

Los Angeles County Probation Department

Special Enforcement Operations (SEO) Overview

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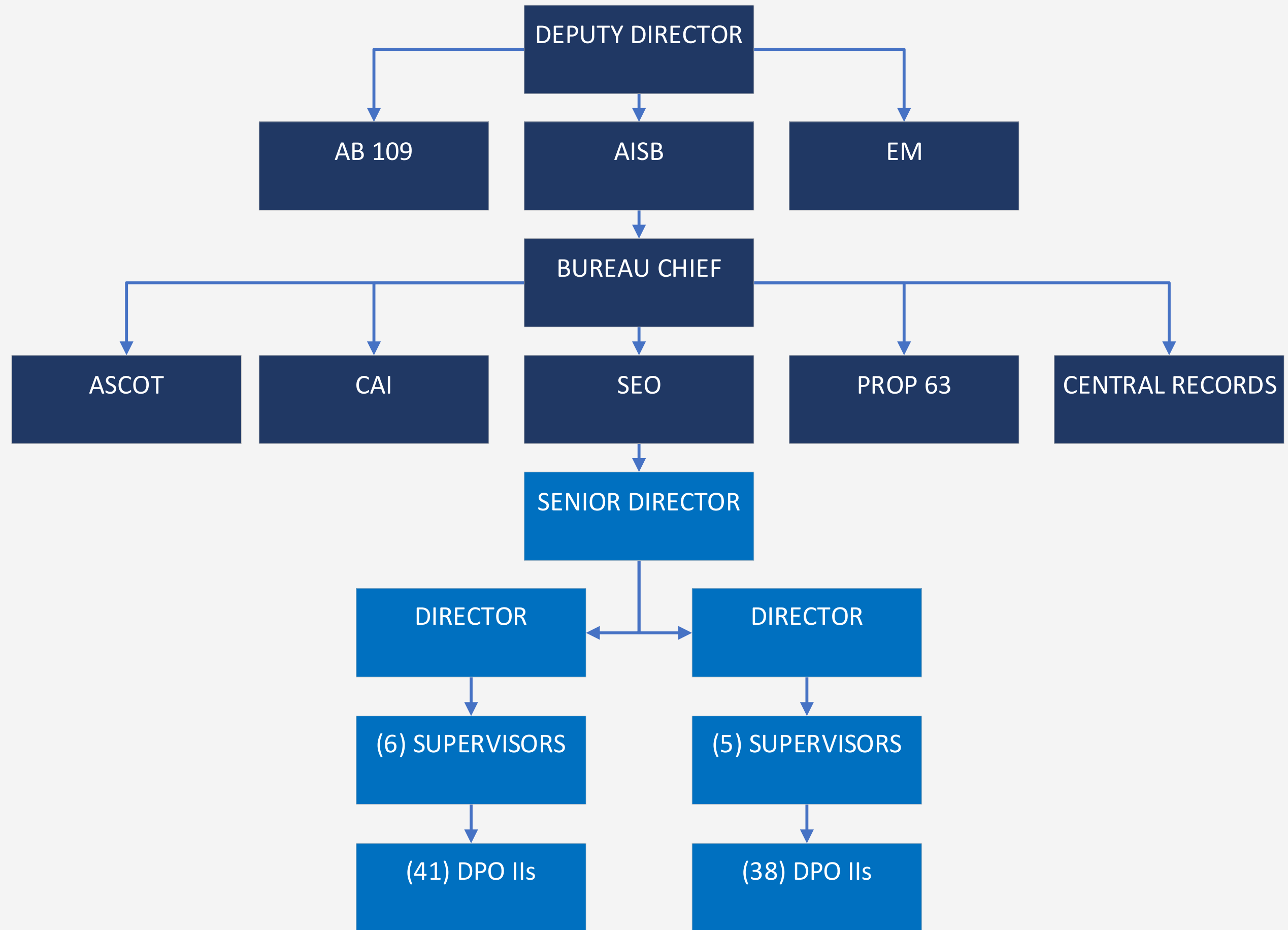
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

HISTORY & OVERVIEW

- March 16, 1999: The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Chief Probation Officer's recommendation for a pilot program to arm six (6) Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs).
- April 19, 1999: The Chief Probation Officer revised the number of armed DPOs in the pilot program from six (6) to nine (9), with the understanding that consideration would be given for expansion to DPOs currently assigned to multi-agency partnership, specialized suppression programs and to DPOs assigned to any newly created suppression program units.
- February 22, 2000: As authorized by the Board, the Department implemented the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) program. Development of this program required further expansion of the armed positions to 15 DPOs. The DISARM teams are charged with conducting compliance checks on high-level and/or high-risk probationers throughout the County of Los Angeles.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

ORGANIZATION CHART



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY (CLEAR)

CLEAR launched in November 1996 as part of President Clinton's Anti-Gang initiative and funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the U.S. Department of Justice. The primary purpose of the program is to decrease gang activity of targeted gangs in designated communities throughout Los Angeles. The CLEAR core agencies are four (4) departments that form the basic CLEAR collaborative which are the following:

- Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
- Los Angeles County Probation Department (LACPD)
- Los Angeles City Attorney's Office (CA)
- Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (DA)

CLEAR facilitates the recovery of communities in Los Angeles City that are dealing with significant gang issues, by an infusion of coordinated resources into targeted areas of high gang crime in order to decrease gang violence and promote community recovery. Duties consist of assisting law enforcement officers in their efforts to decrease criminal activity within the geographical area of the LAPD Division.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

Duties are also specific to individuals who have been ordered to probation supervision by the courts and reside and/or visit within the Division's geographical boundaries. These activities are done in coordination with the District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Community Stakeholders and LAPD.

Staffing:



1 Supervisor
8 DPO IIs

CLEAR CONT.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

DEVELOPING INCREASED SAFETY THROUGH ARMS RECOVERY (DISARM)

DISARM was established to reduce illegal weapons possession by probationers. The program targets high-risk probationers with supervision conditions, prohibiting weapons possession and allowing warrantless search and seizures. The DISARM Unit ensures compliance with court ordered conditions of probation, thereby reducing firearms and miscellaneous weapons in the community.

Staffing:



2 Supervisors

15 DPO IIs

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

AB 109 ARMED

AB 109 Armed works collaboratively with other law enforcement agencies, as well as with the Department's armed units, to perform an array of community safety tasks. AB 109 armed deputies have been actively involved with the suppression and monitoring of the Department's AB 109 clientele since the Public Safety Realignment in 2011. Their job function is similar to that of DISARM, with a focus specifically on Post-Released Supervised Persons (PSPs).

Staffing:



5 Supervisors
38 DPO IIs

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

PROPOSITION 63 ARMED (PROP 63)

The Prop 63-Armed Unit of Probation ensures community safety by targeting and focusing probationers who have been prohibited from possessing firearms. The Prop 63-Armed Unit is designed to keep guns and ammunition out of the hands of violent and mentally ill offenders. Proposition 63, also known as “The Safety For all Act” initiative, took effect in January 2018 by strengthening background checks. The Probation Department conducts investigations, reporting, and follow-through measures to inform the court if a defendant may illegally own a firearm. Probation’s investigation informs the court if a person owns or has surrendered firearms to law enforcement, sold firearms to a licensed dealer, or transferred firearms to a dealer. The follow-through are the compliance checks conducted by the Prop 63- Armed Unit.

Staffing:

- 1 Supervisor
- 10 DPO IIs

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

TASK FORCES

SEO is staffed in the following collaborative task forces:

FBI – Los Angeles Metropolitan Task Force/Violent Gangs – The Task Force targets violent gangs and its members, conducts surveillance, with the intent of reducing homicides and narcotic sales in targeted areas.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Santa Clarita/COBRA Team (Career Offender Burglary Robbery Assault Team) – The team targets those individuals with a history of property crime and assault related convictions. The team conducts sweeps, compliance checks and suppression on those probationers with burglary, robbery and assault related convictions who reside in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Task Force for Regional Auto-theft Prevention (TRAP) – The team targets, investigates, and prosecutes individuals involved in vehicle theft, particularly those professional thieves who organize, direct, finance and otherwise engage in commercial vehicle theft for profit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

TASK FORCES CONT.

United States Marshals Service Regional Task Force – The task force investigates and arrests, as part of joint law enforcement operations, persons who have active state and federal warrants for their arrest. The intent of the joint effort is to investigate and apprehend local, state and federal fugitives, thereby improving public safety and reducing violent crime.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)/Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force (LARHTTF) – The objective to the team is to identify forms of human trafficking, including the trafficking of adults and minors for sex or labor exploitation. Focus on bringing those individuals and organizations responsible to justice, address the individualized needs of these victims through a victim-centered, comprehensive approach that includes extensive wrap-around services, and inform and mobilize the citizens of Los Angeles County by raising public awareness and outreach on this critical issue.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

CANINE DETECTION TEAM

On November 14, 2017, three (3) DPOs and a SDPO attended an 80-hour basic K9 handler and detection course. Upon completion of the course, officers obtained State level certification under Peace Officers Standards & Training (POST). Once certified, the K9 and their handlers began working alongside of the Department's armed deputies conducting Probation enforcement operations. The K9 unit has since had success in locating illegal narcotics, firearms and electronic devices, which has resulted in the arrest of probationers who were not in compliance with their conditions of Probation.

Since the inception of the program, the CDT has expanded to a total of six (6) K9s. The teams have obtained, not only State level certifications, but now have obtained national certification under National Police Canine Association (NPCA). The handlers and their K9 partners work and train diligently daily to ensure they are always prepared to assist the Department and partner agencies.

Staffing:



1 Supervisor

5 DPO IIs


6 K9s (3-Firearm, 2-Narcotic, 1-Electronic)

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

FIREARM TRAINING PROGRAM (RANGE)

In 2013, the Los Angeles County Probation Department developed a firearm training program. This program was developed to ensure adequate training was provided to all armed Probation Officers within the Department. Training incorporates, but is not limited to, shooting in low light conditions, marksmanship, shooting on the move, and shotgun training. Each armed deputy is required to pass a quarterly qualification shooting test which is certified by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). Each armed Probation Officer is required to attend monthly firearm training. Currently the Firearm Training Program, as well as the Los Angeles County Probation Department, has two (2) certified Range Masters along with two (2) Range Safety Officers (RSOs) to administer and provide oversight over the Firearm Training Program.

