



Crime and Justice Institute (CJI) at Community Resources for Justice



Interface with probation and parole

Introductions



Overview

- What is probation or parole generally?
- What do probation and parole departments do?
- Why should my organization engage with probation or parole?
- How can my organization interface with probation or parole?

Probation

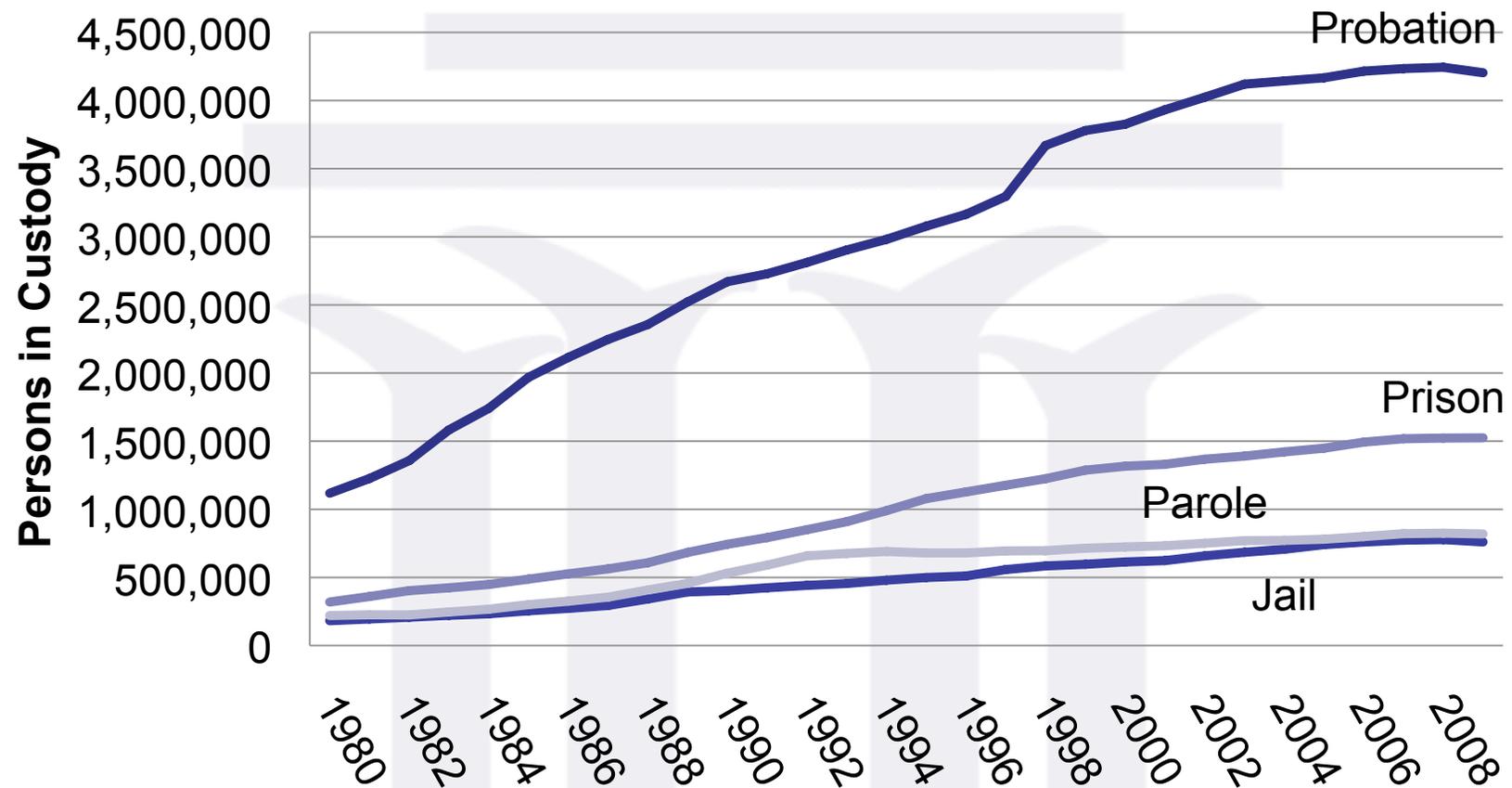
- Post-adjudication supervision of an offender in the community
- All states have probation
- Probation is organized differently depending upon the state

Parole

- Post-release supervision of an offender returning from prison
- Not all states have parole
- Not all offenders released from prison are placed on parole
- Some jurisdictions combine probation and parole functions into one department

Correctional populations

Correctional Populations in the US - 1980 - 2009



What do P&P do?

- Supervise offenders
- Risk/Need assessment
- Treatment and program referrals
- Enhancing motivation
- Focusing on criminogenic needs
- Drug testing
- Thinking and attitudes – cognitive-behavioral

Officers

- Balance between law enforcement and social worker roles
- Skills needed
- Change
- Caseload can impact time spent on a single case

Engagement

- **Formal and informal**
- **Formal**
 - Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement
- **Informal**
 - Communication, contact

Elements of a good MOU

- Clear responsibilities and roles
- A point of contact for agency-related matters
- Plans to share specific information
 - Risk/needs
 - Program information
 - Recidivism and outcome data (as specific as possible)
- Communication guidelines
 - Regular meetings /contact

Examples

- **Local corrections agency**
 - Multiple partners
 - Many functions consolidated
 - Share information, good communication
- **Halfway house**
 - Supervise parolees
 - Single P.O. assigned
 - Supportive but not engaged

Discussion

- P.O.'s
- Community organizations
- Mentoring organizations
- Jails
- Department of Corrections / Prison

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