

## **WELCOME!**

## **OCCJCC Meeting**

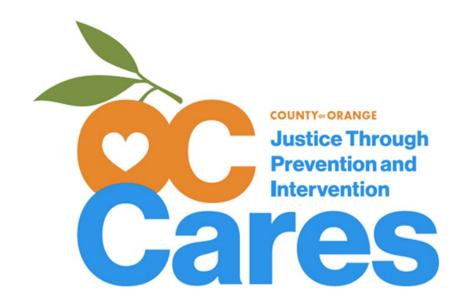
November 21, 2025
County Administration South
Conference Center





## **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks
- II. Approval of Minutes October 17, 2025
- III. 30 Years of Collaborative Courts
- IV. 2025 OC Cares Reports
- V. OCCJCC Comments
- VI. Public Comments









30 YEARS OF RESTORING HOPE, EMPOWERING LIVES, AND BUILDING A SAFER COMMUNITY





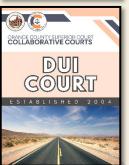
Stabilizing our most challenging populations to make our communities safer and our justice system more efficient.



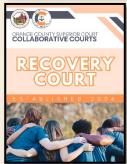


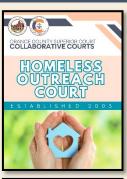
## Orange County Collaborative Courts History





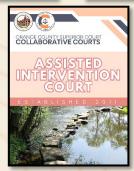












- > 1995: First Drug Court (30th Anniversary)
- > 2002: Opportunity Court
- > 2003: Homeless Outreach Court
- > 2004: First DUI Court
- > 2006: Recovery Court and Whatever it Takes ("WIT") Court
- **> 2008**:
  - Community Court Building (CCB) Opens
    - > Nationally recognized for its innovative design (CJI Mentor Site)
  - Veterans Treatment Court (first in California)
- > 2011: Assisted Intervention Court
- > 2013: Military Diversion
- > 2021: Consolidated Mental Health Diversion at CCB
- **> 2025**:
  - Prop 36 Program
  - Consolidated Military Diversion Motions at CJC



## From One Drug Court to . . . Seventeen Current Collaborative Court Programs











- Drug/Prop 36: CJC / HJC/ NJC / WJC
- DUI: CJC / HJC/ NJC / WJC
- Mental Health Courts (5): CCB1
- Homeless Outreach: CCB1
- Veterans Treatment: C46 ("CCB2")
- Military Diversion: C46
- Total Graduations (Since Inception): 6,685



## **During OC Cares (2019 - 2025)**

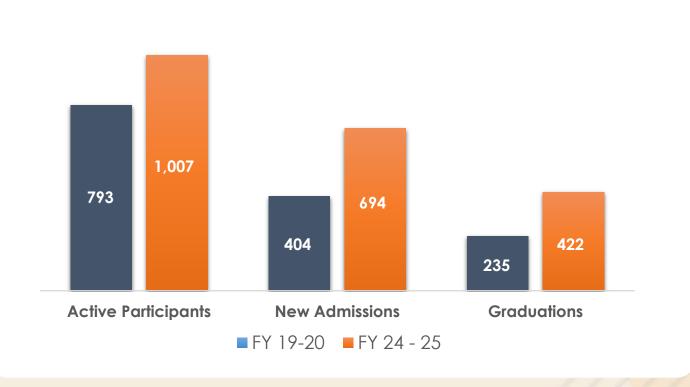














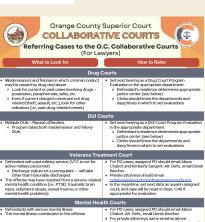
## **OUTREACH**



County Partner Agencies Probation Departmen Public Defender's Office District Attorney's Office

909 N. Main Street. Santa Ana. CA 92701

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1994, Santa Ana, CA 92702-1994 **MENTAL HEALTH COURTS** 



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- This program helps combat and non-combat Veterans who have trauma, mental health issues, or substance abuse problems arising from from their military service (including PTSD, traumatic brain injury, or military sexual trauma).
- In this program, Veterans get the treatment, accountability and support they need instead of going to jail.
- If they complete the program successfully, their charges might be dropped, and thei arrest and court records might be sealed.
- Eligibility does not depend on discharge status.













