



## Arcata Police Department

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Humboldt County Administrative Office  
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### **Re: City of Arcata Measure Z Quarterly Report**

#### **Measure Z 3rd Quarterly Narrative Fiscal Year 2018-19**

- 1. Please describe the Measure Z activities completed and/or total numbers served or reached.*

During the 3rd quarter, Arcata Police Department officers responded to 170 incidents on school campuses (see attached spreadsheet).

As of the Third Quarter the City of Arcata has filled the positions for two Juvenile Diversion Counselors and a School Resource Officer serving the Northern Humboldt area, including McKinleyville, Arcata, Bluelake, Trinidad and Samoa areas.

As of April 8th, 2019, the Juvenile Diversion Counselors (JDC's) provided services to 232 K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and families in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District and the western portion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District (west of Berry Summit). The program was referred 114 cases via law enforcement (e.g., APD, HCSO, EPD, Juvenile Probation), and 218 school (Student Attendance Review Board) referred cases.

Arcata Police Department's Juvenile Diversion graduated a new class of Parent Project participants on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2019. Continued interest in Parent Project and a large number of parents registered to take future classes illustrate our community's need for this program. These classes empower parents of youth to address truancy, alcohol, drug abuse and improve family functioning. The multi-agency collaboration and presentations during these classes provide parents of at risk youth with community resources, law enforcement support, access to mental health services, and parent support groups.

- 2. What difference did Measure Z funding make in our community and for the population you are serving? Please discuss evidence of effect (e.g., community indicators, outcomes, etc.).*

Diversion provided Brief Intervention Drug and Alcohol Counseling (an evidence-based alcohol and other drug program for adolescents) to 94 youth with drug related citations or school infractions that resulted in them being placed on a suspended/expulsion contract. Our records

show a 95% successful completion rate of students in the program. Success is measured by completion of counseling, increased school attendance, and absence of further offenses. Sixteen percent (16%) of youth struggling with mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, and/or substance use disorders were successfully entered into Humboldt County Mental Health Services for Family Functional Therapy, Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling, individual counseling, or other services.

The JDC's will continue to be active community partners with the following multi-agency teams and participate in monthly-quarterly meetings to better serve our community: Multi-Agency Crisis Intervention Team (collaboration with local law enforcement departments, DHHS, and other community partners to serve local homeless/houseless and mentally ill populations), Child Abuse Services Team, SARB, Arcata and McKinleyville High Schools' Sources of Strength, , Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention, Juvenile Justice Delinquency & Prevention Commission, and Suicide Prevention Network. The APD Diversion team will also collaborate with Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Gang Resource Intelligence Team. In addition to previous services, Juvenile Diversion hopes to expand services even more by offering Sunshine Circles; which provides a trauma-informed approach to teaching elementary school-aged youth emotion regulation and social skills, and works to build appropriate child-adult relationship dynamics. APD Diversion also hopes to expand Parent Project classes by offering Loving Solutions curriculum to parents, which targets younger children (3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade).

The program's long-term goals are to reduce the amount of Juvenile Crime in the service area which encompasses Trinidad, McKinleyville, Arcata, and Samoa. In addition it is the goal to increase school attendance and reduce the number of high school students who dropout and/or go to continuation high schools.

3. *Describe any unanticipated impacts of receiving Measure Z funding, positive or negative, not already described above.*

At this time, we have not experienced any unanticipated impacts of receiving Measure Z funding.

Sincerely,



Brian Ahearn  
Chief of Police