

HOLISTIC INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (HIP)

**PRESENTATION TO THE
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
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CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

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**PUBLIC DEFENDER
INNOVATIVE
PROGRAMS
REDUCING BURDENS
ON THE COUNTY
AND COMMUNITY**

- **Need**

- Misdemeanors/Low Level Offenses
- Cycle of Failure to Appear in Court
- Dire Housing, Behavioral Health and Employment Needs

- **Award–Winning Innovations Shifting Outcomes**

- Early Representation Program launched 2016
 - Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) launched 2020
 - Sustaining HIP 2022 onwards
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MISDEMEANOR CASES IN CONTRA COSTA

The **vast majority** of criminal cases filed in Contra Costa are misdemeanors

Acute needs for misdemeanor clients include:

- Housing, mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, and other social service needs
- Traditionally, there has been no access to counsel until arraignment

Result: a cycle of further justice system involvement including repeated arrests on low level cases and bench warrants

MISDEMEANOR CASES IN OUR LOCAL COURTS

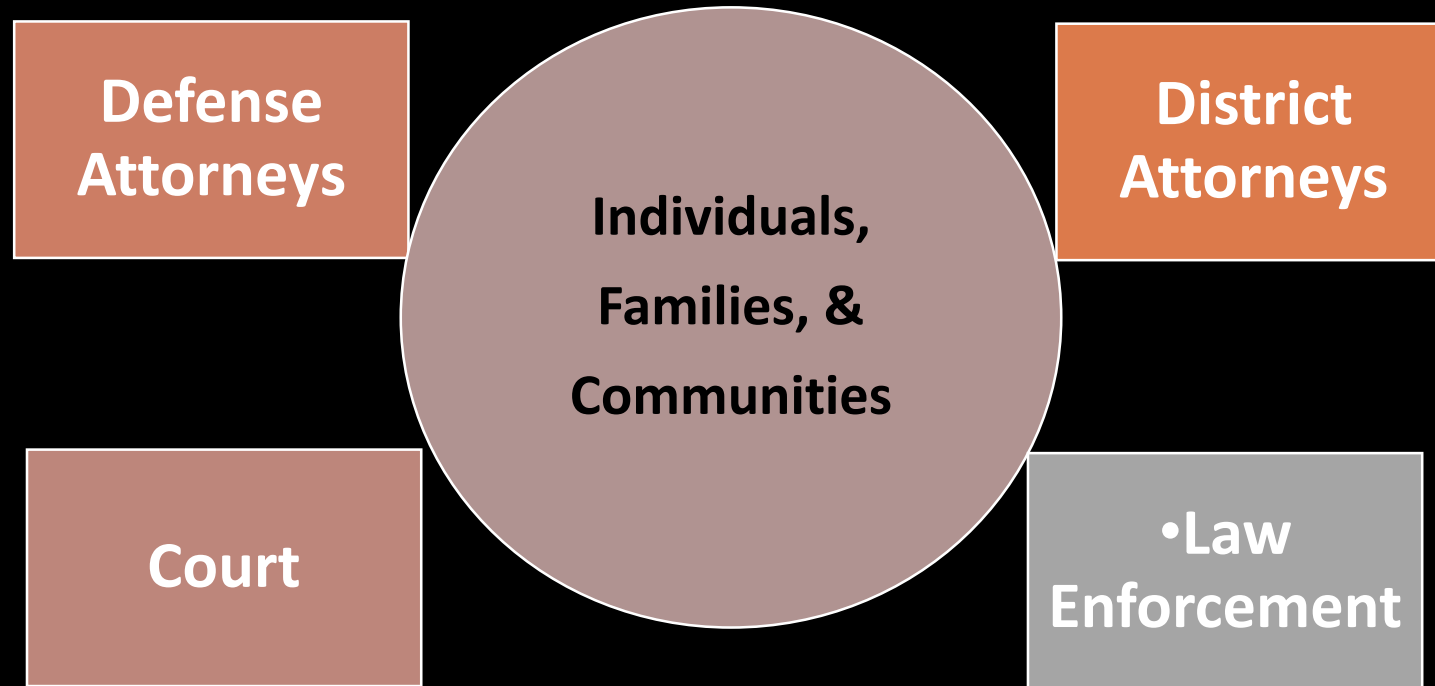
The Failure to Appear (FTA) Problem

98.5% of misdemeanor cases have not been filed by the court date written on the police citation.

