

Probation News

Supporting Positive Change



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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

In Memoriam

On March 13, 2024, we held a Memorial Wall Dedication Ceremony to honor those officers who passed away while in service to our department. Family members of the fallen officers were invited to view the wall and join in the dedication. We not only honored their memory but celebrated the camaraderie and compassion that binds us together as a law enforcement family. The Memorial Wall is located at 8745 Folsom Blvd.

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Probation in the News

What's to Come for the Sacramento County Probation Department: Expanding supportive services to help client re-entry



See how the Sacramento County Probation Department and its community partners are setting clients up for success and getting them connected to the resources they need.

Click the [link](#) for the full story.

Robyn Howland, Assistant Chief Deputy over the Adult Community Corrections Division, has served with the Sacramento County Probation Department for 23 years. Photo by Anne Stokes

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Sacramento County Probation Department welcomes 25 new officers

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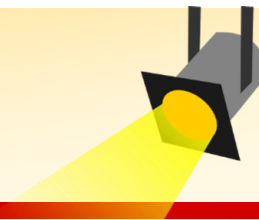
The nine-week paid Juvenile Correctional Officer (JCO) Academy consists of classes that cover several topics such as crisis communication, de-escalation, use of force, professionalism, ethics, cultural diversity, ethnic disparity, gender identity, trauma, and Title 15. Candidates also complete intense physical training and scenario-based training.

Click the [link](#) for the full story.





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.”

Teacher Librarian/Media Instructor Jessie Storrs

Congratulations to our Youth Detention Facility (YDF) librarian Ms. Jessie Storrs! Ms. Storrs has been recognized nationally, as one of three School Librarian of the Year recipients! This is an annual award presented by School Library Journal and sponsored by Scholastic. The School Librarian of the Year Award honors a K-12 library professional for exemplary service to students, creativity, outreach, and use of technology tools, along with outstanding teacher collaboration and student engagement. Ms. Storrs has worked to elevate the library at YDF by procuring different genres, engaging students one-on-one in her literary incentive program, and supporting their social-emotional learning. To read more about Ms. Storrs and her accomplishments, click here: [Jessie Storrs: Serving “Just Kids” | 2024 School Librarian of the Year Finalist | School Library Journal \(slj.com\)](#)



Jessie Storrs, Teacher Librarian/Media Instructor,
El Centro Jr. and Sr. High School, Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility
Photos by Renée C. Byer



County Conversations Podcast

Sacramento County has started a podcast series called “County Conversations.” Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber was the first guest in the series where he talks about the Probation Department, the myths vs. reality, the department's focus on rehabilitation, and shares an inspiring story about how he stays motivated in spite of challenges. Click here to listen:

[County Conversations: Sacramento County Podcasts](#)



Celebrating Success

Collaborative Court Graduation

On March 22, 2024, the Adult Community Corrections (ACC) Collaborative Court Unit celebrated several client graduations from DUI Treatment Court. In DUI Treatment Court, clients receive services, including substance misuse treatment, educational programming, self-help education, and connections to housing and vocational assistance. They also receive family support services, participate in pro-social activities, and pay victim restitution through the Community Outreach program. The graduates successfully completed their program through perseverance and hard work.



Adult Day Reporting Center Graduates

On March 22, 2024, five clients graduated from our South Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC). One graduate has even already obtained full-time employment as a welder. ADRC programs are designed to address the individual needs of participants through the utilization of intensive on-site therapeutic interventions.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

