

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."

Celebrating Excellence in Digital Forensics: Senior Deputy Probation Officer Iniguez Honored with Top Forensic Examiner Award

Senior DPO Iniguez has been recognized with the Top Forensic Examiner Award by the U.S. Secret Service's National Computer Forensics Institute (NCFI). This prestigious award is reserved for the nation's top digital forensic examiners, and Officer Iniguez's remarkable achievements have earned him a spot among the best.

Out of more than 3,800 law enforcement professionals who participated in the NCFI's training program, Sr. DPO Iniguez was ranked #57 overall — a testament to his skill, expertise, and commitment to the field of digital forensics. The annual award honors only the top 100 state and local law enforcement officers who have demonstrated exceptional proficiency in digital forensic examination techniques, and Sr. DPO Iniguez has proven time and again he is among the finest in the country.

As a key member of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force, Sr. DPO Iniguez plays a pivotal role in investigating and solving high-tech crimes. His dedication to law enforcement, his attention to detail, and his tireless work ethic have made a profound impact on his community and the entire field of digital forensics. Sr. DPO Iniguez's ability to navigate the complexities of digital evidence with precision has not only enhanced the effectiveness of the task force but has also contributed to advancing public safety across our region.

This recognition reflects Sr. DPO Iniguez's commitment to continuous learning and professional growth. By mastering the latest forensic examination tools and techniques, he ensures our law enforcement agencies are equipped with the expertise needed to tackle increasingly sophisticated cybercrimes.

Congratulations, Officer Iniguez!





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.”

Staff Spotlight

Celebrating Outstanding Contributions:

Recognition at the Chief’s Roundtable Meeting

On February 26, 2025, we had the privilege of honoring some of our outstanding officers for their exceptional work and unwavering commitment to justice at the Chief’s Roundtable Meeting. This meeting provided a platform to recognize the remarkable achievements of three officers who have gone above and beyond in their roles, each making a significant impact on our community and the criminal justice system in Sacramento County.

Deputy Probation Officer Judy Muthoni and Senior Deputy Probation Officer (Sr. DPO) Deanna Lockhart were both recognized for their outstanding contributions in creating accurate and effective probation conditions. Their diligent work ensures clients are held accountable while receiving the support needed for their rehabilitation. By providing invaluable assistance to colleagues, they help facilitate smoother operations within the probation system. Their professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to collaboration with judges, clerks, attorneys, and external agencies greatly enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system in Sacramento County. Their work not only supports their fellow officers but also helps clients on their path to rehabilitation.

Senior Deputy Probation Officer Phonexay Thirakoune was recognized for his instrumental work with the Sheriff’s Gang Suppression Unit. Sr DPO Thirakoune’s contributions have been pivotal in combating gun violence in the community, helping seize over 800 firearms and more than 100 pounds of illegal drugs. His tireless efforts demonstrate his dedication to making Sacramento a safer place for everyone. His commitment to training fellow officers, including training a class on preparing search warrants, highlights his collaborative approach to law enforcement. Beyond his duties in the field, Thirakoune has invested countless hours supporting the youth of Sacramento, showing a deep passion for community protection. His drive and leadership continue to make a lasting impact, both in the department and in the communities he serves.

Congratulations to all of you on your well-deserved recognition!



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Celebrating Success

Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation

On February 21, 2025, the Veteran's Treatment Court proudly celebrated the graduation of three remarkable clients, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

The Veteran's Treatment Court is designed to provide veterans with the tools and resources they need to overcome challenges and achieve long-term success. Participants in this program receive a comprehensive array of services tailored to their unique needs, including substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and the guidance of veteran mentors who offer invaluable support from a place of shared experience. Alongside these services, there is additional support from the entire Court team, including judges and treatment providers. Collectively everyone plays a crucial role in ensuring that participants have the structure and encouragement they need to succeed.

Congratulations to the graduates!