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- **>** Brochures
- > Flyers in Courts
- > In-Custody Outreach
  - > Posters in CJ1 and C49 Cells
  - > Flyers
  - Planned Video
- > Identifying Veterans



#### The Past Year



- > Prop 36 (eff. 12/18/24)
  - > Hard drug possession (with two priors)
  - > Treatment Program
  - > Approx. 5,300 felonies filed
  - > Over 580 treatment evaluations
  - > Approx. 220 active participants
- > First Graduations
- **→** Continuing Challenge -- Resources



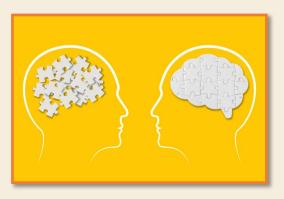




#### The Past Year



- > Military Diversion
  - > Felonies added in 2025
  - > Centralized in Dept. C46
  - > Program Growing
- > Mental Health Diversion
  - > Continuing Increases
    - > Sept. '24 = 214
    - > Sept. '25 = 259
  - > Motions Pending = 178







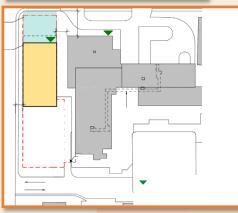
## **Continued Progress**





- > Homeless Outreach Court
  - > Continued transition of the model
- Case Management System
  - > Selected provider
  - > Build in progress
  - > Additional data
- Peer Support Specialists (Drug/DUI)
  - > In place next month
- ➤ Proposed New Building . . .





#### **ORANGE COUNTY**

## COLLABORATIVE COURTS

## Early 2022 - One Court (CCB1)





CHILDREN'S CHAMBERS

НСА

SOCIAL SERVICES

VOC REHAB WIT COURT

MENTAL HEALTH
DIVERSION

**RECOVERY COURT** 

**OPPORTUNITY COURT** 

ASSISTED INTERVENTION

VETERANS TREATMENT
COURT

MILITARY DIVERSION

DRUG COURT

**DUI COURT** 

HOMELESS OUTREACH COURT

DA

PD

VA

#### ORANGE COUNTY

## OLLABORATIVE COURTS

# COLLABORATIVE COUPL

## **CURRENT CCB COURTS**

CCB2 (C46)



**MILITARY / SUD COURTS** 

**VETERANS** TREATMENT COURT

> **MILITARY** DIVERSION

> **DUI COURT**

DRUG COURT

**PROP 36 EVALS** 

PROP 36 **PROGRESS REVIEWS** 

C44



MENTAL HEALTH **DIVERSION** 

> CONTESTED MHD MOTIONS

C58



MHD / IST / **PROP 36** 

MHD

IST/1368 MHD EVALS

**EVALS/PLEAS** 

CCB<sub>1</sub>



MENTAL HEALTH **COURT HUB** 

WIT COURT

RECOVERY COURT

**OPPORTUNITY** 

COURT

**MOTIONS** 

PROP 36

CHILDREN'S **CHAMBERS** 

ASSISTED INTERVENTION

MENTAL HEALTH **DIVERSION** 

HOMELESS **OUTREACH COURT**  DA

PD

VOC

VA

**REHAB** 

**SOCIAL SERVICES** 

**HCA** 

## COLLABORATIVE COURTS

## PROPOSED CCJC RE-ORGANIZATION



CCJC-1



MILITARY / SUD COURTS

VETERANS TREATMENT
COURT

MILITARY DIVERSION (Including Mental Health Div. Cases)

**DUI COURT** 

**DRUG COURT** 

PROP 36 PROGRESS REVIEWS

CCJC-2



MENTAL HEALTH
COLLABORATIVE
COURTS

WIT COURT

**RECOVERY COURT** 

**OPPORTUNITY COURT** 

ASSISTED INTERVENTION
COURT

MENTAL HEALTH
DIVERSION

HOMELESS OUTREACH COURT

CCJC-3



CIVIL MENTAL HEALTH
COURTS

LPS CONSERVATORSHIP

ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

**CARE COURT** 

CCJC-4



CRIM. ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT COURTS

ARRAIGNMENTS/ ASSESSMENTS

1368 PROCEEDINGS

MENTAL HEALTH REENTRY (C58, C60)

**PROP 36 EVALS/PLEAS** 

#### **ORANGE COUNTY**

## COLLABORATIVE COURTS

# COLLABORATIVE COURTS

## COLLABORATIVE COURT JUSTICE CENTER

CHILDREN'S CHAMBERS

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

CC FOUNDATION

VISITORS OFFICE

SHERIFF DEPT
OFFICE

CUSTODY

LEGAL AID (PRO BONO)

