

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

California Probation Connection

[California Probation Connection](#) is a podcast hosted by the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). Following the premiere of *Jetro's Journey*, a documentary about a young man on probation and in foster care in Sacramento County, the California Probation Connection hosted a panel interview. Providing both accountability and support to juveniles on probation is a balancing act. Watch Sacramento County Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber talk about how he handles this balance.

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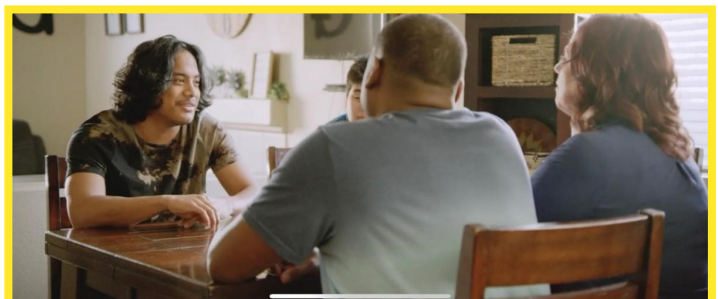
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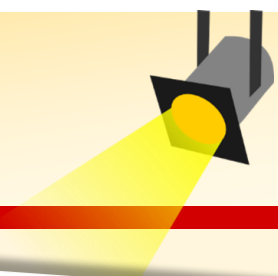
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Multi-Jurisdiction Collaboration



Saturation Saturday

On August 29, 2023, in collaboration with Saturation Saturday, the Sacramento County Probation Department OTS/DUI unit conducted a DUI Warrant Sweep this past weekend in Sacramento County. This was the second warrant sweep for the fiscal year funded through a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). Officers contacted several individuals and conducted multiple probation searches, resulting in two arrests.

The Sacramento County Probation Department supports the mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD California). Saturation Saturday is held the weekend before Labor Day weekend, during one of the busiest and deadliest times on our roads. Every 90 seconds, a person is injured in a drunk driving crash. Bonnie, a representative from MADD whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, participated in a ride along with two of our officers from the DUI unit. Afterwards, she forwarded the following letter to the program specialist, Lori Bergenstock from MADD.

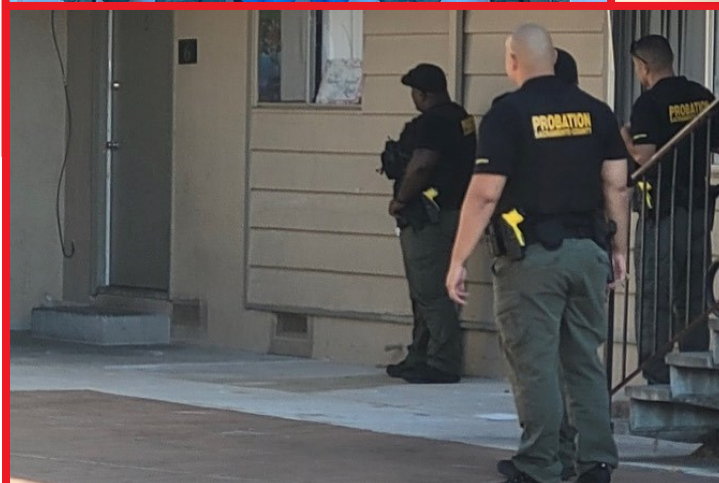
On August 26, 2023, I had the pleasure to spend Saturation Saturday with the Sacramento Probation Team.

I wasn't sure what to expect because I knew very little about their workload and mission. The team was welcoming, warm, very interested in MADD's mission, and appreciated the information regarding MADD and her journey in honor of Irene provided by Rhonda at the briefing. They shared with me how they strive to make their mission – supporting positive change – with those with whom they work. Throughout the day, they shared how and why they chose this specific career. They explained their workload and how it has changed over the past few years. They have a unique understanding of the challenges for individuals who have become involved in the justice system while still holding them accountable for their decisions and choices. They see and experience the impact of those decisions on victims.