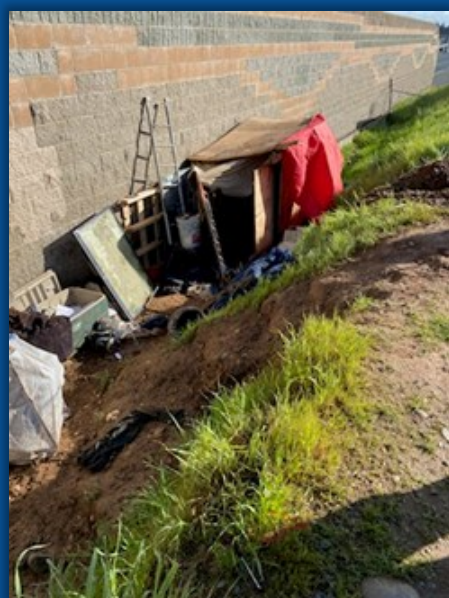
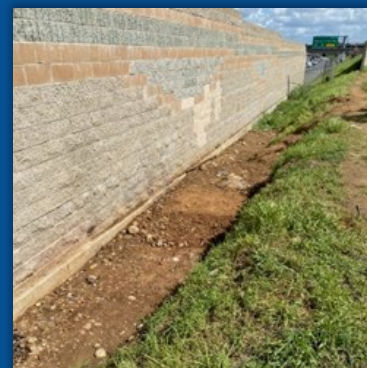
Recovery Court Pro-Social Event

On March 26, 2024, The Sacramento County Recovery Treatment Center clients joined WellSpace Health and Probation staff in a pro-social event at Country Club Bowling Alley for lunch and friendly competition. The event celebrated the clients' hard work and dedication to making positive lifestyle changes and strengthened the partnership between clients, service providers, and Probation.



Community Outreach Unit Clean Up

On March 28, 2024, the officers and clients from the Community Outreach Unit (COU) worked with the officers assigned to the Rancho Cordova Probation Partnership to assist the City of Rancho Cordova Code Enforcement and the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) with community clean up. Participants cleaned and removed a large amount of debris from the canal located at Mather Heritage Trail.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Tim Brown Mentor Minicamp

On March 12, 2024, former NFL player, Tim Brown hosted a football mentor minicamp for at-risk youth ages 7-12 years old. This event was held in partnership with the Sacramento Sheriff's Office (SSO) and Sheriff's Activities League (SAL), including our officers who volunteered as mentors. Through team activities and football, our officers inspired values of responsibility, respect, honesty, kindness, perseverance and courage. An emphasis was placed on zero tolerance for bullying and an appropriate treatment of others.



Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers Fundraiser

On March 23, 2024, Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers (SVCS) hosted its largest fundraiser event to celebrate and support the work that goes into making our cities safe. For over 30 years, SVCS has partnered with members of the community in assisting local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime. This event was held at the Citrus Heights Community Center and was attended by community leaders, public officials, public servants, and residents of Sacramento for a fun filled night that include raffles, prizes, and plenty of crab. Sacramento County Probation Officers attended in support of the SVCS mission.





Keeping Our Community Safe

Gang Suppression Unit (GSU)

On March 20, 2024, a probation officer assigned to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Gang Suppression Unit obtained information an individual under supervision was in possession of several firearms and was a supplier of counterfeit Fentanyl pills. Through further investigation, probable cause was obtained for a two-location search warrant. The following agencies collaborated to serve this two-location residential search warrant; Sacramento County Probation Department, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Gang Suppression Unit, Rancho Cordova Police Department Crime Suppression Unit, Woodland Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, Yolo County Probation Department and members of the Yolo County Regional SWAT Team. During the search, officers located two Glock firearms installed with a "Glock Switch" conversion (converting them the firearm to a fully automatic capacity), large quantities of counterfeit Fentanyl pills, a high-capacity magazine, gang indicia, and US currency. The drugs discovered were easily accessible to children living at one of the premises, prompting the involvement of Yolo County Child Protective Services. Two individuals were arrested for various firearm related charges, narcotics sales, and child endangerment. Both individuals were booked at the Yolo County Detention Center.



Jurisdictional Collaboration



Officers received information an individual on formal probation in Placer County, pending a jurisdictional transfer to Sacramento, was in possession of a firearm. This individual was also the subject of a criminal protective order and was not allowed to possess firearms or ammunition by law. Through further investigation, it was also learned he was still residing in Roseville without notifying his probation officer. Subsequently, Adult Field officers conducted a probation search of his residence and located a semi-automatic handgun with a loaded extended magazine in plain view. The individual was arrested and booked into the Placer County Jail.



