

Probation News

Supporting Positive Change



PREPARED BY THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

“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.”

Marlon Yarber
Chief Probation Officer

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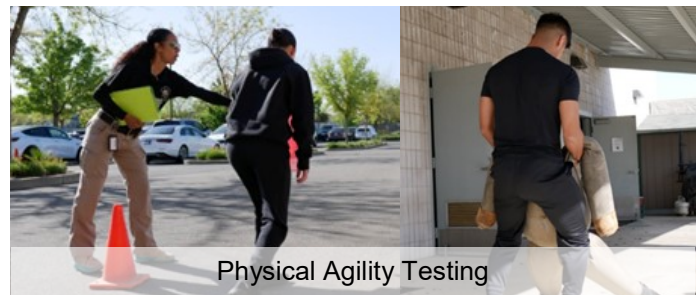
WHO HAS WHAT IT TAKES?

In April, 44 aspiring applicants attended Probation's Spring Orientation. The day included a panel interview, a physical agility test, and a tour of the [Youth Detention Facility](#) where new hires will begin their careers as [Probation Aides](#).



Introduction to Probation

Successful Probation Aides who fulfill all requirements may apply for a position as an [Assistant Probation Officer](#) – the first full-time, sworn position within the Probation Department.



Physical Agility Testing



Panel Interview

Probation's "[How to Apply](#)" web page provides potential applicants with necessary information and documents:

- Application
- Application Deadlines
- How to Apply
- New Hire Events
- Personal History Statement
- Required Documents
- Personal History Statement FAQs



Probation's Victim Restitution Services Unit Helps Make Victims Whole

Honoring National Crime Victims Rights Week April 24-30

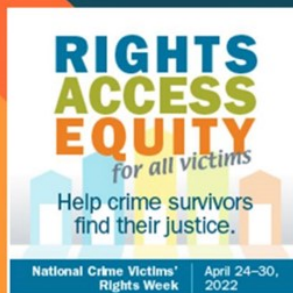
Probation's Victim Restitution Services unit works closely with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and victim support organizations to help victims navigate the emotional distress and financial losses that can occur as a result of being the victim of a crime.

The Victim Restitution Unit also assists the Department of Revenue Recovery and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in obtaining contact information for victims in order to disperse funds collected for restitution, with the goal of helping make victims financially whole.

Probation officers within the Victim Restitution Unit are responsible for determining restitution as ordered by the Superior Court. To aid in the determination and recovery of restitution, the probation officer contacts crime victims to request information.

Restitution is determined for the value of stolen or damaged property, medical expenses, counseling expenses, or loss of wages or profits due to injury and funeral cost.

Probation processes over 3,800 Superior Court restitution orders annually.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 24-30, 2022

Crime Victims' Rights Week

Each year, California joins the nation in observing Crime Victims' Rights Week to show support for victims of crime, survivors, and their families. All too often, victims of violent crime face severe physical, emotional and financial trauma, and the state is committed to supporting their recovery. This week, we celebrate the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement and continue to advance the cause of fairness and justice.

California has been a leader in victim services since 1965, when our state established the first victim compensation program in the nation. Following our visionary lead, every state now has a similar program to assist victims of violent crime in recovering from their physical, emotional and financial losses. Our state was the first to establish a hospital-based rape treatment center, the first victim assistance program and the first domestic violence shelter to ensure California's victims are served with dignity and compassion.

We recognize that this important work is never done. The theme of this year's observance, "Rights, access, equity, for all victims," highlights our continuing efforts to prioritize the interests of victims and ensure equitable access to services in the aftermath of crime.

During Crime Victims' Rights Week, let us thank all of those who work to preserve and promote crime victims' rights, and recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime have the support they need in their journey toward recovery and justice.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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Officers and Programs Making a Positive Impact

Officer Utilizes Incentive Program to Motivate Youth

Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Thirakoune of the Age of Majority (AOM) unit fully utilizes the AOM incentive program to help motivate young people to do better and fulfill their terms and conditions of probation. DPO Thirakoune provides youth with:

- Referrals to job fairs
- Referrals to [Northern California Construction Training](#) and [Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps](#)
- Job leads
- Assistance with enrollment in Alcohol and Other Drugs counseling
- Gift cards for outstanding participation

DPO Thirakoune establishes rapport with clients and coordinates assistance and support through relationships with the [Sacramento Food Bank](#) and other community providers. Additionally, he counsels them about life choices, discusses goals and ways to fulfill conditions of probation.