This was the first ride-along where we were at people's homes instead of on a roadway. We spent the day looking for those on probation who failed to comply with their probation orders associated with DUI's, often coupled with other crimes associated with their decision to drive impaired. The team completed two arrests and made contact with family/friends or found additional information on several others. I learned they wear multiple "hats", including social workers, compliance, law enforcement, and educators because they are committed to develop a positive working relationship with those who wish to make changes in their lives as well as families of those on probation. With the two arrests, they were respectful, professional, and calm, holding them accountable but maintaining their dignity. When speaking with friends/family members, their commitment to their mission is shown through. In a number of our stops, we encountered children who could become frightened with a number of individuals wearing protective gear coming up or into their home. Their approach de-escalated the situation to minimize the disruption or fear.

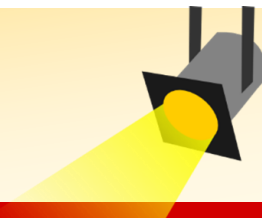
I shared my daughter Jessica's journey and how an impaired driver changed the trajectory of her life and our lives. I shared MADD's mission and the services we offer victims as well as the programs we either sponsor or partner with other groups.

*Sincerely,
Bonnie*



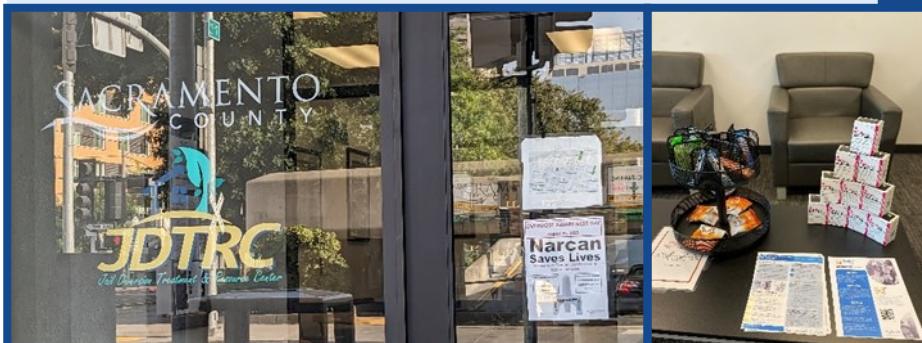


Multi-Jurisdiction Collaboration



Sacramento County Fentanyl Awareness and Action Summit 2023

On August 17, 2023, officers from the Adult Community Corrections (ACC) Division, along with a Recovery Court counselor from WellSpace, attended the Sacramento County Fentanyl Awareness and Action Summit 2023. The event was organized by the Sacramento County Department of Health Services. It brought together community members, law enforcement, health services, and providers to educate and discover strategies to fight the fentanyl crisis. Assistant Chief Deputy Chew represented the Probation Department on the law enforcement panel to discuss the trends that our officers are seeing with our clientele. The networking and presentations were the highlight of the summit.



National Fentanyl Awareness Day

On August 31, 2023, the Sacramento County Probation Department partnered with the Department of Health Services to bring awareness to National Fentanyl Awareness Day. Narcan and educational flyers were dispersed at the Jail Diversion Treatment Resource Center (JDTRC) and the Sacramento County Recovery Treatment Center (RTC). Clients from the Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Central also participated. Officers reviewed the dangers of opioid use and instructed individuals on how to properly utilize Narcan to prevent overdose in our community. Collaborations like this help educate and discover strategies to fight the fentanyl crisis.



