

# Probation News

## *Supporting Positive Change*



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"The mission of this newsletter is to inform our County Supervisors and their constituents of events and program accomplishments. Probation is dedicated to Supporting Positive Change by building strong partnerships and providing the best possible services to our community."

### **Black Child Legacy Campaign Annual Report**

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, Sacramento County Probation Department leadership, including Chief Rowe, Chief Deputy Marietti, Assistant Chief Deputy Linden, and members of the Black Child Legacy Unit, attended the Annual Report on the Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC) at the Board of Supervisors. The report, presented by Chief Rowe, Supervising Probation Officer Estrada, Senior Deputy Probation Officer Wilbon, and BCLC Community Partners, highlighted the campaign's accomplishments within Sacramento and its influence beyond county lines.

Initiated in 2013 by the Steering Committee focused on the Reduction of African American Child Deaths, BCLC was created in response to concerning statistics indicating that Black/African American children were dying at double the rate of children from any other racial or ethnic group. Since 2015, the Board of Supervisors has allocated funds to assist BCLC in fulfilling its mission in Sacramento.

The campaign's success reflects a collaborative effort among the Steering Committee, Sacramento County Social Services, and Probation, guided by a public health approach and strengthened by community engagement. Client testimony and data collected to date underscore the positive impact of BCLC and highlight the ongoing need to sustain this critical initiative in the years ahead.



Pictured: DPO Armand Burns, Sr. DPO Darlisha Wilbon, ACD David Linden, Youth Advocate Larry King, Chief Jamal Rowe, SPO Emmanuel Estrada, DPO Chantelle Duncan, and DPO Corey Aiello



# Staff Spotlight

## Chief's Roundtable Recognition

This month, two administrative professionals were recognized for their invaluable contributions, professionalism, and dedication to strengthening the Sacramento County Probation Department.



ASO I, Rocio Kelly was recognized for her proactive support to the Office of the Chief. Her resourcefulness, attention to detail, and ability to anticipate needs enhance efficiency and keep operations running smoothly.



ASO III, Robert McGill, was recognized for his accuracy, diligence, and leadership in managing Public Records Act requests. His careful coordination and commitment to transparency greatly support the Department's operations.

## Beyond the Bench Conference



On November 18 and 19, staff from the Sacramento County Probation Department participated in the Beyond the Bench conference, a statewide multidisciplinary event centered on children, youth, and families within the California court system. Initially launched in 1988, this conference attracts more than 1,200 professionals and made its return this year after a pause since 2019.

The sessions addressed important legal subjects related to juvenile dependency and delinquency cases, along with crossover issues including domestic violence, tribal-state court jurisdiction, mental health, and trauma-informed practices.

In the photo: DPO Maricruz Alvarado, SPO Christa Flewellyn, Judge Kristina Lindquist, Sr. DPO Irma Chavez-Vega, DPO Eva Rios, and Judge Joginder Dhillon.





# Staff Spotlight

## Sr. DPO Abigail Castro Inspires Young Men on the Dangers of Drunk Driving



Sr. DPO Castro recently had the opportunity to speak to participants of the Young Men Service League (YMSL), Roseville Chapter, a mother-and-son volunteer organization for young men ages 15–18. The YMSL provides its members with monthly motivational speakers who address topics relevant to their age group and community involvement.

During the session, Sr. DPO Castro shared insights from her work in the Office of Traffic Safety/Driving Under the Influence Unit, highlighting the risks and consequences of drunk driving. She emphasized the importance of making safe and informed choices, providing guidance that these young men might not often hear until it's too late.

This engagement offered a unique chance to positively influence teens before poor decisions are made, showcasing how community partnerships can make a real difference. The young men left with a deeper understanding of the impact of their choices and the role of probation in promoting public safety.

## Probation Staff Attend Health and Wellness Training for First Responders

Seven members of our Department recently participated in the Health and Wellness Training for First Responders, hosted by 1st Responders Conferences. This two-day event brought together professionals from across public safety to focus on strategies that promote resilience, reduce stress, and support overall well-being in high-impact professions.

Throughout the conference, attendees engaged in sessions covering emotional health, physical wellness, peer support, and practical tools for maintaining balance in a demanding work environment. Presenters shared evidence-based approaches to managing chronic stress, identifying early signs of burnout, and building healthy coping strategies.

Our staff returned with valuable insights and resources that will not only enhance their personal wellness but also strengthen their ability to support colleagues and the community we serve. Peer Support looks forward to integrating these tools into ongoing wellness efforts within the department.





