

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

Salute to Service

On October 27, 2023, Juvenile Field officers as well as our Honor Guard participated in the Bradshaw Christian School *Salute to Service* event held before the Varsity football game.



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Multi-Jurisdiction Collaboration



Drug K-9 Detection Training

On October 20, 2023, Sacramento County Probation Department participated in a Drug K-9 Detection training, hosted by Yuba County Probation at the Tri-County Youth Development Center. Several surrounding counties also attended this training which included: Placer County Sheriff's Office, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Sutter County Sheriff's Office, Citrus Heights Police Department and Folsom Police Department. During this training, departments were able to bring in their K-9's through a unoccupied facility to provide proper training in detecting drug paraphernalia in a detention facility.



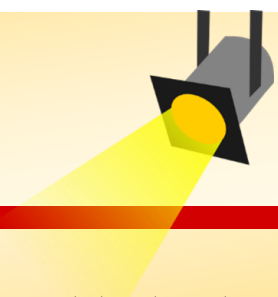
All Hands-City of Rancho Cordova

On October 31, 2023, Adult Field Services officers participated in the Rancho Cordova "All Hands" meeting at city hall. The Rancho Cordova all-hands meeting, sometimes referred to a town hall, is a regular, company-wide gathering where all employees, including contract employees gather to eat together and discuss any new announcements within the company. The event also acknowledge any award winners for the "striving for excellence award."





Staff Spotlight



Probation Mission Statement

“The Sacramento County Probation Department provides clients with the assessment, treatment, supervision and support necessary to prevent re-offending, resulting in a safer community. Our highly skilled, multi-disciplinary workforce uses innovative strategies to support positive change. Our success is a direct result of hard work and dedication.”

Deputy Probation Officer Camacho

On October 25, 2023, DPO Alena Camacho was awarded the Sacramento Region Institution Line Staff of The Year. The Sacramento Region consists of Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, San Joaquin, El Dorado and Placer County. DPO Camacho was presented the award at the annual California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA) Conference in Pismo Beach, California. Congratulations to DPO Camacho on the amazing accomplishment!



Deputy Probation Officer Horton

On October 24, 2023, Deputy Probation Officer Heather Horton represented the department at the CAPIA Conference, presenting the Multi-Sensory De-escalation Room (MSDR) as a valuable resource to help youth develop coping skills to regulate their behavior while at the Youth Detention Facility. The MSDR is a therapeutic space which can provide meaningful learning experiences. The concept comes from a blending of three distinct disciplines: applied brain research, child development, and occupational therapy. DPO Horton’s passion for the MSDR has made her a admired resource as she has assisted numerous probation departments throughout the state with the effective and efficient implementation of a MSDR in their organization.





Probation in the News

Serving Those Who Have Served: Veterans' Treatment Court provides supports in lieu of incarceration



Senior Deputy Probation Officer Kevin Cadena works with veterans to get treatment and support for veterans facing criminal charges. Photo by Anne Stokes

“The most common [struggle] for vets is PTSD [and] TBIs, which are traumatic brain injuries, just from service. That can turn into addictions, can turn into anger issues, and those can turn into other criminal activities if it goes far enough,” says Kevin Cadena, senior deputy probation officer with Sacramento County. “Approximately 90% of the veterans in Veterans’ Treatment Court are combat veterans from mainly the First Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Many have experienced gruesome events.”

Please click the [link](#) for the full story.



FEATURE STORY

Probation Seeks To Eliminate Barriers For The Unhoused, Formerly Incarcerated

INSIDE OUT: A LOOK AT MASS INCARCERATION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE BLACK COMMUNITY

by **GENOA BARROW**
October 11, 2023



Marlon Yarber serves as chief of the Sacramento County Probation Department. Yarber looks to purchase five mobile units with state grant money received in May. Courtesy of Russell Stiger Jr., OBSERVER

Chief Yarber and other county officials recently announced receipt of grant money allowing them to purchase five mobile outreach vehicles of their own. The vehicles will aid the department in helping locals on probation overcome barriers that impact their ability to make mandated appointments and access other services. Please click the [link](#) for the full story.

