

Agenda Item 9. Overview of Current Realignment Research

| California Public Safety Realignment Research | | | | |
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| Brief overview of active Public Safety Realignment Research: non-exhaustive list covering third party research conducted by non-profit research firms and academic institutions. Sources: California Forward, Partnership for Community Excellence http://www.cafwd.org/pce/pages/research & Stanford Law School, Stanford Criminal Justice Center | | | | |
| Researcher | Topic | Abstract | Geographic Area | San Francisco |
| Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, Selena Teji | Realignment Updates | These publications review the latest data from CDCR's Data Analysis Unit of new prison admissions covering the third and last quarters of 2011 and the first quarters of 2012 to directly compare prison admissions before and after realignment. They provide preliminary analyses of the overall statewide and county-by-county prison commitment and population trends. | Statewide | X |
| Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, Selena Teji | California Sentencing Institute (CASI) | In 2009, CJJ developed the California Sentencing Institute as the foundation for data and research driven commentary on the broader public safety dialogue. The interactive map reveals detailed crime and incarceration trends for California's 58 counties. | Statewide | X |
| National Council on Crime and Delinquency(NCCD) Angela Irvine/ JFK Institute Jim Austin | Evaluating the First Year of Realignment in California in Seven Counties | Examine the characteristics of the pre- and post-realignment cohorts by race, age, gender, and office, including risk and needs assessments, completion of services, length of time of incarceration or probation time, three recidivism measures: re-arrest, re-conviction, re-incarceration, correlation of completion of services with recidivism, outcomes by race, age, and gender, and similarities and differences between the pre-post AB109 cohorts. | Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Yolo. | X |
| Public Policy Institute of California | Public Safety Realignment Implementation: Several Topics | The Public Policy Institute of California is dedicated to informing and improving public policy in California through independent, objective, non-partisan research on major economic, social, and political issues. The institute's goal is to raise public awareness and to give elected representatives and other decision makers a more informed basis for developing policies and programs. | Selection of Counties | X |
| Stanford Law School Criminal Justice Center, Joan Petersilia | How Justice Systems Realign in California: The Policies and Systemic Effects of Prison Downsizing | To study the extent to which California's move to downsize state prisons through Realignment legislation has played out across the state's 58 counties and has changed the decision-making and resource allocation of the primary actors in the criminal justice system. Our study involves a blend of qualitative and quantitative tools to assess the changes in the goals and means of both high-level county officials in their design of overall Realignment plans and of key ground-level actors in their immediate implementation of the new legislative mandates. The study involves three complementary projects. Collecting data and analyzing the approach California's 58 counties have taken to implementing Realignment with particular attention to capturing the key variations among the 58 county plans and how the distinct demographics, political dynamics and criminal justice and social service cultures of particular counties predict the overall approaches and key components of their plans. Interviewing the key criminal justice actors (prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, sheriffs, probation officers) within 6-10 counties to assess their approach to and implementation of Realignment. Polling judges across California as to how they are approaching sentencing and their use of discretion post-Realignment through the use of a hypothetical survey instrument administered either in-person or via mail/email. | Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano | X |
| University of California Irvine, Susan Turner | Realignment in California and the Consequences for Neighborhood Crime Rates | This project examines the impact of California's realignment policy on neighborhood crime rates in the Southern California Region. We are currently collecting data that will allow us study crime in these neighborhoods pre- and post-realignment, and to determine how crime trajectories in neighborhoods change months and years following the policy's implementation. | Southern California | |
| University of California, Irvine, Anjuli Verma | Institutional Crisis and Local Criminal Justice Workgroups | An organizational analysis of how local criminal justice workgroups at the county level in California have exercised the discretion afforded to them under Public Safety Realignment legislation. | Selection of 4-8 Counties | X |