Cut DUI Recidivism for Good: A Multi-Track DUI Court Approach to Repeat Offenders

Going to Scale for Public Safety

Judge Robert Burlison
Monterey County Superior Court



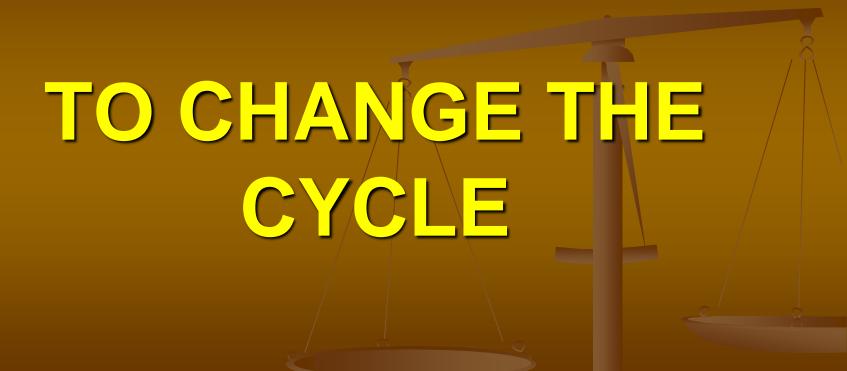
GOAL = CHANGE BEHAVIOR

DUI OFFENDERS ENGAGE IN MORE PRO-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND HAVE MORE STABLE ENVIRONMENTS

94% OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM ARE EMPLOYED!

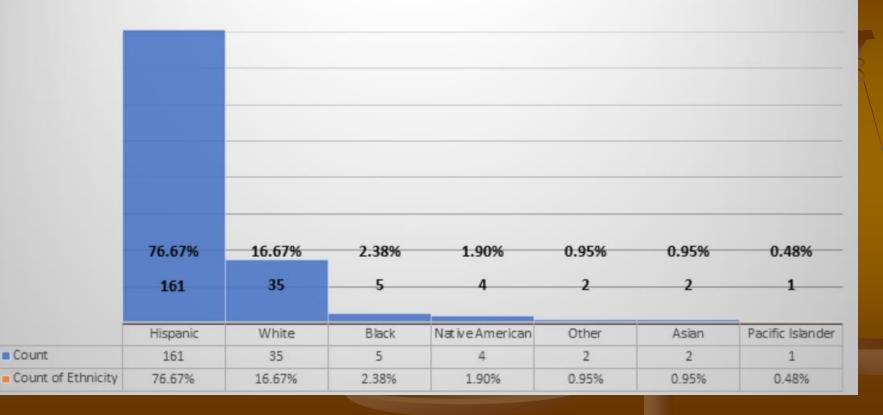
Participant Employment		
Months employed	Percentage	
0	6.7%	
2	1.0%	
3	1.0%	
4	1.0%	
5	3.8%	
6	8.6%	
7	1.9%	
8	8.6%	
9	8.6%	
10	5.7%	
11	1.0%	
12	52.4%	

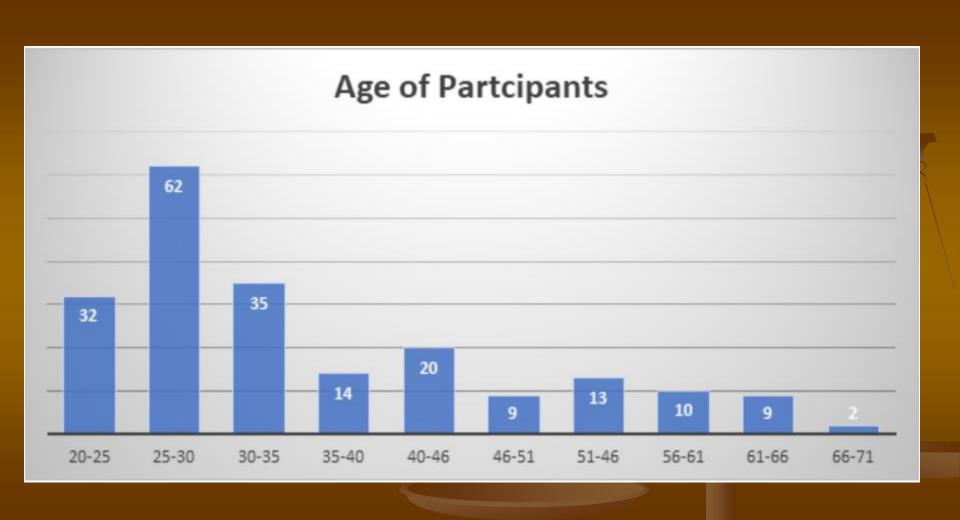
TARGETING THE HIGH RISK GROUP



Ethnicity

■ Count





Monterey County has more High Risk/High Needs

Treatment Approach	
Track	Percentage
1 (Monitoring)	26.8%
2 (Treatment)	73.2%

High Risk/High Needs

COURTS THAT FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON HIGH RISK/HIGH NEEDS OFFENDERS REDUCE CRIME APPROXIMATELY TWICE AS MUCH AS THOSE SERVING LESS SERIOUS **OFFENDERS AND RETURN 50% GREATER COST SAVINGS TO THEIR** COMMUNITIES

