



PD-PACC

Public Defender Pretrial
Advocacy and Community
Connections Team

SUPPORTING INDIGENT CLIENTS FROM
ARREST BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



What is PACC?

- Pretrial Advocacy
 - Pre-Arrest Representation
 - *Humphrey* Arrest Advocacy
 - Bail Review Support
 - OR/SOR Release Client Connections to services
- Community Connections
 - Monthly Homeless Court
 - Needs Assessment --> Services
 - Pop-up Resource Fair Events
 - Community Partner Engagement



PACC Foundations

People should not be held in custody purely based on their indigent status
OR their ability to formulate a reasonable non-financial release plan
without support.

Increasing communication between attorneys, clients, their families,
and the community, increases access to justice for all.

Giving people the opportunity to improve their lives by addressing the root
causes of their behavior achieves better public safety outcomes than
pretrial detention, fines, supervision, and/or jail.



Pretrial Advocacy - Why?

- Access to justice earlier in the process for indigent individuals
- Supportive intervention and advocacy at an early stage of criminal prosecution endeavoring to reduce duration of pre-trial incarceration
- Returning clients to the community with resources and direct communication between client and counsel furthers attorney-client relationship
 - If client not charged, PACC Team still available to assist with resource connection to reduce recidivism
- Public Safety and Community Building
 - A client who has been treated better by the court system and their counsel will be less afraid of the system and more trusting of counsel if there is a future arrest or if they are a victim themselves.

Pretrial Advocacy – Phase I



- *Humphrey* Arraignment Advocacy & Training
 - Branch Court and Central Misdemeanor arraignment team observations and consultation.
 - Sample *Humphrey/Yedinak* motions updated with recent caselaw.
 - Instead of office-wide training, individual small group branch/team trainings for arraignment attorneys/staff.
- Bail Review Support
 - Continuing bail review support for post-arraignment clients downtown and in branches

Pretrial Advocacy – Phase I



- OR/SOR Release Client Connections to services (See CC later)
 - Completing Connections and Needs Assessments prior to arraignment, including it in the arraignment documents and given to client, so it is available for client AND attorney use in supportive services and resolution of the case.
 - Next day text reminders/offers of services/PACC Landing, and warm handoff connection to attorney contact information.

Community Connections – Partner Engagement



COMMUNITY PARTNER SAMPLING	
Employment / Workforce Partnership	T-Mobile / Lifeline Service
Counseling / MH	Safe parking / Shelter
County Assessor's Office: Birth certificates	Family Health Center
Department of Rehabilitation: liaison for PACC	La Maestra
McAlister: warm hand-off referral process	Social Security / IRS

Community Connections – PACC Needs Assessments



CAN (Connections & Needs) Plans

- Needs assessment to identify top three needs using motivational interviewing and trauma-informed practices. Conversational 15-minute evidence-based assessment:
 - Demographics
 - Contact information, Cell phone
 - Veteran/Military Status
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Education
 - Insurance
 - Medication
 - Alcohol and Substance Use
 - Mental Health
 - Community Ties
- CAN Plan Example:
 - **Needs:** housing, mental health, substance use, phone service, gov. ID
 - **Morning after release, I will:** Go to PACC Landing at CEO – 303 A Street Downtown. Arrive at 9 a.m.
 - **Before my next court date, I will:** Connect with PACC Landing to receive connections to SDHC, FHC, McAlister
 - **I will bring the following to my next court date:** Proof of housing and treatment



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Today's Date: _____

Hi, my name is [redacted]. I represented you in court today. Our team can help you and provide support after you are released, until you are assigned to your new attorney.

POST-ARRAIGNMENT CHECKLIST

- IF YOU WERE RELEASED ON SOR / PRETRIAL SUPERVISION / SUPERVISED OWN RECOGNIZANCE AND TOLD TO REPORT / CHECK-IN TO PRETRIAL SUPERVISION, CALL THE NUMBER BELOW WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RELEASE.

Pretrial Supervision Check-in Phone # : (858) 944-6104

If you are not able to call into Pretrial Supervision because you do not have a phone, we can help! Come in person to Center for Employment Opportunities at 303 A Street, from 9am and 12pm. You will be able to make the call, get some snacks, services, and potentially sign up for benefits / phone if you are eligible.

When you call Pretrial Supervision, you may leave a message at your first check in. Include your name, case number [redacted], and date of birth. Include a call back number where you can be reached. Please refer to the court paperwork for other terms/condition of your release.

- TEXT OR CALL US TO GET SUPPORT AND FIND OUT WHO YOUR ATTORNEY IS.

Public Defender Arraignment Support Team #: 619-356-0010

We are here to ensure you return to your next court date prepared and in a good standing to put your best foot forward while handling your case. If you call or text the Public Defender Arraignment Support Team at 619-356-0010 after 3 days, or come to Center for Employment Opportunities at 303 A Street between 9am and 12pm, we can tell you who your attorney will be that is assigned your case!

- RETURN TO COURT, 1100 UNION STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

Department [redacted] Date [redacted]

Time 8:00am

[Redacted signature area]



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MY ACTION PLAN

Case#: [redacted]

The morning after I get out of jail, I'm going to: _____

1. Call/Text us at 619-356-0010 or come to PACC Landing @ 303 A Street between 9am and 12pm

Before my next court date on [redacted], I'm going to: _____

[Redacted area for court date response]

For my next court date, I will bring with me: _____

[Redacted area for court date response]

If you miss your court date, a warrant will be issued for your arrest. However, please contact us as quickly as possible so we can help you. 619-356-0010 OR come to our office 451 A Street, 9th Floor.

Community Connections – PACC Landing @ CEO



- Expanded our partnership with Center for Employment Opportunities to begin PACC Landing, a safe place for clients being released on OR/SOR to "land" and get connected to services
 - Cup of coffee, access to a phone to check in with Probation, CEO's closet, food pantry
 - In-person service navigation

Community Connections – June-July Connections Made



PACC Info	June	July	Services	Gaps
Top Providers	PACC Landing Probation McAlister	PACC Landing Probation La Maestra Family Health Centers	Probation Check in Probation housing PACC Pantry Outpatient Treatment Medi-Cal enrollment Cal-Fresh Enrollment DMV ID Vouchers Medical Appointments Light case management Dental Appointments Counseling	Case management Phone Accessibility Transportation Clothing Housing
Top Needs	Phone use Housing Substance use treatment	Phone Use Housing Identification Public Benefit enrollment		

PACC in Action



July 12th: PACC reached out to Client through the daily reminder text reminding Client to check in with Probation Pretrial. PACC shared we could connect him to Medi-Cal, Cal-Fresh, a bus pass, and a DMV waiver for identification.

July 14th: Client came to PACC Landing @ CEO for service connection.

- La Maestra, one of our community partners, enrolled Daniel in Medi-Cal and Cal-Fresh.
- Client received a DMV no-fee ID card waiver, which he was able to use the same day for an ID.
- Client also received a bus pass through Probation to make it to his first court date.
- Lastly, PACC provided Client with the name and contact information for his attorney with information for his first court date.

July 20th: Client showed up to his court date with his family, and with supportive structures in place. In reviewing attorney notes, the offer was no additional jail time, and client will be able to meet with his attorney in the office rather than from a jail cell.

Contact us!



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