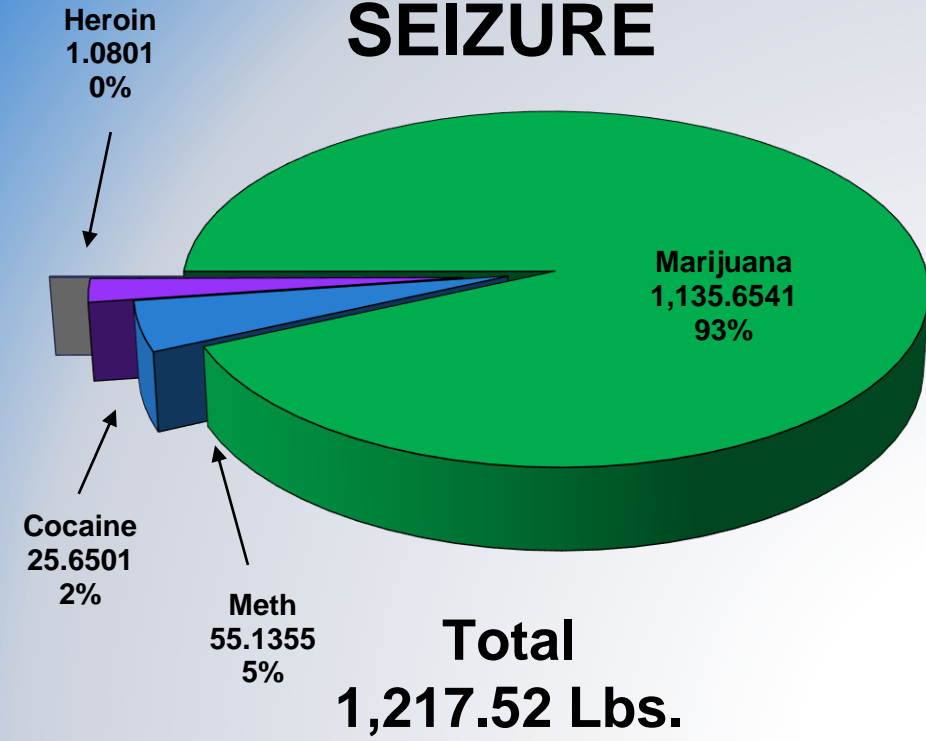
Staffing:

-  1 Supervisor
- 3 DPO IIs

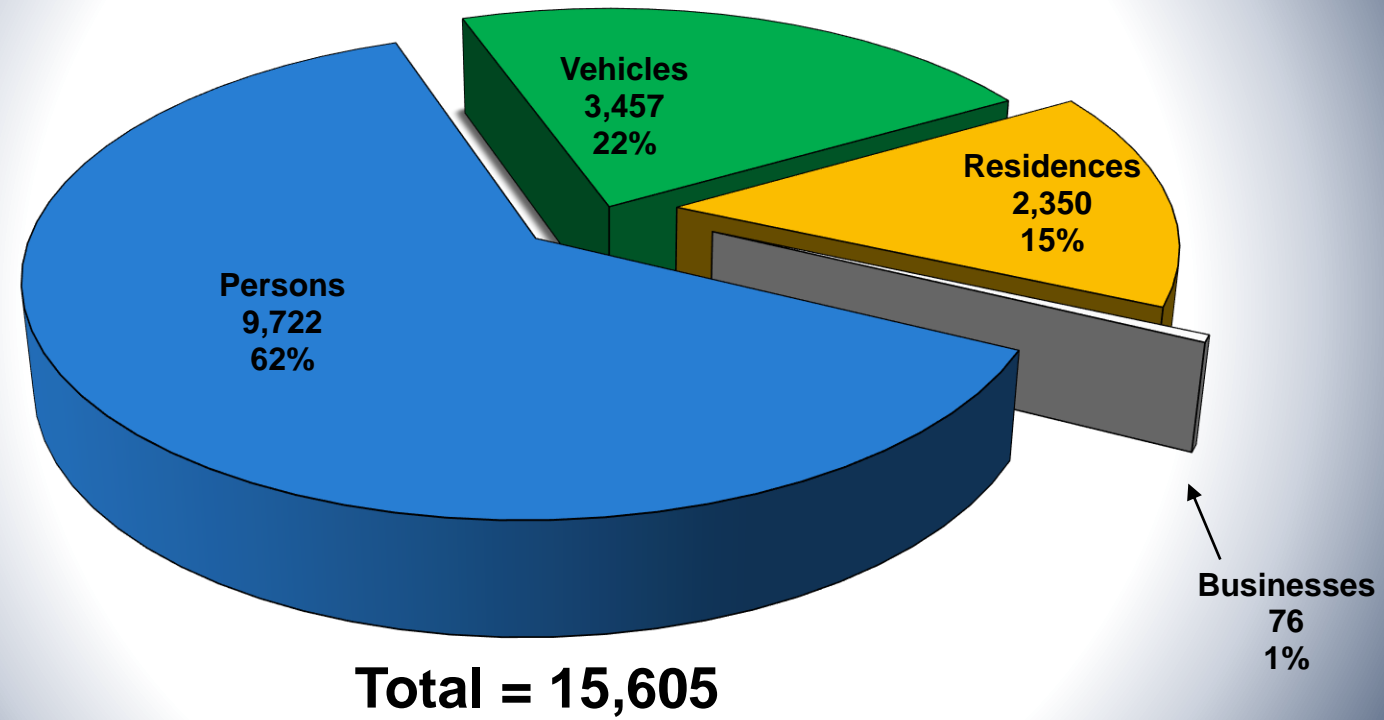


SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS (SEO) January 2021 – March 2022

