



Misdemeanor Diversion

- REDUCE OUR CASELOAD BY 10-15%
- REDUCE CONGESTED COURT DOCKETS
- REDUCE CASELOADS FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER AND CONFLICT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS
- PRESERVE PROBATION RESOURCES
- REDUCE NUMBER OF OFFENDERS SENT TO JAIL
- OBTAIN VICTIM RESTITUTION BEFORE FILING
- **REDUCE RECIDIVISM AT THE SAME TIME**

Misdemeanor Diversion

- Orange County
- Sacramento County
- Merced County
- Yolo County
- Napa County
- San Joaquin County
- Stanislaus County
- Contra Costa
- Madera County
- Sutter County
- Sonoma County
- El Dorado County
- Merced
- Riverside County

Misdemeanor Diversion

- **INELIGIBLE OFFENDERS:**
 - Convicted Felons
 - Recidivists
 - Offenders on Probation
 - Prior Crimes Involving Physical Injury to a Victim
 - Prior Crimes Involving Criminal Sophistication

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- **INELIGIBLE OFFENSES:**
 - Offenses Involving Physical Injury to a Victim
 - Driving under the Influence
 - Weapons Violations
 - Animal Cruelty
 - Sex Offenses
 - Hate Crimes
 - Stalking
 - Domestic Violence

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- **LESSER MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES ONLY:**
 - Petty Theft
 - Driving Without a License
 - Possessing Drug Paraphernalia
 - Fender-Bender Hit and Run
 - Drunk in Public
 - Trespassing
 - Disturbing the Peace

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- **AVAILABLE CLASSES**
 - Theft and Property Offenses Class
 - Misdemeanor Vehicle Code Violations
 - Drug and Alcohol Class
 - Anger Management
 - Life Skills – Choices, Changes and Challenges

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- SUCCESS

- Orange County Studies on Recidivism:
 - BEFORE PROGRAM: 22%
 - AFTER PROGRAM: 6%

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SAVING RESOURCES

- District Attorney
- Courts
- Public Defender
- Probation
- Sheriff/Jail

BETTER OUTCOMES

- Offenders
- Victims
- Community

