The California Parole System is Massive

- 254,468 parolees in 2003-4
- 350,000 parole violations reported in 2003-4
- 120,000 on any given day
- 2,200 parole agents
- 60+ deputy commissioners
- Vast area and population of California
65% of Violations are Criminal

Criminal Violations
- Least Serious
- Moderately Serious
- Most Serious

Technical Violations
- Absconding
- Other Technical Violations
Violation Risk Peaks in the First 90 Days

- Any Violation
- Technical Violations not involving Absconding
- Absconding
- Drug Use and Possession Violations
- Violent Violations
- Sexual Violations
Greater Supervision Intensity Leads to More Violation Reports

- Minimum Supervision
- Moderate Supervision
- High Supervision

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- Discretionary

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Most Parole Board Cases Result in Return to Prison

Criminal Violations
- Return to Prison
- Continue on Parole

Technical Violations
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Policy Implications are Many

- Concentrate Supervision and Services on the First Six Months
- Expand Use of Early and Earned Parole Discharge
- Align Parolee Risk and Supervision Levels
- Employ a Parole Violation Matrix
- Expand Use of Intermediate Sanctions
- Encourage Criminal Prosecution For Felony Parole Violations
- Expand Substance Abuse and Mental Health Programs