DPO Thirakoune



Sr. DPO Parker and K-9 Hope celebrated
[National Hug Your Dog Day](#)
On April 10



SacJobs Career Fair

Probation officers met with interested prospects at the [SacJobs](#) Career Fair on April 7 at [Lions Gate Hotel](#) in McClellan Park. Over 60 Sacramento County companies and agencies participated in the event.

Probation's Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Transfer Academy

On April 22, recently promoted deputy probation officers completed their two-week DPO Transfer Academy held in the Probation offices on Folsom Boulevard. The Academy included training in field and court services for juveniles and adults. These new DPOs, who previously worked within the Youth Detention Facility, transferred to one of our seven divisions.



National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

We are thankful for our dispatchers who work diligently behind the scenes to serve our department and the community.

Pro-Social Events = Positive Engagement with Clients

Kickball in the Park

April 13, 2022: Probation's Recovery Treatment Center engaged with clients during a friendly game of kickball at Bill C. Bean Jr. Park.



Pizza and a Movie

On April 1, [Leaders in Community Alternatives](#) organized a pro-social pizza and a movie event attended by 21 Adult Day Reporting Center Central clients.



Community Partnership Connects Clients to Services in South Sacramento

On April 14, Probation officers partnered with the [Sacramento Sheriff](#) Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Team to reconnect with unhoused individuals who are on probation or Post Release Community Supervision.

The operation helped officers connect with individuals to determine what type of housing, mental health, and transportation the individuals may need to succeed on probation. Officers contacted nine adults on probation. Officers provided the adults with resources and new reporting instructions.

A probation search at one location resulted in the recovery of a stolen vehicle, which was returned to the registered owner.





Success Happens

CONGRATULATIONS ADRC Central graduates



On April 20, 2022, Adult Day Reporting Center Central staff celebrated the graduation of five clients with their family and friends.

The class speaker, who had perfect attendance, addressed the class.

"Thank you for the chance to show that I could change. This has been truly awesome and a big gift that you have given me."

Placement Unit Resource Family Approval Youth Accepted in First Star Sacramento State Academy

Deputy Probation Officer Buerger worked successfully with the [First Star Sacramento State Academy](#) (FSSSA) to have the first Resource Family Approval youth accepted as a special one-year cohort scholar in the four-year college readiness program offered to foster youth.

The FSSSA program will provide the youth with individual academic support to remain on track for high school graduation and prepare the youth for higher education and adulthood through mentorship and specialized programming that addresses the academics, life skills, and adult supports unique to students in foster care.

This amazing opportunity will allow the youth to attend all-day sessions held on the Sacramento State University campus one Saturday each month. In addition, the youth will participate in a three-week summer immersion program while residing in the residence hall on campus.



DPO Buerger



Probation and Community Partners Helped Community Based Supervision Youth Achieve Success in April

Achievements	Total
Completed Pivoting Pathways (Wraparound Services)	3
Employment	4
High school Graduations	2



Probation in the Community

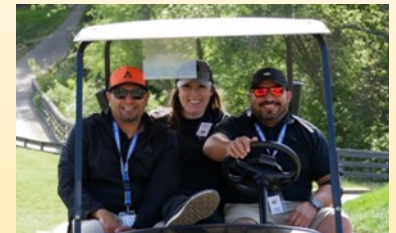
NAACP Prayer Breakfast

Probation officers participated in the [Greater Sacramento NAACP](#) 40th Annual Prayer Breakfast on April 15, 2022. The event brought various disciplines together to join in unity to uplift the community.



Kops N Kids Charity Golf Tournament

Probation officers volunteered in the 10th Annual [Kops N Kids](#) Charity Golf Tournament at the Granite Bay Golf Club. The four-person shotgun scramble included breakfast, dinner, contests, raffles, prizes, and an auction to benefit youth in the Sacramento area.



Criminal Justice High School Spring Showcase at Sacramento State

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Julie Wherry participated in [Sacramento State's Division of Criminal Justice](#) High School Spring Showcase on April 22, 2022.

Sacramento State hosted the event that provided students from six area high schools the opportunity to learn more about the Criminal Justice program at CSUS and potential law enforcement careers after graduation.

