



# Department of Alternative Sentencing

## 2022 Annual Report



### Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Alternative Sentencing is to increase safety in the community by reducing recidivism among criminal offenders through a rehabilitative environment that includes accountability for offenses, opportunities for gaining and applying life skills, and sanctions for regressive behaviors.

### Vision Statement

Dedication to improving the quality of life in our community through promoting community safety, providing innovative services, and rehabilitating offenders while treating all people with dignity and respect.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The definition of probation is the action of suspending the sentence of a convicted offender and giving the offender freedom during good behavior under the supervision of a probation officer. It sounds simple enough to ensure that individuals are adhering to the rules and sanctions set forth by the court. However, probation is not that simple. Often the individuals that we supervise suffer from substance use disorders, homelessness, lack of proper education or mental health disorders. Any of these diagnoses pose a real roadblock to the phrase "good behavior," and simply evaluating the need for incarceration based off that fact without an understanding of the underlying cause to the criminogenic action is flawed in nature. In order to successfully address probation and recidivism, one must first ask the question, "what works to keep offenders from reoffending?" The second thing to understand, is that nothing works every time or for every offender.

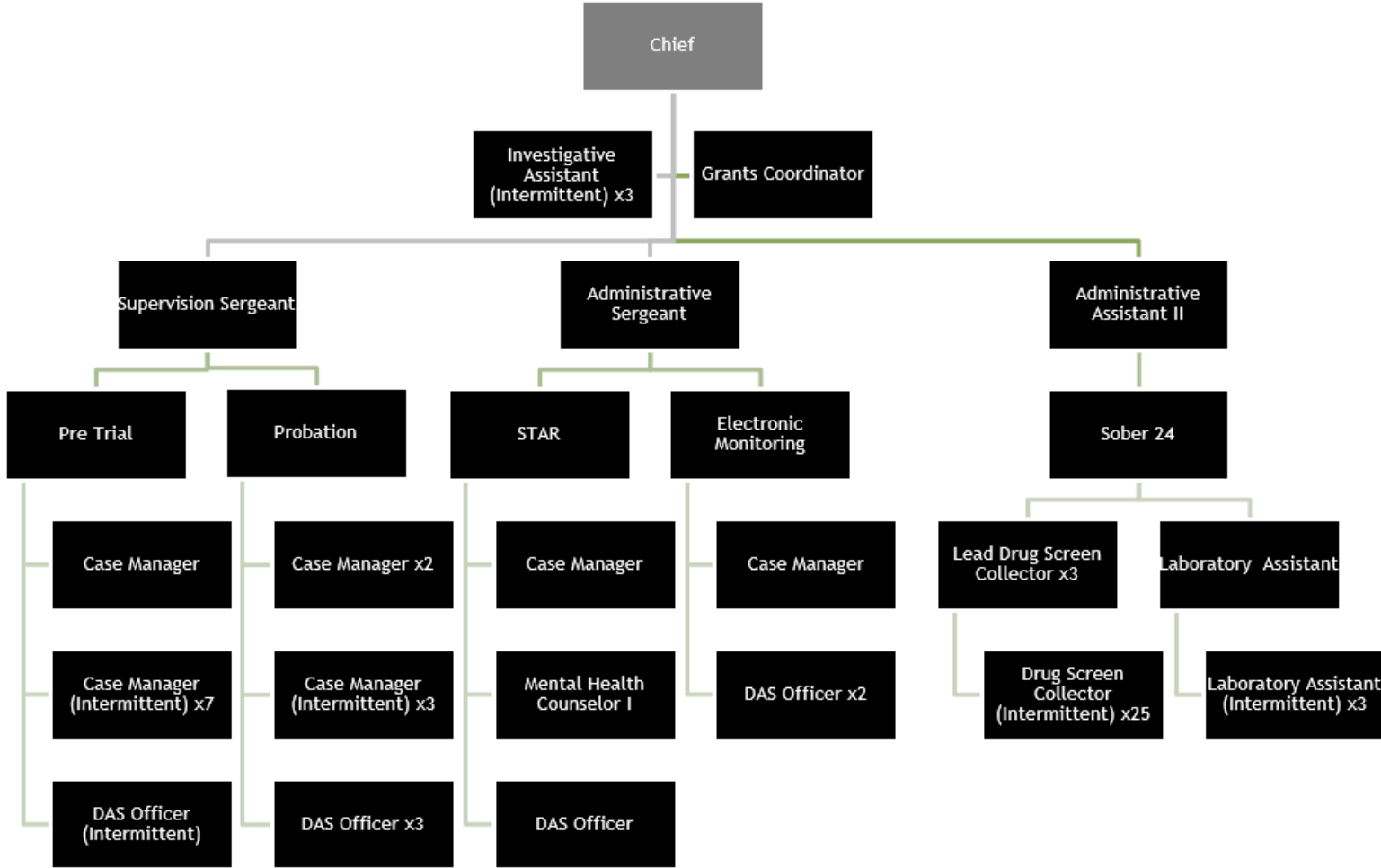
Fortunately, Washoe County Courts, Commissioners and the Department of Alternative Sentencing have been working on this problem for quite some time, and with support and guidance from partners throughout the community have been able to follow the science to implement sound practices that not just provide supervision, but also truly make a difference in the lives of those we supervise.

