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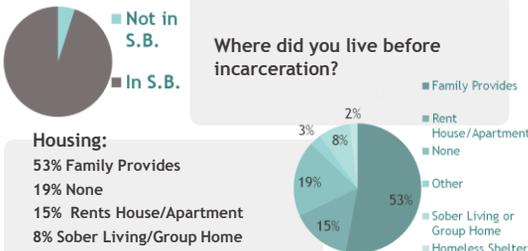
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San Bernardino City Parolees

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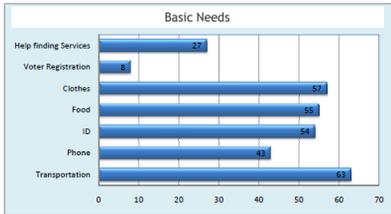


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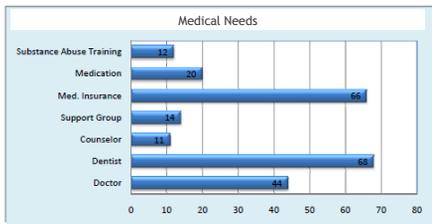


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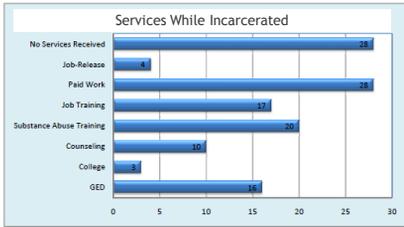


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Provides a wide variety of resources and specific studies on San Bernardino parolees.

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Reducing Recidivism With Homeless Programs



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Agenda

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Item	Topic	Presenter
1	Current status of ex-prisoners	Team TFCF
2	Ex-prisoner barriers to re-entry	Team TFCF
3	Ex-prisoner housing needs	Team SB
4	Ex-prisoner housing current issues	Team SB
5	Solutions	Teams TFCF & SB
6	Q and A	Teams TFCF & SB



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Definitions

Recidivism

- Repeated or habitual relapse into incarceration.

Ex-Prisoner

- An individual who has been incarcerated in federal or state prison or county jail.

Parolee/Probationer

- Parolee-individual released from state prison/Probationer-individual released from county jail.

