

Criminal Justice & Mental Health Data at MHSOAC

History, Findings, and Next Steps

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In 2004, voters passed **Proposition 63**, which created the **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)** and the **Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)**.

The MHSA called for driving ***transformational change*** in public and private behavioral health systems to reduce negative outcomes.

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The MHSOAC initiated a ***Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project*** to develop statewide recommendations to prevent people with mental health challenges from becoming involved with criminal justice systems.



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Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project Timeline

- **2016**
MHSOAC launched a review of policies, practices, and approaches; and developed an action agenda for improving outcomes and reducing mental health consumers involved in the criminal justice system
- **2017**
MHSOAC adopted the **Together We Can** report.
- **2018**
Commission received authorization for \$5 million in state funding to develop the Innovation Incubator and work with counties to carry out the report's recommendations.

Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project

Timeline

- **2017-2019**
Criminal justice data linkage commences (2017) and findings released (2019) demonstrating consumers of Full-Service Partnerships showed reduced criminal justice involvement up to a year after receiving FSP services.
- **2019-2020**
MHSOAC sponsored the Data Driven Recovery Project (DDRP)-
“individualized set of analytic tools to identify county programmatic and innovations through system mapping and improving data resources that connect across agencies.”
- **2020**
Data Dashboard published where users can examine Criminal Justice Linkage Project data and outcomes by county and demographics (age, race/ethnicity, sex).

CJMH Project: Together We Can Report

Key Recommendations

- 1** California's mental health agencies, in partnership with law enforcement and others, should have a *comprehensive prevention-focused plan* that reduces the incarceration of mental health consumers in their communities.
- 2** The Board of State and Community Corrections should facilitate a collaborative effort with counties to *identify, develop, and deploy services and strategies that improve outcomes for mental health consumers in jail*, including universal screening for mental health needs at booking and enhanced training for custody staff.

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Key Recommendations

3 To reduce the backlog of people found incompetent to stand trial, California must *maximize diversion from the criminal justice system*. For people who cannot be diverted and are found incompetent to stand trial, the state and counties should expand options for restoring competency.

4 The Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health should fortify its efforts to *champion collaboration among state agencies to support local prevention and diversion of mental health consumers* from the criminal justice system.

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Key Recommendations

5 The California Health and Human Services Agency should reduce or eliminate barriers so that *data and information technology are used to drive decision-making, identify service gaps, and guide investments in programs* to reduce the number of people with mental health needs in the criminal justice system.

6 The State, in partnership with the counties, should *expand technical assistance resources to increase cultural competence, improve cross-professional training, increase the use of data and evaluation, and advance the dissemination of best practices*, including community-driven and evidence-based practices

The logo for the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission (MHSOAC). It features the acronym "MHSOAC" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A stylized sun or wave icon is integrated into the letter "O". The logo is set against a dark blue background that is part of a larger image of a coastline with waves crashing against rocks.

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CJMH Project: Data Linkage Project

Goal:

Understand the impact of FSP program participation on criminal justice involvement.

What:

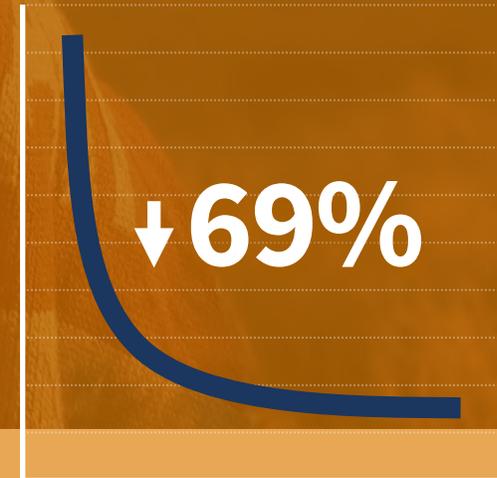
Mental health client data from the Full-Service Partnership (FSP) program were linked with arrest data from the Department of Justice for years 2007-2016.

Results:

There was a dramatic reduction in arrest rates for clients who had received intensive FSP mental health services across demographic subgroups, and across most counties.

Overview

“Criminal Justice” Data Measurement Program Reveals Arrest Rates Lowered by 69%



Situation

We wanted to see if programs funded by the MHSA contributed to lower arrests rates.