2022 was a prime example of this philosophy in action as the Department of Alternative Sentencing was able to obtain a grant to establish our Support in Treatment, Accountability, and Recovery (STAR) program. This program, solely housed under Alternative Sentencing, was created to provide wrap-around services for individuals with an opioid use disorder. The STAR team consists of a Licensed Clinician, Case Manager, Probation Officer, and Peer Support Specialist that conduct evidence-based curriculum for overcoming addiction and criminogenic behaviors while partnering with the community to provide treatment service to include residential programming and medication assisted treatment. In addition, the Department Alternative Sentencing brought on new technology to provide ease of access for check-ins and alcohol testing for its probationers.

To my staff that continually address the question, "how do we make a difference in the lives of the people we supervise?" I am proud to work with you everyday and appreciate your dedication and commitment to your chosen field. You have my full support, and it is a privilege to represent you now and in the future.



## Department of Alternative Sentencing - 2023



# Department Overview



The Department of Alternative Sentencing, under the authority of NRS 211A, is responsible for the monitoring of all pre-trial and misdemeanor adjudicated cases directed to us by any court within Washoe County. Case responsibilities may include but are not limited to in-person reporting, monitoring counseling progress or referral, provisions for job training, drug and alcohol testing and random in-home visits any time without a warrant. Cases are monitored for the duration of the suspended sentence which could be up to three years or until such time the probationer is released or revoked by the court of jurisdiction.

The Department of Alternative Sentencing is also the County's designated agency to provide all drug testing services as outlined in 2019 Legislative Bills AB236 and SB316. Each bill has language that requires the utilization of drug and alcohol testing that shall be completed. The Department has embraced its role as the Regional Drug Testing Facility by providing best practice drug testing services to 27 local and regional agencies.

# Strategic Plan



- Develop proactive and evidence-based programs and services to reduce recidivism and focus on the core task of offender rehabilitation.
- Increase collaboration with other departments to promote effective community policing, drug testing services and critical incident response.
- Enhance Pre-Trial Supervision services provided to the courts.
- Utilize technology to provide expanded services to clients, such as check-ins, house arrest, and alcohol and drug monitoring.
- Continue to build an agile and resilient organization, with structures and processes that support our goals and ensure we are accountable to our community.
- Nurture the belief in the intrinsic value of every person and continue to place people as the focus of our work.

# 2022 Probation Highlights



- Obtained grant and implemented new Support in Treatment, Accountability, and Recovery (STAR) program.
- Assumed pre-trial supervision monitoring of all Reno Justice Court cases.
- Supervised an average of 1,768 probation and pre-trial cases per month.
- Expanded the house-arrest program by 200%.
- Diverted 279,060 jail days at a cost savings of \$36,277,080 (based on daily jail cost rate of \$130/day).

