

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN CALIFORNIA PROBATION:

Strategies for Success

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA • JUNE 24-26, 2024

AGENDA

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

4:30 PM-6:30 PM **REGISTRATION OPEN**
➤ PLATINUM BALLROOM FOYER

5:00 PM-6:00 PM **WELCOME RECEPTION**
➤ ELITE BALLROOM

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024

7:00 AM-6:00 PM **REGISTRATION OPEN**
➤ PLATINUM BALLROOM FOYER

7:00 AM-5:00 PM **EXHIBITOR HALL**
➤ PLATINUM BALLROOM 7-10

The Exhibit Hall is a two-day event for attendees. It's the place where new products, services, and innovations are showcased and where colleagues in our industry make meaningful connections. The excitement and energy inside the Exhibit Hall makes a lasting impression.

7:00 AM-8:00 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
➤ PLATINUM BALLROOM 6

8:00 AM-8:25 AM **GENERAL SESSION**
➤ PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4

Welcome: Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation; President, Chief Probation Officers of California

Honor Guard Detail: Anaheim Police Department

National Anthem: Sean Hayes, Office Specialist, Orange County Probation

Pledge of Allegiance: Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation; President, Chief Probation Officers of California

Platinum Sponsor: Chris Kamin, Development Manager, Equivant Supervision and Pretrial

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8:25 AM–9:55 AM **GENERAL SESSION**

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

Cultivating Growth: The Coaching Model for Groundbreaking Probation Practices

Dr. Lovins' general session will center on the transformative Coaching Model for probation officers and departments. This model advocates for a fundamental shift in organizational culture—towards one that nurtures learning, growth, and empowerment among staff, thereby enhancing the capacity to effect change in those they supervise. This model advocates for a fundamental shift in organizational culture—towards one that nurtures learning, growth, and empowerment among staff, thereby enhancing the capacity to effect change in those they supervise.

SPEAKER: Dr. Brian Lovins, President, Justice System Partners

9:55 AM–10:15 AM **MORNING BREAK – EXHIBITOR HALL**

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 7-10**

10:15 AM–11:45 AM **GENERAL SESSION**

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

Balancing Act: Firm, Fair and Caring Approaches in Probation Supervision

What is the most appropriate model of supervision to enact change? How do relationships with probation officers and probationers affect the justice system and the overall well-being of probationers? Jennifer Skeem is a PhD psychologist and much of her work shows us that the work of probation officers, with the blending of authority and support, is the most appropriate model to enact change.

SPEAKER: Jennifer Skeem, Professor; University of California, Berkeley

11:45 AM–1:15 PM **LUNCH BUFFET & MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER**

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 6**

Empowered Leadership in Probation

Join us for the dynamic Vera Jones who will inspire attendees with her empowering and engaging approach, focusing on self-reflection, empathic leadership, and making a positive impact. This session will enlighten attendees and help listeners gain valuable insights and practical strategies for leadership in the probation field.

SPEAKER: Vera Jones

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1:15 PM-2:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Bridging the Bench: Collaborative Decision-Making with Pretrial Staff and Judicial Officers

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

A dynamic joint panel and discussion exploring the crucial collaboration between the bench and pretrial professionals. Gain valuable insights into supporting judicial officers in their decision-making processes, navigating complexities, and fostering effective communication and partnership. This session offers practical strategies and perspectives to enhance collaboration and promote informed decision-making for a fair and efficient pretrial process.

MODERATORS:

- Hon. Maria D. Hernandez, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Orange
- John Keene, Chief Probation Officer, San Mateo County Probation

SPEAKERS:

- Hon. Rodney A. Cortez, Assistant Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino
- Juan Preciado, Division Director II, San Bernardino County Probation
- Leianna Eissing, Deputy Probation Officer III, Mono County Probation
- Hon. Benjamin Z. Wirtschafter, Judicial Officer, Superior Court of California, County of Yuba
- Hon. Kenneth G. English, Judge-Elect, Commissioner Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma
- Hon. Mark Magit, Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Mono
- Heather Sides, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Sonoma County Probation
- April Sonnenburg, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Yuba County Probation

Navigating Community Supervision: Insights from the Community Supervision Resource Center

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 5**

Delve into an exciting new project designed specifically to support the community supervision profession. The recent launch of the Community Supervision Resource Center (CSRC) is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and supports research-based and data-driven community supervision approaches that achieve safety, success, and equity for justice-system agencies, the people they serve, and their communities.

