

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

Board of State and Community Corrections Praises Youth Detention Facility Practices and Operations

After a thorough inspection of the Youth Detention Facility (YDF), the Board of State and Community Corrections offered praise and encouragement.

“We are very impressed with the overall operations, programming and staffing of the Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility. We would again like to thank you and compliment staff for their dedication, thoroughness and responsiveness.”

You have every reason to be proud of your Chief Deputy and her staff as they are doing an outstanding job in caring for the youth at the facility. Your continued commitment to providing an individualized and constructive system for youth is revealed in the daily programming schedule, assessments and counseling, Chrono’s, and dedication of staff at every level tasked with providing these services. Youth were involved in all aspects of the program and genuinely appreciative of the opportunities during their stay.”



Chief Deputy Maria Gonzalez

- Elizabeth Gong, BSCC Field Representative
Facilities Standards and Operations Division

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Inspection Results - Noncompliance: Zero Items

The inspection included over 550 individual points of inspection including facilities, staff, health, safety, and programming.

Daniel J. Calabretta, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Sacramento Superior Court, had this to say:

“You and your staff should be very proud of this report, it reflects well on Probation and Sacramento County generally. I’m grateful that when we have to send our youth to YDF, they are being well cared for and given opportunities youth in other counties are not.”

The official report is available online on the [Youth Detention Facility \(saccounty.gov\)](https://www.saccounty.gov) and [BSCC](https://www.bscconline.org) websites



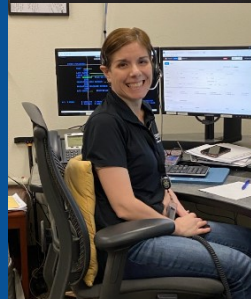
Celebrating Women in Probation



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Probation observed International Women's Day by celebrating the many intelligent and innovative women in our Probation family. We are proud of the strong women of Probation for contributing to the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women around the world.





Officers and Programs Making a Positive Impact

Polar Plunge Warms Hearts for Special Olympics Northern California



On March 19, hundreds of participants, including Probation officers and staff, braved the frigid waters of Folsom Lake for the 2022 Polar Plunge in support of the [Special Olympics Northern California](#). Our law enforcement partners at the [Sacramento County Sheriff's Office](#), [Sacramento Police Department](#), [Placer County Sheriff's Office](#), [CA Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation](#), and [El Dorado County Sheriff's Office](#), joined in the fun. We are proud that "Penny the Plungin' Probation Penguin" took first place in the annual costume contest. This year's Polar Plunge raised over 62K for the Special Olympics of Northern California, which provides sports, education, leadership and health programs to children and adults with intellectual disabilities.



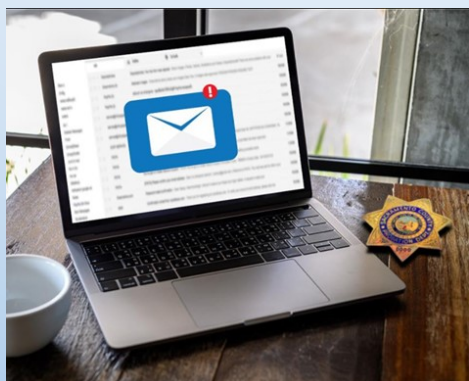
Officers Speak at Grant Union High School Criminal Justice Academy

On March 29, Senior Deputy Probation Officers assigned to the Adult Court Pretrial Unit were invited to speak at Grant Union High Schools' Criminal Justice Academy. Officers presented an overview of the Probation Department, explained what it takes to become a probation officer, and answered many questions from students. As a result, several students are considering probation as a possible career choice.



Parent Praises Probation Officer for Providing Empathy, Guidance, and Understanding

Our department is extremely appreciative when a client or family member takes the time to acknowledge a positive experience with one of our probation officers. In March, we received an email from a parent who shared the following:



*“Dear Officer, I am writing this letter because you are truly an amazing Probation Officer. The time, care, compassion, consistency, and investment you put while working with my son is rare. It is quite clear that this is not “just a job” for you. **You showed my son empathy, guidance, understanding, support and encouragement when he needed it the most.** I have tears in my eyes writing this now because as a mother I was terrified of this entire process. I didn’t know what to do or what to say to my son to get him back on track.*

