

Public Safety Realignment: The Architecture of Change



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Presentation Outline

- Overview of 2011 realignment
- Realignment of adult offenders
- Making realignment work for long-term success
- What's to come



Overview of 2011 Realignment

- **Transfers Over \$6 Billion in Services**
 - Adult offenders and parolees.
 - Law enforcement grant programs.
 - Mental health and substance abuse programs.
 - Foster care and child welfare services.
 - Adult protective services.
 - CalWORKs funding.
 - Court security.



Overview of 2011 Realignment

- **Provides counties with equivalent ongoing funding sources**
 - Just over 1 percent of state sales tax.
 - Certain VLF revenues.
- **State savings primarily from proposition 98**
 - \$2 billion.

Overview of 2011 Realignment



Criminal Justice Realignment

- **Low level offenders**
- **Parolees**
- **Parole violators**

Low Level Offender Realignment

- **Makes low level offenders ineligible for prison**
 - No current or prior serious, violent, or sex offense.
 - Other exceptions.
- **5,500 offenders to be realigned in 2011-12**
- **\$162 million provided in 2011-12**
- **Changes sentencing options**
 - Split sentences.



Parole Realignment

- **Makes counties responsible for post prison supervision for certain offenders**
 - Current nonserious, non-violent convictions.
 - Some exceptions.
- **20,000 offenders realigned in 2011-12**
- **\$127 million provided in 2011-12**
- **Requires courts to handle revocation hearings**
 - 8,000 to 9,000 hearings.



Parole Revocation Realignment

- **Makes counties responsible for housing state parole violators**
 - Some exceptions.
- **2,600 parolees to be housed in jail in 2011-12**
- **\$78 million provided in 2011-12**
- **Beginning in 2013-14, requires courts to hear state parolee revocation hearings**



Why Realignment Makes Sense

- **Counties are better positioned for success**
 - Cross departmental coordination.
 - Local innovation.
 - Increased incentive for prevention.
- **Gives counties access to new tools**
- **Reduces cost of the system**
 - Counties have lower cost.
 - Eliminates duplication of effort.
- **Addresses prison overcrowding**



County Community Correction Plans

- **Alternatives to incarceration**
 - Affects existing and new populations.
- **Parole**
 - Identifying offender needs.
- **Treatment programs**
- **Jail expansion**
- **County response key to success.**
 - Quality of programs.
 - Adequacy of funding.



Making Realignment Work for Long-Term Success

- **Develop long-term allocation formulas**
- **Simplify local account structure**
- **Give counties program flexibility**
- **Align fiscal incentives and statewide goals**
- **Promote local accountability**
- **Define state's role**
- **Avoid state-reimbursable mandates**



Realignment Next Steps

- **Local implementation efforts**
 - Planning and implementing CCPs.
 - Coordinating counties, CDCR, and courts.
 - Jail capacity.
- **Voter initiatives**
 - County proposal.
 - Governor proposal.
- **Further legislative actions**



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