# 2022 Alternative Sentencing Statistics







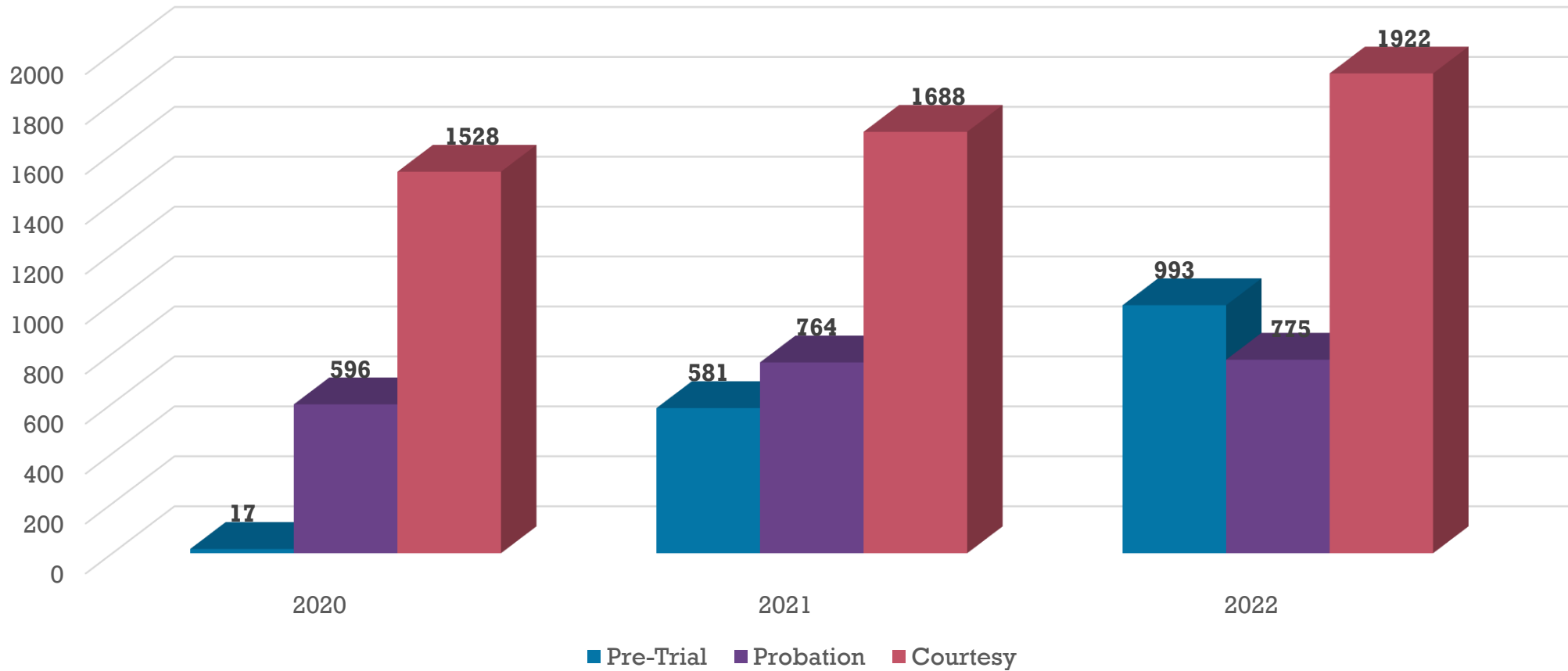
## Case Types

- Probation –A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor, who:
  - Has had his or her sentence suspended pursuant to NRS 4.373 or 5.055, and is serving that suspended sentence; or
  - Has been sentenced to a term of residential confinement pursuant to NRS 4.3762, or 5.076, and is serving that term of residential confinement.
- Pretrial –A person who has been charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor or felony and who has been released from custody before trial or sentencing, subject to the conditions imposed by the court.
- Courtesy –A person whose primary supervision is conducted by another agency but has been referred to the department for services such as residential confinement, drug/alcohol testing, electronic monitoring, or full supervision for out of state cases.

# ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING – 2022 STATISTICS

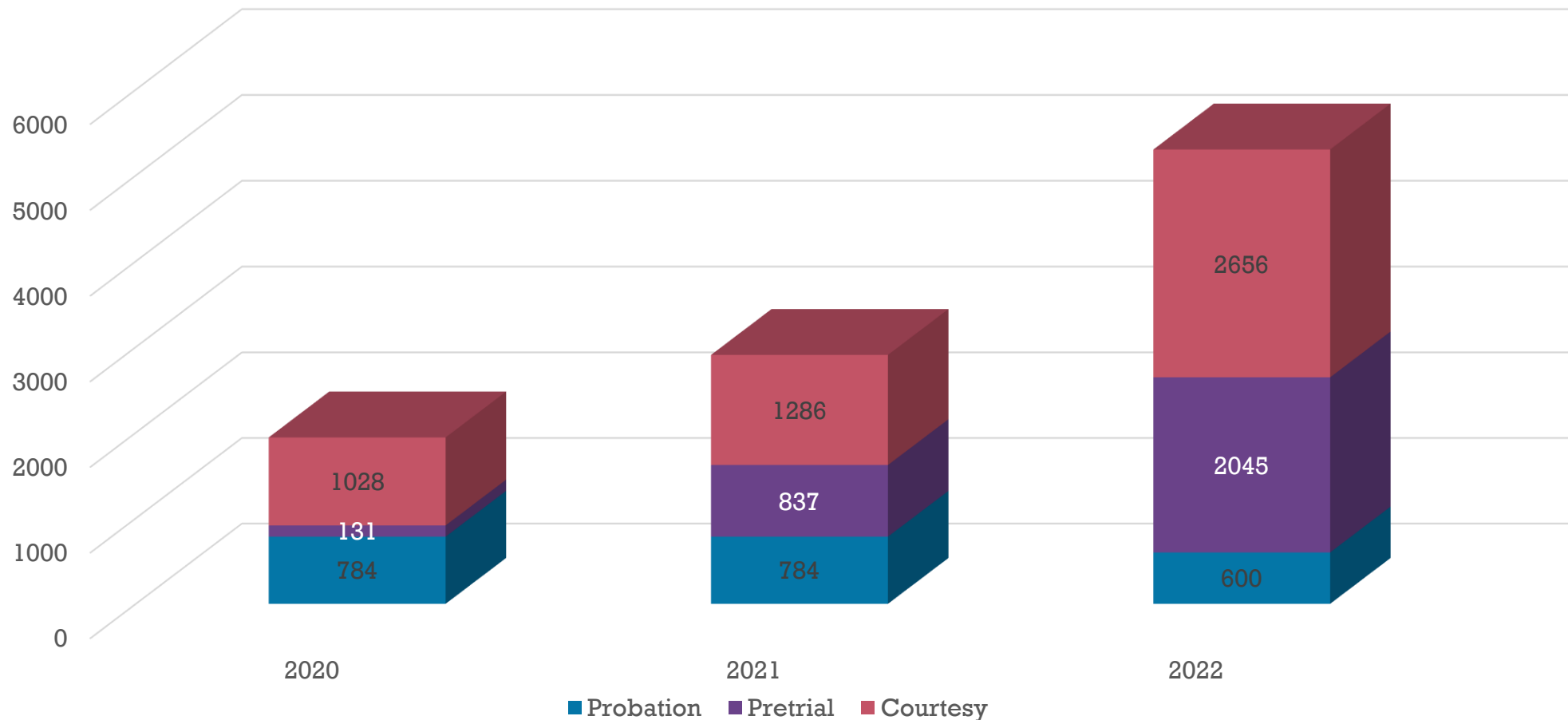


## Average Active Cases - Per Month





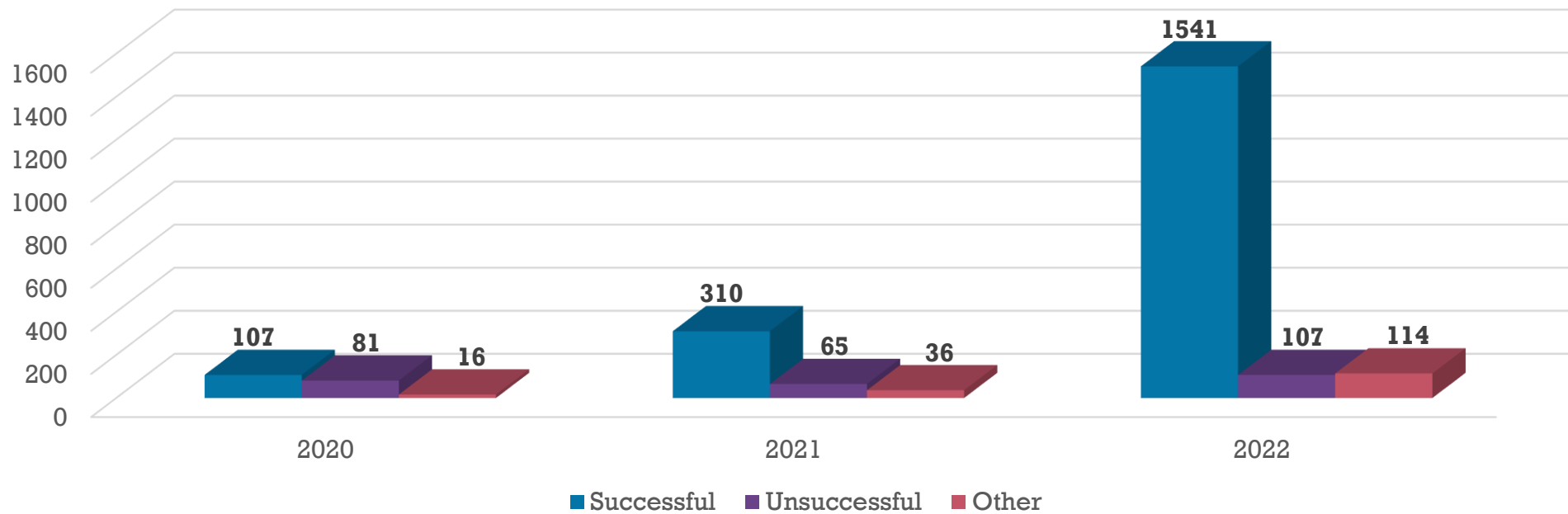
