

# Probation

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Probation 101-3100	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$6,489,839	\$6,434,483	(\$55,356)
Services and Supplies	\$1,459,257	\$1,263,790	(\$195,467)
Other Charges	\$573,407	\$583,407	\$10,000
Fixed Assets	\$97,065	\$26,702	(\$70,363)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,619,568</b>	<b>\$8,308,382</b>	<b>(\$311,186)</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State	\$702,382	\$300,470	(\$401,912)
Grant	\$377,609	\$361,515	(\$16,094)
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$3,712,934	\$4,557,234	\$844,300
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,792,925</b>	<b>\$5,219,219</b>	<b>\$426,294</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$3,826,643</b>	<b>\$3,089,163</b>	<b>(\$737,480)</b>

## Program Description

The Yuba County Probation Department promotes the health and safety of the community through programs of prevention, intervention, treatment, and detention services. In the Adult Division, this mission is accomplished by enhancing judicial decision making through assessment of offender risks and needs, enforcing court orders, engaging in prevention, intervention, and treatment collaboration, and moving clients to lawful self-sufficiency. The following is a description of each of the units within the Adult Division:

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## **Adult Investigations:**

The Adult Investigations unit consists of seven Deputy Probation Officer allocations who are supervised by one Supervising Deputy Probation Officer. Two Deputy Probation Officers are assigned to the Pre-Trial Division. These officers conduct face-to-face assessments on all qualified detainees at the Yuba County Jail. Pre-Trial Assessment reports are completed and sent to the Yuba County Superior Court prior to arraignment. Pre-Trial Assessment Reports include investigations into the criminal and social history of each detainee, input from any victims and utilizing a standardized risk assessment tool. After gathering all of the pertinent information, officers make detention and bail recommendations. At least one of these officers attends daily arraignment hearings in order to answer any questions which may arise from the investigation. If the Court elects to release the detainee pending resolution of the case, the officers will supervise and support the client in attending future Court proceedings. One of the officers works Sunday through Thursday, in order to address jail bookings occurring on the weekends. Four Deputy Probation Officers are allocated to complete all other Court investigation mandates. These officers prepare a variety of reports for the Court, including, but not limited to, bail reports, pre-sentence investigations, restitution reports and the calculation of detention time credits. Investigatory duties include interviewing clients, obtaining victim statements and investigating the social and criminal history of the client. Officers must make recommendations based on public safety and ever-changing legal standards. Officers complete the Offender Needs Assessment (ONA) and Static Risk Assessment (SRA) to determine clients' criminogenic needs and risk of re-offending. The ONA identifies the clients' needs and is incorporated into a supervision plan which provides a foundation for supervision, and the SRA determines an offender's level of risk to re-offend and dictates the degree to which they are supervised. Additionally, officers are dedicated to appear in Court on the felony sentencing calendar. The officers document proceedings in Probations case management system, process cases to be assigned, and maintain statistical data.

One Deputy Probation Officer is assigned to the collaborative Court known as Drug Court. This is a collaboration between Probation, Superior Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, and Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health. The officer prepares eligibility reports, submits weekly review reports, participates in bi-weekly Court hearings and attends multi-disciplinary meetings with resource partners in the community to ensure consistent and effective services are provided to clients. Additionally, the officer transports clients to inpatient treatment programs, has weekly contact with client and treatment providers, facilitates urinalyses drug testing and submits violations and warrants to the Court. The officer assists in organizing a graduation celebration for clients who successfully complete a 12 months to a 3-year Drug Court program.

Due to an unfilled vacancy at the Deputy Probation Officer classification, the Adult Investigations unit is currently staffed with one fewer Deputy Probation Officer than allocated (six instead of seven). As a result, a Probation Aide was assigned, in part, to assist the Court Unit. The Probation Aide conducts criminal history checks, summarizes offense reports and assists officers in writing and investigating various reports as needed. Due to the limitations of classification specifications, the Probation Aide is

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unable to fully take on the roles and responsibilities mandated of a Deputy Probation Officer. It is hoped that this is a temporary solution to assist the unit in meeting its legal obligations.

An additional unfilled vacancy is the Legal Services Specialist, which is supervised by the Supervising Deputy Probation Officer of the Adult Investigations Unit. This position reviews, formats, and files reports from the Adult Investigations Unit, Adult Supervision Unit, and the Juvenile Unit. Additionally, the position assists the Juvenile Traffic Hearing Officer in scheduling and disposition of juvenile traffic citations. As a result of the unfilled vacancy, an Intervention Counselor assigned to the Juvenile Unit was tasked with filling the responsibilities to the Juvenile Traffic Hearing Officer.

Moreover, the Supervising Deputy Probation Officer and Deputy Probation Officers are completing the onerous task of formatting and filing reports. It is hoped that these are temporary measures until the classification can be filled.

## **Adult Supervision:**

Nine Deputy Probation Officers and three Probation Aides allocations are responsible for the supervision of clients placed on formal probation, mandatory supervision, or post-release community supervision (PRCS). The unit is supervised by one Supervising Deputy Probation Officer. Due to unfilled vacancies at the Deputy Probation Officer classification, the Adult Supervision unit is currently staffed with three fewer Deputy Probation Officers than allocated (six instead of nine). One officer conducts an intake on each new probation and mandatory supervision client. The intake includes conducting a detailed assessment and supervision plan based on the ONA and SRA. Clients are referred to the appropriate program/service and are assigned to a supervision level (low, moderate, or high) commensurate with their risk/needs assessment and public safety considerations. At regular intervals, staff continue to utilize the ONA to refer clients to the appropriate program or service and adjust the supervision plan accordingly. As a result of one of the unfilled vacancies, there is a vacancy at one of the intake positions. A dedicated caseload of unhoused/homeless clients is supervised by one Deputy Probation Officer. One of the main goals of this assignment is to assist the client in obtaining housing.

Officers conduct regular urinalysis testing to assist clients with abstaining from alcohol and controlled substances. Regular compliance searches of clients' homes, personal property, and person are conducted to ensure public safety and confirm compliance with Court orders. Examples of illegal items confiscated during searches include firearms, deadly weapons, and controlled substances. Officers effectuate the arrest of clients alleged to have committed a newly discovered crime or subsequent to a warrant being issued. After arrest, officers complete arrest reports, violation petitions, probation summaries, and document/label evidence to be maintained in the Probation Department's evidence storage. Early disposition reports can also be completed, in order to make recommendations on violations of supervision, which can circumvent a lengthy Court process and allows clients to re-engage in services more quickly after a violation.

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One of the officer's responsibilities is to supervise the specialized caseload of sex offenders in the community. The officer is responsible for maintaining frequent coordination with Sex Offender Therapy providers to ensure participants are meeting requirements. This includes placing and monitoring a Global Positioning Systems on high-risk sex offenders, maintaining and providing mandated statistical data to the state, and participating in multiagency sex offender compliance checks with other local law enforcement agencies. This involves client contacts and searches and/or covert operations. The officer also participates in gang enforcement through Yuba Sutter Anti-Gang Enforcement (YSAGE), which conducts regular night contacts, searches, and arrests of known gang members in the community. The remaining two Deputy Probation Officer vacancies affect caseload sizes and the officer's ability to effectively supervise clients in the community.

One of the Probation Aides is partially tasked with monitoring the low-risk caseload, a limited amount of moderate level risk clients and assisting the Adult Investigations Unit. As a result of Measure K funds, the Probation Department was able to hire an additional Probation Aide. This Probation Aide works with inmates at the Yuba County Jail to establish services and obtain necessary documents (California Identification Card, birth certificate, etc.) prior to release. This assignment reduces or eliminates any delay clients have in obtaining services once released from custody, thereby increasing public safety through rehabilitation. The third Probation Aide is assigned as our Community Liaison. This position regularly engages and supports the community and community initiatives. Examples include participation in annual parades, Dia de los Ninos and Thanksgiving dinner for more than 20 Probation clients. Communicating with and engaging the community is essential for education and prevention. Continued positive involvement in the community will lead to increased public safety.

## **TEAM Center/Programs:**

The TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) Center is located near the main Probation Department and offers a number of services for Probation and Parole clients. Services include, but are not limited to, mental health therapy, substance abuse counseling and educational services. One Supervising Deputy Probation Officer supervises one Deputy Probation Officer, two Intervention Counselors, and two Substance Abuse Counselors. Two in-house Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselors provide substance abuse counseling and/or education through the For Our Recovery (FOR) Families curriculum. Yuba County Child and Adult Protective Services also refer clients to this program who have been offered reunification services through the Court. As a result of Measure K funds, the department was able to hire an additional Intervention Counselor to provide education, intervention, and treatment services. These Intervention Counselors facilitate the mandated 52-week batterers treatment program, life skills, Parent Project, and Courage to Change programs. A Yuba County Office of Education teacher provides education for the 2nd Chance Diploma program where clients can earn a high school diploma instead rather than a GED certificate. A Yuba County One Stop Training and Employment Counselor provides employment assistance. Yuba County Probation continues to partner with the Sacramento County Office of Education for a prevention specialist. This additional staff member provides services to state parolees, as well as Probation clients. The Probation Department established a contract with Peachtree Health for a mental health therapist to provide therapy to clients at the TEAM Center.

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The TEAM Center celebrates clients who successfully complete programs by hosting regular graduation ceremonies and receptions. Client's family or support person, friends and Probation staff are invited to the event. Clients are celebrated at the event after completing FOR Families outpatient or intensive outpatient level of program, High School Diploma through the 2nd Chance Diploma program (cap and gown provided for ceremony), and/or two or more TEAM Center programs.

## **Training:**

For several years, the Probation Department has maintained an excellent in-house training program. We have a number of staff certified as instructors for various training requirements and have certified nearly 200 classes through Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). We saved a significant amount of money by providing training in-house by not paying vendors. Training is paramount to ensure our staff are equipped with the necessary skills and abilities to effectively promote positive change, ensure public safety and comply with legal mandates. A few of the topics in which staff receive training include Motivational Interviewing, First Aid/CPR, Use of Force, New Law updates and Mental Health First Aid. Training is facilitated by subject matter experts from both internal and external sources.

## **Staff Wellness:**

We believe the most valuable asset to the department is its employees. Employee wellness is critical and the department puts to the forefront initiatives to promote staff wellness. These initiatives include the tri-agency Peer Support Program with the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office, and the newly developed wellness rooms situated at the Juvenile Campus and Courthouse locations of the department. A work/life balance in which employees are able to perform at a high level while ensuring their families are a priority leads to a cohesive Team and family environment, which ultimately benefits the clients, the County and our employees. Fiscal year 22/23 was the first year in which funds were specifically allocated toward staff wellness. Measure K funds provided training of Peer Support personnel and other staff, and various engagement resources and opportunities for employees of all three aforementioned agencies. Part of the services offered through Peer Support is Critical Incident Stress Debriefings where trained staff debrief traumatic incidents with involved employees. Events include responding to child deaths and suicides.

