

California Probation



CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
OF CALIFORNIA

Effective Reentry: Key to Safer Communities

Reentry Success: Embedded in Probation's Mission

Probation officers in California are highly skilled and trained professionals who balance accountability with rehabilitation to safely supervise those in the justice system and support their successful reentry. Probation supervises and connects people to critical resources like workforce development, mental health services, and education while using evidence-based strategies to change behavior. Through effective reentry supervision and programs, Probation's mission enhances community safety and helps individuals exit the justice system for good.

The Challenge

- Transitioning from incarceration to the community is not easy
- Many individuals are unprepared for life outside
- People have different levels of needs and risks

Why It Matters

- Addressing both safety and rehabilitation is more effective than focusing on just one
- Reentry happens in our communities, requiring safety and accountability
- Individualized case plans addressing both risks and needs outperform one-size-fits-all programs
- Re-offense under supervision leads to broken lives and costly incarceration

Probation in Action

- Probation is embedded at every stage, from pretrial to reentry
- Only professionals trained as both peace officers and to oversee the rehabilitation process
- Manages county resources to enforce court orders
- Connecting people to rehabilitation, education, job training, employment, and housing are essential for successful reentry



Why Continued Investment in Probation Enhances Successful Reentry

- Stable funding for programs and supervision strengthens community safety and supports successful reentry.
- Effective reentry safely reduces reliance on costly incarceration and breaks the cycle of recidivism.