



2016/17 Report to the Board of Supervisors

Community Restorative Justice Commission

Since September 26, 2000

Representing Monterey County

2016-17 MEMBERS

Chair: Marcia Parsons, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

Vice Chair: Bertha Gonzalez, Victim Representative, District 2

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Public Defender: Susan Chapman

School District: Ron Dillender, Salinas City

Business Community: Etna Monsalve

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Student: Roger Gayman

Person w/ Personal Experience in Criminal Justice System: Wesley Hays

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State Corrections: Anthony P. Ivanich

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Victim Representatives by District:

Angie Ortega, District 1;

Beatriz Vera-Morga, District 3;

Cheryl Ward-Kaiser, District 4;

Kathy Bauer, District 5

Staff: Dawn Allen, Secretary/ Probation Officer Representative

RPJ Inc. Staff: Jennie Welton-Burciaga, Executive Director

COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMISSION PURPOSE

Reduce violence in the community and increase community levels of restoration and healing

Balance the legitimate needs of the victims, community and offenders

Set policy and make recommendations for restorative justice programs to enhance community protection and develop empathy and competency in the offender

Provide opportunities for victims to be heard

Offenders learn to be held accountable

Provide opportunity to repair the harm done and build community relationships

A COMBINED APPROACH FOR IMPACT

RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE

- ☐ Focused on offender

Asks:

- ☐ What law was broken?
- ☐ Who was at fault?
- ☐ What is the punishment going to be?

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

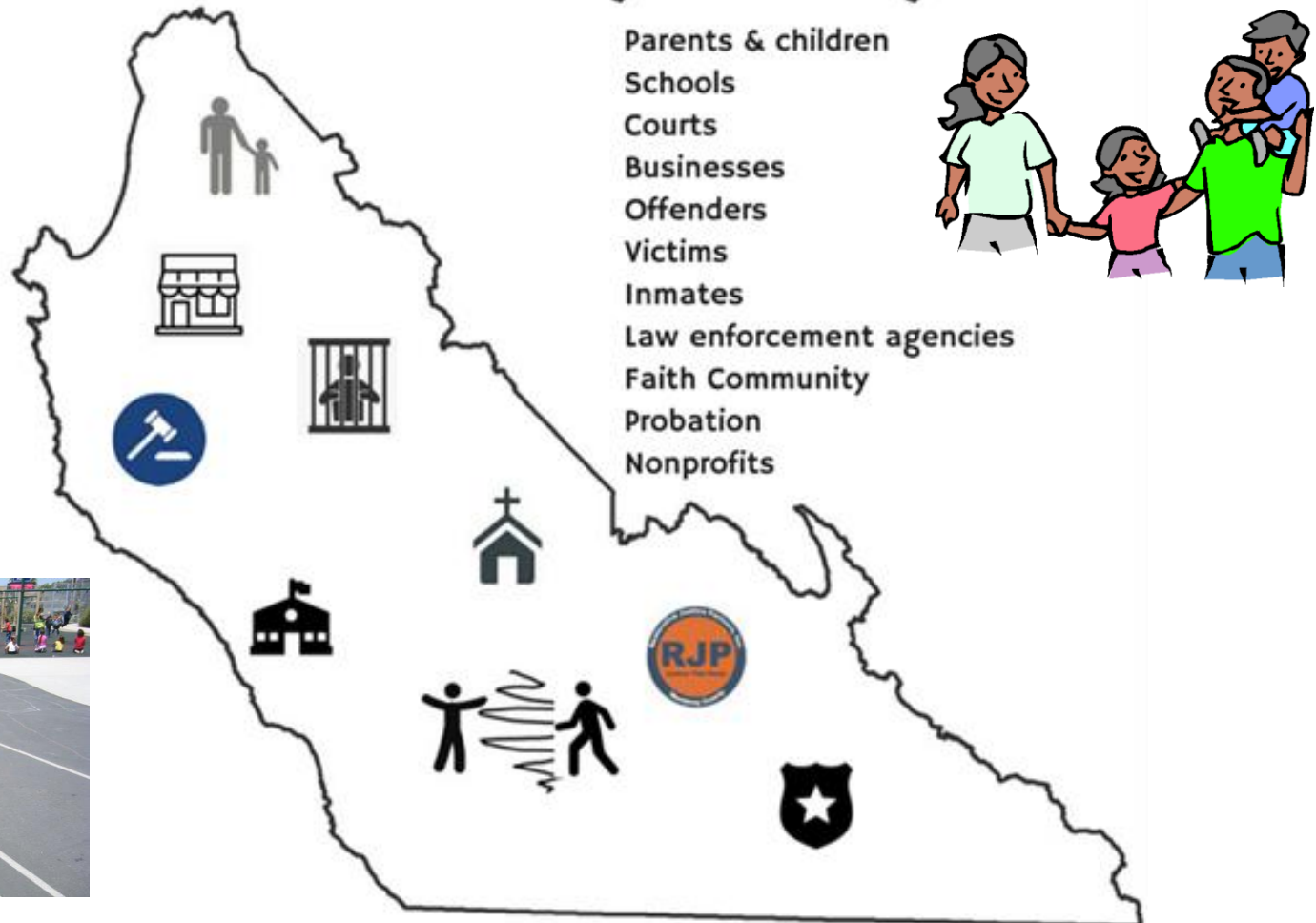
- ☐ Balanced on offender, victim and community