Accountability, Collaboration & Treatment (A.C.T.) Program's First Client Graduation Event

On February 13, 2025, the Adult Field's A.C.T. Program celebrated a significant milestone with its first-ever client graduation event. This momentous occasion highlighted the dedication, hard work, and perseverance of clients who successfully completed the program, marking a new chapter in their journey toward re-entry and success within the community.

In partnership with Leaders in Community Alternatives, the A.C.T. Program offers a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to rehabilitation. This six-month program equips participants with essential life skills, including cognitive behavioral treatment, employment services, housing resources, and mental health support, all aimed at removing barriers to successful reintegration into society. The A.C.T. Program is playing a crucial role in helping clients overcome obstacles, build stronger foundations, and successfully reintegrate into society.

Congratulations to the graduates on this outstanding achievement.





Celebrating Success

Graduation from the Central-Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC)

Probation's Central-Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) proudly celebrated as twelve committed clients graduated from the program.

The ADRC program offers a comprehensive range of services designed to support clients in their journey toward rehabilitation and reintegration into the community. Through cognitive behavioral therapy, substance misuse treatment, self-help courses, and educational programming, participants are equipped with the tools and resources necessary for long-term success. Additionally, the program provides housing assistance, vocational support, and an array of other services to address the diverse needs of individuals working to rebuild their lives.

At the ADRC, clients are also given opportunities to engage in pro-social activities and receive valuable family support, which plays a key role in their overall progress. A unique feature of the program is the Community Outreach Program, where graduates contribute to victim restitution, fostering a sense of accountability and social responsibility.

We congratulate our 12 graduates for their perseverance and commitment to positive change.





Officers & Programs Making a Positive Impact

Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) Program

Update & Employment Highlights

Program Update:

- 11 active clients are attending NCCT, with an additional 3 clients enrolled and scheduled to start soon.
- Referral volume remains high, demonstrating continued interest in the program and its opportunities.
- Instructor Allyn has recently earned certification to teach Traffic Control and Flagging, expanding our training offerings.

Employment Highlights:

One of our clients has become a true success story, completing the program and securing union membership in just 7 weeks. He will be returning to NCCT for additional certifications to further enhance his skills.

- Graduated and passed the NCCT Exit Exam.
- Obtained certifications in Traffic Control, Flagging, CPR, and General Construction.

Joined Local Union 185 and is currently dispatched to WBE Traffic Control.

Yet another client is well on their way to success, having completed the program and lined up interviews for union positions. His hard work and dedication have set him up for future success.

- Graduated and passed the NCCT Exit Exam.
- Earned certifications in Traffic Control, Flagging, OSHA10, Confined Spaces, and General Construction.

Union/job interviews are scheduled for the end of February with Local Union 185 and WBE Traffic Control.

These success stories highlight the effectiveness of the NCCT program in preparing clients for meaningful employment opportunities. We look forward to more clients achieving similar success in the coming months!





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 2

February 4, 2025

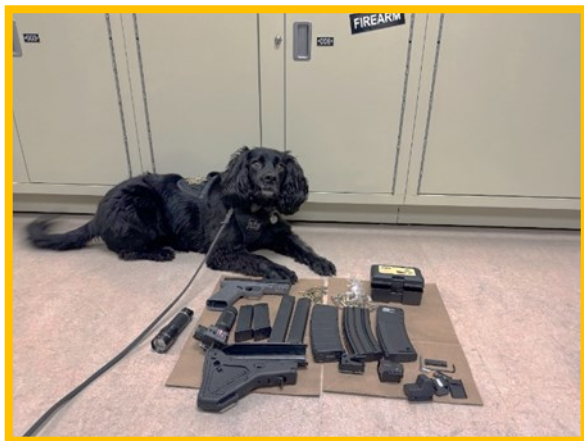
Gang Intelligence and ADRC-North

7000 block of Palmer House Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95828

On February 4, 2025, an individual currently on formal searchable probation for a conviction of PC 245 (assault with a deadly weapon) and PC 25400 (C)(6) (carrying a concealed firearm), was subject to a probation search. During a scheduled home probation officers conducted a search of his cell phone, uncovering photos of the subject with firearms.

