

Probation – Adult Unit

Jim Arnold – Chief Probation Officer

101-3100	FY 18/19 Adopted Budget	FY 19/20 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,402,650	\$4,819,136	\$416,486
Services and Supplies	\$872,418	\$1,014,950	\$142,532
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,275,068	\$5,834,086	\$559,018
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$611,893	\$638,893	\$27,000
Grant	\$329,673	\$342,353	\$12,680
Realignment	\$1,478,478	\$1,592,207	\$113,729
Fees/Misc	\$466,570	\$619,833	\$153,263
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,886,614	\$3,193,286	\$306,672
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$2,388,454	\$2,640,800	\$252,346

Program Description

Department Mission

The mission of the Yuba County Probation Department is to promote the health and safety of the community through programs of prevention, intervention, treatment, and detention services.

These are accomplished by:

- Enhancing judicial decision-making through assessment of offender risks and needs
- Enforcing court orders and sanctions
- Engaging in prevention, intervention, and treatment collaborative
- Moving probationers to lawful self-sufficiency

Department Values and Beliefs

- We believe people can change, and we can be instrumental in directing that change.
- We believe people should be responsible and held accountable for their behavior and decisions.
- We believe the family is the core social unit and should, wherever practical, be kept intact.
- We believe every person is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect.
- We believe in the restoration of the victims’ dignity, health, and resources.
- We value a diverse workforce, reflective of the community we serve, and able to respond to their individual needs and circumstances.

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- We believe the most valuable asset of the Department is its employees.

Accomplishments FY 2018-2019

Adult Supervision

- Continued partnerships with Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health, Yuba County Health and Human Services, Hands of Hope, and the Yuba County Office of Education at our Day Reporting Center. These collaborative efforts provide offenders with mental health services, Medi-Cal enrollment, housing support, education, and employment services.
- Currently providing supervision and service delivery for Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision offenders, as required by AB109. This population is in addition to our historical probation population.

Adult Court

- The Adult Court unit completed Superior Court reports in compliance with statutory guidelines. The felony sentencing Judge and District Attorney's Office continue to praise the quality and officer efforts on several felony presentence reports in open Court and informally throughout the year.
- The Pre-Trial Services (PTS) unit continues to assess eligible detainees in the areas of public safety and likelihood of appearing for future Court hearings.
- A total of 359 PTS offenders were assessed. Approximately 27% of those assessed were released and 76% of the released offenders successfully completed the PTR program. The Court agreed with our recommendations 71% of the time.
- Being present at resentencing hearings pursuant to Propositions 47 and 64 to assist the Court in determining eligibility and providing custodial credit information when needed.
- Incorporated Proposition 63 changes into our felony sentencing reports, wherein we investigate and report to the Court whether clients convicted of felonies and specific misdemeanors have any firearms registered in their names. In all, 304 investigative reports were completed this year.

Proposition 36 (Section 1210.1 PC)

- Proposition 36 provides probation services to a small caseload of offenders which includes referrals to services and regular meetings with representatives from the Probation Department, Court, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's office, and substance abuse counselors.

Drug Court

- The Drug Court program provides treatment services to a very specific population. Treatment may include a residential program, clean and sober living program, out-patient treatment, mental health treatment, crisis intervention, individual counseling, drug testing, and job training programs.
- Six clients graduated from Drug Court this past fiscal year.

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Goals and Objectives FY 2019-2020

Adult Supervision

- Continue to explore options for a new Day Reporting Center to accommodate growth, enhance our ability to provide more services/resources, and establish an environment more conducive to success.
- Successfully implement a new case management system.

Adult Court

- Maintain extremely high quality of Court reports generated by the Adult Court unit. Continue to have an experienced probation officer present in Court for all plea entries, felony sentencing, and to provide additional assistance to the Court, as needed.

Proposition 36 (Section 1210.1 PC)

- Continue to intensely supervise the offenders on probation pursuant to Section 1210.1 of the Penal Code, to better provide them with guidance and referrals to programs that will assist with their success.

Drug Court

- Continue to seek extra funding sources for the highly successful Adult Drug Court program.
- Continue to expand the Friends of Drug Court program through acquisition of greater resources to better assist Drug Court clients.

Work Load Indicators	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	Bar Chart
Superior Court Investigations	526	547	674	625	615	
Drug Court Progress Reports	104	93	63	75	133	
*Firearms Relinquishment Investigations (Prop 63)					304	
Other Investigations	192	116	190	207	160	
**Pre-Trial Release Assessments	112	495	490	499	359	
Felony Probationers Under Supervision	539	524	564	536	516	
Post Release Community Supervision Offenders	104	108	108	122	142	
Mandatory Supervision Per 1170(h)(5)(B)	56	56	56	43	45	
Misdemeanants	58	69	42	40	62	
Drug Court	6	5	5	10	10	

*In January 2018, Proposition 63 required officers to investigate and report to the Court whether those convicted of a felony or certain misdemeanor crimes own, possess, or have custody of a firearm.

