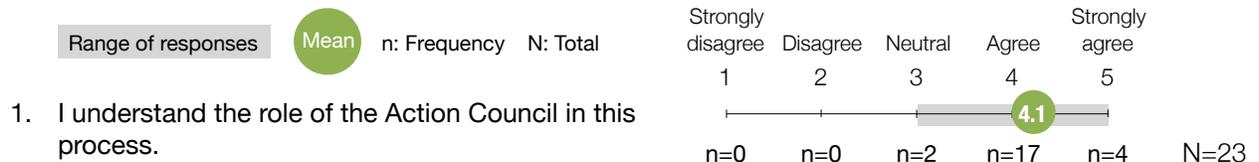


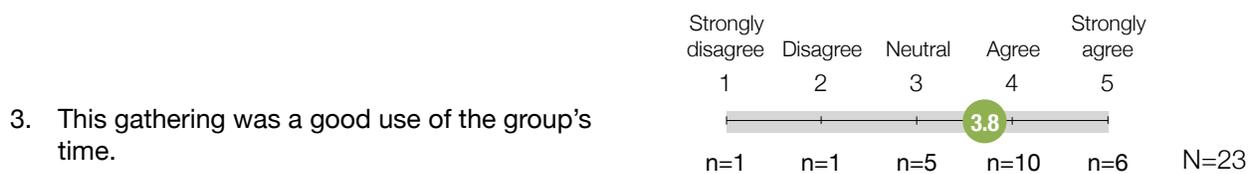
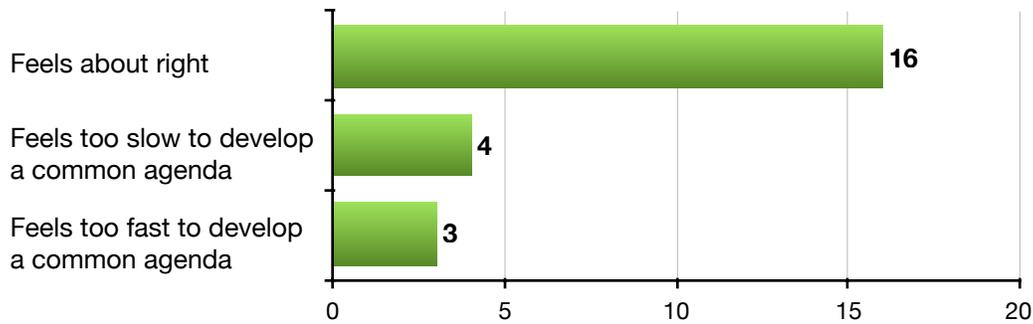


**STANISLAUS COUNTY FOCUS ON PREVENTION
MOVEMENT TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES**

Summary of Action Council Feedback to the August 17 Session



2. The emerging timeline for this process calls for a draft common agenda—including priority results, indicators, and common strategies—to be completed by the end of this year, and a countywide summit organized in the first quarter of 2018. This timeline: N=23



5. My key learnings from this gathering: N=14

1) Being able to connect with new partners, and reconnect with existing ones. One of our key recommendations was the following: we will walk side by side with the population at stake. We will create the conditions for new language to emerge so that they (the population we seek to impact and their relatives) understand that there is nothing wrong with them, and that they belong.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Connecting the different sectors and the various agencies within the sectors is extremely important in order to produce the best outcomes. 3) I enjoyed hearing other perspectives from our sector. 4) I have more clarity around the Strengthening Families] focus area, target population, potential indicators, data gaps, and organizing structure. 5) Information on services of other agencies 6) It takes time but we're making progress. 7) Local and countywide efforts to effect change. We are developing action plans for results. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8) N/A 9) None 10) Role of sectors 11) The intent of the workgroup. 12) There are many non-profits and organizations that I know very little about. 13) There is still a need for more in-depth collaboration among all sectors. 14) We need to distinguish families of those who are incarcerated in programs and those of inmates who want nothing to do with programs. Yes, getting out of jail early is the motivation, [but] it's weak towards what [is needed] for changes. |
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6. What worked well during this gathering:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Break out sector groups 2) Engagement and relatively good cross-section of participants, though some sectors were considerably underrepresented. 3) Great to have community member input, glad the group is seeking involvement of folks who have been involved in the system and willing to adjust meeting times to do so. 4) Group discussions 5) I appreciate the handouts and the worksheets that we filled out during the meeting. The worksheets provide direction and focus for the breakout groups. 6) PowerPoint and copies. The explanation of each form. John facilitating. The Ice Breaker was an opportunity to meet and connect with others. Group conversation and reporting back to the whole. (To see representation from the District Attorney's Office, Probation, Police, and other sectors is amazing and I hope together we can help provide a better | <p>future to those we are targeting.) My shallow interest is my son who is soon coming out of prison and this meeting gives me hope that he will have a better life. Thank you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Sharing and learning about other organizations 8) Small group discussions. 9) Not a lot 10) Not sure 11) The break out session worked tremendously well. Please continue to do that. It's a great way to connect and synthesize all the ideas at the table in a way that makes sense. 12) The facilitation and the engagement of the participants in my group. 13) The sector discussion groups 14) There were strong partners in the room, with influential roles. 15) Working in smaller groups |
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7. What could be improved in future gatherings:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Connect and hear from those who have been impacted. Less talk of their persona. The need to be mindful of time and allow others to speak. There is so much work that needs to be done. 2) Encourage some of the brainstorming in advance of the meetings so more of the | <p>"breakout" time can be [used to discuss and vet] ideas to filter to the strongest ones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3) I don't have any thoughts at the moment. 4) I liked the table discussions in sectors, but looking forward to cross-sector discussions in the future. |
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- 5) Introduction could be shorter.
- 6) It was too long. I noticed we lost key players after the group setting.
- 7) Less time could be spent reviewing prior meetings work.
- 8) More group interaction
- 9) No afternoon meeting!
- 10) Not a fan of the worksheet process. If the plan was to have a creative session to identify strategies, then we needed a more intentional exercise to do that. Dividing up by sectors can also be isolating if your sector is small. I

noticed people leave as soon as we divided up.