**OCBA** 

HCA /
MENTAL HEALTH
& SUD

HCA / MEDICAL

PROBATION

TESTING SERVICES PRETRIAL SERVICES

VETERANS SERVICES

> Substance Use, Unhoused)

**NON-PROFIT** 

**PROVIDERS** 

(Mental

Illness,

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT / HOUSING SERVICES

VOCATIONAL REHAB. SERVICES

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

SHERIFF DEPT OFFICE

**CUSTODY HOLDING** 

DISTRICT ATTORNEY STAFFING STAFFING DEFENDER

CJCC1 CCJC2 CCJC3 CCJC4

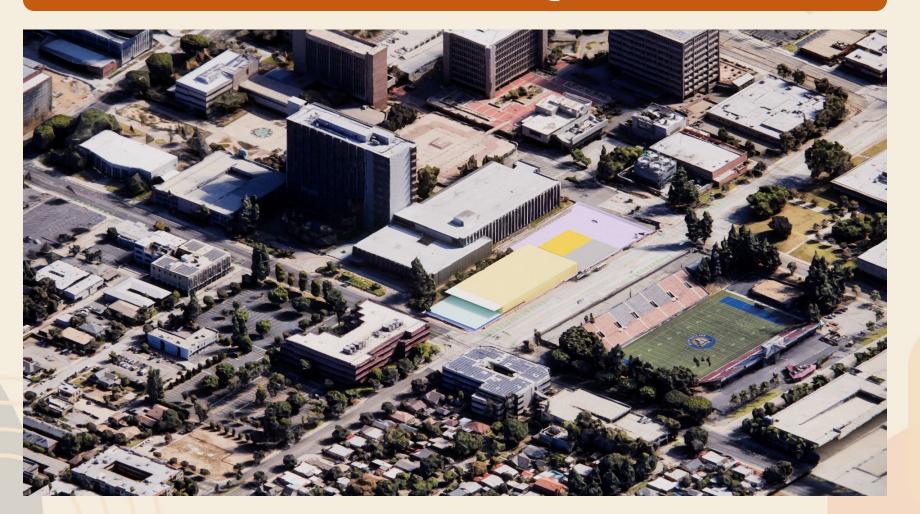
**COURT STAFF OFFICES** 

**SUPERVISING JUDGE / JUDICIAL CHAMBERS** 

**CUSTODY HOLDING / TRANSPORTATION** 



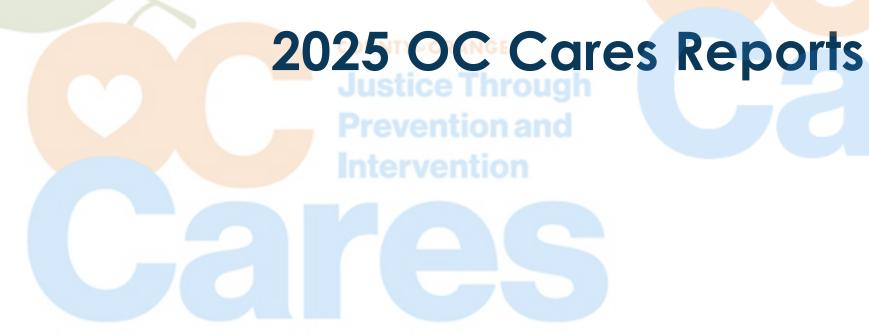
## **Continued Progress**





# Restoring Hope . . . Empowering Lives . . . Building a Safer Community.







## OC Cares 2025 Vision Performance and Metrics Report

**Chrislyn Nefas** 

CEO, Data Analytics Sr. Manager

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Oversight & Collaboration

#### Introduction

This report details progress and enhancements provided through the OC Cares Initiative in support of the County of Orange's (County's) Community Corrections System of Care. In 2015, the County, as part of the nationwide Stepping Up Initiative, developed an overall strategy that focused on reducing the number of individuals with mental illness in custodial care that required the integration of services from disparate county departments and community partners. This strategy was then expanded to create the Integrated Services 2025 Vision as a collaborative success strategy which was adopted by the County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) on October 22, 2019. In 2021, Integrated Services was rebranded as the OC Cares: Justice through Prevention and Intervention 2025 Vision (OC Cares 2025 Vision).

OC Cares is a countywide initiative addressing the needs of residents and accessibility to services and programs. The initiative strives to address the current and possible underlying needs of individuals involved in any of the County's five Systems of Care (Behavioral Health, Healthcare, Community Corrections, Housing, or Benefits and Support Services) and includes coordinated care management, linkages to programs and services, and assistance with job readiness and employment. The initiative links the various Systems of Care in the County to provide enhanced care coordination and services. The OC Cares 2025 Vision is essentially a five-year plan that was developed with the goal of providing this system of enhanced care coordination and services for justice involved individuals to successfully reenter society and work towards self-sufficiency.

