



Fact Sheet:



Parolee Services Network

BACKGROUND

The Parolee Services Network (PSN) provides community-based alcohol and drug treatment and recovery services to parolees in 17 California counties. It is administered jointly by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

- Funding is provided by CDCR.
- Program design provides up to 180 days of treatment and recovery services.
- The goal of the PSN program is to reduce recidivism and improve parole outcomes as evidenced by reduced alcohol and drug related parole revocations.
- Local assistance funding for PSN in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 is \$10,706,567.
- ADP allocates funds to the 17 participating counties through each county's Negotiated Net Amount Contract.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Provide appropriate placement of eligible parolees in community treatment and recovery programs,

upon referral by the parole agent of record.

- Provide individual treatment plans with specific goals and outcomes that include clinical reviews and progress reports for each program participant.
- Collect monthly and weekly data on parolee participation and treatment expenditures.
- Improve parolee outcomes as evidenced by fewer drug-related revocations and related criminal violations.
- Support parolee reintegration into society by encouraging a clean and sober lifestyle.
- Engage the active participation and cooperation of PSN Program stakeholder groups including community service providers, County Alcohol and Drug Service Systems, Parole Services and the Division of Addiction and Recovery Services (DARS) to reduce the State's General Fund costs for the incarceration and supervision of parole violators.

OUTCOMES

In an evaluation of a series of similar programs, including the Parolee Services Network, these were some of the key findings:

- Program participants were 14% less likely to return to prison within one year of release to parole, when compared against the larger statewide population.
- Forty percent of participants successfully completed at least one of their enrolled services. The reincarceration rate for these program completers was 33.8 percent, more than 20 percentage points lower than for the comparison population.
- Parolees who successfully completed treatment were also less likely to abscond from parole than those who did not complete treatment.
- Parolees who met program goals were consistently associated with a lower likelihood of reincarceration and absconding.

PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

The 17 counties that participate in the PSN program fall into three geographical groupings statewide:

BAY AREA COUNTIES

- Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.

CENTRAL VALLEY COUNTIES

- Fresno, Kern and Sacramento.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNTIES

- Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego.

This information can be located at the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs Web site:

<http://www.adp.ca.gov>