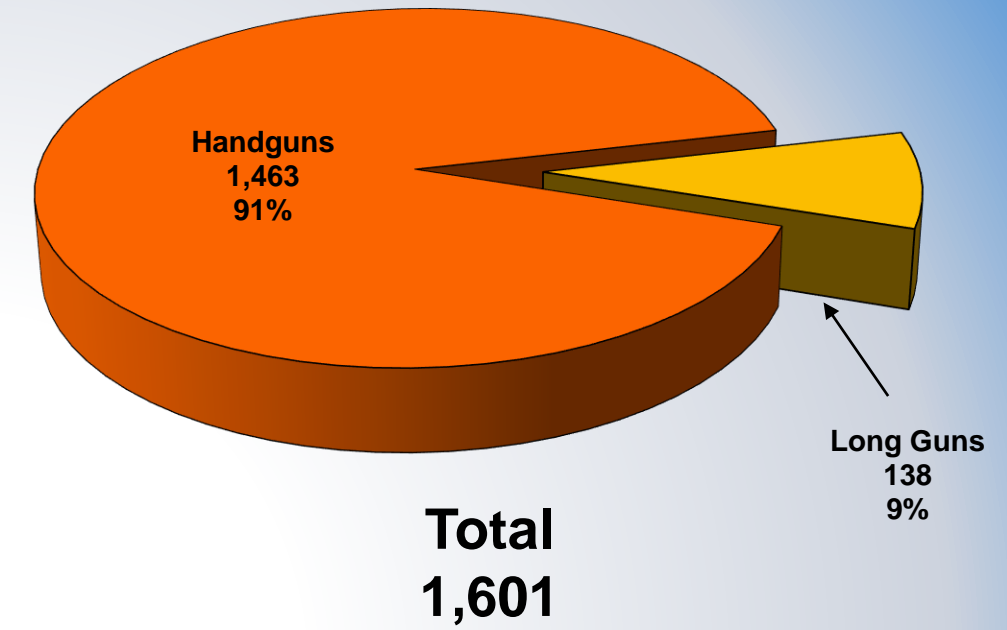
DRUG SEIZURE



SEARCHES

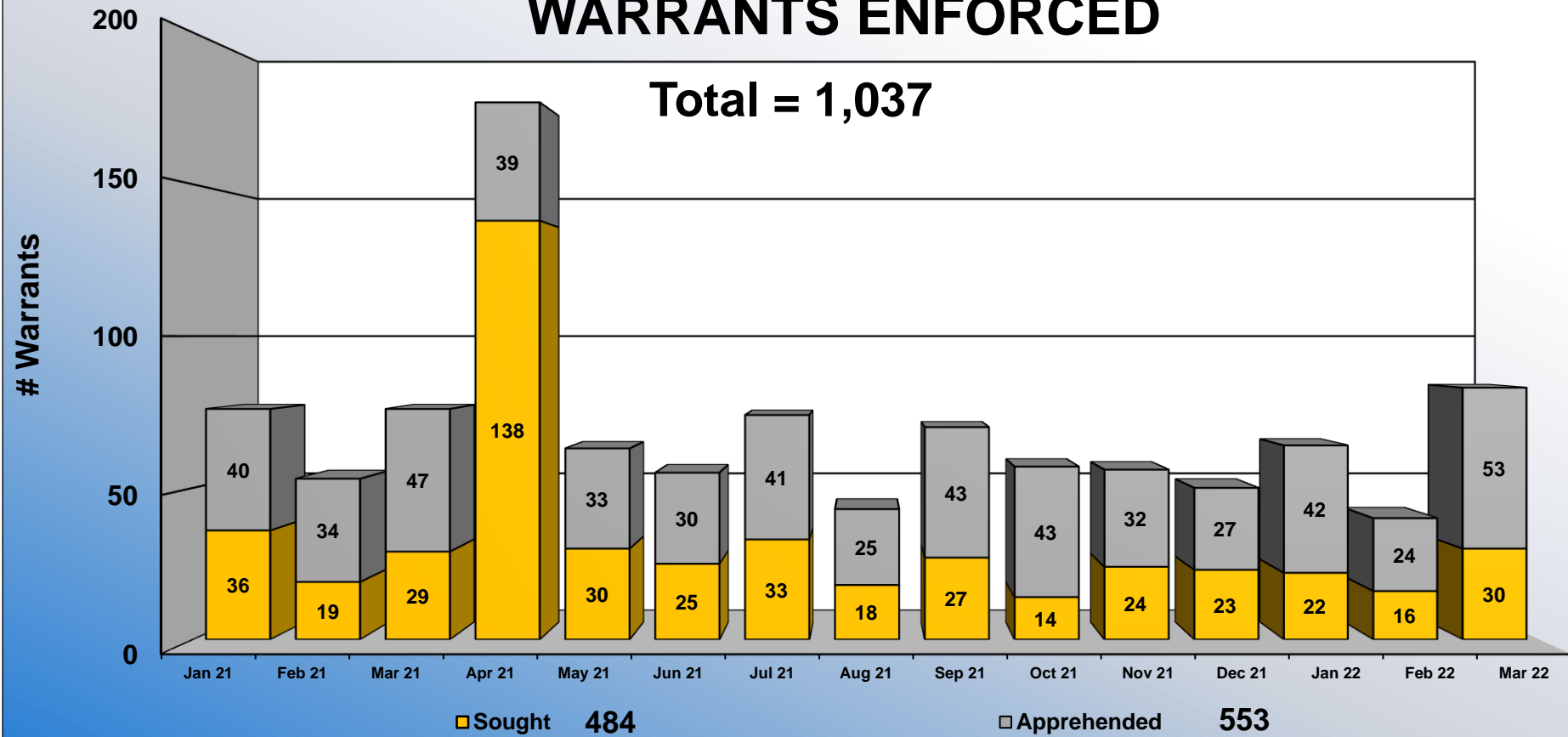


FIREARMS SEIZURE



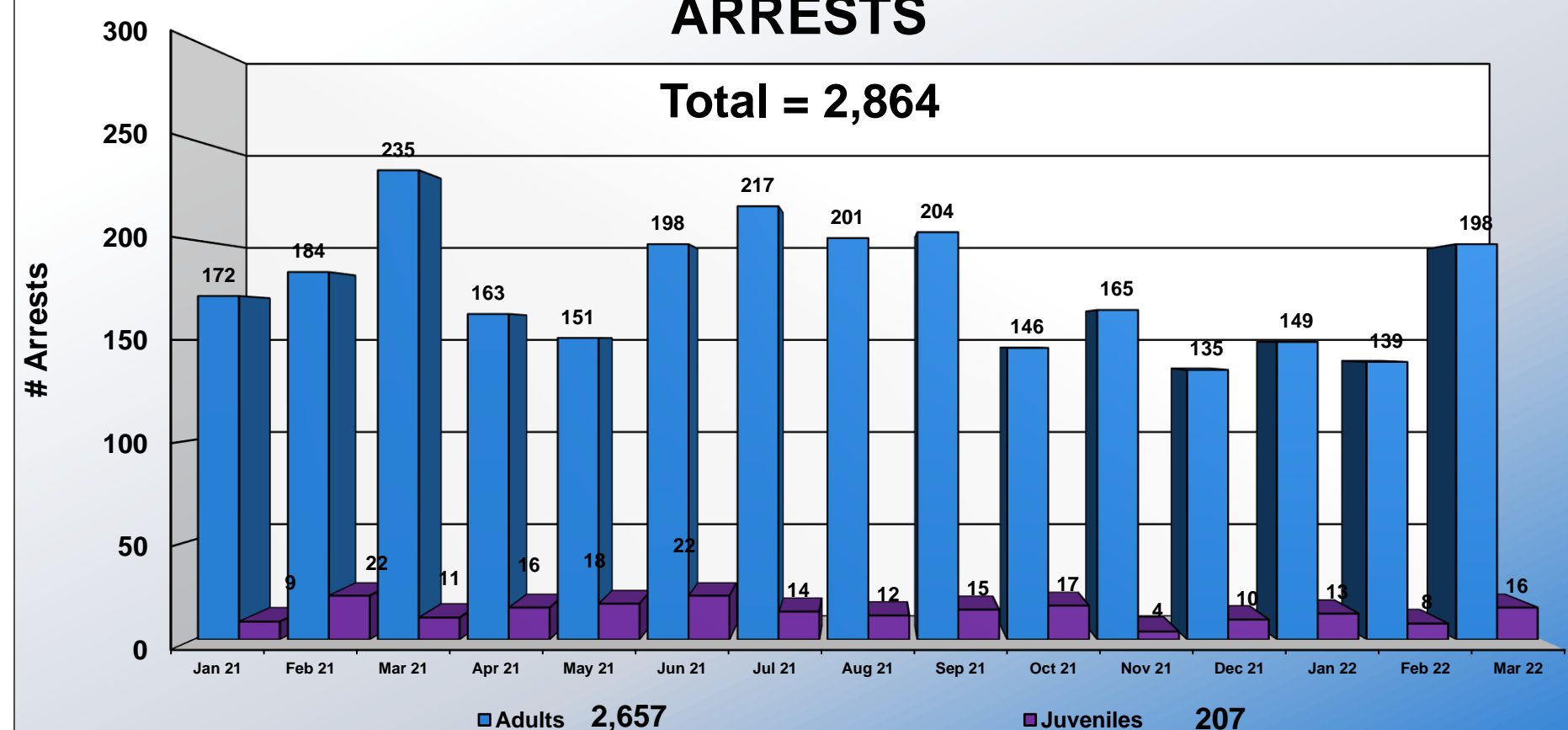
WARRANTS ENFORCED

Total = 1,037



ARRESTS

Total = 2,864



* April 2020 – February 2022: SEO was tasked with conducting field contacts for AB 109 and Adult CORE

QUESTIONS?



Los Angeles County Probation Department

Rebuilding Lives and Providing for Healthier and Safer Communities

AB 109 OVERVIEW

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PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT

OVERVIEW & HISTORY

Legislative Overview & History

- AB 109/117 was implemented on October 1, 2011
- Implemented in response to court order to reduce State prison populations by May 2013
- Population: Non-Violent, Non-Serious, Non-High-Risk Sex Offenders (N3s) Controlling Offense
- Shifted N3 custody responsibility to local jails
- New Supervision Types: **Postrelease Community Supervision & Mandatory Supervision**
- Requires that the county supervision strategy be consistent with *evidence-based practices* known to reduce recidivism (PC 3450)

PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT

APPLICABLE PENAL CODES

Custody

- PC 1170(h)
- PC 3000.08
- PC 3454
- PC 3455

Revocation

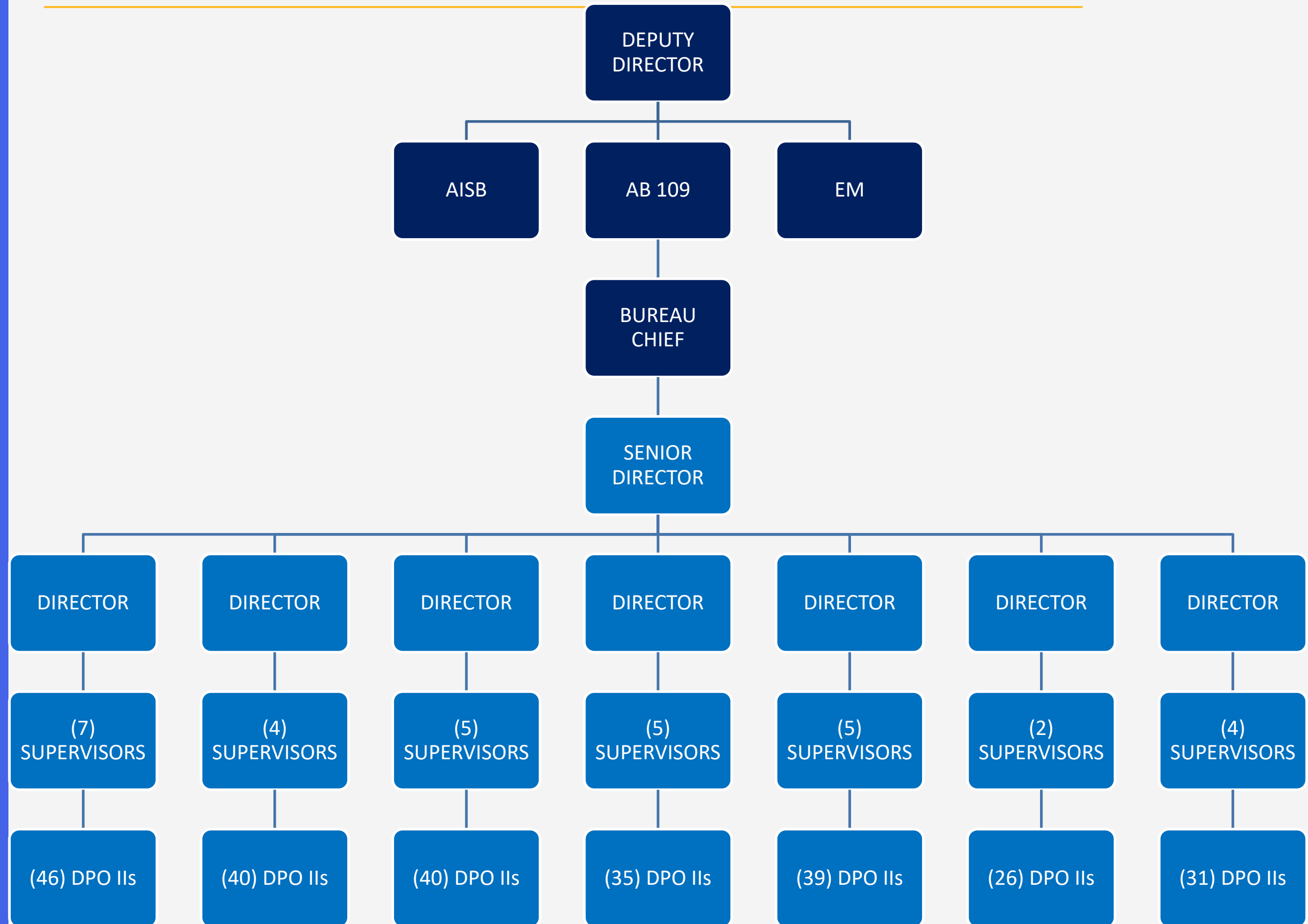
- PC 3000.08
- PC 3455
- PC 1203.2

Supervision

- **PC 3450**...Postrelease Community Supervision Act of 2011.
- **PC 3451(a)**...be subject to community supervision provided by the probation department of the county to which the person is being released, which is consistent with evidence-based practices, including, but not limited to, supervision policies, procedures, programs, and practices...
- **PC 3451(c)(1)**...implemented by the county probation department according to a postrelease strategy...