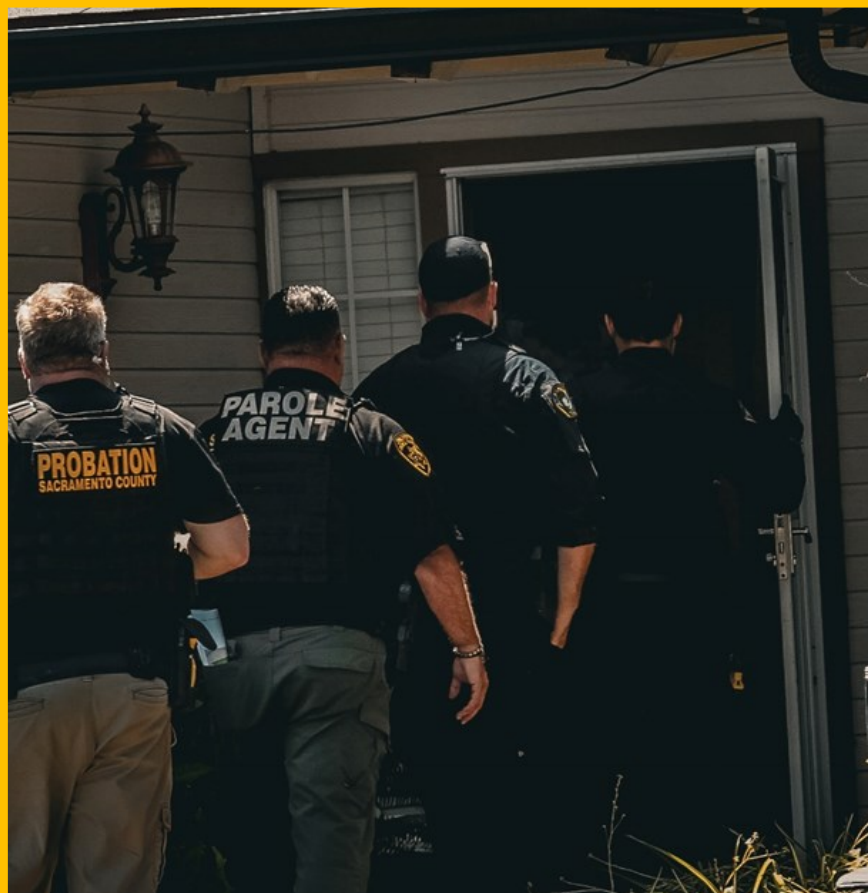


Multi-Jurisdiction Collaboration

Compliance Operation

On August 29, 2023, the Sacramento County Probation Department, California Department of Corrections, and the Elk Grove Special Investigations Unit, teamed up for a compliance operation, surprising over 20 individuals on probation or parole.

Only a few minor violations were found; however, these operations are about collaboration with other agencies, monitoring client compliance, deterrence, maintaining accountability, and fostering a safe community for everyone.



Criminal Justice Youth Shadow Day

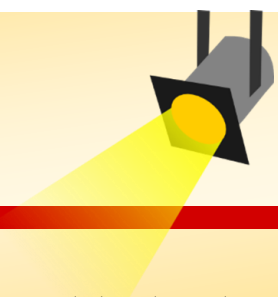
On August 3, 2023, Probation was invited to participate in Criminal Justice Youth Shadow Day hosted by the District Attorney's office. Our officers mentored high school youth, gave them a tour of our Adult Court Services office, and gave a short presentation explaining what it's like to be a probation officer!



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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 Espitia

DPO Espitia received a commendation letter accompanied with a department challenge coin from Chief Yarber for having the vision and knowledge to create the new court reports relative to SB 823. Additionally, she completed 27 of the 33 court reports on the youth returning from the Department of Juvenile Justice. DPO Espitia showed initiative, adaptability, a positive attitude, and strong work ethic.

Congratulations DPO Espitia, we appreciate your hard work!



Deputy Probation Officer Moreno

DPO Moreno has been assigned to the Screening Intake Assessment (SIA) unit since its implementation in 2017. She goes above and beyond when conducting her interviews to assist the needs of clients and to obtain pertinent information, which assists field officers when they are conducting home or field visits. In addition to the thorough intake interviews, she trains new officers in the unit. We appreciate the great work that DPO Moreno continuously does for the department!



Probation in the News

Mobile Outreach

At a press conference on August 17, 2023, Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber announced the Sacramento County Probation Department was awarded grant funding to purchase mobile outreach vehicles. He was joined by Supervisor Phil Serna-District 1, Deputy County Executive Chevon Kothari of Social Services, Assistant Chief Deputy Robyn Howland, Assistant Chief Deputy Dave Linden, and Public Information Officer Elise Vondrak to discuss how the outreach vehicles will provide services to youthful offenders, the unhoused and those in rural populations.

Probation is working on breaking down barriers for people in our communities, helping them to succeed while also enhancing public safety. This will be done with the support and collaboration of our community partners. We are appreciative of Placer County Probation for allowing us to use their van for tours after the press conference, as their outreach vehicle has been operating with great success since October 2021.



