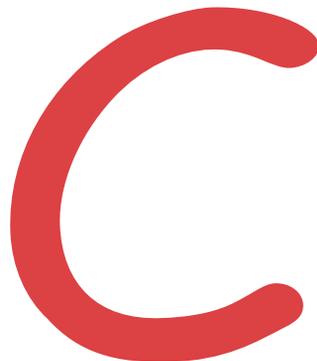


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# County of Fresno

## Cause for Concern



Fresno County already offered diverse treatment services prior to Prop. 36, which could benefit clients if better funded. However, this implementation plan relies heavily on status quo criminal justice systems, rather than shifting to a public health approach, as voters intended.



- Prop. 36 Money Given to County to Date: \$4.1 million
- County's FY 01/02 Prop. 36 Budget: \$4.1 million

Fresno appropriated only 75% of its Prop. 36 budget to treatment. It also appropriated funds to the Sheriff's department, which should not have been affected by the implementation of Prop. 36.



A good range of treatment programs is offered in Fresno, including mental health and perinatal services. There is no planned expansion of methadone treatment, despite the county's severe heroin problem.



From representation on the task force to client monitoring, criminal justice professionals are poised to dominate the Prop. 36 implementation process in Fresno County, with public health officials playing too small of a role.



Public forums were held in Fresno as part of the planning process, and there was participation on the task force by affected communities. Unfortunately, the make-up of the implementation task force was heavily weighed in favor of criminal justice.



No District Attorney charging guidelines were submitted when requested by The Lindesmith Center – Drug Policy Foundation.

# Report Card

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