With the assistance of K9 Ace, officers proceeded with a search of the residence. The search led to the discovery of a backpack containing a P80 handgun, multiple rifle magazines loaded with .223 ammunition, two extended 9mm magazines, two additional handgun magazines, various firearm parts, and assorted rounds of ammunition.

The subject was arrested on the spot for multiple firearm-related charges, reinforcing the importance of probation searches in preventing illegal firearm possession and ensuring compliance with the terms of probation.



DISTRICT- 2

February 5, 2025

VOYA Re-Entry

5000 block of 3rd Parkway, Sacramento,
CA 95823

On February 5, 2025, a week-long investigation led by Probation Officers culminated in the execution of a residential search warrant. The individual was already in custody for a Violation of Probation. The search was conducted at the residence of his parents, where the suspected firearms were being stored.

The search uncovered two firearms, one of which was reported stolen, along with several types of ammunition scattered throughout the residence.

Following further investigation, it was determined the subject had violated additional firearm-related statutes, including PC 29820 (possession of a firearm by a prohibited person under 30 years old) and PC 30305 (possession of ammunition by a prohibited person). The subject was transferred from the Youth Detention Facility to the Sacramento County Main Jail.





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 1

February 5, 2025

High Risk Probation

4000 block of 22nd Ave, Sacramento, CA
95822

On February 5, 2025, as part of an ongoing Proposition 63 referral investigation, Probation Officers conducted a search at the residence of an individual currently on probation. The search resulted in the seizure of two pump-action shotguns and one bolt-action rifle. These firearms were registered to the individual, who, due to their probation status, is prohibited from possessing firearms.



DISTRICT- 1

February 21, 2025

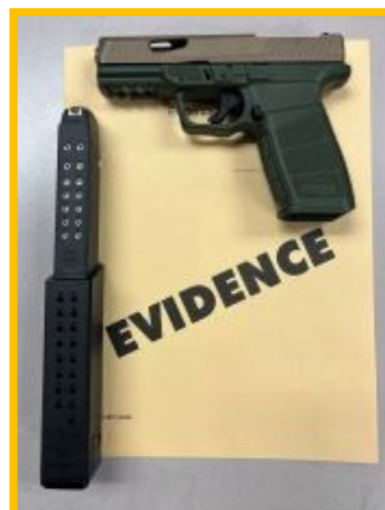
Juvenile Field

Nathan Court, Sacramento, CA
95835

On a routine home visit on February 5, 2025, Juvenile Probation Officers went to check on a minor under their supervision. Although the minor was not at home, his mother allowed the officers entry, prompting immediate action.

Several hours later, the minor contacted his Probation Officer and agreed to turn himself in.

The minor was booked for violations of Penal Code Sections 29820 (possession of a firearm by a prohibited person), 29650 (possession of a firearm on school grounds), and 32310 (possession of a large-capacity magazine).





Keeping Our Community Safe

DISTRICT- 5

February 27, 2025

Adult Community Corrections

2700 block of La Verta Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

On February 27, 2025, Probation Officers conducted a probation search at the residence of a known subject. During the search, officers discovered a sawed-off shotgun (Remington 870 Express) hidden in the kitchen.

The subject was arrested and initially booked on a Flash Incarceration for 10 days under PC 3454(C). Following further investigation, the subject was charged with PC 29800 (felon in possession of a firearm), a felony offense, and PC 33215 (possession of a sawed-off shotgun).



