

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."

Marlon Yarber
Chief Probation Officer

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PLACEMENT UNIT OFFICER PRAISED DURING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Placement Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Kendall Boughton received an email from the mother of a youth he worked with expressing gratitude for helping her son reach his potential by successfully completing a Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP). The youth had been at three previous placements before successfully completing the STRTP.

"I want to thank everyone who has stuck by my son's side and gone above & beyond your job description to help him become a better person. Out of all the kids lives that you touch everyday in a positive way, I'm truly blessed that my son was one of those lives!"

All of you (including Officer Boughton) deserve the recognition and appreciation for the work you do everyday and just know you all are the reason our future (the kids you work with) might have a fighting chance to live a somewhat normal life after they have suffered hard times or faced with more than difficult situations.

So I say once again Thank you and May God bless you all for never giving up on and for your belief in my son. "



DPO Kendall Boughton

Placement officers are committed to making a difference in the lives of the families they work with. Kuddos to DPO Boughton for supporting positive change with this family.



Placement Unit Raises Awareness During Foster Care Awareness Month



May was National Foster Care Awareness Month, a time to recognize that we can each play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care.

On May 24, Placement Unit officers presented on Effective Family Finding and Support Strategies at the [Chief Probation Officers of California 2022 Foster Care Conference](#) held at the [Hyatt Regency Sacramento](#) May 23-24.

During their session, officers shared their approach to resource family recruitment and helping foster youth build a network of support. This session explored family finding strategies, including community advertising along with community engagement and building relationships that lead to a nexus of support to help youth flourish.

Pictured (left to right): Sr. DPO Pamela Lowe, DPO Danna Buerger, and Stephanie Anderson from CPOC



One of the keys to success for Placement is the ongoing communication and collaboration between the youth, their family, the officer, and the Resource Family.

GIVE FOSTER YOUTH A HOME

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF RESOURCE FAMILIES

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www.FosterAYouth.net

Probation continues to seek qualified Foster parents for our youth. If interested, please visit FosterAYouth.net.



Officers and Programs Making a Positive Impact

Peer Coaching Team Assists Officers and Court Writers in Adult Court Services

The Probation Department is lucky to have a core group of officers who have a strong foundational knowledge of felony sentencing. To take full advantage of this knowledge and experience, Adult Court created the Peer Coaching Team that provides less experienced officers with training as well as quick, accurate feedback and advice.

Peer Coaches also lead weekly training sessions for all court writers focused on sentencing trends, complicated court cases, and foundational sentencing law.

Adult Court Services is charged with completing pre-sentence investigations (PSI) which are relied upon during sentencing. The mechanics of felony sentencing is complicated. From eligibility and suitability determinations to aggregate term determination, varying enhancements, three strikes law, and sentencing strategies under 1170(h) Determinate Sentencing Laws and Indeterminate Sentencing Laws. To complicate matters, new sentencing procedures that went into effect on January 1, 2022, require many additional considerations and exceptions, some of which are not clearly defined or agreed upon by experts in the field. The law is constantly changing, which is extremely challenging.



Probation's Peer Coaching Team:

Sr DPO Joslyn Guzman, DPO Memorie Soliven, Sr DPO Jill Noble, DPO Aimee LesCallett

According to the Harvard Business Review, "People gain new skills best in any situation that includes all four stages of what we call the "Learning Loop": **gain knowledge**; **practice** by applying that knowledge; **get feedback**; and **reflect** on what has been learned. A peer-to-peer learning model encompasses all of these stages."

Juvenile Field Services Officers Respond to Youth Client's Cry for Help

On May 16, a client asked Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Nunez with Juvenile Field to take her into custody as she had become homeless and didn't know any other way out of her situation. On May 17, DPO Nunez transported the youth to her appointment where she tested presumptive positive for marijuana and methamphetamines, asked again to be incarcerated, and expressed her willingness to receive help to address her drug addiction.

