

# **BSCC-PPIC Multi-county Study (MCS)**

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### FEATURED VIDEO



**Corrections in California:  
Planning for a Better Future**

### EVENTS

• **CORRECTIONS REALIGNMENT IN**

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

#### California's Changing Parole Population

Ryken Grattet and Joseph Hayes  
August 2013  
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#### Assessing the Impact of Bail on California's Jail Population

Sonya M. Tafoya  
June 2013

#### California's Changing Prison Population

Ryken Grattet and Joseph Hayes  
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#### California's County Jails

Magnus Lofstrom and Brandon Martin  
June 2013  
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#### Impact of Realignment on County Jail Populations

Magnus Lofstrom and Steven Raphael  
June 2013

#### California Corrections: Planning for a Better Future

Ryken Grattet and Joseph Hayes  
January 2013

#### Capacity Challenges in California's Jails

Magnus Lofstrom and Katherine Kramer  
September 2012

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### INTERACTIVE MAP



**CALIFORNIA'S  
COUNTY JAILS**

### VIEWPOINTS

• **REALIGNMENT IN CALIFORNIA:**

**THE STORY SO FAR**

By Ryken Grattet

*The Crime Report*

July 22, 2013, COMMENTARY

THE NEED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



# What do we need to know in a post-realignment world?

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- ***“Impact” Questions:*** What has been the effect of realignment on crime, recidivism, and local criminal justice systems?
- ***“Effective Strategies”:***
  - Do the services we refer people to decrease their recidivism?
  - Is flash incarceration leading to behavior change?
  - Do offenders given split sentences do better, worse, or the same as offenders given straight sentences?
  - Do offenders placed on electronic monitoring do better, worse, or the same as offenders given straight or split sentences?
  - Are the substance abuse or mental health programs effective?
  - Are their promising evidence-based practices being used elsewhere that could benefit our county?



# What sources of information exist?

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- Research literature on effective interventions
- Official crime and corrections statistics (DOJ and CDCR)
- New state-level data collection: BSCC & CPOC
- Unstandardized county-level reports



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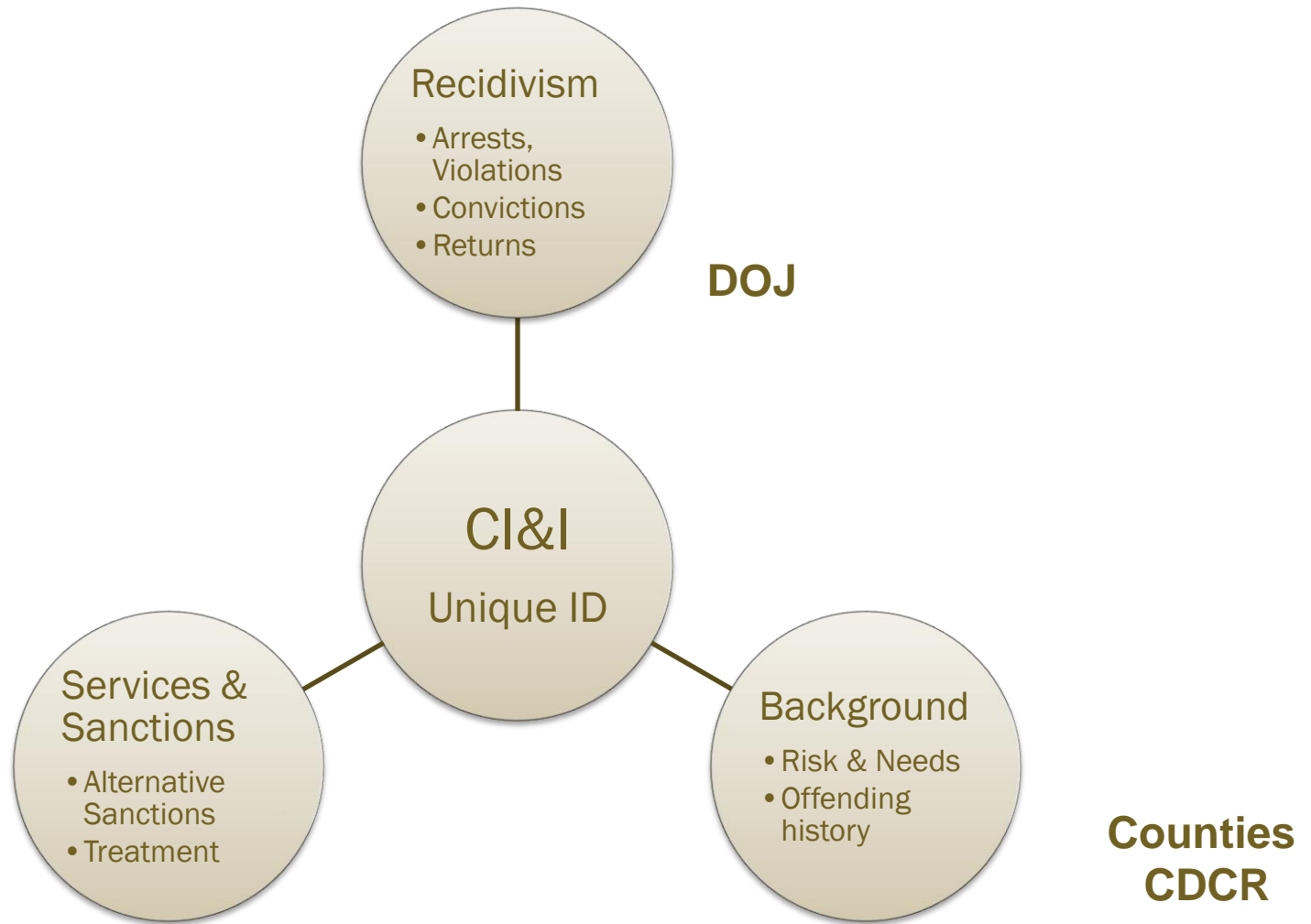
# How do we know “what works”?

## The logic of research

ID		Controls			Intervention	Outcome
Offender	County	Demographics	Risk	Needs	Service	Recidivism
Andre	X	32, M, White	High	SA	Y	Y
Sebastian	Y	22, M, Asian	High	SA	Y	Y
Juan	X	45, M, Black	High	SA	N	N
Steve	Z	34, M, White	Low	Educ	N	N
Erica	X	27, F, Latino	Moderate	MH	Y	N



# Data and Data Sources



# Different Kinds of Challenges and Solutions (Some examples)

Challenges	Examples	Strategies
Incomplete service data	Departments do not capture required data elements	Identify the steps necessary to capture data electronically (via electronic case management)
Cross-agency data sharing	Siloed agencies don't share data, leading to redundant or conflicting data collection (e.g., risk/needs assessment)	Integrate data systems between sheriff, courts, probation, social services, and jails.
Definitional ambiguity	Key terms (e.g., a program, recidivism) are defined in standard ways	Provide standardized definitions or employ the "building block" approach





# Next Steps

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- PPIC Report: “What we need to know about realigned population (and why we don’t know it)”
- PPIC provides continued technical assistance to counties and BSCC
- PPIC return visits to collect data (starting January – February 2014, repeated at 6 month intervals)
- PPIC steps aside in 2016



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