

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

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PROBATION SUPERVISION WEEK 2022

On July 12, the [Sacramento County Board of Supervisors](#) presented a Resolution proclaiming July 17-23 as Probation Supervision Week. Chief Yarber accepted the Resolution, and Probation staff were present to thank the Board of Supervisors for their continued support of the Probation Department.



Each year, the American Probation and Parole Association promotes [National Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week](#) to recognize the incredible work done by community corrections professionals to restore trust, create hope, and keep our communities safe.



Helping Crime Victims Get Restitution



Probation's Victim and Restitution Services unit works closely with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and victim support organizations to help adult and juvenile victims with the emotional distress and financial losses that can occur as a result of being the victim of a crime.



Victim and Restitution Services unit officers and staff L to R:

Sr. DPO Veronica Piazza, DPO Pete Gonzalez, Office Assistant II Vanessa Granados, DPO Sydney Mize, DPO Rachel Palmer, DPO Maria Ramirez, Sr. DPO Andrea Smith, DPO James Hinkson. (Not pictured: DPO Kaitlin Franchi)

The unit also assists the Department of Revenue Recovery and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in obtaining contact information for victims in order to disperse funds collected for restitution with the goal of helping make victims financially whole.

Visit our [Victim and Restitution Services](#) webpage for more information and resources.





ADRC Graduates Honored

On July 27, ADRC Central celebrated the graduation of four clients with family, friends as well as

Probation and [Leaders in Community Alternatives](#) (LCA) staff.



Probation in the Community

Fourth of July Celebration Lights up Rancho Cordova

On July 3rd and 4th, several officers worked at the 37th Annual Rancho Cordova Fourth of July Celebration alongside [Rancho Cordova PD](#) at Hagen

Park. The event, a two-day festival and parade celebrating the local community, has become the largest Fourth of July event in the region.



Food, Friends, and Fireworks in College Glen

On July 1, officers and staff joined the [College Glen Neighborhood Association](#) Family Night Out celebration. The event brought the entire

neighborhood together to enjoy food, friends and fireworks. We would like to thank the College Glen community for including us!



Dodgeball at Arden Manor Summer Camp

Juvenile Field Officers participated in a friendly game of dodgeball during the [Arden Manor Recreation and Park District](#) Summer Camp. Officers survived the game unscathed and joined the kids for a barbecue.

We are thankful to Arden Manor for the invitation, and we hope to meet up again next year for a rematch!



Military and First Responder Appreciation Day at the State Fair

On July 21, Probation officers spread the word about Probation's mission of Supporting Positive Change to the public at the California State Fair.



Officers and Programs Making a Positive Impact

Find a rewarding career with the Probation Department. We're Hiring!

On July 7, we held Probation Orientation for 49 applicants ready to join our team! The day included a panel interview, a physical agility test, and a tour of our Youth Detention Facility where new hires will begin their career.

Do you know anyone interested in a rewarding career with Probation? Probation is continuously hiring for our Probation Aide position. Applicants may apply online at www.saccountyjobs.net.

[Click here to watch the video.](#)





Letter from a BCLC Client

Dear Mrs. Burton,

I appreciate everything you have done for me. You may not think it's a lot or that you're just doing your job, but it means a lot to me. Even though I may not act like it, it really does mean a lot. You took the time to work with me and were really patient with me.

I just wanted to let you know how much it means to me that you never gave up on me. Out of all people, you always worked with me. It just blows my mind because I would have never thought a probation officer would care as much as you do. Everything you did means a lot to me. I hope you know you made a big difference in my life. All of it means a lot to me. I hope you know you made a big difference in my life. All the people you introduced me to helped to change my life in a big way, and I'm genuinely thankful for everything you guys have done for me.

I know it's not much, but I hope this letter shows some of my appreciation for everything you have done.

MRS. BURTON

Juvenile Field Services Units Guide and Support Foster Youth Clients

The Juvenile Field Services AB 12 Unit is responsible for supervising and supporting 18 to 21 year old foster youth who are in the [Extended Foster Care \(AB 12\)](#) program.

Officers assist our clients with meeting and maintaining AB 12 requirements as well as supporting and securing financial assistance,

education, employment, family reunification, and housing.

The AB 12 unit works in partnership with a multitude of community based organizations and system partners to support these youth as they transition to adulthood.



AB 12 unit officers L to R: Supervising PO Jereme Dick, Sr. DPO Caryuca Sims, Sr. DPO Anthony Maze, DPO Josh Moreno, and DPO Mai Lu. (Not pictured: Sr. DPO Jeffrey Levasseur)



The Juvenile Field Services In-State Placement unit is responsible for supervising and supporting probation foster youth who reside in both Short Term Residential Therapeutic programs (STRTP's) and Resource Family Approval (RFA) homes. In addition, the unit is responsible for recruiting, investigating, and supporting willing participants for the RFA program as well as updating the Court on therapy/education/reunification progress through Permanency Six-Month reviews.

Visit FOSTERAYOUTH.NET for more information on our RFA program, which allows youth to remain in a more "home-like" environment while fulfilling their court ordered probation conditions.

Placement unit officers L to R: DPO Kendall Boughton, DPO Danna Buerger, DPO Youa Yang, Sr. DPO Pamela Lowe (Not pictured: DPO Eva Cota)

Officers Attend Juvenile Correction Officers (JCO) Core Training

Ten new Sacramento County hires began our in-house JCO Core training. In addition, six out-of-county officers from Yuba, Yolo, Ventura, Stanislaus, and El Dorado counties are also enrolled.