Asks:

- ☐ What harm resulted, including the broken law?
- ☐ How can we repair the harm?
- ☐ Who is responsible for the restoration?

STAKEHOLDERS

The reach of **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** in Monterey County



Restorative Justice Partners, Inc.

501 (c) 3 organization operating in Monterey County since 1987 to promote the use of restorative justice principles and practices throughout the county

Collaborates closely with the Commission to accomplish mutual goals

The mission of Restorative Justice Partners, Inc. is to provide support and education to those affected by conflict to encourage accountability, reparation, and empathy.



RJP, INC. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Monterey County Nonprofit

Restorative
Justice
Commission

RJP Board

Law
Enforcement

Community
Partners

Restorative Justice Partners, Inc.

Victim Offender
Reconciliation
Program

Merchant
Accountability
Program

Victim Impact
Program

Circles

RJ in the Schools

VICTIM OFFENDER RECONCILIATION

Meet the volunteer mediators of RJP, Inc. These community members facilitate mediations between youthful offenders and the people they have caused harm in a guided & intentional restorative justice process.



MERCHANT ACCOUNTABILITY PANEL

NORTHRIDGE MALL & DEL MONTE CENTER

AN ADAPTATION OF THE VORP
PROGRAM TO SPECIFICALLY
ADDRESS THE HARMS CAUSED BY
SHOPLIFTING

*“I’m not happy I stole but I am
happy I got caught...to be able
to have this life changing
experience before I turned 18.”*

