

Merced County  
Public Safety Realignment  
&  
Post Release Community Supervision

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**2018 / 2019**

**STRATEGIES – YEAR 8**

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## I. Update on AB109 Programs and Activities

**The Trident Center:** The Center occupies employees of the Sheriff's Office (SO), Human Services Agency (HSA), Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), 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 (BHRS)
- Leadership for Life
- Child Support Collection Efforts (Department of Child Support Services)
- Literacy Referrals (Library – held at the County Library)
- Educational Assessments (Merced County Office of Education)
- Employment Testing (Workforce Investment Agency)
- Behavioral Health Client Services (BHRS)
- 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 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. During this past year a full time Consumer Assistance Worker was added to the Probation Staff to coordinate and implement this program.

**Day Reporting Centers (Cities of Merced & Los Banos):** Geo Reentry services continue to provide clients with intensive rehabilitative treatment, educational services, and cognitive behavioral therapy. Identified in the 2016/2017 plan, enhancements were made to the Day Reporting Centers and Jail Re-Entry Program to include a transitional counselor to assist clients as they return to the community from custody setting.

**Behavioral Health Court:** The specialty Court commenced in April 2012. The Probation Department's behavioral health caseload currently has 60 clients with mental health diagnoses. The Court is staffed by the Superior Court, including the Bench, Probation, Behavioral Health, District Attorney, and Public Defender employees.