New officers are required to complete JCO Core as well as a Probation Training Academy prior to supervising residents in the Youth Detention

Facility. New hires receive instruction on many subjects, including Supervision and Communication Techniques, First Aid and CPR, Title 15 Standards, Defensive Tactics, Motivational Interviewing, PC 832, Report Writing, and Ethics.

For more information on employment opportunities with Probation, please visit [Employment Opportunities \(sacounty.gov\)](https://EmploymentOpportunities(sacounty.gov)).

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Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT 1

July 6, 2022
7200 Block of Kara Drive, Sacramento

Officers with the Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) conducted a probation search at the residence of an adult under probation supervision. During the search of the residence, officers discovered a Ruger firearm with a high capacity magazine, approximately 28 rounds of ammunition, a ghost gun with a high capacity magazine, heroin, methamphetamines, fentanyl, and over \$5,000 in US currency.

Subsequently, two adults were booked relative to charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance

for Sale and Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale. A third adult was booked for Possession of a firearm by a Felon.



DISTRICT 3

July 5, 2022
1400 Block of Fulton Avenue, Sacramento

Juvenile Field Officers received information that an 18-year-old individual under probation supervision with a history of violence was in possession of a firearm. Officers searched the individual's residence and recovered a revolver loaded with six live rounds of ammunition.

The individual was booked into the Sacramento County Jail and charged with Possession of Firearm by a Prohibited Person and a Violation of Probation.



DISTRICT 3, cont'd

Probation Searches Lead to Illegal Firearms, Ammunition, Drugs, Stolen Items, and Three Arrests

On July 29, 2022, Probation Officers from ADRC South assisted the [Sacramento County Sheriff's Office](#) with probation searches of two problematic residences in South Sacramento. Both properties had incidents involving assault with a deadly weapon and together generated over 120 calls for service in the last year.

An AutoZone store nearby was also recently robbed, and individuals at the two residences were suspected to be involved.

A Probation search at the residences revealed an Smith & Wesson W AR-15/22, a Glock ghost gun with threaded barrel, two high capacity drums, multiple high capacity round magazines, over 1200 rounds of ammunition, and various narcotics,

including heroin, methamphetamine, oxycodone, and marijuana.

In addition, officers located several stolen items, including catalytic converters, a generator, a floor jack, and a portable power pack. A total of 21 individuals were contacted and 3 were arrested.



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Valley Oak Youth Academy (VOYA) Unit News



Q & A with Chief Marlon Yarber

Probation Chief Marlon Yarber held a Q & A session with VOYA youth. He discussed his professional life, fielded VOYA-related questions, and enjoyed cinnamon rolls with the residents.



Project Me -- VOYA Youth Gain Valuable Life Skills

VOYA youth participate in a 15-week life skills course taught by Assistant Probation Officer Horton & Deputy Probation Officer Young.

Each week, youth learn life skills such as creating resumes, interview prep, dress for success, how to tie a tie, finance, cooking demonstrations, how to sew, mock interviews, EDD, Cal Fresh, how to file taxes, and much more!



Financial Workshop for VOYA Youth with Assistant Chief Probation Officer Shawn Ayala

ACPO Ayala taught VOYA youth the fundamentals of finding employment, money management, and negotiation skills.



Youth LEAP into Indoor Soccer Tournament

Selected residents represented their units in an indoor soccer tournament sponsored by the Leadership Education and Athletic Program (LEAP). Housing Unit 16 took 1st place.

Housing Unit 5, the 2nd place winners, played three games back-to-back. All teams demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship.



Getting in the Swim

Residents have in-pool competitions and races between individuals and units. To swim in the pool, residents must first pass a swim test. Residents who are unable to pass may enroll in weekly swimming lessons with staff.



Scholars Obtaining Academic Responsibility (SOAR) Program Empowers Youth

In the spring quarter, four residents enrolled in SOAR made it onto the Dean's List, which requires taking three classes or more (not including the College Success course) and maintaining at least a 3.5 GPA. The summer quarter started on July 11 with over 40 residents enrolled in college courses.

SOAR curriculum and programs include courses in subjects such as Sociology, History, Art, and Human and Career Development taught by local college faculty in person and through distance learning. SOAR equips those who attend with the resources they need to achieve higher education and keeps them engaged in positive programs.



Youth Advocate Bill Collins

Helps Youth Navigate through Hard Times

Youth Advocate, Bill Collins, works with youth to help ensure they receive the help and services they need during their time in custody. He provides youth with assistance in the grievance process, assistance with mediation and resolution of peer conflicts, and provides support and assistance during difficult times while in custody.



LEARNING TO LEAD

Peer Outreach Program Creates Strong Youth Leaders

The Peer Outreach Program utilizes residents who have successfully completed YDF's Skills Training Enrichment Program (STEP), graduated from the Leadership-In-Training Program, displayed leadership qualities within their units, and are ready to translate their knowledge as peer educators.

Peer educators utilize STEP's resources to create a lesson of their choosing, such as drug awareness, gang prevention, goal setting, and patience, and teach it to their peers. This experience gives residents the chance to educate their peers on topics they are passionate about, gain public speaking skills, increase confidence, and build rapport with peers and staff.



Probation's July Community Partners



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