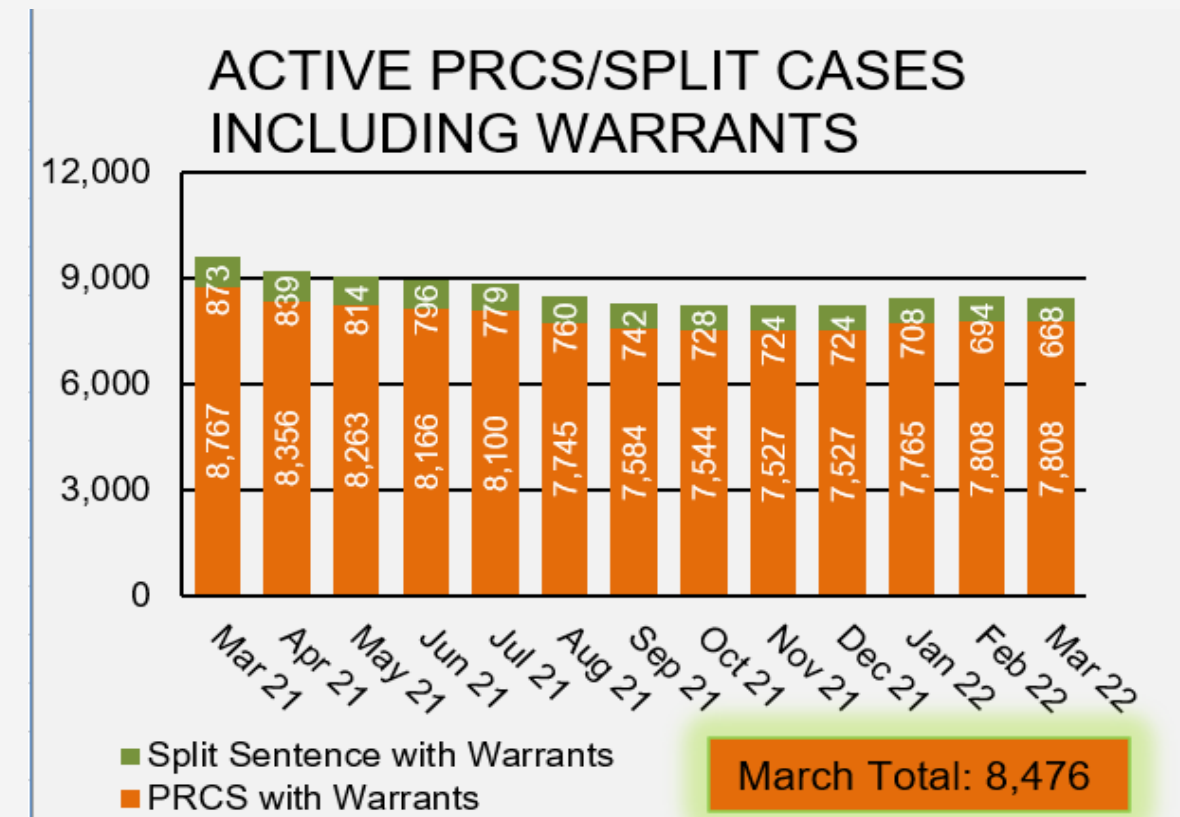
AB 109

ORGANIZATION CHART

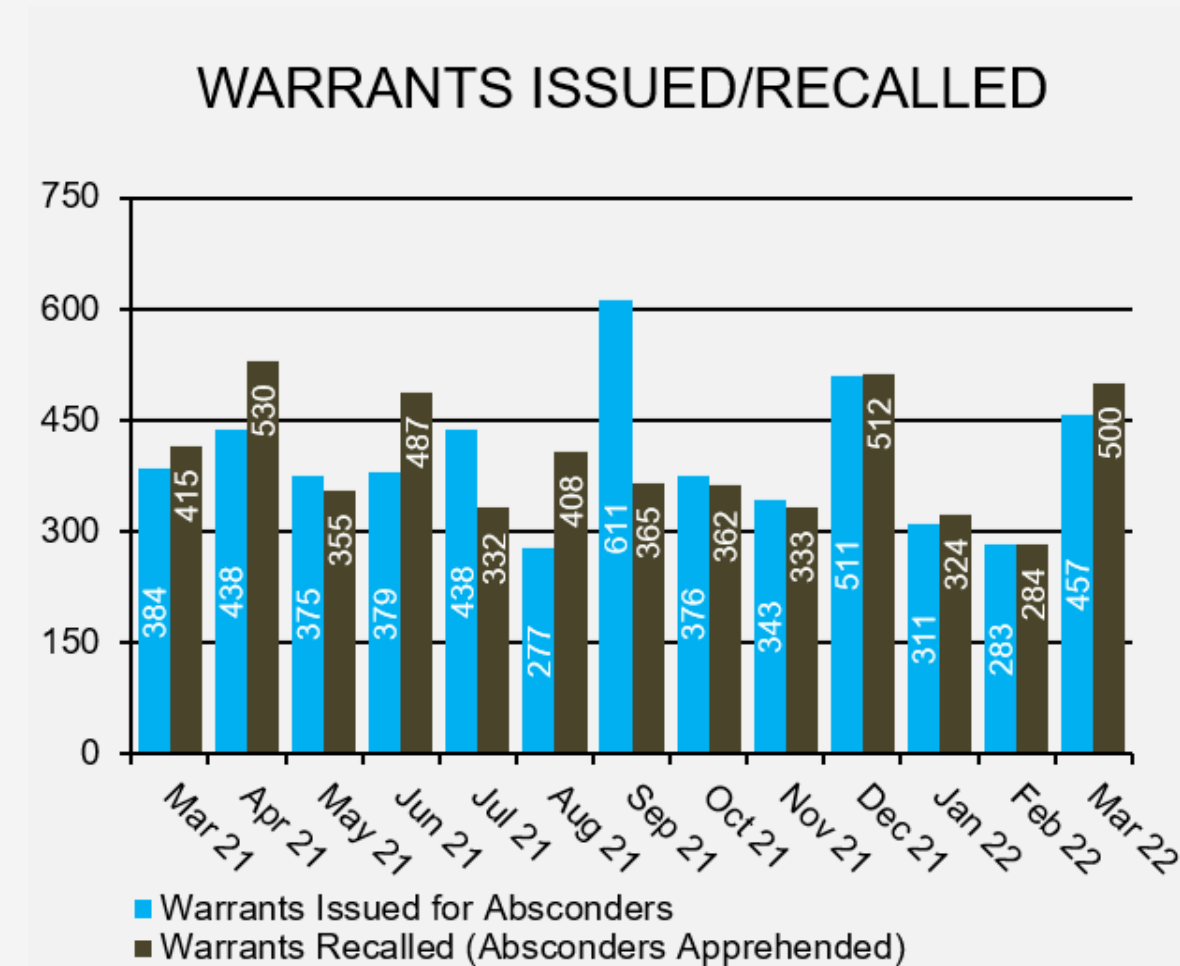


PROGRAM STATISTICS

PRCS Cases Population	Total
Active PRCS (March 31, 2022)	4,902
Active Warrants (March 31, 2022)	2,906
Termination, Successful	30,214
Termination, 12+ months/Other	22,735
Deportation	2,032
TOTAL:	62,789



Split Sentence Cases Population (Since Inception)	Total
Active Split Sentence (March 31, 2022)	471
Active Warrants (March 31, 2022)	197
Closed from Supervision	5,070
Terminated Prior to Custodial Release	162
Serving Custodial Portion	29
TOTAL:	5,929

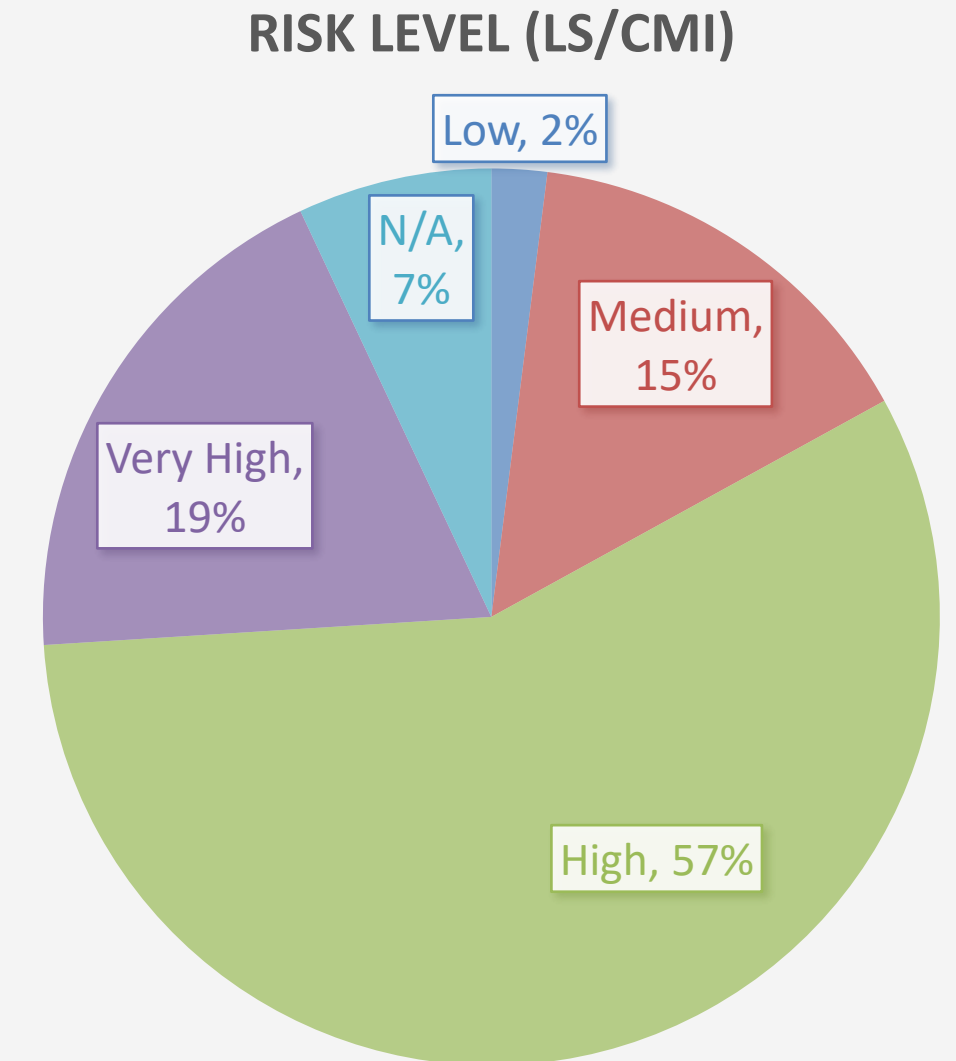
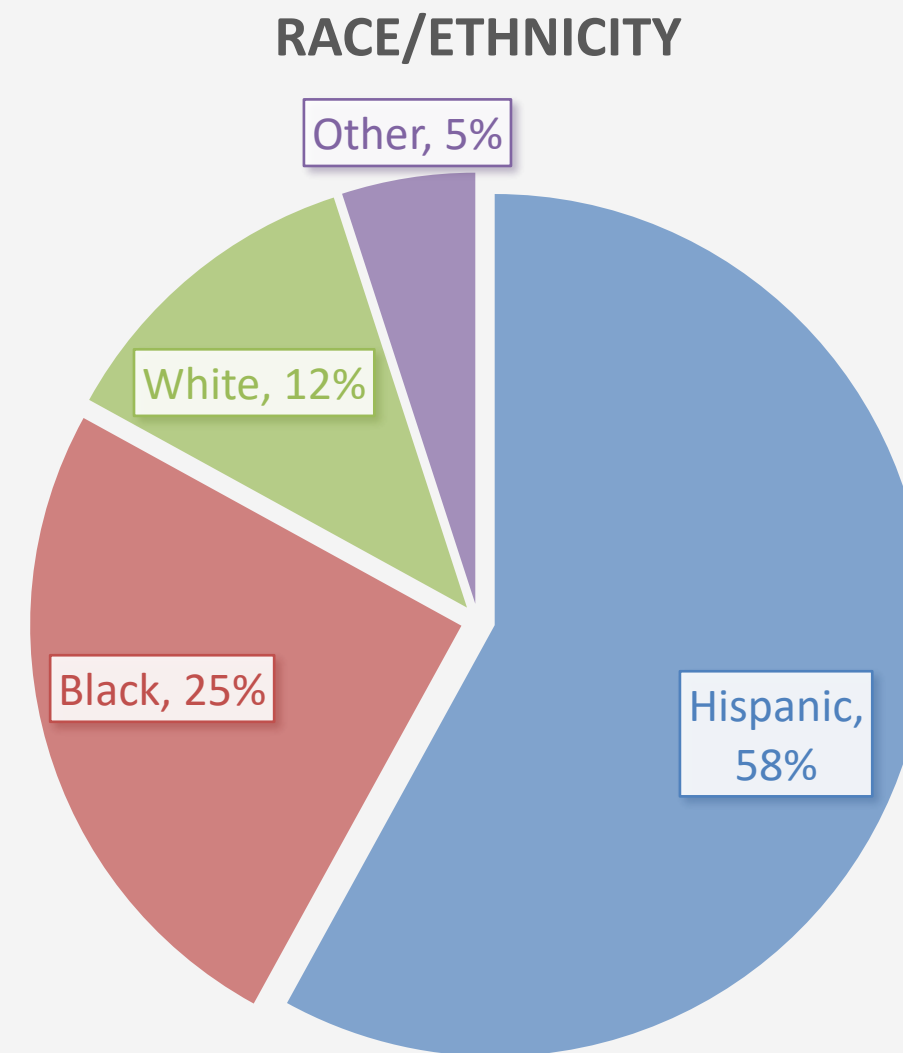


CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

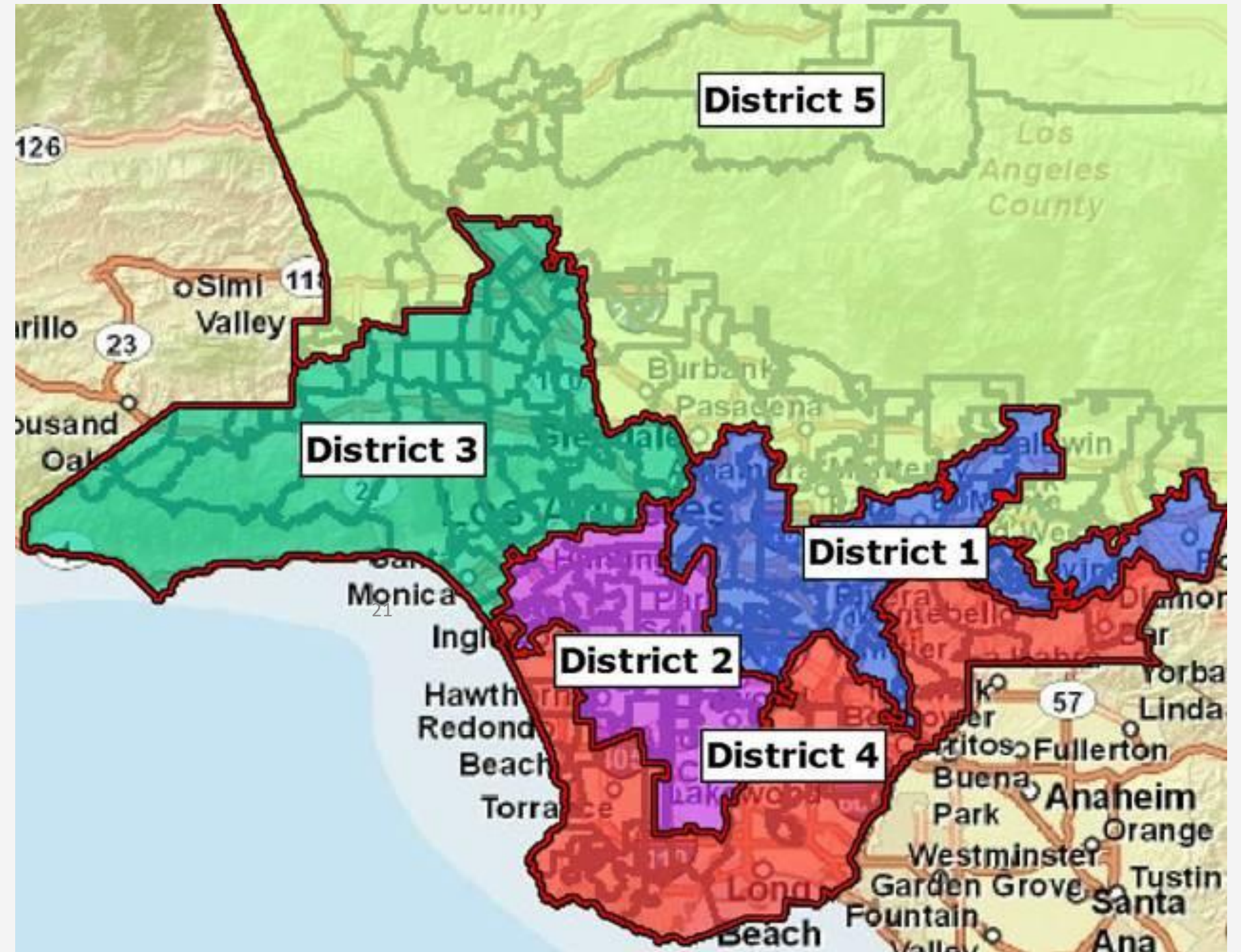
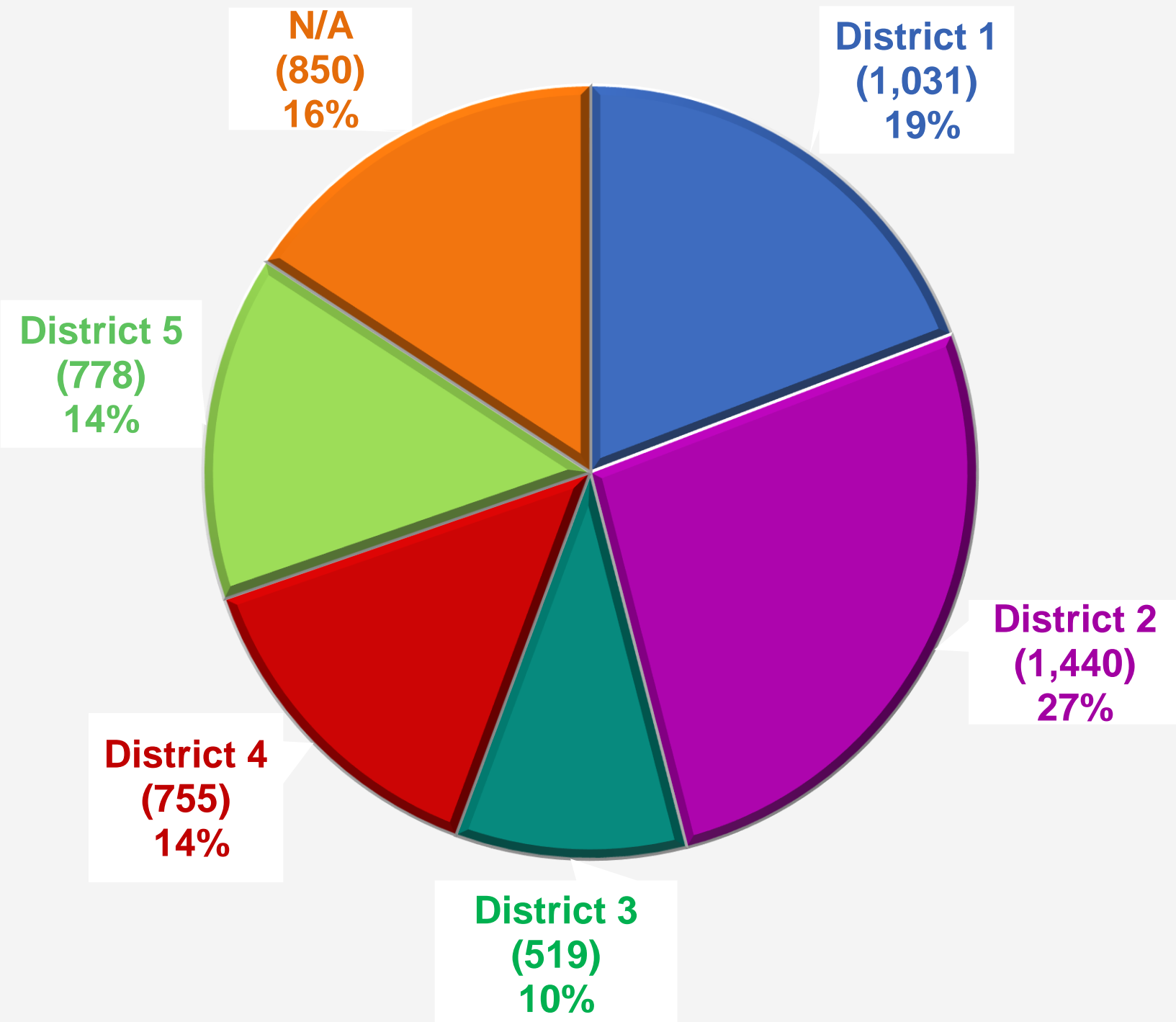
As of March 31, 2022

Status	Number
PRCS (Active)	4,902
Split Sentence (Active)	471
Warrant	3,103
TOTAL:	8,476

Age	Percent
18-25	8%
26-40	60%
41-55	25%
56+	7%



Population by Supervisorial District March 2022

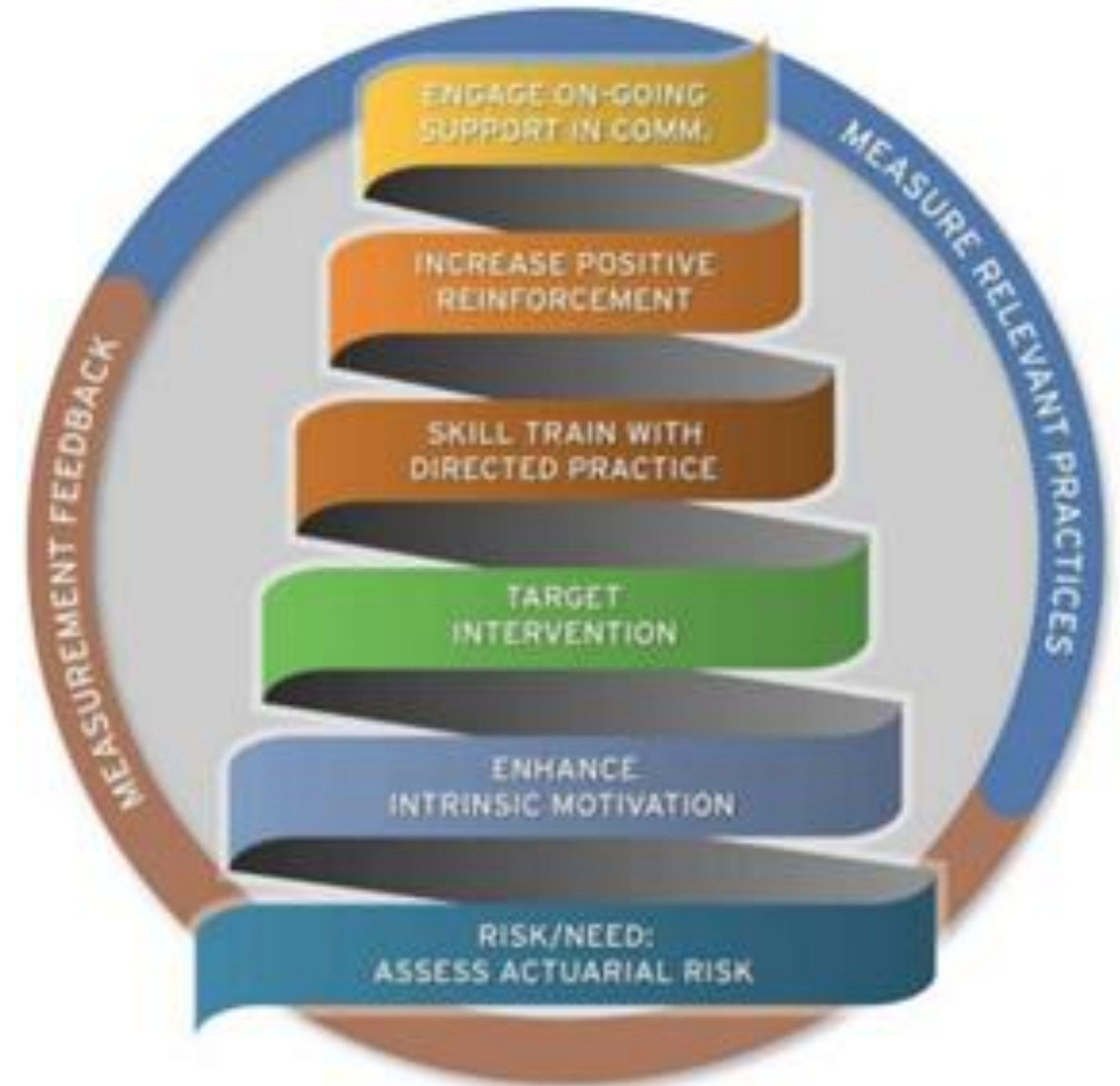


Population excludes warrant status

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MODEL

EIGHT PRINCIPLES TO EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS

1. Assess Actuarial Risk/Needs
2. Enhance Intrinsic Motivation
3. Target Interventions (*Risk-Need-Responsivity*)
4. Skill Train with Directed Practice
5. Increase Positive Reinforcement
6. Engage Ongoing Support in Natural Communities
7. Measure Relevant Processes/ Practices
8. Provide Measurement Feedback



AB 109 FUNDED SERVICES

Probation Department

- Comprehensive Service Contract (HR 360)
- Prison to Employment (P2E)
- Family Counseling (BL)
- Gang Intervention (RFP)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) (SOW/RFP)
- Sex Offender Treatment (SOW/RFP)

Other County Departments

- Mental Health Treatment (DMH)
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment (SAPC)

Probation Department (continued)

- Probation Fire Academy
- Custody Transition Unit: Jail In-Reach, START, CRRC
- Mobile Resource Center



AB 109 FUNDED SERVICES: COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE CONTRACT