We are proud to announce that this past month, one of our department vehicles was wrapped with the department logo and the QR code that goes to our hiring page! The vehicle is a traveling billboard highlighting our department and advertising we are currently hiring. Like many agencies, the probation department is faced with recruitment and hiring challenges. This The vehicle will travel throughout the county with officers during community supervision. In October, the vehicle was used for the Bradshaw Christian Salute to Service Night as well as the College Glen Trunk or Treat event!





Celebrating Success

Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Graduation

On October 19, 2023, the Central Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) celebrated the graduation of five clients. Family, friends, and staff all joined in celebrating each of their accomplishments in this program. ADRC 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.



Salvation Army Program



Officers from Adult Community Corrections and Adult Field Services had the honor of attending a client's successful completion of a 6-month program at Salvation Army in Stockton, California. The client's success is a testament to his hard work and effort. Upon release from state prison, the client reported to probation and was seen by an officer in the Screening, Intake, and Assessment (SIA) Unit. He expressed a need for assistance, especially regarding housing. The officer referred the client to our homeless liaison officers who were able to place the client in a temporary shelter and eventually at the Salvation Army program in Stockton. He was successfully discharged from probation supervision and will continue to receive support and services from the Salvation Army post-graduation.



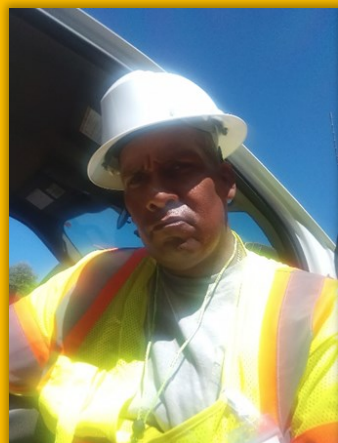
Celebrating Success

Northern California Construction Training, Inc, Sacramento County Office of Education and Probation Break the Cycle of Recidivism

Northern California Construction Training, Inc. (NCCT) is a no cost building trade's pre-apprenticeship program available to probation clients with a desire to learn, grow, and succeed, all while remaining drug free. The 3-6 month training commitment offers participants a chance to complete basic education requirements and learn skills in a variety of trades including, but not limited to welding, carpentry, cement work, electrical, plumbing, painting, landscaping, and forklift operation. Working closely with 22 local labor unions, the program has assisted thousands of clients in obtaining employment. Upon graduation, all the client's union initiation fees (\$500) are paid for and they are provided the tools required for their chosen field. The Probation Department entered into a partnership with NCCT and SCOE to provide vocational and educational services for clients on probation, post-release community supervision, and mandatory supervision. Clients instead have the opportunity to earn their GED or HISET Diploma.



NCCT Graduation



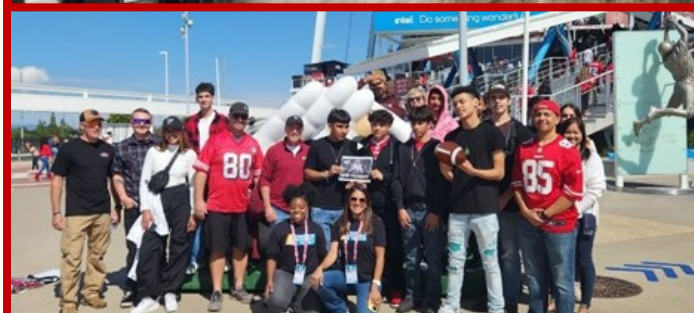
Two NCCT clients graduated and joined the Local Labor Union 185. The clients were hired for full-time employment by WBE Traffic Control and American Traffic Control. Both clients enjoy their work and great pay!



Celebrating Success

Sheriff's Youth Diversion Program Graduation

On October 28, 2023, Chief Deputy Casebeer, along with Deputy Probation Officer Burns participated in the Sheriff's Youth Diversion Program's graduation event held at the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs Association headquarters. This was the culmination of an 8-week program whose mission is to intervene and redirect the lives of at-risk youth ages 12 to 17. By offering educational workshops, skill building activities, and personalized support through mentorship; the program strives to empower youth to take responsibility for their actions and to make the positive life changes necessary to succeed as productive citizens in the community. With the collaboration of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Sacramento Police Department, Twin Rivers Police Department, and Sacramento County Probation Department, thirteen youth successfully graduated from the program. The mentors also participated in activities such as taking youth to a 49ers game and a hike to Hidden Falls, in Auburn, Ca.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Schools in Session

Juvenile Field and Placement Officers distributed backpacks full of school supplies to support young clients returning to school.



