

CALIFORNIA PROBATION: Creating Safer Communities through Comprehensive Services, Accountability, and Opportunity



Probation in California is a unique and vital part of the court, public safety, and local government continuum that connects the critical intersection of comprehensive services, opportunity, and accountability. As the alternative and/or follow up to incarceration, probation plays a pivotal role in reducing recidivism, promoting successful reentry, supporting rehabilitation, and enhancing community safety. Grounded in evidence-based practices, a commitment to diversity and informed and responsive service delivery in collaboration with a broad range of organizations and agencies; probation departments are integral to fostering positive change within our communities and for those we serve.

PROBATION'S UNIQUE APPROACH IN CALIFORNIA

Probation in California is distinguished by its commitment to a research-based approach to community safety that bridges comprehensive services, accountability, and opportunity to promote positive behavior change and safer communities.



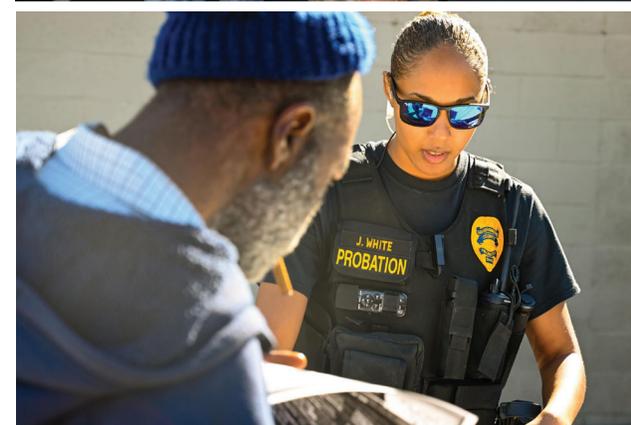
BUILDING THE BRIDGE TO SUCCESSFUL REENTRY

Probation connects justice-involved and justice impacted individuals with opportunities that promote successful rehabilitation and reentry while fostering safer and healthier communities. Probation provides and/or partners with service organizations to provide critical programs statewide including:

- Social service programs, such as substance use and mental health services and treatment, family engagement services and others
- Workforce development programs to help people get high-road job training and gain meaningful employment during reentry
- Education and life-skills programs
- Non-profit organization programming that provides critical supports and services to people during reentry
- Housing support systems that help keep probationers from experiencing homelessness

PROBATION: Comprehensive Opportunities and Accountability for Adults

Probation Departments are responsible for providing community-based supervision of adults convicted of felonies or misdemeanors either in lieu of incarceration or as a condition of release following incarceration. Since 2011, Probation has the responsibility of supervising justice-involved individuals released from the state prison system on post-release community supervision or Mandatory Supervision as part of a split sentence. Probation utilizes an integrated services model in supervising individuals by enforcing court orders and providing rehabilitative services to individuals to address identified high-risk needs.

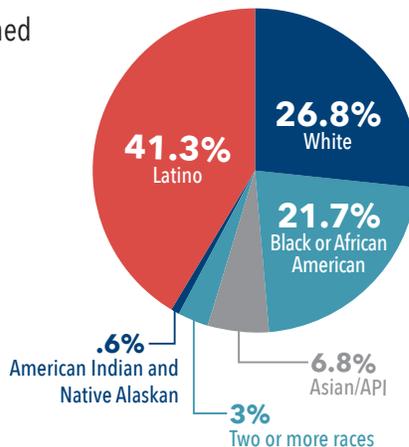


DIVERSE & EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP: California's Probation Officers

Probation in California delivers culturally informed and responsive services to justice-involved individuals with probation officers from diverse backgrounds.

51% of probation officers are **FEMALE**

73% of probation officers are **NON-WHITE**



- ✓ A majority of probation officers have four-year college degrees.
- ✓ Probation officers receive 350 hours of training in the first two years, at least 40 hours annually thereafter.
- ✓ Officer training includes trauma-informed care, cognitive behavioral therapy, therapeutic and strength-based care, and emotional intelligence.
- ✓ Many probation departments employ former system-involved individuals

CALIFORNIA PROBATION PLAYS THE PRIMARY ROLE IN THE EVOLVING JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

County probation departments play a vital role in the juvenile justice continuum, serving youth - including foster youth, dual status youth, emerging adults (aged 18-25), and their families. We collaborate with various community, county, and state entities to integrate and coordinate youth and family supports. California has successfully transformed its approach to juvenile justice through the 2007 Juvenile Justice Realignment and subsequent changes including closure of the state Division of Juvenile Justice and transition to county probation departments. These changes resulted in a significant drop in juvenile detention and arrest rates, while also shifting obligation to supervise the highest need youth/emerging adult populations to the counties. Since the passage of juvenile justice realignment there has been a:

Probation plays an integral role in preventing entry into the adult system by reducing juvenile recidivism, healing and reconnecting families, and responding to youth behavior with interventions that reduce re-offense and teach youth healthy and positive tools for dealing with adversity. Probation does this through providing services and through partnerships with:



SCHOOLS



MENTAL HEALTH



COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS



EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMING



MULTI-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY YOUTH NEEDS



SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT FOR FAMILIES

60% decline in youth detention rates

73% decline in juvenile arrest rates

90% of Probation youth are safely supervised in the community

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PROBATION INTERSECTS AND SERVES INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT ENTIRE JUSTICE SYSTEM



PRE-ARREST

**CRIME IS COMMITTED
START OF SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT**

SENTENCING (DETENTION)

TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY SUPERVISION-REENTRY

POST SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT

PROBATION SERVICE

- Deflection
- Prevention
- Intervention

- Diversion
- Pre-Trial
- Court Reports

- Pre-Sentence Reports
- Connections to Programming
- Alternatives to Incarcerations
- Reentry Planning

- Community Supervision
- Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS)
- Connections to Programs, Treatment & Housing
- Reentry Services