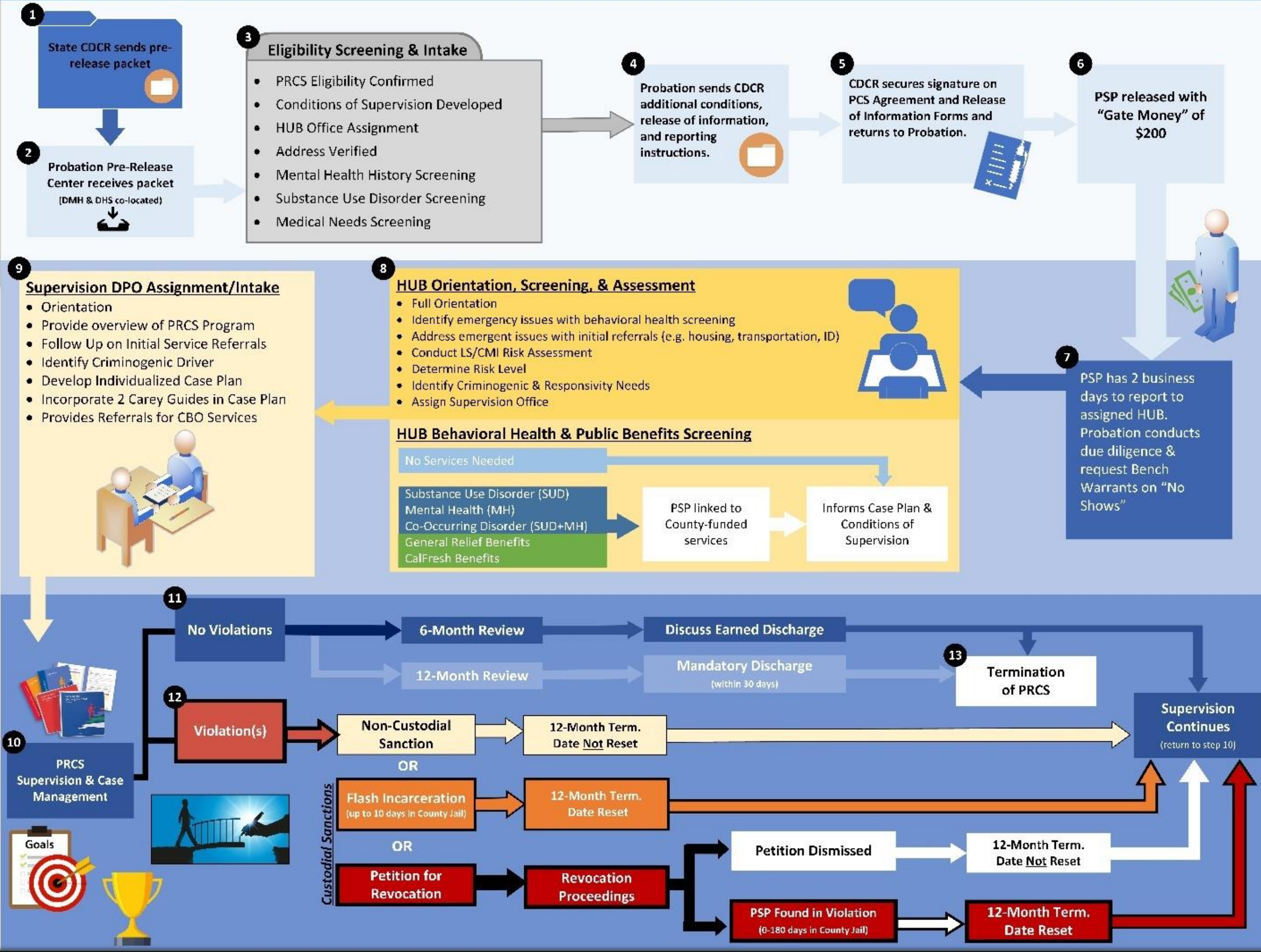
HealthRIGHT360 Services (Countywide)

- Systems Navigation
- Employment Services
- Housing
 - Transitional
 - Sober Living
 - Medical

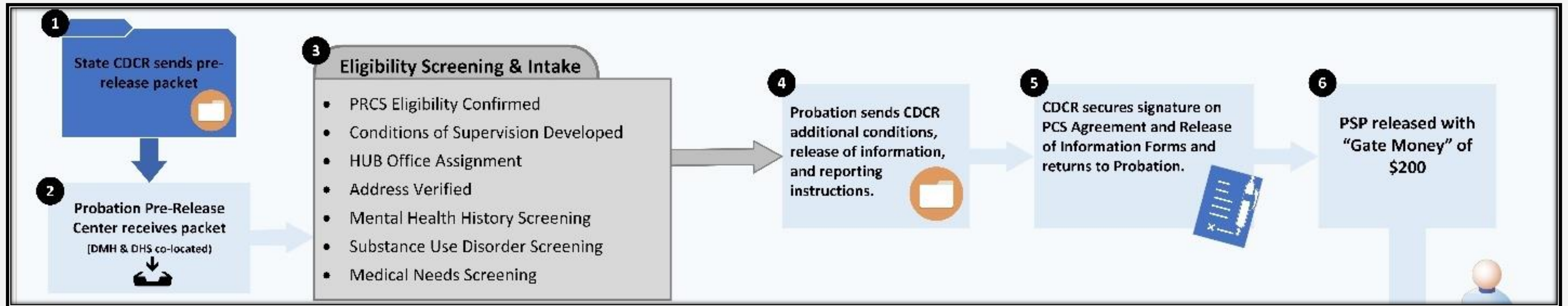
Number of Clients Served March 2022: **445**

Supervisory District	Housing Capacity
District 1	95
District 2	286
District 3	45
District 4	47
District 5	42
TOTAL	515

POSTRELEASE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (PRCS)



PRE-RELEASE

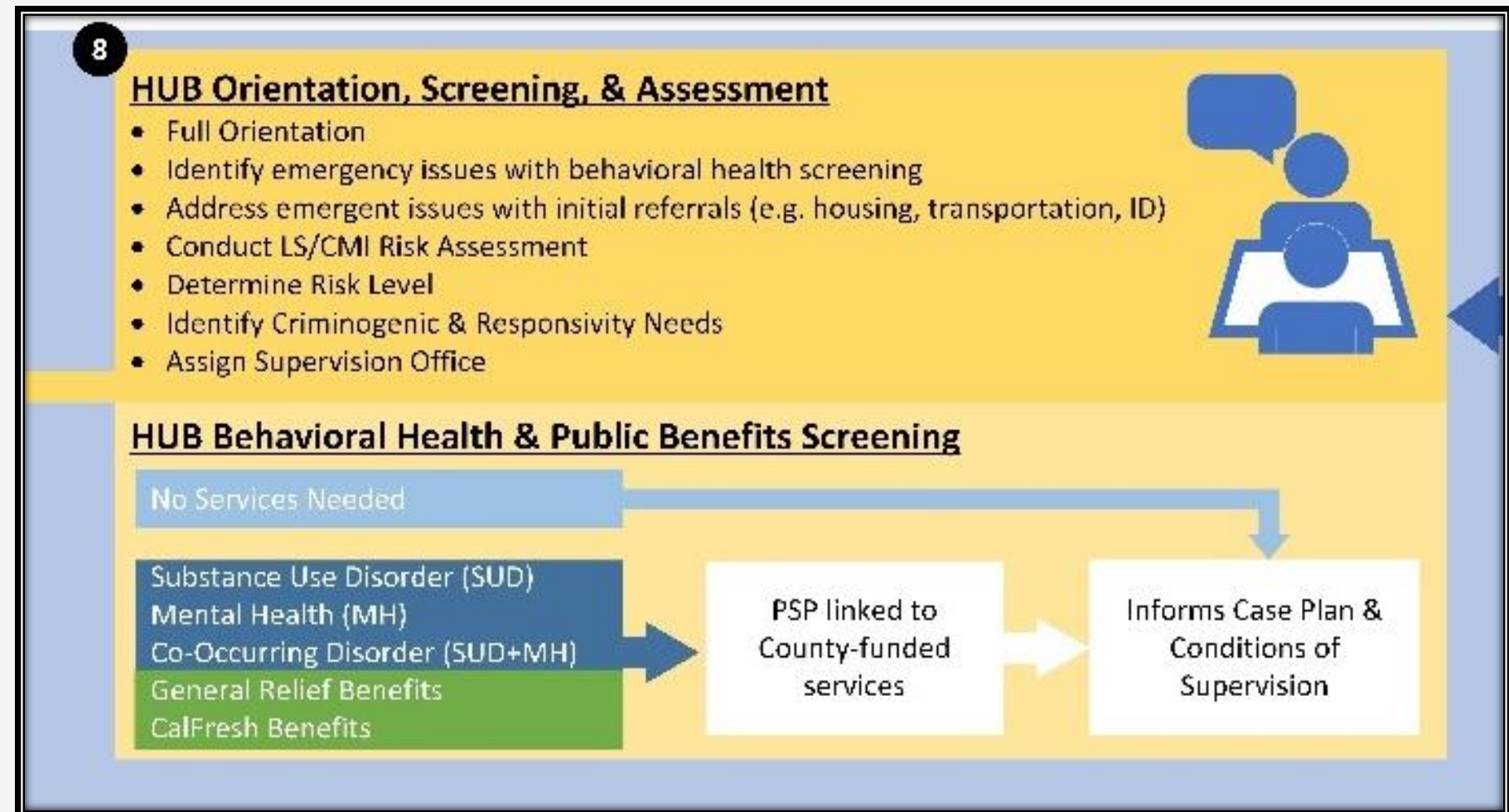


- Receipt of pre-release packet CDCR
- Screening for eligibility
- Establish initial conditions of supervision
- Provide program expectations, conditions of supervision, and reporting instructions
- Receive and distribute inmate “gate funds”
- Identify potential service needs to assist the PSP in their transition into the community
 - Mental Health History Screening
 - Substance Use Disorder Screening
 - Medical Needs Screening

HUB: INTAKE & ORIENTATION

Antelope Valley HUB
Pomona Valley HUB
San Fernando Valley HUB
South Bay HUB
South Los Angeles HUB

- Full orientation
- Assign supervision office
- Provides reporting instructions
- Conduct risk/needs assessment
- Identify criminogenic needs



- Initial Referrals
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Use Disorder
 - System Navigation
 - Housing

SUPERVISION DPO ASSIGNMENT/INTAKE

Region 1: Pomona, Rio Hondo, San Gabriel Valley

Region 2: Centinela, East LA, Foothill

Region 3: Long Beach, South Bay

Region 4: South Los Angeles, West Los Angeles

Region 5: Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley

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Supervision DPO Assignment/Intake

- Orientation
- Provide overview of PRCS Program
- Follow Up on Initial Service Referrals
- Identify Criminogenic Driver
- Develop **Individualized Case Plan**
- Incorporate **2 Carey Guides in Case Plan**
- Provides Referrals for CBO Services



SUPERVISION & CASE MANAGEMENT

- Use of Motivational Interviewing Skills
- Auxiliary Fund Program
- Incentive Program
- Responding to Positive/Negative Behavior
- Referrals to CBOs as needs arise
- The Carey Guides



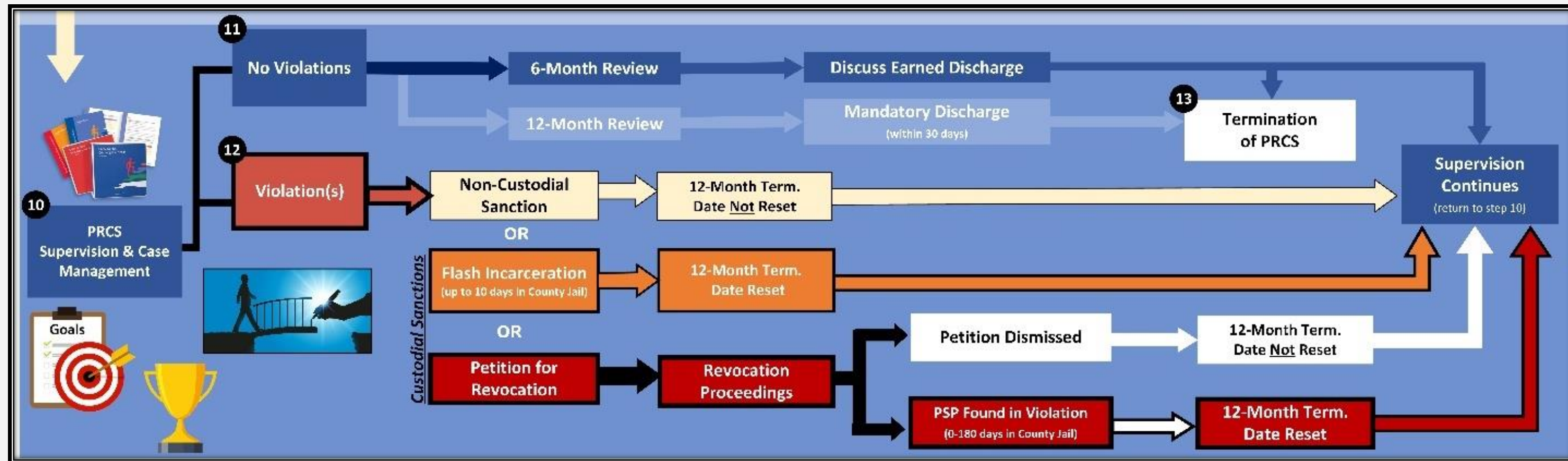
RESPONDING TO VIOLATIONS

NON-CUSTODIAL SANCTIONS

- Verbal Warning
- Increased Contacts
- Electronic Monitoring (GPS)

