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**How did Applied Survey Research (ASR) become involved in Prop 47 CAFES Cohort III Program?**

ASR has been involved with the Prop 47 CAFES program since the writing of the Cohort II proposal. We helped craft the evaluation and data collection portions of both proposals and worked with other partners to review and edit the proposals. Once funded, ASR has been the evaluation partner for both Cohort II and Cohort III.

**What is ASR's involvement in CAFES Cohort III Program?**

Since the start of Cohort II in 2019, ASR has served as the CAFES external evaluator, providing project evaluation and analysis of data, impact, and outcomes. ASR collects evaluation data, including process and outcome data, and conducts interviews with leadership and staff to learn about agency successes and challenges related to the CAFES program. We provide data collection and progress report support to partner agencies as needed.

**What is it like being a partner in the CAFES Program?**

ASR is in the unique position of working with all the agencies and learning about their successes and challenges via our key informant interviews at the start and end of the grant. We are fortunate to touch each piece of the CAFES program through collection of evaluation data and then are able learn/document how partners are making an impact with the funding.

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What are some data findings ASR has discovered?

Below is a brief summary of major findings in each of the program's goal areas as of June 30, 2024:

### CAFES Goal 1: Increase Diversion Opportunities to Reduce Criminal Legal System Involvement

Between November 2022 and June 2024, 2,729 duplicated individuals were served by Partners for Justice/Public Defender's Office advocates of which 2,436 received holistic intake at arraignment and 704 received case management and ongoing advocacy.

Since the launch of the Neighborhood Court (NHC) program in Cohort II (December 2020), a total of 292 conferences have been held for 309 participants. Of the total number of NHC participants, 265 (86%) successfully completed the program, 27 (9%) were still in process, and 17 (6%) chose not to continue as of June 2024.

### CAFES Goal 2: Improve Individual and Community Health and Well-Being

Between January 2023 and June 2024, 380 justice-involved adults were authorized as eligible to receive CAFES services. Eighty-four (84) CAFES clients were served by the Probation Success Center and 337 clients received case management and support services.

### CAFES Goal 3: Improve Existing Systems and Collaboration Efforts for Those in Criminal Legal System

Fifty-one (51) duplicated staff representing a total of nine partner agencies participated in trainings (on topics including Building Resilience, De-escalation, Probation 101, and Restorative Justice 101) offered via the CAFES program from January 2023 to June 2024.

Among the 14 participants who completed post-training surveys, 93% reported increased understanding of the topic as a result of the trainings.