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## Accomplishments

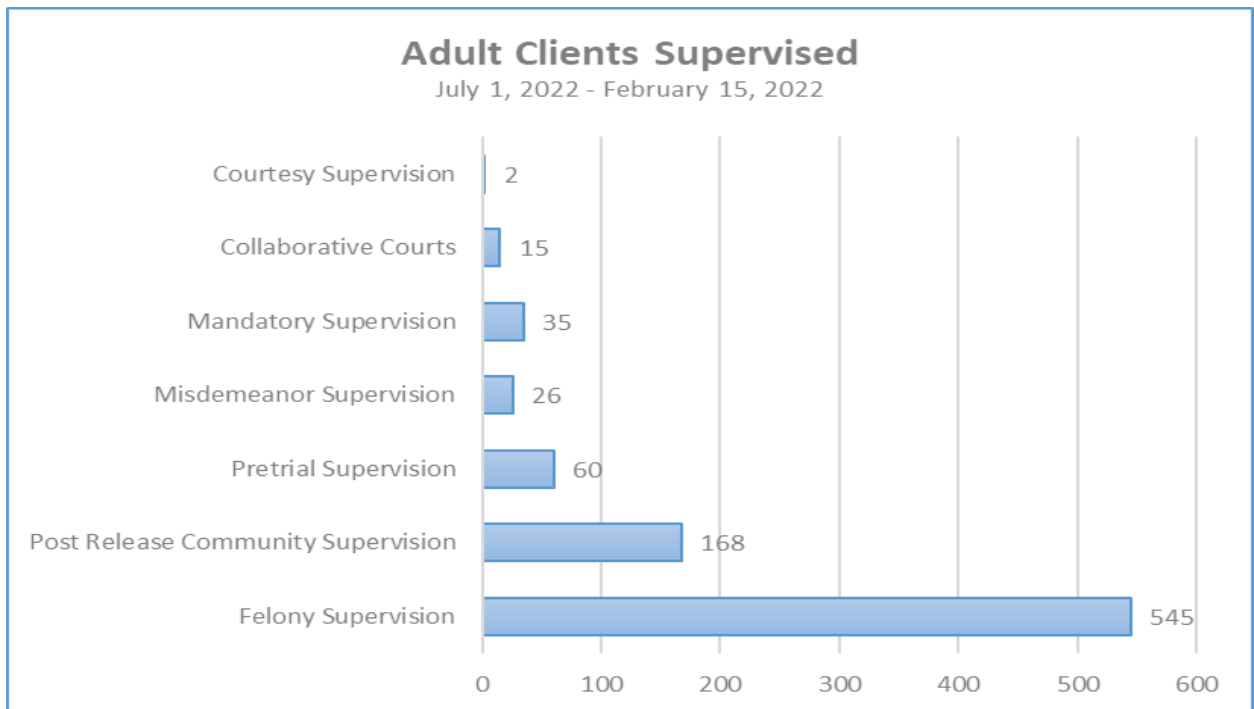
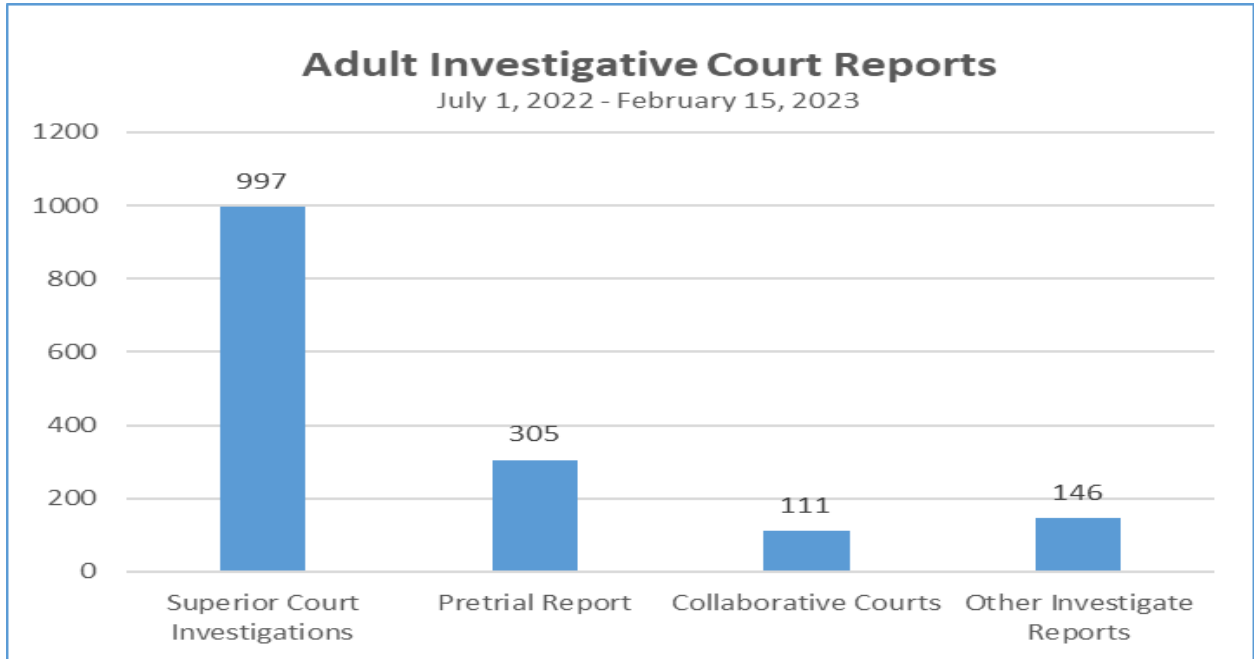
### FY 2022-2023

- Partnered with Peachtree Health to provide mental health therapy to Probation clients. This partnership created a satellite office for Peachtree, thereby expanding locations at which they are legally able to provide services to the community.
- Created a full-time community liaison position to increase department participation and support of community activities and initiate community engagement opportunities.
- Enhanced the quality of quarterly hosted Successful Connections community event by improving layout, check-in process and raffle prizes for attendees.
- Purchased and installed a retractable wall in the large classroom at the TEAM Center to provide increased and modifiable space to enhance the number of services offered.
- Successfully entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Yuba County Superior Court to continue to provide Pre-Trial services pursuant to Senate Bill 129.
- Enhanced officer wellness by increasing the number of Peer Support personnel, ensuring those staff are adequately trained, and providing branding and engagement opportunities to staff to highlight the program for all staff to be aware.
- Entered into a contract with Pathways to provide residential drug and alcohol treatment for a limited number of probation clients. This contract includes beds allocated for detoxification from those substances.

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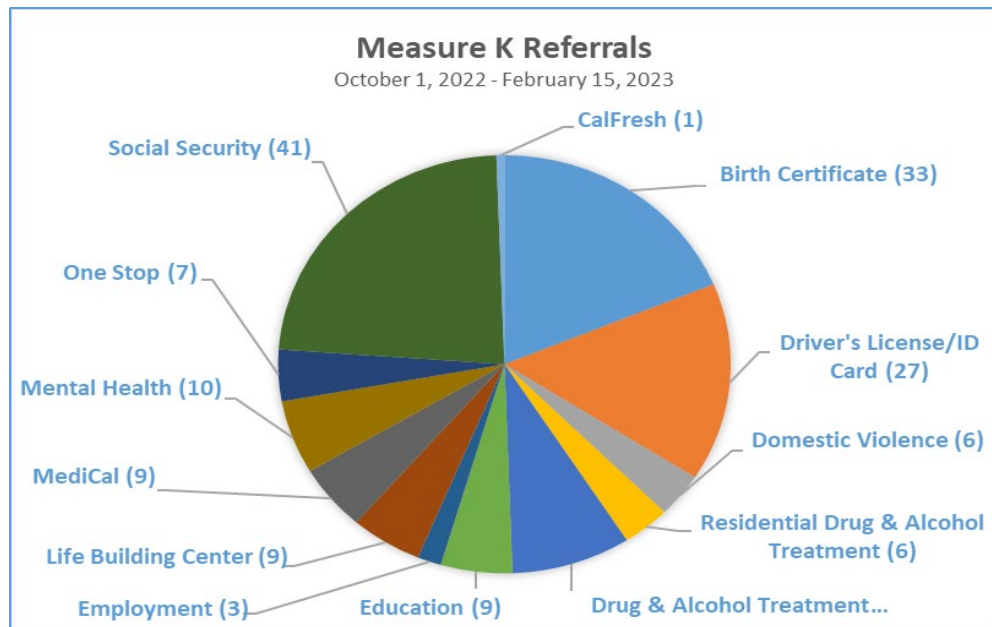
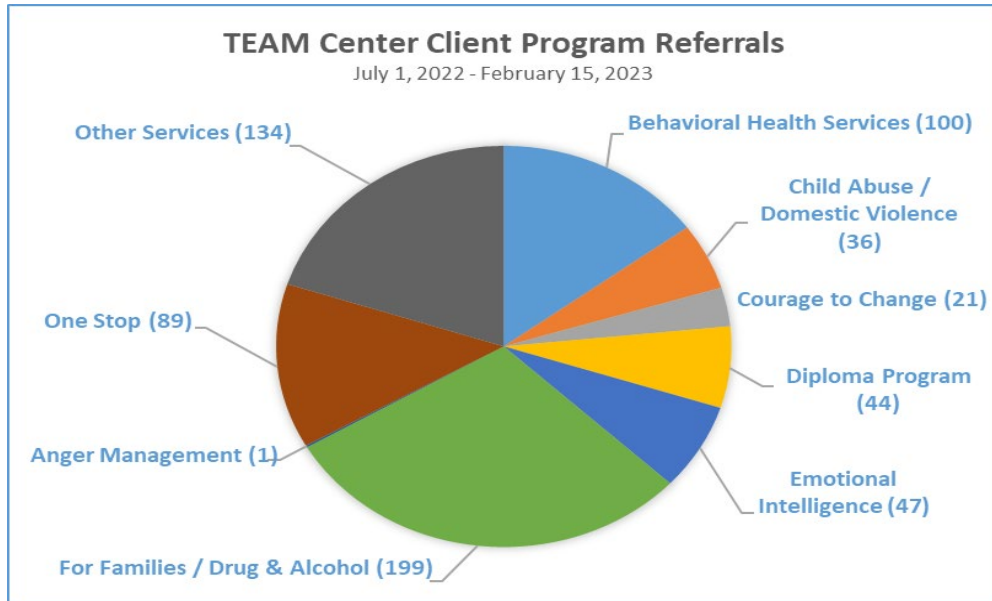
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## Performance Measures FY 2022-2023



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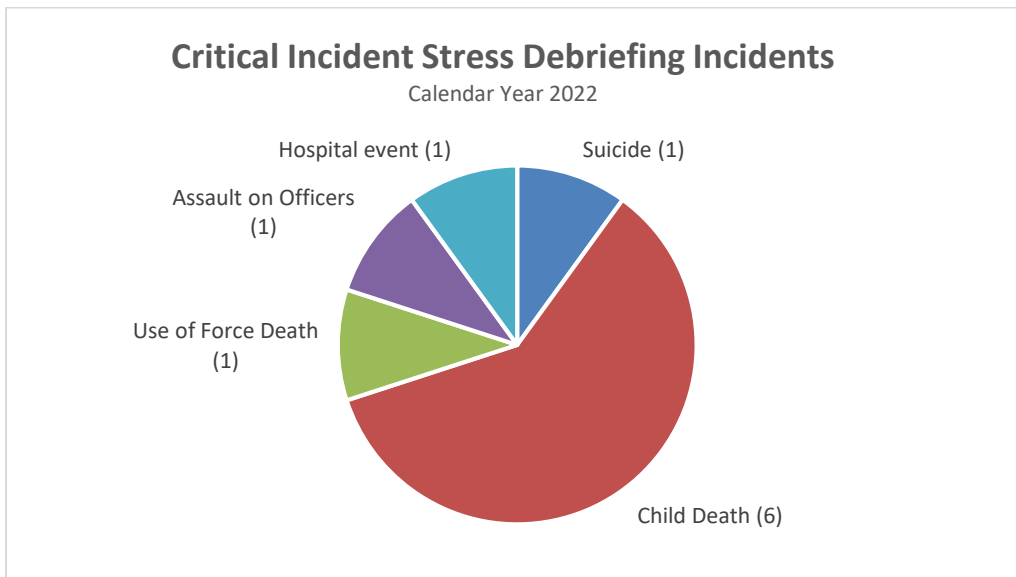
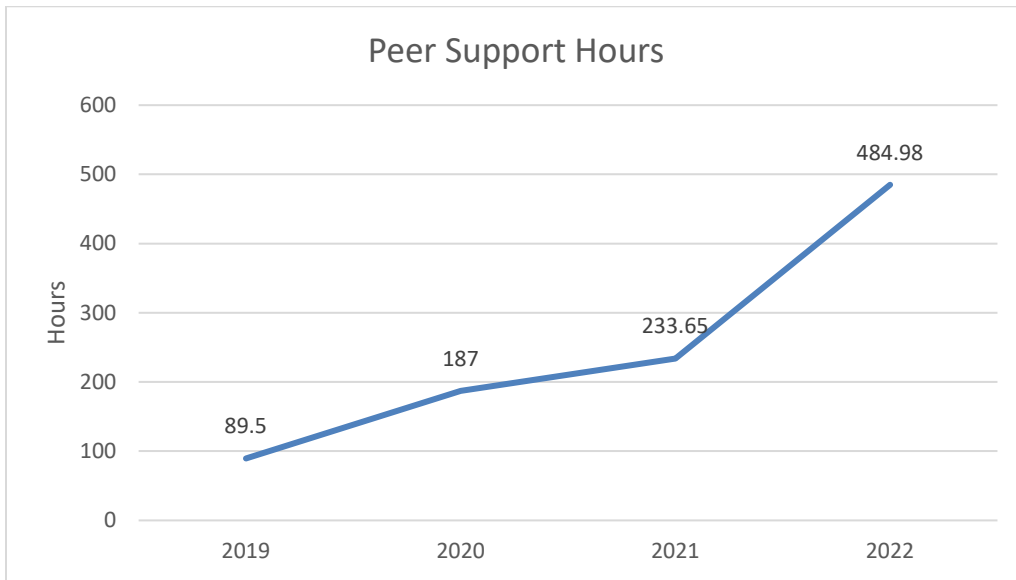
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## Goals and Objectives