The event included crime lab demonstration, classroom observations, lectures, presentations, and career advising.



2nd from left: Dr. Ernest Uwazie, CJ Division Chair
Right: Julie Wherry, Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Over 100 high school students and chaperones from local high schools and high schools as far as Benicia attended our CRJ Showcase Event at Sac State.

Participating High Schools:

- SUSD Department of Public Safety/ Explorers
- Benicia High School
- Options for Youth San Juan Charter
- Elk Grove School Charter School
- Phoenix High School & ATLAS
- Twelve Bridges High School



Big Day of Giving Block Party

Juvenile Field officers attended the [Roberts Family Development Center](#) "Big Day of Giving" block party and car show on April 30, 2022. This community event included food trucks, jump houses, vendors and games. Officers met with members of the community to build rapport while sharing like interests such as classic cars and food.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 1 Gang Violence Sweep Gets Firearms, Drugs, and Offenders off the Streets

Officers from Juvenile Field and Adult Field conducted a sweep on April 7, 2022 to ensure gang-affiliated juveniles were abiding by their probation terms and conditions. Officers conducted multiple searches.

Results of the Sweep:

Clients Contacted:	5
Searches Conducted:	5
Drugs Seized:	23.8 grams M30 Pills (Counterfeit Oxycodone)
Weapons Seized:	1 Glock 9mm pistol Firearm 2 Airsoft Handguns – Reassembling Firearms
Ammunition Seized	9 mm magazine loaded with 10 live rounds
Arrests/Citations:	2 Juvenile Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of a Firearm by a Minor • Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance Violation of Probation



April 4, 2022
2900 Block of 43rd Street, Sacramento

During a probation search of an adult on Formal Searchable Probation, officers located an unregistered .45 caliber Springfield XD firearm and magazine with 13 live rounds of ammunition. The individual was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail pending firearm charges and a Violation of Probation.

April 28, 2022
7800 Block of Dalewoods Way, Sacramento

Officers with the Adult Field Services Gang Suppression Unit and Juvenile Field Services Age of Majority Unit conducted a probation search of the residence and vehicle of an adult on Juvenile Field Supervision.

During the search, Officers recovered 112 Grams of M-30 pills (Percocet/Fentanyl), 15 Grams of Rock Cocaine, and 180 Grams of Xanax. The individual was arrested for Possession of Illegal Drugs for Sale. During the search, a second adult arrived whom officers determined was also on Juvenile Field Supervision. Officers cited and released the second individual for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Xanax).



DISTRICT 3

April 6, 2022
Roseville Road and Stationers Way
Sacramento

An officer with the Investigations and Supervision Unit (ISU) contacted an adult on Formal Searchable Probation who had two active felony warrants. With assistance from the Sheriff's Office North Problem Oriented Policing (POP) unit,, Sheriff's patrol, and the Sacramento County Sheriff's helicopter , officers detained the adult as well as a second individual.

A search revealed methamphetamine, a .22 caliber rifle, and a 9mm handgun. The individuals were arrested and charged with Possession of a Firearm by Felon; Felon in Possession of Ammunition; and Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale.



April 7, 2022
5700 Block of Callie Lane Sacramento

Probation officers conducted a probation search of the residence of an adult on Pretrial Supervision for Possession of Firearm by Felon, and Corporal Injury on Spouse or Cohabitant. The individual was also out on bail for Possession of Firearm by Felon; Threat to Commit Crime Resulting in Death or Great Bodily Injury; and Corporal Injury on Spouse or Cohabitant – Parent of Offender's Child. During the search, officers recovered a black handgun as well as a fully loaded magazine.

The adult was arrested for Possession of Firearm by Felon; Felon in Possession of Firearm; and Violating a Protective Order.



April 25, 2022
5400 Block of Garfield Avenue

A Deputy Probation Officer with the Investigations and Supervision Unit (ISU) received a Proposition 63 referral stating an individual on Post Release Community Supervision wanted to surrender a rifle, ammunition, and illegal fireworks kept in a storage unit.

With the assistance of K-9 Hope, officers recovered an AK-47 rifle, thousands of rounds of ammunition, and illegal fireworks. The rifle and ammunition were booked for safekeeping. The fireworks were taken to a local Metro fire station for disposal.