Run with the Cops 5K

On October 7, 2023, some of our officers participated in the Run with the Cops 5K! This 5K run/walk starts in Old Sacramento, features a course along the Sacramento River and benefits the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento and the Sacramento Police K-9 Association.



Racial Equity Summit

On October 18 and 19, sworn and non-sworn staff participated in the First annual Racial Equity Summit held at California State University, Sacramento – University Union. Our community came together to recognize the change we, as Sacramento County, are working toward while continuing to strive for alignment and collaboration to eliminate disparities in our beloved communities.



Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

First Responders Relay

On October 14, 2023, officers participated in the First Responders Relay in Henderson, Nevada. The relay competition is comprised of first responder personnel worldwide and is hosted by the California Police Athletic Federation. This nine person relay is 50 miles.



Crossing with an Officer



On October 25, 2023, officers from the Adult Field and Juvenile Field Division assisted with Sequoia Elementary School's Crossing Guard/Breakfast with an Officer event. Officers provided safe crossings for students to get to class, as well as interacted with the youth, their parents, and teachers. Noah's Bagels donated bagels for this event for all students and parents.



Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Pro-social Events

On October 10, 2023, Recovery Treatment Court clients joined WellSpace Health and probation staff in a pro-social event at Oki Park for lunch and a friendly competition in its annual kickball game. On October 31, 2023, the Central Adult Day Reporting Center held its October pro-social event at the pumpkin patch. These events celebrate the clients' hard work and dedication to making positive lifestyle changes and strengthening the partnership between clients, service providers, and probation.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

2023 Employee Giving Campaign

Every year, the Probation Department participates in the Sacramento County Employee Giving Campaign. This year, we raised over \$6000 for the following charities: Sacramento SPCA, Marayah Cares Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, City of Refuge Sacramento, Make-A-Wish America, & My Sister's House!



Giving Together, Building a Brighter Future
2023 Employee Giving Campaign



Employee Giving Campaign

5k Run/Walk

On October 27, several of our sworn and non-sworn staff participated in the Sacramento County Employee Giving Campaign 5k which supports many local and national charities!

Safe & Sweet Trunk or Treat

On October 31, 2023, Juvenile Field officers along with our department K-9, Ace, participated in the Neighbors of College Glen Trunk or Treat! Over 300 children came out to enjoy the event.





Keeping Our Community Safe



October 12, 2023

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS FAMILY VIOLENCE SWEEP

Sacramento, CA – On October 11, 2023, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Sacramento County Probation Department conducted a county-wide probation compliance sweep with the assistance of the Sacramento Police Department Family Abuse Unit and the Sacramento Sheriff’s Office Homeless Outreach Team. The focus of the sweep was to contact clients on probation for domestic violence related offenses to ensure their compliance with court ordered conditions. In addition, officers conducted searches, served warrants, and arrested individuals who were in violation of their probation status. Officers provided victims with a Domestic Violence 24-hour Crisis/Resource card, referral material from the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office Domestic Violence Victim Witness Program, and personal safety plan cards from the Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center. Evidence seized during this sweep included, five handguns, two rifles, approximately 200 rounds of ammunition, approximately 3.2 pounds of marijuana, 22.6 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, 265 grams of concentrated cannabis, and \$1370 in cash. The following is a list of the results from the sweep:

Probation Clients Contacted:	55
Probation Searches Conducted:	55
Home Visits Attempted:	82
Violations of Probation filed:	40
CPS Referrals:	3
Warrant Arrest:	6
Fresh Crimes:	5
Violation Of Probation Arrest:	3
Total Arrests:	14





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 4

October 12, 2023

Investigation & Supervision Unit

6200 Block of Burich Ave, Citrus Heights

On October 12, 2023, officers investigated and confirmed an individual was residing at an address that he had not reported. A search of the residence revealed approximately 1500 grams of cannabis, approximately 406 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and \$1023. The individual was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail.



DISTRICT 5

October 4, 2023

Rancho Cordova Probation Partnership

10000 Block of Freeman Rd, Wilton

On October 4, 2023, officers from the Rancho Cordova Community Partnership were parked when they observed an individual under supervision, walking nearby. They contacted the individual, conducted a probation search of his person and located \$286 in cash, two cellular phones, a digital scale and multiple small baggies containing approximately 30 grams of white powdery substance in his waistband. The individual indicated the substance was fentanyl. Subsequently, he was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail.



