

VENTURA COUNTY PROBATION AGENCY

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To promote community safety through a system of graduated sanctions that balance service to the victim, offender and community.

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DEPUTY TIM DOWLER

The 17/18 fiscal year was an evolving year for the adult bureau. We started to see some impact from the passage of Proposition 57 (CDCR inmates earning earlier releases, etc.), moved from the SARA to the ODARA domestic violence risk assessment to increase reliability and sustainability; as a result of the Humphrey's case we quickly expanded our pre-trial services to meet the new standards of this case law; continued to meet our County performance measures by completing our risk/needs assessments in a timely manner; entered into a contract with the University of Cincinnati to validate our assessments; increased free community programming to clients through the Recidivism Reduction Grant; and in collaboration with the CEO's Office and Interface we expanded evidence-based programming (EBP) to our formal probation population by launching the Pay For Success program. This is in addition to the thousands of reports, assessments, searches, case plans, client and victim contacts, etc. that all of you have accomplished this year.

However, the question remains, is what we do and how we do it having an impact on public safety? National research and local outcomes suggest the answer to this is yes. According to a recent (June 2018) outcomes report from an independent research firm (EvalCorp), our first 3 AB 109 cohorts (FY 11/12-13/14) were analyzed using the BSCC definition (arrests within 3 years of release from custody) of recidivism. One key finding from this report was that 1170 jail only clients recidivated at a rate of 61%, PRCS clients returned from prison and supervised by Probation recidivated at a rate of 54%, and our 1170(h) MS clients released from local custody and supervised by Probation recidivated at a rate of 45%. That is a 16% difference between those clients who are supervised by Probation and receiving community services then those who don't. The research also stated that with each cohort studied, the reduction in recidivism continued to decrease. What does this indicate? That what we do and how we do it matters, that supervision and evidence-based treatment matters, that the efforts that you all put into this profession, our community and the clients we serve matter!

It has been an absolute pleasure serving you and the Agency as the Chief Deputy this fiscal year, and I feel blessed to have worked with many of you. As I move on to the Juvenile Services Bureau to continue my growth, I want to thank all of you for your great work and support of the Agency's mission. I look forward to working with you again as we cross paths in the future.

Best regards,

Tim Dowler

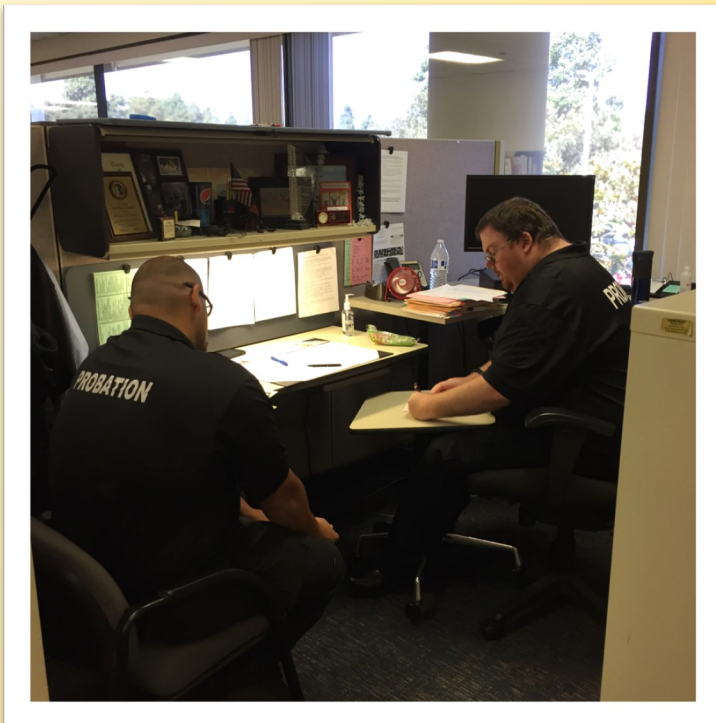
ADULT COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Through effective communication, this Division strives to efficiently produce a consistent work product in line with the Agency's mission and with measured results, by a knowledgeable and cross trained team of Probation

ADULT COURT SERVICES

There are three Adult Investigation units that conduct felony and misdemeanor pre-sentence investigations, as well as prepare Superior Court reports that include a recommendation as to an appropriate disposition. These units also prepare Notice of Charged Violations, supplemental reports and various memos for the Superior Court.

Our primary role is to accurately and thoroughly gather information and prepare various reports for the Court, in order to provide the Court with all information necessary to make judgement. The focus of the officer when making recommendations to the Court is the protection of the community, reparation to victims, and rehabilitation of offenders.



