

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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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Positive Active Re-Entry Supervision

A youth who was committed to the Sacramento County Secure Youth Treatment Facility, Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA) in April 2023, has made significant accomplishments worthy of recognition. While participating in the VOYA program, he completed the less restrictive program of Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp, obtaining all National Wildfire Coordinating Group certifications. He also obtained his Associates of Arts Degree in Social Sciences through Lake Tahoe Community College with a final GPA of 3.76. In April 2024, he was released to VOYA re-entry services and community supervision. He obtained employment as a firefighter with U.S. Forestry Fire Services and began working full-time immediately upon his return to his community. This youth has also successfully obtained his California Driver's License, opened his first bank account and saved his own money to purchase his first vehicle.





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.”

2023-2024 Promotion & Award Ceremony

On November 13, 2024, the department held the first Promotion and Award Ceremony since prior to the covid pandemic. All of the probation divisions came together, along with friends and family, to celebrate the achievements of staff who promoted within the past year. Recognition plaques were awarded to staff who were nominated by their peers. After the ceremony, staff, family, and friends mingled in the lobby while enjoying light refreshments. We look forward to next year's ceremony!



Left to right: Shelly Cortez, Catalyst - AP; Nicole Norman, Juggler - AP; Rocio Kelly, Willow - AP; Travis Langdon, Eagle Eye - YDF; Isabel Herrera, Monarch - YDF; Mitchell Gums, Pathfinder - YDF; not shown, Darrell Staley, Optimist - YDF.



Left to right: Heather Horton, Catalyst - Non YDF; Mai Yang, Eagle Eye- Non YDF; Monica Pato, Master Mind - Non YDF; Kristin Lara, Monarch - Non YDF; Anna Feeley, Pathfinder - Non YDF.





Celebrating Success

Veterans Treatment Court Graduates

On November 15, 2024, two clients graduated from the Sacramento County Veteran's Treatment Court. During the twelve month program, clients participate in classes and treatment that focus on mental health, reducing recidivism, improving public safety and drug/alcohol testing.



Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Graduation

On November 21, 2024, the North Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) celebrated the graduation of nine clients. The ADRC program provides a wide range of services to clients which include a combination of cognitive behavioral treatment interventions, substance misuse treatment, self-help courses, educational programming, connections 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.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Probation Outreach Vehicle

Community Outreach vehicles remove barriers for justice-involved people in Sacramento County, particularly those with transportation difficulties. The mobile units allow our officers to bring support and resources directly to the community to better serve our clients and those in need. On November 7, 2024, our officers were at First Step Communities connecting with individuals, offering support, information on community resources and answering questions.



Special Olympics

Probation had the honor of placing medals on athletes who participated in the Special Olympics Northern California 2024 Fall Games. Held on November 12, 2024, at UC Davis, the athletes hard work and sportsmanship was inspiring. Congratulations to all participants!





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Community Service Day

On November 18, 2024, clients from the Adult Day Reporting Centers (North, South, and Central), the Accountability, Collaboration, and Treatment Program (ACT), and Re-entry and Recovery Courts, participated in a community service day at William B. Pond Park. The day included a successful park clean-up and then all clients enjoyed food, refreshments, and the opportunity to relax and engage with probation officers, case managers, and peers.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 3

November 5, 2024

PRCS South

5200 Block of Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento

On November 5, 2024, two individuals were contacted, and a probation search was conducted. During the search, officers located a .40 caliber handgun. Additionally, one of the individuals admitted to being in possession of methamphetamine. Both individuals were subsequently transported and booked in 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

Culinary Arts Program

During the week of November 4, 2024 - November 8, 2024, residents from housing unit 11 used new skills to make gumbo. To accompany their gumbo, residents made cornbread muffins and rice. Pictured below you can see the residents mixing their individual gumbo recipes, preparing ingredients, and measuring cornmeal for their cornbread muffins. All other units made French onion soup for the first time. During the week of November 18, 2024 – November 22, 2024, residents from housing unit 11 used new skills to make stuffed chicken breast and rice pilaf with collard greens. All other units made Risotto for the first time. These residents said the risotto tasted like mac n' cheese with rice and they would make it again.



2024 Presidential General Election



For the 2024 Presidential General Election, Programming Unit staff created a voting experience for residents which included a private polling area, mock voting booths, and ballot boxes. Residents were provided with pamphlets and necessary voting information to review prior to completing their ballots. After casting their ballots, residents were also given the opportunity to retain "I Voted" stickers. The overall goal of this voting experience was to create an environment more likely to generate enthusiasm amongst our residents and to encourage them to vote again in the future.





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Leadership Education and Athletic Program (LEAP)

Intro to Pickleball

As pickleball has become an increasingly popular sport, Youth Advocate, B. Collins and LEAP staff have chosen a group of residents who continue to show good leadership to teach the fundamentals of pickleball. The residents are excited to teach what they have learned to the other residents.



Kickball Tournament

Youth Advocate, B. Collins, and LEAP staff are facilitating a kickball tournament in the North Field with all units in the Youth Detention Facility. This tournament started with housing unit 6 and the YDF Mentors vs. housing unit 14. Housing unit 6 took the win, 14-3.



Beginning Drums and Guitar

Residents are also learning how to play drums and guitar. Instructor Chris is pictured below with the residents guiding them on how to play beginning techniques.





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Juvenile Justice Chaplaincy (JJC)

The Juvenile Justice Chaplaincy (JJC) program conducts baptisms at the Youth Detention Facility every month. Chaplain Tara, with the JJC, guided the residents through the process. After being baptized, the residents received baptismal certificates.



Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU)

For the month of November, the Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU), provided services to Sacramento Parks and Recreation, Department of General Services, and to the Bureau of Land Management. YCOU work crews also worked on the horticulture project in YDF. They pulled weeds and prepped the ground for the plants.





Probation's November 2024 Community Partners



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