- MAP Participant



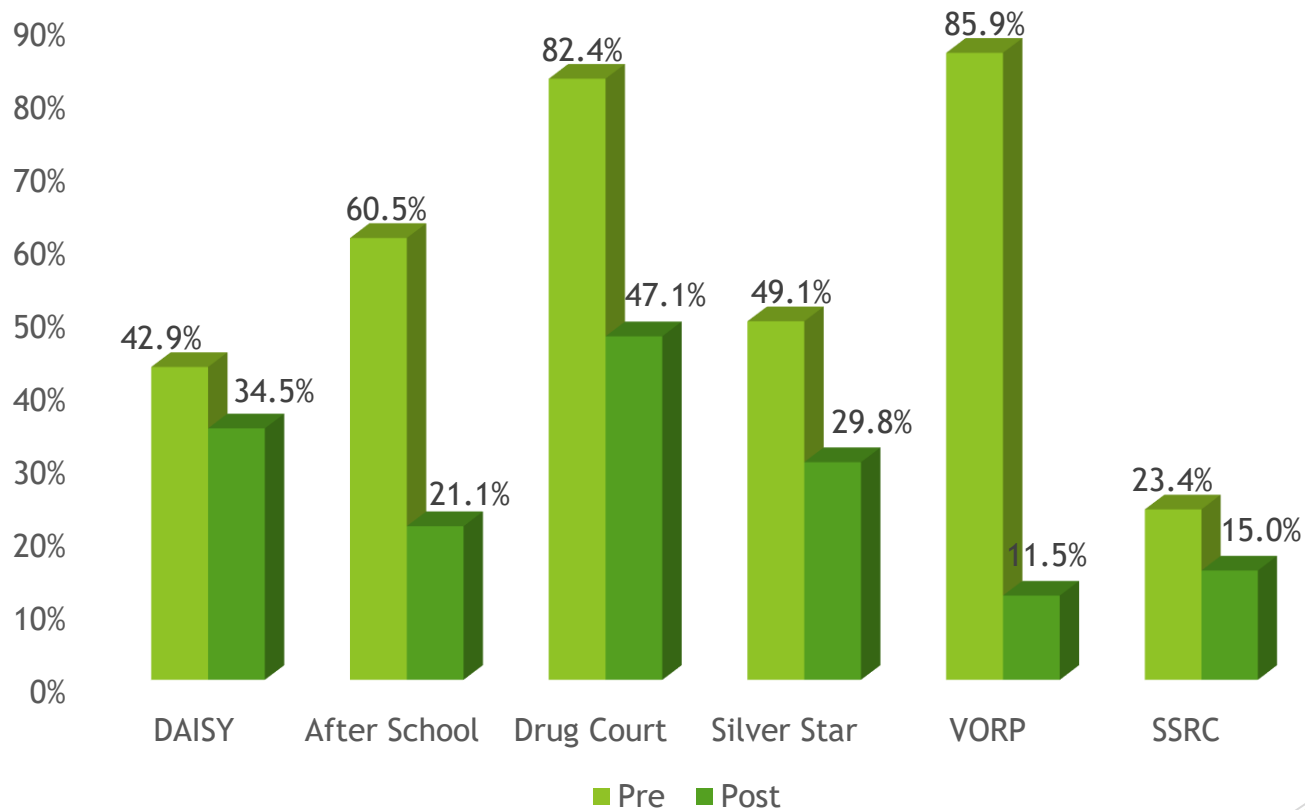


ARRESTS: VICTIM OFFENDER RECONCILIATION

**89% of participants do NOT
recidivate 12 Months Post-
Program Entry**

JJCPA PROGRAMS

Percent Individuals with New Arrests Pre and Post 12 Months Program Entry

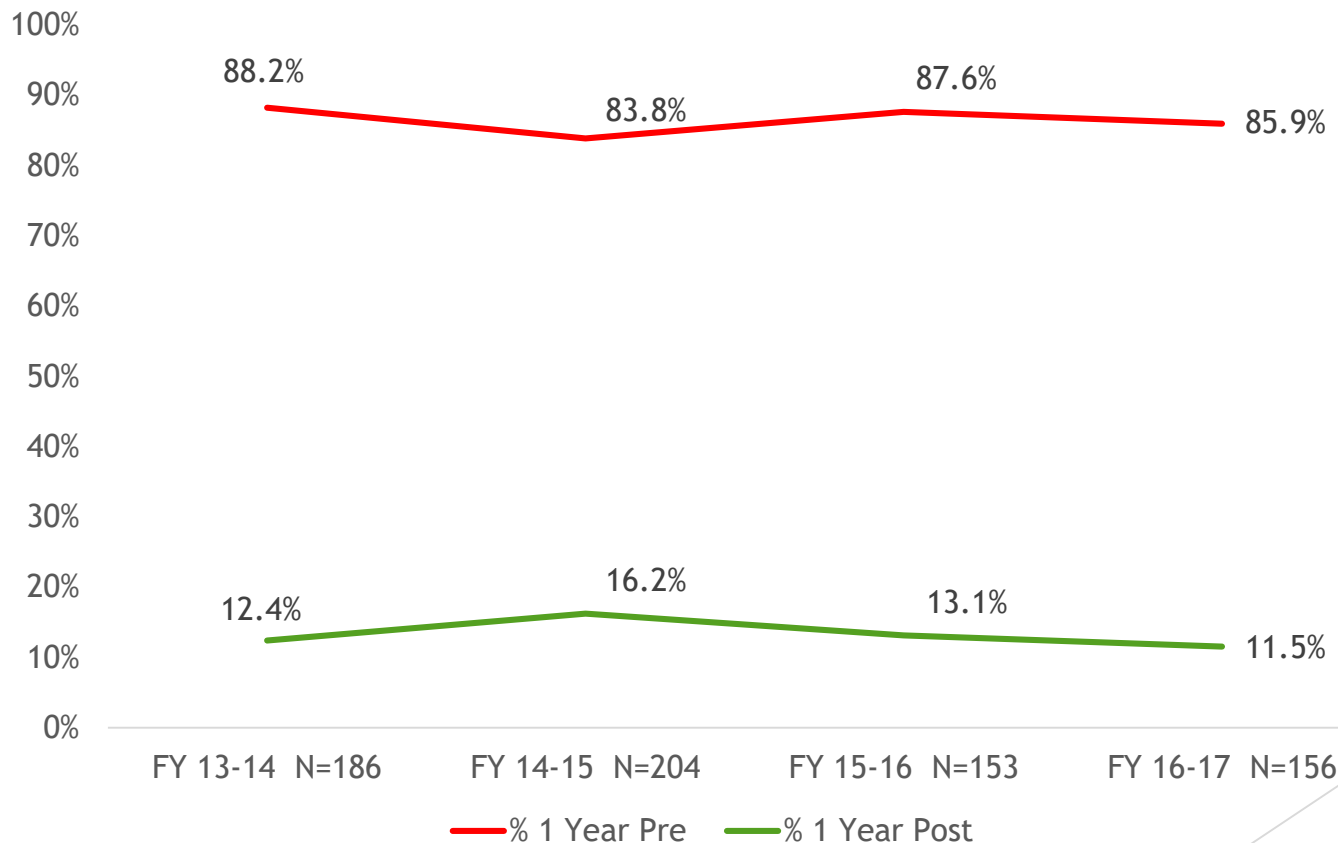


Percent of individuals with New Arrests (Offenses) decreased for all programs. Although a significance test was not applied, the decreases for all programs except