Unhoused and on probation: Learn how the Sacramento County Probation Department works with this vulnerable population



Erin Burton, Deputy Probation Officer, is helping increase the department's outreach to unhoused individuals. Photo by Anne Stokes

"I just feel compelled to help these folks get back on their feet. I can feel the energy from some probationers who want to improve—and have the potential to improve—their lives. They just need the support to get there." -Erin Burton, Deputy Probation Officer

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



Celebrating Success

Sacramento County Recovery Treatment Center

On August 22, 2023, the Sacramento County Recovery Treatment Center celebrated a client who graduated from the WellSpace program by attending all classes, participating in pro-social activities, and remaining drug and alcohol free. Congratulations on a job well done!

CONGRATULATIONS graduates



ACC's Collaborative Court Pro-social

On August 3, 2023, Recovery Treatment Court clients, WellSpace Health staff, and probation staff joined together for a pro-social movie event at the Sacramento County Recovery Treatment Center. The event celebrated the clients' hard work and dedication to making positive lifestyle changes, and strengthened the partnership between clients, service providers, and probation. Assistant Chief Probation Officer Marquez also gave the clients some inspiring words of encouragement.



Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact



National Night Out

On August 1, 2023, our officers had fun participating in several National Night Out celebrations within the community! National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring law enforcement and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



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First Step Communities Outreach




Sacramento County Probation officers visit the First Step Communities North A Street Campus every first and third Thursday from 10 AM –12 PM. This program provides interim housing and services to the most vulnerable of the unhoused population. The First Step program then prepares them for permanent housing and connects them to services. This partnership helps break down barriers in our community.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Our Adult Field Services division remains open until 7 PM on the third Wednesday of every month for those who need to report after work. The monthly orientation gives clients further opportunities to remain in compliance and seek services, if needed.




Are you working late?


After-Hours

MONTHLY

ORIENTATION



*check
in*



3rd Wednesday of the month

5pm-7pm

Services Available:

- Request copy of Minute Orders
- Review Probation, PRCS, and Mandatory Supervision Conditions
- Provide list of providers for BTP, Parenting, Counseling, etc.
- Request list of County resources
- Submit documents
- Ask questions

Sacramento County Probation- Adult Field Services
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Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 1

August 8, 2023

DJJ/VOYA Re-entry & Juvenile Sex Offender Units

4000 Block of 23rd Ave, Sacramento

On August 1, 2023, Juvenile Field officers conducted a compliance check of a juvenile under supervision. A search of the juvenile revealed a loaded .9mm semi-automatic handgun with two high-capacity magazines in his waistband. The juvenile individual was taken into custody and booked at the Youth Detention Facility for Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition.



DISTRICT 4

August 8, 2023

DJJ/VOYA Re-entry & Juvenile Sex Offender Units

7700 Block of Sayonara Dr, Citrus Heights

On August 8, 2023, Juvenile Field officers conducted a compliance check of a juvenile under supervision. A search of the residence revealed a loaded .9mm semi-automatic handgun. The juvenile individual was taken into custody and booked at the Youth Detention Facility for Altering a Firearm, as well as Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition.



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



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

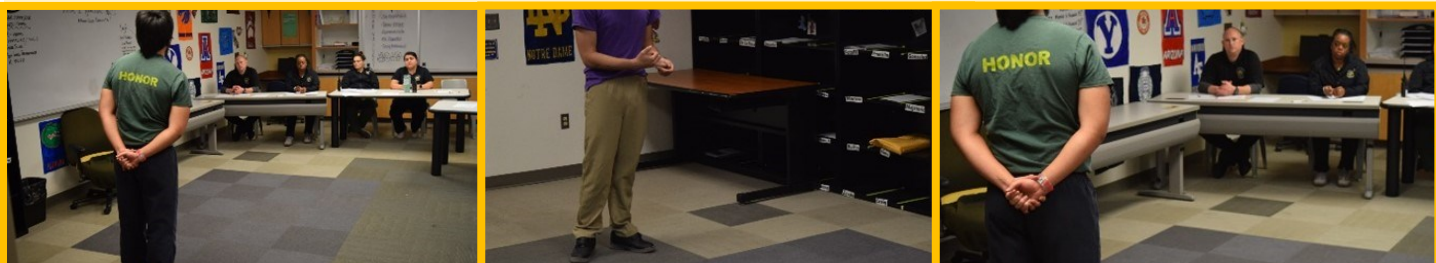
Chaplaincy Baptisms

This month, the Chaplaincy at YDF hosted baptisms for the youth that chose to be baptized with Chaplain Tara and Chaplain Caleb. The baptisms were held at the Youth Detention Facility pool.



