

Merced County  
Public Safety Realignment  
&  
Post Release Community Supervision

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**2016 / 2017**

**STRATEGIES – YEAR 6**

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## I. Update on AB109 Programs and Activities

**The Trident Center:** The Center occupies employees of the Sheriff's Department, Human Services Agency, Mental Health, and Probation. Through evidence-based practices, the multi-disciplinary effort employs a three-pronged approach: public safety; reduced recidivism through rehabilitation; and alternatives to incarceration. Client services include the following, on-sight or through referrals:

- Dynamic Risk & Need Assessments
- Release from Custody Assessments
- Flash Incarceration for Violating Program Rules and Court Orders
- Alternative Sanctions through GPS Monitoring
- Community Supervision
- Warrant Apprehension
- Drug Testing
- Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling (Mental Health Department)
- Leadership for Life (Human Services / See Description Below)
- Child Support Collection Efforts (Department of Child Support Services)
- Literacy Referrals (Library – held at the County Library)
- Employment Testing (Workforce Investment Agency)
- Behavioral Health Client Services (MH)
- PACT Re-entry Meeting Representation (HSA, MH, Probation, DCSS, WIA)

**Leadership for Life:** "L4L" was developed by The Merced County Human Services Agency and is facilitated by employees of the Human Services Agency and Probation Department. Facilitators provide an array of one-stop-shop services: life skills; cognitive therapy; education and career assessments; referrals to homeless assistance; Section 8 housing assistance; general relief / food stamps; parenting skills; and assistance with obtaining driving licenses.

**Day Reporting Centers (Cities of Merced & Los Banos):** Behavioral Interventions, Inc. (BI) continues to serve clients with intensive rehabilitative treatment, educational services, and cognitive behavioral therapy. Identified in the 2015/2016 plan, enhancements were made to both the Merced and Los Banos Day Reporting Centers by adding ten (10) additional slots to the Merced Day Reporting Center and five (5) slots to the Day Reporting Center in Los Banos.

**Behavioral Health Court:** The specialty Court commenced in April 2012. The Probation Department's behavioral health caseload currently has 30 clients with mental health diagnoses. The Court is staffed by the Superior Court, including the Bench, Probation, Mental Health, District Attorney, and Public Defender employees.