SSRC are likely significant except possibly SSRC and DAISY. Percentages rounded to first decimal.

VORP/MAP

4 YEAR COMPARISON

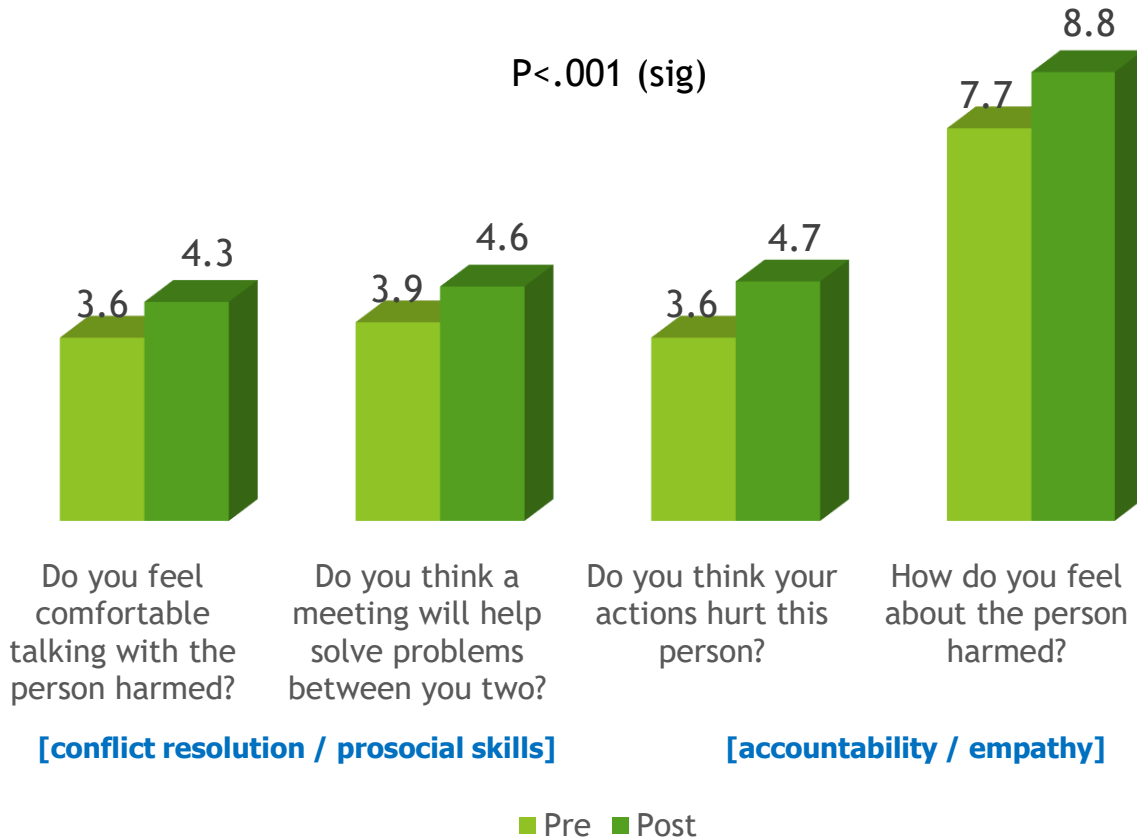
Percent of Youth with New Offenses 1 Year Pre and Post Entry



New offenses do not include probation violations. Percentages rounded to the first decimal. Decreased rates of new offenses from pre-program to post-program appear significant and consistent in the past 4 years (No statistical test applied.)

