

Client Category

Purpose of This Chapter

This Chapter provides clear definitions and descriptions of key California programs, policies, and legal codes relevant to the Client Category data collected for the following categories: Criminal Justice, Homelessness Services, Child Welfare, Social Services, and Specialty Services as to how it relates to Alameda County Health. It is designed as a quick-reference guide for staff, partner agencies, and stakeholders. Additional detailed information found in “**APPENDIX A**” of this chapter

Client Information

General	Aliases	Demographics	Hospitalization	Primary care referral
Client Episodes	SA Demographics	Referral	Special Rates	Family
Custom Fields				

Activation Code

Activation Code 1234567

Client Category

AB109:
Start Date End Date

Measure A:
Start Date End Date

Prop47:
Start Date 02/08/2023 End Date
* Has the Client Been Arrested?

Care Court:
Start Date End Date

Child Welfare Worker:
Start Date End Date

Therapeutic Foster Care:
Start Date End Date

CalWorks:
Start Date End Date

H&H Flex Pool Housing & Homeless:
Start Date End Date

Child & Youth Only Info:
☐ Child Welfare ☐ Juvenile Probation

CLIENT CATEGORY DEFINATION, DESCRIPTIONS AND VALIDATION RULES (Please also refer to Appendix A of this chapter)

AB 109 (Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011) - Optional Field

Definition:

AB 109 is a major criminal justice reform that shifted responsibility for many non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex-related felony offenders from state prisons to county jails and local probation departments. **See Appendix for more details.**

➤ Validation Rules

- Enter start date: retroactive start date allowed, no future start date allowed
- End date: No date prior to start date

Measure A (Homelessness Sales Tax) - Optional Field

Definition:

A half-cent countywide sales tax dedicated to combating homelessness by funding affordable housing and supportive services. **See Appendix for more details.**

Validation Rules

- Enter start date: retroactive start date allowed, no future start date allowed
- End date: No date prior to start date

Prop 47 (Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act – 2014) - Optional Field

Definition:

A voter-approved law that reclassified certain non-violent, low-level drug and property offenses from felonies to misdemeanors when the value is \$950 or less. ([Prop47](#)) **See Appendix for more details**

➤ Validation Rules

- Enter start date: retroactive start date allowed, no future start date allowed
- End date: No date prior to start date

If the start date is populated, you must complete the below questions

- **“Has the Client been arrested” Yes or No**

CARE Court (Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court) - Optional Field

Definition:

A statewide legal framework created to support adults with untreated schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders who are unable to seek care independently **See Appendix for more details**

➤ Validation Rules

- Enter start date: retroactive start date allowed, no future start date allowed
- End date: No date prior to start date

Child Welfare System (CWS) - Optional Field

Definition:

California’s statewide system for protecting children at risk of abuse or neglect, strengthening families, and establishing safe permanent living situations. **See Appendix for more details**

➤ Validation Rules

- Enter start date: retroactive start date allowed, no future start date allowed
- End date: No date prior to start date

Child Welfare Worker - NO DATA INPUT required

Definition:

A county-employed Child Welfare Social Worker responsible for protecting children from abuse or neglect and helping families restore stability. **See Appendix for more details**

➤ Validation Rules

- Enter start date: retroactive start date allowed, no future start date allowed
- End date: No date prior to start date

Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) - Optional Field

Definition:

A structured, family-based mental health service for youth up to age 21 with significant emotional or behavioral health needs. **See Appendix for more details**

➤ Validation Rules

- Enter start date: retroactive start date allowed, no future start date allowed
- End date: No date prior to start date

CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) - Optional Field

Definition:

California's version of the federal TANF program, offering cash aid and essential services to eligible low-income families with children or pregnant individuals. **See Appendix for more details**

➤ Validation Rules

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- End date: No date prior to start date

Housing & Homelessness Flex Pool (H&H Flex Pool) - Optional Field

Definition:

A Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool model used by California counties to provide streamlined rental assistance and supportive services to individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. **See Appendix for more details**

➤ Validation Rules

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- End date: No date prior to start date

Child and Youth Only Info:

Child Welfare - Optional Field – see guidelines from Children's Unit announcement

Definition:

California's statewide system for protecting children at risk of abuse or neglect, strengthening families, and establishing safe permanent living situations. **See Appendix for more details.**

○ Validation Rules

- Select Check box if applicable

Juvenile Probation - NO DATA INPUT required – see guidelines from Children's Unit announcement

Definition:

A county-based component of California's juvenile justice system responsible for supervising youth involved in delinquency cases. **See Appendix for more details**

○ Validation Rules

- Select Check box if applicable

Child & Youth Only Info:

☐ Child Welfare ☐ Juvenile Probation

Appendix A

Listed below are the Key Features of all the CODES and links to the Alameda Use

AB 109 (Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011)

Key Features: this is in the appx. Please see Appx for key features for Alameda usage

- Reduces state prison overcrowding
- Expands in county level rehabilitation and supervision
- Prioritizes prison space for serious/violent offenders
- Establishes Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), placing eligible individuals under county probation instead of state parole

Alameda Use: [Public Safety Realignment](#)

Measure A (Homelessness Sales Tax)

Key Features:

- Continuing and expanding prior homelessness funding
- Replaces the expiring Measure H quarter-cent tax in 2027

Alameda Use: [Measures A, Programs](#)

Prop 47 (Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act – 2014)

Key Features:

- Allows resentencing or reclassification of past felonies
- Redirects state savings to:
 - K–12 truancy prevention
 - Mental health treatment
 - Substance-use services
 - Victim support programs

Alameda Use: [ACProp47 FAQ](#)

CARE Court (Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court)

Civil court process where certain people, such as family members, first responders, and providers, may file a petition to the court to create a voluntary CARE agreement or a court-ordered CARE plan for behavioral health patients. A CARE agreement or CARE plan may include treatment, housing resources, and other services.

Key Features:

- Serves individuals before they enter crisis
- Aims to reduce homelessness, hospitalization, incarceration
- Connects individuals to comprehensive treatment and support

Alameda Use: [CARE Court](#)

Child Welfare System (CWS)

Key Features:

- Overseen by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
- Operated locally by county child welfare agencies and probation departments
- Focuses on safety, stability, and family support

Alameda Use: [Children and Family Services - CFS Nursing Unit](#)

Child Welfare Worker

Key Responsibilities:

- Conduct safety assessments
- Provide family support services
- Coordinate with courts, community partners, and treatment providers
- Develop case plans to ensure long-term child well-being

Alameda Use: [Children and Family Services](#)

Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)

Key Features:

- Intensive clinical support provided in a foster home setting
- Designed to stabilize youth with complex needs
- Involving collaboration between caregivers and mental health professionals

Alameda Use: [Therapeutic Foster Care \(TFC\)](#)

CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids)

Supports Include:

- Employment assistance
- Childcare
- Housing resources
- Mental health and substance use services
- Basic needs support

Program Goals:

- Promote family stability
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- Strengthen work readiness
- Reduce or prevent poverty

Alameda Use: [CalWORKs](#)

Housing & Homelessness Flex Pool (H&H Flex Pool)

Key Features:

- Coordinates housing subsidies across agencies
- Connects participants with case management and supportive services
- Supported by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and local partnership

Alameda Use: [Housing and Homeless Flexible Subsidy Pool](#)

Child and Youth Only Info: (URL for Child and Family Services)

Child Welfare - **Optional Field – see guidelines from Children’s Unit announcement**

Definition:

California’s statewide system for protecting children at risk of abuse or neglect, strengthening families, and establishing safe permanent living situations. **See Appendix for more details.**

- **Validation Rules**
 - **Select Check box if applicable**

Juvenile Probation - **NO DATA INPUT required – see guidelines from Children’s Unit announcement**

Key Features:

- Provides supervision, rehabilitation, guidance
- Aims to prevent deeper justice system involvement
- Works in collaboration with families, courts, and community programs

Alameda Use: [Guidance Clinic / Juvenile Justice Center](#)

Child & Youth Only Info:

☐ Child Welfare ☐ Juvenile Probation