

# 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

## FIRST VOYA YOUTH PARTICIPATES IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Sacramento County Probation Department recently created a Youth Community Outreach Unit (YCOU) that will take VOYA youth into the community to work when they are nearing re-entry. This program provides the youth an opportunity to learn new skills as well as earn money that will be available upon their release. The department is collaborating with the County Animal Services, Sacramento City Parks and Recreation, and the Bureau of Land Management and others to support this effort. The youth are accompanied by probation officers from the YCOU unit on various day to different work sites. In November, the first two VOYA youth worked at the Bradshaw Animal Shelter. Their job duties include cleaning kennels, washing and folding laundry, organizing, and feeding the animals. VOYA Youth also worked at the Consumnes River Preserve maintaining the landscape.

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# Multi-Jurisdiction Collaboration



## Sacramento County Probation Department Awarded Grant from the Office of Traffic Safety

Sacramento, Calif. – The Sacramento County Probation Department received funds for an intensive probation supervision program for high-risk DUI offenders with multiple DUI convictions.

The \$610,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will go toward the monitoring, supervision, and support of individuals on probation for a DUI offense to ensure they are following court-ordered terms of their probation and prevent probationers from re-offending.

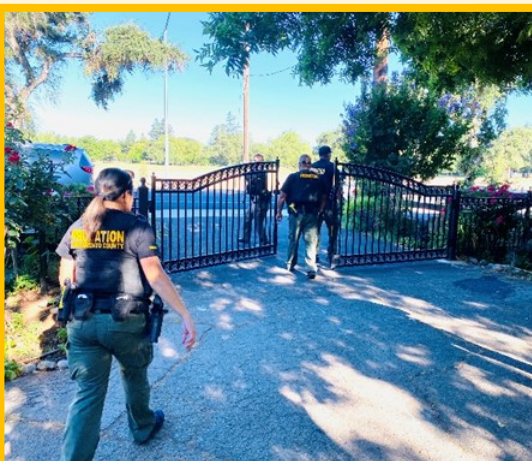
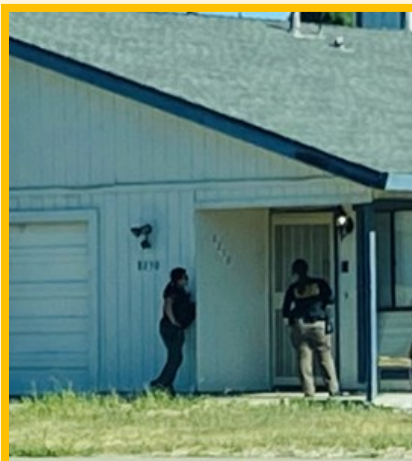
“The OTS grant will make it possible for our officers to maintain close supervision of DUI offenders and ensure they stay in compliance with their probation conditions in an effort to reduce the number of repeat DUI offenses and collisions,” said Chief Probation Officer Marlon Yarber.

“The intensive supervision programs are critical to reducing the devastating consequences of DUI offenses,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Prevention is an effective, proactive tool to address the often tragic consequences of impaired driving.”

The probation grant will also fund warrant operations targeting probation violations and/or DUI suspects who do not appear in court, alcohol testing, officer training in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and collaborating with courts and prosecutors to establish probation orders.

The grant program runs through September 2024.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.





## Probation in the News

### Sacramento County Probation Department's DUI Court sets people on a life-changing course



Nicole De La Riva, Deputy Probation Officer with the DUI Court, has seen clients change their lives in positive ways. Photo by Anne Stokes

"In the past, the direction that was taken was more focused on a punitive mindset, but with our new approach, we are still holding people accountable, but we are also trying to set them up for success through rehabilitation and assistance through our resources and community partners," says Nicole De La Riva, Deputy Probation Officer with the DUI Court. "There are rules to follow that we hold probationers accountable for, but incarceration is not the only thing we do. We have our own programs and plenty of other resources to help meet our probationers' needs. I think that many people we supervise can be misguided if the only thing we do is implement punishment by incarceration. We know that our job is to put them back in jail for violating their probation restrictions, but we also do so much more outreach and follow through with helping them. What we actually do is evaluate alternatives to incarceration and use jail only as a last resort."