### FY 2023-2024

- Expand quality and types of services offered through the TEAM Center. This includes expanding services to clients and the community by providing multiple pro-social engagement opportunities.
- Use current data to assess efficacy of current programs provided at the TEAM Center. Use the data to improve services.
- Increase and enhance employee wellness. Creating a regular newsletter to educate and inform, regular trainings for all staff and bolstering Peer Support efforts are areas of growth.
- Retain and recruit knowledgeable employees to fill gaps and prevent an exodus of valuable knowledge.

## Pending Issues/Policy Considerations

### FY 2023-2024

- Implementation of SB 129, which is a state mandated Pre-Trial Program where the Courts enter into an MOU with the Probation Department to provide pre-trial services to all adult detainees. Funds allocated pursuant to the MOU are grossly insufficient to maintain current performance levels. The Probation Department's mandated responsibilities to the Court will have to be monetarily supplanted from other revenue sources to maintain these levels.
- Purchase and build a mobile service vehicle to provide all programming and services offered at the TEAM Center at various locations throughout the county. Services include mobile internet, drug and alcohol treatment, and Court engagement. In January 2023, a grant application was submitted to BSCC to request funding for this initiative.
- Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health expressed fiscal concerns during fiscal year 22/23, resulting in lack of funding for Drug Court participants. The Probation Department contracted with Pathways to provide limited residential treatment to clients, and funding to continue this rehabilitative service is needed for Drug Court clients and the general probation population.
- Homelessness continues to be a significant issue in our community. Establishing contracts or MOU's with organizations that provide housing, including Buddy's House, is being explored as a stop-gap measure for probation clients.

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Crime Prevention Act of 2000 101-3117	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	
	Adopted Budget	CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$334,061	\$369,591	\$35,530
Services and Supplies	\$15,084	\$36,279	\$21,195
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$349,145</b>	<b>\$405,870</b>	<b>\$56,725</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$349,145	\$405,870	\$56,725
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$349,145</b>	<b>\$405,870</b>	<b>\$56,725</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Youth Offender Block Grant 101-3120	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	
	Adopted Budget	CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$361,994	\$502,701	\$140,707
Services and Supplies	\$130,736	\$159,877	\$29,141
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$492,730</b>	<b>\$662,578</b>	<b>\$169,848</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$492,730	\$662,578	\$169,848
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$492,730</b>	<b>\$662,578</b>	<b>\$169,848</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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State Correctional School	FY 22/23 Adopted	FY 23/24 CAO	
101-3200	Budget	Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits			\$0
Services and Supplies			\$0
Other Charges	\$96,208	\$208	(\$96,000)
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$96,208</b>	<b>\$208</b>	<b>(\$96,000)</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc			\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$96,208</b>	<b>\$208</b>	<b>(\$96,000)</b>

Juvenile Traffic	FY 22/23 Adopted	FY 23/24 CAO	
101-3700	Budget	Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits			\$0
Services and Supplies	\$18,250	\$18,000	(\$250)
Other Charges	\$200	\$200	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$18,450</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>	<b>(\$250)</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc			\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$18,450</b>	<b>\$18,200</b>	<b>(\$250)</b>

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Standards & Training PB/JH 132-3100	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits			\$0
Services and Supplies	\$52,416	\$48,348	(\$4,068)
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$52,416</b>	<b>\$48,348</b>	<b>(\$4,068)</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State	\$52,416	\$48,348	(\$4,068)
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc			\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$52,416</b>	<b>\$48,348</b>	<b>(\$4,068)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Program Description

Juvenile Probation provides comprehensive services to youth, the Juvenile Court, the community, and other juvenile justice agencies. The principle mandated tasks accomplished include preparation of investigative reports, dispositional recommendations to the Juvenile Court and supervision of youth placed under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. Mandated tasks also include intake services for all youth referred by law enforcement agencies who are alleged to have committed an act of criminal misconduct. The Juvenile Probation division provides continual comprehensive prevention, intervention, and enforcement through program service elements. Program elements are offered to any youth residing in or referred from a Yuba County agency. The primary focus is on informal probationers, Wards of the Court, and truant youth and their families. All youth charged with a criminal offense by the District Attorney participate in a number of assessments in order to determine an appropriate disposition. These assessments are completed by Probation staff and may include, but are not limited to, a mental health assessment, family intake assessment, commercially sexually exploited children assessment, substance abuse assessment, and a risk and needs assessment. A thorough case plan for the youth and family is developed with the support of these assessments. The case plans meet the federal requirement under Section Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, which provides funding to work with youth who are at risk of removal from the home.

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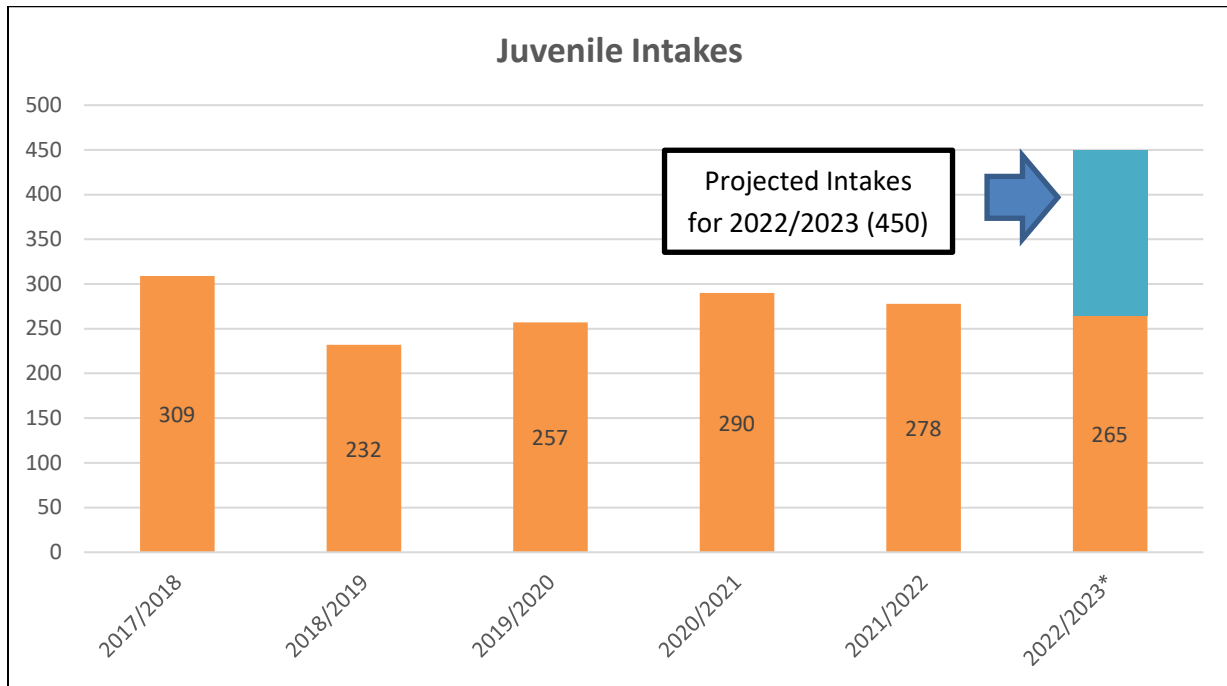
Probation, the Marysville Joint Unified School District, Wheatland Union Unified School District, and the Yuba County Office of Education collaborate on the Probation and School Success (PASS) Program to embed officers in schools to provide prevention, education, and intervention services to youth and families. Probation Officers are currently assigned to Lindhurst High School, Marysville High School, Wheatland Union High School, and Thomas E. Mathews Court and Community School. The PASS Program is directly related to the significant decrease in youth committing new offenses and youth placed on supervision. Additionally, the Probation department dedicates a Truancy Officer to the school districts, in order to improve school attendance. The Truancy Officer also participates on the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB).

The unit has one officer responsible for the supervision and documentation of probation youth ordered into out of home placements such as a Resource Family (Foster Home), Transitional Housing, or a Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). This officer is also responsible for monitoring and assisting non-minor dependents who are receiving mandated services under AB 12. The unit is also responsible for arranging and transporting in-custody youth for medical and dental appointments.

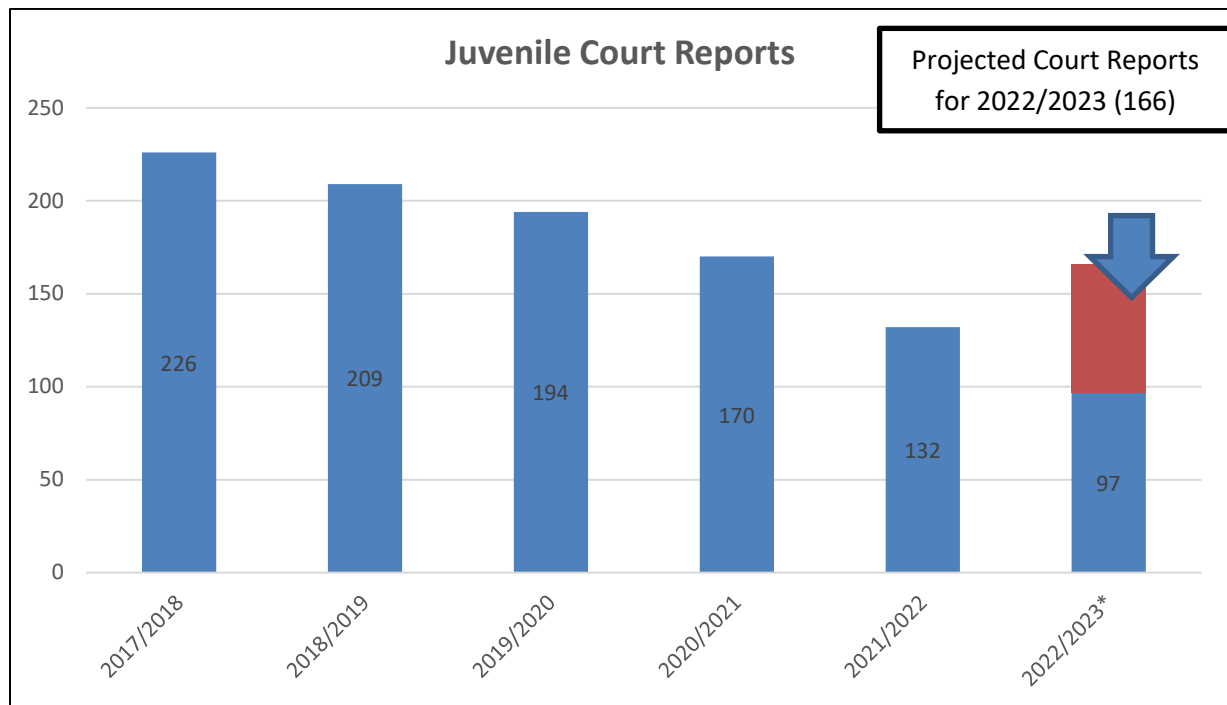
Other services offered by the Juvenile unit include Juvenile Offender Work Program, Parent Project, parent support group, Independent Living Program, substance abuse counseling, anger management, intensive aftercare, drug and alcohol education, and individual and family counseling. Referrals to these programs are generated from the Juvenile Traffic Hearing Officer, local law enforcement, school districts, and within the Probation department. In addition to programs and supervision, the unit is responsible for preparing Step-parent Adoption Reports, 241.1 reports pursuant to Section 241.1 of the Welfare and Institution Code and Juvenile Records Sealing for the Superior Court. On February 15, 2023, the Probation department began offering Parent-to-Parent Support Group to all Yuba County Parents.

