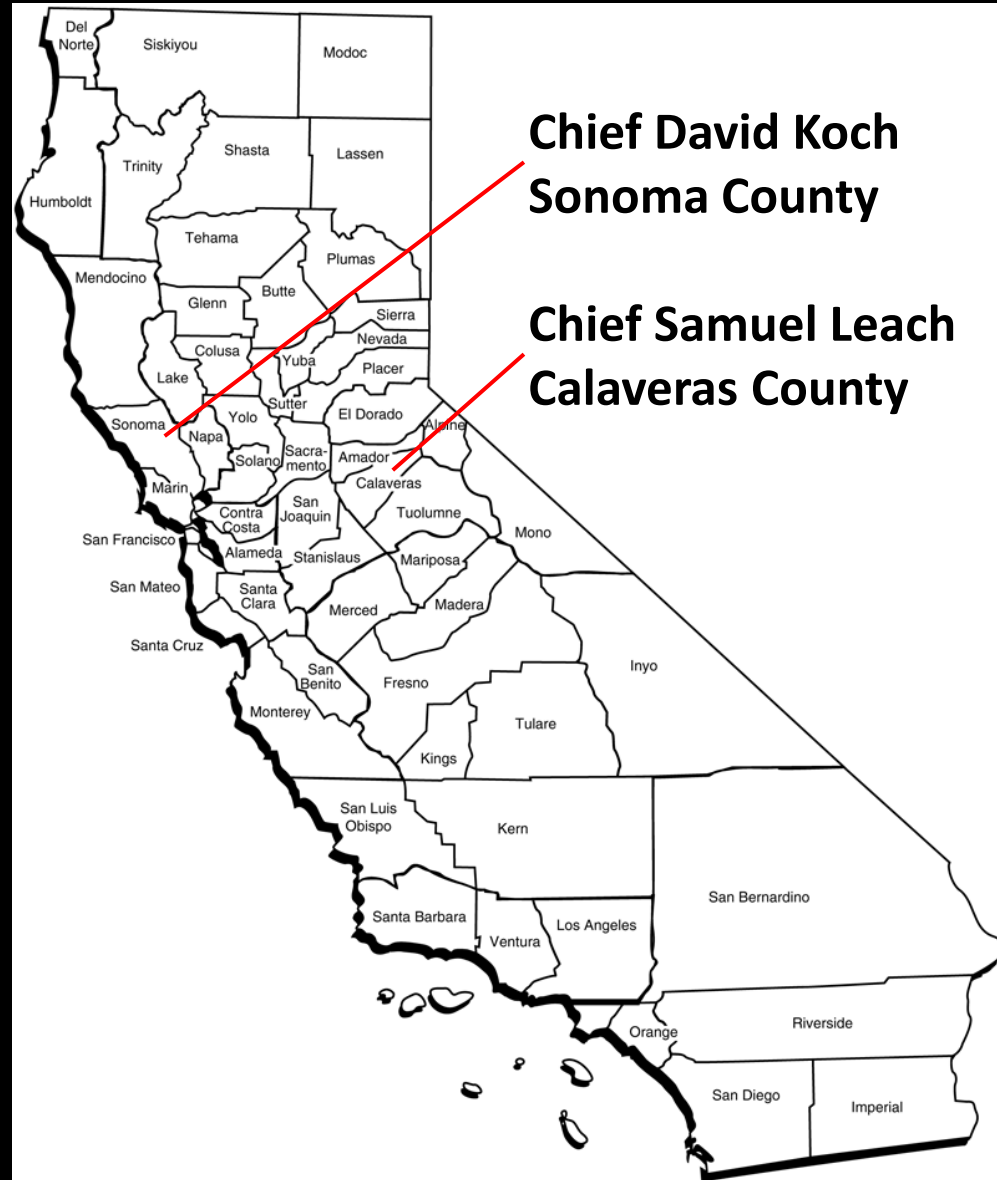


# Chief Probation Officers of California

Innovative Approaches  
to Reducing California's  
Prison Population



## Chief Probation Officers of California

- **Community corrections leadership**
- **Advocate for responsible legislation and policies**
- **Embrace use of evidence-based and best practices**
- **Research and develop white papers on contemporary issues**
- **Chairs local Community Corrections Partnership**
- **Responsible for local planning, data gathering and outcomes reporting/analysis**





Downtown Los Angeles





Yosemite National Park









How did AB 109 – Public Safety Realignment – occur?

