



Yuba County Probation Business Summary

2023

Supporting Positive Change



Executive Statement

As the newly appointed Chief Probation Officer for the Yuba County Probation Department, I am excited and humbled to have the opportunity to present our department's business summary for 2023. The accomplishments in this report are exceptional, and a testament to our staff's effort, teamwork, and dedication to keeping our residents safe.

Our department's mission is to promote the health and safety of the community, and we are guided by our unwavering values and beliefs. At the forefront is our belief that people can change, and we can be instrumental in supporting positive change through a lens of accountability and opportunity. We utilize evidence-based strategies to best address an individual's behavior through community supervision and linkage to programs and services that create rehabilitative change. We strive to find innovative ways to impact our justice involved population and create a pathway for success. Our multi-dimensional approach to public safety also includes victim services which ensures victim's rights, prevents future victimization, and restores their dignity, health, and resources.

Yuba County Probation is fortunate to have a long history of collaborative partnerships with the Superior Court, Board of Supervisors, County Administrator's Office, community organizations, and other public agencies. We are grateful for these relationships which assist us in contributing to the overall success of our community.

The most important part of Yuba County Probation is the men and women of our department. Each member has a unique responsibility, and everyone plays a critical role in our success. We pride ourselves on being a family first department, and place great emphasis on the health and well-being of our staff members. Staff are what make us great, and we are unable to carry out our mission without their expertise, teamwork, and commitment to making a difference. Our staff have positively impacted multiple generations within our community, which is admirable and to be commended.

I am proud of our team members and want to thank them for all their effort in making Yuba County a great place to live, work, and play. It is an honor to be a part of our amazing TEAM!



Matt Ricardy
Chief Probation Officer

Meet Our Leadership Team



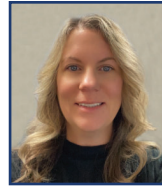
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Assistant Chief
Probation Officer



James Morales
Deputy Chief
Probation Officer



Martha Hernandez
Deputy Chief
Probation Officer



Jan Rockwell
Probation Finance
Manager



Stephanie Biehle
Adult Probation
Program Manager



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Program Manager



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Probation
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Program Manager



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Administrative
Services Officer



Erich Runge
Victim Services
Program Manager



Valeree Hammes
Victim Services
Administrative
Services Officer



Lisa Cunningham
Business Systems
Analyst



5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PROBATION:

01. Probation is the **ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION**
02. Probation successfully **CONNECTS SERVICE AND NEED TO MITIGATE RISK**
03. Probation delivers **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY SAFETY**
04. Many probation departments employ **FORMER SYSTEM-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS**
05. Probation officers are highly educated- **MAJORITY WITH 4-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREES**



Adult Division

Investigations, Collaborative Court, Supervision, and the Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM) Center are all units within the Adult Division of Probation. Each unit has different responsibilities which directly impact our overall mission and values.



INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations conduct thorough, complete, and exhaustive reports on clients at several stages of the court process. Pre-Trial Services recommend detention and bail levels to the court based on public safety and an evidence-based risk assessment tool. All other Adult Investigations run the gamut from sentencing recommendations to restitution reports, expungement, and sealing of records.

COLLABORATIVE COURT

Yuba County Probation is proud to continue its involvement with Yuba County Drug Court. Developed as a pre-sentence diversion program for qualified clients, Drug Court utilizes a multi-disciplinary, treatment oriented, collaborative court process where the client, District Attorney's Office, Probation, Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health, and the Superior Court work together to address the underlying causes of the client's criminal behavior.

170
SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETIONS

93
TOTAL
ARRESTS

2,595
REPORTS
PROVIDED

ADULT SUPERVISION

Our Supervision Officers provide a balance of enforcement, support, and services. This balance ensures clients are held accountable for their actions, provides for public safety, and allows them to grow and establish themselves as positive members of our community. We have designated an officer to oversee the high-needs caseload of unhoused clients. A primary objective of the officer is to assist in establishing permanent housing for these clients. The Adult Division also has a probation aide whose sole objective is to provide re-entry services for all jail inmates. This aide assists inmates in a variety of tasks, such as obtaining a government-issued identification card, Social Security Card, enrolling in residential drug treatment, and connecting with entitlement programs.