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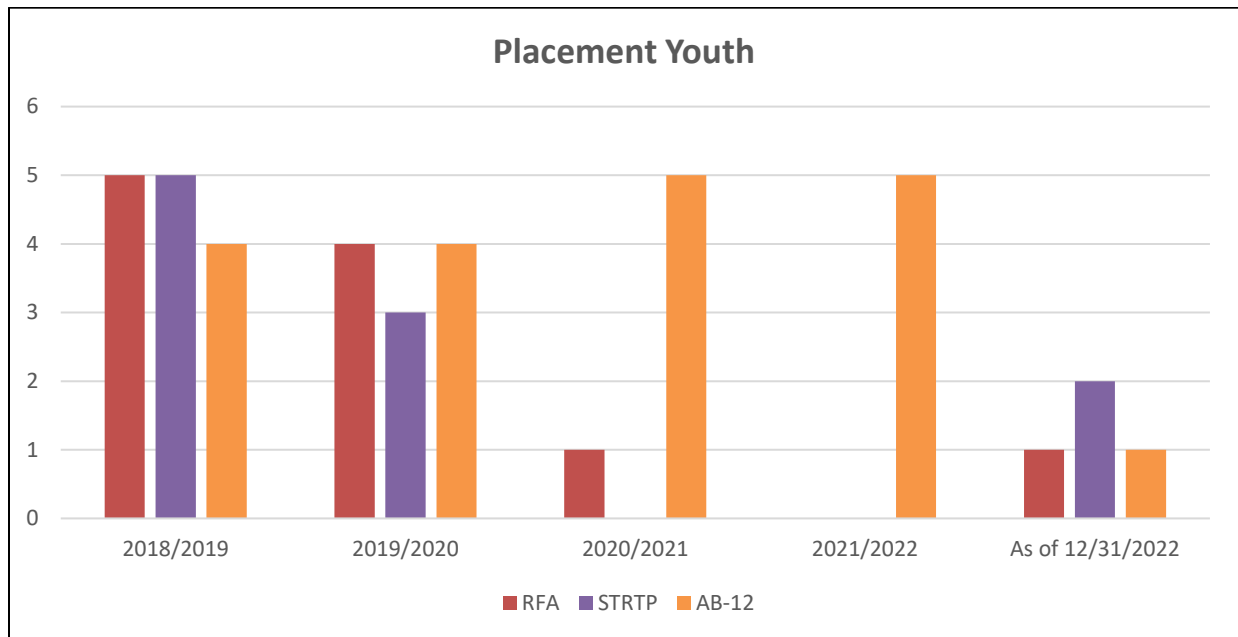
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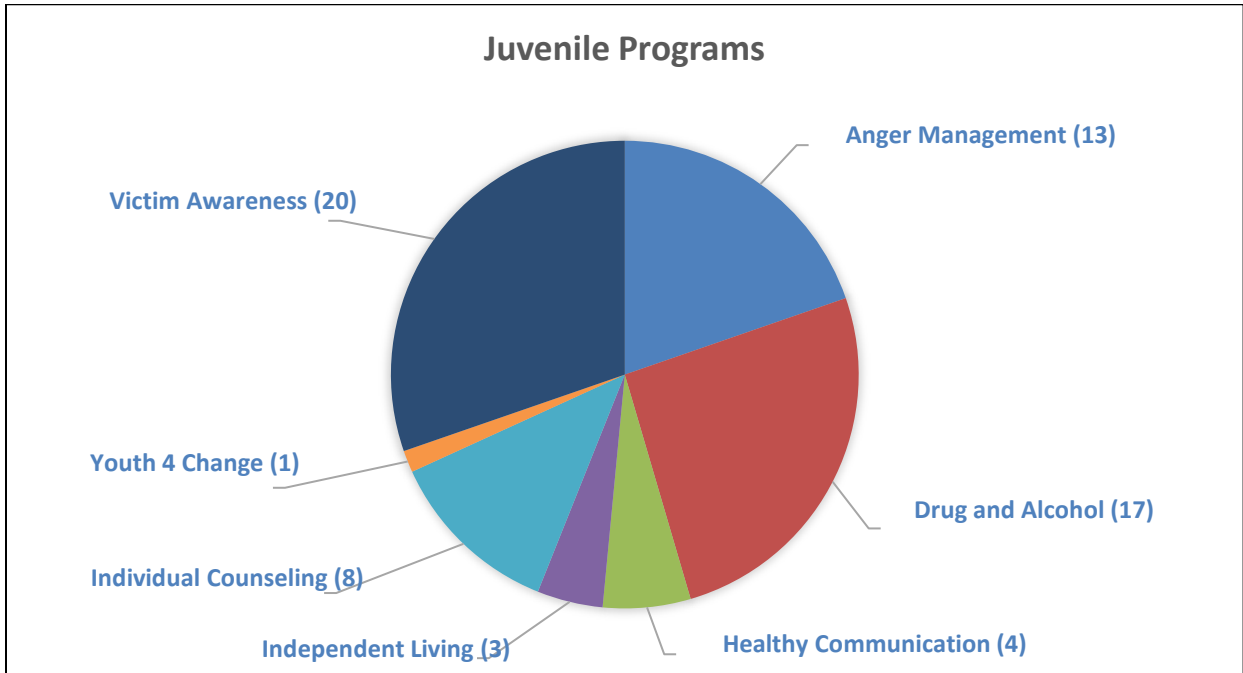


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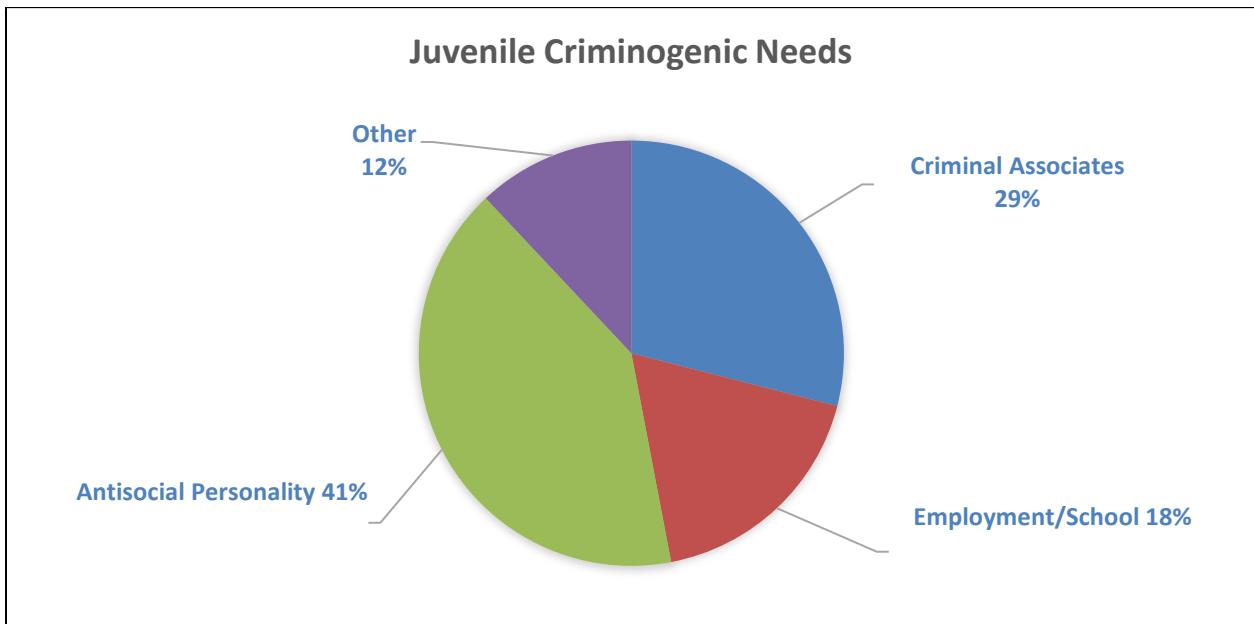


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## Accomplishments

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- The Probation department was able to continue to provide prevention and intervention services to youth. These services were provided on a one-on-one basis, or virtually, and included drug and alcohol counseling, victim awareness, individual counseling, and anger management.
- Collaboration with Wheatland Union High School to have a PASS officer embedded on campus to offer outreach and interventions.
- Continued collaboration with Sutter County Probation and Colusa County Probation to discuss and ensure appropriate services are in place for Secure Treatment Youth during their commitment in Tri-County Rehabilitation Center.
- Continued communication with Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) regarding the youth returning from Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).
- Collaboration with Sutter County Probation and Colusa County Probation to discuss the Department of Juvenile Justice Youth and ensuring appropriate services are in place upon their return. Monthly meetings are held to discuss any concerns.
- Continued participation in weekly meetings with local school officials and law enforcement for the sharing of information regarding criminal street gang activity and coordination of services for prevention and intervention of youth participation in such activities.
- Continued participation in a state mandated Interagency Placement Committee, comprised of one administrator from Yuba County Probation, Yuba County Child Welfare, and Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health. This committee reviews youth who are ordered into out-of-home placement and determines if they meet criteria for a Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP).
- Continued participation in Yuba County Assessment Team (YCAT), Yuba County Children’s Wellness and Child Abuse Prevention Council, and Blue Ribbon Commission.
- Completion of the State Improvement Plan (SIP).
- Trained our Juvenile Intervention Counselor to provide Child Family Team (CFT) meeting to assist our youth and family with appropriate services.
- Trained our Juvenile Intervention Counselor in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to certify youth in our institutions as well as staff.

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## Goals and Objectives

### FY 2023-2024

- Continue to collaborate with Yuba County Child Welfare and implement Yuba County's System Improvement Plan (SIP) and County Self-Assessment (CSA) to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The Annual SIP has not been submitted to CDSS but is currently in development. The CSA will begin in August 2023.
- To add a Probation Officer in the Juvenile unit to be assigned to the institutions.
- Increase extracurricular activities during school breaks for youth on probation (based on criminogenic needs from the Risk and Needs Assessment).
- Increase programming for youth in the community, including bolstering parent/family engagement opportunities and creating opportunities for youth to become involved in pro-social activities (based on criminogenic needs from the Risk and Needs Assessment).
- Increase the frequency of Child Family Team (CFT) meeting with our families.
- Enhance and expand the PASS program and establish new working relationships with local schools.
- Increase efforts toward early intervention/prevention with elementary aged youth.
- Fill the vacant Substance Abuse Counselor.
- Sustain the Parent-to-Parent Support Group in the community.
- Implement a new orientation and training process for new Juvenile unit employees.
- Increase community outreach and engagement through participation in community events.
- We have initiated the process to eliminated paper records and transition into electronic file storage.