DISTRICT 5

Compliance Sweeps in South Sacramento / Elk Grove Three Arrests - Firearms, Drugs, and Ammunition Seized

Officers with the Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) South, Electronic Monitoring Unit, and ADRC North conducted a compliance sweep in

South Sacramento County, specifically targeting the Elk Grove area. Officers contacted individuals on Probation, Post Release Community Supervision
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DISTRICT 5 continued

to ensure compliance with their terms and conditions of probation.

Officers conducted probation searches at target locations, resulting in two Violations of Probation, one adult arrested on charges of Possession of a Firearm with Ammunition, and three adults arrested on charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Mushrooms (Psilocybin), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



Elk Grove Compliance Sweep Utilizes DOJ On-Site Forensic Analytics

April 20, 2022

The [Elk Grove Police Department](#) and Sacramento County Probation officers assigned to Adult Day Reporting Center Central conducted compliance checks of individuals on probation for domestic violence and Penal Code 290 Sex Crimes Registration with probation causes.

Additionally, members from the [Department of Justice Sacramento Internet Crimes Against](#)

[Children Task Force](#) were present to facilitate on-site forensic analytics and downloading of digital information from electronic devices.

This joint operation was made possible by fostering relationships with local partners and collaborating throughout the operations planning and coordination during the execution of the operation.

Locations:	8
Probation Searches:	2
Arrests	3
Charges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrant for Corporal Injury on Spouse or Cohabitant • Possession of Marijuana • Felony warrant for Burglary



Compliance Sweeps in South Sacramento / Elk Grove

April 18, 2022

6400 Block of Di Lusso Drive Elk Grove

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation regarding a firearm recently recovered from an adult on Formal Searchable Probation that was registered to another adult on Informal Searchable Probation. Officers contacted the registered owner to determine how the weapon was acquired by the arrested individual.

A search of the residence revealed two additional firearms that were unregistered and un-serialized. Officers seized the firearms pending further investigation.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Culinary Art Program Cooks Up a Competition

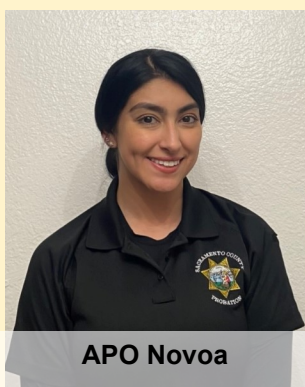
Working in teams of two, youth made chocolate chip cookies and lemonade from scratch within time limits, a competition requiring accuracy and speed. Participants were graded on the quality of their products.



For this competition, Chef Carissa Jones, director of the Culinary Arts Program, taught youth culinary basics including utensil names, the properties of ingredients, how to utilize appliances, and the importance of proper measurements.

Youth and Parent Thank YDF Officer

A youth and her father arrived in person at Probation offices to express how thankful and appreciative they were of Assistant Probation Officer Novoa who works at YDF. They asked staff to deliver these messages to Officer Novoa:



APO Novoa

The youth's message:

"Officer Novoa thank you for being so strict but also understanding of me. My life has been hard and you were very caring and made me feel safe."

The father's message:

"Thank you for taking care of my daughter and demonstrating that you cared even though she is a troubled youth. You have a hard job, and dealing with this youth can be very stressful. I appreciate what you do."

Female Youth Support Justice for Ukraine

The female youth in Housing Unit 10 made posters and hung them inside of their housing unit in support of Ukraine.



National Library Week Bookopoly Challenge

YDF Facility celebrated [National Library Week](#) April 3-9 with a Bookopoly Challenge. Youth and staff earned rewards by reading and sharing stories. The YDF Library offers a wide variety of books to youth.



Easter Basket Decorating Contest A Larger-Than-Life-Sized Treat



CELEBRATION

El Centro High School Graduation

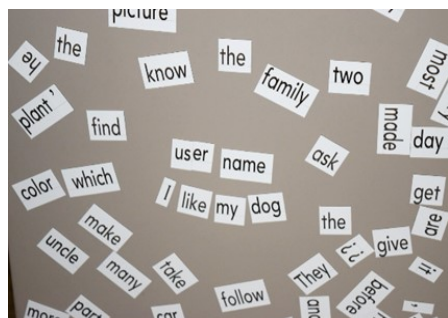


Four youth graduated from high school and participated in a ceremony that included family members, school staff, probation staff, and peers. Principal Barbara Modlin addressed the graduates.