Instead of bringing the youth into custody, Juvenile Field Officers connected the youth with increased services. They assisted her with the intake process at [Wind Youth Services](#) to secure a bed for 30 days, and provided a bus pass, food, clothing, shoes, a backpack, and toiletries. The youth is eligible to receive independent living skills, peer support, employment assistance, case management, crisis intervention, counseling, health care, and workshops. These services will be available to her until she is 24 years old and will help her avoid incarceration.

Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC) Unit

- The Board of Supervisors provided free Sacramento River Cats tickets for 21 families served by the BCLC unit. Officers organized three field trips for 17 families. The field trips brought youth from different areas together and allowed them to experience what was, for most, their first ever minor league baseball game.



- BCLC Officers dispensed diapers for families in need and provided one client with luggage and gift cards courtesy of the Liberty Towers BCLC site.
- BCLC officers took senior portraits at the State Capitol Park Rose Garden for students who missed senior picture day or were unable to afford professional pictures. Chief Yarber happened to be walking through at the time and observed the special moment.
- On May 12, 2022, a probation client assigned to Deputy Probation Officer Keys attended the Oak Park BCLC Mother's Day luncheon, which celebrated mothers participating in the BCLC Program. Participants made flower crowns, received massages, and feasted on a delicious gourmet lunch, with dessert provided by Nothing Bundt Cakes.



Success Happens

CONGRATULATIONS Graduates!



At the Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) North, family, friends and staff celebrated the graduation of six clients. The ADRC program offers clients cognitive behavioral treatment interventions, substance misuse treatment, self-help courses, educational programming, connection to housing, and vocational assistance. Clients also receive family support services, participate in pro-social activities, and pay victim restitution through the Community Outreach Program.

Mental Health Treatment Court (MHTC) Graduation



Two Probation clients successfully completed the Mental Health Treatment Court (MHTC) program.

The MHTC program operates collaboratively with members from the Superior Court, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation Department, Behavioral Health Division, and Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Division. The program's objective is to assist adult clients with addressing their mental health and substance abuse issues through medication, therapy, and inpatient or outpatient treatment to reduce recidivism and mental health hospitalizations.



Probation in the Community

PROBATION UNITS CLEAN UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Community Outreach Unit Clients Clean Up Kiefer Boulevard

On May 18 and 19, Probation's Community Outreach Unit (COU) partnered with the [Rancho Cordova Police Department](#) and [Public Works](#) for the first time since the start of the pandemic in 2020. Fifteen clients worked tirelessly over the course of two days to remove large amounts of debris from the 1.3-mile stretch along Kiefer Boulevard between Rancho Cordova Parkway and Grant Line Road. The work crew rose to the challenge of restoring the area and did an amazing job.



Adult Recovery Court Unit American River Cleanup

In honor of [National Drug Court Month](#), our Adult Recovery Court Unit hosted its annual American River Clean Up and BBQ in May. Clients and staff spent the afternoon cleaning up the park and bike trail as a way to give back to their community.



DPO Pratt Connects Unhoused Probation Clients to Services and Supports

Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Patrice Pratt with the High Risk Probation unit partners with Sheriff Deputy Brian Amend who is currently assigned to the [Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Team](#). A large percentage of unhoused individuals in Sacramento County are on probation, and the HOT team regularly comes in contact with them. With DPO Pratt on the team, Probation is able to increase our contact with these individuals in the field. Her job is to identify those who are on Formal Probation and provide them with the proper resources and supervision. She also attends neighborhood, business, and community meetings to address specific concerns from the public.

Deputy Amend and DPO Pratt respond to as many illegal camps as possible in attempt to identify and connect the unhoused with Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance Navigators and community support teams members. The Navigators and community support team members work directly with the unhoused to provide them with resources such as housing, employment, and medical treatment.

The HOT team receives approximately 80-100 complaints weekly via email or phone concerning unhoused individuals throughout Sacramento County. Most of the complaints come from home and business owners who have people illegally camping on or near their properties. The HOT Team works with the public to develop solutions to address their individual concerns.