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## **Pending Issues/Policy Considerations**

### **FY 2023-2024**

- Closure of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Division of Juvenile Justice facilities. Ensuring our department is in compliance Senate Bill 823 and Senate Bill 92.
- Replacing state mandated Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) with Child Welfare Services-California Automated Response and Engagement System (CWS-CARES). Individual modules are released incrementally and are not fully implemented.
- Implementation of Family First Prevention Service Plan.

# Tri County Youth Rehabilitation Campus

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Juvenile Hall 108-3000	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$5,682,230	\$6,655,959	\$973,729
Services and Supplies	\$1,814,851	\$1,813,396	(\$1,455)
Other Charges	\$948,464	\$948,464	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,445,545</b>	<b>\$9,417,819</b>	<b>\$972,274</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State Grant	\$902,715	\$312,809	(\$589,906)
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$4,213,533	\$5,782,985	\$1,569,452
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,116,248</b>	<b>\$6,095,794</b>	<b>\$979,546</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$3,329,297</b>	<b>\$3,322,025</b>	<b>(\$7,272)</b>

JH DJJ SB823 INFRAST 108-3050	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits			\$0
Services and Supplies	\$502,587	\$502,587	\$0
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$502,587</b>	<b>\$502,587</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State Grant			\$0
Realignment	\$167,529	\$167,529	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$335,058	\$335,058	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$502,587</b>	<b>\$502,587</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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## Our Mission

We believe people can change and that we can be instrumental in supporting that change. Staff members are our department's greatest asset. We are a family-oriented department that values and appreciates each staff member's contribution to our success. Staff are regularly provided with state mandated relevant training, which includes youth trauma, crisis management, cultural competence, mental health awareness, sexual abuse and harassment training, and appropriate use of force.

## Campus and Mission

Our Campus consists of the Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (Juvenile Hall), which includes the Secure Housing Unit (Secure Youth Treatment Program) and the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (Camp Singer).

The Campus Mission is to:

- Provide for the lawful, secure, and safe detention of youth pending disposition before the Juvenile Court or committed to a term of custody.
- Provide rehabilitative services directed toward reintegrating youth with the community and their families.
- Serve as role models for the youth in our care, demonstrating appropriate dignity, respect, and self-direction.

## Joint Powers Agreement

In 1976, a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was established between Sutter and Yuba counties. In 2014, Colusa County became a partner, and an amended JPA established the Tri-County partnership, which outlined shared operational costs between the counties. These costs were modified in 2020 and the current split is 48% Yuba, 40% Sutter, and 12% Colusa. The Tri-County Oversight Committee meets quarterly to review campus activities, pro-rata base for costs of operations, and progress toward the construction of the new Juvenile Hall. Our department is the administrative agency responsible for the management and daily operation of the campus.

## Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility

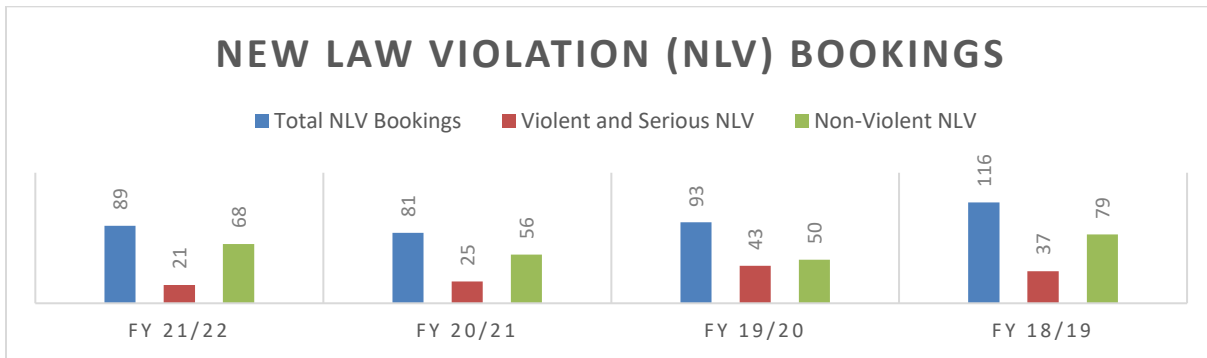
The existing Juvenile Hall was constructed in the 1940s and expanded in the 1970s to the present floorplan. Juvenile Hall is comprised of two buildings: the main facility, which has a capacity of 45 youth, and the Secured Housing Unit (SHU), which has a capacity of 15 youth. The SHU was built in 2001 as a standalone 15-bed facility in response to youth requiring a higher degree of security. The SHU will provide housing and program services for youth ordered to the Secure Youth Treatment Program.

Juvenile Hall provides detention services for Tri-County youth who are pending Juvenile Court or being prosecuted in Adult Court. In addition, short-term, post-dispositional commitment to the facility is an option utilized by the Courts to provide sanctions to youth found responsible for law or probation violations.

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Intakes for new law violations continue to remain lower than pre-COVID-19 intakes, while new serious and violent offenses account for an average of nearly 24 percent of all bookings for new law violations this year. This was a 10 percent decline from 20/21. The Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) realignment pursuant to SB 823, also known as the Secure Youth Treatment Program, requires counties to provide serious youth offenders with long-term rehabilitative services at the county level. This presents an unprecedented challenge, such as additional supervision staff and program services needed to address the specialized needs of this population. Furthermore, youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Program will remain in the facility considerably longer, require increased rehabilitative services and trauma-informed care to address their delinquent behaviors and criminogenic needs.



All youth booked in the facility undergo an extensive assessment process including suicide risk, sexual abuse and harassment, security and risk classification, and medical examination. Youth remaining in custody receive an education and mental health assessment as well.

Youth participate in school, recreation, and programs daily. Programs provided include but are not limited to Drug and Alcohol Education, Life Skills, Individual Counseling, Family Counseling, Mental Health, Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), Journaling, Bereavement, Best Parenting, CPR classes, Religious, Youth Support Groups, Restorative Justice, Parenting Skills, and Responsible Behavior. Youth earn up to 100 points daily based upon their performance in all aspects of the programming, which allows them to achieve certain statuses and incentives.

Our campus is one of the most inspected youth facilities in the state, due to serving the tri-counties and contract counties. We are inspected regularly by multiple entities including but not limited to Grand Juries, Juvenile Justice Commissions, Environmental Health, State Fire Marshall, and the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). BSCC provides oversight of facility operations and inspects our campus annually to ensure we are in compliance with Title 15 and Title 24 regulations.

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## Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (Camp Singer)

The dormitory style “Camp Singer” facility was opened in 2001 and is located adjacent to the Juvenile Hall. Camp Singer shares the ancillary kitchen/dining hall building with the Juvenile Hall. The main living unit has a capacity for 48 male youth and a separate unit, which has a capacity for 12 youth. Camp Singer primarily provides services to male youth from Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties, in addition to holding active contracts with Amador, Calaveras, Lake, Napa, Placer, Santa Cruz, Glenn, and Tehama Counties for youth housing as space permits.

Camp Singer provides rehabilitative services to youth who are typically committed to the program for a period of one year, with many youth completing the program in 180 days. There is also a 90-day commitment program option for Probation departments and the Courts for youth who have previously completed the Camp Singer program.

Camp Singer’s principal function is to provide active and engaged pro-social programs, which establish discipline and control in order to redirect youth’s cognitive process away from criminal behavior. Prior to and after acceptance into Camp Singer, each youth is assessed to determine which programs would best address their criminogenic and behavioral needs. Current programs offered at Camp Singer include Drug and Alcohol Education, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Behavioral Health Therapy, Life Skills, Individual Counseling, Family Counseling, Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), Bereavement, Parenting Skills and Support Group, Youth Support Groups, Mentoring, Restorative Justice, Food Service Preparation, Gardening, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Human Trafficking, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Power Source, Musical Arts, Physical Fitness Training, CPR Certification Training, Welding, Automotive, Construction Training, College Courses, Matrix Program, Boy’s Council, PREA Orientation/Refreshers, Family Fun Night, and Journaling.

Youth earn up to 100 points daily based upon their performance in all aspects of the program, which operates on four phases of advancement, with each phase granting additional program incentives. Youth are able to participate in vocational opportunities, employment, field trips, and provide many hours of community service work. Some examples of field trips and community service include:

- **Field trips:** Burney Falls, Beale/Fairy Falls, Afterbay Hike, Bodega Bay, Scott’s Flat Reservoir, Lake Francis, Bunker Trail, Thermalito South Forebay Recreation Area, Sly Creek, Hammon Grove Park, River Front Park, Local Community Parks, Civic Center, IMAX Theater, Yuba College, Sacramento Zoo, Bishop’s Pumpkin Farm, Marin Headlands Lighthouse/Mammal Center, Sundial Bridge, Lake Tahoe, Bidwell Park, Barry Kirshner Wildlife Sanctuary, Fishing, Swimming, Coast and snow trips, Cinemark Theater, Wheeler Soccer Complex, Fit 1 Athletics Gym, Parades, Museums, Hiking, and Sporting Events/Gold Sox Baseball.
- **Community Service:** Event set up, parking assistance, clean up at community events and for organizations such as the Peach Festival, Marysville Stampede, Marysville Bok Kai Parade, Christmas parade, SAY Love, Non-profit organizations, County Employee BBQ, Yuba County Trunk-or-Treat, Local Churches and Cemeteries, and community parades.

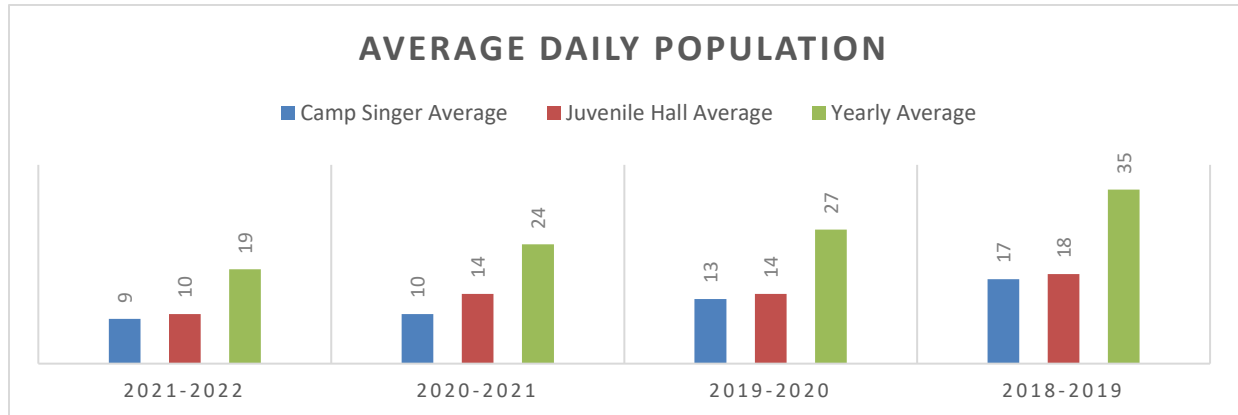


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## Campus Population

COVID has impacted Juvenile Hall and Camp Singer’s average daily population. In previous years, our campus averaged 35-45 youth between both facilities. It is anticipated these numbers will rise again as the pandemic is subsiding and serious youth offenders are committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Program.



## The Family Tree

The Family Tree building serves as a hub to offer a multitude of services for youth housed on campus. There are two therapists and one intervention counselor housed in the Family Tree, with one additional therapist based out of the Juvenile Hall. Services provided include youth assessments, multi-disciplinary team and transition meetings, case planning, individual therapy, family therapy, weekly parent support group, therapeutic visits with psychoeducation and a family therapy component, Independent Living Program focused on meal preparation and supervised visits with minor children and their housed parent. The Family Tree also continues to support youth and their parents after the youth returns to the community. These supports are provided through drop-in services, referral to community supports and serves as a continuous life-long positive adult support in our youths’ lives.