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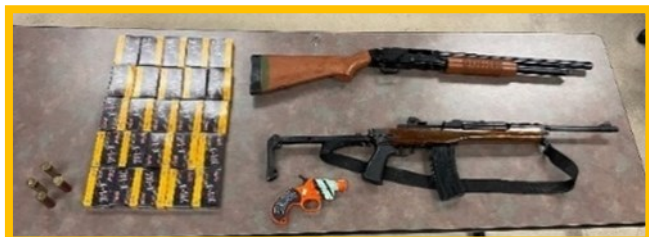
DISTRICT 1

March 7, 2024

Investigation & Supervision Unit

3100 Block of Staysail Street, Sacramento

Adult Field officers received information an adult under supervision was in possession of firearms. A probation search was conducted at the individual's residence and the following was seized: a loaded 12-gauge shotgun, an unregistered rifle with a modified pistol grip, a 30 round AR-15 style detachable box magazine, a flare gun and approximately 500 rounds of ammunition. The individual was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail for possession of firearms and ammunition.



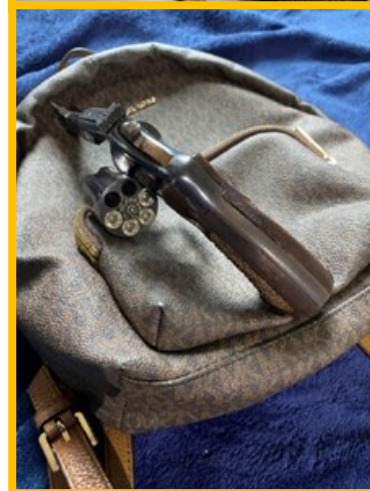
DISTRICT 3

March 12, 2024

Mental Health Unit

800 Block of Fulton Ave, Sacramento

During a home compliance check of an individual under supervision, officers from the Mental Health Unit conducted a search of the individual's bedroom, which is shared with another individual under supervision from Santa Clara County. During the search, officers located a backpack containing a loaded revolver and four rounds of live ammunition. Both individuals were subsequently arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail.



DISTRICT 2

March 15, 2024

Gang Suppression Unit

8000 Block of Franciscan Way, Sacramento

Adult Field officers conducted a probation search at the residence of an individual under supervision. During the search, officers located four unregistered firearms, suspected Fentanyl, over 100 rounds of ammunition, and high-capacity magazines. Two individuals in the home were arrested on firearms and narcotic related charges and booked into the Sacramento County Jail.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 4

March 5, 2024
SAFE Team

6900 Block of Birchwood Circle, Sacramento

Adult Field officers were contacted by the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office indicating an adult under supervision in Sacramento County was stopped for driving with a suspended license. During the vehicle stop, a probation search of the vehicle yielded multiple rounds of ammunition belonging to a .22 caliber firearm. Subsequently, K-9 Ace and officers from the SAFE Team conducted a search of the individual's residence. Officers located a .22 caliber revolver, ammunition, suspected methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. The individual was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail for firearms and narcotics related charges.



March 20, 2024
PRCS North

6500 Block of Ming Way, Sacramento

Adult Field officers conducted a probation search at the residence of an individual under supervision. The individual's boyfriend was also contacted in the home and a records check revealed he was on active parole. During the search, officers located methamphetamine, Fentanyl, and suspected OxyContin pills which the boyfriend admitted all belonged to him. He was subsequently arrested and released to the custody of his parole agent.