**In May 2015 the Pre-Trial Services unit began assessing eligible offenders.

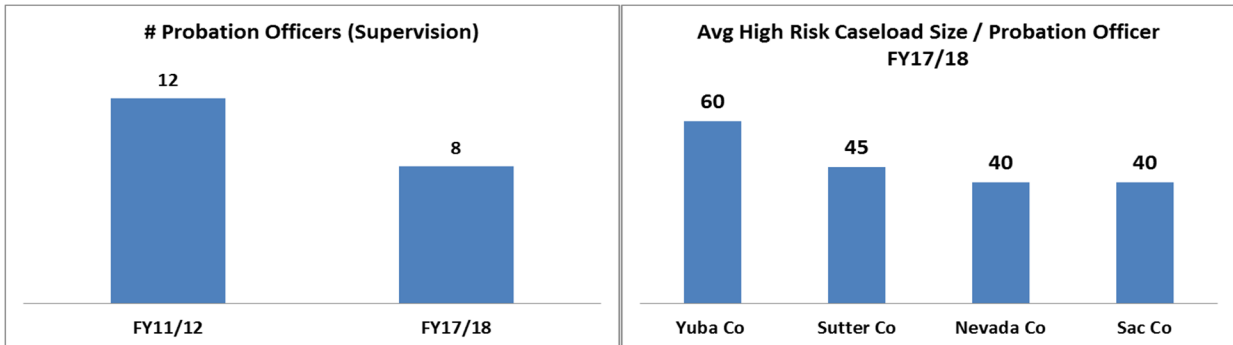
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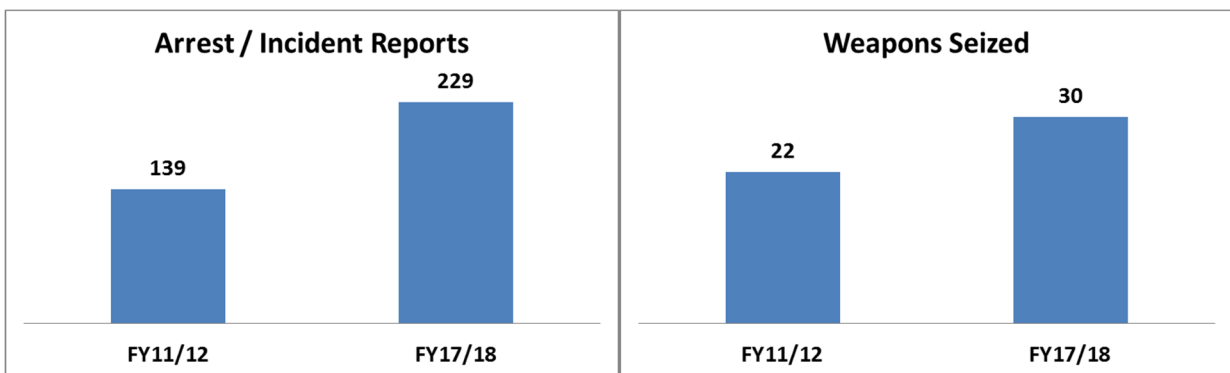
Pending Issues/Concerns FY 2019-2020

Supervision Staffing and Ratios have become more challenging:

- The AB109 population is mostly violent, unpredictable, criminally sophisticated, higher risk to reoffend, suffering from significant behavioral health issues, and therefore require intensive supervision.
- Despite the increase in these and other high-risk cases, the number of Probation Officers has been reduced by 33%, and average caseload sizes per Probation Officer have increased considerably.