Please 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. Our success is a direct result of hard work and dedication.”***

### Office Assistant II Spencer Clark

On November 16, 2023, Office Assistant II Spencer Clark was presented with a positive performance notification and a department challenge coin commending him for the outstanding job he has done and continues to do at Jail Diversion Treatment and Resource Center (JDTRC). He not only oversees the daily operations of the JDTRC program, but he also tends to the building, works with on-site security officers, manages the reserved parking, prepares police reports, and is responsible for the supervised release files. The solidarity he has with the Public Defender's Office, Behavioral Health, Correctional Health, and General Services has played a pivotal role in maintaining positive relationships with other county departments. Congratulations Spencer!



### DPO Mark O. Magtoto, Sr DPO Brandon Wilson, and Sr DPO Ryan Torres

On November 16, 2023, Deputy Probation Officer Mark O. Magtoto, Senior Deputy Probation Officers Brandon Wilson, and Senior Deputy Probation Officer Ryan Torres (not pictured) were recognized for positively representing the department during an emergency traffic situation. In September, officers encountered a traffic accident and contacted emergency services, directed traffic, and prevented any additional vehicle accidents. In acknowledgment of their professionalism during an emergency, the officers were presented with positive performance notifications and department challenge coins.



# Staff Spotlight



## SPO Maria Rivera-Collins and Sr DPO Consuelo Palafox-Chavez

Officers at our Youth Detention Facility (YDF), SPO Maria River-Collins and Sr. DPO Consuelo Palafox-Chavez, the Judicial Fellowship submitted thank you notes detailing the professionalism and enthusiasm displayed during the tour. Below are some quotes provided by the Judicial Fellowship.

"I appreciate the dedication you have to your job, especially given the heavy nature of the issues you encounter on a daily basis."

"I know juvenile detention facilities are a topic which can be a "hot-button" issue, but I believe if more individuals understood how you, your staff, and all of the justice partners that participate in those facilities, they might be able to see how dedicated everyone is to upholding the safety of the public and providing the kids with opportunities for rehabilitation and growth."

"I had little exposure to what being in a juvenile center entailed. It came as a pleasant surprise that those in the center were attending school, participating in recreational activities, and receiving so much support".







# Celebrating Success

## North Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Graduation

On November 29, 2023, family, friends, and staff celebrated the graduation of eleven clients from our North Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC). ADRC clients participate in 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 participation with the Community Outreach Unit throughout the county.

# CONGRATULATIONS graduates



## One Love Yoga



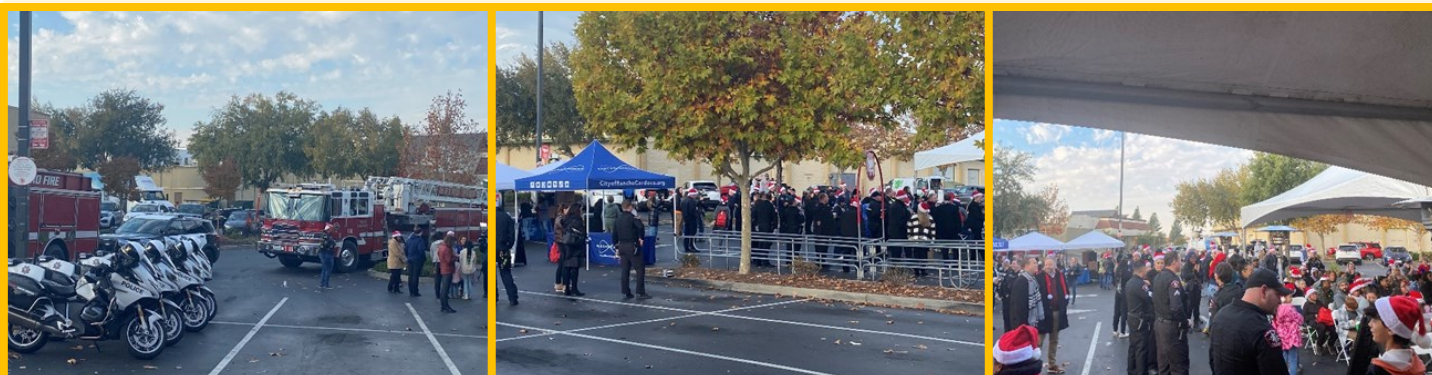
One Love Yoga instructor, Dwight Armstrong, is a 2013 graduate of Sacramento County Probation Drug Court (now Recovery Court). After Dwight graduated, he would come back to mentor the clients and volunteer as a yoga instructor. In 2016, he began teaching One Love Yoga to our clients. Dwight has been clean and sober for 11 years and credits his time in Drug Court and his "Probation Family" as part of his journey.