**2009:** U.S. Supreme Court orders CA to reduce prison population (169,000) to 137.5% of design capacity (40,000 inmate reduction)

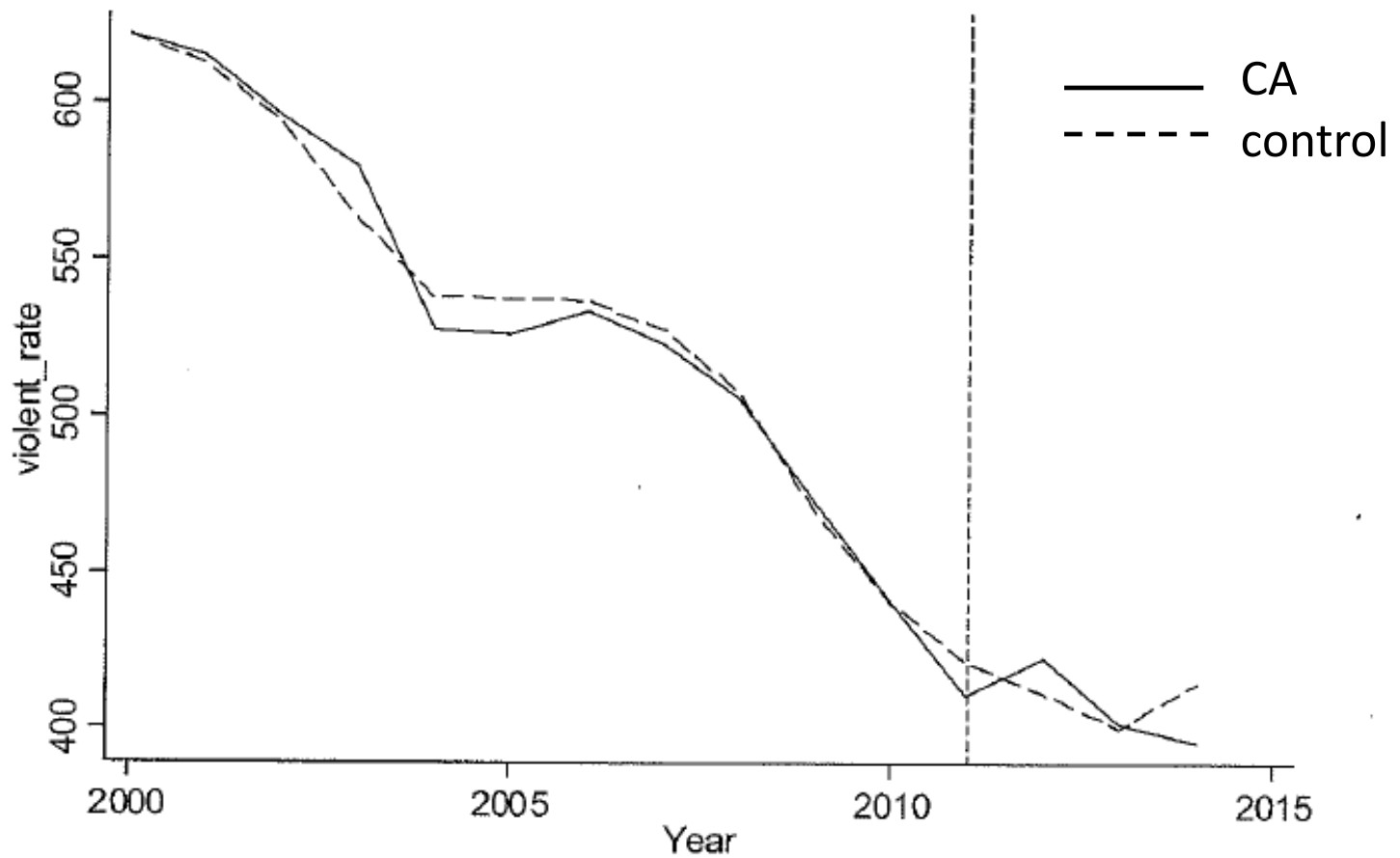
**2009:** SB 678 authorizes sustainable funding for “evidence-based” probation supervision practices