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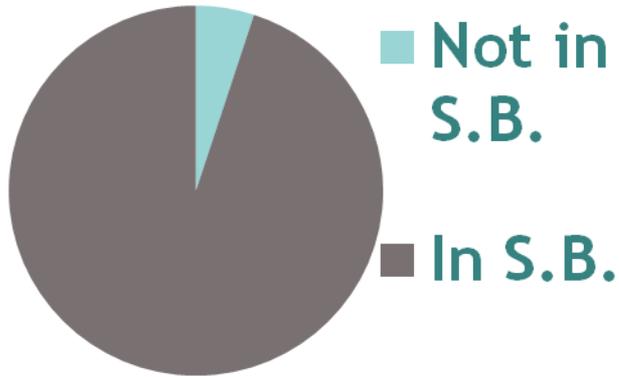
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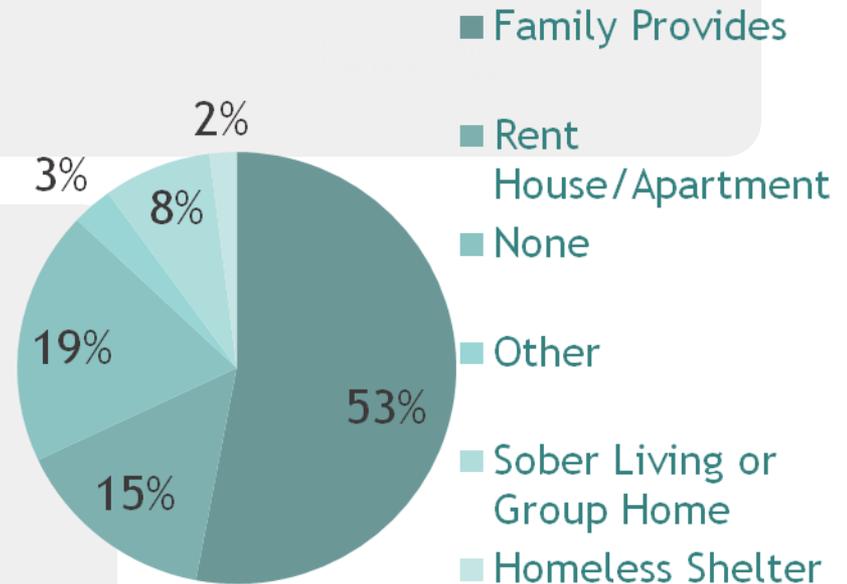
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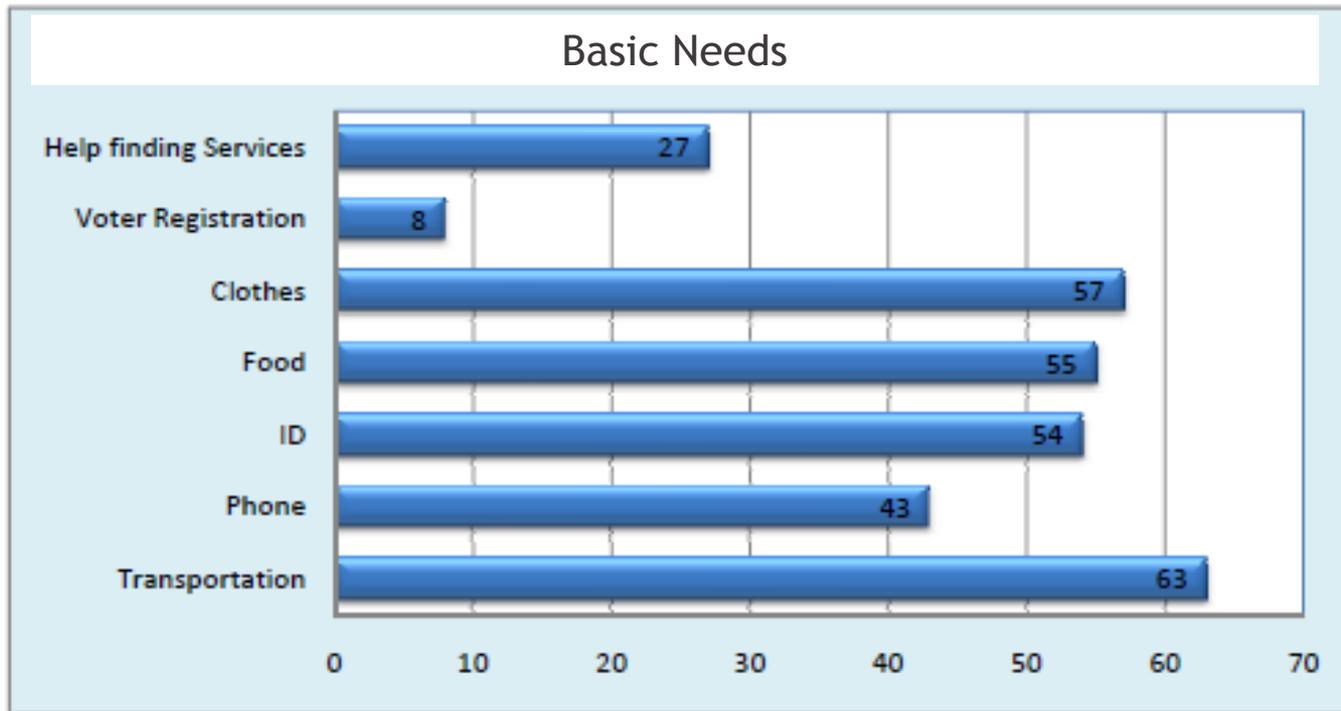
