

# Probation News

*Supporting Positive Change*



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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

## **Officers Helped in a Major Investigation**

On April 17, 2024, Chief Yarber commended Supervising Probation Officer Aaron Sampson and Deputy Probation Officer Sabrina Ramirez for responding to a radio call for assistance that led to the arrest of a parolee-at-large who was accompanied by an underage female. The investigation led to additional charges being filed against the subject, including possession of child pornography. The underage female, who was potentially a victim of human trafficking, was reunited with their family .

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# Multi-Jurisdiction Collaboration

## Client Receives a New Bicycle

A Mental Health Diversion client told Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) Dana Buerger that he walked to all of his court hearings, drug testing, and mental health service appointments. Despite the geographical distances, he had a positive attitude and was compliant with all of his program requirements. DPO Buerger reached out to the Sacramento Sheriff’s Toy Project and was able to obtain a bike for him. He was very appreciative for receiving the help from the court team, especially as the warmer weather approaches.

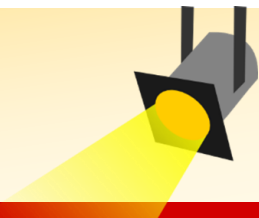


## Citizens Academy

The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office hosts the Citizens Academy in partnership with the Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office and Sacramento County Probation Department. The 10-week program is designed to engage Citizens from all backgrounds and communities in discussion about public safety and criminal justice issues. Assistant Chief Probation Officer Marquez and Assistant Chief Deputy Robinson helped kick off the first class of 2024, by talking about probation and our role in the community.



# 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.”*

## National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week honors the dedication and expertise of dispatchers. Dispatchers provide a vital role for our field officers by remaining calm, making quick decisions, and coordinating resources. Sacramento County Probation is grateful for our dispatcher, Diana Elliott. Diana is a dedicated and caring dispatcher that works behind the scenes serving our department and the community.



## Probation Teamwork

On April 15, 2024, clinic staff were extremely busy and short-staffed when a resident in one of the units began exhibiting severe symptoms of withdrawal. The YDF Watch Commander, Supervising Probation Officer (SPO) Girgis helped by walking the resident to the clinic as she could not walk on her own. Once inside the clinic, SPO Girgis helped clinic staff by getting supplies needed to assist the resident and helped her get situated as staff were helping other residents. She then assigned an Assistant Probation Officer to stay in the infirmary with the resident experiencing withdrawal symptoms. The clinic expressed their gratitude for SPO Girgis as the cooperation between clinic and probation staff was instrumental in caring for the residents that night and demonstrated true teamwork.





# Celebrating Success

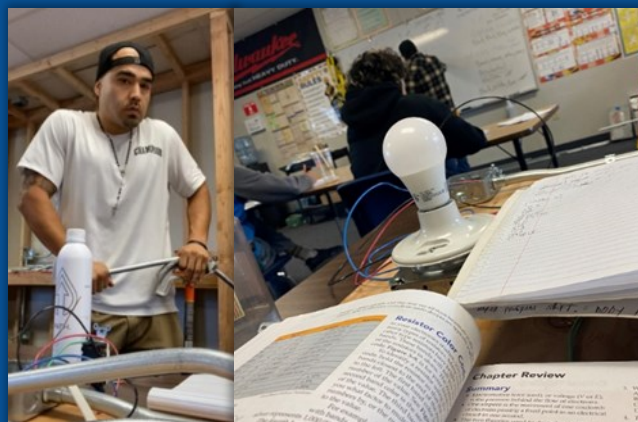
## Sacramento County Veteran's Court Graduation

On April 5, 2024, the Sacramento County Veteran's Treatment Court (VTC) celebrated the graduation of four clients. VTC clients participate in a 12-month comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation program that links veterans to benefits and services they need to break the cycle of substance abuse and criminal behavior. The VTC program focuses on addressing mental health issues, reducing recidivism, and improving public safety through the use of judicial oversight, intensive supervision, comprehensive case management, evidence-based treatment, and drug/alcohol testing. Each client endured a distinct road to recovery and each one has a unique and inspiring story to tell about their successful journey.



## Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) Client Success

Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) and Sacramento County Probation are proud to share the success stories of two of our NCCT clients. One client has successfully graduated from both the NCCT and the SMUD Clean Energy Program. He will be joining the IBEW Electricians Union and has received a \$1000 scholarship from SMUD. Another client also successfully graduated from NCCT, and he has joined the Local Laborers' Union 185. Through NCCT, he was certified in Osha10, Flagging, Traffic Control, CPR and Confined Spaces.





# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Troopathon

Since 2016, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of March 31, as an annual county holiday and day of service in recognition of the late labor leader and founder of the United Farm Workers, Cesar E. Chavez. This year, our officers volunteered at the Troopathon event and filled care packages for troops overseas. This event was organized by the Sacramento County Probation Association.



## Jump into Spring Event

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, probation officers participated in the annual Jump Into Spring event held at Niños Park in Sacramento. This event was sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Karina Talamantes, and included free games, bounce houses, sporting activities, food, and fun for the community members living in the area. Probation teamed up with the Sacramento County Probation Association and used their BBQ trailer to cook for the attendees.



## First Step Communities – River District Health Fair

County partner and unhoused service provider, [First Step Communities](#) held its 2nd Community Health Fair on Friday, April 26, 2024. The fair was a huge success with more than 250 attendees, 54 community vendors and hundreds of services providers. Our probation officers provided an easy and accessible access point for probation clients to check-in with their probation officer. The team also provided general education on the probation system and the work they do, and how clients can positively interface with the justice system. Our officers are also at the North A Street Campus every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. doing community outreach for the unhoused.



# Keeping Our Community Safe

## Adult Day Reporting Center North & Central

On April 10, 2024, the North and Central Adult Day Reporting Center Units conducted compliance checks in Sacramento County. The purpose of the operation was to contact individuals on Probation, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), and Mandatory Supervision assigned to various caseloads within the Sacramento County Probation Department and to ensure compliance with their terms and conditions of supervision. The results of the operation are as follows:

- Probation searches conducted: 9
- Individuals contacted: 13
- Arrests made: 6
- Citations given: 2
- Drugs seized: approximately 48.2 grams of methamphetamine and approximately 62.3 grams of Fentanyl.
- Home visits attempted: 5

In addition, one of the target locations is being further investigated by officers for child endangerment.





# Keeping Our Community Safe

## DISTRICT 1

**April 2, 2024**

*Investigation & Supervision Unit*

1300 block of 65th street, Sacramento

During a probation search of an individual under supervision, officers located approximately 100 counterfeit Xanax pills, approximately 4 counterfeit Oxycodone pills, crushed Ecstasy powder, and a narcotic scale. Through further investigation, it was discovered the individual's vehicle had been recently towed. Officers searched the vehicle at the tow yard, where they discovered approximately 1,000 counterfeit M30 Fentanyl pills. The individual was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail on narcotics related charges.



## DISTRICT 2

**April 3, 2024**

*Adult Day Reporting Center South*

100 Block of Thatcher Cr, Sacramento

On April 3, 2024, information was received that an individual under supervision might be in possession of a rifle. Officers conducted a probation search of the individual's address and seized a military style rifle and approximately 2 grams of methamphetamine. The individual was arrested and booked in the Sacramento County Jail on narcotics and firearm charges.



**April 24, 2024**

*Gang Suppression Unit*

7800 Block of Dalewoods Way, Sacramento

Officers contacted an individual under supervision in his vehicle outside of his residence. During a probation search, officers located approximately 750 Xanax pills, suspected Fentanyl and methamphetamine and over \$2300 in cash. The individual was arrested and booked in the Sacramento County Jail on narcotics related charges.



## DISTRICT 5

**April 3, 2024**

*Rancho Cordova Probation Partnership*

8000 Block of Franciscan Way, Sacramento

On April 3, 2024, officers assigned to the Rancho Cordova Probation Partnership with the assistance of Rancho Cordova Police Department Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit executed a search warrant in Rancho Cordova. During the search, officers located an unsterilized handgun with extended magazine and a box of ammunition. Shortly thereafter, the individual was contacted during a vehicle stop outside of his home. A search of his vehicle yielded large amounts of money, fentanyl, methamphetamine, and scales. Subsequently, the individual was arrested and booked in the Sacramento County Jail on narcotics and firearm related charges.



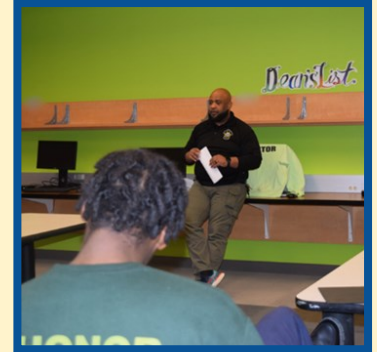
**Check out Probation social media to stay up-to-date on efforts to support and keep our community safe!**



# Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

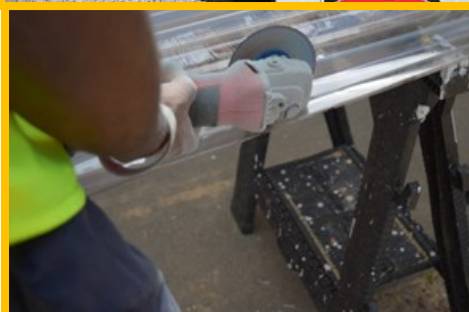
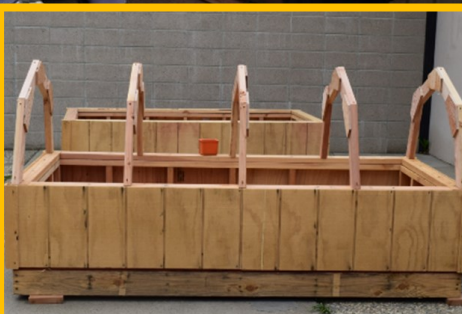
## Mentor Program

In the Mentor program at the Youth Detention Facility, residents have been learning about the importance of having integrity and building trust with their mentees. The mentees now have an understanding that their integrity cultivates the trust they are building with their peers in the units. It also shapes their character, fosters a culture of respect and accountability, and is essential for their own personal growth and development.



## Northern California Construction Training (NCCT): Greenhouse Builds

Students began the month of April with the mini greenhouse builds. On April 17th and April 18th, NCCT students participated in the annual Practice Shed Build. Twenty-one residents were split up into two teams to build their own shed style greenhouse which was then judged using competition criteria. The residents showcased leadership, teamwork, and communication in order to complete their respective projects. This year, the final score came down to a one-point difference! Both teams did amazing, and all residents were proud of the effort they put forth. Seventeen of the twenty-one NCCT students will be selected for the final build competition.







# Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

## Culinary

For the month of April, the culinary class made a variety of delicious entrees. These foods included some breakfast items like chicken, waffles, and eggs. Residents cooked risotto, fried orecchiette, and rice pilaf. They also learned how to make their own BBQ sauce and hot maple syrup from scratch.



## Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Sacramento Superior Court held its 2nd annual Jury Appreciation Week Poster Contest. The residents in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program were given an opportunity to create original, hand-crafted posters that visually express the importance of jury service and the role jurors play in access to justice. Participating in the contest provided an opportunity for our youth to gain an understanding and appreciation for the role of jurors in our justice system. Residents from units 3, 6, and 10 participated in the Jury Appreciation Week Poster Contest.



## El Centro Graduation

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



## Baptisms

Baptisms were held at the Youth Detention Facility and our Juvenile Justice Chaplaincy Chaplain, Tara Benning, baptized the seven youth who wished to participate. Youth received certificates of baptism as well as photos to share of their baptism with their families.

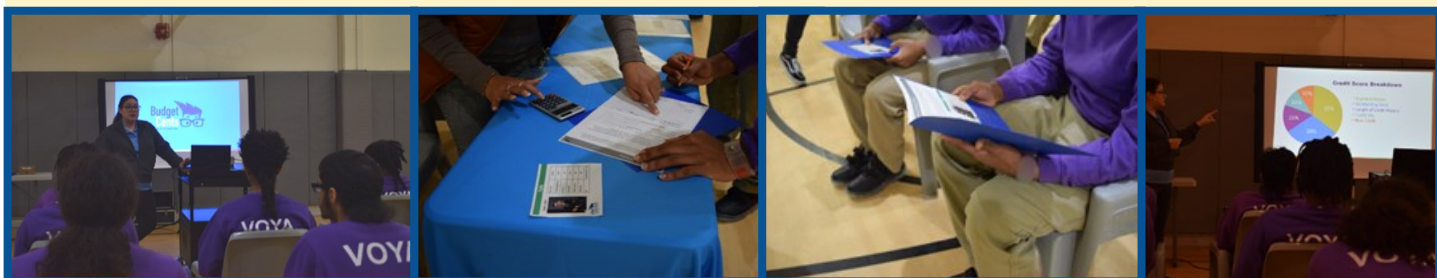




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## Financial Literacy

On April 2, 2024, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) partnered with SAFE Credit Union to create an educational exercise on financial literacy for the youth at the Youth Detention Facility. The Budget Cents event was facilitated in the gym with YDF programming staff and included a brief power point introduction, followed by an interactive exercise on financial budgeting, and ended with a question and answer session for the youth. Housing Unit 1 and Housing Unit 2 participated in the event. The remaining housing units are scheduled to attend the event in May.