**2011:** AB 109 – Public Safety Realignment Enacted

## AB 109 – Public Safety Realignment

- Most offenders convicted of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex-registrant offenses released to Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS)
- Parole violators and PRCS violators serve violation sentences in local jail – rather than prison
- Created class of felony offenses subject to local jail sentence and term of mandatory supervision
- Increased custody credits
- Established use of graduated sanctions and “flash incarceration” for violations

## Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 in California 2000 - 2014



Lofstrom and Raphael, *Criminology & Public Policy*, March 2016



## Justice System Reforms and Prison Population Reductions

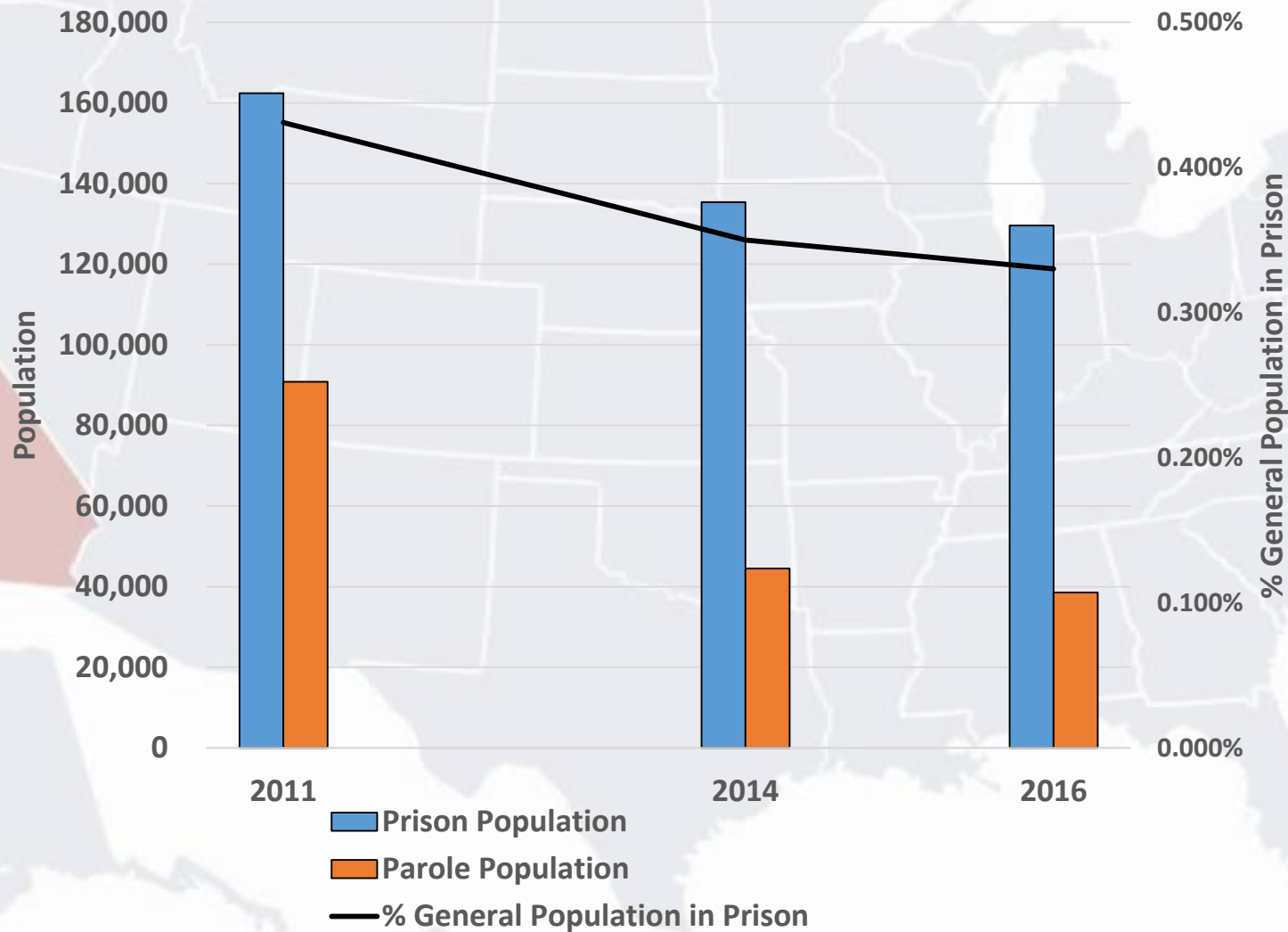
**2012:** Proposition 30 – Constitutionally guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding

**2014:** Proposition 47 – Reduced penalties for many felonies (property crimes and drug offenses)

**2015:** PC 1170 was amended to make split sentence the de facto judicial decision

**2016:** Proposition 57 – Allows parole consideration for non-violent felons upon completion of base sentence; authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior, and education

# Prison and Parole Populations in California

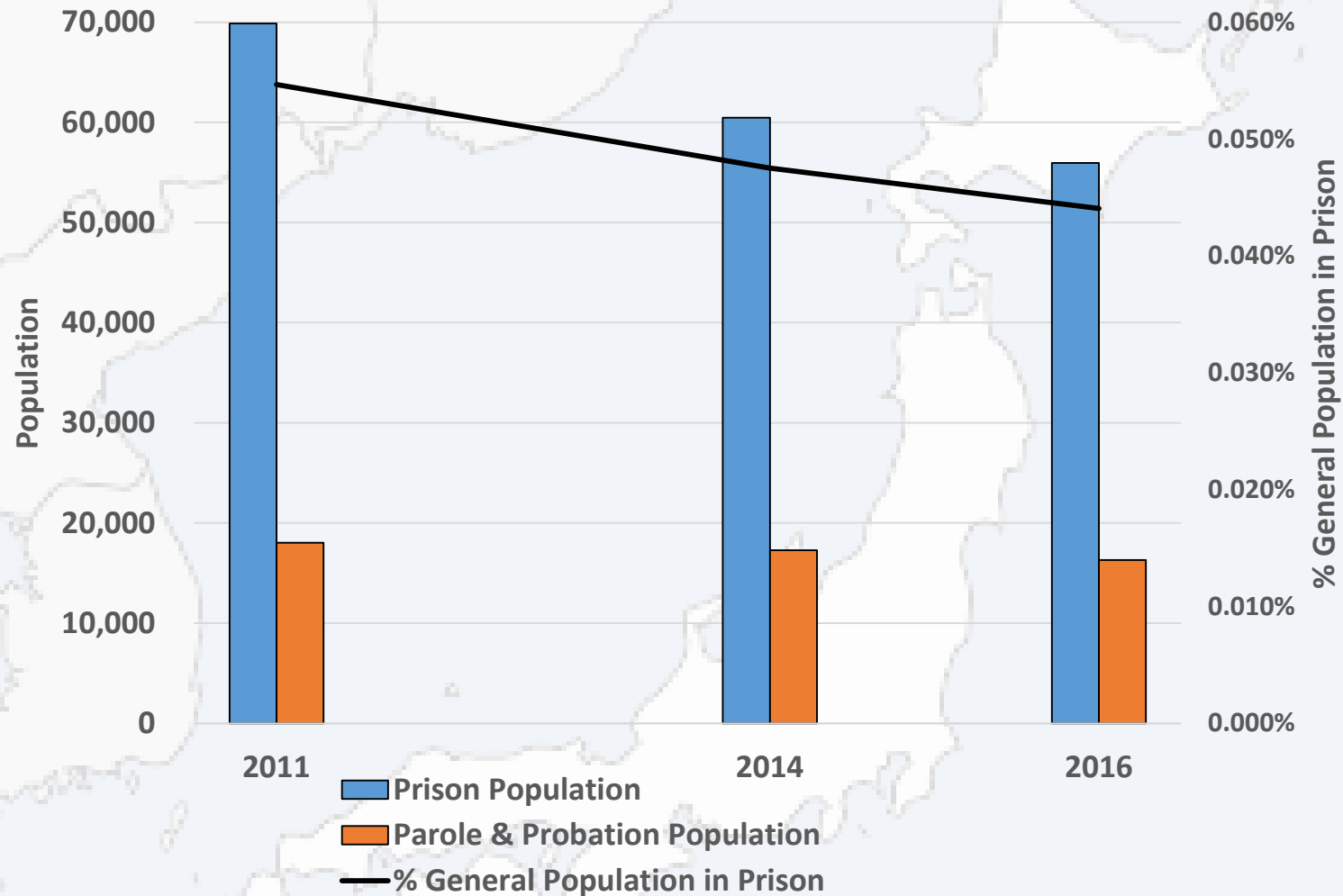


California General Population – 39.5 million (2017)

USA General Population – 326 million (2017)



# Prison, Parole, and Probation Populations in Japan



Japan General Population – 126 million (2017)