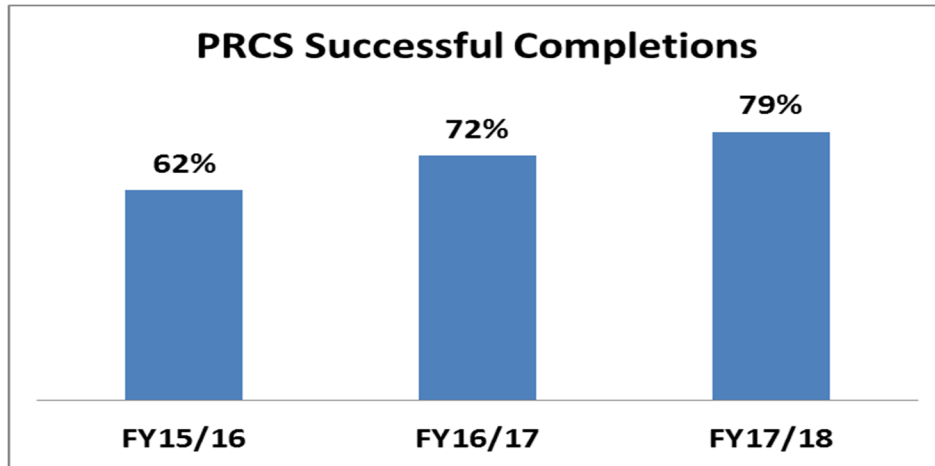
- The high ratio of offenders to officers is problematic when vacancies occur as other Probation Officers and Probation Aide(s) are required to monitor those caseloads, which detracts attention from their own cases.
- Supervision assignment changes are required on a frequent basis to prevent officer burnout due to the greater requirements and demands associated with supervising high risk AB109 offenders. Lack of experienced officers to fill these roles makes the changes difficult.
- Use of force training increased dramatically due to officer safety and public safety concerns.



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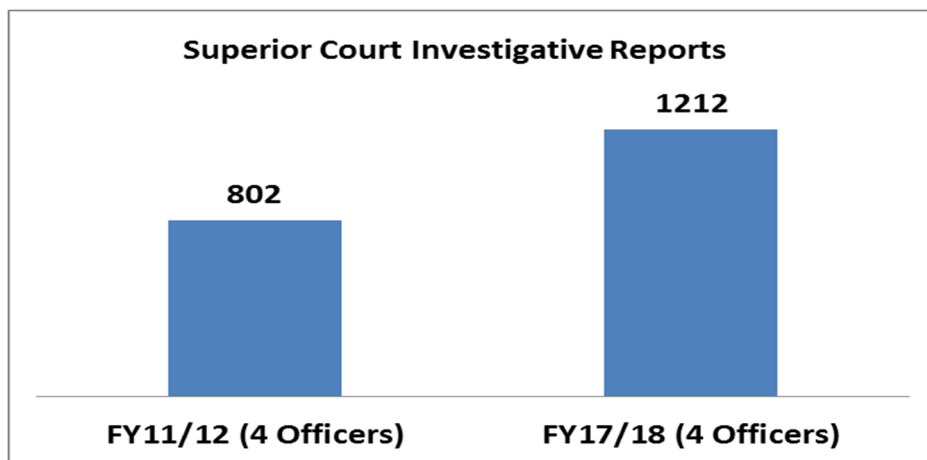
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- Despite less staff and higher caseloads, we are achieving success with the PRCS population. This can be attributed in large part to intensive supervision and programming at our Day Reporting Center.



Unfunded mandates have increased workloads:

- Propositions 47 and 64 require officers to be present at Court hearings to provide custodial credits and assist the Court in determining eligibility for reduction or dismissal of charges.
- Proposition 63 requires officers to investigate and report to the Court whether those convicted of a felony or certain misdemeanor crimes own, possess, or have custody of a firearm.
- Proposition 36 requires supervision of low level drug offenders and regular Court hearings.
- The volume of Court reports has significantly increased while staffing has remained the same:



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State Correctional School	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	
101-3200	Adopted	CAO	
	Budget	Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Charges	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0

Juvenile Traffic	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	
101-3700	Adopted	CAO	
	Budget	Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$18,250	\$18,250	\$0
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,250	\$18,250	\$0
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$18,250	\$18,250	\$0

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Standards & Training Probation/Juvenile Hall 132-3100	FY 18/19 Adopted Budget	FY 19/20 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$0	\$30,240	\$30,240
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$0	\$30,240	\$30,240
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$30,240	\$30,240
Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$30,240	\$30,240
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility

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108-3000	FY 18/19 Adopted Budget	FY 19/20 CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,418,028	\$4,629,557	\$211,529
Services and Supplies	\$848,764	\$1,310,782	\$462,018
Other Charges	\$645,529	\$475,964	(\$169,565)
Fixed Assets	\$117,000	\$0	(\$117,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,029,321	\$6,416,303	\$386,982
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$618,478	\$601,157	(\$17,321)
Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$3,302,779	\$3,510,202	\$207,423
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,921,257	\$4,111,359	\$190,102
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$2,108,064	\$2,304,944	\$196,880

Program Description

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Tri County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility to provide for the lawful, secure, and safe detention of youth pending disposition before the Juvenile Court or commitment to a term of custody. The facility also provides rehabilitative services directed toward reintegrating youth with their families and the community. It is the objective of staff to serve as role models for the youth in our care, demonstrating appropriate dignity, respect, and self-direction.