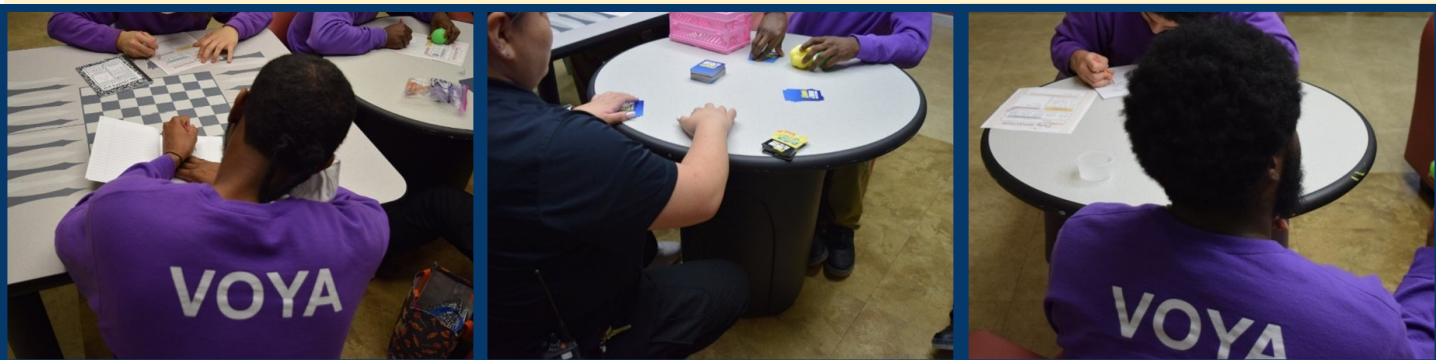
Mentor Program Completion

Youth participating in the mentor program completed a detailed curriculum focusing on leadership and personal development, with the goal of providing support to their peers as a mentor. Youth presented their mentor creed and shared their life story to explain why they want to be a mentor in front of their peers and staff.



Mindful Moments with MS DR

MSDR (Multi-Sensory De-Escalation Room) Mindful Moments is a group support program for youth who need additional support from staff and peers. Mindful Moments was designed to give the youth an opportunity to understand their emotions, share, and find ways to be interactive and mindful. The concepts derived from the MS DR such as identifying their emotional scale, use of sensory items, communication and various prosocial activities help the youth regulate their emotions, assist with positive interactions, and improve their decision making.



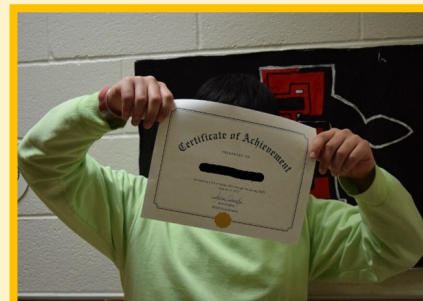


Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

SOAR Dean's List Celebration



SOAR College program celebrated this semester with the youth that earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in classes such as Sociology, Psychology, Spanish, College Success, and more. The youth made the Dean's List, which is a fantastic accomplishment!



SCOE Learning Circle

VOYA youth participated in the 'Listening Circle Program', led by Sacramento Office of Education (SCOE) staff and SCOE administration. SCOE and the youth openly discussed the impact of gun violence on youth in the community and its causes and effects for the younger generations. They discussed their views of possible solutions in ending gun violence, and the impact it would have on improving the community.



Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) Beach/Lifeguard Chairs & Halloween

Northern California Construction Training

Youth participating in Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) have been working on building lifeguard chairs along with transitioning into our Halloween decorations. Annually, NCCT spends September and October working on Halloween décor that is painted to make the holiday more festive.





Probation's April 2023 Community Partners



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