- West County: **6.5-month** delay between incident & arraignment
- Central County: **8-month** delay between incident & arraignment
- East County: **11-month** delay between incident & arraignment

FTAs IMPACT ALL LEGAL SYSTEM PARTNERS

Each FTA costs a minimum of **\$847**



THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE LAUNCHED THE EARLY REPRESENTATION PROGRAM IN 2016

Law Enforcement Partnerships:

Antioch Police Dept., since 2016

Richmond Police Dept., since 2017

California Highway Patrol, since 2018

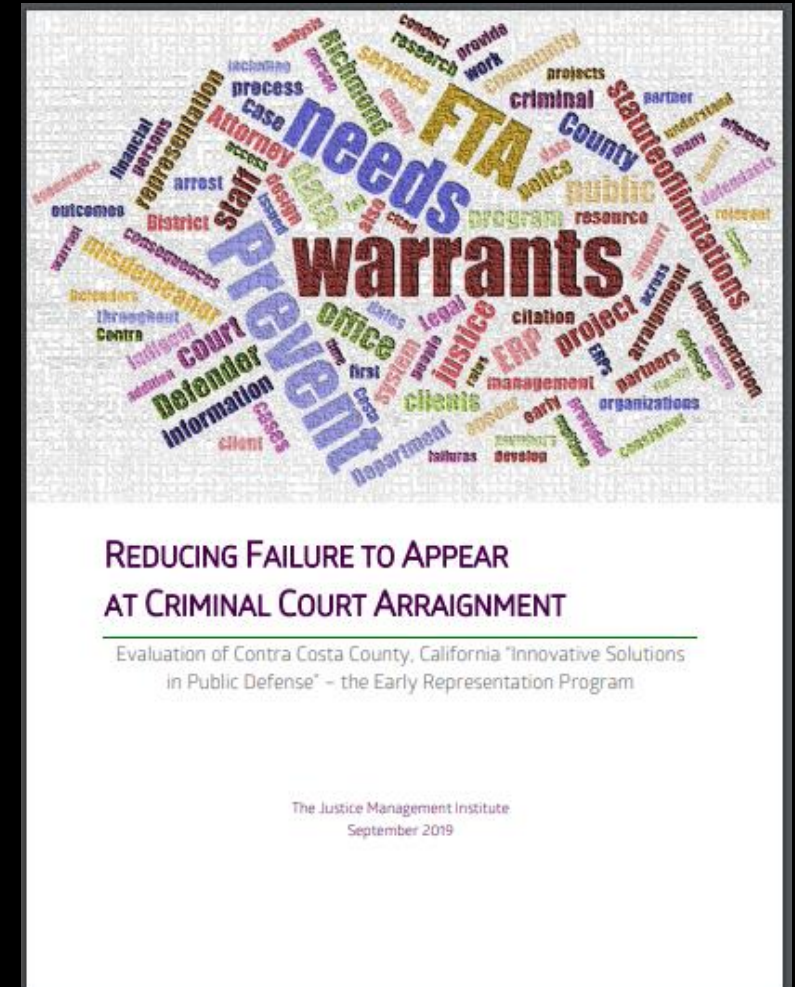
Martinez Police Dept., since 2018

Contra Costa Sheriff's Dept., since 2020

El Cerrito Police Dept., since 2020

Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice grant funding

Research: The Justice Management Institute, *Reducing Failure to Appear at Criminal Court Arraignment: Evaluation of Contra Costa County, California "Innovative Solutions in Public Defense" — the Early Representation Program (Sept. 2019)*



HOW DOES EARLYREP WORK?

Starting right after the arrest...

- Gather available **contact** information
- **Explain** legal processes & procedures
- Monitor court records for filing & keep clients **informed**
- Assist clients with court appearance plans & **prepare** for arraignments
- Represent clients at **arraignment**
- Assist with **warrant recall** if FTA occurs

EARLYREP PROGRAM LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTREACH CARD

RECENTLY HAD POLICE CONTACT?

Contact the Contra Costa Public Defender's Office



Call or Text
(510) 422-0080
EarlyRep@pd.cccounty.us



Get information and prepare yourself early for court.
Avoid an arrest and jail time. Get help now.

The Public Defender is an independent office within Contra Costa County that provides free criminal defense attorneys to those who qualify and operates entirely separately from all police and immigration agencies.