The OC Cares 2025 Vision was built on five "pillars" of service designed to alian with the major components of the Community Correction System of Care. The pillars are: Prevention, Courts, In-Custody, Reentry and Juvenile and Transitional Aged Youth (TAY). Defined goals and objectives with action items were developed in collaboration with key stakeholders for each pillar, with the intent to improve processes, programs, infrastructure and/or procedures. Through these efforts, the County aimed to strengthen the overarching Systems of Care and serve its most vulnerable residents, while improving the public safety of Orange County's 3.1 million residents.

The implementation of the OC Cares 2025 Vision included quarterly reports that reflected progress, updates and revisions to the plan and has been a permanent component to the County's annual Strategic Financial Plan (SFP). All quarterly reports were presented to the Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (OCCJCC) which is chaired, and vice chaired by the BOS and includes County departments, Courts and local law enforcement and is responsible for oversight of the OC Cares 2025 Vision.

#### Systems of Care



#### Behavioral Health

Supports services for substance use or mental health over the continuum from early intervention, assessments, treatments, and ongoing supportive services to work towards stability in health and wellness.



Supports public health by providing immunizations, clinical services, and nutrition programs. The OC Health Care Agency and CalOptima Health support personal healthcare needs.



#### Community Corrections

Provides specific resources for those individuals that are justice-involved to help them address contributing underlying issues and assist them by removing barriers to service enabling them to work towards becoming self-sufficient.



The continuum of housing needs spans from emergency shelter to transitional to permanent (with or without supportive services). There are many programs based on what is needed and specialized programs for those receiving services in multiple systems of care.



#### Benefits & Support Services

Facilitates enrollments in available assistance programs for health coverage, food, and cash assistance such as enrollment in Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, CalFresh, and general relief programs.

#### Oversight & Collaboration

#### Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The OCCJCC is the operating body that oversees and provides recommendations to the OC Cares 2025 Vision The purpose of the council is to bring key decision-makers together to explore system improvements and promote cooperation and coordination of day-to-day activities. Short and long-range strategies are developed in the realm of teamwork and collaborative responses to countywide problems. The OC Cares 2025 Vision was accomplished through the creation of working groups and task forces led by CEO to implement the plan. To find additional information about OCCJCC, visit the County's webs

"To improve public safety on behalf of Orange County residents, through greater interagency communication, coordination and collaboration regarding law enforcement and administration of justice issues."

This mission is accomplished by:

- Improved utilization of resources and balance within the Criminal Justice System.
- · Improved synergy of ideas and expertise among Criminal Justice Professionals.
- · Improved public confidence in the OC Criminal



#### OC Cares Working Groups

Integrating Services Court Reentry Juvenile & TAY Legislation & Funding Data & Metrics

OC Cares Juvenile & TAY Task Forces

organizations to work collaboratively to accomplish the OC Cares 2025 Vision.

Prevention Courts In-Custody Reentry

Departments involved include:

- Board of Supervisors (BOS)
- County Executive Office (CEO)
- CEO Legislative Affairs Precision Advocacy
- CEO Office of Care Coordination (OCC)
- County of Orange Social Services Agency (SSA)
- Orange County Child Support Services (CSS)
- Orange County Community Resources (OCCR)
- Orange County District Attorney (OCDA)
- Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA)
- Orange County Probation Department (Probation) Orange County Public Defender (Public Defender)
- Orange County Public Works (OCPW)
- Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD)
- Orange County Superior Court (OC Courts)

Working groups and task forces identified and included key agency partners and community-based







#### Data At-A-Glance

#### **Data At-A-Glance**

#### OC Jail Population Bookings

→Individuals Booked



Bookings are limited to those booked within an OC Jail, therefore those arrested and released within a law enforcement agency or released to medical are not reflected in the numbers

Note: Data retreived from OCSD database June 2025.

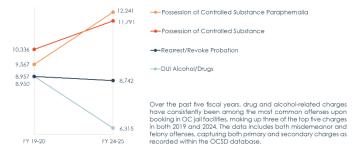
#### Length of Stay

Regardless of length of stay, OCSD remains committed to ensuring all individuals are offered opportunities and resources to support rehabilitation.