# Celebrating Success

## Holiday STAR (Student Talent Achievement Reward) Program

The Holiday STAR (Student Talent Achievement Reward) program is designed to recognize and reward preschool and elementary school students in the city who, despite facing challenging financial circumstances, have worked hard to become high achievers both academically and behaviorally. Rancho Cordova city employees take part in supporting these students who have overcome so much in spreading holiday goodwill to these students and their families! Those involved include City Council and staff, Metro Fire, Rancho Cordova Police Department, Probation, Neighborhood Services, and other volunteers. Each student is individually recognized by a school administrator and then paired up with city employees. The city employees assist the students and their families in redeeming a \$100 gift card at Target for Christmas shopping.



## ADRC and Relgnite Welding Success

As part of the Adult Day Reporting Centers (ADRC), Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) recently started a collaboration with [Relgnite Hope Welding Program](#). The program has a Mobile Welding Training Center that is brought into Sacramento, CA four times a year and is fully operated by volunteer trainers and donated equipment. Through the ADRC program, participants are provided with work boots, attire, gas cards or bus passes to ensure they are set up for success before and during the program. With completion of the program, clients are eligible to test and receive two American Welding Certifications.

One recent success is a client, who graduated from ADRC-North in November. He further completed the Relgnite Welding Program, earning two American Welding Certifications. Simeon is on track to be employed and was one of the top students in the latest Relgnite Welding class. He completed the training program with 100% attendance and has an opportunity to volunteer with the Training Program.







# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Probation Blood Drive

To kick off the “season of giving”, officers and staff donated blood on November 8, 2023. According to the American Red Cross, there is a national blood shortage that has dropped nearly 25% since early August. We are thankful to everyone who rolled up their sleeves to help boost the blood supply here at the Sacramento County Probation Department!



## Annual Public Safety and Community Appreciation Lunch

On November 3, 2023, the non-profit organization, Justice Beyond the Courtroom in partnership with District Attorney Thien Ho, hosted the Annual Public Safety and Community Appreciation Luncheon. Sacramento County Probation officers and managers appreciated the opportunity to attend and support this event!







# Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

## Annual Special Olympics NorCal Fall Games

On Saturday, November 4, 2023, our officers had the pleasure of awarding medals to the athletes at the annual Special Olympics NorCal Fall Games! The Fall Games are a high-visibility, all-day event which showcases the talent, determination, and joy of our Special Olympics community. More than a dozen counties and over 500 athletes competed in unified flag football and soccer!





# Keeping Our Community Safe

## DISTRICT 1

**November 29, 2023**  
*High Risk Probation*

50 Block of Scoles Ct, Sacramento

On November 29, 2023, officers conducted a probation search at the residence of an individual under supervision. During the search, officers seized 12 firearms, over 1000 rounds of live ammunition, approximately 49.9 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and approximately 20.6 grams of Xanax pills. Subsequently, the individual was arrested on firearms and narcotics related charges and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail.



## DISTRICT 2

**November 29, 2023**  
*Gang Suppression Unit*

8500 Block of Danridge Dr, Citrus Heights

On November 29, 2023, officers conducted a home compliance check of an individual under supervision. As officers approached the residence, the individual attempted to leave the residence in a vehicle. Officers detained the individual and conducted a probation search of his vehicle and his person. Officers located a loaded revolver in his vehicle and suspected narcotics on his person. The individual was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Mail 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 Decor

Youth in the NCCT program continued working on their holiday and Christmas décor, putting the finishing touches on their seasonal displays.



