

Other Community Corrections Partnership Innovation Projects

Advance Peace (Allocation: \$200,000; no funds were spent in 2021-22 on this effort)

Advance Peace is a non-profit organization that works to interrupt gun violence in urban neighborhoods by providing transformational opportunities to young adults identified as most likely to be perpetrators and/or victims of gun violence. The Woodland Police Department partners with this organization to provide the following:

Contractor is responsible for:

1. Providing transformational opportunities to young adults identified as most likely to be perpetrators and/or victims of gun violence.
2. Ensuring greater support and connectivity to human, social and economic opportunities to young adults who are traditionally isolated from those services.
3. Bridging the gap between anti-violence programming and a hard-to-reach population at the center of violence in urban areas.
4. Utilize the following practices to achieve points 1-3: Street Outreach; Mentoring; Intensive Case Management; Life Skills Training; Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Subsidized Employment

Expected Outcomes:

1. Reduction in gun violence in participating population.
2. City (Police Department) will report on data metrics at conclusion of 18-month program.

Advance Peace has been operating in the City of Woodland since July 2021. In June 2021, Woodland was experiencing a confirmed shooting on average every 5.3 days. In June of 2022, Woodland has experienced a shooting on average every 31 days. Researchers from the University, California Berkeley are studying the effects of the Advance Peace program here in Woodland. An initial report should be available in August 2023.

Restorative Justice Partnership (Allocation: \$25,000; no funds were spent in 2021-22 on this effort)

Data shows that when implemented with integrity and adherence to Restorative Justice (RJ) values and principles, recidivism rates for offenders are lower than those rates when participating in the traditional Court processes. Additionally, when victims are invited and engaged in a timely manner for participation in an RJ process, their satisfaction with that process is positive. Finally, when offenders are appropriately engaged for an RJ process, their taking responsibility for their action is the first step in their participation. Restorative Justice can be utilized as a means of diversion, and as a means of rehabilitation. This bodes well for the use of this practice for offenders with previous criminal history to build their understanding of their behavior and therefore build competency in how to behave more positively in the future.

The Yolo Conflict Resolution Center (YCRC) has worked with the District Attorney's Office on their RJP program (formerly known as Neighborhood Court) since its inception. The CCP contracts with YCRC to improve the intake process for referred parties (offenders) and affected parties (victims) to allow both participants to benefit from their experience. A revised contract scope will be submitted for future CCP consideration.