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



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

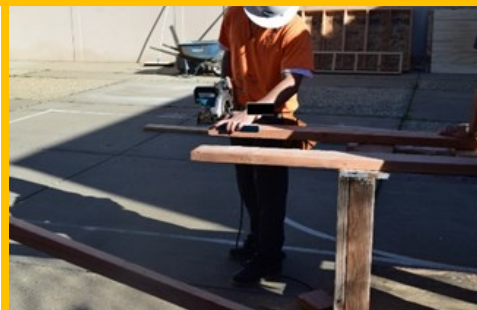
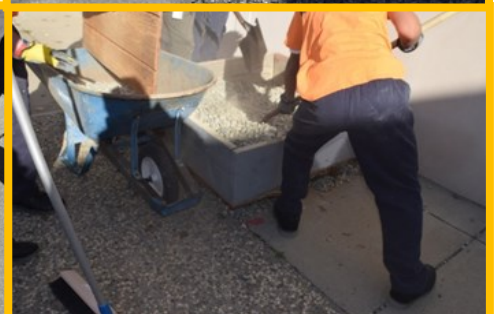
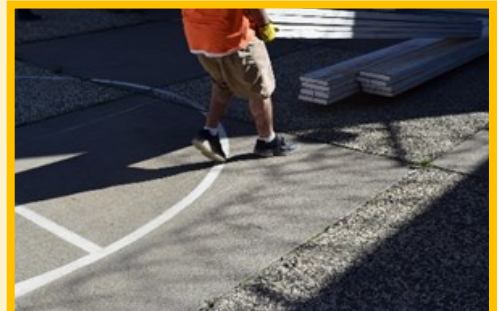
Mentor Program

The Mentor program at YDF has been focused on peer-to-peer mentoring. The mentors have been visiting various housing units during large muscle exercise (LME). This gives them the chance to display their leadership skills by facilitating exercises and structured physical games such as basketball, football, and dodgeball. The mentors have also taken the opportunity during LME time to talk one-on-one with some of the residents who need additional encouragement.



Northern California Construction Training (NCCT): Mini Greenhouses

Youth started building mini greenhouses for the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange (SRBX) shed competition in May. The SRBX hosts this competition between local schools. Each school submits a mini greenhouse which will be judged based on completion of design, code compliance and safety. This mini greenhouse build gives the youth an opportunity to practice teamwork, communication, and leadership while learning a new skill.

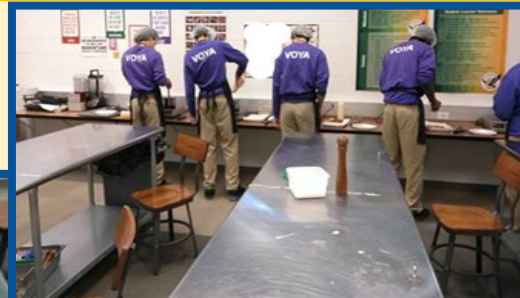




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Culinary

Youth in the YDF Culinary program made a celebration meal this month which included spaghetti, garlic bread and blondie brownies. They also learned how to prepare and cook quiche and funnel cakes.



El Centro Jr./Sr. Highschool Graduation

In collaboration with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), YDF held a graduation ceremony for four youth who received their High School Diplomas from El Centro Jr./Sr. High School. Family members were in attendance to show their support and congratulate their graduates!



SOAR: Graduation



Lake Tahoe Community College partnered with the Sacramento County Office of Education and Probation to celebrate two graduates; one youth earned an Associate of Arts degree in Social Science. The second youth earned two Associate of Arts Degrees; one in Sociology and one in Social Science. Both youth plan to continue their higher education at Sacramento State University. They worked very hard to achieve their degrees and were happy to celebrate with their peers and families.



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Youth Detention Facility Career Fair



On March 13, 2024, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) partnered with the Sacramento County Probation Department to hold its annual career and resource fair in the Youth Detention Facility (YDF) gym. Youth were provided an opportunity to connect with local area vendors and community organizations which provided information regarding potential jobs, college admissions, resources for housing and counseling needs, as well as other resources for day-to-day living.