VORP

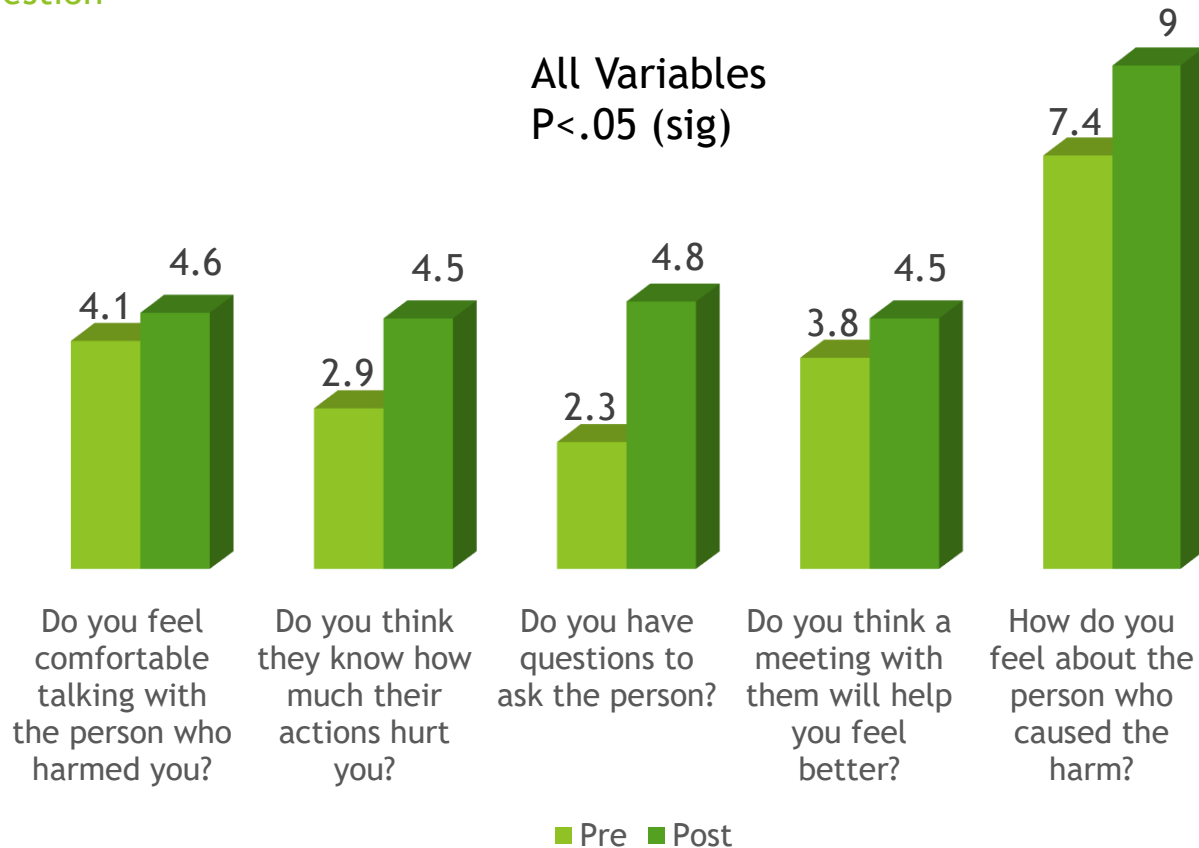
Offender Perceptions of VORP Effectiveness Pre-Post Mean Scores of Measures by Question



N= 61, Matched Pairs. Q1-3 Scale 1-5, Q4 Scale 1-10 . The mean adjusted score for the Pre Survey was 4.66, with the mean for the Post Survey at 5.59, and this was found to be significant. A Pre and Post analysis was also conducted of unmatched surveys, N=66 Pre Survey and N=62 Post Surveys. The mean adjusted score for the Pre Survey was 4.63, with the mean for the Post Survey at 5.59, and this was found to be significant ($p < .001$). All individual variables were found to demonstrate a significant improvement in reconciliation.