SPEAKERS:

- Dr. Kelvin L. Banks, Associate Director, Center for Effective Public Policy
- Kim Craddock, Chief Probation Officer, Calaveras County Probation
- Tim Bennett, Supervising Probation Officer, Mariposa County Probation

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Successful Transition Planning: Plan Early, Engage Partners, and Identify Resources

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This session will showcase successful transition planning for emerging adults/transitioned-age youth in Extended Foster Care and those moving from secure treatment facilities or less restrictive programs onto community supervision. Learn about key programs like AB 12 and SB 823, and discover valuable resources for effective engagement with youth, families, and service providers.

SPEAKERS:

- Tara Willey, Supervising Probation Officer, Riverside County Probation
- Tiffany Carel, Deputy Probation Officer, Riverside County Probation
- Amy Asher, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Butte County Probation
- Karen Ely, Assistant Director, LCSW, Youth for Change

2:45 PM-3:00 PM **AFTERNOON BREAK – EXHIBITOR HALL**

📍 **PLATINUM BALLROOM 7-10**

3:00 PM-4:30 PM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Navigating Pretrial Release: Updates on California Laws, Court Cases, and Local Policies

📍 **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

Explore California's complex framework on pretrial, with a focus on recent court rulings and local policy enhancements, this session discusses the evolving legal landscape. Discover key insights into pretrial procedures, stay abreast of the latest developments, and delve into strategies for effective implementation.

SPEAKERS:

- Matt Alsdorf, Associate Director, Center for Effective Public Policy
- Matthew Wechter, Supervising Attorney, Pretrial and Community Connections, San Diego Public Defender
- Andy Souza, Division Director, Ventura County Probation
- Bryan Ousby, Supervising Probation Officer, Stanislaus County Probation

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A Framework for Serving Girls in the Juvenile Justice System

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The Ending the Incarceration of Girls Initiative, a collaborative effort by county probation departments, the VERA Institute and the Office of Youth and Community Restoration, aims to reduce and eliminate detention of female youth in the juvenile justice system. Panelists will share successful strategies and insights on how jurisdictions can implement trauma-responsive approaches to promote the wellbeing of girls and gender expansive youth.

SPEAKERS:

- Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, Chief of System Change and Equity Division, Office of Youth and Community Restoration
- Lindsay Rosenthal, Program Director, Ending Girls' Incarceration Initiative, Vera Institute of Justice
- Nick Birchard, Chief Probation Officer, Santa Clara County Probation
- Jessica Nowlan, President, Reimagine Freedom

Innovative Strategies for Diverting Youth from Justice System Involvement

➤ ORANGE COUNTY BALLROOM

Leveraging partners and resources are integral to successful diversion efforts. Learn how early intervention strategies can prevent future system involvement. County probation departments are partnering with their schools and creating centers that deflect youth from entering the justice system through engagement in services to address personal and family stress factors, while building relationships.

SPEAKERS:

- Karyn Mueller, Deputy Probation Officer, Nevada County Probation
- Jeff French, Deputy Probation Officer, Nevada County Probation
- Aryanna Figueroa, Youth Services Specialist, Imperial County Probation
- Michelle Roldan, Deputy Probation Officer I, Imperial County Probation

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

6:00 AM-7:00 AM **WELLNESS SESSION: CPOC FUN RUN/WALK**

➤ **LOBBY**

3 miles round trip Run or Walk to Downtown Disney. Meet in the Anaheim Marriott Lobby, we will leave the hotel at 6:00 AM. Maps, water, and snacks will be available.

7:00 AM-6:00 PM **REGISTRATION OPEN**

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➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

Opening Remarks: Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer, Tulare County Probation; President, Chief Probation Officers of California

Platinum Sponsor: Tom Westfall, President and CEO, Cognisen

8:15 AM-9:15 AM **GENERAL SESSION**

Vision for the Future: Charting the Course for California Probation

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

A pivotal panel discussion featuring probation chiefs at the forefront of the probation profession in California will delve into the future of probation in the state. Panelists will share insights on the evolving landscape of probation including legislative changes, recruitment and retention, and the future of reentry.