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



Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Culinary Arts Program

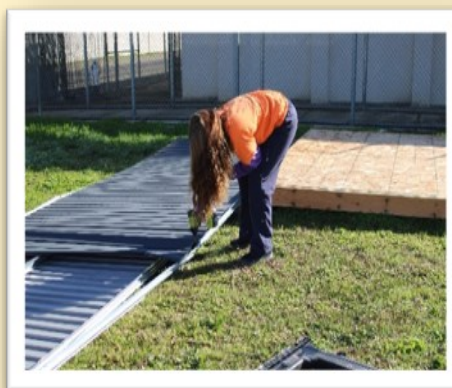
The month of February was the beginning of a new cohort in the Culinary Arts Program. During the week of February 4th through February 7th, residents reviewed the syllabus and classroom expectations during the morning session. In the afternoon session, the students made popcorn, while continuing to review the syllabus and viewing a cooking show.

During the week of February 17th through February 21st, residents learned how to make cupcakes. They were taught how to make cupcake batter by utilizing ingredients such as flour, eggs, butter and sugar. Afterwards, the residents made their own cupcake icing using ingredients such as butter, sifted sugar, vanilla extract and food coloring .



Northern California Construction Training (NCCT)

Residents at YDF assembled a platform for a second metal shed in the North Field. Over the past few weeks residents have started working on their OSHA-10 online training. Looking ahead, residents are eagerly preparing for the upcoming Labor Agility Test in March.





Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Leadership Education and Athletic Program (LEAP)

Paint by NUMbers

The residents participating in the LEAP Paint by Numbers Program receive a canvas from staff with an image split into sections and numbered. Each number is associated with a color of paint, so residents know what color to paint each section. Some of the residents who have been in the program longer have been working on their canvas for approximately three months and are close to being done. Once the residents complete their canvas, they will be displayed in the facility hallway bulletin boards.



Flag Football Games

This month LEAP staff, in collaboration with Youth Advocate Bill Collins, orchestrated flag football games at YDF. Each unit was given an opportunity to send residents to the field to represent their unit. Units were provided with cleats, flags, and cold water for the games. Every unit had an hour of gametime to compete or the first team to score four touchdowns won the game. Staff officiated the games and helped coach the residents from their respective units as well. Residents that participated in this event showed great sportsmanship and competed vigorously, making the event a major success!

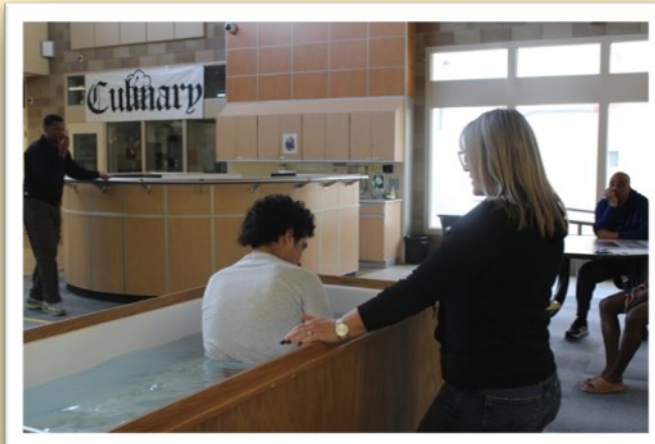




Youth Detention Facility (YDF) News

Juvenile Justice Chaplaincy (JJC)

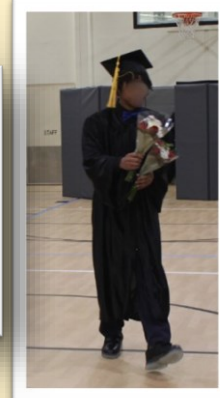
On February 24, 2025, the Juvenile Justice Chaplain baptized four residents who elected to make a change in their life and dedicate themselves to the confession of faith. All participants received certificates of baptism as well as a photo to share with their families.



Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)

Graduation

On February 12, 2025, five students graduated with their high school diploma. The SCOE graduation was attended by multiple family members and the energy in the room was amazing. Students were encouraged to continue their education both inside and outside of the Youth Detention Facility and to chase their career goals. This moment is a critical component to their future towards positive change and rehabilitation.