IN 2023, WE CONFISCATED:

✓ 5.39 ounces methamphetamine

✓ 2.5 grams cocaine

✓ 7 firearms

✓ 0.27 grams fentanyl

✓ 63 drug paraphernalia items

✓ 27 knives

✓ 23.1 ounces marijuana

✓ 180 rounds ammunition

✓ 14 other weapons

Graduating Class of 2023



TEAM CENTER

The TEAM Center is an all-inclusive site, adjacent to the courthouse, is where clients receive programming and support to learn and grow, as well as complete any recommended and court-ordered programs. We have continued our partnership with Sacramento County Office of Education to provide services to State Parole clients. We know these clients are a part of our community, and the Probation Department understands that ensuring these clients rehabilitate will encourage overall community health and safety. We partner with Peachtree Health to provide a satellite office at the TEAM Center. This partnership includes mental health services and a myriad of services through Peachtree Health.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP



Parent Project - A step-by-step plan for parents to prevent and/or intervene in their adolescent's negative choices.



Successful Connections - Quarterly event where Bi-County partners connect clients with numerous services at a single location.



For Our Recovery (FOR) Families - Out-patient drug and alcohol treatment.



Batters Treatment - 52 week court mandated course for clients convicted of domestic violence.

Juvenile Campus

The Juvenile Campus provides 24-hour youth detention services to the communities of Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties through a Joint Powers Agreement. The department is the administrative agency responsible for the management and daily operation of the campus. The facilities on campus include The Family Tree, Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (Camp Singer), Tri-County Youth Development Center, and Resiliency Program. The shared goal of facility staff is to provide youth with support, hope, and skills to assist with successful reintegration back into the community.

THE FAMILY TREE

The Family Tree Center serves as a hub to offer a multitude of services for youth housed on campus, and after their release. On site resources include two therapists and one intervention counselor. The Family Tree provides post release support to youth and their parents through drop-in services, referral to community support groups, and serves as continuous life-long positive adult support in our youths' lives.

Services provided:

- Individual and family therapy
- Weekly parent support group
- Visits from psychoeducation
- Independent living program focused on meal-prep
- Supervised visit with minor child and housed parent

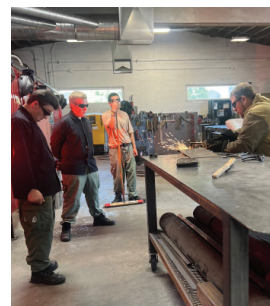
CAMP SINGER

Camp Singer is a 365-day commitment program, although many complete programming in 180 days. Camp Singer's philosophy is to assist each youth in developing a sense of achievement and responsibility through exposure to a wide variety of experiences and programming. These experiences will give them the tools to be productive members of our community. This is accomplished through intense behavior programs, education, vocational training, athletics, community involvement and counseling. These components address the major deficiencies most commonly seen in youthful offenders. Camp Singer focuses on providing a highly-structured and disciplined environment.

Education/College Curriculum

Educational needs are provided by Yuba County Office of Education (YCOE):

- Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
- High school classes and credits
- College courses
- Career Training Education (CTE) - welding, construction, cooking and automotive repair



Community Service/Field Trips

Youth are required to participate in regular community service and field trip opportunities that count toward hours directed by the court. Youth gain knowledge and experience as positive members of their communities. These opportunities provide youth with ideas, contacts, and experiences that they can continue to utilize once they have graduated from Camp Singer.

Family/Probation Involvement

A key component to the youths' success is the involvement of the parents, guardians, and family. Camp Singer encourages a minimum of weekly contact with the youth's Deputy Probation Officer to track program progress, provide support as needed, and facilitate a strong and viable transition plan. An integral part to the youth's success relies heavily on the involvement of the family and the Deputy Probation Officer.

36
TOTAL
BOOKINGS

21
SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETIONS

91.3%
SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION
RATE

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Tri-County Youth Development Center provides services to 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.

Education and Programs

The Yuba County Office of Education provides a fully accredited educational program through educational support services. The educational program consists of math, reading, science, history, literature, and vocational technology. Post high school educational opportunities are provided for youth who have completed the high school curriculum. Programs are provided by a variety of agencies working together to provide the youth information, skills, and support to aid in their growth.