VORP

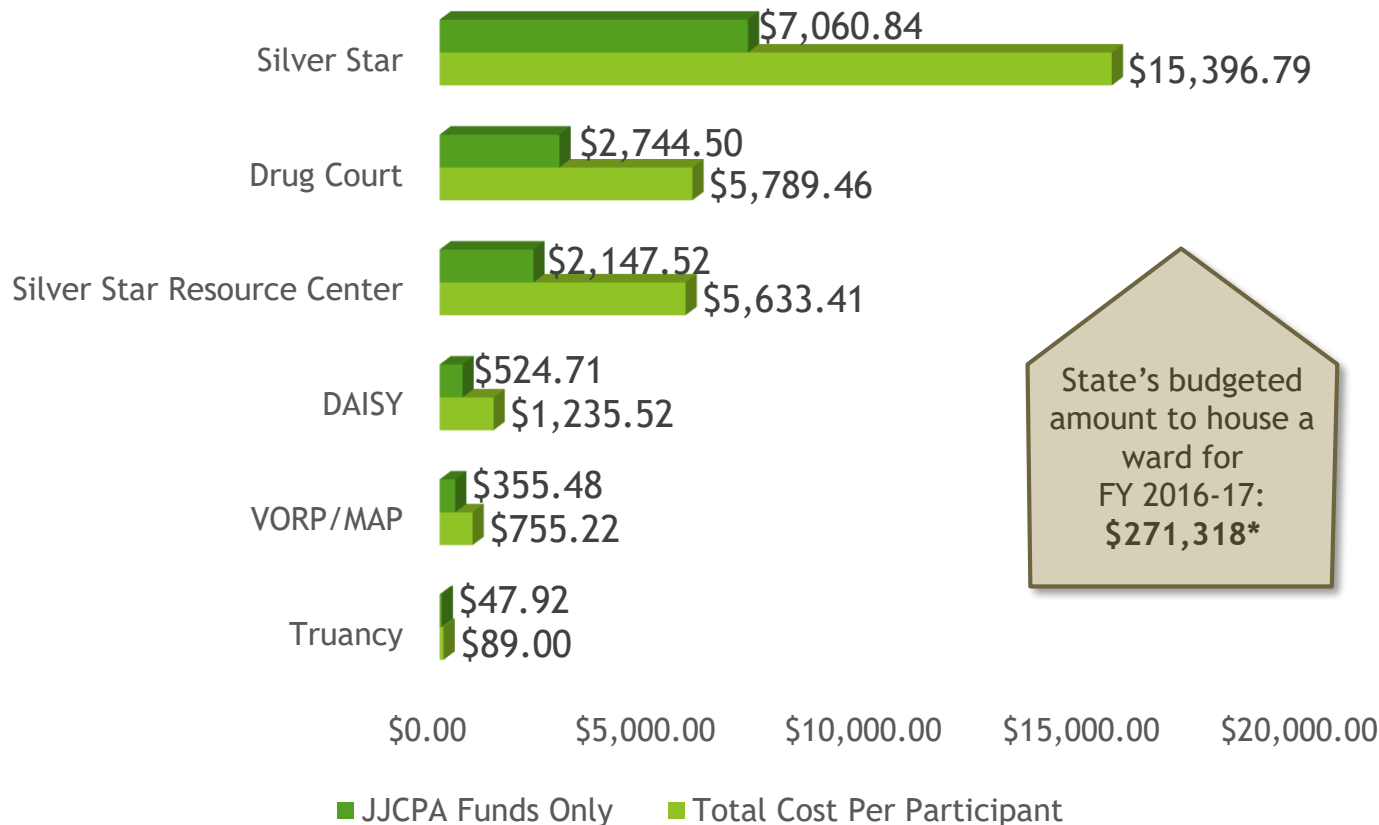
Victim Perceptions of VORP Effectiveness Pre-Post Mean Scores of Measures by Question



N= 17 Matched Pairs. Q1-4 Scale 1-5, Q5 Scale 1-10 . The mean adjusted score for the Pre Survey was 4.11, with the mean for the Post Survey at 5.49, and this was found to be significant. A Pre and Post analysis was also conducted of unmatched surveys, N=21 Pre Survey and N=19 Post Surveys. The mean adjusted score for the Pre Survey was 3.88, with the mean for the Post Survey at 5.32, and this was found to be significant ($p < .001$). All individual variables were found to demonstrate a significant improvement in reconciliation ($p < .05$).

