

SPOTLIGHT ON DAPO

Division of Adult Parole Operations



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Prison to Employment (P2E)

Overview

- July 2018 – Legislature approved \$37M in state general funds for the P2E Initiative to serve the formerly incarcerated and other justice-involved individuals.
- **Regional Planning Grants - \$1.75M:** to support the development of plans for each region's justice-involved population (awarded in October 2018)
- **Regional Implementation and Direct Services Grants - \$14M:** to fund the implementation of regional workforce corrections plans and provide direct services
- **Regional Supportive Services and Earn and Learn Grants - \$20M:** to provide supportive services and "earn and learn" opportunities

Current Status

- Final awards were announced in June 2019
- Developing contracts with EDD and each RPU to award funding
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What is Parole?

Quick description

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- The Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO) is responsible for protecting the community by enabling parole agents to have an active part in the local community's public safety plans while providing a range of programs and services that offer state supervised parolees the opportunity for change, encouraging and assisting them in their effort to reintegrate into the community.
- DAPO Parole Agents are committed to working closely with the Division of Rehabilitative Programs and other stakeholders to ensure parolees are referred to appropriate rehabilitation and transition programs that are currently available to help them find success and opportunities within their communities.

EPRD

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- **Earliest Possible Release Date:**

- EPRD is a fixed term set by law.
- The sentencing judge selects the term for each count/crime.

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- County Supervision - Probation also known as Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) criteria is as follows:
 - Current non-violent commitment offense
 - Current non-serious commitment offense
 - Current non-High Risk Sex Offender
- State Supervision – Parole also known as Division of Adult Parole Supervision (DAPO) criteria:
 - Current violent or serious commitment offense as defined by PC 1192.7(c) and PC 667.5(c)
 - Mentally Disordered Offenders (MDO)
 - Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)
 - Lifers
 - Civil Addicts, USINS (who meet criteria), and interstate cases will be supervised by DAPO

DAPO Regions

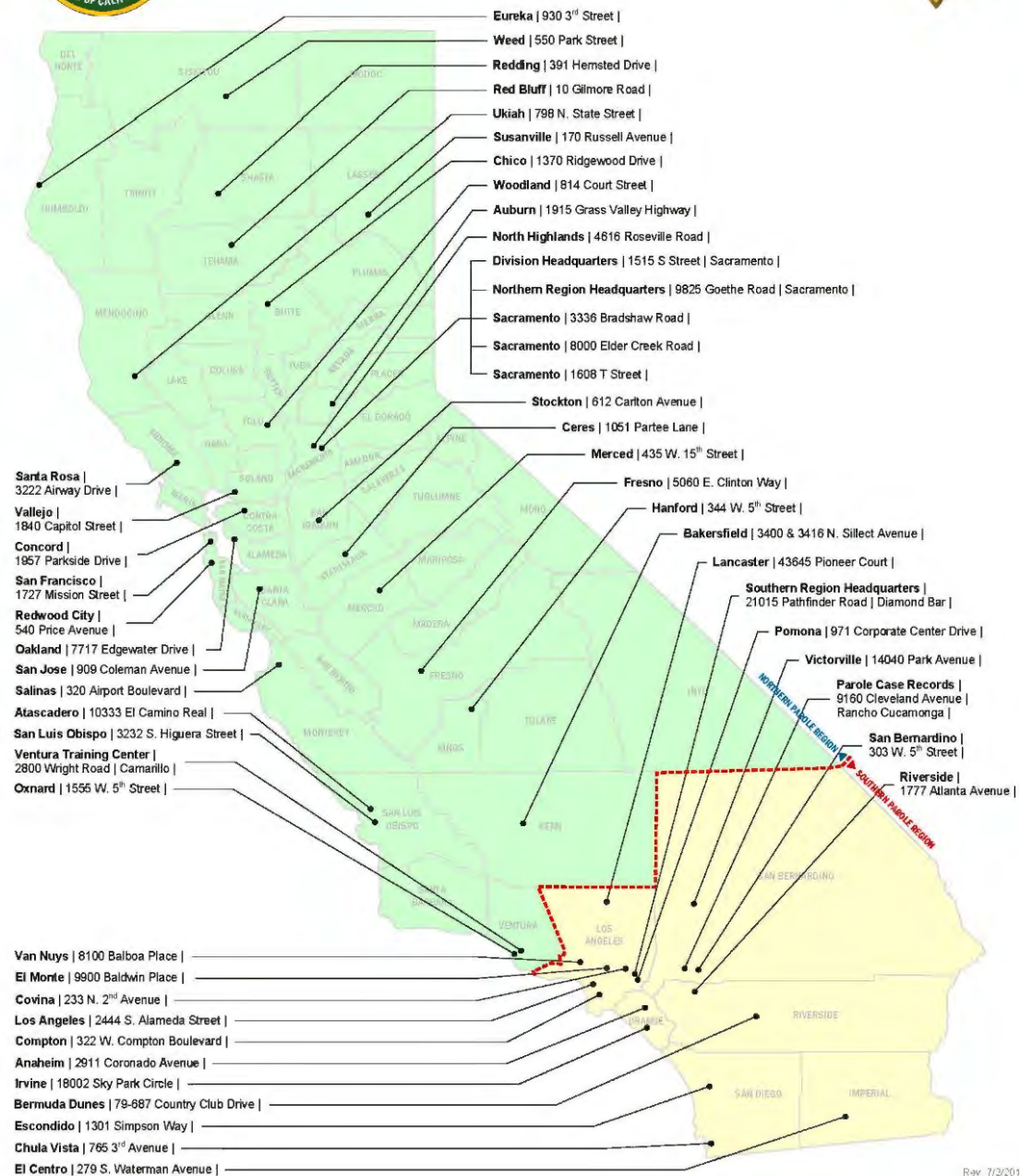
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Parole Offices by City



DAPO Regions - How are they broken down?