MODERATOR: Karen Pank, Executive Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

SPEAKERS:

- Wendy Mondfrans, Chief Probation Officer, Lake County Probation
- Robert Reyes, Chief Probation Officer, San Luis Obispo County Probation
- Tracy Reece, Chief Probation Officer, San Bernardino County Probation
- Esa Ehmen-Krause, Chief Probation Officer, Contra Costa County Probation; Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Probation Officers of California

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9:15 AM–9:30 AM **MORNING BREAK – EXHIBITOR HALL**

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 7-10**

9:30 AM–10:10 AM **GENERAL SESSION**

Transformative Mentorship: Shaping the Future of Probation Leadership

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

This session will explore the transformative impact of the Mentorship Program in the probation sector. Emphasizing its role as a stimulant for professional development, the workshop provides a platform to understand, discuss, and implement effective strategies of the Mentorship Program. This workshop aims to elevate the standard and impact of probation work by fostering continuous professional growth for probation professionals.

SPEAKERS:

- Joycelyn Durk, Division Director, Orange County Probation
- Michael Casteel, Assistant Division Director, Orange County Probation
- Paul Tuipulotu, Orange County Probation

10:10 AM–10:50 AM **GENERAL SESSION**

Innovations in Reentry: The San Diego County Probation Community Transition Center

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

Explore this innovative approach to reentry through the San Diego County Probation Community Transition Center (CTC), providing a critical bridge for individuals transitioning from incarceration to community life. CTC takes a comprehensive approach, from immediate assessments to integrated treatment plans, focusing on behavioral health and substance abuse.

SPEAKERS:

- Abigail Torres, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, San Diego County Probation
- Eddie Head, Acting Division Chief, San Diego County Probation

10:50 AM–11:10 AM **MID-MORNING BREAK – EXHIBITOR HALL**

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Reforming Futures: Lived Experiences from the Justice System

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

This discussion will showcase an individual and their family member who have directly experienced the justice system. They will share personal stories and insights into how probation has played a pivotal role in their journey. Through their lived experiences and insights, we will gain a deeper understanding of the challenges, successes, and opportunities within the system and probation.

MODERATOR: Christopher Wright, Chief Probation Officer, Riverside County Probation

SPEAKERS:

- Anthony Martinez
- Reese Martinez

11:45 AM-12:45 PM **LUNCH BUFFET**

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 6**

12:45 PM-2:15 PM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Unlocking Pretrial Excellence: County Best Practices on Pretrial

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

A dynamic discussion with pretrial experts from counties statewide. Dive deep into best practices designed to fortify pretrial liberties, bolster public safety measures, and maximize court attendance rates. Explore critical pretrial elements like assessments, screening, monitoring, community-based support, and partnerships.

SPEAKERS:

PANEL 1: SACRAMENTO COUNTY PROBATION PRETRIAL

- Stewart Grace, Supervising Probation Officer, Sacramento County Probation
- Gabo Ly, Senior Deputy Probation Officer, Sacramento County Probation
- Alicia Ybarra, Deputy Probation Officer, Sacramento County Probation

PANEL 2: STATEWIDE HOT TOPICS Q&A

- Tim Bennett, Supervising Probation Officer, Mariposa County Probation
- Melissa Guzman, Assistant Division Director, Riverside County Probation
- Yolanda James-Sevilla, Pretrial Division Director, Santa Cruz County Probation
- Juan Preciado, Division Director II, San Bernardino County Probation

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Enhancing Family and Youth Engagement

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Research shows key factors for success for youth on probation include parent/youth involvement, understanding the probation process, and relationships with probation officers. Professor Fine will present lessons learned and key findings from a project that surveys youth and families to enhance these aspects and improve outcomes.

MODERATOR: Vanessa Fuchs, Chief Probation Officer, Sonoma County Probation

SPEAKER: Adam D. Fine, Ph.D, Professor; School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University

Out of the Office and into the Community

➤ **ORANGE COUNTY BALLROOM**

Explore the transformative impact of probation work in California. Discover innovative initiatives, from homeless outreach to effective supervision practices, leading to positive change statewide. Gain insights into probation's hands-on approach, fostering trust and safety in communities. Learn about probation's integral role in reshaping the justice system, emphasizing community involvement and resource connection.