*You never said you didn’t have time. You always treated my son with respect and understanding. My gratitude for your service and willingness to work with my son can’t truly be expressed in words. **My son looked forward to his check ups with you. How many people can say that about a probation officer? You approached my son with kindness and truly cared about his improvement. Always cheerful ready to work. That is how I would describe you.** My son is a success story because you chose to work with him show him there is a better way. You were honest with him and never sugar-coated the situation, but you told him the steps he needed to take to get himself out of trouble.*

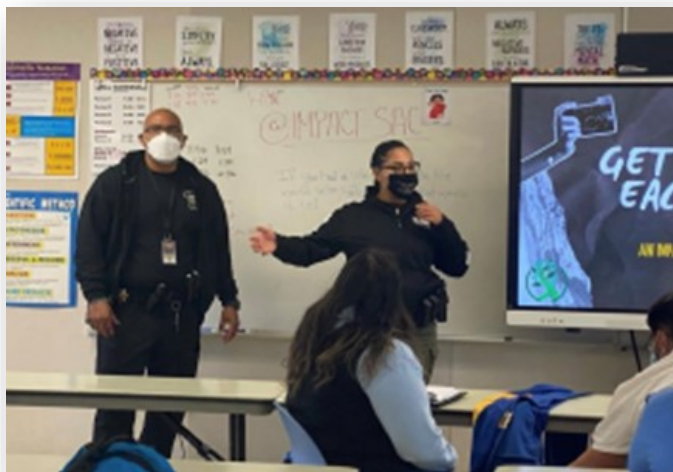
You helped him become a better person. I want your department to know what an asset they have. You are the best. With my most sincere and utmost respect and gratitude, Thank You.”

Black Child Legacy Campaign Partnership in March



Probation is proud to partner with Black Child Legacy Campaign (BCLC). In March, Probation officers:

- Attended a Restorative Justice Presentation by James Willock at Sacramento Academic & Vocational Academy
- Delivered 15 meals
- Performed Operation “Community Outreach”
On March 16, 2022, probation officers, in collaboration with the Liberty Towers BCLC staff, educated students at Foothill High School about the resources the BCLC provides in their community. Students were provided with snacks and swag, and were invited to a Sacramento Kings game on March 18.



Active Shooter Training for First Responders at Sac State

On March 21, probation officers joined Sacramento State police and several local first-responder agencies for full-scale mutual aid and emergency response training.

Participating agencies included the [Sacramento County Probation Department](#), [Sacramento County Sheriff's Office](#), [Sacramento Police Department](#), [Rancho Cordova Police Department](#), [Elk Grove Unified School District Police Department](#), and [Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department](#).



Watch the action-packed video.



Success Happens



Welcome to the Family

We celebrated the newest members of our Probation family with an Academy Graduation ceremony.

Congratulations graduates on successfully completing the rigorous eight-week program, and good luck as you begin your career working inside the Youth Detention Facility.

CONGRATULATIONS graduates



Our South Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) celebrated the graduation of 11 clients with family, friends, and staff. Four of the graduates were recognized for perfect attendance. The ADRC program offers clients 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.

Probation Officers and Community Partners Helped Youth in Community Based Supervision Achieve Success in March

Counseling Completed	2
Probation Completed	2
Employment	2
High school Graduations	2



Keeping Our Community Safe

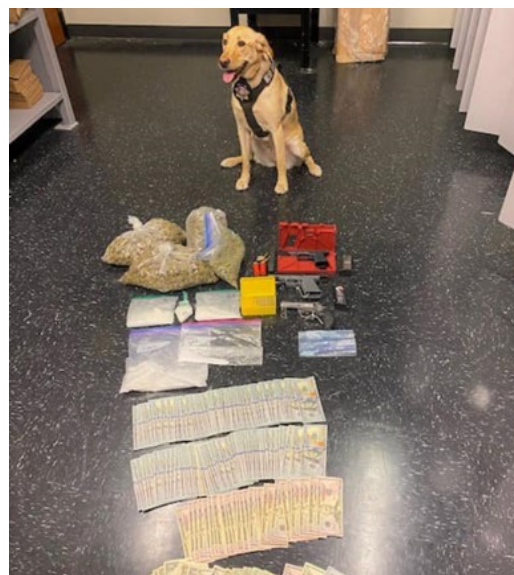
NORTH SACRAMENTO SWEEPS NET RESULTS

Guns, Drugs, and Cash Confiscated in North Sacramento Gang Sweep

On March 10, 2022, probation officers assigned to the Adult Field Suppression Unit and the Juvenile Field Age of Majority Unit organized an after-hours gang sweep with K9 Officer Hope and the Sheriff's Gang Task Force in North Sacramento. Officers submitted reports to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Results of the Sweep:

Clients Contacted	17
Searches Conducted:	22
Ammunition Seized:	Live Rounds of 357
Cash Seized:	\$13,659
Drugs Seized:	Percocet (18 M-30 pills) Cocaine (Over 450 grams) Marijuana (Over 1,200 grams)
Paraphernalia Seized:	Narcotic Scale
Weapons Seized:	Smith & Wesson 357 Revolver (1) Ghost Guns (2)
Arrests/Citations:	4



Sex Offender Compliance Sweep Results in Violations, Arrests, and New Charges in Northwest Sacramento

On March 29, 2022, probation officers assigned to the [Sacramento SAFE Team Task Force](#) conducted a Compliance Sweep on registered sex offenders living in the Northwest Sacramento area. The focus of the operation was to make contact with adults on probation and parole assigned to a sex offender caseload and to ensure compliance with their terms and conditions of probation as well as their requirement to register pursuant to Penal Code 290. Officers conducted 14 searches resulting in several violations, arrests, seized electronic devices, and new charges.



DISTRICT 1

March 3, 2022
3300 Block of Smoketree Drive, Sacramento

Probation officers received information that a youth was in possession of a gun. Juvenile Field officers performed a search of the youth's person and residence and discovered a firearm along with a small amount of marijuana in the youth's room.



DISTRICT 2

March 15, 2022
7800 Block of Dalewoods Way, Sacramento

Probation officers served a search warrant at a residence in South Sacramento connected to an adult on probation.

With the assistance of the Sacramento Sheriff's Gang Unit and Special Enforcement Detail, officers located a loaded Glock style ghost gun with a 30 round magazine, ammunition, and cocaine. Two individuals were arrested on various charges and violations.



DISTRICT 4

March 8, 2022
7500 Block of Community Drive, Citrus Heights

Probation officers assigned to the ADRC Central arrested an adult on a no-bail warrant who was residing in a vacant house.

The individual was transported to jail without incident with the assistance of the Sacramento Sheriff's Office.

March 21, 2022

8000 Block of Twin Oaks Avenue, Citrus Heights

An officer assigned to the ADRC Central coordinated a vehicle stop with the Citrus Heights Police Department of an adult with outstanding felony warrants.

The individual was arrested for Possession of Firearm by a Felon; Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance; Evading a Police Officer/Driving in a Reckless Manner; Theft and Unlawful Driving or Taking of a Vehicle; and Evading a Peace Officer/Driving Opposite Flow of Lawful Traffic.



DISTRICT 3

March 8, 2022
Carmichael

Officers assigned to The Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Central arrested an adult on charges associated with Willful Disobedience of a Court Order.



CITRUS HEIGHTS
Police Department



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March Competitions Created New Champions



Boys and Girls Club Basketball Shootout Competition



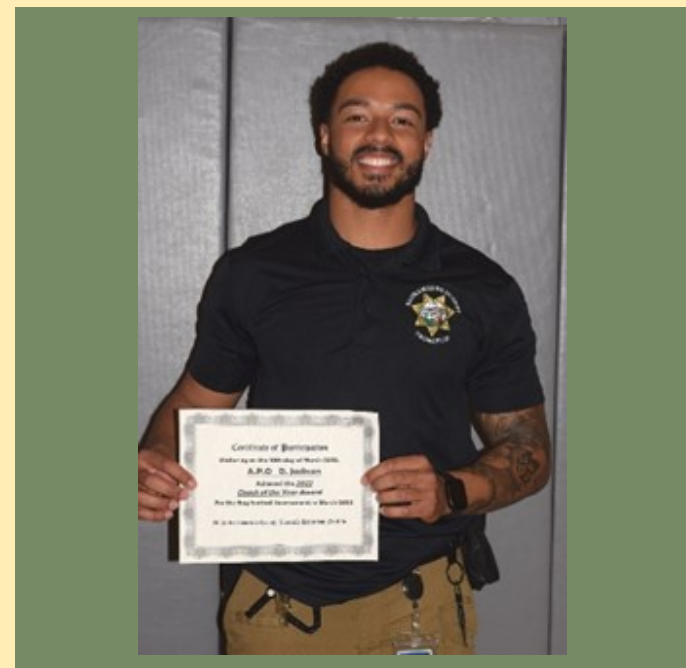
Flag Football Single Elimination Competition Between Housing Units