- 11) The discussion concerning “targets.” Are we working with families, involved in self improvement, interested in exploring possibilities of self improvement, those only interested in “entitlements,” those resist[ant] to help? We need to have categories as we do with “homeless.” Each category needs different help and possibly no help.
- 12) The first hour was a recap. For those of us that have been part of this, it felt like a waste of time.

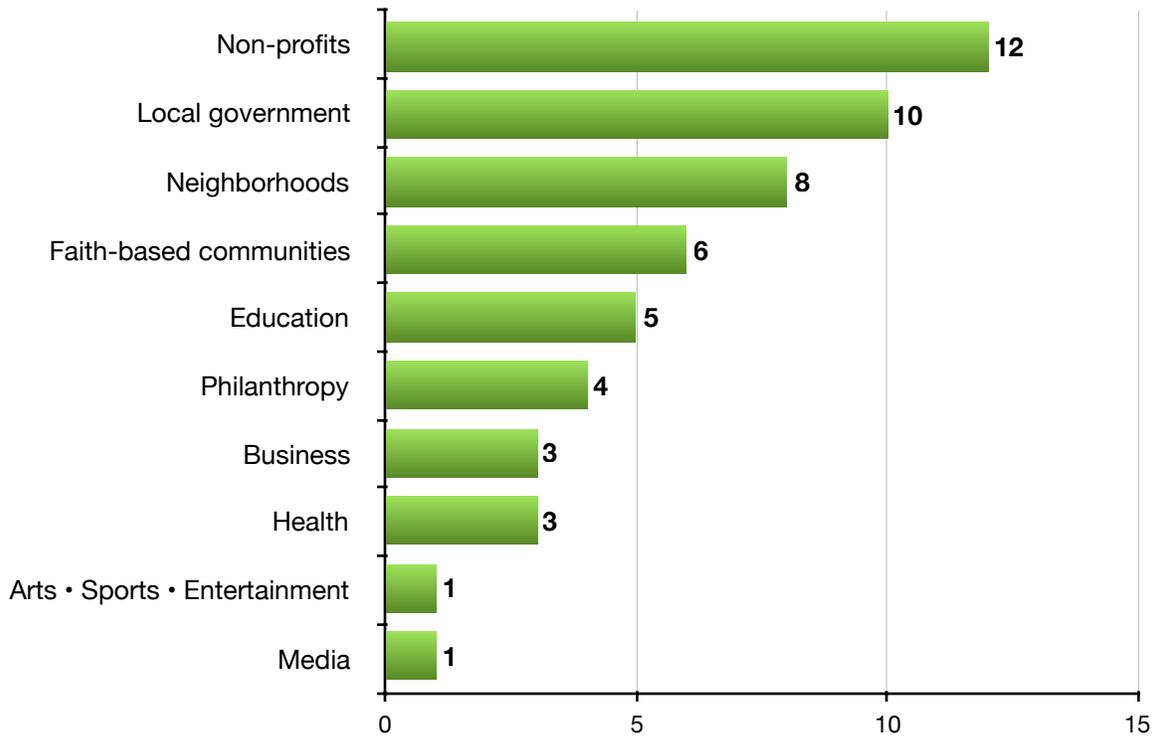
8. Any final reflections:

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- 1) Appreciate John facilitating. Looking forward to the implementation because it will benefit my loved one.
- 2) As a first time attendee I was somewhat unclear on the role of this group, in terms of what concrete tasks we are looking to accomplish.
- 3) Excellent meeting, it just needs to be shorter as shown by the number of people who left early.
- 4) I think we need to focus some attention around building empathy for individuals in the criminal justice system, as well as learning from best practices in other communities outside of Stanislaus County. Perhaps our education partners at the table could host a symposium on this topic.
- 5) In the jail, 10 to 12% of the population seeks programs and help. That population is also divided into groups that seek programs for various reasons. We must be more specific in how we address families in need. Some families are several generations invested in dysfunction. The ones we really help will be the children of those who accept “change” and teach their children a better way.
- 6) It would be nice if there was one app that knew everything about every agency and non-profit in the county. It would be a reference for assistance and help.
- 7) Outcome is important. Limited diversity in room especially Africa American males who make up a significant percent of the targeted population in the justice system.
- 8) Thank you for this effort and this movement. I believe in the intention. I believe in our leadership, community, the process, and above all, the people of Stanislaus County. I have hope in this endeavor, and I am very grateful for being invited to the table. Thank you for all you do. Blessings.
- 9) The Action Council is headed in the right direction. It is great to see so many committed to the work ahead of us.
- 10) The follow up appears to be an amazing tool to engage the participants. The facilitation of the time was good as well.
- 11) Unfortunately, there were new people who had difficulty understanding what the break outs were for. The time became ineffective.
- 12) Would be helpful if everybody had an opportunity to get a “general” overview of what the transition process is for someone leaving incarceration at local, county or state/national level—what support are they mandated to receive, what information do the jails/prisons provide, what resources do they walk out with now as a standard of practice—so we know how to leverage what exists now with what could be built at the community level.

9. The sector(s) I want to help engage include:

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10. This was my first Focus on Prevention meeting.

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