

LA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT HOSTS APPA

THREE-DAY CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE AT UNIVERSAL CITY

From February 26 to the 28th, the Los Angeles County Probation Department hosted the American Probation and Parole Association's (APPA) Winter Regional Training Institute, Los Angeles. Attendees traveled from across the nation to be a part of the three-day professional development conference. The APPA conference started with a Career Fair which highlighted employment opportunities with LA County Probation and several neighboring agencies, including the California Department of Corrections, College of the Canyons, LA County Sheriffs, Los Angeles Police Department, LA School Police, Orange County Probation, San Bernadino County Probation, San Diego County Probation, San Francisco County Probation, and Ventura County Probation. In addition, the conference featured an ample amount of educational training workshops, professional networking, and fun-filled activities and events.

Several neighboring law enforcement agencies, consultants, professional associations, businesses, community-based organizations, and justice-involved individuals lent their expertise and instruction during the hour-long workshops and general plenary sessions. One of LA County's SYTF youth on the pathway to a bachelor's degree also shared his testimony and how probation has positively impacted his progress.

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Director Banuelous co-presenting on the LA Model



DPO II Brigges and DPO II Galaz co-presenting on the LA Model



DPO II Ranson and Director Estell co-presenting on mental health and the homeless epidemic.



Special Assistant Esparza and SDPO James co-presenting on drug assessments and new laws.

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Los Angeles County Probation Department Director Banuelos and DPO IIs Brigges and Galaz facilitated a workshop on the developmental stage system (DSS) and the program components of the LA Model. Conference attendees were given tours of Campus Kilpatrick where the LA Model is implemented. Director Moore, SDPO Vasquez, and Director Martinez also facilitated a workshop on CORE (Coordinated Optimal Rehabilitation Efforts) supervision and tackling recidivism, inspiring change, and LA's new approach to adult supervision. Director Estell and Deputy Probation Officer II Ranson co-presented a workshop on LA County Probations' approach to mental health and the homeless epidemic. Special Assistant Esparza and Supervising Deputy Probation Officer James co-presented on Drugs, Assessments, and new Laws. On the last day of the conference, Deputy Probation Officer II/Training Manager Chavez presented how communications, training, work evaluations, and morale improve Management's decisions with the Probation Department promotional policies.

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DPO II Chavez's workshop on tools to improve management decisions was one of the most popular workshops.



Multi-agency Career Fair

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Director Moore, SDPO Vasquez, and Director Martinez co-presenting on CORE supervision.



DPO II Bible, Ms. Moore White of Department of Economic Opportunity, and Probation Director Martin co-presenting on LA County Probation's INVEST program.

Attendees traveled from around the country to engage with their fellow law enforcement colleagues. All the conference workshops were interactive, substantive, and embodied valuable takeaways. The evenings were filled with fun activities, including network mixers and a screening of the film "Grid Iron Gang," which is loosely based on LA County Probation Department's Camp Kilpatrick's former Mustangs football program. The conference concluded with an inspirational keynote address from Mr. Terry Robiskie, retired NFL player and coach, who affirmed to attendees that he knows that probation officers desire to help make a difference in the lives of those on their caseloads. He shared his thoughts on how to continue meeting that goal as we serve our clients and the community.

Thank you to the planning committee, volunteers, and all who attended this memorable and educational conference.

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