Probation Officers Assist after Rancho Cordova Traffic Collision

On May 10, Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Edmisten and another Juvenile Field Officer responded to assist a traffic collision in Rancho Cordova prior to emergency personnel arriving on scene. They activated their vehicle lights to alert traffic and emergency responders of their presence, and, when safe to do so checked the welfare of both drivers involved. Probation officers stayed on scene until formally relieved by responding fire and police personnel.

National Police Week May 11– 17

During [National Police Week](#) we honored those officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our communities. To the families that lost a loved one, we hold you in our hearts.





Keeping Our Community Safe

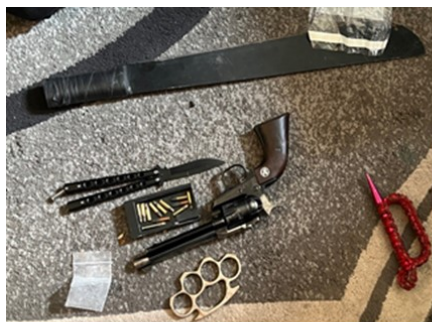
DISTRICT 1

After-Hours Sweep Takes Weapons Off the Street

May 2, 2022

4200 Block of Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento

While conducting a compliance sweep, officers with Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) North and Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) North located a lockbox in an adult's bedroom containing a Ruger single-six revolver, 12 rounds of ammunition, and brass knuckles.



In the nightstand, officers also located a butterfly knife. The adult admitted to owning the weapons in violation of a no weapons order and was booked for Possession of Firearm by a Felon, Possession of Metal Knuckles, and Felon in Possession of Ammunition.



Post Release Community Supervision Officers Seize Firearm and Drugs

2700 Block of Ellen Street, Sacramento



Officers assigned to the Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) caseload conducted a field visit on an adult under supervision. The adult was found in a parked vehicle with another adult on formal probation. A search of the vehicle yielded a loaded semi-automatic handgun, methamphetamines, narcotic paraphernalia, and approximately 66 grams of Fentanyl. Both individuals were arrested on charges of Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Felon, Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale, and Violation of Probation.



DISTRICT 2

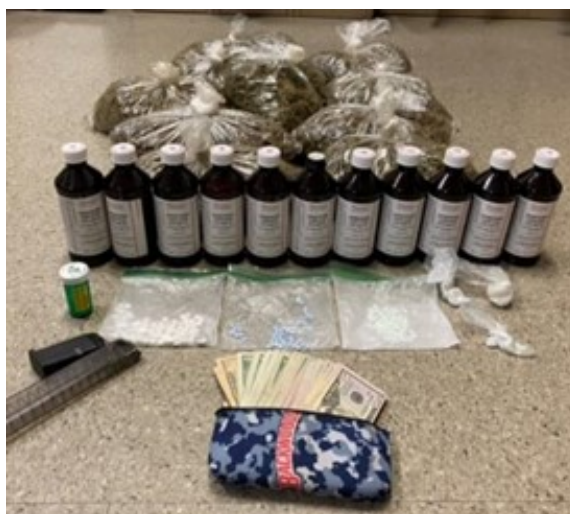
Operation Gang Sweep

Drugs, Ammunition, and Stolen Vehicle Seized

May 4, 2022
8000 Block of Bugatti Court, Sacramento

Officers assigned to the Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) organized a compliance sweep with officers from both Adult and Juvenile Field. During the sweep, officers visited an adult on Sheriff Home Detention who had consented to residential searches. During the residential search, officers located one high capacity magazine, one firearm magazine with one round of ammunition, \$932 in US currency, approximately 9.6 pounds of Marijuana, approximately 310 narcotic pills with no prescription, including OxyContin and Oxycodone Hydrochloride, and 11 pint bottles of promethazine with no prescription. Under Miranda, the adult admitted to ownership of all contraband found and was booked pending charges of Possession for Sale of Controlled Substances, Felon in Possession of Ammunition, and Violation of Probation.