## Partnerships

A key to our success as a facility, department, and community relies on collaborative partnerships. The following are some of our great partners and services we provide to other entities:

- *Yuba County Office of Education (YCOE)* – YCOE provides educational services to all youth detained in the facilities through the Harry P.B. Carden School. Utilizing youth’s educational records and individualized assessment tools, youth are provided curriculum tailored to their educational needs. The school is an accredited member of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC accreditation affords detained youth the ability to earn educational credits, which are accepted by public schools, when the youth is released.

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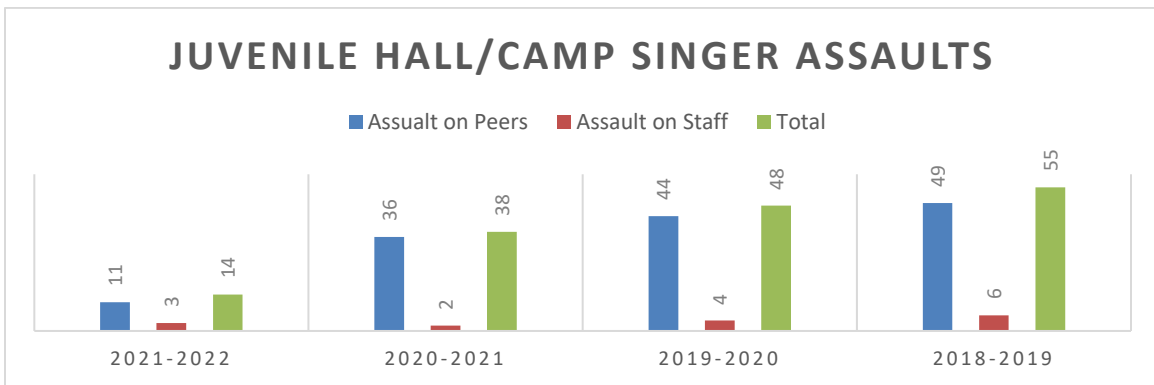
- *The Youth Employability Program* – A college and career readiness program designed to assist youth with obtaining employment and/or entering the college system to increase their chances of becoming socio-economically successful.
- *Hall to Home* – This program provides wraparound services to transitioning youth preparing to exit from our campus to their community of residence. Services include individual and family therapy, parent training, communication, daily scheduling, intensive case management, school placement, and connection to community resources.
- *Mentoring program* – An evidence-based mentoring program which matches youth to positive adult role models to support safety, social, and emotional needs. This includes monthly field trips that incorporate college/career exposure, community services, and recreational activities.
- *Youth Advocate and Career Technical Education (CTE)* – Provides opportunities for youth to attend CTE course offerings at the Yuba County Career Preparatory Charter School. Hands on CTE offerings include veterinary technician, auto mechanics, construction, auto body and paint, welding, and aquaponics/wildlife and sustainable ecosystems.
- *Online CTE offerings at Harry P.B. Carden School* – Architecture, planning and environmental design, arts, culture, entertainment, business, communications, education, engineering and computer science, environment, government, health and medicine, law and public policy, sciences – biological and physical, and social impact/community service.
- *Wellpath Medical* – Wellpath provides medical health care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The medical staff consists of a Doctor on site 5 hours a week, Registered Nurse on site 8 hours each weekday – 5 hours on Saturday and Sunday, and a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) for one hour of evening medical needs. Wellpath also provides Behavioral Health services, which consist of a psychiatrist 5 hours a week and a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)/Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) four hours a day, two times a week.
- *Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health (SYBH)* – SYBH provides two full time embedded forensic behavioral health therapists in addition to a part time therapist from Colusa Behavioral Health. The therapists conduct assessments on incarcerated youth and provide trauma informed care, crisis management, individual, group, and family therapy as needed.
- *Volunteers* – Religious volunteers and community mentors regularly work with our youth.

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## Behavior Management

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) was implemented on our campus in 2017. PBIS is an application of a behaviorally-based systems approach to enhance the capacity of schools, families, and communities by building effective environments that improve the link between research-validated practices and the atmosphere in which teaching and learning occurs. The goal is to reward the youth for good behavior. As a result of PBIS, we have experienced a positive environment and relationship between youth and staff. Total assaults (youth on youth; youth on staff) have steadily decreased each year since implementing PBIS facility wide.



## Accomplishments FY 2022/2023

- Installed Wi-Fi throughout entire campus.
- Maintained Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (PBIS).
- Continued involvement in new Juvenile Hall construction.
- Increased training for extra help staff members.
- Maintained Covid-19 procedures to ensure a safe facility for youth and staff.
- During this fiscal year, Camp Singer youth participated in the Construction Industry Education (CIE) Foundation Design Build Competition at Consumnes River College in Sacramento, California. Through YCOE our youth were able to compete against 40 other Northern California High Schools and build a solar-panel green house in the two-day competition.
- Ensured adequate staffing and extra help to address state and federal mandates.
- Continued to provide meals to SYBH Psychiatric Health Facility clients.
- Continued laundry services for 14Forward.
- Continued collaboration with YCOE to provide youth an off-campus CTE Welding Program.
- Added the addition of the Automotive Program with the collaboration with YCOE.
- Addition of Glenn County to the contract counties for Camp Singer.
- Provided services to youth participating in our Secure Youth Treatment Program.
- New Flower Beds made by the CTE program and added to both facilities.

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## Goals and Objectives

### FY 2023/2024

- Implement electronic RFID youth tracking system.
- Increase youth programming, education, and vocational/CTE opportunities.
- Complete construction of new Juvenile Hall.
- Remodel SHU for Secure Youth Treatment Program to provide a therapeutic living environment.
- Fully Implement Restorative Justice and Tier three of PBIS program.
- Build out infrastructure and framework to house long-term youth.
- Expand College and Career Readiness.
- Add education/programming technology for youth.
- Provide more on campus recreational opportunities for youth.
- Expand out-of-county contracts for the Camp program.
- Build a chicken coop on the Camp Singer facility.

## Pending Issues and Policy Consideration

### FY 2023/2024

- Implement new Title 15 regulation revisions when released by BSCC.
- Development of DJJ Realignment Program (Secure Youth Treatment Program).
- New facility transition planning.
- Development of a Youth Center to provide greater service to youth and families.

# Victim Witness Programs

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Child Abuse 101-3102	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$336,120	\$342,498	\$6,378
Services and Supplies	\$28,372	\$26,642	(\$1,730)
Other Charges	\$13,730	\$13,730	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$378,222</b>	<b>\$382,870</b>	<b>\$4,648</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant	\$257,500	\$257,500	\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$93,504	\$118,385	\$24,881
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$351,004</b>	<b>\$375,885</b>	<b>\$24,881</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$27,218</b>	<b>\$6,985</b>	<b>(\$20,233)</b>

VOCA 101-3107	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$129,961	\$132,360	\$2,399
Services and Supplies	\$18,994	\$13,914	(\$5,080)
Other Charges	\$13,729	\$13,729	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$162,684</b>	<b>\$160,003</b>	<b>(\$2,681)</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant	\$144,123	\$146,562	\$2,439
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$15,727	\$13,441	(\$2,286)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$159,850</b>	<b>\$160,003</b>	<b>\$153</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$2,834</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2,834)</b>

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JAG-ARRA 101-3116	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$135,387	\$142,522	\$7,135
Services and Supplies	\$8,886	\$8,978	\$92
Other Charges	\$2,085	\$2,085	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$146,358</b>	<b>\$153,585</b>	<b>\$7,227</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$146,358	\$153,585	\$7,227
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$146,358</b>	<b>\$153,585</b>	<b>\$7,227</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Family Resource Center 101-3150	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$106,735	\$112,706	\$5,971
Services and Supplies	\$47,097	\$42,448	(\$4,649)
Other Charges	\$8,048	\$8,048	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$161,880</b>	<b>\$163,202</b>	<b>\$1,322</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant			\$0
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc	\$161,880	\$163,202	\$1,322
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$161,880</b>	<b>\$163,202</b>	<b>\$1,322</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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Victim Witness 101-3105	FY 22/23 Adopted Budget	FY 23/24 CAO Recommended	Change
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$314,098	\$307,448	(\$6,650)
Services and Supplies	\$48,763	\$43,785	(\$4,978)
Other Charges	\$13,730	\$13,730	\$0
Fixed Assets			\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$376,591</b>	<b>\$364,963</b>	<b>(\$11,628)</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Fed/State			\$0
Grant	\$348,394	\$351,233	\$2,839
Realignment			\$0
Fees/Misc		\$13,730	\$13,730
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$348,394</b>	<b>\$364,963</b>	<b>\$16,569</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	<b>\$28,197</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$28,197)</b>

## Program Description

As a division of Yuba County Probation, Victim Services is unique in many ways. We are one of only two counties basing our services through the Probation Department, rather than the District Attorney’s Office. Yuba County Victim Services provides programs that support and assist victims of crimes. We provide victim advocacy, court support, legal system navigation, restitution assistance, and emotional support referrals while victims and/or their families attempt to heal from the trauma of experiencing a crime. Victim Witness proudly provides all mandatory and optional services prescribed in the Penal Code. In addition to those prescribed services, the program also has a 24-hour response team and a therapeutic treatment component, which provides therapy to both victims of crime and children “at-risk” of abuse. Our in-house therapeutic treatment component is truly unique in California. All other Victim Services Programs refer out their victims in need of counseling and therapeutic treatment to community based organizations. In our office, there is no wait or the chore of trying to find another therapist outside our agency. Victim Services deals with crimes of all types, including homicides and sexual assaults. Victim Services is the central location and coordinator for the Yuba County Multi-Disciplinary Interview Team providing forensic interviews to children who have experienced sexual and physical abuse.

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Victim Services collaborates with many community-based organizations and participates in community events to support and ensure an array of services are available to victims and their families. Yuba County Victim Services Program is responsible for providing information, referrals, treatment, and support for all Yuba County residents affected by crime.

Fiscally, the program has operated on three main grants. We continue to do so with the Victim Witness/Assistance Program Grant (VWAP), Crisis Victim Services Grant (XC), and Child Abuse Treatment Grant (CHAT). Not unlike a lot of Victim Services Programs, this program has been built around “one time monies” or grant funds, which are not guaranteed and require application each year.

The VWAP grant is awarded to each county to operate a Victim Services Center from federal and state monies through the California Office of Emergency Services. Through Yuba County Probation, Victim Services has been receiving the VWAP grant for over 36 years. This grant requires that staff provide mandatory services to victims/witnesses and optional services as well. Victims/Witnesses include those individuals close to the victims who have been impacted by the crime, such as relatives and family members. This is the second year the grant has included monies for a Mass Casualty Victim Advocate to plan and develop procedures for responding to mass casualty incidents and/or natural disasters.

The program has had a CHAT grant for the past 17 years, and the monies come from both federal and state funds administered through California Office of Emergency Services. This grant provides us the ability to offer therapeutic services to children who do not qualify for the California Victim Compensation Program, are at risk for abuse, witness domestic violence, or encounter bullying or trauma in the school or community setting. This grant allows Yuba County to serve children and their families when services might otherwise not be available.

Lastly, the state allotted specific monies to each county through the County Victim Services (XC) grant. These monies must be spent in accordance with the County Victim Services Steering Committee recommendations to support existing programs or fund new projects to meet the needs specific to each county. The steering committee recommended the funds be utilized to support existing shortages. Specifically, improve the access to victim services by providing an in-person response to the emotional, psychological, and physical needs of crime victims, like a home visitation program. Develop an in-person response to a DA Office requests to assist in the reduction in community outrage and to encourage preserving criminal case integrity. Lastly, the committee recommended enhancing transportation for victims and the continued development of an emergency victims’ fund for both CASA and Victim Services shared clientele. Simultaneously, increasing training and awareness for all first responders regarding crisis and services offered through the Victim Services Program. A change for the upcoming fiscal year is that the Crisis Victim Services Grant will be competitive with limited funds available for County Victim Service Agencies who secure the grant.