Mr. Milton's Art Class

Mr. Milton's Art Program, in collaboration with SCOE Arts Integration Coordinator, Ms. Martinez, showcased the creative talents of our art students through a special 3D Art Display in the administration lobby. Students participating in Milton's Art Program were provided with a platform to share their ideas in a constructive and inspiring way. From January 30th through February 5th, staff had the opportunity to view these unique artistic pieces, which reflected the imagination, skill, and personal expression of our young artists.





Chief Probation Officers of California: Important Info

California's Juvenile Justice System



Trained Experts: Probation professionals are highly trained and skilled in managing trauma and high-risk needs.

Highly Educated: Staff undergo rigorous education and training.

Dual Expertise: Probation professionals are uniquely trained in both public safety and rehabilitative services.

Diversity: Professionals that reflect the communities they serve, providing culturally informed and responsive care.

Community Supervision: Probation delivers or refers youth to supports and services necessary to avoid detention or to facilitate successful transition back into the community.

Decades of experience handling complex youth populations with the highest risk and needs while also supporting youth to avoid deeper system involvement.

Key Connectors: Probation bridges the state court system with county services and balances community safety with rehabilitation through education, job training, and other pro-social programs.

Probation's Role in the Juvenile Justice System

County probation departments play a vital and unique role throughout the entire juvenile justice continuum, serving both the court and the county to coordinate the diverse responses needed to support youth at every stage — including foster youth, young adults (18-25), and those requiring secure detention for serious and violent offenses. Probation also works to reduce system involvement through prevention and intervention, supporting youth and families while coordinating services across community, county, and state entities, including:

- Schools
- Social Services and Supports
- Courts and other Government Agencies
- Community-Based Organizations

Evolution of California Juvenile Justice System: Post SB 823

The closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has resulted in the entire juvenile justice system to be a local county probation responsibility. The shift of DJJ has increased the complexity, seriousness, and age of the detained population in local facilities. California Probation has been at the forefront on building upon decades of reform to manage the juvenile continuum successfully and safely. The higher level of youth now in our care requires Probation to continue the adaptive and innovative approaches used in previous efforts to mitigate the years of trauma and challenges presented by the latest reforms.

After Probation: Continuing Needs

After completing their probation term, Probation works to connect youth/young adults to resources like transitional supportive housing, independent living services, and workforce development programs and services. Youth are encouraged to maintain the positive relationships they have gained and continue on a safer and healthier pathway as they return to our communities.

90%

OF YOUTH ARE SAFELY SUPERVISED IN THE COMMUNITY

73%

DECLINE IN JUVENILE ARREST RATES

60%

DECLINE IN YOUTH DETENTION RATES

75%

OF YOUTH REFERRED TO PROBATION ARE DIVERTED FROM BECOMING A WARD OF THE COURT

California Probation

Effective Reentry: Key to Safer Communities



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Reentry Success: Embedded in Probation's Mission

Probation officers in California are highly skilled and trained professionals who balance accountability with rehabilitation to safely supervise those in the justice system and support their successful reentry. Probation supervises and connects people to critical resources like workforce development, mental health services, and education while using evidence-based strategies to change behavior. Through effective reentry supervision and programs, Probation's mission enhances community safety and helps individuals exit the justice system for good.

The Challenge

- Transitioning from incarceration to the community is not easy
- Many individuals are unprepared for life outside
- People have different levels of needs and risks

Why It Matters

- Addressing both safety and rehabilitation is more effective than focusing on just one
- Reentry happens in our communities, requiring safety and accountability
- Individualized case plans addressing both risks and needs outperform one-size-fits-all programs
- Re-offense under supervision leads to broken lives and costly incarceration

Probation in Action

- Probation is embedded at every stage, from pretrial to reentry
- Only professionals trained as both peace officers and to oversee the rehabilitation process
- Manages county resources to enforce court orders
- Connecting people to rehabilitation, education, job training, employment, and housing are essential for successful reentry



