

Frequently Asked Questions on AB 109 and Proposed Day Reporting Center

- 1. What is AB 109?** Assembly Bill 109, along with several companion pieces of legislation from the State of California, comprise what is known as 2011 Public Safety Realignment. This legislation was a new state mandate that shifted to the counties some of the state's duties and responsibilities associated with the sentencing and supervision of individuals convicted of felony offenses. This was the state's strategy to comply with a 2009 federal court order to reduce the state's burgeoning prison population. As a result of this legislation, sentencing practices by local courts were altered, the housing of convicted non-violent offenders and parole violators shifted to county jails, and the supervision of paroled non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenders became the responsibility of county probation departments. In 2013, local courts will become responsible for conducting parole hearings.
- 2. What is a "non, non, non"?** This phrase refers to the category of offenders being released into the Post Release Community Supervision program operated by county probation departments under the 2011 Public Safety Realignment. Based on their most recent conviction, offenders are considered non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenders.
- 3. Why are there offenders coming back to Vallejo?** Under California law, people released from state prison are returned to the community where they lived prior to their conviction. In some cases, offenders may also be released to a different community based on close family ties.
- 4. This is a new state mandate. How is it funded?** With the passage of Proposition 30 in November 2012, local governments are constitutionally guaranteed to receive dedicated state tax revenues annually to fund local Public Safety Realignment programs transferred to the counties from the state in 2011. This local funding comes from vehicle license fees and a portion of the state sales tax.
- 5. What is requirement of the mandate?** 2011 Public Safety Realignment redirected from the state to counties specific duties and responsibilities associated with the sentencing and supervision of individuals convicted of felony offenses. Responsibility for the housing of convicted non-violent offenders and parole violators was shifted to the counties. Responsibility for supervising paroled non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenders was shifted to the county probation departments. In 2013, Public Safety Realignment will shift from state to local jurisdiction the responsibility for conducting parole hearings.
- 6. What is the budget break out?** The spending plan for Fiscal Year 2012/13 includes:
 - \$3.7 million to the Sheriff for increased jail capacity;
 - \$1.9 million to Probation for supervision of individuals on Post Release Community Supervision;
 - \$600,000 to the District Attorney/Public Defender/Conflict Defender for additional prosecution and public defense;
 - \$700,000 for additional substance abuse/mental health services; and
 - \$1.5 million for Day Reporting Center operations and programs.

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7. **What has the funding been used for?** The AB109 funding is to be used for the housing of convicted non-violent offenders and parole violators in county jails, the supervision of paroled non-violent, non-serious, and non-sex offenders and programs designed to reduce the recidivism of this offender population.
8. **What is estimated population in county for those on parole?** As of Nov. 13, 2012, there are 3,069 people on adult formal probation, who are managed by the Solano County Probation Department. There are also 356 people serving in Post Release Community Supervision (AB109) who are supervised by the Probation Department. There are an additional 760 people who are being supervised on parole by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
9. **What is a Day Reporting Center?** The Solano County Day Reporting Center concept is to serve as a central hub for individuals on Post Release Community Supervision to comply with their supervision requirements and to receive targeted case management services designed to increase their chances of a successful transition back into the community.
10. **What is not a Day Reporting Center?** The proposal is a targeted use of the Day Reporting Center concept that focuses on delivering services. This is not a place for participants to congregate unless they are there to receive services. Clients will only report to the center to receive targeted services designed to modify their behaviors.
11. **How could a Day Reporting Center help Vallejo?** The Day Reporting Center will provide services designed to change the behavior of former felons on Post Release Community Supervision. Targeted training and services to modify behaviors have been shown in other communities to result in less criminal activity. This is anticipated in Vallejo.
12. **What kind of services will be offered?** The proposed Day Reporting Center will offer case management services and programs designed to modify the behaviors that led to past criminal activity and to acquire the skills necessary to get and keep a job. The participants will also receive services to address mental health and substance abuse issues as well as other social service needs.
13. **What are the hours of operation?** The hours of operation of the Day Reporting Center have not been finalized yet. Tentatively, the Day Reporting Center is proposed to be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday hours are also being considered.
14. **How do you determine what kind of services will be offered?** The Probation Department will use an assessment tool that looks at all of the factors that affect the likelihood of the client committing new crimes. The client is then placed in programs designed to modify their behavior and change the opportunities they see for themselves.
15. **How much time will offenders spend at the Day Reporting Center?** The number of hours per week that a client will be at the Day Reporting Center will depend upon the services they need. It could range from as little as five hours per week to 20 hours per week.
16. **How many people will the Day Reporting Center serve?** The number of people receiving services at any one time will vary depending on the individuals involved in the program

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and the timing of when programmed services are offered. Over the course of a week, the Day Reporting Center will manage up to 75 clients.