Tri County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility

On May 6, 2014, a Joint Powers Agreement was established between Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties to operate the Tri County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility. On August 25, 2015, an Amended Joint Powers Agreement was established outlining a modification of the shared operational costs with a 44%/44%/12% split. The Tri County Committee continues to meet quarterly to review the activities of the facilities, the pro-rata base for costs of operations and the progress of the development of the new Juvenile Hall.

The Yuba County Probation Department is the administrative agency responsible for the management and daily operation of the facilities. In addition to Institution staff, support services are provided by the Yuba County Office of Education, which operates Harry P. Carden School, and Wellpath, which operates Medical and Behavioral services.

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Yuba County Office of Education was instrumental in implementing the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) within the facility. PBIS is an application of a behaviorally-based systems approach to enhance the capacity of schools, families, and communities to design effective environments that improve the link between research-validated practices and the environments in which teaching and learning occurs.

Wellpath provides 24/7 medical and behavioral health care. The medical staff consists of a medical doctor on site 5 hours a week, registered nurse on site 5 hours a day/7 days a week and a LVN for 1 hour of evening medical needs. Behavioral Health staff consists of a psychiatrist 5 hours a week and a MFT/LCSW 4 hours a day, 2 times a week. These services are in addition to 2 full time therapists from Sutter-Yuba Behavioral Health and a part-time therapist from Colusa Behavioral Health.

Facility Description

The Tri County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility consists of two programs: Juvenile Hall and Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center (Camp Singer).

The Juvenile Hall provides detention services for Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa youth who are pending disposition before the Juvenile Court, or youth who are being prosecuted in adult court. In addition, short-term, post-dispositional commitment to the facility is an option utilized by the Courts to provide sanction to youth found responsible for law or probation violations. The Juvenile Hall is comprised of two buildings: the main facility, which has a capacity of 45 youth, and the Security Housing Unit (SHU), which has a capacity of 15.

The Maxine Singer Youth Guidance Center is located adjacent to the Juvenile Hall and shares a common kitchen and dining hall. The Camp Singer program has one main living unit with a capacity for 48 male youth. The female unit is a 12-bed facility located within the Camp compound. Camp Singer provides services to Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. The program contracts with Amador, Calaveras, Lake, Napa, Placer, Santa Cruz, Shasta, and Tehama Counties. Camp Singer provides rehabilitative services to youth who are typically committed to the program for a period of one year, with the typical youth completing the program in 210 days. Camp Singer also offers a 90-day commitment program, in addition to the full length program. This 90-day program is designed as an option for Probation Departments and the Courts for youth who have previously successfully completed Camp Singer. Camp Singer's principle function is providing active and engaged pro-social programs that establish discipline and control, and redirects each youth's cognitive process away from criminal behavior. Youth committed to Camp Singer provide many hours of community service work.

Accomplishments **FY 2018-2019**

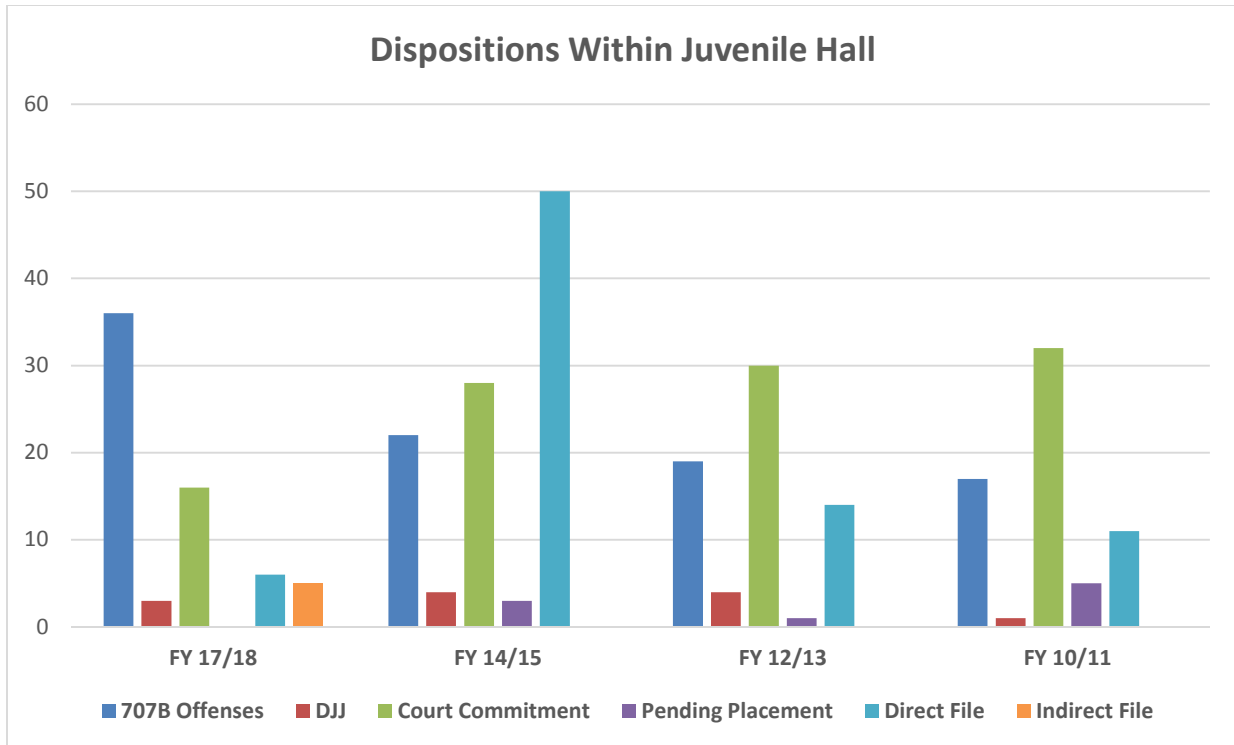
- Installed security cameras in Camp Singer and additional security cameras in Juvenile Hall.
- Purchased updated computers to allow easy access to the security camera system.
- Implemented Tier II of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (PBIS) and Check-In Check-Out (CICO) in the institutions.
- Continued to develop a modern Juvenile Hall, which was modified from a 48 bed to a 32 bed facility.