Why Continued Investment in Probation Enhances Successful Reentry

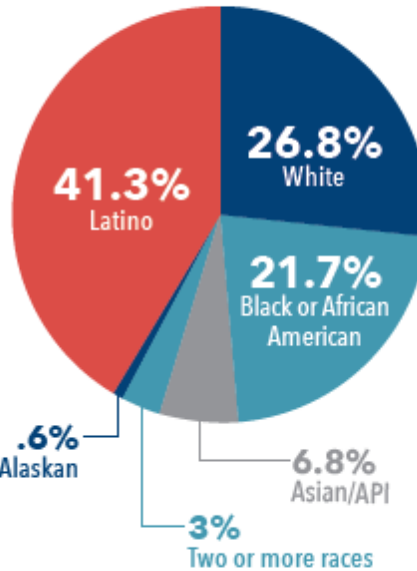
- Stable funding for programs and supervision strengthens community safety and supports successful reentry.
- Effective reentry safely reduces reliance on costly incarceration and breaks the cycle of recidivism.

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Who are Probation Officers?

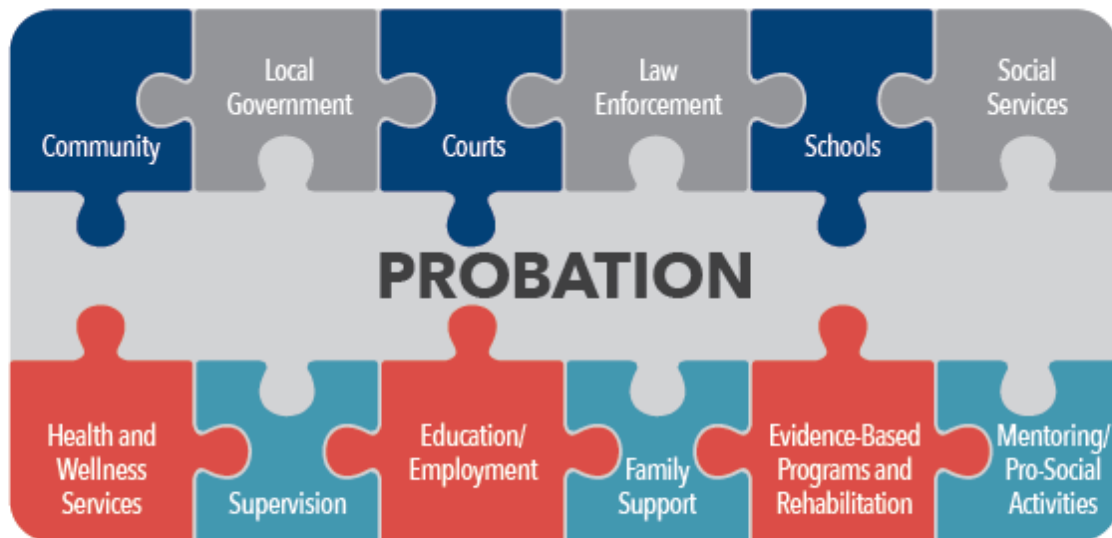
51% of probation officers are **FEMALE**



*Totals do not equal 100% remaining identified as Other.
**Data reported from all 58 counties as of January 2021.

- ✓ Majority with 4-year college degrees
- ✓ Many probation departments employ former system-involved individuals
- ✓ 350 hours of training in first two years; at least 40 hours annually thereafter. Additional training includes:
 - trauma-informed care
 - cognitive behavioral therapy
 - therapeutic and strength-based care
 - emotional intelligence

Probation is trained to safely connect system-involved individuals to the supports they need



Why Probation Works

Probation is the alternative to incarceration

Probation is made up of trained experts prepared to successfully manage trauma and other needs of the adults and youth we serve

Probation connects service and need in order to enhance safety and restoration

Probation delivers sustainable collaborative community safety



Probation's January 2025 Community Partners



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