One GSU officer observed a vehicle with two different license plates attached. After making contact with the driver, a records check revealed the driver was on Informal Probation and that the vehicle was stolen. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 36 grams of methamphetamine in the center console. Under Miranda, the individual admitted to stealing the vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, and also admitted to being an associate of a local street gang.



Investigations & Supervision Unit Officers Recover Firearms

May 10, 2022
6400 Block of 13th Street, Sacramento



Officers assigned to the Investigations and Supervision Unit (ISU), acting on a Prop. 63 referral, contacted an adult who had three firearms registered in his name. Officers learned the adult had given the firearms to a friend. The friend surrendered the firearms, and officers booked the AR-15 rifle, 22 caliber rifle, and 40 caliber handgun for safekeeping.



DISTRICT 3

May 12, 2022

4700 Block of Marconi Avenue, Sacramento

While conducting a home visit of an adult on probation, Juvenile Field officers searched a second individual who was in the home and located a loaded 9mm Ruger handgun with the serial number removed and a magazine with seven rounds of ammunition. Officers arrested the individual for Obliterating the ID of a Firearm.



DISTRICT 5

Crime Stoppers Tip Leads to Arrest of Sex Offender by Rancho Cordova Probation Partnership (RCPP) Officer

In November 2019, a No Bail Warrant for Violation of Probation was issued for a registered sex offender who was on Formal Searchable Probation for a violation of Section 647.6(A) of the Penal Code (Molestation of a child under the age of 14).

On May 5, 2022, acting on a Crime Stoppers tip, a Probation Officer with the Rancho Cordova Probation Partnership (RCPP) conducted surveillance at an apartment complex and observed the individual walking through the parking lot of the complex. The officer took the individual into custody without incident. The individual was booked on a No-Bail Warrant for Violation of Probation.



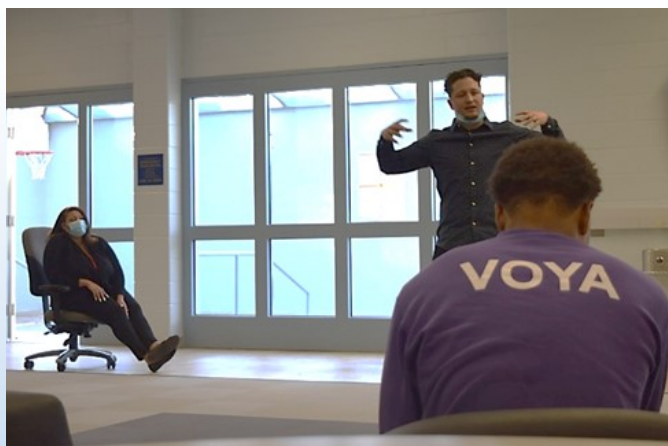
Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

SCOE Career and Resource Fair Provided Youth with Future Career Opportunities

On May 11, the [Sacramento County Office of Education \(SCOE\)](#) partnered with Probation to hold its 9th Annual Career & Resource Fair at YDF. Youth had the opportunity to attend and connect with 17 local area vendors that included Sac Metro Fire, SMUD, Western Pacific Truck School, and were introduced to many other careers they might pursue in the future.



Jarad From “They Call Us Monsters” Connects with VOYA Youth



Guest speaker, Jarad, from the documentary [“They Call Us Monsters.”](#) visited the Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA) unit on May 11, 2022. The award-winning 2016 documentary follows three teenage inmates at Sylmar Juvenile Hall in Los Angeles as they await their trials for first-degree murder and attempted murder in a justice system that treats them as adults for their crimes.