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- Ensured full staffing and adequate extra help to address state and federal mandates.
- Awarded the Jump StArts Grant in collaboration with the Yuba Sutter Arts Council and Yuba County Office of Education, and implemented the program within Juvenile Hall and Camp Singer.
- Transitioned from in-house medical and behavioral health services to an outside provider, which increased the level of care to the youth.

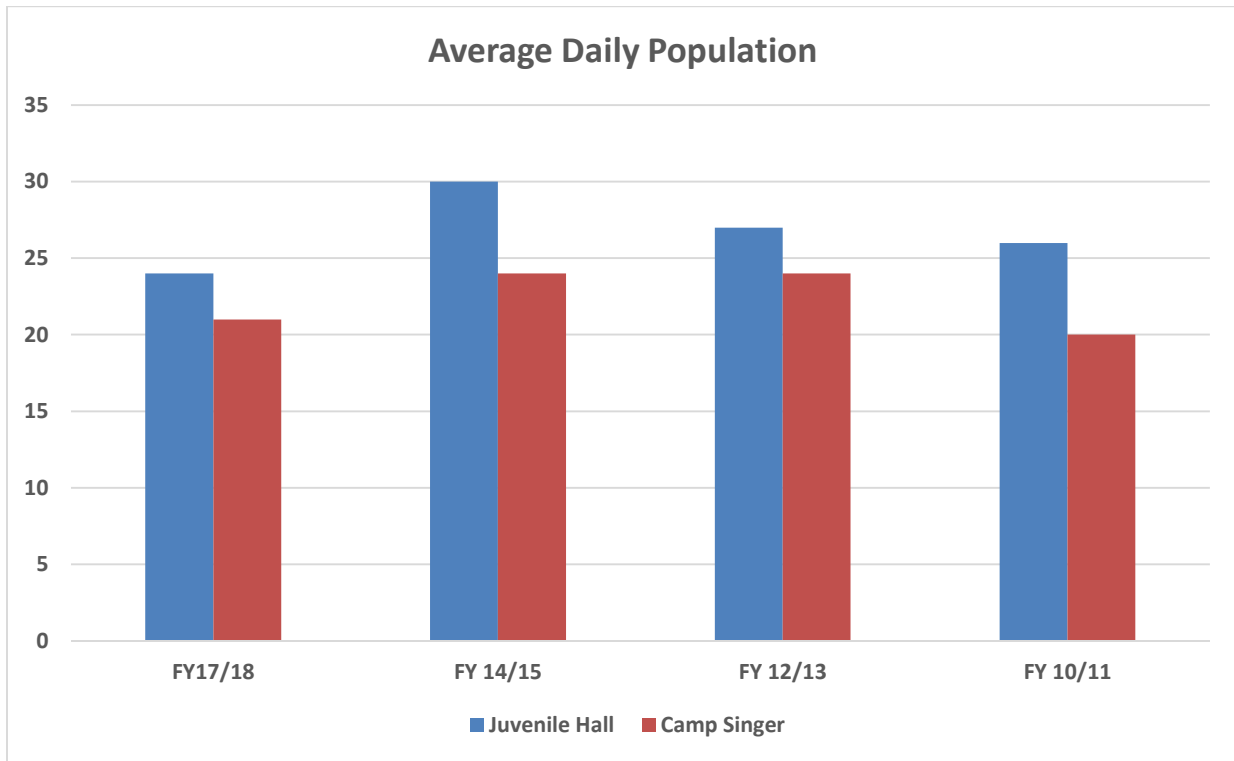
Performance Measures



707B Offense- Section 707(b) of the Welfare and Institutions Code
 DJJ- Department of Juvenile Justice
 Court Commitment- Commitments within the local juvenile institutions
 Pending Placement- Youth pending a group or foster home
 Direct File- Youth referred directly to Adult Court
 Indirect File- Youth referred to Adult Court after a Court hearing

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Goals and Objectives

FY 2019-2020

- Continue implementation of a case management system for both Juvenile Hall and Camp Singer
- Continue maintenance and upkeep of the facilities
- Update the phone system within Tri County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility
- Update the control panel within Juvenile Hall
- Implement new mandates as outlined in Title 15

Pending Issues/Policy Considerations

FY 2019-2020

Implement new Title 15 mandates, continue to work on the development of the new juvenile institution, update the Juvenile Hall control panel and update the telephone system within the juvenile institutions.

Victim Witness Programs

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Child Abuse 101-3102	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	Change
	Adopted Budget	CAO Recommended	
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$256,845	\$255,745	(\$1,100)
Services and Supplies	\$7,225	\$12,374	\$5,149
Other Charges	(\$80,297)	\$0	\$80,297
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$183,773	\$268,119	\$84,346
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$183,773	\$268,119	\$84,346
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$183,773	\$268,119	\$84,346
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

Victim Witness 101-3105	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	Change
	Adopted Budget	CAO Recommended	
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$214,370	\$307,678	\$93,308
Services and Supplies	\$4,794	\$32,803	\$28,009
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$219,164	\$340,481	\$121,317
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$219,164	\$340,481	\$121,317
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$219,164	\$340,481	\$121,317
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

Victim Witness Programs

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VOCA	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	
101-3107	Adopted	CAO	
	Budget	Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$107,662	\$52,652	(\$55,010)
Services and Supplies	\$6,832	\$5,490	(\$1,342)
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$114,494	\$58,142	(\$56,352)
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$114,494	\$58,142	(\$56,352)
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$114,494	\$58,142	(\$56,352)
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

JAG-ARRA	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	
