



INNOVATIONS
IN REENTRY

Evaluation Overview

Round 3 Grantees

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Project Overview



- Pilot grant program managed by Alameda County Behavioral Health
- Funded by AB 109/Alameda County Probation Department
- Round 3 Funding Categories
 - Reentry Community Engagement & Empowerment
 - Culturally Responsive Services for Minority Subpopulations
- Project Implementation Period
June 1, 2019 – November 30, 2020



Funded Sites



Evaluation Methods

Data Cleaning and Analysis

- Qualitative data cleaning - submitted quarterly by sites to ACBH
- Data interpretation
- Data consultations

Key Staff Focus Groups

- 5 of 6 sites
- N=20
- Program designers, supervisors, staff
- Conducted via Zoom video calls

Participant Interviews

- 5 of 6 sites
- N=11
- Completed over the phone
- \$25 gift card

Total Number of People Served



290 PEOPLE IN
REENTRY SERVED
THROUGH **"CORE
SERVICES"**



453 PEOPLE
ATTENDED **REENTRY
FORUMS**



207 PEOPLE
ATTENDED
**PROVIDER
TRAININGS**

Outcome Highlights

Reentry Community Engagement & Empowerment (RECC)

18 RECC participants attended at least one **civic engagement or community meeting** *(many of which were held virtually)*

94% of RCEE participants attended at least one **skills training**

"Community engagement programs work! ...You don't really know how things work until you sit down and listen to a County meeting....It is amazing that one voice at a meeting can make a difference....To learn and be able to express ourselves in a more powerful and more productive way than I could ever imagine."

Outcome Highlights

Culturally Responsive Services for Minority Subpopulations (CRSMS)

All 4 CRSMS sites were able to **successfully launch their IIR program** for their specific service population

Programs **tailored** for:

- ❖ Asian & Pacific Islander people
- ❖ Young adults with focus on LGBTQ and BIPOC women
- ❖ People involved in CJS and open juvenile dependency case
- ❖ Women

"It is hard when you walk out of county jail and you are literally, 'where do I go?'... I've never been offered to live anywhere except, "do you want to live on this side of the park or that side?"... It's good to know that there are programs out here that really want to help people."

Implementation Success

Level of Success	Number of Agencies	Analysis Highlights
Highly Successful	2 sites <i>(Root & Rebound / EBFD & APSC)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Successfully implemented program design ➤ Successful met all process objectives ➤ Greatly exceeded expected number of people served ➤ Continued or expanded all aspects of program during Covid ➤ Received strong feedback from participant interviews
Successful	2 sites <i>(BOSS & RJOY)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Successfully implemented program design ➤ Successfully achieved all or most process objectives ➤ Achieved expected number of people served ➤ Continued most aspects or pivot program during Covid-19
Moderately Successful	1 site <i>(Roots Community Health Center)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Successfully implemented program design ➤ Successfully met some process objectives ➤ Unable to continue or reduced services during Covid-19
Minimally Successful	1 site <i>(Sister to Sister 2)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Successfully launched some aspects of program design ➤ Faced major challenges during program implementation due to Covid 19 restrictions ➤ Provided partial programming to a minimal number of participants

Lessons Learned

- **Strict participant eligibility criteria** serving only people under AB 109 supervision was very challenging.
- **Stronger collaboration with the Alameda County Probation Department** would strengthen the Innovation in Reentry programs.
- Agencies had varying success in **pivoting** to continue Innovations in Reentry services during **Covid-19**.
- **Relationships are even more critical** now than ever during the crisis and isolation felt by people during Covid-19.

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Wrap-up



FINAL QUESTION AND ANSWER



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