of Californians rely on every day.



What we do

Cultivate partnerships with California government agencies, and...

- Conduct rigorous research for real world impact
- Connect silos across issue areas
- Clean, link, and analyze data
- Engage in long-term, collaborative learning
- Connect to other resources and partners
- Build long-term research infrastructure as a common good



Generate knowledge to improve programs and better serve Californians.

Our policy areas



Criminal justice



Homelessness



Social safety net



Education



Health



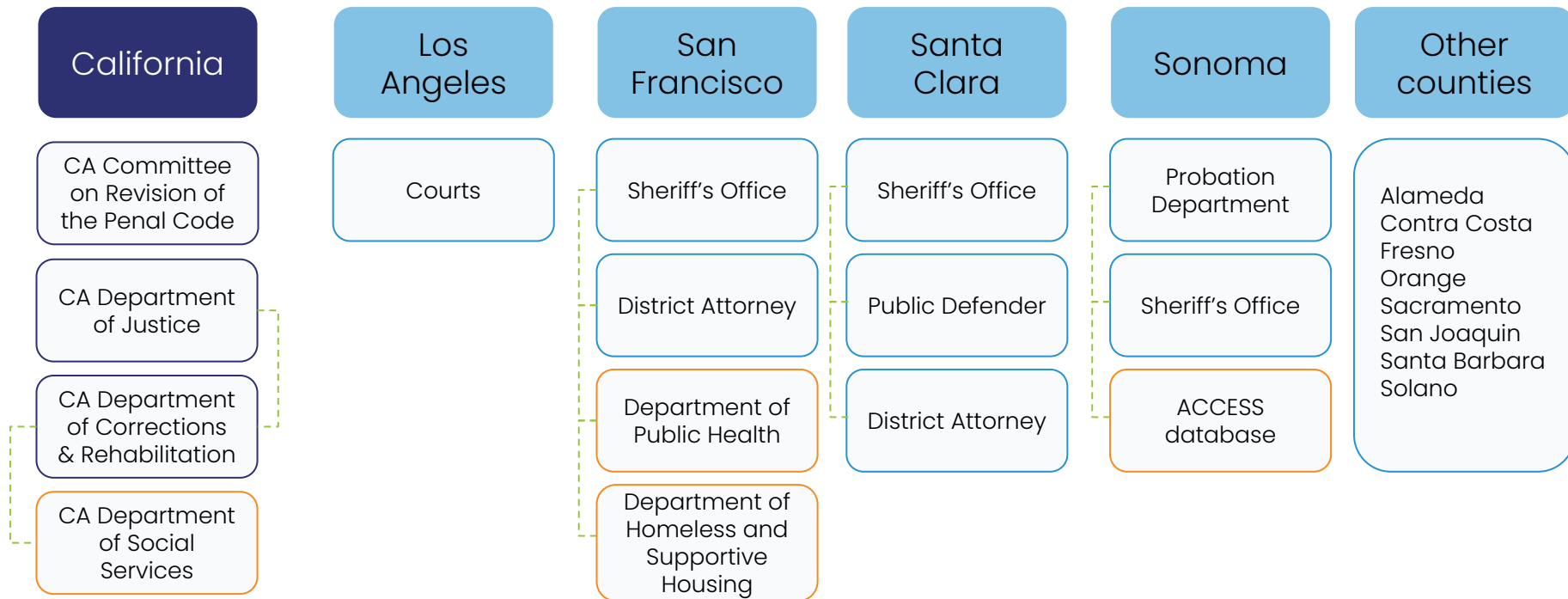
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In focus

CPL's criminal justice portfolio



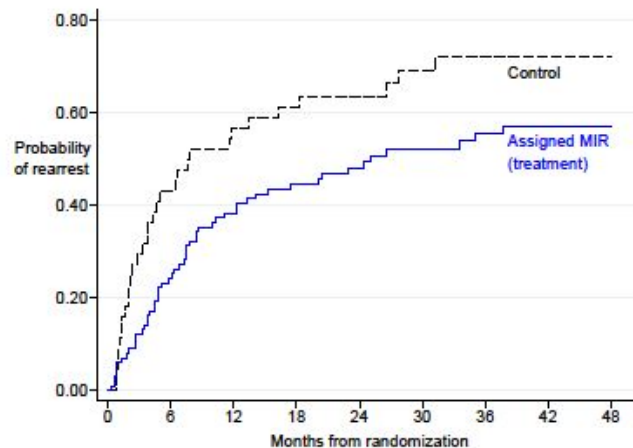
Criminal Justice System Partners & Linkages



San Francisco City + County

- Evaluation of Make-it-Right, juvenile restorative justice diversion program
- The impact of *In Re Humphrey* in SF
- The impact of felony diversion on criminal justice, health & housing outcomes
- Validation of the Public Safety Assessment
- Pretrial electronic monitoring
- The effect of redeploying to foot patrols on crime
- High utilization of criminal legal and urgent and emergent health services

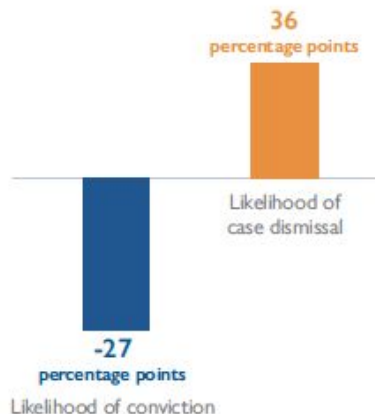
FIGURE 2. Probability of rearrest in the four years following the offer to participate in Make-it-Right



Santa Clara County

- Evaluation of the Narcotics Public Safety Plan
- Impact of the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Pre-Arrest Representation and Review (PARR) pilot

FIGURE 3. PARR Participants had a 27 percentage point lower likelihood of being convicted and a 36 percentage point higher likelihood of having their case dismissed



JUSTICE

California defendants are more likely to go free when they meet lawyers early

BY NIGEL DUARA
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Pretrial policy in California

- Current study analyzing county trends in pretrial detention before and after the *Humphrey* decision and the COVID-19 pandemic and implications for case processing
- The recent *Kowalczyk* decision might catalyze more change
 - Bail must generally be set at an amount that is "reasonably attainable" for the defendant.
 - Setting bail at an amount known to be insurmountable or objectively unachievable violates the defendant's constitutional right to release.
 - Even if a judge finds that no nonfinancial conditions are sufficient, they may only order detention if the defendant is charged with one of the specific crimes in Section 12 (such as violent felonies, sexual assault, or threats of great bodily harm)
- Counties continue to amend their bail schedules (recent changes in Los Angeles, Riverside, Contra Costa)

Learning from these policy changes gives us insight into whether and how counties can safely reduce jail populations and increase pretrial release rates.



Thank you!

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