## Culinary: Holiday Cooking

The youth learned how to season and bake a chicken. They also learned how to make holiday style sides such as green beans with a glazed topping by using turkey bacon and onions, and deviled eggs. The eggs were cooked at 3 mins, 6 mins, and 9 mins intervals so the youth could see the full stages of hard boiling an egg, including when they would be fully cooked. The youth set up a 'Friendsgiving' table so they could eat together.







# Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

## Valley Oak Youth Academy Employment Program Interviews

The VOYA youth participated in their interviews with various programs within YDF. The open positions are Leadership Exercise Activity Program (LEAP) Assistant, Mentor, Boys and Girls Club Assistant, and Utility Porter. These positions provide the youth in VOYA with opportunities to participate in job skills and training for real hands-on experience. As a part of the program, they create a resume, interview, and have quarterly job performance reviews.



## Turkey Bowl Football

YDF Youth participated in a series of very competitive games of "Turkey Bowl" for thanksgiving with a special guest, Coach Chief Yarber! A total of 8 units participated and the two units who battled for the championship were units 12 and VOYA. Unit 12 came out victorious with their quarterback earning MVP.



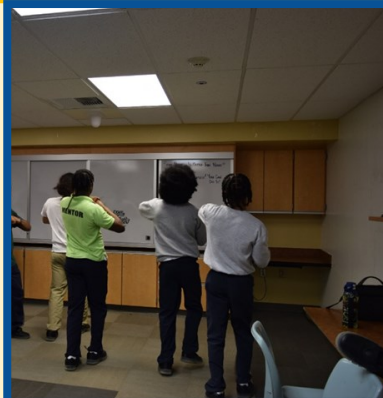




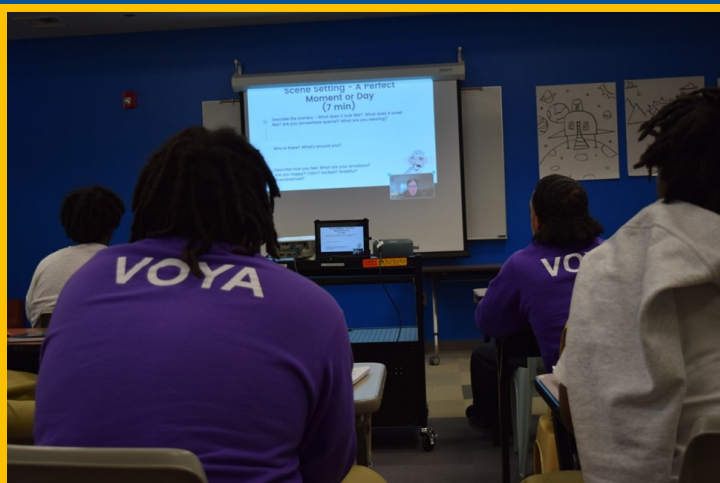
# Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

## Holiday- Words Become Flesh Rehearsals

LEAP staff have been working with some of the youth on a Christmas play called "Words Become Flesh". The youth are creating a story line about life, the holidays, and family that involves theatrics, dance, stepping, and music all combined to tell the story.



## Prison Education Program Closing Out for 2023



Probation partnered with PEP along with volunteer students from Sacramento State and UC Davis to offer classes such as Introduction to Mindfulness, Creative Writing, Introduction to College, and Introduction to Financial Literacy. Several YDF youth participated in the various 7-week curriculum and earned a certificate along with new skills to utilize! PEP will return February 2024 with new classes!

## Mr. Ray's Workout Program

Mr. Ray is an assistant fitness manager at a local gym who volunteers at YDF. He developed a workout program covering the basics of exercise education with a focus on proper form. He also created a boot camp workout program using the equipment available for the youth inside YDF's gym which includes jump ropes, ladders, yoga mats, resistance bands and exercise balls.





# Probation's November 2023 Community Partners



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