## New Cases – By Type



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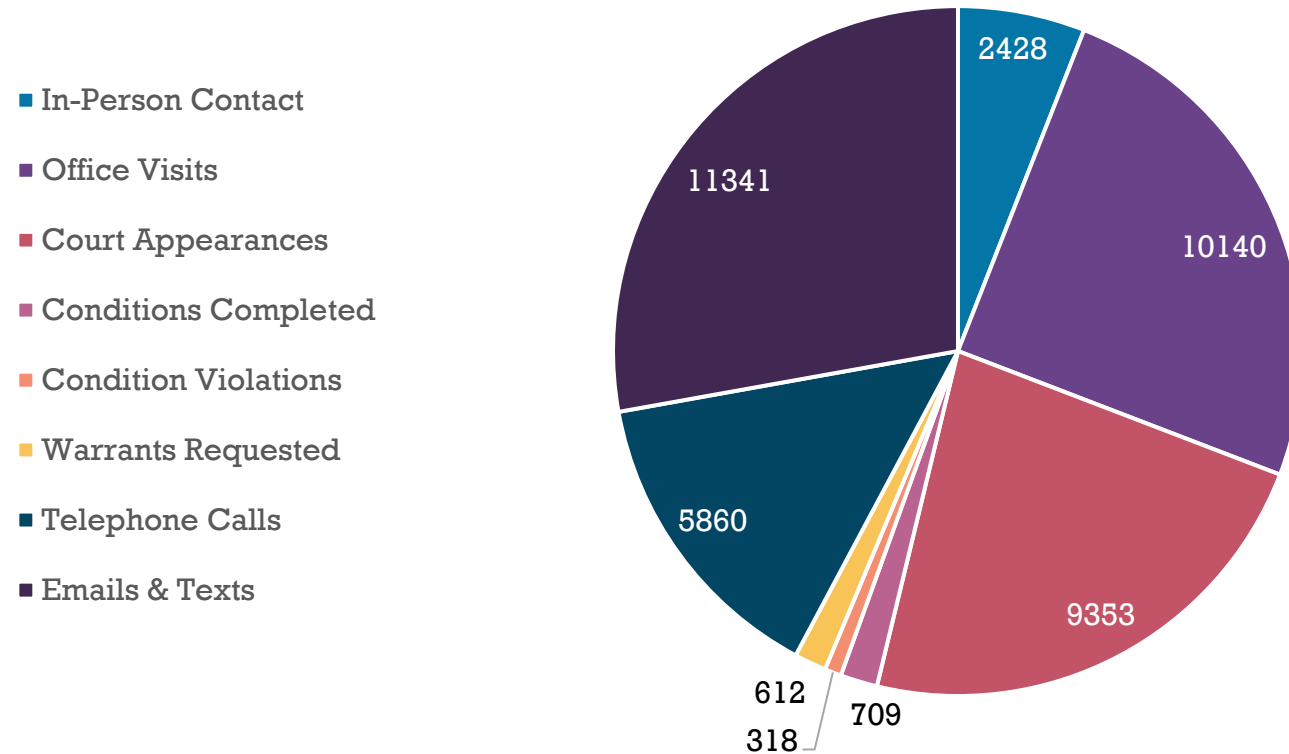
## Probation & Pretrial cases closed



# ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING – 2022 STATISTICS



## Case Management

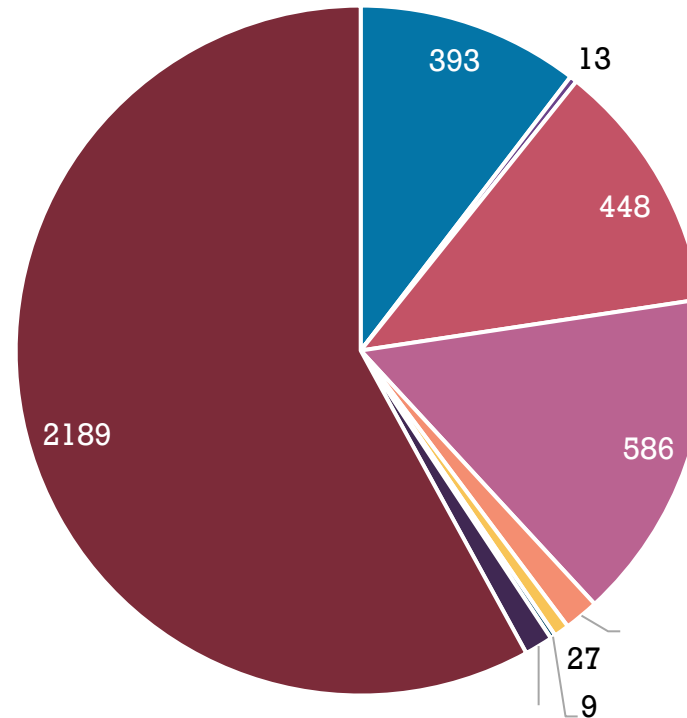


# ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING – 2022 STATISTICS



## Officer Activity

- Arrests Made
- Field Contact
- Home Visits Attempted
- Home Visits Completed
- Outside Agency Assits
- Subject Stops
- Traffic Stops
- Transports
- House Arrest Violations



# ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING – 2022 STATISTICS



## Electronic Monitoring

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
GPS Monitoring	44	39	45	58	58	66	71	82	98	110	118	120	756/Mo
Phone Monitoring	4	8	5	14	9	8	8	9	9	9	7	9	8/Mo
HA Contacts	192	154	177	546	235	255	221	212	217	115	115	50	2189
HA Violations	1188	520	396	610	494	578	671	775	911	1111	1742	1681	10677
Remote Breath	188	175	175	187	184	190	180	206	229	220	211	193	194/Mo
Breath Samples	14119	13904	15776	14280	14479	15232	14141	14863	16451	15104	15092	14610	178051
Positive Samples	151	140	226	166	183	225	278	199	327	127	124	182	2328