The Beat Within Sacramento Open Mic Night

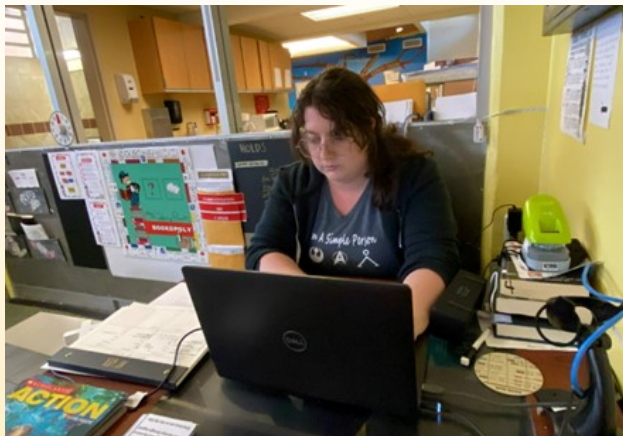
Fourteen hand-selected youth took part in the first ever *The Beat Within Sacramento Open Mic Night*. Participants were selected based on the quality and content of their weekly writing submissions. The selected youth presented their written work on the topic of “Who Am I” to their peers, probation staff, and The Beat Within volunteers.



Innovative SCOE Instructor Teaches Internet Safety through Games

Students inside the Youth Detention Facility are learning to make safe decisions online thanks to innovative teacher, Jessie Storrs.

Young people sometimes fall victim to online scams, unsuspectingly giving away too much personal information. Read how teacher Jessie Storrs is showing her El Centro Jr/Sr High School students how to protect themselves online: [SCOE | 2022 Career and Resource Fair Helps Juvenile Hall Students](#)



YDF Youth Make a Splash as the Pool Opens for Summer

The YDF Pool opened on Memorial Day. VOYA residents celebrated with an ice cream party while enjoying the pool.

Boys and Girls Club Ping-Pong Tournament

In May, the Boys and Girls Club hosted a facility-wide ping-pong tournament in the gym. Youth from multiple housing units competed in a bracket style tournament to select their two best representatives. Unit winners then faced off against each other in the finals.

This was the first Boys and Girls Club facility-wide competition in which both male and females participated.



Boys and Girls Club Sidewalk Chalk Art Showcase



Residents who participated in a Sidewalk Chalk Art Showcase worked on their projects during their regularly scheduled Boys and Girls Club program time. Submissions are being displayed in the Visiting Center and throughout the facility.

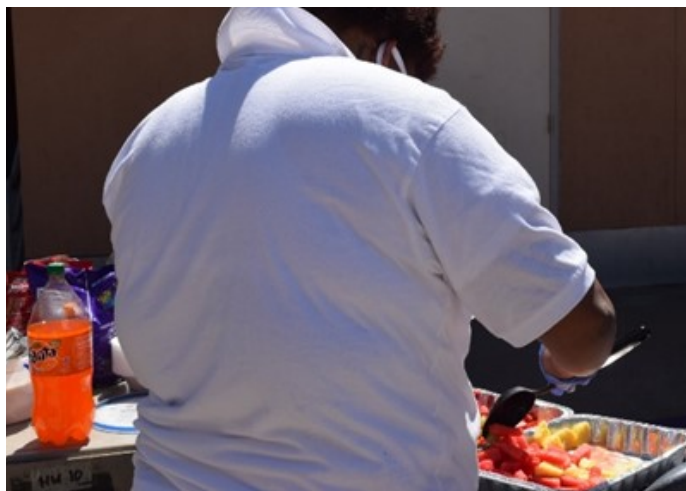
Youth in Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) Program Build Hope

Youth in the Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) program made planter boxes and decorative wooden flags.

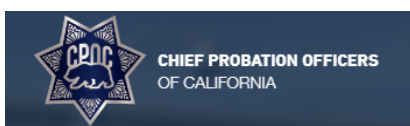


UC Davis Trauma Skills 10 Week Program Completion Ceremony

Residents who completed the UC Davis Trauma Skills 10 week program celebrated with a certificate ceremony and a party with great food. UC Davis Trauma Skills Program is offered to all female residents within the institution. The program covers trauma responses, ways to cope, anger management, healthy relationships, and identifying crisis. The program connects residents with a clinician inside the facility, and referrals to services outside the facility.



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