# CHGHLIGHTS Research findings from the Criminal Justice Clearinghouse

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# **Proposition 47 Grant Program: Two-Year Preliminary Report Grantee Highlights**

### **Project overview**



### Client demographics

Clients may participate in the programs multiple times as needed (i.e., treatment episodes).

#### S.M.A.R.T. CoSRR 78 unique clients 55 unique clients 81 treatment episodes 70 treatment episodes 64% male 59% male Hispanic/ 41% female 36% female Latino 11% 45 years (average) 46 years (average) Other Asian Other 3%

#### Client characteristics and needs

The San Diego Prop 47 project is achieving its goal of serving chronic substance users with complex needs and extensive, low-level criminal justice involvement.

CoSRR		S.M.A.R.T.	
4.7	Average arrests		9.8
4.2	Average bookings		9.4
2.5	Average convictions		6.6

More than 20 years

average amount of time since clients began using their primary drug



## Methamphetamine

was the most common primary drug used in both programs

**Nearly 8** in every 10 clients in CoSRR and 9 in 10 clients have 4 or more needs. These needs identified by staff are used to guide client plans.



89% of CoSRR

homeless or in unstable housing, making housing a top need in both programs

#### Service delivery

Case managers facilitate the connection of Prop 47 clients to a variety of community-based resources to promote a balanced lifestyle.



Mental health

Transportation

Job skills

Medical home

Vocational Civil/legal



Education



Family

CoSRR		S.M.A.R.T.	
1.6	Average referrals		5.0
1.5	Average connections		3.0

#### Client success stories

#### **CoSRR**

Jake\* had used methamphetamine for 21 years of his life and had six drug convictions that resulted in a suspended driver's license and 18 months of incarceration. Since enrolling in CoSRR, Jake has managed to obtain his own housing and start paying his student loans. Jake is demonstrating leadership skills in his recovery meetings and is preparing to enroll in a local community college this fall 2019 to obtain his Drug and Alcohol Counselor Certification. Jake has shared that "this program helps in a lot of areas; it works great, and helps you get back on your feet".

#### S.M.A.R.T.

Mandy\* rejected her initial S.M.A.R.T. program offer in 2017, and although she accepted the next three offers, she never remained engaged with the program for more than two weeks. Later that year she was released from custody to residential rehab as part of a felony sentence. Following her release, she contacted program staff about getting back into S.M.A.R.T. when she was released from residential treatment. The City Attorney again extended a program offer to Mandy and she moved into S.M.A.R.T. housing when she was released from residential in 2019. Mandy worked as a dental assistant prior to her addiction and is getting back into that field now that she is sober and stable. After a journey that included five program offers over nearly two years, Mandy is scheduled to graduate from treatment at the next graduation.

\*Note: Client's name has been changed to protect their identity.