101-3116	Adopted	CAO	
	Budget	Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$157,565	\$158,555	\$990
Services and Supplies	\$1,527	\$1,535	\$8
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$159,092	\$160,090	\$998
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$159,092	\$160,090	\$998
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$159,092	\$160,090	\$998
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Crime Prevention Act of 2000	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	
101-3117	Adopted Budget	CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$372,702	\$345,307	(\$27,395)
Services and Supplies	\$94,291	\$12,160	(\$82,131)
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$466,993	\$357,467	(\$109,526)
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$466,993	\$357,467	(\$109,526)
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$466,993	\$357,467	(\$109,526)
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

Youth Offender Block Grant	FY 18/19	FY 18/19	
101-3120	CAO Recommended	CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$369,300	\$361,195	(\$8,105)
Services and Supplies	\$45,894	\$126,597	\$80,703
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$415,194	\$487,792	\$72,598
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$415,194	\$487,792	\$72,598
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$415,194	\$487,792	\$72,598
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Family Resource Center	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	
101-3150	Adopted Budget	CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$150,161	\$145,701	(\$4,460)
Services and Supplies	\$64,286	\$51,215	(\$13,071)
Other Charges	(\$34,042)	\$0	\$34,042
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$180,405	\$196,916	\$16,511
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$180,405	\$0	(\$180,405)
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$196,916	\$196,916
TOTAL REVENUE	\$180,405	\$196,916	\$16,511
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

Crisis Counseling-Cascade Fire	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	
101-3108	Adopted Budget	CAO Recommended	Change
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$98,038	\$0	(\$98,038)
Services and Supplies	\$11,998	\$0	(\$11,998)
Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$110,036	\$0	(\$110,036)
REVENUE			
Fed/State	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant	\$110,036	\$0	(\$110,036)
Realignment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees/Misc	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$110,036	\$0	(\$110,036)
FUND BALANCE	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Program Description

Yuba County is one of two counties left in California to operate a Victim Services Program through the Probation Department. While not unique in the sense we are operated under Probation, this program is unique in many other ways. The Program is responsible for providing information, referrals, treatment, and support for all Yuba County residents affected by crime. There are mandatory and optional services prescribed in the Penal Code, Yuba's program provides all of the services. In addition to prescribed services (discussed later), the program has a 24 hour response team, a treatment component that provides therapy to both victims of crime and children at-risk of abuse.