CHALLENGES, THINKING ERRORS & ADJUSTMENTS



PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ONLY BE EXCLUDED IF EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY CANNOT BE MANAGED SAFELY OR EFFECTIVELY



IT WAS ONCE BELIEVED THAT ADDICTED INDIVIDUALS COULD NOT BE COERCED INTO TREATMENT WITH EFFECTIVE RESULTS.

RESEARCH NOW INDICATES INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER PROGRAMS UNDER THE THREAT OF LEGAL SANCTION PERFORM AT LEAST AS WELL AND OFTEN APPRECIABLY BETTER THAN THOSE WHO ENTER VOLUNTARILY

VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS ARE NOT AS EFFECTIVE!

3. "ALL MULTIPLE OFFENDERS SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME"

MULTI-TRACK PROGRAMS GET THE BEST RESULTS

Track 1 (Less Intensive)

Monitoring = Probation and SCRAM

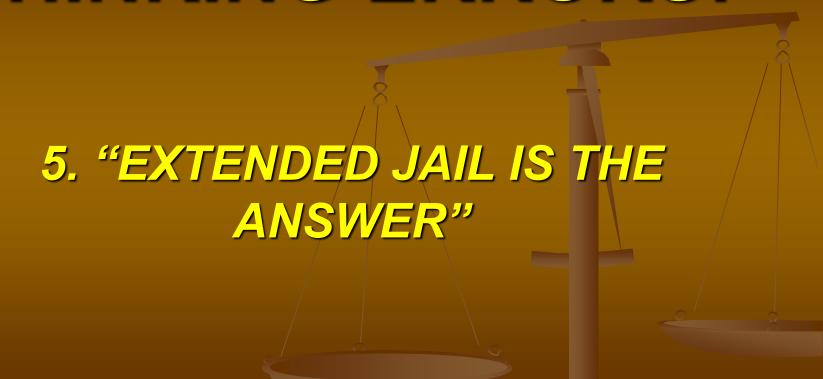
Track 2 (More Intensive)

- Monitoring = Probation and SCRAM
- Treatment = Behavioral Health

4. "WHY SHOULD I REWARD MY
CHILD FOR DOING WHAT IS
EXPECTED?"

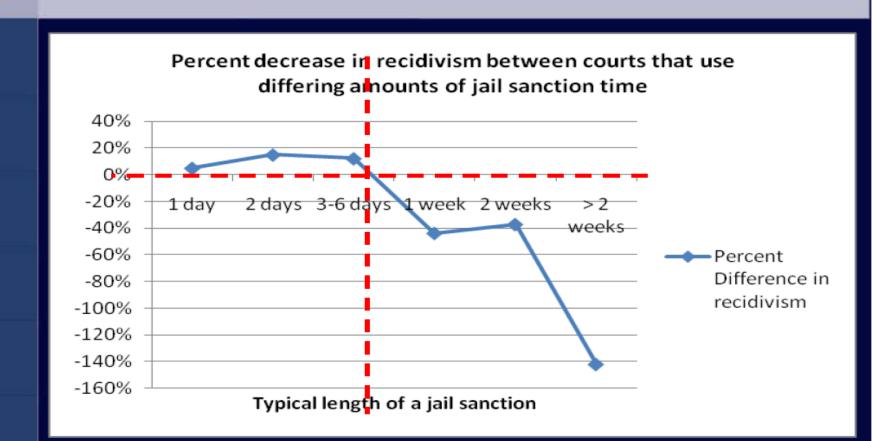
Incentives and Benefits of the DUI Program:

- "A TEAM"/GRADUATION PRIDE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND RECOGNITION
- SCRAM MONITORING/HOME CONFINEMENT INSTEAD OF JAIL
- REDUCE PROBATION PERIOD OR EARLIER DISMISSAL
- AVOIDING OR DEFERRING COSTS
- TEAM SUPPORT





Courts that use jail greater than 6 days have worse (higher) recidivism



GOING TO SCALE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

ONLY BY TREATING A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF OFFENDERS CAN COURTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ECONOMICS OF SCALE THAT MAKE THEIR PROGRAMS NOT ONLY EFFECTIVE BUT COST EFFECTIVE

PROGRAMS THAT GO TO SCALE CAN HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

