

Overview of the Santa Rita Jail Safe Landing Project: Supporting our Re-Entry Population

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Safe Landing Project Program OVERVIEW
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Local Needs & Objectives of the Program:

- **Local Needs:** Increasing community concerns related to homelessness, care coordination, and linkage services to the re-entry population.
- Several groups, including the Program and Services Workgroup of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), the Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, and the Mental Health Advisory Board Criminal Justice Committee, have been working to address the release of people from the jail, especially late night and early morning.
- **Objectives:** To provide a physical space on the grounds of Santa Rita Jail for people with mental illness, co-occurring conditions, and substance use disorders as they are released from the jail, to connect them to housing and other immediate post-incarceration needs.



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Program History & Planning:

- The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program (HMIOT) provided on-time funding to counties to address homelessness.
- These dollars could be spent at the counties' discretion.
- ACBH invested the dollars in the purchase of a mobile specialty out-fitted Recreational Vehicle (RV).
- The RV is located on the grounds outside of the Santa Rita Jail as a welcoming harbor for newly released inmates.



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Program Development:

- Prior to initiating the program, data revealed that approximately 50-100 individuals were released from Santa Rita Jail throughout the day; including a small number of releases occurring between the hours of 11:00pm and 4:00am.
- There is a need to connect mental health clients to services immediately upon release regardless of the hour.
- Inmates who are released who have behavioral health challenges are particularly vulnerable and require support and outreach.
- There is a recognized need for enhanced coordination immediately upon release in order to better serve the population.



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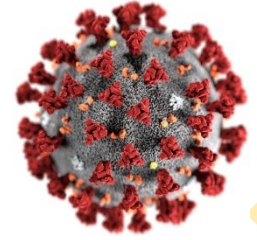
Program Goals:

- To provide a safe place for adults to go when released from Santa Rita Jail to obtain post-release support services;
- Connect clients immediately to resources to meet urgent and essential needs;
- Connect clients with short- and long-term support services;
- Reduce utilization of emergency services within seven days of release;
- Prevent unforeseen circumstances or recidivism immediately following overnight release; and
- Gain a deeper understanding of the diverse and immediate needs of individuals released overnight.



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Program Implementation Updates:

- Some delays due to COVID-19
- Despite delays, Safe Landing Program initiated services on 6/22/20.
- Original intention was to operate program *overnight* from ~10:30pm to 6:30am. **However, with COVID-19 modified court schedules this has changed including the newly revised hours of operation: 2pm to 10pm.**
- Overnight releases are occurring less frequently during COVID-19
- Program staff have implemented appropriate precautions to serve inmates released to the community.





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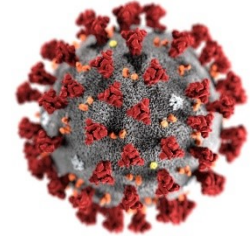






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Program Next Steps:

- ***Alameda County Probation Department & Safe Landing Program partnership*** in order to expand hours of daily operation;
- ***Strengthen resource coordination and re-entry referral networks*** for newly released individuals to the community; and
- ***Extensive ongoing health care collaboration*** with Alameda County Public Health Department & Health Providers during COVID-19.

Additional Considerations:

- ***The Bridging Group Consultants**** conducting program evaluation and success of the Safe Landing Program.
- ***Track utilization*** over first year to ensure services are being rendered and delivered as intended;
- ***Track and review client-level data*** to identify types of service needed and other themes presented by those who utilize Safe Landing Services;



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With Special Thanks and Appreciation

- **Roots Community Health Center;**
- **Local Community Partners, Health Centers, and Community Based Organizations;**
- **Alameda County General Services Administration (GSA);**
- **Alameda County Social Services Agency;**
- **Alameda County Probation Department;**
- **Alameda County Public Works Agency; and the**
- **Alameda County Sheriff's Office**



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