

Sergio Rios
Yolo County Probation

Sergio Rios came to the Courts attention in 2006 for DUI and related VC violations. By August 2007, he was deemed a ward of the Court and was participating in the Yolo County Probation program within five months.

During his time with the Yolo County Probation Department, Sergio became involved in a program that would have a significant impact on his life –Yolo County Construction Program (YCCP).

Sergio was assigned to Probation Officer Hastings. Her statement on Sergio and the program that was instrumental in his success goes as follows:

My name is Rachelle Hastings and I am currently a Deputy Probation Officer for Yolo County. I have had the gratification to participate and help run an amazing program called YCCP (Yolo County Construction Program). The program gives juveniles ages 16-18 the chance to participate in a work learn program where they attend school for four hours and receive intense academic instruction and then are transported to a specific construction work cite lead by NCCT (Northern California Construction and Training). In the classroom, they are given the opportunity to earn credits quickly and prepare themselves for either a high school diploma or their GED. For the work component, they learn the basic fundamentals of construction and tool recognition. At the end of the program, students will further their education and are given a certificate from NCCT welcoming them back to the company once they turn 18 to try and be placed with a union job.

I had the pleasure of working with Sergio Rios during the 24th session of YCCP. He came to the program very determined to earn credits and learn work skills. Throughout the program he showed great leadership skills and made friends quickly. His hard work and dedication allowed him to not only complete the YCCP Program but also graduate from Cache Creek High School. He brought motivation and energy to the classroom and always had a smile on his face. Sergio is the perfect example of a young man that made a few mistakes in his life but made a choice to follow a righteous path and turn his life around.

Nearly two years later, Sergio is still a valuable member of society. Upon completion of the YCCP program in September 2008, Sergio had not only overcome his substance abuse, but was able to graduate from high school and receive forklift and DMV certification as well. Once he completed the NCCT program, he was able to find, and retain, his current union employment.

We know that there are many more Probation Officers who would like to share their stories of success programs and the wards that benefited greatly from them. We also know that the media, and its audience, is interested in learning more about the daily happenings within juvenile probation program. If you, or any of your officers, are interested in submitting a story for circulation, please pass it along to Randle Communications by emailing Megan Range at mrange@randlecommunications.com or calling 916-448-5802.