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Community Corrections Program

The Community Corrections Program was formed by the Administrative Office of the Courts in order to manage several court-related initiatives designed to promote public safety by reducing recidivism among adult felony probationers and parolees.

Evidence-Based Probation Supervision (2009–2010 Budget Act)

The initiative provides a \$45 million appropriation of federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds to be distributed over three years to all 58 California county probation departments for the purpose of providing evidence-based supervision of adult felony offenders. This funding must be utilized by December 31, 2012.

California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Sen. Bill 678)

- A system is established for performance-based funding for county probation departments to support evidence-based practice for adult felon probation supervision. The act includes a provision for counties to receive a portion of state General Fund savings based on their success in reducing the number of felony probationers going to state prison because of violating their terms of probation or committing new crimes.
- An evaluation and report will be made by the Administrative Office of the Courts to the Legislature regarding the effectiveness of the program and its impact on improving public safety.
- The act is due to sunset on January 1, 2015, unless reauthorized by the Legislature.

California Risk Assessment Pilot Project

The California Risk Assessment Pilot Project (CalRAPP) is a joint project of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Chief Probation Officers of California, funded by the National Institute of Corrections and the State Justice Institute.

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- Pilot projects in participating California counties (Napa, San Francisco, Santa Cruz and Yolo) are exploring the use by the courts of actuarial risk/needs assessment instruments to reduce recidivism and probation revocations among offenders aged 18–25 placed on felony probation.
- Recidivism and revocation rates of participating offenders will be tracked for up to three years and compared to the rates of similar offenders not participating in the project.
- Funds from this project are also used to expand evidence based practice education and technical assistance throughout the state for judges and other justice partners, at their request.

Parolee Reentry Courts, Corrections Reform Package (Sen. Bill X3 18), and 2009–2010 Budget Act

- \$9.5 million of federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds is available to fund parolee reentry courts over three years. This funding must be utilized by December 31, 2012.
- Parolees with a history of substance abuse or mental illness who violate a condition of parole may be referred by a parole officer to a reentry court.
- If the court admits the parolee into the program, the court has exclusive authority over the parolee's supervision.
- The project will be evaluated by comparing the revocation and reoffense rates of participants and those of similarly situated parolees who are not program participants. The evaluation will also consider different models of reentry courts.
- Participating courts are Alameda, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Joaquin, and Santa Clara.

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