

PROBATION NEWS

Monthly District Newsletter brought to you by the Sacramento County Probation Department



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Supporting Positive Change

The mission of the district newsletter is to provide information, news, upcoming events, and program accomplishments to our County Supervisors and their constituents. Our department remains dedicated to building strong partnerships with the goal of providing the best possible services to our community.

In this issue, we cover May 2020:

- ◆ Grant Funds Awarded
- ◆ Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact
- ◆ Youth Detention Facility News

Probation's COVID-19 Response Update



GRANT FUNDS AWARDED

Community Services Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$1,690,542 through the California Health Facilities Financing Authority for the County's Centralized Jail Diversion Treatment And Resource Center (JDTRC)

Probation intends to use the grant funds to renovate 5,591 square feet of the first floor of 711 G Street. The close proximity of this location to the Main Jail and the Sacramento Superior Court will remove transportation barriers faced by the population to be served, thus increasing the likelihood clients will report for treatment and services.

Co-located staff provided by partnering County agencies will provide easily accessible, community-based, individualized support services and linkages for adult individuals in a one-stop location. Co-location of staff and services will increase access to treatment and services and expand service capacity.

The JDTRC will allow criminal justice-involved individuals, including those recently released, to receive a myriad of services that include, but are not limited to:

Assessment for mental health services
Contact with their probation officer

Referral to community-based providers
Legal advice from an attorney

"This project will create a comprehensive county jail diversion and resource center for criminal justice-involved individuals 18 years and older who are living with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorder and/or those suffering from trauma. The project will divert individuals from jails and prisons and provide mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, and trauma centered services."

Lee Seale, Sacramento County Chief Probation Officer

PROBATION OFFICERS & PROGRAMS MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT



Watch Exodus Rogers on Titan Games



Our own Probation Assistant Exodus Rogers is competing on the current season of [Titan Games](#) with Dwayne The Rock Johnson. Rogers currently runs the Leadership Education and Athletic Program in our Youth Detention Facility where he emphasizes the importance of physical activity and mental wellbeing. We are so proud of what Exodus has accomplished. [Click to view KCRA3's spotlight of Exodus Rogers' accomplishments.](#)

Generous Donations



A Probation client nearing the end of his five year formal grant of probation has turned his life around. The client now works for a 3D printing company and thanked Probation by donating N95 masks for our officers. We are proud of our client and thankful for his generous donation.

The City of Sacramento Food Distribution donated several large boxes of food to Collaborative Court officers who distributed them to clients on their caseloads.



National Correction Officers Appreciation Week

During National Correction Officer Appreciation Week, we thanked all of our officers working diligently to ensure the safety of the residents inside the Youth Detention Facility.



YOUTH DETENTION FACILITY

Youth Detention Facility Residents Continue to Stay Busy and Engaged During the Pandemic

Students in the Scholars Obtaining Academic Responsibility (SOAR) College Program revamped an existing garden with amazing results by planting peppers, sunflowers, tomatoes, radishes, and cucumbers. In addition, through collaboration with the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) Program, youth built and painted flower boxes, birdhouses, jewelry boxes, and squirrel sized picnic benches.





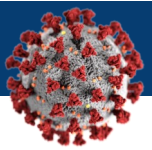
Making Mother's Day Happy

Many youth made Mother's Day cards to show appreciation for their Moms and the caring women in their lives.





PROBATION COVID-19 RESPONSE



Making Health and Safety Our Top Priority

COVID-19 Response May Update:

A phased return to work in Probation facilities is planned to begin on June 22, 2020. Probation is preparing facilities for the safe return of staff by placing social-distancing signage, scheduling for safe social distancing, acquiring all necessary Personal Protective Equipment and ensuring all staff have completed the County's new "COVID-19 Return to Work Training."

Adult Court Operations:

Resuming Pre-arraignment Releases: On May 29, 2020, Probation offered to provide the Court training and four laptops equipped with the portal to Probation's pretrial software application to assist the Court with implementation of resuming pre-arraignment releases. The use of Probation's software application would allow judicial officers to efficiently review pre-arraignment reports and submit their decisions within the application. Probation is prepared to resume pre-arraignment releases as soon as the Court can support the process. The next pretrial work group meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2020.

Zero Dollar Bail Sunset to Impact Pretrial Monitoring: On June 10, 2020, the Judicial Council announced the emergency Rules of Court in regard to zero dollar bail will sunset on June 20, 2020. Since zero dollar bail took effect on April 13, 2020, Probation has completed approximately 24% fewer assessments, and the number of individuals released to pretrial monitoring declined by approximately 57%.

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