# Celebrating Success

## Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Graduation



ADRC Central, teamed up with ADRC South for a joint graduation ceremony celebrating ten graduates. Eight individuals completed the central program while two finished the south program. Graduates, families, Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) staff, and Probation Officers came together to recognize the completion of the program and honor the graduates. Graduates, LCA staff, and Probation took turns sharing kind words of encouragement and praise as they took part in the festivities. The day marked the completion of the program, and for some, the completion of their probation. Congratulations graduates!

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**CHANGE**



# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Honoring Our Veterans: Flag Presentation at Sylvan Cemetery



In a meaningful display of respect and remembrance, members of our department Honor Guard participated in a Veteran's Day flag presentation at Sylvan Cemetery, in partnership with the Citrus Heights Police Department Honor Guard.

The ceremony honored the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans, providing staff and community members the opportunity to reflect on the courage and dedication of those who have served. Working alongside the Honor Guard, our team helped ensure the event was conducted with precision, dignity, and the utmost respect.

This collaboration highlights the department's ongoing commitment to community engagement and honoring those who have served our country.

## Probation Department Joins 2025 Sheriff's Toy Project

This holiday season, the Probation Department proudly participated in the 2025 Sheriff's Toy Project, helping to bring joy to children and families throughout Sacramento County. Staff assisted in collecting new, unwrapped toys at six Walmart locations across the county, supporting the annual toy drive organized by the Sheriff's Office.

By volunteering their time and effort, our team ensured that children in need would receive gifts during the holiday season. Involvement in this event showcases the department's dedication to giving back to the community and promoting the spirit of service and compassion.







# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact



## Probation Staff Join Special Olympics Northern California Fall Games 2025

On Saturday, November 8, 2025, more than 250 athletes came together for the 2025 Fall Games at UC Davis, competing in soccer and enjoying a day full of sportsmanship and camaraderie on Russell Field. Participants from all over Northern California displayed their talents both on the soccer field and in individual competitions, including the increasingly popular sport of pickleball.

In addition to the athletic events, athletes engaged in a Youth Soccer Clinic, received awards during ceremonies, and captured memorable moments with Brizzly the Polar Bear, the mascot of Special Olympics Nor-Cal.

Probation staff proudly participated alongside athletes, families, coaches, volunteers, law enforcement, and sponsors, supporting both the Fall Games and Guardian Games, a fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Northern California programs.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, Fall Games 2025 was a resounding success, highlighting the power of community, teamwork, and inclusion in sports.



# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Placement Unit Delivers Holiday Meals

This Thanksgiving, the Juvenile Services Placement Unit provided 45 Thanksgiving meals to our Resource Family Approval and AB12 (extended Foster Care) clients. This effort was made possible through the Resource Families Support Funding the unit received. This funding aims to enhance the utilization of home-based family care and provide extra support to children and youth, enabling them to sustain meaningful family connections. With rising costs, the department identified a rising need within our community and wanted to ensure our most vulnerable families had one less thing to worry about this holiday season.

We are grateful for the teamwork and compassion shown by our staff as well those working behind the scenes to make Thanksgiving a little brighter for families we serve.





# Keeping Our Community Safe

## DISTRICT– 5

**November 6, 2025**

*Adult Field Services– South*

9000 block of Weeping Fig Way, Sacramento, CA 95758

On November 6, 2025, a strong-arm robbery occurred at Consumnes Oaks High School resulting in the theft of a gold chain. Probation Officers located a suspect who was on ankle monitor, and Elk Grove Police Department Special Investigation Unit assisted in locating a group matching the suspects' description in a nearby parking lot. Nine individuals were arrested, stolen property was recovered, and a 9mm un-serialized handgun was seized. The same group was linked to an additional robbery at Monterey Trails High School, with six of the nine under Juvenile Probation. A follow-up probation search on 11/7/25 at a person on probation's residence led to the recovery of a Charles Daly PAK 9mm firearm.







# Keeping Our Community Safe

## COUNTY WIDE

November 11, 2025

*Gang Intelligence Unit  
Juvenile Field*

Sacramento County

From November 5th-7th, Officers from Adult Service's Gang Intelligence Unit and Juvenile Service's Community Based Supervision Units, along with the assistance of K-9's Duke and Ace, participated in the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Gang Suppression Unit's Operation Streetsweeper, a coordinated multi-agency enforcement effort targeting gang-related violence and crime.

Over the course of the three days, Officers contacted nine known gang members/associates and made seven arrests. Of those arrests, three suspects were arrested for fresh crimes, and five violations of Probations were petitioned to the courts and one Flash Incarceration submitted.

Through various Probation searches, officers recovered two firearms, various rounds of ammunition, over 120 grams of cocaine, five bottles of counterfeit prescription bottles and over \$1,400 in was seized.



