

Quick Summary of Results

Planned Re-Entry Program Evaluation 2017-2018

The Planned Re-Entry Program (PREP) is a collaboration between Focus Forward and the Fresno County Probation Department launched in 2016. The PREP team serves youth at highest risk of re-offending, and their households, with targeted re-entry services.

Youth Program Outcomes

Reduced Recidivism in Fresno County	Yes	PREP 11% (81 youths served in Year-2 and 9 recidivated)* 6% for Violation of Probation 5% for New Charges Fresno County 33%**
Reduced Recidivism with Control Group	Unknown	Control Group Unknown***
Increase Resiliency and Positive Youth Development Indicators	Yes	Measurable gains were made in these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education (p.4) • Life Skills (p.5) • Workforce (p.7)
Decrease Chronic- & Post-Traumatic Stress Indicators	Minimal	For 3/5 chronic- and post-traumatic stress indicators, slight gains were made (p.6): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19% reduction with Indicator 1 • 4% reduction with Indicator 3 • 4% reduction with Indicator 5

Focus Forward staff deliver evidence- and research-based services to youth during and after custody in order to support successful transitions and to cultivate resiliency for youth and families while they continue to navigate ongoing challenges.

* Youths enrolled for 30+ days are calculated in order to count those who fully onboarded into PREP including completion of assessments and case plans.
 **In 2016, Fresno County Probation Department provided the annual recidivism rate for all youth in Fresno County.
 *** Control Group data on the number of youths in JJC Commitment during Year-2 without PREP enrollment was not provided by the Fresno County Probation Department, though it was requested on multiple occasions. Please see discussion in Recommendations on page 19.

Probation staff coordinate custody inside the Juvenile Justice Campus for the pod where PREP youth are housed and provide a PREP-specific Probation Officer to ensure probation stipulations are completed once youth are returned to the community.

Program Design and Process

Clients Served in Year-2 for 30+ days	81, Youth; 54, Household*
Youth Who Graduated/Completed PREP in Year-2	30%, N=24
Evidence- and Research-Based Services	Yes
Tracked Demographic Data	Yes
Tracked Service Delivery Data	Yes
Focus Forward staff members serving youth and families during custody and in the community	8
Probation staff members serving youth during custody and probation	12
Average service hours/month provided to each client by Focus Forward staff during custody and in the community	8-hrs, Youth 6-hrs, Household
Number of zip codes visited to serve clients	35

*Enrollment and services with households in community context requires more time than beginning programming with youth while in custody.