SPEAKERS:

PANEL 1: PLACER COUNTY PROBATION

- Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer
- Mollie Ronco, Probation Manager
- James Corry, Senior Deputy Probation Officer

PANEL 2: SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

- Jamica Walker, Deputy Probation Officer
- Patrick Yalon, Deputy Probation Officer

PANEL 3: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PROBATION

- Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer
- Spencer Cross, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
- Alejandra Ochoa, Probation Manager

2:15 PM-2:45 PM **AFTERNOON BREAK – EXHIBITOR HALL**

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2:45 PM-4:15 PM **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Shifting Culture and Advancing Probation Practice to Promote Success and Reduce Revocations

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4**

An informative session highlighting Santa Cruz Probation's partnership with Arnold Ventures on the Reducing Revocations Challenge. This has helped lead to policy and practice development, like the Coaching for Successful Outcomes Case Management Pilot for individuals with substance use terms, aimed to boost client success, and reduce revocations.

SPEAKERS:

- Fernando Giraldo, Chief Probation Officer, Santa Cruz County Probation
- Sarah Fletcher, Adult Services Director, Santa Cruz County Probation
- Samuel Palomares, Supervising Probation Officer, Santa Cruz County Probation
- Ardavan Davaran, Senior Consultant, Davaran Consulting

Meeting the Challenge: Addressing Increasingly Complex Needs of Youth in Foster Care through Trauma-Responsive Strategies

➤ **PLATINUM BALLROOM 5**

This session will address serving youth in foster care with high and more acute needs, emphasizing collaboration among county partners. It will explore family-based services and crisis stabilization options for those requiring intensive treatment before transitioning home.

SPEAKERS:

- Desiree Johnson, Deputy Probation Officer II, Marin County Probation
- Youth (Guest Speaker)
- Tony Raitano, Probation Supervisor, Marin County Probation
- Juliana "Jules" Marx-Andler, LCSW; Clinical Supervisor, Seneca Family of Agencies – Bay Area
- Joe Ford, Chief Program Officer, Sycamores
- Timothy Lin, Assistant Vice President, Sycamores

Trauma Responsive Programs: Promote Positive Engagement, Enhance Restorative Justice and Ensure Accountability

➤ **ORANGE COUNTY BALLROOM**

Explore trauma-responsive programs in juvenile detention facilities, focusing on positive behavior intervention strategies (PBIS) and Roca models. Discover how these programs engage and motivate youth, foster accountability, and promote healing for both staff and youth.

MODERATOR: Katy Weinstein Miller, Chief Probation Officer, San Francisco County Juvenile Probation

SPEAKERS:

- Marguerite Harris, Chief Deputy Probation Officer Division, San Luis Obispo County Probation
- Lindsey Tompkins, Behavioral Intervention Services Manager, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education
- Shane Thomas, Director of Juvenile Facilities, San Francisco County Juvenile Probation

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Safeguarding Wellness: Empowering Probation Officers Through Self-Care

Explore self-care and wellness strategies with Professor Gena Castro Rodriguez, a psychologist and expert in trauma and resilience. Drawing from her rich experience in clinical practice and research, this session offers practical advice for probation officers facing work-related stress and vicarious trauma.

SPEAKER: Gena Castro Rodriguez, Executive Director, UCSF National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers

9:45 AM–10:00 AM **MORNING BREAK**

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In Service to Victims: Strategies to Promote Healing and Restoration of Victims

Helping victims to heal is one of the core tenets of probation work that is often misunderstood by those outside of the justice system. Victim Services Centers offer unique opportunities to put victims' needs front and center. Learn how to focus on the needs of victims through the Fresno County Probation Victim Assistance Center to help foster healing for victims and those who have inflicted harm on them.

MODERATORS:

- Kirk Haynes, Chief Probation Officer, Fresno County Probation
- Karen Roach, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Fresno County Probation

SPEAKERS:

- Melinda Taylor, Senior Victim & Witness Advocate, Fresno County Probation
- Luis Carbajal, Victim Witness Advocate, Fresno County Probation
- Brandie Razo, Victim & Witness Advocate, Fresno County Probation
- Mirna Garcia, Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) Speakers Bureau

10:40 AM-11:20 AM GENERAL SESSION

➤ PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4

Beyond Boundaries: Sparking Organizational Change Through Belonging and Engagement

A supportive work environment can be a great source of strength. In this session, explore how to contribute to a better work-life for all by overcoming resistance to change in individuals and organizations. Organizations value consistency, but this can limit innovation and a sense of belonging. We will discuss strategies to enhance engagement and examine successful transformations.

SPEAKER: Brian Richart, Chief Probation Officer, El Dorado County Probation

11:20 AM-11:30 AM CLOSING REMARKS

➤ PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4

SPEAKER: Steve Jackson, Chief Probation Officer, San Joaquin County Probation; President Elect, Chief Probation Officers of California