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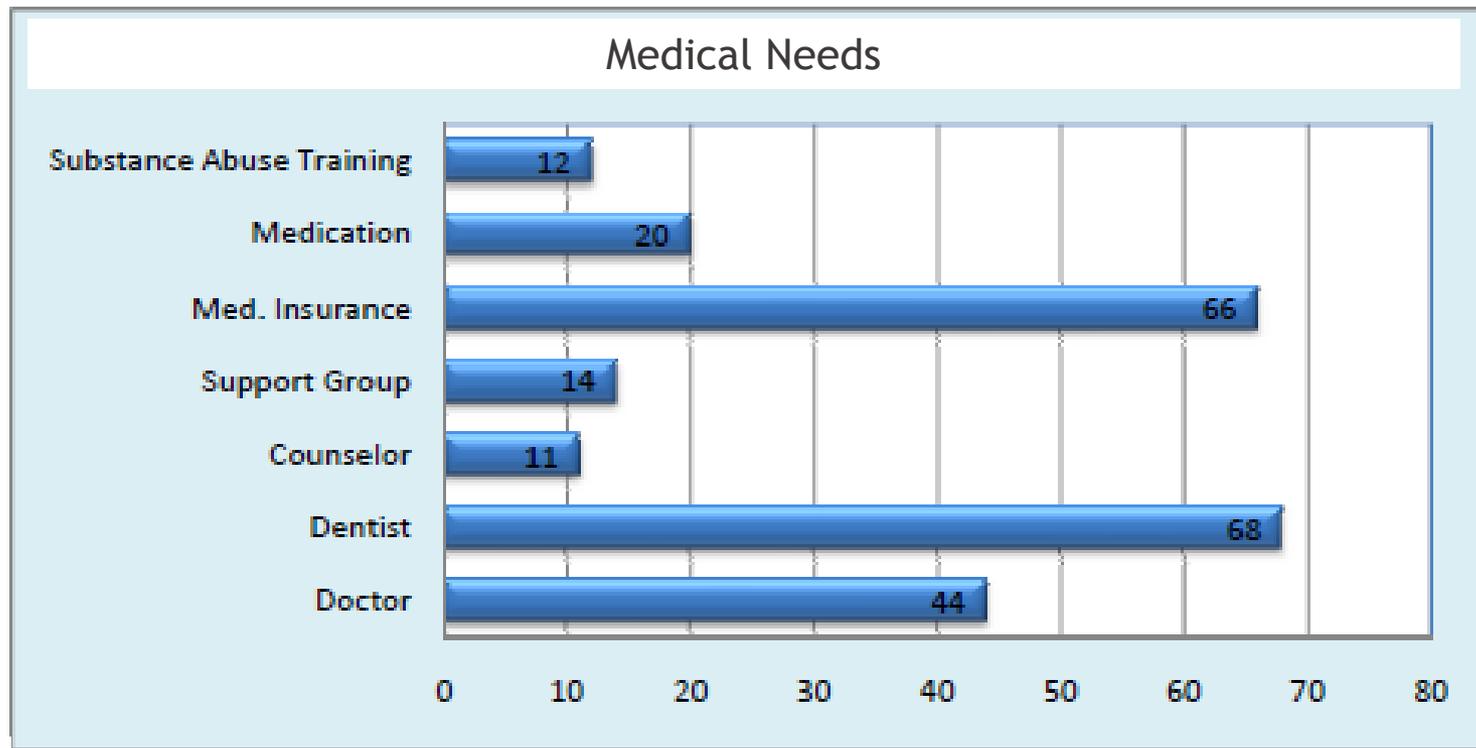
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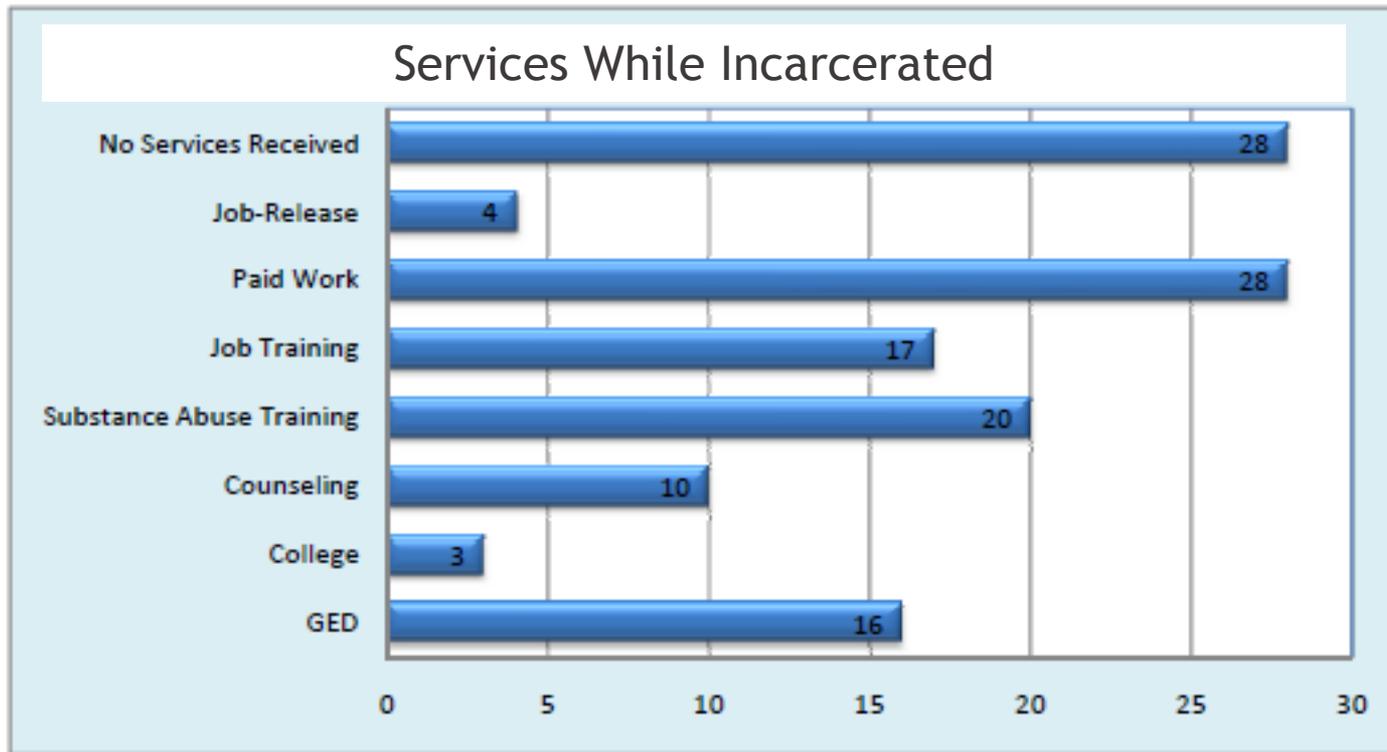
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Time For Change Foundation