¿HA TENIDO CONTACTO RECIENTE CON LA POLICÍA?

Contacte a la Oficina del Defensor Público



Llamar o Texto
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Obtenga información y prepárese temprano para la corte.
Evite un arresto y tiempo en la cárcel. Obtenga ayuda ahora.

El Defensor Público es una oficina independiente dentro del Condado de Contra Costa que provee abogados de defensa criminal gratis a los que califiquen y opera enteramente separada de todas agencias de policía e inmigración.

WHAT HAS THE EARLY REPRESENTATION PROGRAM ACHIEVED?

- ❑ Work with approx. **10,000 clients** each year
- ❑ Decreased FTA rate from **57%** in East County (2015) and **39%** in West County (2016) to **18%** countywide (2020)
- ❑ **90%** court appearance rate for individuals successfully contacted
- ❑ More cases resolved or diverted at or before arraignment

**Awarded “Defender Program of the Year”
California Public Defender Association 2019**

HOLISTIC INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (HIP)

LAUNCHED MAY 2020

FUNDED BY:

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE & COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC)

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

HOLISTIC ADDITIONS TO EARLY REPRESENTATION OF MISDEMEANOR CLIENTS

- HIP allows engagement with our clients' **holistic needs** at the earliest point of representation
- We provide individualized client **navigation**, linkages, and follow-up based on legal and social needs
- Our team collaborates with **partners** to leverage existing community-based services
- Work with clients to **address** housing, behavioral health, & other critical needs

HIP PARTNERS

- CCC Health, Housing and Homeless Services (H3)
- CCC Behavioral Health Services
- CCC Employment & Human Services Department
- Antioch, Martinez, & Richmond Police Departments
- CCC Sheriff's Department
- Hume
- Rubicon Programs
- Reentry Success Center – West, Central, & East County
- California State University Long Beach (CSULB)
- Office of Reentry & Justice

HIP STEERING COMMITTEE

Public Agencies

- Antioch Police Department
- Employment and Human Services
- Health, Housing, & Homeless Services
- Martinez Police Department
- Office of the District Attorney
- Office of Education
- Office of the Public Defender
- Office of Reentry & Justice
- Office of the Sheriff

Private Agencies

- HealthRight 360
- Rubicon Programs
- Safe Return Project

Community

- Community Advisory Board
- Community Member
- Racial Justice Coalition

DASHBOARD AND RESULTS

Holistic Intervention Partnership	Total to Date
Total Served	334 134% of Project Goal
Housing Services	110
Civil Legal Aid	155
Reentry Success Center	127

HIP OUTREACH CARD



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If you have had recent police contact, we may be able to connect you with free resources that will help you get back on the right track:

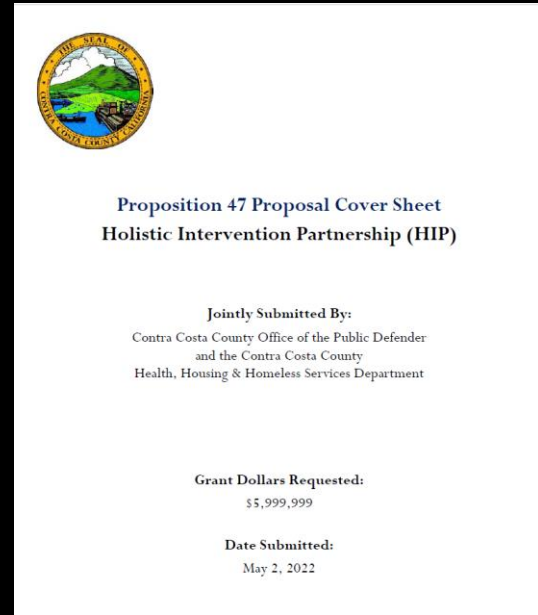
- ✓ Employment assistance
- ✓ ID and document retrieval
- ✓ Fight an eviction
- ✓ Substance abuse treatment
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Reinstate/apply for benefits
- ✓ Family court matters
- ✓ Debt collection issues
- ✓ Housing navigation
- ✓ Mental health services

Call, text, or email: **(925) 378-0058** / help@pd.cccourty.us

WHAT'S NEXT?

Prop 47 HIP Proposal

\$6 million requested in state funding to sustain and grow access to HIP services and meet the immense need with a focus on **housing** & **recidivism** reduction



THANK
YOU!

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