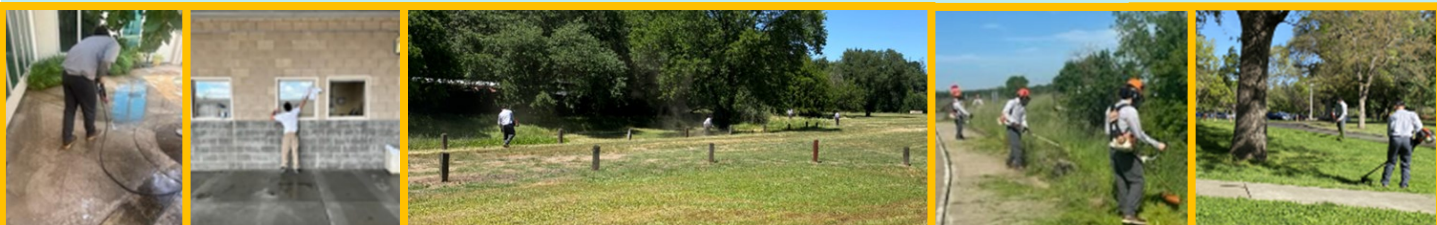


## Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU)

Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU) officers currently partner with the Bradshaw Animal Shelter for community outreach. For the month of April, the youth's duties included cleaning, disinfecting the cat and dog cages, scrubbing all the walls around the cages, changing liners, bedding pads, cleaning toys, and providing the animals with fresh food and water. YCOU operated with the Sacramento Parks and Recreation in April, participating in storm damage clean up along the American River Parkway. The youth cleaned up over half a mile of brush and weeds around trees along the trails of the America River.



YCOU work crews also assisted with fire field reduction to prevent fires around the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) visiting center and surrounding areas, including the trails and walkways. While out at the BLM, the youth were taught how to search and look for different types of birds in the area and other types of animals living in the ecosystems by using a spotting scope. They also received instruction on a geological compass by doing an activity in the wetlands and attended safety lectures, which included the following topics: pruning safety, tree trimming, hand saw safety, insect stings and bites (such as bees, wasps, and ants), chipper safety, fire extinguisher safety, ladder safety, poison ivy and poison oak safety, e-coli infection prevention, accountability safety talk, and hand tool safety. Finally, YCOU work crews worked in-house at the Youth Detention Facility. They swept, pressure washed the walls, windows and sidewalks in the Law Enforcement Sally Port Entry and cleaned the staff outside lounge, cleaning the windows along with the patio furniture.





# Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

## Leadership Enrichment Achievement Program (LEAP)

Youth Advocate B. Collins and Leadership Enrichment Accountability Program (LEAP) staff organized a basketball tournament in the gym with all YDF units participating. Residents from every unit had the opportunity to represent their unit in the competition. Each team consisted of five residents, chosen by staff and the residents themselves. A resident was selected to assist with score keeping as well. There were a total of four rounds with each winner advancing to the next round. The championship game was held between units 1 and 16. Housing Unit 1 won the championship game.



LEAP staff ended the month of April with a "Dia del Nino" (Kid's Day) event. This event consisted of a few selected residents attending a movie night in the YDF gym. The residents were provided with snacks while they shared their favorite memories as kids. "Dia del Nino" is a day celebrated in Hispanic culture, which recognizes children and upholds their well-being by nationally celebrating their childhood.

## Road to Success

In 2019, a youth was booked into the YDF for a serious violent offense and committed to the California Department of Corrections Division of Juvenile Justice (CDCR-DJJ). With the implementation of SB 823, this youth and others were returned to their home counties for potential re-commitments to the Secure Track programs. Prior to the implementation of SB 823, this youth had achieved the privilege of being placed at the Pine Grove Youth Correctional Camp under CDCR-DJJ. In the transition of the closure of the CDCR-DJJ facilities, our department completed our contract with Pine Grove, which allowed for youth like him to remain at the camp in lieu of being returned to the YDF to serve his remaining commitment in VOYA.

While at Pine Grove, this youth took full advantage of the opportunity provided to him. He learned the necessary skills to be certified as a wildland firefighter. In addition to earning his wildland firefighter certificate, he earned a certificate in firefighter training, introduction to wildland firefighting, human factors on the fire line, introduction to the incident command system and wildlife chainsaw. In addition to learning his job skills, he was able to earn an associate degree in Social Science from Lake Tahoe Community College during his recreation time.

While nearing the end of his commitment, the youth applied for a Forestry Technician position with the United States Department of Agriculture. Just prior to his discharge hearing, he received notification he was accepted to the position. The youth was discharged back to his community in April of 2024 and is slated to start his employment with the United States Department of Agriculture in May of 2024.

Sacramento County Probation wishes this youth the best of luck in his new position and endeavors as he is truly on his own road to success.





# Probation's April 2024 Community Partners



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