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Who are Time For Change Foundation clients?

Homeless individuals who are:

- Ⓢoften recovering addicts.
- Ⓢhealing from past sexual abuse and trauma.
- Ⓢbased in a history of living in poverty.
- Ⓢoften suffering from the trauma of incarceration.
- Ⓢindividuals ready to break cycles of abuse for their children.
- Ⓢin need of a healthy environment to support the development of healthy children.



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San Bernardino's Approach to Parolee Reentry

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What is a CDCR/CSUSB Day Reporting Center?

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The CDCR/CSUSB Day Reporting Center is designed as a comprehensive cognitive training program that addresses parolee needs, through an assessment of their skills and abilities for placement in designated classes.



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FCSUSB-CSCE, Program Director

Operation's Director/Manager

Program Specialist

Intake – (2)

Casework
Supervisor

Program Assistant
– (2)

Caseworkers – (2)

**Outreach to Community Partners,
Government Entities, Foundations,
Businesses, Corporations, etc.**

**Assessment, Substance Abuse Education,
Housing (10%), Batterer's Program,
Employment Services (SBETA)**

Additional Services: CREST Partners

**San Bernardino City Police Department-
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DRC Gen 2.....CREST



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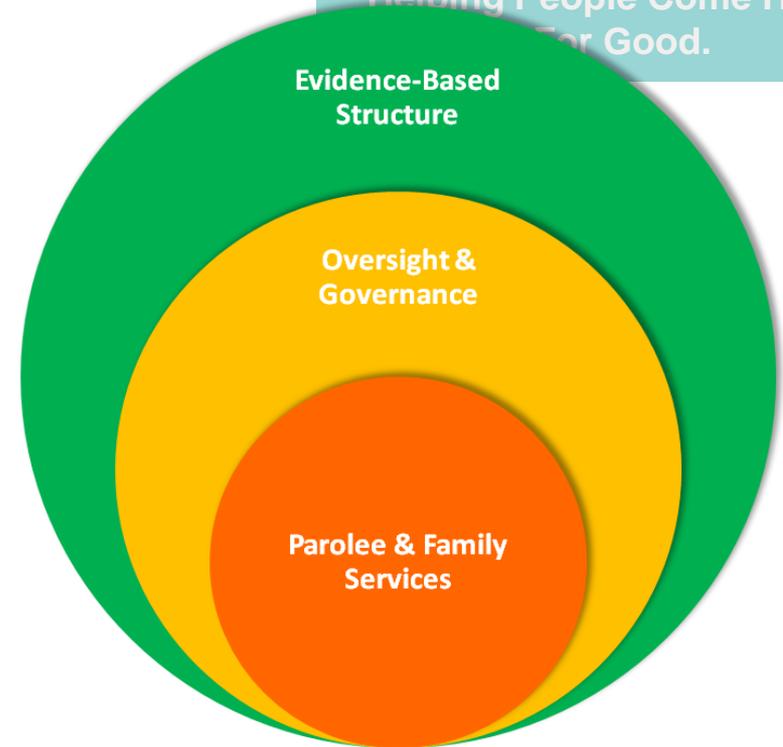
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Service &

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