



POPULATION MANAGEMENT BUREAU

COMMUNITY TRANSITION UNIT

Community Reentry and Resource Center (CRRC):

The CRRC provides accessible transitional services to inmates upon release from custody. There are eight windows within the CRRC with a service provider at each. The Departments of Probation, Mental Health, and Public Health, are a few of the providers who supply services at the CRRC. Each provider logs all public contacts, and the data is entered into a data base by the CRRC Custody Assistant officer at window #5. Additionally, the officer conducts walks in the jail release area every 90 minutes to educate the inmates who are ready for release on any and all available CRRC resources.

Average for last 12 months: 680 contacts per month.

Case Managers:

The Community Transition Unit (CTU) Case Managers are assigned as the CTU representatives at the individual jail facilities. Their function is to assist the inmates housed at their facilities with whatever services and benefits they require, **including housing upon release. Examples of these benefits include General Relief for the homeless population, California ID cards, Medi-Cal, birth certificates, etc.**

The case managers also assist the inmates with less than 90 days left on their sentence with **post release housing** and program referrals if needed.

In addition, the case managers attend facility town hall meetings to educate the inmates on the services offered by the CTU.

General Relief/Department of Public Social Services:

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Jail Project was established to assist homeless inmates with immediate funds upon release. Over the past six years of the project the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's partnership with DPSS has enabled the Department to link hundreds of released inmates to many services including general relief and food stamps.

Under the current agreement, DPSS provides CAL-Fresh and CAL-Works for qualified inmates on a post-release basis. Newly released inmates are provided transportation by the CTU Security Officers to the DPSS office where they receive their benefit cards. They are also given the opportunity to be taken back to the CRRC for further referrals for other services.

Average for last 12 months: 439 per month.

Birth Certificate Program:

Inmates who were born in Los Angeles County and have 60 days left to serve until release can apply for a certified copy of their birth certificate. The \$28 application fee is paid for by the Inmate Welfare Fund. When received from the Department of Registrar Recorder, the birth certificates are booked into the inmate's property so they will have them upon release.

The custody assistant who is in charge of the Birth Certificate program is also tasked with statistical data collection for the CTU. Due to the highly technical aspects of this position, the assigned employee must have higher than average computer skills.

Average for last 12 months: 120 certificates provided per month.

Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Program:

The DMV and the CTU have agreed to facilitate inmate applications for California identification cards. Possession of a valid identification card enhances the employability of inmates released from county jail, facilitates the collection of right-to-work documents, and reduces recidivism.

This project gives inmates who have had a California identification card in the last 10 years and are within 120 days from release the ability to pay the reduced fee of \$8 for a replacement identification card.

Average for last 12 months: 59 per month provided.

Veterans Program:

The CTU works with the United States Veterans Administration (VA) to identify inmates in the jail system who are veterans, and provide vital programming while they are in custody and after their release. Veterans require unique and special programs for rehabilitation. **Homelessness has been identified as the greatest re-entry obstacle for veterans, and the VA is a critical component in identifying and referring veterans to receive transitional, and in most cases, permanent housing.**

Once released from jail, a hand off by jail officers to VA personnel is performed to ensure each veteran receives his or her proper benefits from the government.



Veteran Programs

Veteran Affairs - New Direction for Veterans (Los Angeles)

Placed this month: 0 Currently on Monitor: 0 Placed year to date: 1

Veteran Affairs - U.S Vets (Inglewood)

Placed this month: 0 Currently on Monitor: 0 Placed year to date: 1

Salvation Army - Bell Shelter (Bell)

Placed this month: 0 Currently on Monitor: 2 Placed year to date: 2

Affordable Care Act (ACA):

On July 1, 2014, LASD began the ACA project. Sentenced inmates within 60 days of release are assisted with the completion and submission of Medi-Cal applications. The program involves a collaborative partnership with the Los Angeles County Departments of Mental Health, Public Health, Health Services and funds five custody assistants who complete the Medi-Cal applications.

Inmates requiring hospitalization outside of custody, and individuals in Alternative to Custody programs, are also granted ACA benefits.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- Substance Treatment and Re-entry Transition (START) – START (out of custody) is a 65 bed woman’s drug rehabilitation ATC pilot program for inmates who have 90 to 180 days left on their sentence. The program is administered by the Department of Public Health and currently uses five facilities. As of February 2016, 3 male inmates have been allowed to participate in this program as a sub-pilot.
- Normandie Village East – Normandie Village East is a pilot program between the Department’s of Mental Health and Sheriff to provide Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) step-down program to AB109 and sentenced inmates with intensive mental health needs, who have at least 60 days left to serve on their sentence. Low and medium security level/non-violent participants are monitored by GPS and housed in a licensed Adult Residential Facility.
- **Housing for Health – Housing for Health is a pilot project between the Department’s of Health Services, Mental Health and Sheriff to place released inmates who have a mental illness into permanent housing. Fourteen (14) applicants have participated in the program since its inception in July 2015.**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- Pay for Success – In November 2012, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Executive Office to examine the feasibility of implementing a Pay for Success contract which would **leverage funding to expand the Just In Reach program**. Applications were submitted to the Department of Justice and Board of State and Community Corrections Social Innovation Financing program (AB1837) in January 2016, and weekly meetings are held with County departments regarding this project. Pay for Success is an initiative that leverages philanthropic and private investor capital for the provision of preventative services that measurably improves the lives of an at risk population.
- Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) – The Board of State and Community Corrections awarded Los Angeles County a three year (FY 15-16 thru FY 17-18) grant in the total amount of \$1,834,000. The MIOCR grant will fund four positions: psychiatric social worker I, registered nurse I, senior community health officer and a custody assistant. The MIOCR grant is an **enhanced discharge planning program with jail in-reach** by the community-based organization providing wrap around service, intensive case management and **housing upon release**, as well as identification of service locations, treatment providers, a medical home, and a dedicated pharmacy for seriously mentally ill offenders with co-occurring disorders and a chronic medical condition.

FUTURE PROGRAMS (Cont.)

- **Discharges into Homelessness (D-2) – The Sheriff’s Department is currently working with numerous County, City, and private stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan that will address discharges into homelessness issues in Los Angeles County. A substantial number of people are discharged into homelessness when they exit institutions which provide housing, such as jails, hospitals, and the foster care system. Therefore, reducing the number of individuals who are discharged into homelessness is key to reducing the overall number of people who become homeless.**
- Connecting Criminal Justice and Health Care (CCJHC) Initiative – The CCJHC Initiative brings together corrections and health care officials to develop strategies to address issues by connecting people who have been involved with the criminal justice system to systems of comprehensive, coordinated health coverage. The Sheriff’s goal is to expand the ACA enrollments in the jails so individuals may gain comprehensive health care once they leave the jail system.