Dominoes Bracket-Style Competition



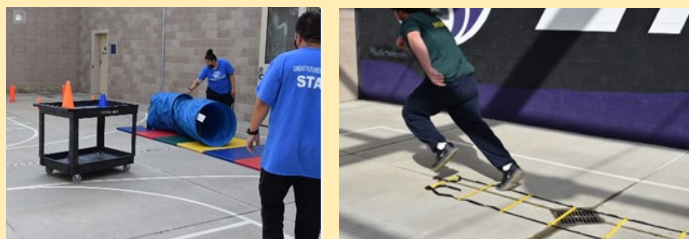
Chess Tournament Boost Critical Thinking Skills



Assistant Probation Officer Jackson Named Coach of the Year



Ninja Warrior Championship



All youth participated in a weeklong Ninja Warrior course designed by a probation officer. Staff timed the competitors, and the winner was named Champion Ninja Warrior.

El Centro High School Graduation CELEBRATION



Principal Barbara Modlin and Chief Deputy Maria Gonzalez congratulated graduates.



Nine youth participated in the El Centro High School graduation ceremony. They wore caps and gowns and walked to Pomp and Circumstance. A youth played piano for the event, Principal Barbara Modlin gave an address, and each graduate spoke. Attendees included family and peers, as well as school and probation staff.

Anti-Recidivism Coalition Founder Talked with Future Firefighters

[Anti-Recidivism Coalition](#) (ARC) Founder Scott Budnick toured the facility and discussed Fire Camp with Valley Oak Youth Academy youth.

From the ARC brochure:

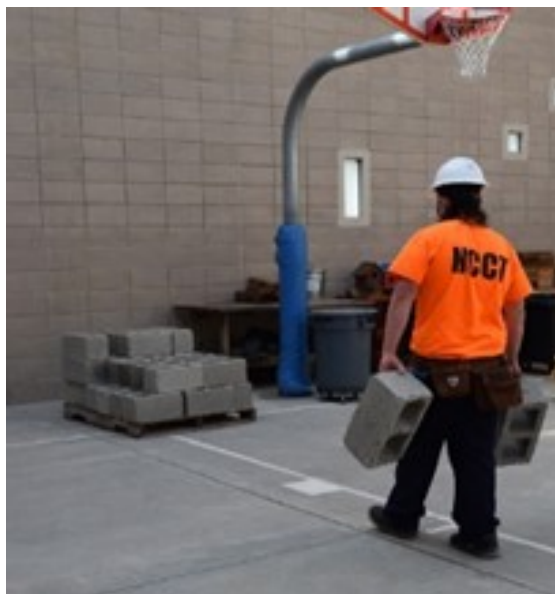
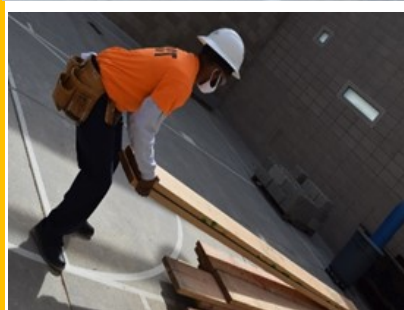
In partnership with [CAL FIRE](#), [California Conservation Corps](#), and [California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation](#), ARC opened the Venture Training Center (VTC) in 2018, providing participants who are on parole training for careers as firefighters after program completion. This innovative program provides advanced firefighter training, certifications, and job readiness support to create a pathway for former offenders to compete for entry-level firefighting jobs with state, federal and local agencies.

Founded in Los Angeles in 2013, ARC serves more than 1,600 formerly incarcerated people across California. The majority of members live in LA County. In September 2016, ARC opened a second office in Sacramento, serving 1,600 members with case management and counseling services.



NCCT HIGHLIGHTS

In March, [Northern California Construction Training](#) (NCCT) provided youth with concrete experiences in the construction field.



Laborers Agility Test Competition

Youth enrolled in NCCT have firsthand experience in how truly laborious construction is during the Laborers Agility test competition. This test consists of shoveling and wheel barrowing gravel, moving cement cylinder blocks from one pallet to another and moving and stacking wood planks from one end of the courtyard to the other. All three obstacles are timed, and youth with the top eight scores are recognized and rewarded for their hard work.

Home Construction Skills Training

NCCT students worked with framing components, installing pre-hung doors, and nailing schedules.





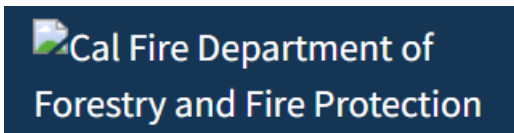
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