

# Sacramento County Probation Department

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# How does your office view the importance of partnerships in addressing substance use/opioid and meth crisis?

Our office prioritizes strong partnerships as a key strategy in responding to the opioid and methamphetamine crisis.

We actively collaborate with community-based organizations and contractors to expand our reach and strengthen coordinated efforts.

Together, we share a common goal:

- Advancing overdose and infectious disease prevention
- Increasing community awareness
- Improving access to critical support services

# What partnerships have various law enforcement teams been able to form with community partners to address the fentanyl crisis and substance use?

Various law enforcement teams have strengthened partnerships with community organizations to address the fentanyl crisis and broader substance use challenges.

The Probation Department plays a key role as part of the **Collaborative Courts team**, which includes:

- Recovery Treatment Court (formerly Drug Court)
- Veteran's Treatment Court
- DUI Treatment Court
- Proposition 36 Court

# Collaborative Approach

Probation Officers are essential in coordinating efforts across multiple partners, including:

- District Attorney's Office
- Public Defender's Office
- Treatment providers
- Behavioral Health services
- Community-based organizations

## **Comprehensive Support Services**

Through these partnerships, clients are connected to critical resources such as:

- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Sober living placements
- Medi-Cal transportation assistance
- Inpatient and outpatient treatment programs
- Basic needs support (*clothing, food, snacks*)
- Employment readiness (*resume building*)
- Identification (ID) vouchers
- One-on-one counseling and therapy
- Referrals to community partners such as CASH and WEAVE

# Collaborative Approach

## **Shared Goal**

These partnerships are rooted in a shared mission to:

- Promote rehabilitation
- Advance overdose prevention and infectious disease prevention strategies
- Encourage pro-social behaviors
- Improve long-term outcomes for individuals and the community

# What resources are available for vulnerable communities, such as those experiencing homelessness or with untreated mental illness?

- 1) HEART - Homeless Engagement and Response Team (Sacramento County Behavioral Health)
- 2) CRBH - Crisis Receiving for Behavioral Health
- 3) Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic (MHUCC)
- 4) Probation outreach vehicles and UTV to make ourselves more accessible to our clients and make any necessary referrals to assist them in dealing with their addiction.
- 5) Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T) collaboration with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office to provide resources to clients experiencing homelessness.

# Are there programs your office is involved with to support individuals to seek treatment or promote safety?

## **Recovery Treatment Court/Center – Now Open**

The Recovery Treatment Court/Center is now open, expanding access to critical services.

- Services are available to both court-referred clients and individuals on active probation
- Probation Officers may refer clients by contacting the Collaborative Courts supervisor
- Eligible participants may enroll in Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOT) at the center
- Eligibility requirements: No arson-related offenses or sex offense registrations