



Protecting the Community, Serving Justice and
Changing Lives

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**SAN FRANCISCO'S LOCALLY SELF-RELIANT INCARCERATION POLICIES ARE
SAVING STATE TAXPAYERS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR**

**State penalizes best practices by allocating less money to counties that successfully invest
in alternatives to incarceration**

San Francisco, CA: A new study by the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice (CJCJ) in collaboration with San Francisco Adult Probation Department finds that,

- San Francisco sends offenders to state prisons at well below the average for other counties, **saving California taxpayers \$147 to \$278 million** in 2010.
- San Francisco has pursued local non-incarceration interventions that have proven effective, resulting in a larger than average decline in crime and increasing public safety.
- San Franciscan residents continue to shoulder the taxpayer burden of other state-dependent counties at a **net loss of over \$100 million per year**.

Read the full report at: http://www.cjcj.org/files/San_Francisco_Self_Reliant_Incarceration_Policies.pdf

Currently San Francisco County is allocated \$5.7 million by the state to cover the cost of realignment, which is **\$8.3 million short of what is needed**. The San Francisco Adult Probation Department is urging the state to support counties that have demonstrated willingness and an ability to provide effective criminal justice practices, saving the state millions of dollars.

San Francisco's success should be nurtured, not penalized. The funding formula for AB 109 should be reassessed to reward counties that pursue best criminal justice practices.

This investment would not only allow innovative counties to become model blueprints and hubs of technical assistance for other counties, it would also incentivize state-dependent counties to pursue more effective local criminal justice practices.

If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Chief Adult Probation Officer, Wendy Still, please contact Nicole Elliott at (415) 553-1687 or by email at nicole.elliott@sfgov.org.

The San Francisco Adult Probation Department achieves excellence in community corrections, public safety and public service through the integration of Evidence Based Practices and a victim centered approach into our supervision strategies.