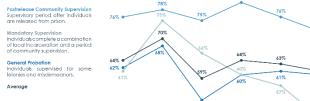


#### Top Charges for Bookings



#### Data At-A-Glance

#### **Probation Successful Completions**

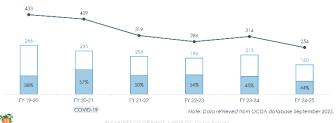


	COVID-19					48%
	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25
Postrelease Community Supervision	501	593	428	460	361	337
Mandatory Supervision	158	169	157	128	80	69
General Probation	1,581	1,649	910	1,379	1,618	1,580

Note: Successful completions are defined by the following statuses: Early Termination by Court Order, Early Termination -Satisfactory, Normal Solventra (County, Page 47 Termination, 19m of Latinut, Decada, October 19m), page 14 Termination (Madementar Cases), ROS (feeler of supervision) - Court Order, Termination of monit, Termination 1 Year, Individuals with a termination state of Neutral (Other (1203-9 PC Accepted, County, Page 4 Termination, 19m), of Neutral (19m), Decadad, Other (19m), Page 4 Termination, 19m), of Neutral (19m), Decadad, Other (19m), order (19m), or completion data extracted approximately the 10th of the month following each fiscal year

#### **Probation Daily Reporting Centers**

Non-residential adult DRCs deliver structured reentry services and comprehensive programming for individuals released to the community. Participants go through a multi-phase program that could run 6-9 months

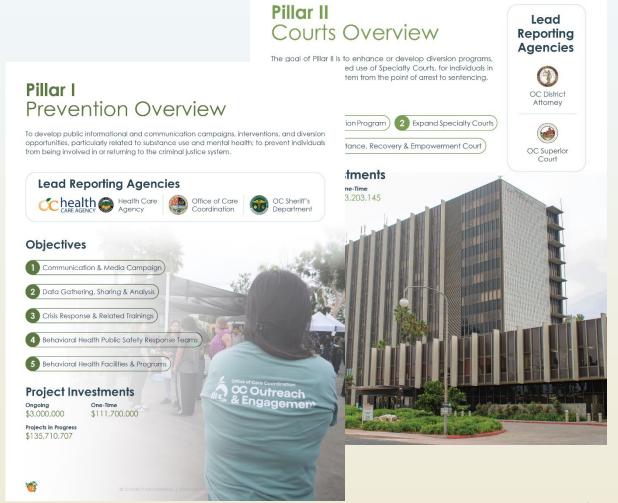








- Pillar Overview
  - Goal
  - Lead Reporting Agencies
  - Objectives
  - Project Investments





- Successes
- Implementation & Timelines

#### Successes

#### Financial Investments

Provided support to CBO's to expand or enhance services to reentry population



"I had no clue about Project Kinship when I was

released...I was like, that place is not for me but

I gave it a shot and I went. I noticed people right away that looked like me. They looked at me and they talked like me. I realized they were me at one point, and I was able to relate and make a

"This is an opportunity to save countless lives with OC Cares...Now people have somewhere to come where we have resources. It's just a drop in with somewhere like Project Kinship and Break Off. The vast number of people, organizations and companies that are now connected as one to be able to do more is impressive. And so, there's Charles and the control that have been been also been al

#### Implementation & Timeline



#### 2019

2025 OC Cares Vision Adoption

Added Jail-to-Community Resources and expanded the "All-In" program for individuals who are high risk to return to jail



Expanded therapeutic groups to be able to accommodate more participants and provide additional options to meet the

Implemented MAT treatments to enhance both treatment services and harm reduction strategies.



Remodeled the IRC - triage intake to better serve individuals, increasing privacy, to allow secure discussions of medical and mental health needs.

First in California to add enrollment assistance to benefit programs, which included obtaining the state waiver to provide CalFresh benefits, upon

#### \$500,000 Established Specialized Housing Added designated housing units for veterans, LGBTQ and residential drug treatment program

which has strengthened coordination and access to care as individuals can be evaluated

Completed enhancements of in-custody

tabilization services and 15 male and 5 temple LPS beds that allowed expansion and for better coordination of services.

Expanded therapeutic groups, counseling and discharge planning for inmales to meet the



Added a dedicated sector with step down beds to Theo Lacy Facility allowing for more efficient service delivery.

Implementation of virtual training programs began to help support access to additional programming for interested



Expanded the "All-in" program to allow for more successful outcomes of individuals completing the program.

Established specialized programming for female inmates similar to those affered to make

Began offering an educational and vocational program focused on inmates achieving vocational certifications to allow for additional training opportunities. This included partnerships with second-chance employers.