FY 17-18 Accomplishments

**Reports completed
for the Court**

2,931

**Prison Packets
(74 more than
projected by CDCR)**

285

**AB109
Hearings/
Flash
Incarceration
Notices**

1,153

**Offenders
screened for
Re-Entry Court**

33

**Pay for Success
(Randomized)**

80

**Pre-trial reports
completed**

761

ADULT COURT SERVICES DIVISION

POST RELEASE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (PRAS)

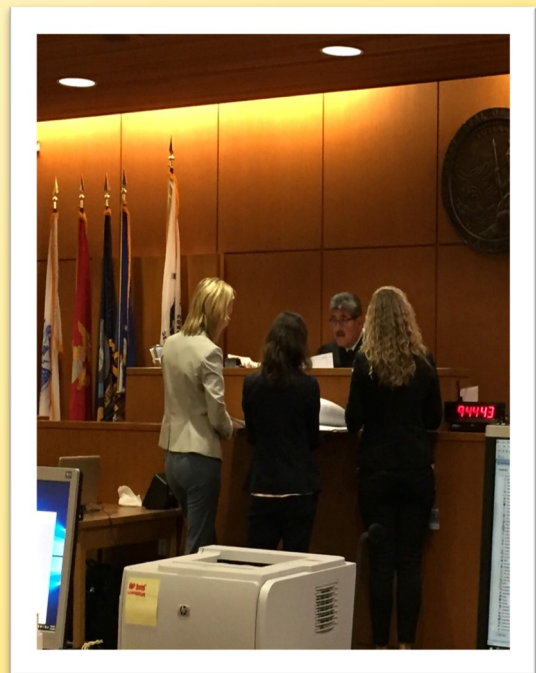
This unit operates the Pre-Trial Program and the Re-Entry Court Program for the realignment population. In the Pre-Trial Program, staff administer a validated risk assessment for offenders in custody pending Court proceedings. The assessment results are then filed with the Court during bail review proceedings to assist the Court in bail decisions.

The Re-Entry Court Program provides intensive community-based treatment in the context of judicial authority to those offenders who have been released from incarceration and have violated the terms of parole, Post Release Community Service or Mandatory Supervision. PRAS also supplies the Court with a Hearing Officer for PRCS offenders, a Deputy Probation Officer assigned to work with committed AB 109 offenders to address criminogenic risk factors during incarceration and to facilitate individualized and targeted re-entry case plans, and a Legal Processing Assistant to gather and organize outcome data on the AB 109 population.

RESULTS FIRST INITIATIVE

Court Services spearheaded the County's Results First Initiative (RFI), an evidence-based policymaking program. The RFI is a partnership between the California State Association of Counties and the Pew-MacArthur Foundation geared towards working with states and localities to develop the tools that policy makers need to identify and invest in effective in-custody and community correction programs that yield high returns on investment. Using Innovative methods that can be customized, Results First will assist with:

- Creating an inventory of currently funded criminal justice programs.
- Review which programs work through a comprehensive clearinghouse of research.
- Conduct benefit-cost analysis to compare the programs' likely return on investment.
- Use evidence to inform spending and policy decisions.



ADULT FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

FY 17-18

Accomplishments

**ADULT
FIELD SERVICES
DIVISION**

**Clients
Supervised**

6,890

**Victims
Contacted**

2,829

**Searches
Conducted**

1,851

ARRC

**Clients
Served**

232

**Group
Treatment
Sessions
Attended**

4,802

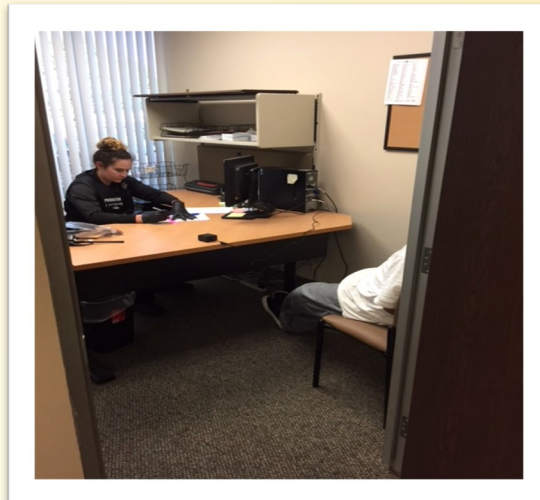
**Program
Graduates**

39

To provide dynamic leadership in community corrections as we design and implement innovative, efficient, fiscally sound programs that are models of success in the criminal justice community.

The Ventura Field Services, Oxnard Field Services, and East County Field Services units supervise probationers that are assessed to be at moderate to high risk to re-offend in the community. A comprehensive risk and needs assessment is administered to identify criminogenic needs and to target those risk factors and barriers to treatment in individualized case plans. Evidence-based case management principles, individual cognitive behavioral interventions, and referrals to collaborative agencies and community-based organizations are made to address targeted risk factors. Motivational interviewing techniques and graduated responses to both positive and negative behaviors are also used to encourage clients to meet court obligations, address risk factors that lead to criminal behavior, and successfully complete probation.

The Administrative Supervision Unit monitors the largest volume of adult probation cases: first time and multiple DUI offenders. Clients report via mail or kiosk, are required to participate in the Driving Under the Influence Program, comply with Ignition Interlock when ordered and pay fines.



ADULT CUSTODY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Probation currently operates three adult custody alternative programs: The Adult Reporting and Resource Center, Work Release and Direct Work, which focus on reducing jail overcrowding.