205
TOTAL
BOOKINGS

24.4%
SERIOUS
OFFENSES

61.5%
MINOR
OFFENSES

33
DAYS
AVERAGE
STAY

14.1%
VIOLATIONS
OF
COURT
ORDER

Medical and Behavioral Health Therapy

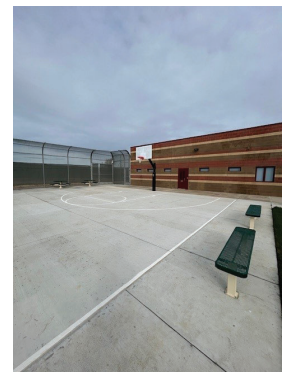
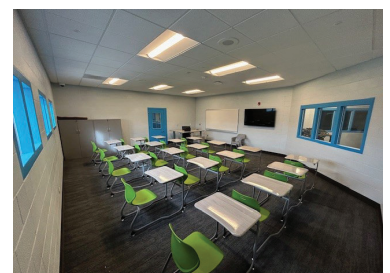
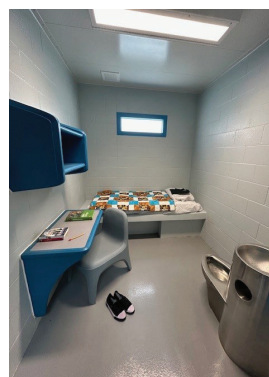
Medical and therapeutic services emphasis is to provide a comprehensive approach to each youth's physical and mental wellness during their stay. The facility's medical doctor and registered nurse provide medical assessments and care. A licensed therapist provides counseling services and works with the facility psychiatrist to provide for each youth's behavioral health needs.

RESILIENCY PROGRAM

Our Resiliency Program houses serious offenders returning to our community from the Division of Juvenile Justice as a result of Senate Bill 823. This bill requires counties to provide long-term rehabilitative services to address delinquent behaviors and criminogenic needs of this population, up to age 25.

New Tri-County Youth Development Center Building

The Tri-County Youth Development Center has been a project 10 years in the making. The new facility is integral in ensuring the youth in our care are housed in an environment which encourages safety and rehabilitation. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held on August 10, 2023, with all three agencies representing the Joint Powers Agreement in attendance. With close partnerships across counties and agencies, the new facility will open in Spring of 2024.



Juvenile Division

Juvenile Court and Supervision are units within the Juvenile Division of Probation. Each unit has different responsibilities which directly impact our overall mission and values.

JUVENILE COURT / SUPERVISION

Juvenile probation provides comprehensive services to youth, the Juvenile Court, the community, and other juvenile justice agencies. The principle tasks of the unit 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.

Juvenile Supervision unit consists of a Placement Officer, a Juvenile Campus Officer, Probation and School Success Program (PASS) Officers and a Truancy Officer.

During 2023, several Probation Officers presented various assignments within probation to Marysville High School students via a Public Safety Course offered through Sutter County Office of Education.

234
REFERRALS
RECEIVED

102
REFERRALS
HANDLED
INFORMALLY

243
REPORTS
PROVIDED



IN 2023, SERVICES OFFERED:

- ✓ Juvenile Offender Work Program
- ✓ Parent Project
- ✓ Anger Management
- ✓ Independent Living Program
- ✓ Substance Abuse Counseling
- ✓ Individual Counseling
- ✓ Intensive Aftercare
- ✓ Drug & Alcohol Education
- ✓ Family Counseling

A DAY IN THE JUVENILE DIVISION



OUR PARTNERS:



Victim Services

As a division of Yuba County Probation, Victim Services continues to serve the people of Yuba County. Victims and their families are our focus and securing their rights is our duty. It wasn't until 1985 that victims of a crime received the right to be heard in court, be acknowledged for the trauma they experienced and given hope to put the pieces back together. Marsy's Law provides victims and their families with seventeen rights afforded to them.

Victim Services continues to deal with crimes of all types, including homicide, domestic violence, sexual assault/rape and physical assault. To address the trauma of experiencing a horrific crime, Victim Services provides an array of services that include in-house therapy, crisis counseling, advocacy (being the voice for the client), court accompaniment and support, legal system navigation, restitution assistance and service benefits compensation.

In 2023,
Yuba County Probation
Victim Services secured
\$318,273.80
in benefits and services
for the victims
of Yuba County.

While victims and/or families attempt to heal from the trauma of experiencing a crime, we provide:

- Victim Advocacy
- Court Support
- Legal System Navigation
- Restitution Assistance
- Emotional Support



In 2023,
Victim Services
provided services to
3,066
victims.

2023 CRIME CATEGORIES:

44%
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

9%
SURVIVORS
OF
HOMICIDE

17%
SEXUAL
ASSAULT/
RAPE

30%
PHYSICAL
ASSAULTS

Comfort Canines

The Comfort Canine Program is an emotional support service for victims and their family members. The comfort canines provide court accompaniment and trauma reduction services. The comfort canines respond with advocates to community crisis and to debriefing sessions once the event has concluded. They are called to juvenile court for accompaniment and sit with children as they go through the experience of the Child Welfare Service process. We have found that comfort canines change the entire work atmosphere and provide a level of comfort.

Yuba County Probation, Victim Services currently has two canines, Tedi Bear and Ruger, who provide the support that only a fur-family member can provide.