Solution

We pulled the Department of Justice (DOJ) data and matched it with Full Service Partnership (FSP) participation to assess impact.



Impact

The data showed a strong correlation between receiving robust mental health services and decreased arrests. People who had multiple arrests had the most significant results, lowering their arrest rates by nearly 69%.

Next Steps

With these insights we launched the **Data Driven Recovery Project**, connecting programs and counties with one another to share learnings from their experiences in order to improve outcomes.

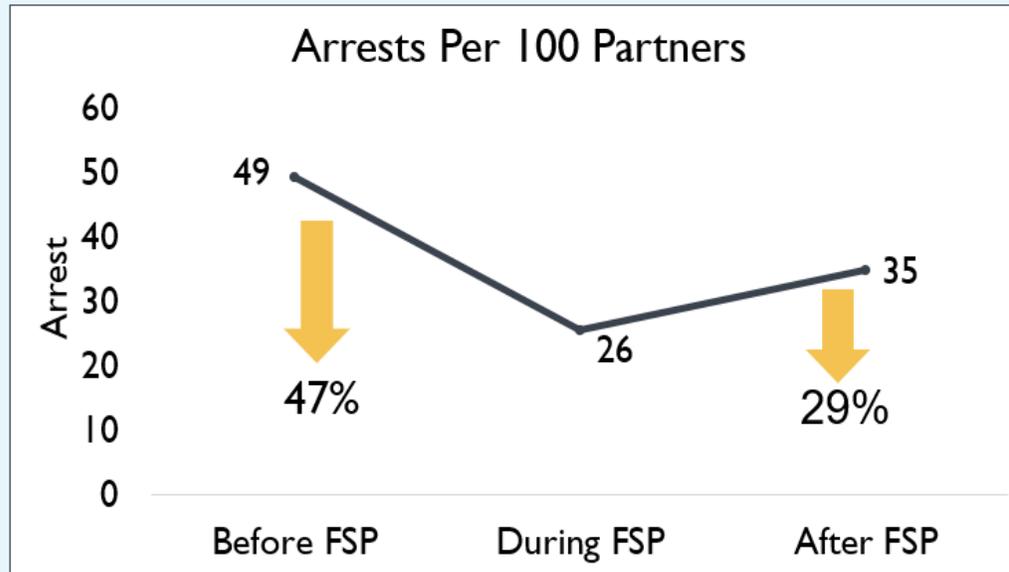


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CJMH Project: Data Linkage Project Results

Change in Arrest Rate for All FSP

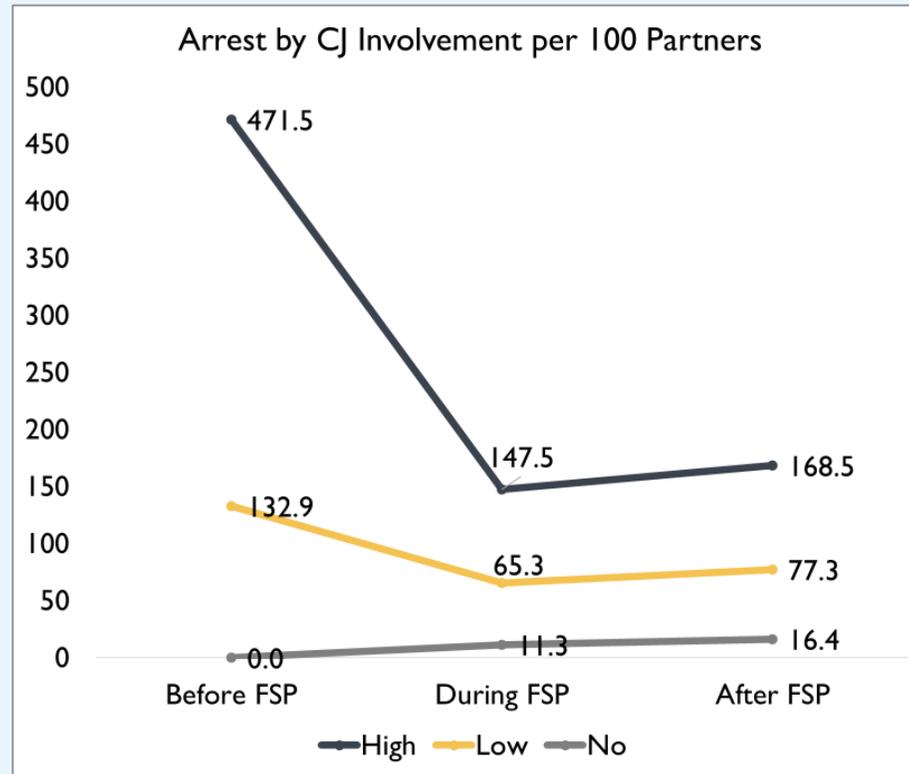
- Arrest rate declined by 47% from before to during FSP.
- Arrest rate declined by 29% from before to after FSP.



