



YOLO COUNTY

NeighborhoodCourt

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

A Division of the District Attorney

Restorative Justice for a Better Community

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JAG Grant Summary

- **Funder:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
 - Managed by Board of State and Community Corrections
- **Funding:** Up to \$715,000 annually.
- **Timeline:**
 - Released December 6, 2018
 - Proposals due April 25, 2019
- **Grant Term:** October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022

JAG Program Purpose Areas

- Prevention and Education Programs
- Law Enforcement Programs
- Prosecution, Courts, Defense, and Indigent Defense

Priority Area of Need:

- Court-Based Restorative Justice Initiatives
 - Neighborhood Court Programs

Restorative Justice Diversion Programs

**Neighborhood
Court (NHC)**

**NHC: Full-
Service Partners,
Veterans**

**NHC: Felony
Expansion**

**Prop 47
Steps to Success**

- **Identified gaps:**
 - Expansion into felonies
 - Social services support with assessment process
 - Improvement in quality of life for participants

Options for Mental Health and Addiction

Felony	Addiction disorder	AIC	15 person cap	Case-by-case basis Probation eligible
	Seriously mentally ill	MHC	15 person cap	
Misdemeanor/ Felony High/Moderate recidivism risk	Mental health and/or addiction disorder	S2S	75 person cap	Eligibility: - No sex offenses, DV, DUIs, child endangerment - No strike offense convictions or 290 registrants
	Existing Case Management (FSP)	NHC	NO program cap	
Misdemeanor Moderate/Low recidivism risk	With treatment plan in place	NHC	NO program cap	
	Felony/Misdemeanor/Infraction	NHC	NO program cap	
				- No felony convictions - No misdemeanor convictions within last 5 years (with exceptions)

Restorative Justice: Our Founding Principle

“Restorative justice is a process to involve, to the extent possible, those who have a stake in a specific offense and to collectively identify and address **harms, needs, and obligations**, in order to heal and put things as right as possible.”


- Howard Zehr

Restorative Justice: Goals

- ❑ Put key decisions into the hands of those most affected by crime.
- ❑ Make justice more healing and, ideally, transformative.
- ❑ Reduce the likelihood of future offenses.
- ❑ Engage victims.

Confidential Process

- Not Open To The Public
- Participant Must Accept The Charge
- Nothing Used Against participant In Court
- Open/Honest Dialogue



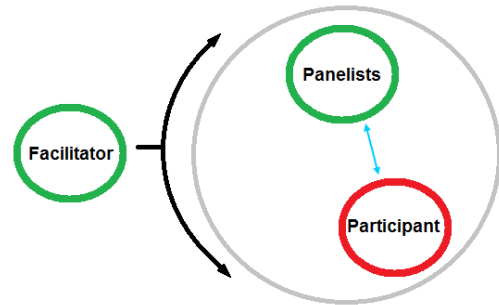
NEIGHBORHOOD
COURT IN
SESSION

This means Community Members focus on the harm instead of determining guilt or innocence.

Face-to-Face Facilitated Conference

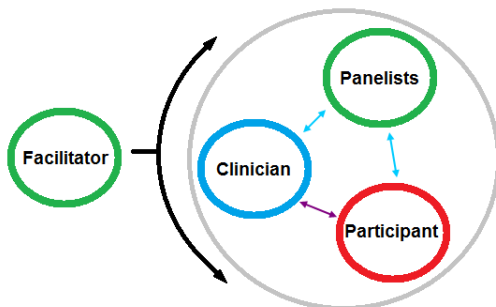


Panelist/Community Rep: Represents the community's needs, interests, and perspectives with respect to the crime committed.

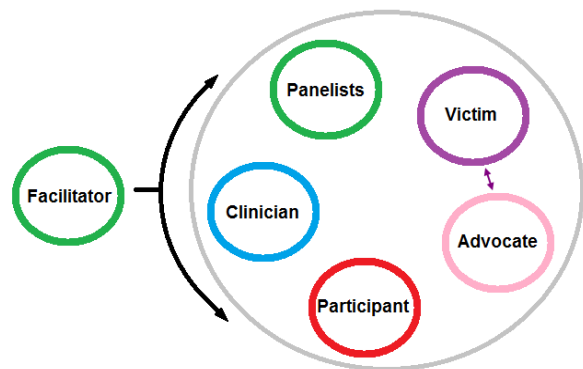


Facilitator: Leads/guides all parties through the process.

Facilitated Conference Models w/ Clinician



Clinician: Provides participant support and input to panelists.



Victim Advocate: Provides support to the victim. Not an active participant.

The 3-Step Conferencing Process



Neighborhood Court Completion Rate

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
96.7%	92.4%	90%	93%	91.5%	92.4%	92.7%

- Over 1,600 cases have been resolved through Neighborhood Court since 2013.
- Agreements are flexible; due dates are based on what is attainable for the participant, decided in collaboration with the volunteers, and extensions are granted by program staff upon request when the participant expresses that need.

Neighborhood Court Recidivism Rate

	Rearrest (1 yr)	Conviction (1 yr)	Rearrest (3 yr)	Conviction (3 yr)
Recidivism Rate	5.88%	3.38%	12.43%	7.73%
First-time Offenders	4.85%	2.75%	10.71%	6.81%
1 or more Prior Arrests	9.93%	5.52%	22.22%	12.96%

Key Questions

- ❑ What additional supports are needed for felony cases?
- ❑ Who should be eligible for Neighborhood Court?
- ❑ How can the program improve engagement with direct victims of crime?
- ❑ How do we make a community-based process fair and equitable to all parties involved?

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