THE ADULT REPORTING AND RESOURCE CENTER (ARRC)

The ARRC is a community-based program which offers an array of evidence-based programs and services targeting the criminogenic risk factors and needs of clients that are strongly correlated to criminal behavior and re-offending. The one-stop shop approach delivers programming such as: Moral Reconciliation Therapy, substance abuse classes, job skills and search, anger management, parenting classes and the guidance of a case manager. Clients are rewarded for positive behavior change and attend monthly pro-social events.

ADULT FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

FY 17-18

Accomplishments

WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

Clients participated/
jail bed days saved

8,526

Hours of work completed to benefit the community

68,208

DIRECT WORK PROGRAM

Clients participated/
jail bed days saved

511

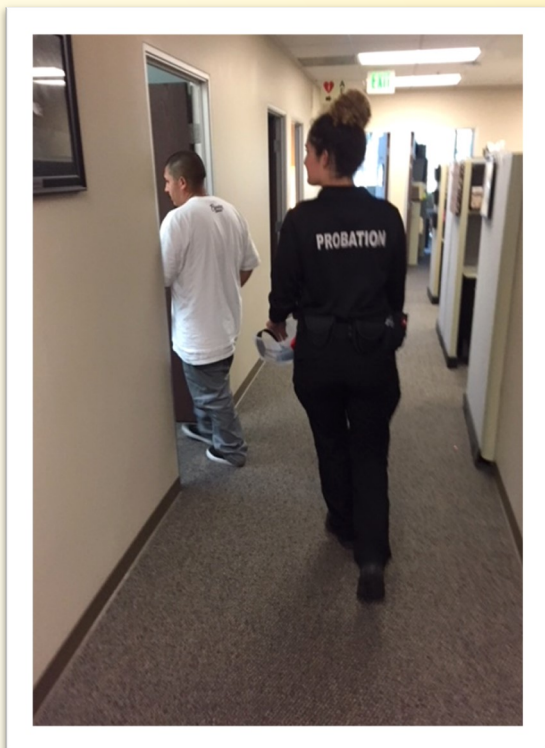
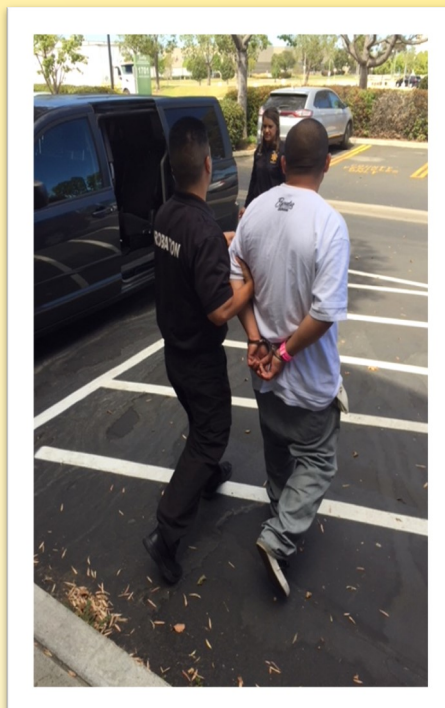
Community Service Hours Completed

4,088

Probation's vision is guided by the fact that our decisions and actions today determine the quality of our lives tomorrow.

WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 4024.2 PC, the Work Release Program allows clients to complete manual labor in the community in lieu of serving their sentence in jail. An eight hour work day completed by a participant is the equivalent to one day in custody. Work Release participants provide labor under the supervision of numerous county, city, and federal groups provide landscape maintenance, weed abatement and community beautification.



THE DIRECT WORK PROGRAM

The Direct Work Program allows offenders to complete community service work in lieu of a custody sanction. Participants receive hourly credit toward their Direct Work order for each hour of labor performed. Direct Work also receives referrals from the Social Host Liability Program for adults who have been civilly cited for hosting parties where underage drinking has taken place.

We foster self-sufficiency and competency development. We believe people can change and that we can facilitate that process.

ADULT SAFETY REALIGNMENT DIVISION

The Ventura Probation and Post Release (VPPR), Oxnard Probation and Post Release (OPPR I & II) and East County Probation and Post Release (ECPPR) units supervise and provide services to 1,354 adults with a history of violence, weapon possession, or engaging in criminal behaviors that inherently are associated with weapons (e.g. drug sales).

Officers managing these cases are armed and monitor terms and conditions of probation and Mandatory Supervision (MS) as well as release conditions and orders associated with Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). They provide intensive level services using evidence-based practices (EBP) which include administering a comprehensive risk and needs assessment to identify criminogenic needs and to target those risks factors and barriers to treatment in individualized case plans. EBP case management principles, individualized cognitive behavioral interventions, and referrals to collaborative agencies and community based organizations are made to address targeted risk factors.



FY 17-18 Accomplishments

**Incentives given
to PRCS clients**

769

**PRCS Job
Placements**

90

**Successful PRCS
Completions**

93

**Weapons
confiscated during
searches**

96



Probation and Post Release Staff working during the Thomas Fire



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