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Arrest Rates by Criminal Justice Involvement

- Partners were classified as No (0 arrest), Low (1-2 arrests) or High Criminal Justice (CJ) Involvement (3+ arrests) according to their before enrollment arrest history.
- High CJ Involvement**
 - Arrest rate **declined** by 69% from before to during FSP.
 - Arrest rate **declined** by 64% from before to After FSP.
- Low CJ Involvement**
 - Arrest rate **declined** by 51% from before to during FSP.
 - Arrest rate **declined** by 42% from before to After FSP.



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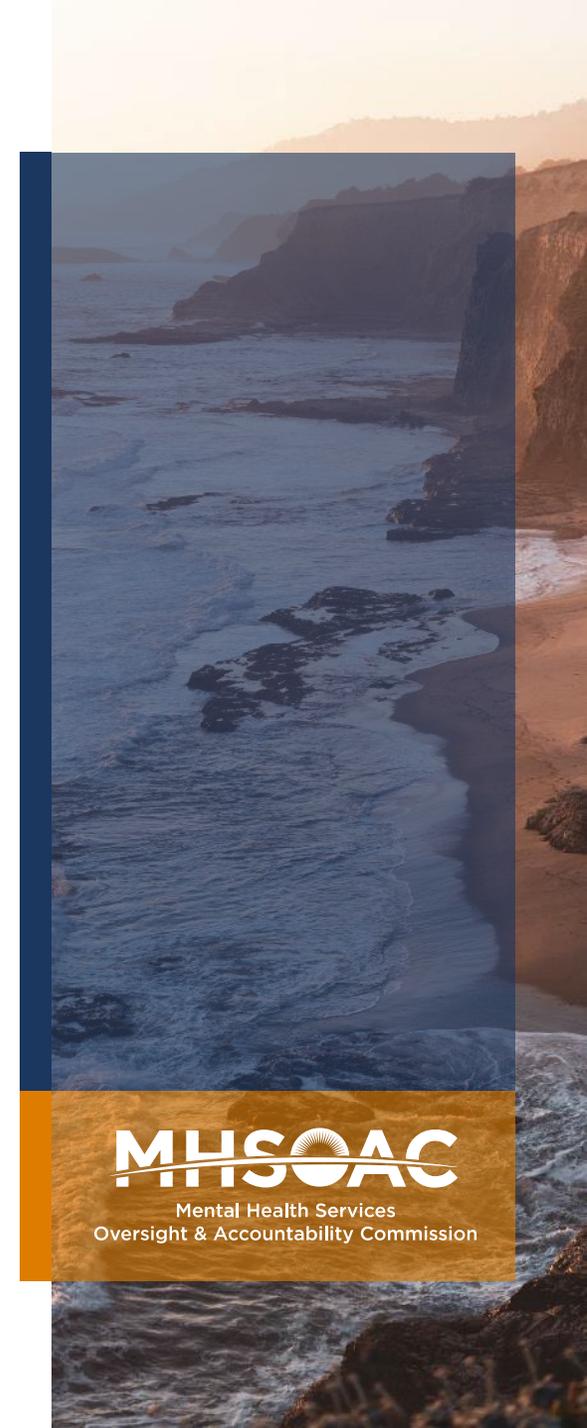
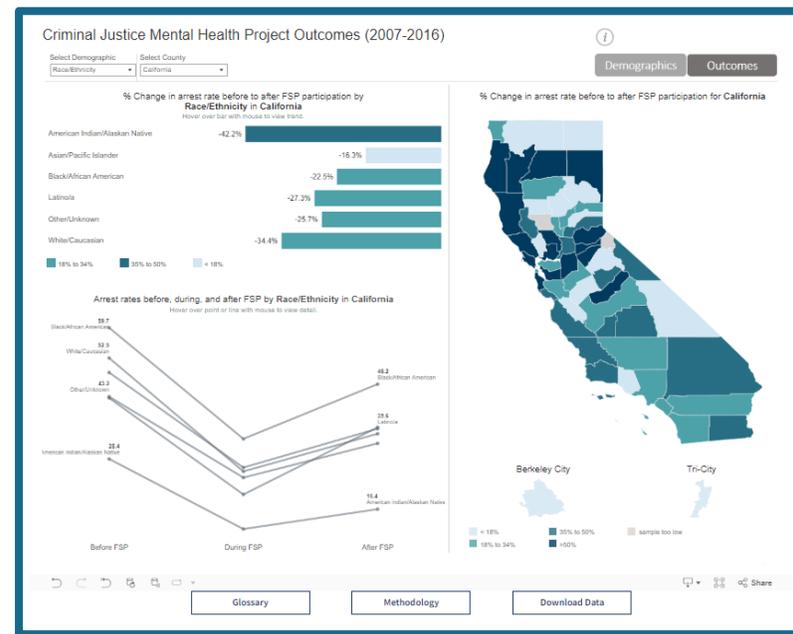
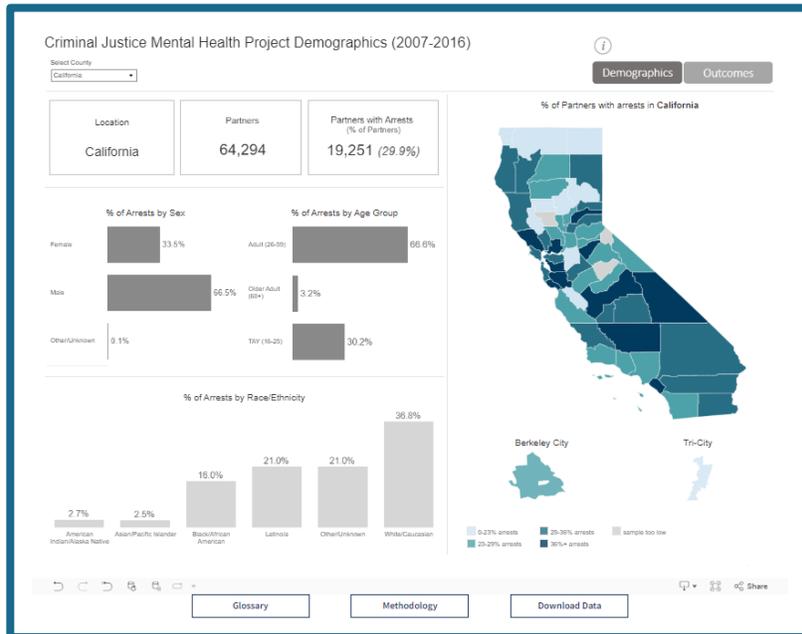
Additional findings:

- Decrease in arrests at one-year post-FSP occurred:
 - In **most** counties (varied)
 - Across **all** demographic groups: age, sex, race/ethnicity (varied)
 - Among those with a homeless designation
- Arrest rate decline **greatest** for those with highest level pre-FSP arrests

CJ Data Linkage Project: Data Dashboard

- Results were posted to a data dashboard so that users can explore results of Criminal Justice Data Linkage by county and demographics (age, race/ethnicity/, sex).

<https://mhsoac.ca.gov/transparency-suite/criminal-justice/>



Next Steps

- **Updated data** to assess recent trends and effects.
- Examine effects of FSP participation on
 - **types** of arrests severity.
 - on arrests **beyond** one year.
- Examine effects of **types** of FSP programs/**length** of FSP partnerships on arrests.
- Examine effects of clients who have community supervision.
- Analysis of effects of **community** and **other mental health** services on arrests.
- **Prop 1 related:** Support the development of criminal justice and mental health metrics.



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