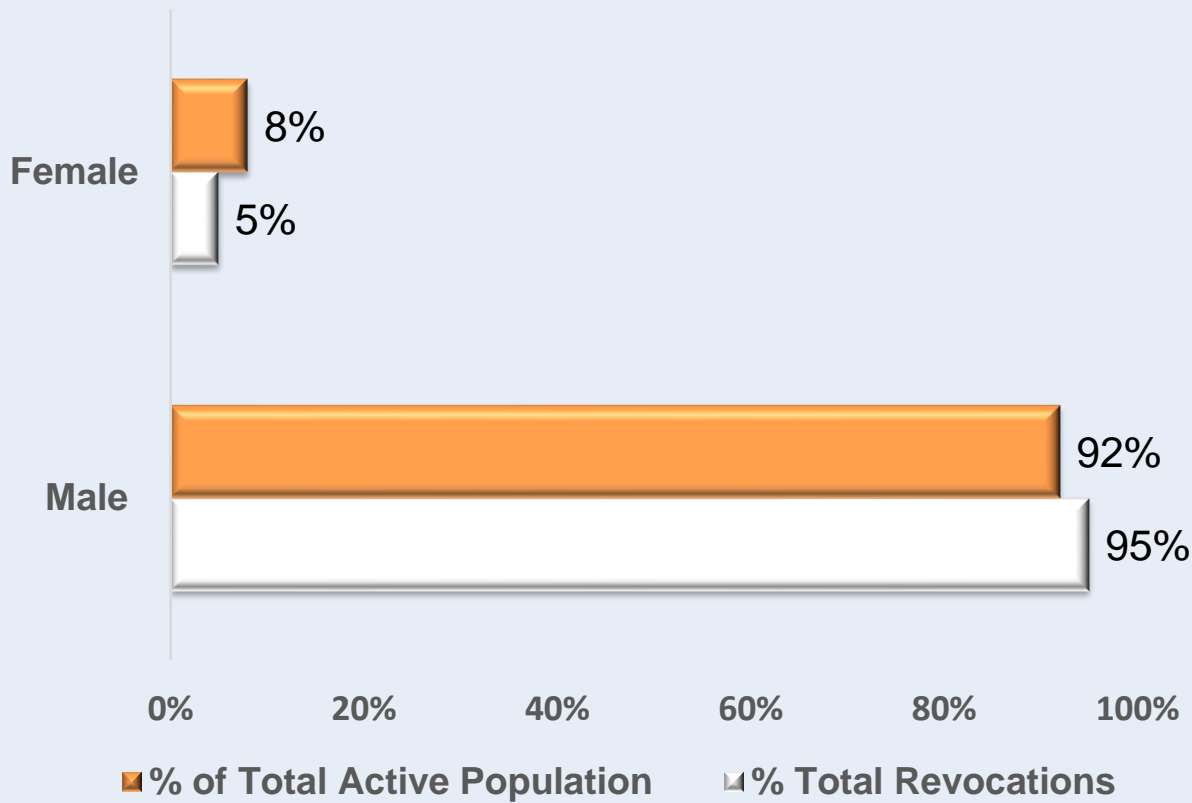
CUSTODIAL SANCTIONS

- Flash Incarceration (up to 10 days in County Jail)
- Revocation with up to 180 days in County Jail