17. **Can anybody use the services offered at the Day Reporting Center?** No. The Day Reporting Center is a targeted program for people on Post Release Community Supervision who have been recommended for the program by their Probation Officer.
18. **How long will an individual report to the Day Reporting Center?** Client services will be offered for six to 10 months as part of their assignment to the Post Release Community Supervision program.
19. **Why was Vallejo chosen for a Day Reporting Center?** A variety of factors were considered in selecting a location. Most significantly was the need of the population that currently resides in the greater Vallejo area. Currently, 41% of the offenders in the Post Release Community Supervision Program are from Vallejo, compared to 33% in Fairfield, 14% in Vacaville and smaller percentages from the remaining Solano County communities. In addition, the lack of public transportation options to outside the Vallejo area supported the need for services in Vallejo.
20. **Why was the 355 Tuolumne Street location selected?** The 355 Tuolumne Street in Vallejo location is the hub of judicial, health and social services for the South County. This centralized campus enables clients to efficiently access the services they require in one location. In addition, the campus is served by public transportation, which overcomes a key barrier to accessing services. The County provides security and can expand those measures for the central site.
21. **Who is coming to the Vallejo location?** The target audience for the Day Reporting Center is the people in the Post Release Community Supervision program who are already using the South County campus to meet with their Probation Officer and could receive other services already offered at the campus. Participation in the Day Reporting Center program is based on matching the needs of the client to where services are available.
22. **Why a Day Reporting Center?** Nationally, there has been research that has studied programs and services that help with modifying criminal behavior, and centers that offered focused services are part of the best practices. The County retained a consultant to examine existing programs throughout the country that matched up with the needs of our community. The Community Corrections Partnership reviewed this information and, based on the results being achieved in other communities, recommended the targeted use of the Day Reporting Center concept as the best option to provide services that would change behaviors, reduce criminal activity and improve the community.
23. **What is the Community Corrections Partnership?** The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) was statutorily created as a result of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment legislation. Over the last 15 months this group of local government agency officials and community-based organizations has had the task of planning for and managing the shift in responsibilities resulting from this legislation. The overall objective of the CCP is to reduce the recidivism rate of adult offenders in the local criminal justice system while ensuring that public safety is not adversely compromised.

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24. **Who are the members of the Community Corrections Partnership?** Membership in this planning and advisory body is prescribed in the enabling realignment legislation. The membership includes the Chief Probation Officer, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, a County Supervisor or County Administrator, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Sheriff, the Director of Health and Social Services, the County Superintendent of Education, a local chief of police, a community-based organization with experience in successfully providing rehabilitative services to persons convicted of criminal offenses, and an individual who represents the interests of victims.
25. **What if we do nothing new or additional in Vallejo?** The people on Post Release Community Supervision will continue to reside in the community, and they will not receive coordinated case management services designed to modify their behaviors and ultimately reduce criminal activity and make Vallejo safer.
26. **Where is the money coming from to pay for the Day Reporting Center?** Funding for the Day Reporting Center comes from the State of California. With the passage of Proposition 30 in November 2012, there is a constitutional guarantee that counties will receive funding to manage the public safety realignment population. The first-year operational costs for the Day Reporting Center are estimated at \$1.5 million. Refer to questions 4 and 6.
27. **Does the Day Reporting Center proposal include funding for the Vallejo Police Department?** Not specifically. The funding allocated to counties under the 2011 Public Safety Realignment provides resources toward housing the offenders now serving time in county jails, to supervise individuals sentenced to Post Release Community Supervision, and to provide services designed to reduce recidivism. The state provided separate funding to address impacts of this population on local police departments.
28. **How does the Day Reporting Center impact the Vallejo Police Department?** The Day Reporting Center staff from Probation will provide case management services to clients in the Post Release Community Supervision program. The services that will be offered at the Day Reporting Center are designed to modify the behaviors leading to criminal activity, which should reduce the burden on the Vallejo Police Department.
29. **How will the Day Reporting Center help participants get jobs?** Case management services and programs offered at the Day Reporting Center will include a component focused on improving clients' job readiness and employability skills. Staff will work with other agencies, such as the Employment Development Division and the Workforce Investment Board, to connect clients with employers.
30. **Does the Day Reporting Center help with housing?** Not specifically. Housing is not under the purview of either the Solano County Probation Department or the Health and Social Services Department. These are the two agencies responsible for delivering the services provided through the Day Reporting Center. The Day Reporting Center does not change where an individual lives.

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