



OCCARES

Justice through Prevention & Intervention

Welcome to the
OCCJCC

February 17, 2023
County Administration South
Conference Center

Agenda

- I. Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2022
- III. OC CARES Funding & Project Updates
 - a. VR Training Demo
 - b. Housing Strategy
 - c. Cal Fresh Pre-Release Pilot
 - d. Reentry Community Meetings
 - e. Quarterly Update
- IV. OCCJCC Comments
- V. Public Comments

Quarterly Status of Projects – 12/31/22

Project / Program (Adults)	% Completed				Est. Completion Date
	2023	2024	2025	Overall	
Pillar I: Prevention					
Communication & Media Campaign	64%	58%	n/a	62%	June 2024
Data Gathering, Sharing and Analysis	66%	53%	50%	59%	June 2025
Crisis Response related trainings	90%	n/a	n/a	90%	June 2023
Behavioral Health Public Safety Response	n/a	85%	n/a	85%	June 2024
Be Well Facilities & Programs	35%	0%	0%	18%	June 2025
FIRST Point	50%	n/a	n/a	50%	June 2023
Pillar II: Courts					
Pre-Trial Intervention	n/a	63%	n/a	63%	June 2024
Adult Specialty Courts	44%	50%	0%	39%	June 2025
Care Court	25%	n/a	n/a	25%	December 2023
Pillar III: In-Custody					
In-Custody Stabilization Services	30%	66%	n/a	59%	June 2024
Opening of new Musick Jail Facility	0%	60%	n/a	30%	June 2024
In-Custody Reentry Programming	60%	73%	30%	54%	June 2025
Pillar IV: Reentry					
Regional Reentry Community Resource Centers	80%	42%	0%	41%	June 2024
Mobile Reentry Services	20%	0%	n/a	10%	June 2024
Coordinated Reentry Center	20%	n/a	13%	14%	December 2025
Workforce Reentry Center	30%	n/a	0%	15%	December 2025
Coordinated Case Management	68%	n/a	25%	58%	June 2025

Quarterly Status of Projects – 12/31/22

Project / Program (Juvenile & TAY)	% Completed				Est. Completion Date
	2023	2024	2025	Overall	
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY - Prevention					
Communication & Media Campaign	n/a	5%	n/a	5%	June 2024
Data Gathering, Sharing and Analysis	50%	n/a	n/a	50%	June 2023
Juvenile Mental Health & Substance Use Support Services	n/a	48%	n/a	48%	June 2024
Youth Diversion Programs	n/a	10%	10%	10%	June 2025
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY - Courts					
Expand Juvenile Specialty Courts	n/a	27%	n/a	27%	June 2024
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY-In-Custody/Detained					
Juvenile Mental Health & SUD Support Services	n/a	60%	n/a	60%	June 2024
Specialized Programming for Detained Juvenile & TAY	n/a	n/a	24%	24%	June 2025
Enhance Juvenile Corrections Campus	n/a	n/a	20%	20%	December 2025
Pillar V: Juvenile & TAY - Reentry					
Specialized Reentry Programs	85%	n/a	15%	38%	June 2025
Supportive Housing	n/a	n/a	48%	48%	December 2025
Transitional TAY Housing	n/a	n/a	10%	10%	December 2025

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES...

1
Strategic
Financial Plan

2
Budget Cycles

1048
TOTAL Days

709
WORKING Days



County of Orange Social Services Agency's Pre-Release Application Processes

State



- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) completes paper Medi-Cal Single Streamlined applications within state prisons.
- CDCR is appointed as authorized representative for application purposes only
- Applications are mailed/faxed/mailed to the county 60-90 days prior to justice involved individual being released from jail
- County process pre-release applications with objective of individual being approved for Medi-Cal upon being released from prison
- New BIC mailed to prison address prior to individual being released
- Communication memo sent to CDCR regarding case disposition

County



- CBO Project Kinship (PK), subcontractor of Community Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC), completes paper Medi-Cal and CalFresh Single Streamlined applications within county jails
- PK is not appointed as authorized representative
- Currently during the Public Health Emergency (PHE), applications are completed, one on one, through the Attorney Bond window
- Applications are completed and dropped off to SSA Inmate Team up to 90 days prior to justice involved individual being released from jail
- County process pre-release applications with the objective of individual being approved for Medi-Cal, CalFresh and General Relief upon being released from jail
- Temporary paper cards issued on day of release. Permanent BIC cards mailed to clients.

Juvenile Hall



- The family/caretaker relative of a juvenile ward can apply for Medi-Cal prior to his/her release
- Probation staff will notify the juveniles' parents/caretaker that a Medi-Cal application will be initiated on behalf of the juvenile
- Parents have the option of opting in or out of the application process
- Probation will initiate the Medi-Cal application process by sending the Medi-Cal Application Transmittal Information referral to the county
- Once the referral is received a Medi-Cal application packet will be mailed to the parent/caretaker

Pre-Release Program

- Effective March 1, 2021, Orange County received approval from the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to implement a temporary waiver allowing incarcerated individuals to apply for CalFresh up to 30 days before their release date.
- Effective January 1, 2023, all counties are required to implement pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment and suspension processes (*AB 133, Chapter 143*)
- Implementation of pre-release processes will help ensure Medi-Cal coverage and benefits upon re-entry into the community.

