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CAFES CC3 Form through the perspective of Probation Officers

The CAFES Cohort III Participation Form is utilized to determine CAFES eligibility, services, and payment authorization for referred individuals. The CC3 Form is a direct tool that is utilized to aid in the CAFES Cohort III goal of emphasizing equity, early representation, and expanded diversion opportunities for eligible clients. CAFES supports clients by funding a continuum of advocacy, diversion, and reentry services tailored to their individual mental, substance use disorder, and other basic needs.

Santa Cruz County Probation Officers utilize CC3 Forms to benefit their CAFES eligible clients. Here are the perspectives of two Probation Officers who have shared their experience with CAFES and the CC3 Form. They demonstrate how their clients are positively impacted with CAFES support.

For Pretrial Services, having the ability to connect clients to CAFES has been beneficial to assist my clients successfully go through the court process. The Court frequently adds special conditions for clients to complete an assessment and participate in the recommended level of care. CAFES is helpful for me, being new to Santa Cruz County to make that direct referral.

Most of the times when I have sent a referral it is for individuals that have struggled to connect to county resources. The ability to make a direct referral with the CC3 Form and get a response usually within 24 hours of sending (Hugo is pretty good at sending the follow up email informing me who the client is assigned to), helps me when I am working with a client who is struggling staying clean and sober. Instead of sending a revocation, CAFES allows me to work with clients to offer them services and connect them to resources that are beneficial for them in the long run, not only for their court outcomes.

-Itzel Sanchez, Deputy Probation Officer

Being able to refer a client through the CC3 Form to CAFES support makes a direct and positive impact on the lives of my clients. For instance, there are times when clients are struggling with multiple hardship needs. When a client is struggling with not having the ability to pay rent, is unemployed, is struggling with sobriety, and does not have a driver's license it can be hard for a client to focus attention and address an individual need at a time. I have a client who was experiencing that and because of CAFES support and funding my client is living at a SLE, gained employment, and is better equipped to focus on one need at a time. The positive impact I see with my client who is living at the SLE is a sense of peace of mind and the confidence to address their other needs.

-Christian Perla, Deputy Probation Officer

Restorative Justice 101 Training Insight

On 1/9/24 a Restorative Justice 101 Training was held and presented by Alaya Vautier from Conflict Resolution Center. The training was held at North County's Probation Success Center. The training focused on what restorative justice is and isn't, different ways it can be implemented, underlying principles and foundations, how it differs from criminal justice, and who benefits from restorative justice and how. Below is Tracy Majerczak's insight on this training.

The Restorative Justice training I received was very informative and helpful. By bringing together victims, people who have committed a crime, and community members restorative justice can foster stronger community relationships. Restorative justice allows for creative, individualized solutions to problems rather than one-size-fit-all punitive measures. It promotes rehabilitation and engages people who committed a crime and individuals that were/are incarcerated in community programs. By addressing the root causes of criminal behavior, restorative justice can guide people who committed a crime towards rehabilitation and societal reintegration. Restorative justice can be a much more humane method of dealing with crime, and it opens the door to healing in a way punitive systems do not.

-Tracy Majerczak, Janus, ECM Case Manager-CAFES Program

De-escalation Training Insight

On 1/25/24 a De-escalation Training was held and presented by Tenzin Choqkyi from Conflict Resolution Center. The training was held at North County's Probation Success Center. The training focused on investigating the way that stress increases our potential for anger and reactivity, understanding the physiology of anger, learning and practicing techniques for de-escalating anger and conflict with role plays and real-life examples. Below is Nick Bobeda's insight on this training.

I really enjoyed the conflict resolution training because it was a great opportunity to learn more about the way I handle conflicts. I learned my resolution skills have been largely dependent on whether it is in my work life or in my personal life. It seems that the more I care about someone the easier it is to be emotionally invested in the conflict. I'm much more likely to take things personally from a loved one, as opposed to a stranger. The training made me realize that I can use different de-escalation skills in any conflict I encounter.

-Nick Bobeda, Janus, CADCI CAFES Connector Team Program Supervisor Probation Success Center North & South County

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Probation Success Center & CAFES Training Session Insight

On 1-18-24 a Probation Success Center & CAFES training session was held at North County's Probation Success Center. It provided an opportunity to fuse the PSC provider team partners with the new CAFES Janus Cohort III Connector Team.

There was also an opportunity to review CAFES Swim Lanes that describe referral process/options for CAFES eligible clients.

Mayra Albarado is a Probation Aide who attended this training. See below for her thoughts on the training.

I was impressed by how many providers are on site at the Probation Success Center to serve our population. Each provider specializes in helping our population through unique ways. By providing different services and resources.

Mayra Albarado, Probation Aide

Sheriff's Sobering Center Grand Opening!

The Sheriff's Sobering Center's grand opening will be held on **February 1, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at 265 Water St, Santa Cruz.**

Eligible individuals will be able to go to the Sobering Center instead of the main jail if they are under the influence of drugs, public intoxication, or have been arrested for a first-time DUI.

At 1:00 pm the Sobering Center will begin to accept clients!

Janus Sobering Center Team!

Program Manager
Cesar Leon

Case Managers
Faye Bautista
Kimberly Rodriguez

Peer Specialists
Benjamin Vokes
Garrett McIntyre

Upcoming training event!

3-27-2024 Building Resilience by Tenzin Chogy from Conflict Resolution Center!



2024 CAFES Connection Newsletter Spotlight Story Schedule

Keep an eye out for future spotlight stories from partners!

Goal: Each partner will have the option to submit a recap of their scheduled month or anything they would like to share highlighting the collaborative work and efforts of CAFES Cohort III.

Santa Cruz County Probation- **January 2024**

Santa Cruz County of the Public Defender, Partners for Justice- **February 2024**

Santa Cruz District Attorney's Office, Neighborhood Courts- **March 2024**

Santa Cruz Collaborative Courts- **April 2024**

Janus of Santa Cruz, CAFES Connector Team- **May 2024**

Goodwill Central Coast- **June 2024**

Conflict Resolution Center- **July 2024**

Applied Survey Research- **August 2024**

Here's how to submit news you would like to include in the CAFES Connection Newsletter...

We want to hear from you!

If you have news, stories, client testimonials, or resources you would like to include for any month of the CAFES Connection Newsletter, please email arianna.lomeli@santacruzcountyca.gov
The deadline to send submissions is the third Thursday of each month.

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