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Cost Per Youth Participants by Program Intervention



In prior years, expenditures were reported with JJCPA funds only, as reflected on the State Reporting System. This chart reflects the cost per participant during the reporting year with JJCPA funds only and also total costs including JJCPA and all Other Funds during 2016-2017.

*This includes education, medical, clothing, counseling, and other costs. Source: Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, April 2017.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN SCHOOLS



This approach utilizes schools as hubs for social change to shift response to student misbehavior. Schools utilize inclusive consequences that are focused on involving students in the processes of community building and conflict resolution.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN SCHOOLS 2016/17 OUTCOMES

- 172 adults total were trained in two districts
- 89% of responding participants rated the RJ Schools training useful
- 115 students attended peer mediation training
- 70% of campus supervisors reported an increase in the use of meditations
- Principals report that each school that has received training is successfully implementing the use of restorative justice practices

VICTIM IMPACT SPEAKER'S BUREAU

The Victim Impact process is an opportunity for crime victims to have their voices heard by youthful offenders in an accountable and safe environment.

VIP serves:

- Juvenile Hall
- Youth Center
- Rancho Cielo

With 2018/19 expansions planned to:

- County Jail
- Silver Star Resource Center



OUTCOMES FOR VICTIM IMPACT PROGRAM

PARTICIPATION IN COMPARABLE VICTIM IMPACT PROGRAMS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO...

INCREASE

- Knowledge of victims' rights^{1,2}
- Knowledge of victimization facts^{1,2}
- Knowledge of effects of crime on victims³
- Sensitivity to & empathy for victims^{1,2,3}
- Sociomoral reasoning maturity⁴
- Personal responsibility for actions³
- Restitution payments⁵

DECREASE

- Disciplinary infractions while in custody^{3,6}
- Recidivism rates^{3,5}
- Victim blaming³

1. Monahan, Monahan, Gaboury, & Niesyn, 2004
2. Gaboury & Sedelmaier, 2007
3. Baird, 2015
4. Putnins, 1997
5. Stutz, 1994
6. Gaboury, Sedelmaier, Monahan, & Monahan, 2008

REACH THROUGHOUT MONTEREY COUNTY



2016/17 CRJC Accomplishments

- Expand VORP mediation process from strictly juveniles to include adults
- Continue to develop programs responsive to the AB109 population
- Educate and market to the larger community, especially in schools
 - Districts currently served:
 - Salinas City Elementary
 - Alisal Union

CRJC Conference



- April 23, 2016 Hartnell College, Salinas
- Keynote speaker, Dr. Mark Umbreit is co-founder of the Institute for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking and Chair of the Department of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, and currently serves as President of the National Association of Community Restorative Justice.
- Dr. Umbright powerfully spoke of the effects of restorative justice practices, not only in Monterey County but around the world.
- There were 121 people in attendance. Post conference surveys, and participatory evaluations with attendants, captured nothing but positive feedback.

Other Accomplishments

After meeting with Commissioner Cheryl Ward Kaiser, in January 2016, Commissioner Bill Muniz, Warden at Salinas Valley State Prison, agreed to let her speak with inmates in A Yard so that they would come to understand how crime impacts victim survivors and their families when they lose a loved one to homicide.

AB 2590 Amending PC 1170

❑ AB 2590, Weber. Sentencing: restorative justice.

(Chaptered 09/27/2016)

An act to amend Section 1170 of the Penal Code, relating to sentencing, indicating that the purpose of sentencing is public safety achieved through punishment, rehabilitation, and **restorative justice**.

❑ Penal Code 1170. (a)

(1) The Legislature finds and declares that the purpose of sentencing is public safety achieved through punishment, rehabilitation, and **restorative justice**.

(2) The Legislature further finds and declares that programs should be available for inmates, including, but not limited to, educational, rehabilitative, and **restorative justice programs** that are designed to promote behavior change and to prepare all eligible offenders for successful reentry into the community.

Goals 2017/18

The primary goals identified and set by the CRJC Goals Setting Committee are:

- To infuse the restorative justice into the Silver Star Resource Center to address truancy related causes.
- To expand restorative justice into our County Jail system.

Thank You & Questions