Pre-Release Process and Statistics: Within 90 Days of Release

- Effective January 2023, OC Sheriff's Department (OCSD) provides a daily list of inmates to be released from County jail(s) in 90 days and less.
- List is cleared/cross referenced in CalWIN to determine case status and application requirements.
- Adult inmates and juvenile wards may apply for Medi-Cal up to 90 days prior to their release. Applications for CalFresh can only be within 30 days.
- Customers without an active cases are referred to the OCSD department who distributes an SSA flyer to notify the individual of Medi-Cal, CalFresh and General Relief.

Pre-Release Process and Statistics: Within 90 Days of Release

- Project Kinship (PK) socializes and markets the programs and encourage participation.
- Project Kinship also act as application assistors prior to release.

Month	Inquiries by Inmates	Requests to PK, SSA and/or Partners for Information and services	Application submitted to SSA by PK	Applications Approved by Time of Release
January 2023	70*	70	15	14 *

** One application was an intercounty transfer and required coordination with another county.*

Suspension Release Process (Medi-Cal Only) and Statistics: Within 90 Days of Release

- When an inmate is incarcerated, Medi-Cal benefits can be suspended for up to one year.
- Upon release, Medi-Cal eligibility will be restored and temporary Medi-Cal Benefits Card can be issued to clients on day of release.

Month	Clients with Active Cases (Suspense Status)	Medi-Cal Restored by Date of Release
January 2023	30	30

Upon Release Expansion: 30 days and less

Background:

- Prior to COVID-19, the jails reported 60,000 individuals cycling through with about 50% released in less than 30 days. Many were incarcerated for less than a week.
- OCSD provided us with a list of those inmates with less than 30 days of incarceration. SSA would reach out to discuss services for Medi-Cal and CalFresh.

Expansion:

- May 2022, SSA added a booth at the Intake and Release Center (IRC) to assist individuals upon release with Medi-Cal (MC), CalFresh (CF) and General Relief (GR) services. Two Eligibility Technicians were outstationed at the IRC.
- SSA expanded to Theo Lacy on December 12, 2022. An additional two Eligibility Technicians were deployed.
- Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 am to 12:00 PM.

Upon Release Statistics: Intake and Release Center and Theo Lacy

Intake and Release Center

Month	CalFresh Apps	Other CalFresh Inquiries (not including App or SAR7)	Semi-Annual Reports (SAR7)	Medi-Cal Apps	Other Medi-Cal Inquiries	General Relief Apps	Other General Relief Inquiries
May 2022	28	20	7	5	47	22	15
June 2022	21	33	5	7	32	15	16
July 2022	34	52	6	10	82	23	37
August 2022	24	136	6	0	139	23	45
September 2022	20	90	3	4	110	25	45
October 2022	27	89	6	5	83	17	32
November 2022	18	61	2	4	76	18	21
December 2022	21	85	4	3	80	21	30
January 2023	12	65	5	0	83	7	22
Total #	205	631	44	38	732	171	263

Theo Lacy

Month	CalFresh Apps	Other CalFresh Inquiries (not including App or SAR7)	Semi-Annual Reports (SAR7)	Medi-Cal Apps	Other Medi-Cal Inquiries	General Relief Apps	Other General Relief Inquiries
December 2022	22	58	4	0	77	15	16
January 2023	11	92	3	2	78	10	32
Total #	33	150	7	2	155	25	48

Upon Release Statistics: Intake and Release Center and Theo Lacy

- Total of 474 Applications from May 2022 through January 2023.
- 90% of CalFresh, Medi-Cal and General Relief cases approved.
- Primary Reasons for Denial:
 - General Relief: Exhausted benefits period, residency, available resources over limits.
 - CalFresh: Residency, companion case receiving benefits in another county.
 - Medi-Cal: Failure to provide verifications, moved out of county/state, income limits, whereabouts unknown.

Continuing Refinement to Pre-Release Program

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there has been restricted access to hold workshops inside facilities. SSA is currently in lobbies.
 - Currently, SSA is only able to see inmates on a one-by-one basis by appointment through attorney bonds (behind glass).
 - Opportunities for SSA/PK conduct workshops in OCSD facility to broaden reach.
 - Explore option to allow inmates to apply online.
- Ability to store Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Embosser, EBT Pin Pad Device and EBT cards onsite. Allows same day benefits card.
- Ability for SSA/PK staff to use tablets for applications and in-reach services.
- Broader data sharing. Allow SSA access to more real-time data containing length of stay and release information.
- Enhancing referral process to both SSA and partners to better connect with appropriate services.
- SSA, HCA, OCSD, CalOptima and Probation department to develop an informercial on the services and programs available to inmates upon release.
- Equipment to issue (onsite) Medi-Cal Beneficiary Identification Card (BIC) to inmates prior to release date.