Improved the use of the MH modules and step-down beds by implementing a placement plan for stabilized immales.



e are starting to look more closely into hiring tive forward, that this population is incredible. itty. They're perseverant. And if people take a usiness. And we are here to prove that to you... I've ever met."



Established programming curriculum linking high utilikers receiving MH or SUD treatment with Inmate Service programs. Populated and implemented enhanced programming at the Musick Jail Facility allowing individuals greater access to mental health, educational and vocational trainings.

> housing for slep-down beds to meet the increasing need for services.
>
> Evaluated educational and vocational programs to gain feedback.

Implementation of enhanced reenty programming to allow for coordination o individuals exiting the Jails



#### **Looking Ahead**

Programs will continue to be refined to meet the needs of the individuals in County jails and may include certifications, job readiness and linking to our developing reentry programs.









## Objective details

#### **Objective 3**

#### In-Custody Reentry **Programming**

To engage and involve individuals while in custody to participate and complete programs and/or trainings to prepare them for reentry back into their community and reduce the likelihood of returning to custody.

In 2025, there has been an increase in programs and engagement. There are over 54 different programs that are offered in custody which include educational classes, vocational trainings, life skills trainings, reentry programming and substance abuse specific programs.

#### One-Time Investment

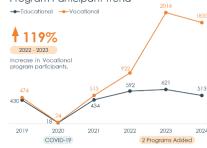
Established Jail-to-Community Resources & Support

**Enhanced Reentry Programming & Added** Virtual Job Readiness Trainings

"We want to make sure that the individuals in custody are equipped with the knowledge and the tools that they need. When they're released, they're more employable and ready to go back into the workforce. The virtual job readiness training has an in-custody and post release component so that when they get released, they are linked up with employers and jobs as well."

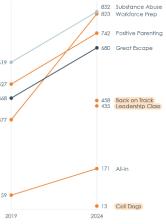
OCSD Inmate Services Director

#### Program Participant Trend



#### **Enhanced Reentry Programming**





Note: Educational classes include academic skills, English as a second language, High School equivalency diploma and money matters. Vocational programs include software applications, virtual reality headset, institutional food preparation, accounting and custodial programming. | Data retrieved October 2025 from the OCSD database.







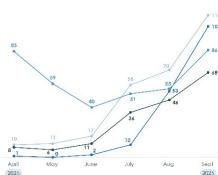
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#### Clients Receiving Services

- -Linkages Feer Support Case Management
- -- New Clients Receiving Individual Services



Nate: South Reentry Success Center's open four days a week, Monday - Thursday. | Data





Sepl. 2024 - Sepl. 2025

"More and more clients have been coming to the facility to receive much needed services and linkages to various resources to help create a lawful and productive lifestyle. Project Kinship has transformed the once empty space into a beacon of hope and acceptance for present and future clients."

Project Kinship Program Coordinator





## OC Cares Pillar Key Findings



**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS** 



## Next Steps: Performance and Metrics Report

- 1. Review and provide feedback by 12/31/2025
- 2. Juvenile and TAY section is pending and will be shared for feedback

3. Target for completion for Final Report is 3/31/2026



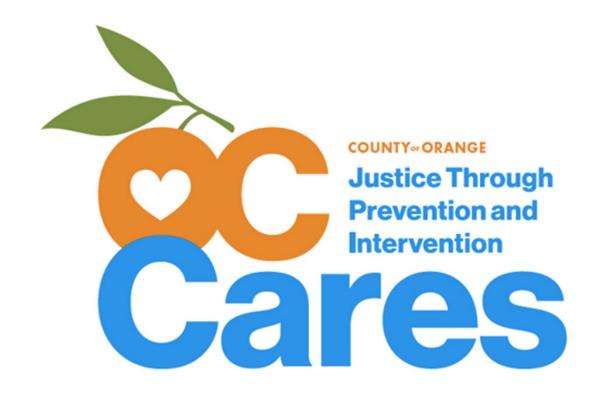
## Next Steps: OC Care Data & Metrics Workgroup

Being strategic – Identify data to support...

- 1. Decision-making
  - Ensures needs are being addressed
  - Allows for monitoring of what may be out of control of the program/service efforts
  - Allows for comparisons and/or different perspectives of program outcomes
- 2. Program & project outcomes
  - Measures success of identified objectives
  - Determines areas for improvement







## **THANK YOU!**

**Questions/Comments** 

Next Meeting:
January 16, 2026
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