# Sonoma County





## Sonoma County Demographics

Population – 503,000

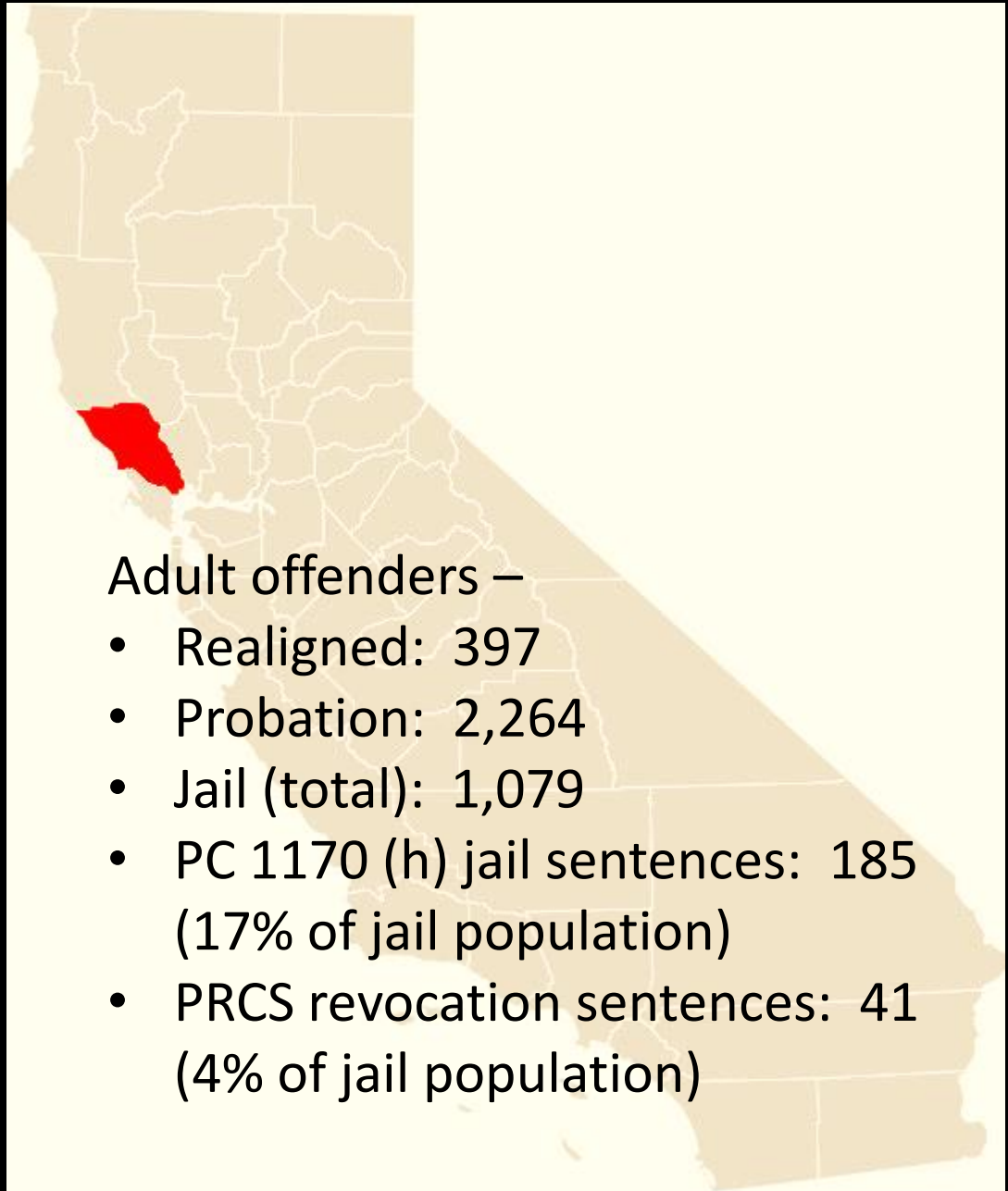
- 64% White
- 27% Hispanic
- 9 % Other

Economy –

- agriculture & livestock
- wine & craft beer
- tourism

Adult offenders –

- Realigned: 397
- Probation: 2,264
- Jail (total): 1,079
- PC 1170 (h) jail sentences: 185  
(17% of jail population)
- PRCS revocation sentences: 41  
(4% of jail population)



## Sonoma County CCP Funded Program Areas

| <b>Program Area</b>                | <b>Example Service</b>  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Public Safety                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AB 109 Supervision Unit</li><li>• Jail</li><li>• Pre-Trial Services</li><li>• Electronic Monitoring</li></ul>                       |
| Rehabilitation                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In- and Out-of-Custody Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Services</li><li>• Day Reporting Center</li></ul>                           |
| Successful Transition to Community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jail Programs (adult education, life skills)</li><li>• Transitional Housing</li><li>• Employment and Eligibility Services</li></ul> |



# Sonoma County Probation Evidence-based Practices

- Motivational Interviewing
- Risk & Need Assessments
- Offender guided case plan with S.M.A.R.T. goals
- Cognitive Behavioral Interventions
- Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS)
- Structured sanctioning/Incentives policy and response matrix
- New Program Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation Team



## Impact of Evidence-Based Practices with Realigned Population

- Reduced recidivism
- Increased stability and social functioning
- Decreased use of jail as a sanction (incidents and duration)
- Lowered revocations to prison (felony probationers)
- Crime rate in Sonoma County remains lower than in pre-realignment years



# Calaveras County





**Desistance**



Desistance

1

First, do no harm.

2

Collaborate on a plan to improve their chances of desisting from crime.

3

Create and enhance connections with pro-social others.