Ruger is a Labrador Retriever and was born on November 15, 2020. Ruger is an emotional support dog who provides comfort just by being there. He provides court accompaniment and senses when you are sad.

He will nuzzle you with his nose to ensure you know he's there. He attends community events and brings smiles to those who see him. Most of the time you can find Ruger wandering the office looking to play with someone.

NAME: *RUGER*
DOB: 11/15/2020
BREED: Labrador Retriever
OWNER: Erich Runge
JOB: Comfort Dog



Ruger is an emotional support dog who provides comfort just by being there. He doesn't ask for anything other than to be petted as he looks at you with those brown puppy dog eyes. When your sad he wants you to know someone cares. Ruger can attend court with you and even hang out with you in therapy. Most of the time you can find Ruger wondering the office looking for someone to play with.

RUGER FACTS

- Ruger loves to play fetch and tug of war.
- Ruger loves to sit at your feet while you are eating, he will sit there and drool in hopes of food to fall.
- Ruger enjoys hunting with his family
- Ruger also enjoys taking naps when not in court



Tedi Bear "Tedi" is an Alaskan Malamute/Lab mix and was born on May 16, 2022. Tedi assists with crisis response situations and works directly with crime victims during the many stages of the criminal process.

Tedi attends court and will sit with victims. She is always ready to attend community events when needed, but more importantly is ready for anyone who wants to give her a paw shake and belly rub.

NAME: *TEDI*
DOB: 05/16/2022
BREED: Malamute Lab
OWNER: Terri Ayers
JOB: Comfort Dog



Tedi assists with crisis response situations and works directly with crime victims during the many stages of the criminal process. Tedi attends court and will sit with victims. She is available for community events when needed, but most importantly she is ready for anyone who wants to give her paw shakes and belly rubs.

RUGER FACTS

- Tedi has worked numerous criminal and family court cases
- Tedi will steal your heart and squeaky toys
- Tedi loves to chew on bones

Yuba County

Peer Support Program



In 2019, Yuba County Probation, Sheriff's Department, and District Attorney's Office entered a collaboration to support public safety employee wellness throughout the County. Over the course of four years, Peer Support provided an essential, effective, viable program to mitigate challenges that officers encounter. The program provides a peer-to-peer talk opportunity for officers who have experienced a traumatic incident or struggle with overarching stress in their occupation. Peer Support can be an important first step in officer wellness.

In 2023, the program was further enhanced when the County contracted with a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist with a background in treating first responders and Military personnel struggling with stress, personal relationships, and professional growth concerns.

Additionally, the program recognized the importance of training all Peer Support volunteers in the subject of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). This training prepares volunteers to assist in a crisis and support officers and their families during incident debriefings. Currently, all Peer Support volunteers are trained in Critical Incident Stress Management.

8

CRITICAL
INCIDENTS
IN 2023

27

CISM
CERTIFIED
STAFF

27

VOLUNTEER
SUPPORT
STAFF

428

HOURS OF
PEER
SUPPORT



In 2023, the Peer Support Program Provided:

- Peer Support
- Critical Incident Stress Management and Debriefings
- Wellness on the Front-Line Conference
- Wellness Trainings
- Support to other Agencies and Local Schools



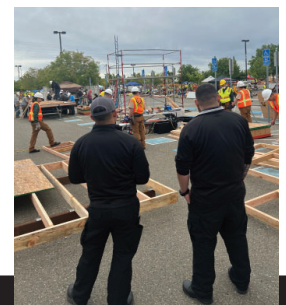
Camp Singer

2023 Design Build Competition

In May 2023, the Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (Camp Singer) alongside Yuba County Office of Education (YCOE) participated in a two-day building competition in Sacramento, California. The Design Build Competition was founded in Northern California in 1986 and has since expanded across the United States. While hosted as a “competition” to simulate a real-world experience, the program is first and foremost a workforce development opportunity to introduce students to career opportunities in the building environment.

The competition consisted of 40 local high schools throughout Northern California. Our Camp Singer youth worked extremely hard during this two-day competition and were awarded Best in Show for their Chicken Coop they constructed. The lead safety officer was presented with the Safety Person of the Year award during the competition.

For their hard work, the school was awarded with a \$1,000 gift card to Harbor Freight to purchase more supplies for the Career Technical Education program at Camp Singer. This was an extraordinary display of perseverance and hard work by our Camp Singer youth and our YCOE instructor Dan McAllister.



AWARDS



BEST IN SHOW
AND
SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR

Community Outreach

Doing what we love ...





... and loving what we do!



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