

WHAT IS RDP?

The Rapid Diversion Program (RDP) is a Pretrial Mental Health Diversion program under PC 1001.36. Defendants with mental health or substance use disorders can be referred to RDP at or after arraignment.

The program was launched in 2019 and is a collaborative effort across defense, prosecution, courts, and clinical providers. It is active in seven courthouses: CCB, Long Beach, Van Nuys, Airport, Lancaster, Compton and Pasadena.

WHAT THE PROGRAM INCLUDES



Screening for eligibility by a dedicated in-court clinician



Diversion for 1-2 years of treatment, case management, and progress reporting



Linkage to community-based treatment services by a resource navigator



Graduation and case dismissal following completion of treatment