The program currently has three grants: Victim Witness/Assistance grant (VWAP), County 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.

The VWAP grant is given to each county to operate a Victim Services Center from federal and state monies through the California Office of Emergency Services. This grant requires that staff provide mandatory services to victims/witnesses and optional services as well. This is the first year the grant has included funding for a Mass Casualty Victim Advocate to plan and develop procedures for responding to mass casualty incidents and/or natural disasters.

The program has administered a CHAT grant for the past 15 years and the monies come from both federal and state funds through the California Office of Emergency Services. This grant gives us the ability to provide therapeutic services to children who do not qualify for the California Victim Compensation Program, are at risk for abuse, witness domestic violence or are being bullied in school or the community.

The state has allotted specific funds 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 to fund new projects to meet the needs specific to each county. The Steering committee recommended the funds be utilized to support existing shortages, enhance the 24/7 response to the community and to fund a position within the Casa De Esperanza domestic violence/sexual assault shelter. It is unknown at this time if these are one-time monies or ongoing.

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." The Victim and Program Services Unit recognize that prevention is the greatest resource to reduce/eliminate future victimization and crime. With that said, most, if not all prevention services have been eliminated due to a reduction in staff and funds over the past 10 years. The Program continues to provide comprehensive support, advocacy, counseling, and treatment services to victims of crime, and more importantly to children.

Victim Witness Programs

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Accomplishments

FY 2018-2019

The victim Services Unit was very active this past year. A major accomplishment was providing an extremely vital support service to the fire survivors of the Cascade Fire in 2017. The program was awarded a grant from FEMA, which was passed through the California Department of Social Services. Two full time advocates provided crisis counseling support, served as a resource for referral support and advocated for those recovering from the fire. The staff assigned to this grant coordinated community meetings, offered support groups, provided fire safety information to all the children in the elementary schools in the hills, made memory boxes with students, helped plan fundraisers and worked closely with the County’s Community Development Department.

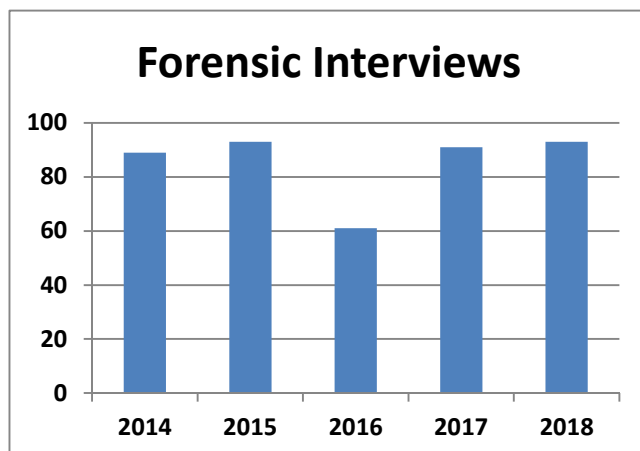
Another major success was the department’s efforts to educate the community regarding human trafficking of minors. A protocol was developed and adopted, creating a Commercially Sexually Exploited Children/Youth (CSECY) Multi-Disciplinary Team. Community presentations were given, a skit/presentation at a summit sponsored by the Office of Education was presented and a support group for parents/family of trafficked minors was started. The program plans to continue to support the fire survivors after the grant has ended.

Another notable change was reorganizing the organizational structure of the Program. Prior to this change, there was a Manager and all 12 employees reported directly to this person. The program has hired an Administrative Services Officer II, which will allow for a more traditional organizational structure and allow the Program Manager to focus on Program development and fiscal solvency. The program has been able to recruit and train two volunteers during the fiscal year. These volunteers serve a vital role within the program. All volunteers undergo a rigorous background check, 80 hours of training prior to client contact and shadow an advocate for 4 months. The volunteers serve as support to victims, assist with presentations and victim rights notifications, attend court and are available for crisis response in the community.