This unit serves a vital and unique role within the County’s Probation department and more importantly the County itself. The mission of this unit is “to provide comprehensive, nurturing, and restorative services to victims of crime which seek to restore their dignity and ensure that their rights are afforded.”



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The Victim Services Program Unit recognizes that prevention is the greatest resource to reduce/eliminate future victimization and crime. The Program continues to provide comprehensive support, advocacy, counseling, and treatment services to victims of crime, and more importantly to children.

## Accomplishments FY 2022-2023

Victim Services continued to provide comfort canines to our victims and their families for court accompaniment and trauma reduction services. Our comfort canines respond with our advocates to community crisis and to debriefing sessions once the event has concluded. Comfort canines are called to Juvenile Court for accompaniment and sit with children while going through the Child Welfare process. They were instrumental in many community events, social gatherings put on by community, and county based agencies. Our canines are magnets for attention and affection. Currently, we have three comfort canines, Etha, Tedi Bear, and Ruger, who provide services to the community. In 2021, we lost our veteran comfort dog Tuscany “Tusca” Blue, the first Yuba County Comfort Canine, to an illness. She was an amazing support and comfort to many victims over the 10 years she provided her services.

In coordination with our local domestic violence shelter, Victim Services Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Program continued with a 24/7 crisis response to sexual assault cases, provided transportation to forensic medical examinations and ongoing support during intrusive but necessary medical/evidentiary exams and follow-ups. Over the last full fiscal year, Victim Services responded to 15 calls.

Victim Services continued to provide the location, training, and facilitation of all child sex abuse and physical abuse cases involving law enforcement, CAPS, DA, and VS. The “best practice” model is making the Multi-Disciplinary Interview (MDI) team available and the center accessible so that children do not have to interview several times for each agency to get their evidence. The “best practice” model allows a child to come in and interview on a limited number of times while each agency gets the information/evidence needed to ensure the safety of the child and family. Over the last full fiscal year, Victim Services facilitated 58 forensic interviews. In the 2022/23 fiscal year, thus far, 32 MDIs have been completed with children who have experienced, were at-risk of, or witnessed abuse.

Victim Services continues to provide the victims of our community with quality services. Among these services are criminal justice process assistance, court accompaniment, prosecution interview accompaniment, Victim of Crime application assistance, therapy and crisis counseling, relocation assistance, victim impact statements, restraining orders, release notification, and attending parole hearings with our families. Victims are grateful for our services and many express the absolute need for an advocate to be present during these trying times.

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One of the services we provide responds to mass violence and natural disasters, such as, shootings, floods, fires and other mass casualty events. Victim Services takes pride in being a supportive agency to our first responders, victims, and other staff tending to the needs of involved individuals. During these events, Victim Services acts as a support to victims through establishing family assistance centers, crisis counseling, information and referral, and being that voice for the affected. In addition, we support the first responders by being available to handle victims concerns, needs, and information sharing. Lastly, we provide debriefings for our first responders who are affected by the secondary trauma effects. Many times, our first responders must be made aware they are affected by the trauma inherent with crisis intervention.

Victim Services held its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil in April 2023. The planning for such an event begins in January. This is one of our most cherished events as it memorializes our victims of homicide and honors the families who endure the pain and trauma from such a crime each and every day. This year, we returned to in-person attendance, allowing us to see our families and memorialize the victims with them.

The goals and objectives identified in last year’s budget narrative are as follows:

**Returning to MDI Quarterly Team Meetings to ensure “best practices” are in place and continue to be the guiding force in forensic interviewing.**

- Yuba County Victim Services reestablished and reengaged the MDI Quarterly Team Meetings and met on three occasions thus far. The team discusses techniques, policies, procedures, and cases when needed.

**Increase the team’s forensic interviewers and bring in the Child Forensic Interview Training (CFIT) of California for those new forensic interviewers.**

- Yuba County Victim Services sent three (3) individuals to training for CFIT completion. Despite those individuals completing training, our interview team continues to need more due to staffing levels with other departments, promotions, and vacancies, and a caution for experiencing secondary trauma.

**Perform Peer Reviews to enhance the skills of each interviewer.**

- Yuba County Victim Services implemented tools and strategies to ensure interviewers are enhancing their skills with each interview completed. The interviewer sends out a Peer Review form to each observer after each interview is completed. This allows for some immediate feedback on what was successful and what could be improved. Group Peer Reviews are offered on a more formal basis when unique cases present themselves. A debriefing is held immediately after each interview to provide a quick critique of the process and interviewers technique.

# Victim Witness Programs

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**The program plans to further develop and improve the “Kids Place” Forensic interview center located within the Victim Services Office. It is a goal to upgrade equipment to higher quality images, improved audio recording and new modern kid-friendly furniture will be purchased.**

- The Forensic Interview Center received some upgrades. A smart board has been mounted in the Victim Services department, which has been and will continue to be utilized for group trainings and peer reviews. Furniture has been purchased for the interview room that is comfortable and inviting to the participants. Decorative murals have been purchased and installed in the interview room to create a positive and soothing environment.

**The program also plans to complete and have signed a new MOU for the Child Forensic Interview Multidisciplinary Interview Team.**

- The MDIC memorandum of understanding is reviewed quarterly with the MDI Team and continues to be appropriate at this time.

**Enhance community outreach and education of Victim Services. Participate in more community events.**

- Yuba County Victim Services participated in many events this past year, including the Tails to Tales library reading time for children and families with the comfort canines present. We participated in community events, such as the Marysville Christmas Parade, Veteran’s Day Parade, Dia Del Nino, National Night Out with our local law enforcement and a Trunk or Treat Community Event with our Probation department.
- Staff from Yuba County Victim Services trained and presented at local events. A Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) presentation was provided to Adventist Health and Rideout Trauma Symposium, and ongoing classes were provided to foster parents of the subject of CSEC. Victim Witness staff participate in Successful Connections, which is an opportunity for those involved with the criminal justice system to learn about resources within the community.
- We attended agency staff meetings with community partners to share our program information and services. Victim Awareness Classes and Drug and Alcohol classes were facilitated by Victim Services staff. Sutter County School District requested a debriefing during a traumatic time of losing a beloved coworker. Yuba County Victim Services responded to the request and assisted them through processing their grief.

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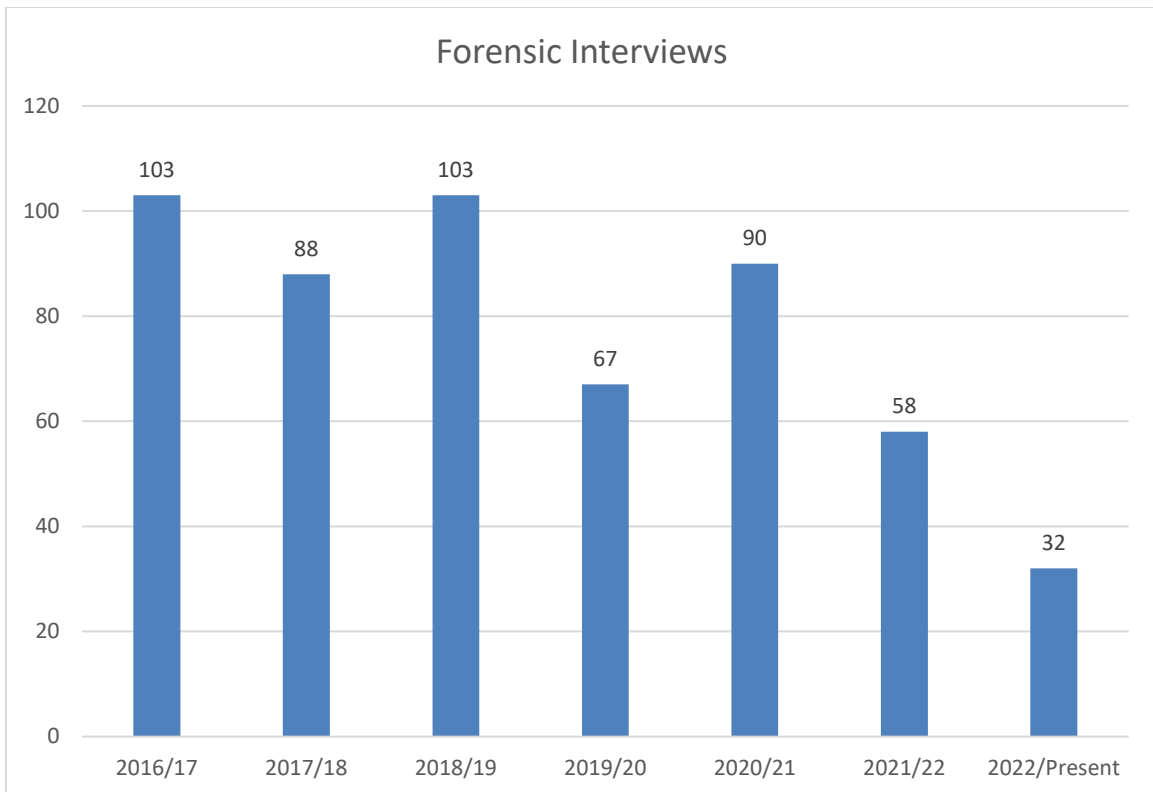
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Currently the program participates in a Displaced Youth Multidisciplinary Team (DYMDT) and hopes to expand services to children and families experiencing housing difficulties. The program, along with MJUSD and other DYMDT partners, wrote a grant to expand services to this population. The plan is to offer counseling services to those referred to the program.

- Through the Child Abuse Treatment Grant (CHAT), Yuba County Victim Services is able to offer therapeutic services to children who are experiencing the neglect of homelessness. No crime-related incident needs have occurred to trigger our involvement. Referrals made from participants and team members on the DYMDT get screened and evaluated for eligibility through Victims of Crime Program. When they are not eligible for VCP, the CHAT program is that safety net that provides when no one else can.

## Performance Measures FY 2022-2023

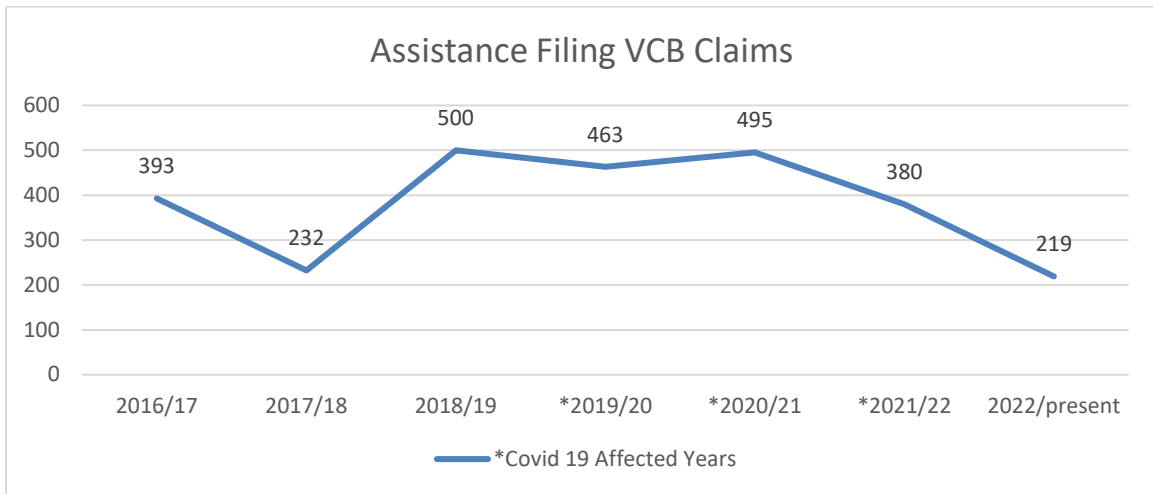
The Victim Service program houses the “Kids Place” Child Forensic Interview Center. This is a one-stop experience for a child who has disclosed some form of abuse or when child abuse is suspected.



