

# YOLO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE & ADVENT CASE STUDY

## OVERVIEW

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office first began utilizing the Diversion Manager platform in February of 2020. For the District Attorney's Office, Advent provided an effective tool for criminal diversion efforts by offering offense-specific education to treat participants for the behaviors related to their offense.



## ABOUT YOLO COUNTY

Located in the Sacramento Valley, Yolo County is a part of the greater Sacramento metropolitan area, and according to the 2020 U.S. Census has a population of 216,403. The county includes the cities of Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento and Winters. And it is also home to the University of California, Davis, which has an enrollment of over 39,000 students.

**“The Advent programs have been a real critical part of our evolution. In my opinion as a 26-year prosecutor, Advent has done a great job of fine tuning the subject matter into a very teachable, digestible course.”**

Jeff Reisig- Yolo County District Attorney of over 15 years

### CHALLENGE

The Yolo County District Attorney's Office was looking for behavior specific diversion programs to utilize in their Restorative Justice Program.

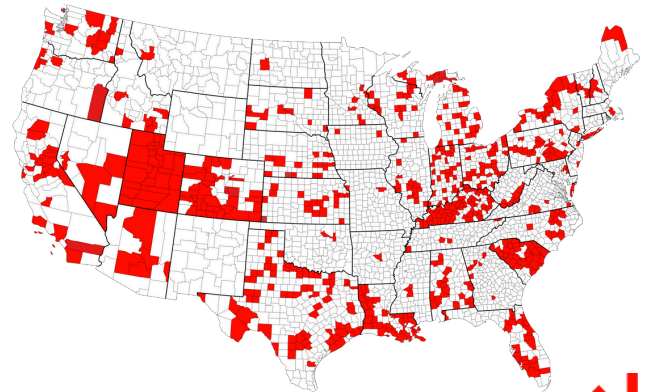
### SOLUTION

Advent offers over 30 evidence-based, expert-created online education programs that address first-time or low-level offenses.

### RESULTS

The back end processing of the Diversion Manager platform has helped increase efficiency in the program. And having an established online resource became especially useful for the program as COVID-19 safety restrictions made in-person diversion methods impossible.

Over 600 agencies across the U.S.  
utilize Advent programs



Diversion Manager



# PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

Started in June of 2013, the Restorative Justice Partnership is a program designed to foster a dialogue between those who have committed a criminal offense and those who were impacted by the offense. The goal of this dialogue is to decide on a consequence that will address the underlying issues that led defendants to commit these offenses. Since the Yolo County DA's Office began working with Advent, close to 400 offenders — both in and outside of the Restorative Justice Partnership — have used Advent eLearning courses.

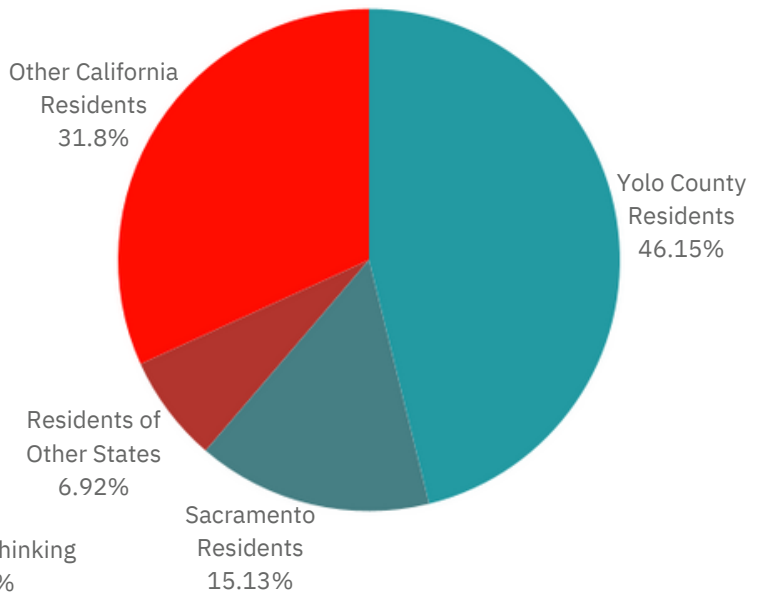
From September, 2020 to September, 2021, the amount of diversion offered in cases in Yolo County increased by nearly 170%. And the DA's office currently has a goal to increase felony diversions by 10% by September of 2022. According to DA Reisig, Diversion Manager will continue to be a useful asset, along with other diversion methods such as community service, behavioral health and addiction counseling, financial assistance programs and child care assistance.

## THE RESULTS

**"It's really efficient, we're notified right away when they complete their course or if they fail, we're able to follow up and see what's needed."**

Nicole Kirkaldy- Program Coordinator for the Yolo County Restorative Justice Partnership

Offenders who used Advent Courses through the Yolo County DA's Office by residence



Advent Courses used by the Yolo County District Attorney's Office

