

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WORKGROUP MEETING MINUTES

WHEN: JANUARY 26, 2023, FROM 10:00AM – 12:00PM

WHERE: MICROSOFT TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT:

Janene Grigsby (Chair)	Eddy, Charles	Lapota, Ana	Voong, May
Anderson, Deborah	Frazier, Donald	Lee, Corrine	Ward, Otis
Anderson, Miaesha	French, Nancy	Marlowe, Tara	Yep, Holly
Belowich, Steven	Gibson, Christopher	Morgan, Victory	Young, Alexa
Brame, Abayomi	Gonzalez, Rezsine	Nessor, Anaya Y.	Zatcoff, Tyler
Brooks, Rodney	Hoang, Mac	Propernick, Anthony	Additional Guests: 0
Buchter, Crystal J.	Holman, John	Sjöberg, Jason	
Chadley, Kareem	Jacobs, Earl	Temporal, Gina	
Cruz, Ayana	Lacy, Shahidah		

- I. **Introductions** – Janene gave a brief introduction on the workgroup
- II. **Determination of ongoing need for virtual meetings under AB-361, Filed 9/16/21** – Continuation of virtually held meetings for 30 days approved by the workgroup
- III. **Review and approval of the meeting minutes from [October 27, 2022](#)** – Reviewed and approved as written
- IV. **[Family Reunification Program Model](#) Development** – Corrine Lee, Probation Services Coordinator for Mental Health and SUD, was introduced; Corrine works with the Family Reunification programs and spoke about the positive impact Family Reunification can have on generations as well as the community
 - A. What Services Are Currently Available?
 1. AB 109 Realignment: The state transferred responsibility to the counties for the realignment population (those on probation, have a felony conviction, and are part of the collaborative courts or the pre-release program) and also gave additional funding to cover these services and support
 2. Individualized Service Delivery: Every person has customized support around them
 3. Case Management: Family reunification providers should be aware and knowledgeable about all the resources in the community
 4. Housing Stipend: Families may qualify for an \$800 six-month stipend for opening their home to returning family members
 5. There are 3 providers who offer family reunification services (Tri-Cities Community Development Center, Centerforce, Asian Prisoner Support Committee)
 - B. What's Working, What's Not Working?
 1. Research finds that healthy co-parenting is important, especially when it comes to father engagement and child development
 2. Research also shows that Family Reunification services positively affect parental stress, increases healthy social systems, provides debt relief and health insurance for children and aging adults, as well as financial stability/stable employment
 - C. What's Needed?
 1. Who Will The Program Serve?

- a. The client, their extended family, and their larger network of support; it also serves any child beyond blood relatives who someone is acting as a caregiver for
2. What Resources/Investments Are Needed?
- a. Pre-Release connections and family support
 - b. Getting to know the client and their family
 - c. Parenting, communication, strengthening family bonds
 - d. Child custody/support and co-parenting skills
 - e. Financial education and debt relief
 - f. Multigenerational health and family therapeutic interventions/counseling and legal services
 - g. Support for aging/older adults
 - h. Family housing stipends
 - i. Suggestions from the workgroup: **1)** Those coming out of incarceration will need housing and legal services first before they can do anything else; second most important thing is counseling/co-parenting counseling, and financial education/job support; **2)** Help people navigate through all the information and services; **3)** Support for the kids to heal their relationship with the parent, and gender responsiveness; **4)** Grassroot organizations need support to grow so they can do more for clients and they need more connections to other organizations in the Bay Area (the [Active Programs](#) was shared with the group); also, the [Community Corrections Partnership \(CCP\) Family Reunification Subcommittee](#) meetings can be a great starting place for that; **5)** Build collaborative and well-rounded effort among the services (the [Alameda County Public Health Department](#) has a list of [services](#) and [programs](#) available); **6)** Basic computer skills and tech training; **7)** Transportation; **8)** In-person services event at least once a year; **9)** Experiences and events from the parent to the family/child that they can share, like sporting event tickets; **10)** Immediate connection with Probation and Department of Family Services upon release to minimize duplication of work and overwhelm for the client, and to build collaboration (could be part of pre-release); **11)** Substance abuse programs (Family Reunification does not offer these services, but there are many [SUD Services](#) currently available); [CORE](#) is the one-stop shop which also offers connections to services including SUD; **12)** Utilizing tax-defaulted properties for housing, similar to how the Alameda County Sheriff's MOMS program was able to acquire property from Oakland Public Housing (it has an onsite Case Manager and houses 15-16 moms being released); **13)** A program that allows a dad with a release date within six months to connect and bond with his children, especially newborns, like San Francisco's One Family and Santa Rita Jail's MOMS and DADS programs (pre-pandemic programs that have since stopped due to COVID-19)
 - j. Other resources offered from workgroup members:
 - i. [ENG ACPD Contracted AB 109 Services](#)
 - ii. [SPAN ACPD Contracted AB 109 Services](#)
 - iii. [ENG ACPD AB 109 Housing Resources](#)
 - iv. [SPAN ACPD AB 109 Housing Resources](#)
 - v. [Clean Slate](#) – The Public Defender's Office inhouse program

- vi. [Family Paths](#) / Family Counseling Agency – Offering case management services and support for foster care parents / Family Paths 24-Hour Parent Help Line: 800-829-3777
- vii. [Father Circle](#) – Oakland Public Library
- viii. Mac Hoang, Asian Prisoner Support Committee:
<https://www.asianprisonersupport.com/> / 510-760-9090
- ix. [Dads Evoking Change](#) – Co-parenting counseling for all parents / 510-575-9347 / Free legal consultations on Tuesdays for fathers navigating child custody and/or child support: <https://dadsevokingchange.org/free-lawyer-consultations-1>
- x. Alameda County Substance Abuse Use Access and Referral Helpline (Clients: 844-682-7215 / Providers: 510-771-9197)

3. What Will The Program Do?

D. Anticipated Outcomes – What Are The Goals Of The Program?

E. How Will Program Success Be Measured?

- 1. Pulling the client and their family up to stability
- 2. Connections created between the client and their child/family
- 3. The client is able to heal the relationship with their child/family
- 4. Less stress for the parent
- 5. Creating pathways to success and providing structure for the client
- 6. Healthy co-parenting and constant contact for the child with both parents
- 7. Clients doing better than they did before going into the program

V. **Announcements**

A. Upcoming Realignment Reentry Meetings – February 2023:

- 1. Fiscal and Procurement Workgroup – Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 3 PM
- 2. Community Advisory Board (CAB) – Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 6:15 PM
- 3. Process & Evaluation Workgroup – Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 10 AM
- 4. Data & Information Management Workgroup – Thursday, Feb. 9 at 10 AM

B. [CAB Vacancies](#):

- 1. District 2 has 2 Vacancies
- 2. District 3 has 1 Vacancy
- 3. District 4 has 1 Vacancy
- 4. No vacancies in Districts 1 or 5

C. If you have items you would like to submit for distribution, please refer to the [Communication Protocol](#) document for details and email: REENTRYINFO@ACGOV.ORG

D. **Public Comment** – No comments