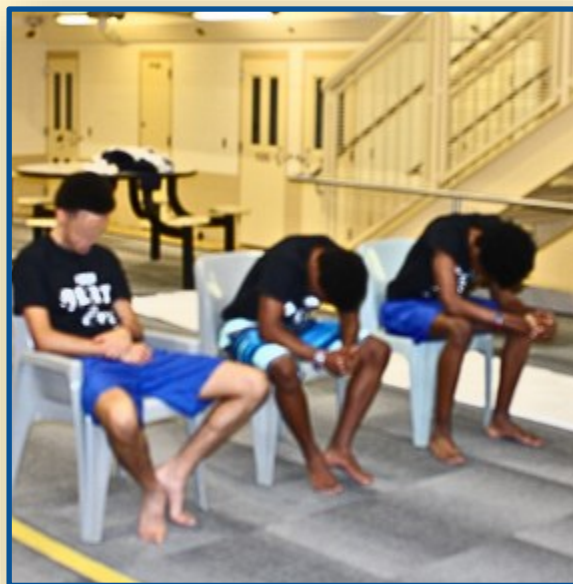
**Check out Probation social media to stay up-to-date on efforts to support and keep our community safe!**



# Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

## Modern Abolition Chaplaincy

November was a busy and meaningful month at the Youth Detention Facility. On Monday, November 17th, four residents chose to be baptized, marking the start of an important new chapter in their spiritual journeys, a day they will remember for years to come.



## Horticulture Program

The Horticulture program continues to thrive with the completion of new projects. This month, residents expanded their skills in landscape carpentry, turf management, seed propagation using the Kratky Hydroponics method, basic construction, and soil science. With guidance from the SCOE Landscape Instructor, Mr. Wilson, they built a compost bin to support future projects. Residents are not only growing their knowledge but also demonstrating leadership by mentoring one another.







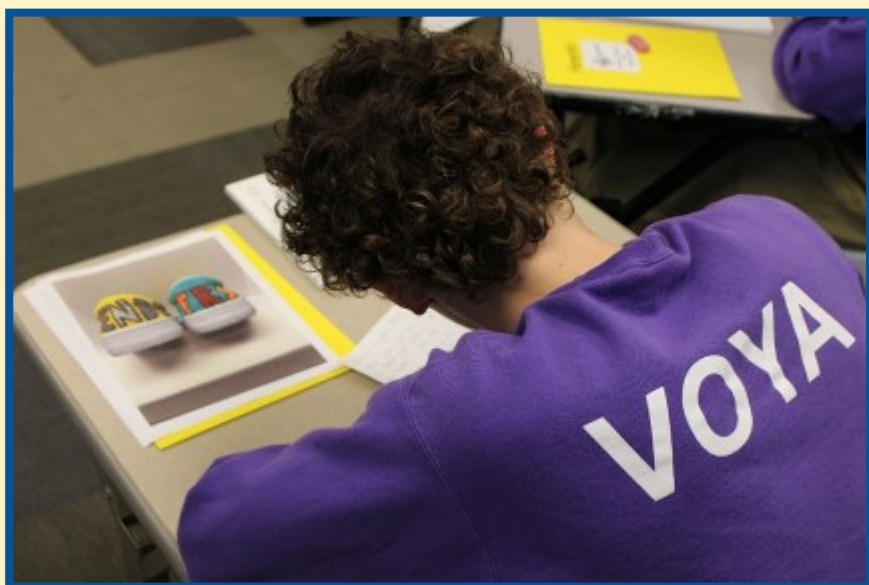
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## California Special Election

Residents at the Youth Detention Facility participated in California's 2025 Special Election. Before voting, were provided with election materials to help make informed decisions. Programming staff set up a private voting area to ensure ballots were cast confidentially. This initiative was designed to foster civic engagement, ignite interest in the voting process, and motivate residents to remain active in elections even after their time at the facility.



## Leadership Education Athletic Program (LEAP)



Instructors Jasmin Martinez and Milton Bowens, along with LEAP staff, lead the Visual Art Class where residents explore foundational concepts such as lines, color theory, and spatial elements. Residents practice different line techniques in sketches and apply color theory and spatial principles to create depth and balance in their artwork.



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## Northern California Construction Training

NCCT residents continued work on Christmas décor this month, completing the initial steps of measuring, cutting, and assembling the festive decorations. The next phase will focus on painting the pieces in preparation for the Christmas sale. Additionally, two residents have completed their required 400 hours and are now proud graduates of the NCCT Program.







# Probation's November 2025 Community Partners



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