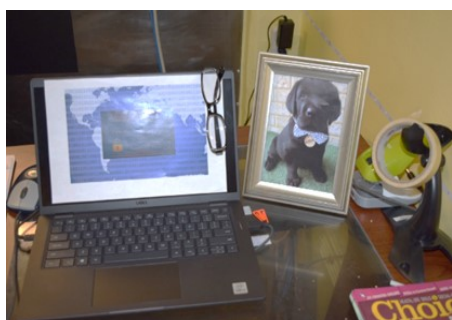
Escape Room Game – Skills Training Enrichment Program

The [YDF Skills Training Enrichment Program \(STEP\)](#) has completed YDF's first ever Escape Room Game. STEP prepared residents for this event without telling them the game was coming.

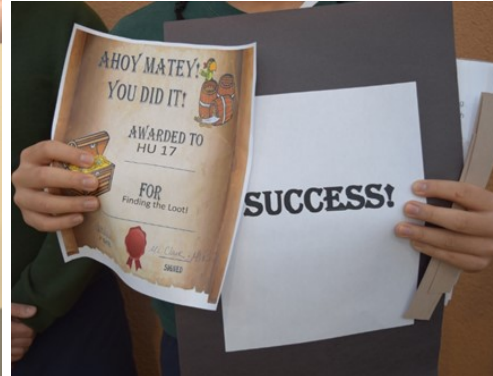
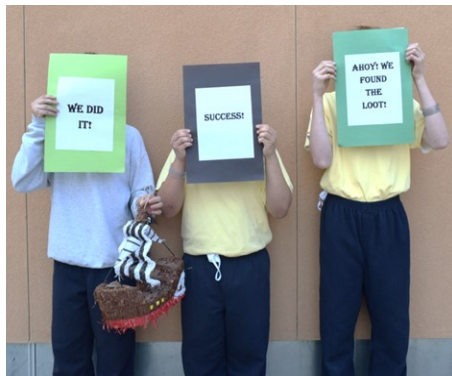


MIRROR MIRROR IN THE
WALL
WHO IS THE BADDEST
PIRATE OF THEM ALL?

YOU MUST THE GOLD
THE PLANK
BECAUSE IN THIS
CASE
THE "FLOOR IS
LAVA"
I HOPE YOU STILL
HAVE THE
ELEMENT TO OPEN
THE PLACE WHERE
YOU PLAY IN OPEN
SPACE



During prior months, STEP provided a weekly riddle to help residents understand and begin a more "lateral (outside the box) thinking" approach to situations. The month of March was dedicated to learning effective listening for better communication and following directions.



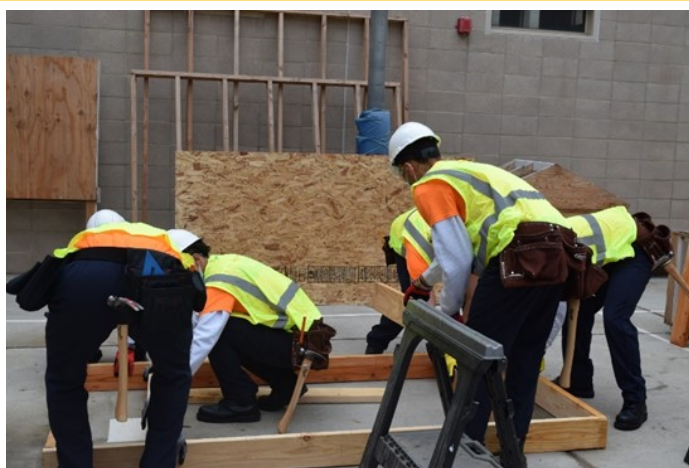
Staff chose players from STEP participants who exhibited exemplary behavior, commitment, and effort to participant in the 60-minute game. To successfully complete the game, players had to find clues and solve puzzles using lateral thinking, problem solving, communication and teamwork.

Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) – Practice Build

Fifteen youth participated in NCCT's Practice Build with Instructor Jack. The initial builds were complete in two days, followed by walkthroughs with Jack on the third day. Jack suggested improvements to be made before the final builds, which were completed in one week.

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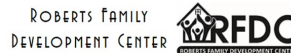
Northern
California
Construction
Training



Youth advocate, Bill Collins, celebrated with the youth during a BBQ held in honor of their teamwork, construction skills, and excellent outcomes.



Probation's April Community Partners



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