# SUPPORT IN TREATMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY



## OVERVIEW:

- Wrap-around, community-based treatment program for individuals with an **opioid use disorder (OUD)** on supervision through the Department of Alternative Sentencing (DAS).
- STAR Team: Officer, Clinician, Case Manager, Peer Support Specialist.
- Contracted partnerships with Northern Nevada HOPES, CrossRoads, and the Empowerment Center for wrap-around treatment services to include residential programming and MAT.
- STAR program participants will go through the ***Courage to Change interactive journaling series***.
  - Evidence- based curriculum for overcoming addiction and criminogenic behaviors.
  - Group and individual implementation through STAR Team.
- 4 Phases of Programming (soft 3-months between phases):
  - **Support Phase:**
    - Stabilization Phase, addressing initial barriers to success, such as housing, transportation, evaluation, detox, etc. Also dedicated to enrollment in services, such as MAT and IOP.
  - **Treatment Phase:**
    - Participants should be actively engaging in treatment, conditions of supervision, and classroom based curricula via the *Courage to Change* Interactive Journaling series. Participants should be demonstrating commitment to the program as a whole, with recognizable buy-in to the program.
  - **Accountability Phase:**
    - Application period for the skills learned through programming. Participants should be able to not only internalize the information received, but begin applying new skills and behaviors.
  - **Recovery Phase:**
    - Completion of classroom instruction, engaged in active, sustained recovery and aftercare planning. Participants will have increased contact with the STAR Team during the recovery phase to ensure a clean departure from the program as some of the more structured, classroom driven aspects begin falling away.



# SUPPORT IN TREATMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY



- The Department of Alternative Sentencing was awarded a 1-year grant from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, in the amount \$439,487, in May 2022.
  - Grant runs through September 2023.
- Four positions were included in the grant and were hired between August and September, 2022.
  - Probation Officer
  - Case Manager
  - Clinician
  - Peer Support Specialist
- Staff were provided both internal and external training prior to taking first case.
- First client assigned to S.T.A.R program in October 2022.
  - On December 31, 2022, 15 active clients in program.
- Application of funding for second year of grant to be turned in by February 2023.
- As the program only has two months of information prior to the end of the calendar year, meaningful statistics have not been accumulated at this time.
  - Alternative Sentencing anticipates having appropriate reportable data by the six-month mark and will prepare an appropriate report at that time.

# REVENUE



	2019	2020	2021	2022
Probation Fees	\$8,305	\$13,644	\$44,589	\$86,910
Self- Pay Test Fees	\$253,276	\$228,470	\$311,703	\$327,295
Electronic Monitoring Fees				\$69,365 **
Subsidized Income	\$344,927	\$447,749	\$652,825	\$742,264
Total	\$606,508	\$689,863	\$1,009,117	\$1,225,834
** Electronic Monitoring Fees not tracked until 2022				



# 2022 Sober 24 Statistics





## 2022 Sober 24 Highlights

- Remain a Naloxone Leave Behind location through the University of Nevada – CASAT Program
- Completed 29% more drug tests over CY2021
  - 118,034 tests completed 2021
  - 152,335 tests completed 2022
- Conducted testing for 27 local and out of area organizations
  - Partnered with two new Sober Living entities to provide on-demand testing



## Sober 24 Drug Testing

- Number of individuals tested: 6,583
- Number of samples collected: 152,335
  - 27,529 positive samples (18.07% positivity rate)
- Number of assays (drugs) tested: 1,070,252
  - Drugs with the highest positivity rate:
    - THC 12.07%
    - Amphetamines 3.84%
    - Fentanyl 3.3%
    - Alcohol 2.98%
    - Opiates 1.7 %
    - All other drugs at or below 1% positivity rate

# Thank you

Chief Justin Roper