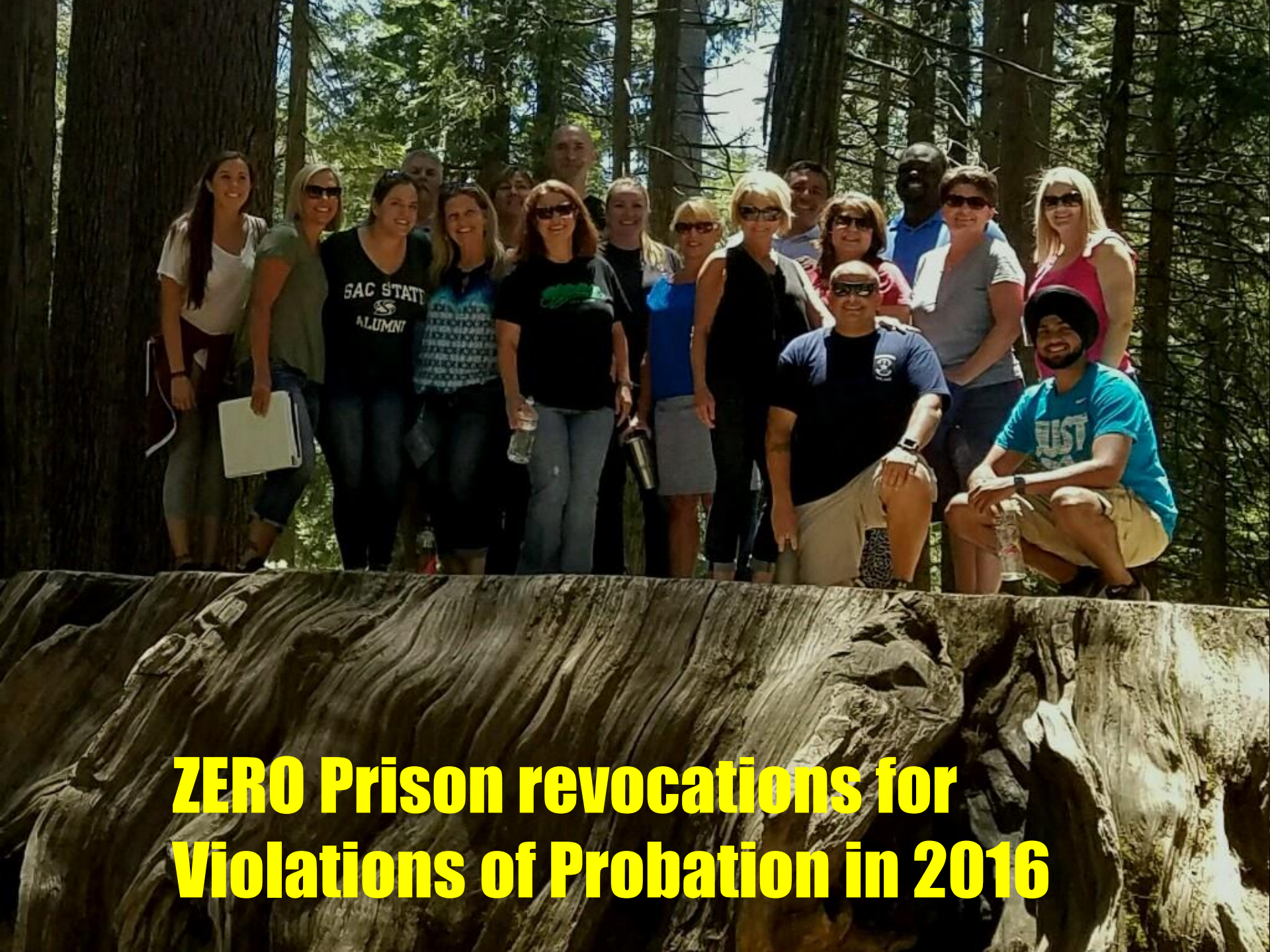
4

Design S.M.A.R.T. action steps to target their criminogenic needs.

5

Integrate healthy, easy-to-follow habits and routines into their everyday lives.





**ZERO Prison revocations for  
Violations of Probation in 2016**



Thank you very much!  
どうもありがとうございました！