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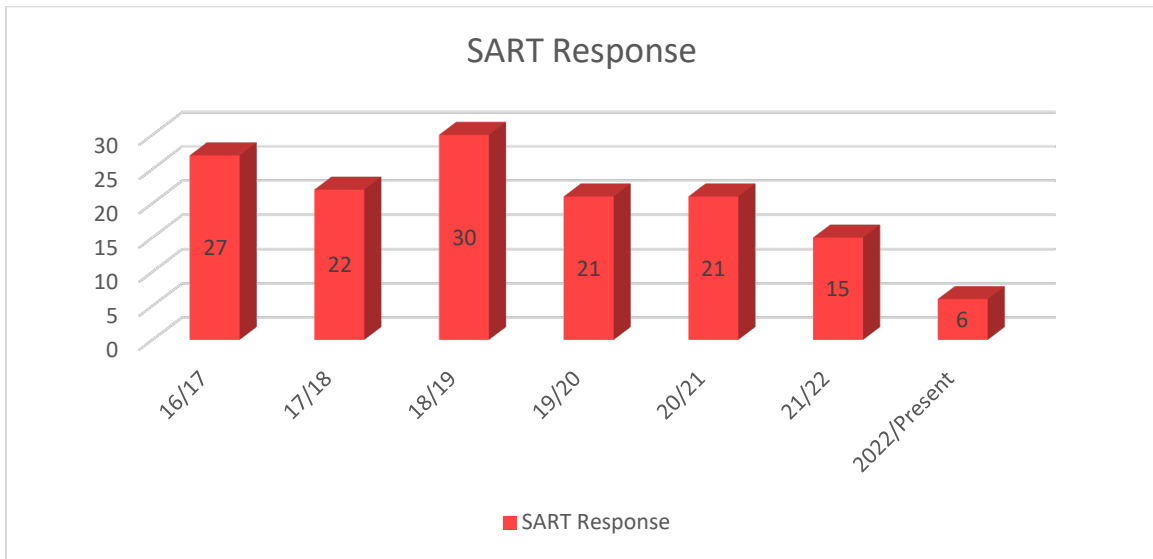
With our partner agencies, the team assembles and observes a child forensic interview specialist interviewing the child. The team consists of members from the Yuba County Probation, Yuba County Sheriff’s Office (YCSO), Yuba County District Attorney’s Office, and Yuba County Child and Adult Protective Services (CAPS). This team approach allows for a more complete interview, questions from all involved parties and fewer times a child needs to be interviewed. The trained interview team consists of several members from the Yuba County Sheriff’s Office (4), District Attorney’s Office (2), Victim Services (2), and Child and Adult Protective Services (1). The average interview from team debrief until leaving the center is 2 hours. The observation team usually consists of a member of law enforcement with jurisdiction, a deputy district attorney and/or investigator, a Victim Services Advocate and a CAPS social worker.



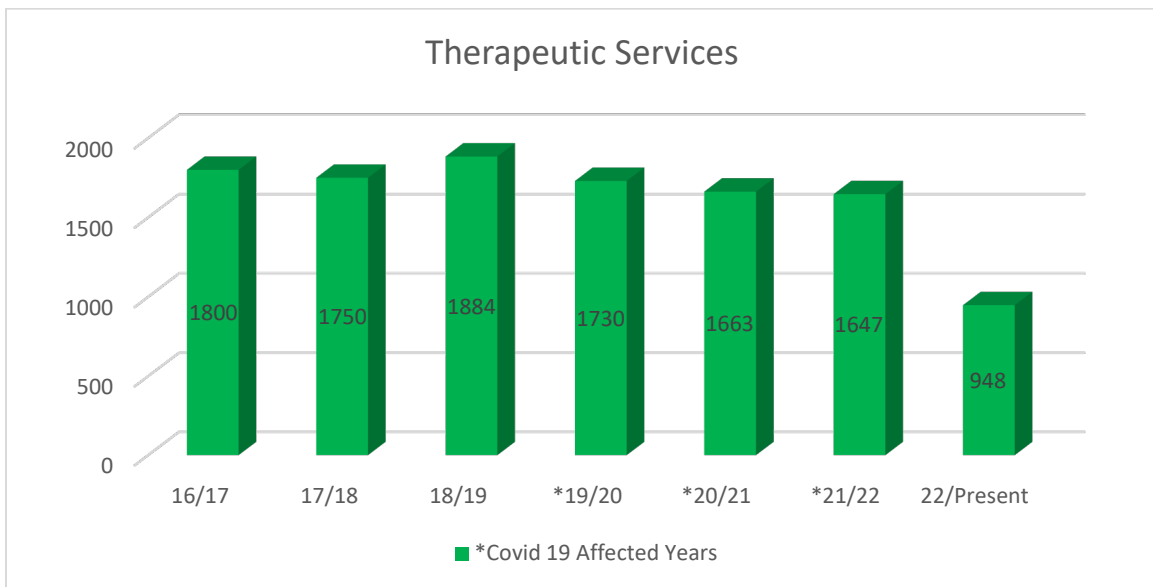
A measure of the overall workload in the office can be viewed by looking at the total number of times Yuba County Victim Services assisted with filing comp claims. There has been consistency in the number of victims requesting services through this office, especially during the COVID-19 affected years, with a slight decline in last year’s efforts. The decrease can be traced back to changing laws and recovering from the isolation of the Covid years. Despite an increase in Domestic Violence, Assaults, Battery, and Property Crimes over the last couple of years, victims have not accessed the services available to them at a higher rate. But with the increase in DV cases there has been an increase in requests for Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO’s), and this office has three (3) Advocates, one (1) Intervention Counselor, and one (1) Probation Aide trained to provide this assistance.

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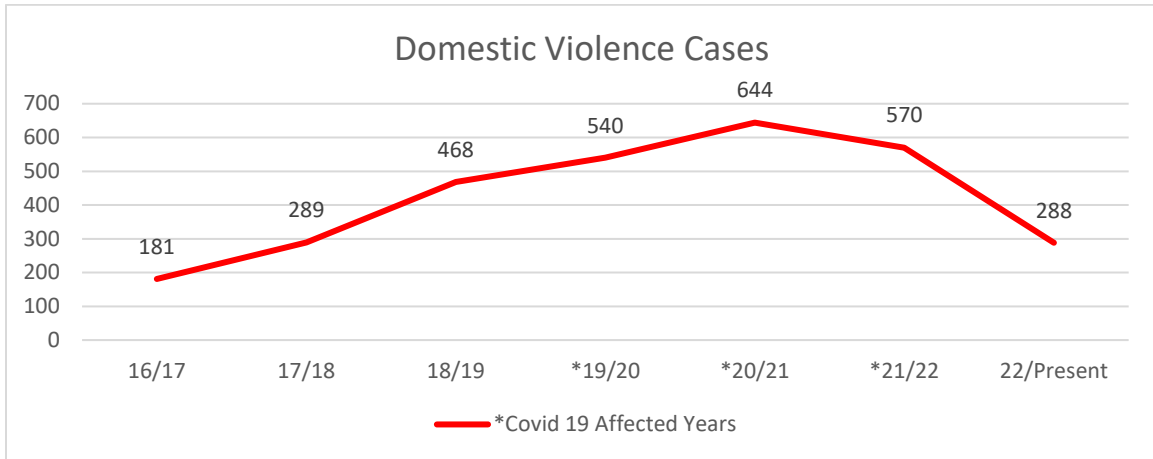
Victim Services is part of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) for Yuba County that includes law enforcement, our local domestic violence shelter and the local hospital for 24/7 response when called. Over the years the Victim Services has been relied on to be that support and communication for victims of such a heinous crime. With the increased collaboration and training of our local domestic violence partners, Victim Services has had to respond to fewer calls over time but still average more than one sexual assault per month, which is still too many.



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Victim Services provides therapy to victims who have suffered from trauma at the hands of another individual. We provide treatment to clients through several funding streams, and due to our Child Abuse Treatment Grant (CHAT Grant) we are able to see any and all children, even when not eligible through other funding streams. As we have returned to most in-person appointments, Victim Services continues to serve utilizing telehealth via Zoom and Team Meetings based on the convenience to the clients.



Domestic Violence is a chronic cycle of violence that has drastic effects on our community, families, and victims. Domestic Violence Cases soared during the initial and second year of the Covid Pandemic. Yuba County served 468 domestic violence victims in 2018/19 fiscal year and saw a 15% jump in cases during the pandemic year (2019/20) and almost a 20% jump in the following year (2020/21). Despite pandemic restrictions being lifted, the domestic violence caseload continues to remain at high numbers in 2021/22, and it appears to be headed in the same direction as we have four months to go in 2022/23.

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## Goals and Objectives

### FY 2023-2024

- Secure the Crisis Response (XC) Grant from the Office of Emergency Services as it is now of competitive nature.
- Increase our attendance and participation in MVA trainings and workshops. Finalize MOUs with other agencies and community-based organizations. Develop memberships and attend collaborative meetings that support positive connections.
- Increase the team's forensic interviewers and bring in the Child Forensic Interview Training (CFIT) of California for those new forensic interviewers.
- Develop strategies and procedures for attendance at parole hearings for victims and with victims and their families.
- Develop strategies and procedures for Safe Emergency Housing.

## Pending Issues/Policy Considerations

### FY 2023-2024

Yuba County Victim Services is constantly adapting strategies to stay ahead of the ever-changing laws. California Department of Corrections (CDC) and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) are making big changes and those changes affect the victims of crime. Some changes include parole requirements and placement. For example, out of county placement will no longer be an option after February 2023. Victims through their advocates can still request parolees be placed outside of a 35-mile radius of their victim, but those parolees can now live within the same county. You can still mark the 35-mile radius, and it only applies to certain crime criteria such as domestic violence, sex crimes, attempted murder, kidnapping, child sexual abuse, and great bodily injury cases.

Parole Hearing changes include a reduction in victim and advocate participants in the actual parole hearing. Victim or next of kin can designate only two (2) representatives, and it must be in writing via letter or by email. Victims must notify California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) 15 days prior of their request to attend the parole hearing. For next of kin or support person/advocate, it has to be 30 days in advance. This has already become a challenge for our advocates and victims due to the timeframes, and it has created further trauma due to the reduction in the number of participants. A parole hearing can now be postponed by the offender but not by the victim. If parole is granted, the application is forwarded to the Governor who has 30 days to sign the order. Inmates can be released within 60 days of that signature.



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CDCR implemented a new process to fully apply the law for identifying and referring incarcerated people for recall and resentencing pursuant to California Penal Code 1172.1(a)(1). CDCR can have a defendant's case referred for sentence recall or be resentenced based on a person's behavior while incarcerated by demonstrating sustained compliance with departmental rules, regulations, and requirements, as well as prolonged participation in rehabilitative programming. For Victim Services this creates another aspect of victimization for our victims and their families. For example, a defendant convicted of murder in the first degree can have their case filed for resentencing. Although the victim/victim families may receive notification of this, victim families suffer emotional trauma as a result and come away with a feeling that justice has been stolen from them.

CDCR has Restorative Justice Programs, which are very lengthy and are in place to help defendants develop insight into the victims' perspective. The inmates and victims are required to meet certain criteria prior to the process. An inmate has to agree to do this. Accountability letters by the defendants must be in their own words. This is a positive process but one that will require collaboration and interaction by our office with CDCR to ensure implementation and success.

Yuba County Victim Services will be developing a process and procedure for securing recent photos of defendants prior to their release from incarceration for victims upon request.

As stated above, Yuba County Victim Services continues to stay updated on the changes to laws, rules, and requirements. Some changes are positive for our victims and some make it harder for victims to be heard. Yuba County Victim Services continues to be committed to serving our clients and their families the best way possible.