

# LIVE FREE COUNTY BEST PRACTICES SCORECARD

MERCED COUNTY: GRADE = F

BEST PRACTICES	STATUS/GRADE	COMMENTS
VIOLENCE REDUCTION		
1. Ceasefire program fully implemented	NO	5th for youth violence, no specific policies, following LA's model for gang criteria  Have received funds from state to implement VIPER.
POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY		
2. Implicit bias training for police officers	NO	Not participating in implicit bias training which was free from AG's office (not city nor county sheriffs)
3. Civilian review board	NO	
4. Independent prosecutors for police shootings	NO	
5. Full transparency on police use of force incidents	NO	Community often unable to attain response from LEA's related to record requests
SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE		
6. Ban on suspensions and expulsions in elementary school	NO	
7. Restorative justice programs in schools	NO	
8. Disciplinary code minimizes out of school suspensions, expulsions and arrests	NO	
9. Limited role for police focused on safety not discipline	NO	Officers present in schools, resource officers for middle schools, and officers assigned to high school, most are part of D.A.R.T., Gang Violence Suppression Unit & Merced County Task Force
10. Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports	NO	
FEES & FINES		
11. Eliminate all non-restitution fines, fees, surcharge assessments, interest and collection charges	NO	Researching Chicago's I-Bond as well as the system in Howard County Indiana that charges a high bond but uses it for any fees and/or returns the entire amount once resolved.
12. Justice related debt collected as a civil matter; no criminal sanctions for non-payment	NO	
13. Base fines and collection practices on individualized assessment of ability to pay	NO	
14. Alternatives to fees, fines and incarceration, such as community service	NO	Heavily fining homeless, and bike infractions
15. Replace Money Bail with pretrial risk assessment, release on recognizance and other non-financial conditions	NO	
16. Credit system (credit justice debts based on progress to rehabilitation)	NO	
KEEPING IMMIGRANT FAMILIES TOGETHER		
17. No local participation in ICE detainers for immigration violations	NO	Sherriff not implementing Trust act, towing vehicles even if licensed driver shows up
18. Municipal IDs	NO	

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### DIVERSION

19. Pre-arrest diversion	NO
20. Pre-charge diversion	NO
21. Shortening case processing time	NO
22. Diversion into drug treatment	NO
23. Diversion into mental health treatment	NO
24. No lock up for status offenses, technical violations and other un-jailable offenses	NO

### PRIVATE PROFITEERING

25. No private prison contracts	NO
26. In-source contracts for services	NO
27. No acceptance of political contributions from private vend	NO

CDRC for indigent basic hygiene, shoes for inmates but ALL inmates must pay. Inmates pay health care cost \$3 per doctor visit and additional costs for medications, i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.

Merced County Sheriff Vern Warnke receiving funds from CDRC

### RESPONSIBLE PROCESSION

28. Limited role for police focused on safety not discipline	NO
29. Minimize length of parole and probation	NO
30. Pre-trial services within 24 hours	NO
31. Limited prosecution of misdemeanor and limiting jail time to no longer than 365 days	NO
32. No/limited Direct File transfer of Juveniles to Adult courts without judicial review	NO
33. Safeguards on civil forfeiture so people can easily reclaim seized property	NO

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No oversight in this area.

Minimum probation terms are typically 3 years formal or informal. Felonies are mandatory 5 years supervised. Parole works the same way but have more minimization if parolees complete requirements and show signs of reproductivity.

Prosecutors tend to harbor exculpatory evidence and consistently violate time NOT waived defendants rights to a speedy trial.

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### RE-ENTRY

34. Fair hiring policy	NO
35. Reinvestment of criminal justice resources into transitional jobs	NO
36. Transitional housing	NO
37. Voting rights restoration	NO

At this time there are limited service providers within Merced County that offer necessary services post incarceration

Not available to those on felony probation or parole. This has left a significant amount of homeless parolees & probationers that have

Merced County Sheriff's & Corrections are NOT maintaining voter registration for qualifying inmates and/or allowing voting participation 2016