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



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

NCCT: Holiday Decorations



The residents have been working on painting the holiday decorations for the Christmas Season.



Culinary: Minestrone Soup and Cornbread



The youth enrolled in the culinary program learned how to stay warm for the winter by making hot minestrone soup with cornbread muffins on the side.



Culinary: Apple Pies

In order to make apple pies, the residents also had to learn how to make dough and pie filling from scratch!





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

SCOE Graduation

SCOE held a graduation ceremony for the youth who received their High School diplomas. Family members attended and showed their support for their graduates. Congratulation!



Halloween Haunted Halls

YDF Youth from various units utilized their art skills to create the Haunted Halls art gallery in the gym. Each unit walked through and experienced the art exhibit on Halloween! They chose different Halloween characters and themes to showcase.



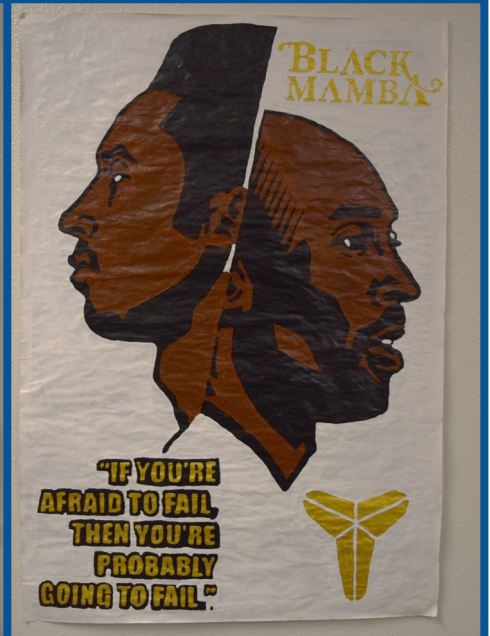


Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Leadership Poster Contest

Youth were invited to draw their representation of leadership and provide a paragraph about what leadership meant to them. Many chose famous leaders and wrote about their leadership qualities.

A leader is a child, parent, a person of all races, religions, and ages. A leader is humble, independent, caring, determined, and resilient. A leader also highlights the abilities of others. Leaders takes their story and makes history. There is a leader in all of us!



Pumpkin Contests

For Halloween, each unit entered the Pumpkin Decorating contest and picked any Halloween theme to paint on the pumpkins! The challenge was to not use PROPS!- Everything had to be painted and hand made!





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Guest Speakers

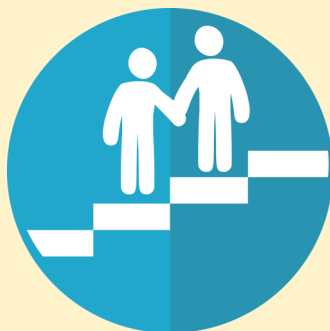
DPO Kirkland oversees the Mentor Program at YDF. Recently, he brought Judge Satnam Rattu and Attorney Ruby Bitzer to bridge the gap between the court and the youth by sharing personal life challenges and how they overcame them.

Judge Satnam Rattu holds the distinction of being the first person in his family to be born in the USA. Both of his parents were migrant farm workers. Throughout his journey, he received significant help and support from various individuals, emphasizing the importance of learning from those who come into our lives. He shared the saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."

As a former Deputy District Attorney, Judge Rattu provided his perspective on the responsibility of the system to fulfill its duties. He also discussed his conscious effort as a judge to acknowledge everyone in the courtroom, ensuring they feel a sense of ownership. Additionally, he emphasized that it is never too late to discover one's purpose or change the direction of one's life.

Attorney Ruby Bitzer's personal story of overcoming adversity resonates with the residents, as she herself has experienced being in the foster care system. She earned her Juris Doctor with distinction from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and is recognized for her accomplishments as a Super Lawyers Rising Star. Ruby's journey has inspired many, and she aims to make a positive impact in the world by showing others they can achieve their goals.

Both guest speakers have faced numerous obstacles in their respective journeys to become who they are today. They aim to inspire the residents by showing them that they too can achieve great things, despite the challenges life presents.





Probation's October 2023 Community Partners



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