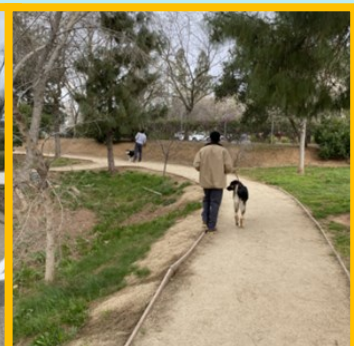
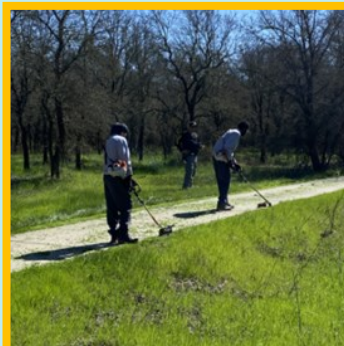
Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU)

Youth assigned to the Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA) within the Youth Detention Facility may be ordered by the Court to participate in community outreach after demonstrating progress with their rehabilitative goals. With a court order, VOYA youth will be allowed to leave the secure detention facility under the supervision of Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU) officers to work in the community. YCOU officers currently partner with the Bradshaw Animal Shelter, the Bureau of Land Management, and Parks and Recreation. YCOU projects benefit the youth and community by fostering responsibility, accountability, self-esteem, and work-related skills, while providing an alternative to detention.

Working with the Bradshaw Animal Shelter provides an opportunity for youth to learn how to properly care for animals and to use these skills to obtain employment upon reentry into the community. The program aims to mentor VOYA youth by cultivating leadership skills, and allowing them to gain empathy for abandoned/neglected animals. A vet technician working with the youth reached out to Probation and stated, "The youth were very professional, polite and diligent, and we are looking forward to working with them."

YCOU participants assist the Bureau of Land Management with grounds keeping/cleanup, basic construction and repair work, habitat restoration, park and land maintenance, and may also assist with ecological wildlife studies.

When working with Parks and Recreation, YCOU participants assist with litter removal, weed and graffiti abatement, and related services (landscaping/cleanup) in designated community parks.

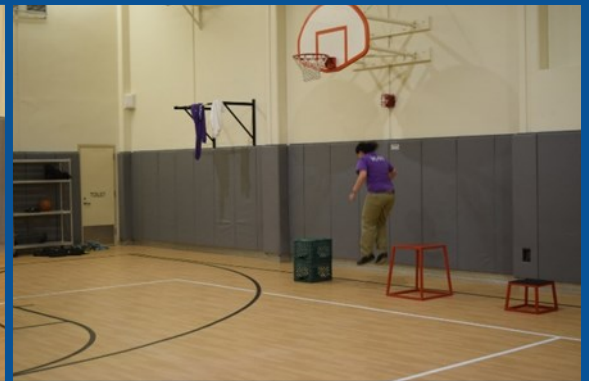




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Leadership Enrichment Achievement Program (LEAP)

Leap year takes place every four years, when an extra day is added to the calendar. The extra day is added at the end of the month of February. February 29 is traditionally known as leap day. Staff in the Leadership Enrichment Achievement Program (LEAP) held a leap year event in the gymnasium at the Youth Detention Facility. Various obstacles were set up and residents were able to compete against their peers. The event consisted of pushing a weighted crate, solving math problems, getting over a 4-foot wall, and throwing footballs into a net. This event allowed residents to engage their cardiovascular system, test their athleticism, and think critically.



LEAP staff also assisted the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) with their cultural musical demonstration this month. The Bigger Than Us (BTU) arts program performed for Housing Unit 14 and Housing Unit 15. BTU is a band made up of different instruments including trumpets, trombones, drums, keyboard, and electric guitar to name a few. They taught the residents musical vocabulary and followed up by showing them what each term meant. For example, the word 'solo' was demonstrated when the different instrumental players and the singer took turns demonstrating what a solo looked like during a performance. The residents were very engaged and intrigued by the demonstrations.





Probation's March 2024 Community Partners



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