Performance Measures

FY 2018-2019

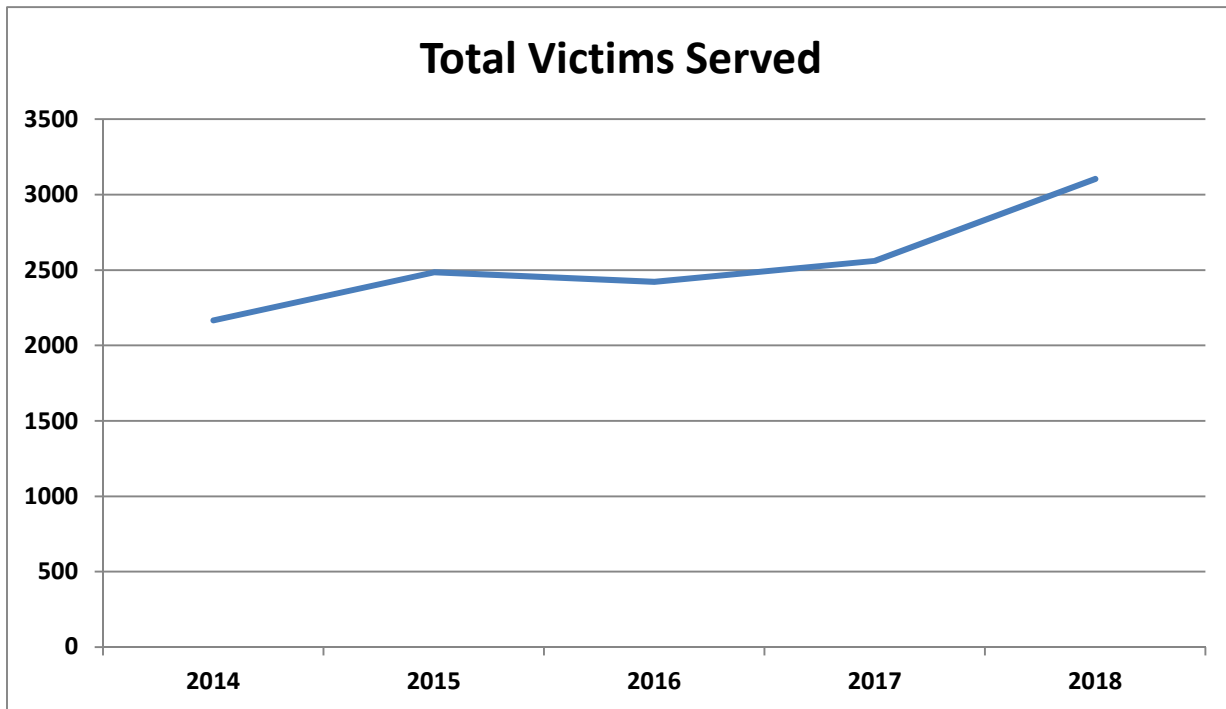
The Victim Service program houses the “Kids Place” Child Forensic interview center. This is a one stop experience for a child who has disclosed some sort of abuse or there is suspected child abuse occurring. With our partner agencies, the team assembles and observes a child forensic interview specialist interviewing the child. This team approach allows for a more complete interview, questions from all involved parties being asked and fewer times a child needs to be interviewed. The average interview from team debrief until leaving the center is 2 hours.



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A measure of the overall workload in the office can be viewed by looking at the total number of victims served. There has been a steady increase in the number of victims requesting services through this office. This past year the county experienced an increase in homicides/murders and requests for Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO's). The program identified an uptick in domestic violence calls for services and will be exploring options to increase services to this population.



Goals and Objectives FY 2019-2020

The program will continue to explore funding options that are more stable and meet the needs of the community. With this in mind, the program plans to continue to develop a sustainability plan for current services offered before expanding services. In conjunction with the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department, the program plans to explore options for specialized advocates working alongside law enforcement.

The program plans to further develop and improve the "Kids Place" Forensic interview Center located within the Victim Services Office. All of the equipment will be upgraded to higher quality images and improved audio recording, and new modern kid-friendly furniture will be purchased. The program also plans to enter into a new MOU for the Child Forensic Interview Multi-Disciplinary Interview Team.

Currently the program participates in a Displaced Youth Multi-Disciplinary 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.

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Pending Issues/Policy Considerations FY 2019-2020

One of the major issues facing the office in the next three years is retirement of seasoned veteran employees. It is anticipated that three employees will be retiring, and this has further exposed the need for succession planning. The program made its first assignment changes in 19 years to expose other employees to differing victim types. We are also training an intervention counselor to complete the tasks of the ASO II in preparation for her retirement in a year. These retirements will equate to 70 years of experience leaving the program.

As a state and federally funded program, often times our budget is in question due to the passage of both state and federal budgets. This often creates difficulties; however, it has spurred discussion within the state as to whether or not a victim services program is appropriately housed within CAL OES. Cal VCB expressed interest in administering the state victim services program, and debates, audits, and inquiries are occurring at the state level. This has created some uneasiness within the victim services field. We will be diligently watching the developments within the state this year.

With the passage of Proposition 47, there has been an uptick in the number of “old” victims returning or calling for information. This has also increased the average time spent with a victim explaining and orienting victims to the criminal justice system. We anticipate similar issues when bail reform goes into effect.