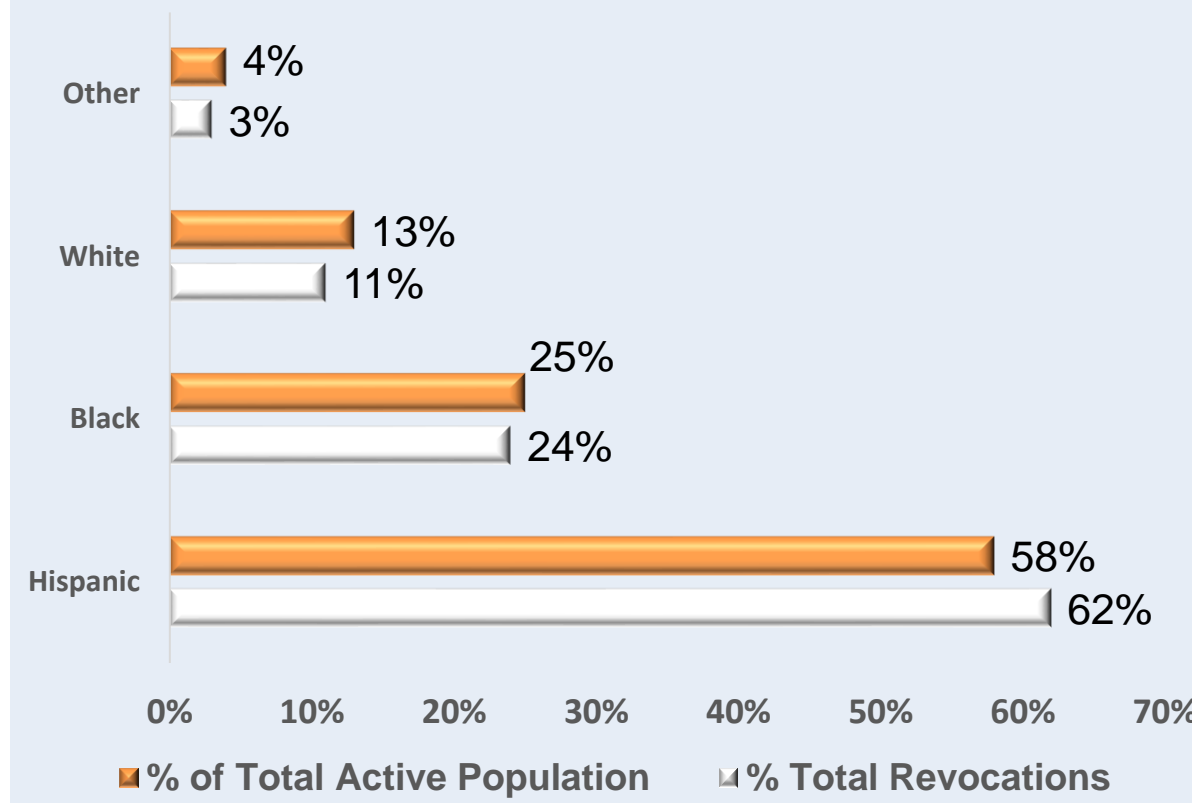


REVOCAATION STATISTICS: JAN 2021 – MAR 2022

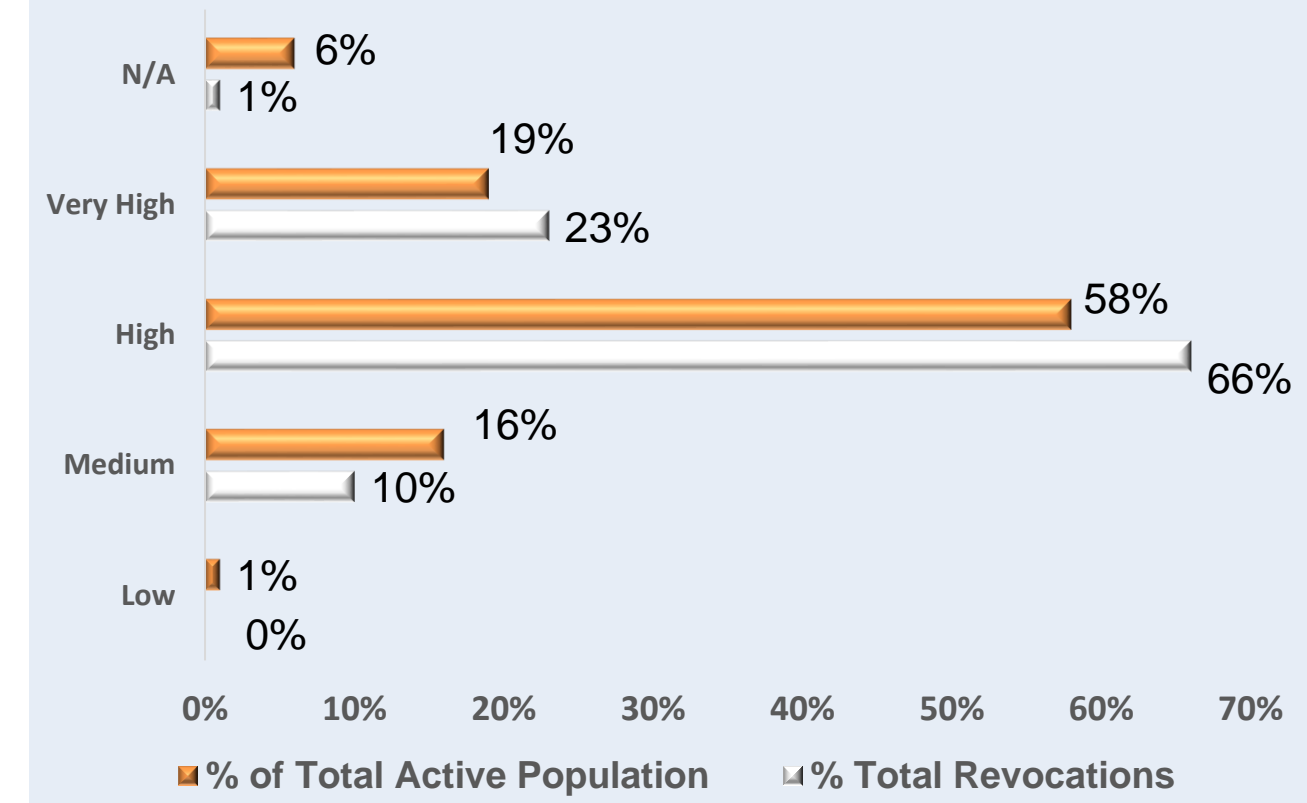
Revocations by Gender



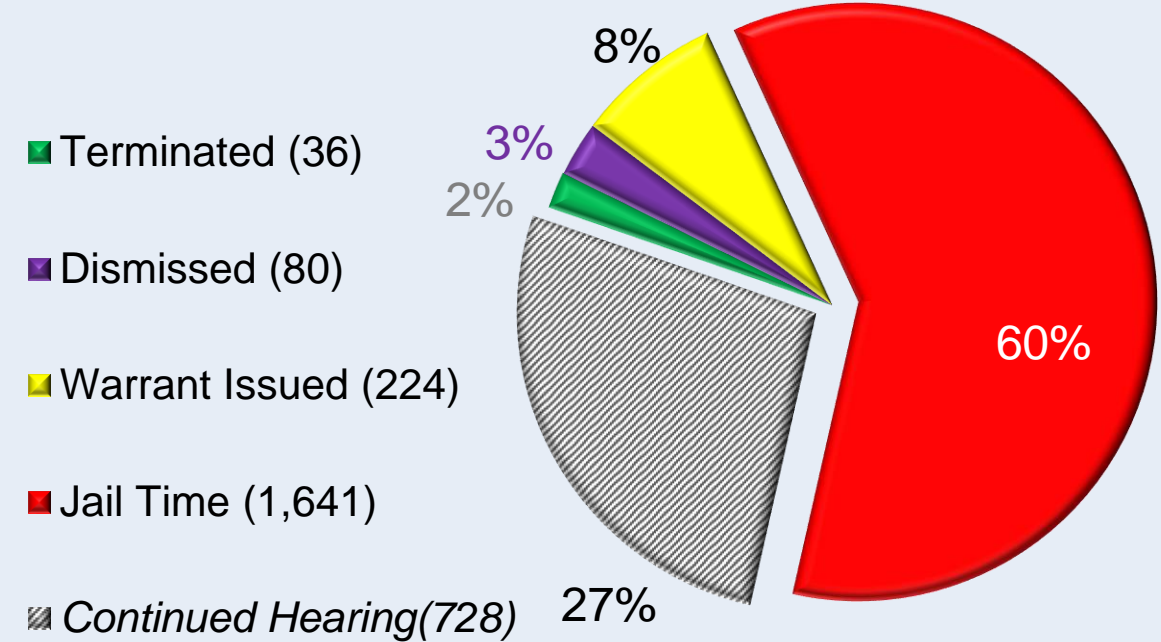
Revocations by Race



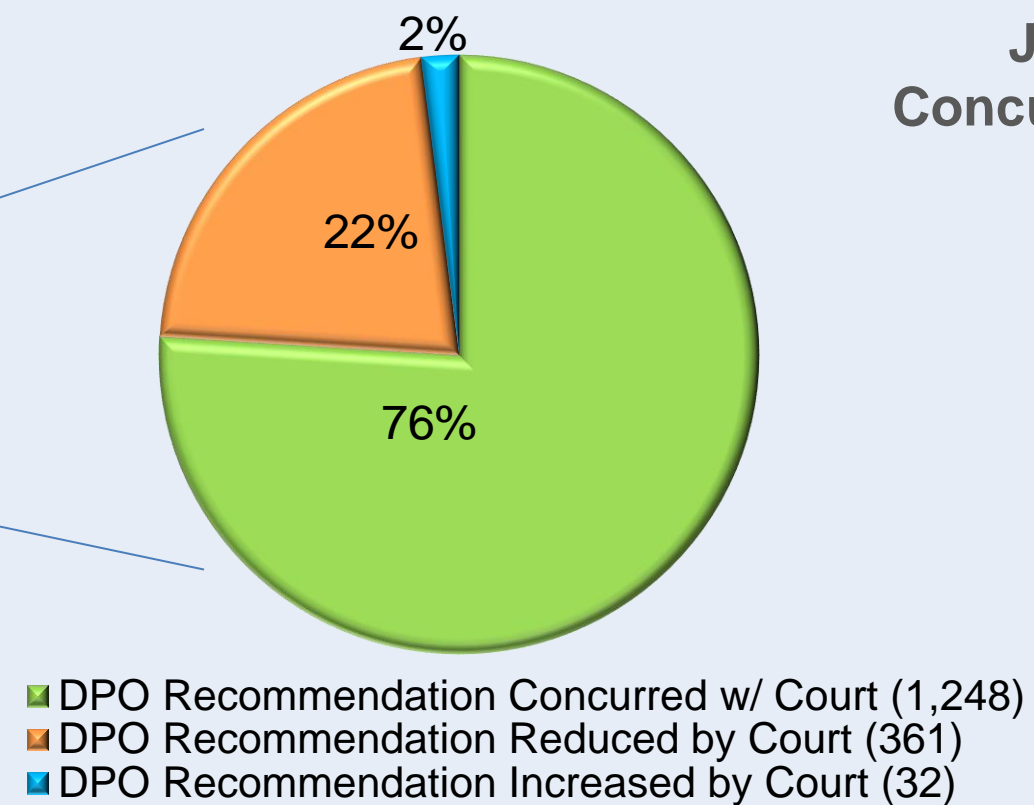
Revocations by LS/CMI Scores



Revocation Results



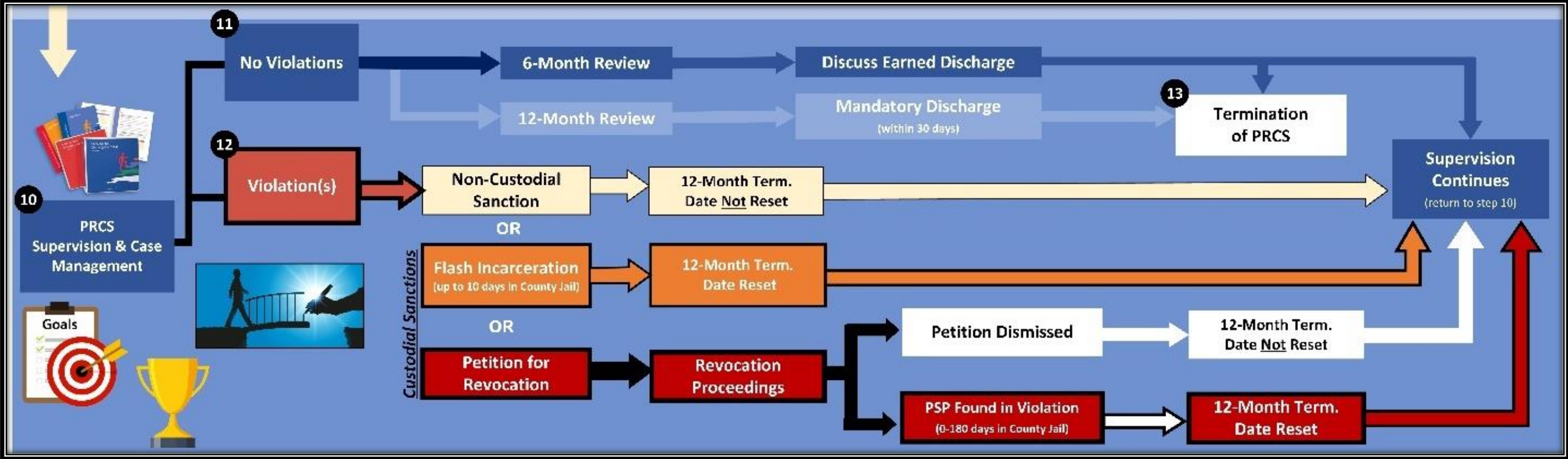
Jail Time Concurrence Rate



Revocation Total
(Jan 21 – Mar 22)
= 2,709

Population excludes
warrant status

TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION



6- Month Discretionary Termination (Earned Discharge)

- Significant Progress Towards Case Plan Goals
- No Custodial Sanctions

12-Month Mandatory Termination

- Required by law if there are no custodial sanctions

3-year Controlling Discharge Date

- Maximum time on supervision
- Does not include abscond time

Successful Termination (12 months)

63%

Earned Discharge (6 months)

7%

Case Closures: January 2021 – March 2022

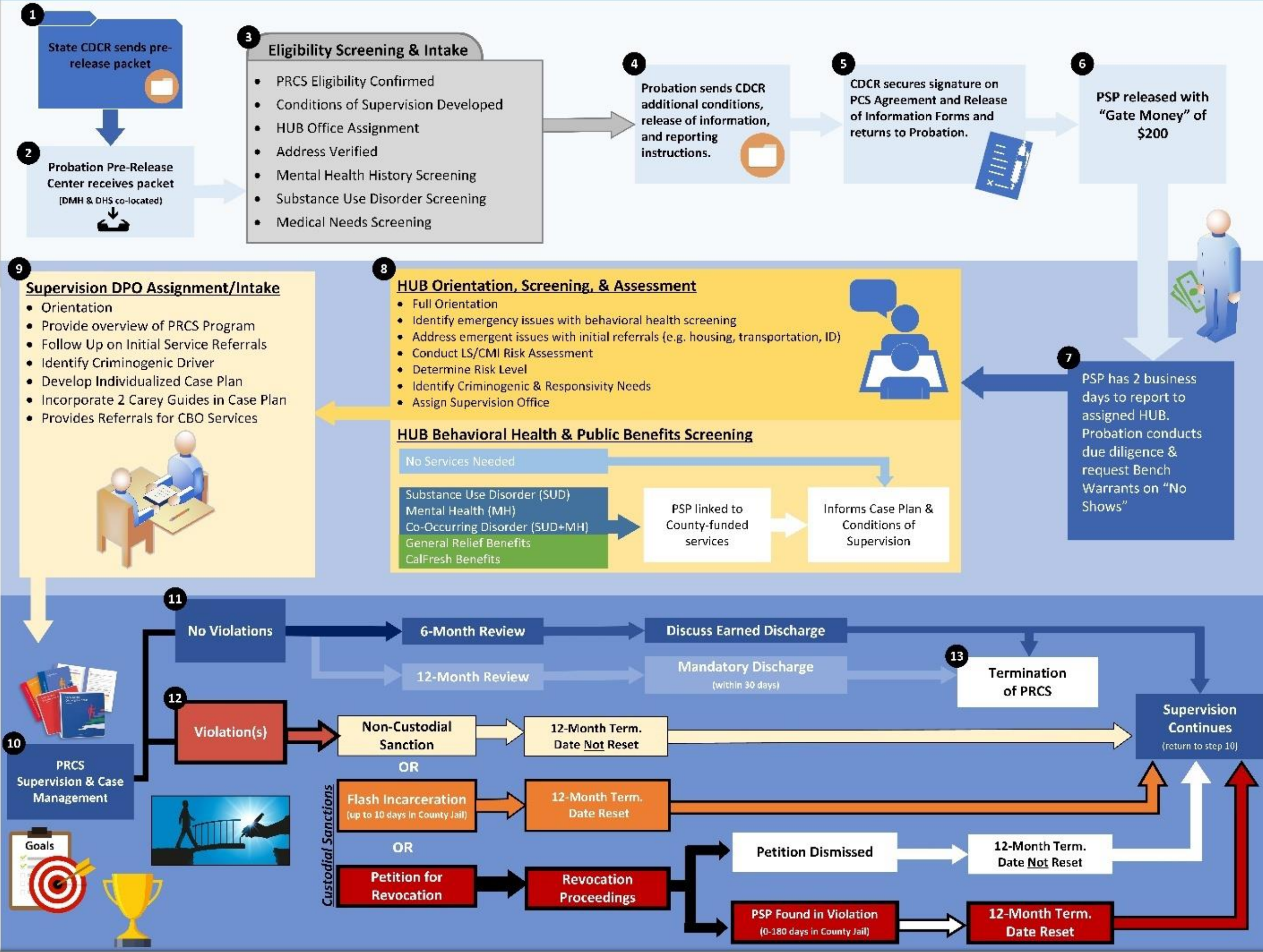
Month/Year	Earned Discharge (6 Months)	Successful Termination (12 Months)	Expired (3 Year)	Closures Resulting in		Other Terminations	Rejections
				County Jail	State Prison		
Jan. 2021	26	205	18	5	69	31	10
Feb. 2021	38	206	19	2	74	30	12
Mar. 2021	46	187	15	1	74	33	23
Apr. 2021	35	322	12	0	69	47	0
May. 2021	31	95	18	2	49	36	0
Jun. 2021	43	208	16	2	70	35	0
Jul. 2021	27	546	12	0	76	27	0
Aug. 2021	22	314	9	0	66	22	0
Sept. 2021	27	115	10	2	60	25	0
Oct. 2021	22	174	19	2	69	33	0
Nov. 2021	18	142	12	1	68	32	0
Dec. 2021	21	82	15	0	45	27	0
Jan. 2022	23	119	22	1	62	16	0
Feb. 2022	17	146	11	1	58	35	0
Mar. 2022	18	117	11	0	55	37	0
TOTALS	414	2,978	219	19	964	466	45

- County Jail
- State Prison

- Federal Custody
- Ice Custody
- Division of Adult Parole Operations Conversion
- P47 Reduced to Misdemeanor
- P47 Prior to CDCR Release

- Post Release Rejected
- AB 109 Intercounty Transfer Denied
- Wrong County
- Division of Adult Parole Operation Transfer
- Prison Release Date Extended

POSTRELEASE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION (PRCS)



QUESTIONS?