DAPO is composed of 3 entities, Division Headquarters, Northern Region and Southern Region

- Division Headquarters: Reentry Coordination Program, Policy & Procedures, Fidelity Assurance & Outcomes Unit, Parole Automation and Parole Litigation management Unit, Electronic Monitoring Unit
- Northern Region: 9 Districts comprised of 56 parole units; covering from the Del Norte & Modoc Border down to the Kern and Ventura County
- Southern Region: 12 Districts comprised of 67 parole units; covering from San Bernardino & Los Angeles down to San Diego and Imperial County

**When do Parolees
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- Parolees are required to check in with their assigned parole agent better known as their agent of record on the first working day following release from prison or county jail. They must report to their agent of record anytime the agent of record requests. The agent of record will work around the parolee's schedule to ensure he/she does not have to miss school, work or any other significant appointment unless absolutely necessary.

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- The agent of record will conduct unannounced home visits to the parolee's residence.
- If a parolee is enrolled in school or is employed, the agent of record will conduct unannounced home visits at a time when the parolee is not scheduled to be at school or work.
- A parolee's supervision level, will determine how many times the agent of record must make contact with the parolee.

Parole Agent Caseloads

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- Parole Agents with specialized caseloads supervise 25+ parolees
- Parole Agents with non-specialized supervise 53+ parolees

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- Law enforcement:
 - Conduct investigations when parole violation(s) or criminal behavior is alleged which includes interviewing, surveillance, search, and seizure
 - Apprehends and arrests parolees who are suspected of involvement in criminal activities or violation of parole
 - Testify in administrative hearings and judicial proceedings
 - Provide information to other community agencies regarding specific parolees or the policy and procedures of CDCR
 - Participates in the assessments of parolees risk to the community and the type of services required

Parole Agents wear two hats:

- Social Worker:
 - Work collaboratively with parolees and their support system (family, friends, employers, community agencies) in order to best assist parolees in a successful integration/reintegration back into their communities
 - Makes referrals to assist parolees with employment, housing and social services
 - Tasks parolees with quarterly goals and progress reports in order to encourage the parolee to stay focused and live a positive and law abiding lifestyle
 - When available gives incentives such as food vouchers, gift cards and bus passes

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- **RELEASE, REPORTING, RESIDENCE AND TRAVEL:**
 - Shall report to assigned parole agent on the first working day following release from prison/county jail.
 - Shall inform their agent of record of residence, employment, education and/or training.
 - Any change or anticipated change to residence shall be reported to the supervising parole agent in advance.
 - Parole Agent shall be notified within 72 hours of any changes to employment location, employer or termination of employment.

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- **PAROLE AGENT INSTRUCTIONS AND TRAVEL:**
 - Shall comply with all instructions from supervising parole agent
 - Shall not travel more than 50 miles from residence of record without prior approval from agent of record
 - Shall not be absent from county of residence for a period of more than 48 hours.
 - Shall not leave the State of California without prior written approval from agent of record

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- CRIMINAL CONDUCT
 - Shall not engage in conduct prohibited by law (state, federal, county or municipal).
 - Shall immediately inform agent of record of any arrest for a felony and or misdemeanor crime.

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- WEAPONS

Shall not own, use or have access to, or have

(a) Any type of firearm, instrument or device which a reasonable person would believe to be capable of being used as a firearm, or any ammunition which could be used in a firearm

(b) Any weapon as defined in state and federal statutes, or any instrument or device which a reasonable person would believe to be capable of being used as a weapon

(c) Any knife with a blade longer than two inches, except kitchen knives (must be kept only in the kitchen of residence), knives related to employment (must be used and carried only in connection with employment)

(d) Cross bow of any type

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Special Conditions of Parole vary for every parolee. Special conditions of parole are imposed when there is a nexus or information reasonably related to the parolee's commitment offense, criminal conduct, and or future criminality.

Transfer of parole

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- A transfer investigation could take up to 30 days
- If transfer is approved and the parolee commits a parole violation, he will be returned to their county of last legal residence

Most transfers are approved on a case-by-case basis:

- Inter-County Transfer
- Out of County Transfer
- Administrative Transfer
- Interstate Transfer

Conditions to work

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- Employment must be approved by the agent of record.
- The agent of record may preclude a parolee from participating in certain jobs when there is a nexus with the job and the parolees criminal history (i.e. parolee has a history of residential burglaries and is attempting to gain employment entering residences as a painter)

Parole Points of Contact:

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- Northern Region – Adult Programs Unit:
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- Southern Region – Adult Programs Unit:
Sheila Green-Beck (562) 370-0332
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- Division HQ's – Reentry Coordination Program:
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What can Parole offer to the parolee?

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Linkage to:

- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs
- Mental Health Treatment
- Medication Assisted Treatment
- Housing
- Education
- Vocational Trade Programs
- Counseling
- Social Service Agencies
- Employment opportunities
- Job Readiness Programs
- Transportation
- Cash Assistance

PVDTS and the referral to AJCC's

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- All AJCC's have been inputted into DAPO's Parole Violation Tracking System. Parole Agents will be ready to make referrals upon being notified of the formalized process and the AJCC's receiving funding.
- Referrals made to AJCC's will be on a voluntary basis

**What Does the AJCC need to be prepared
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Ideally parolee's should receive all services as any individual walking into an AJCC and be treated no different than any other individuals who walk in.

DAPO MOU's with RPU's

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Currently Waiting on one final MOU

QUESTIONS?