

PROBATION CONNECTION



LA COUNTY PRESENTS AWARDS

Probation Honored at LA County Productivity and Quality Awards



On October 15th, the Los Angeles County Probation Department was honored at the 38th Annual LA County Quality and Productivity Awards Luncheon.

Out of 137 submissions, the department received two major awards:

Top Ten Award for our collaboration with LA County Library on Reading with Resilience: Library Services for All

Outstanding Teamwork Award for our partnership with multiple County departments

We were also proud to receive a Certificate of Recognition for our Reserve Deputy Program.

Congratulations to our incredible team for their hard work, collaboration, and commitment to making a positive impact across Los Angeles County.

NEW FACE AT LACP

Meet Our New Deputy Director of Adult Services



We are pleased to announce the Los Angeles County Probation Department's new Deputy Director of Adult Services, Dave Wolfsgruber.

Dave Wolfsgruber began his career in 1985 with the New Jersey State Parole Board. Initially serving in the Parole Revocation Hearing Unit, he later served as Chief, responsible for oversight of all parole matters in the state of New Jersey. He was hired as New Jersey's Assistant Director of the Divisions of Parole and Community Programs and soon was appointed Executive Director, overseeing operations of an agency responsible for the supervision of 16,500 individuals, including a staff of 450 sworn and 200 civilian members.

Dave concluded his career at the New Jersey State Parole Board in late 2023 and transitioned to the position of Director of Parole for the Colorado Department of Corrections. He received a bachelor's degree in law and justice with a minor in Psychology from the College of New Jersey and subsequently achieved the designation of Certified Public Manager.

Dave is excited to join a team of tremendous professionals at the Los Angeles County Probation Department and looks forward to close collaboration with all staff to achieve our collective mission of enhancing public safety, ensuring victims' rights, and effecting positive probationer behavioral change.

Welcome to the team!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

City of Commerce Mayor Visits Dorothy Kirby Center





On Monday, October 6th, the Mayor of the City of Commerce, Ivan Altamirano, along with city leaders, visited Dorothy Kirby Center to discuss upcoming collaborations. It was an inspiring morning as the Mayor and City of Commerce representatives learned more about DKC and engaged in meaningful discussions about strengthening their partnership. Dorothy Kirby Center is located within the City of Commerce.

CAMP FITNESS

Camp Rockey's Iron Man Program



The Iron Man program at Camp Glen Rockey makes a powerful impact on our youth through fitness, discipline, and teamwork. Developed and led by Deputy Probation Officer Hall, a proud Marine Corps veteran, the program focuses on promoting health and resilience through structured workouts that include cardio, high-intensity interval training (HIIT) and bodyweight lifting. Each weekly session challenges participating youth to push their physical limits while learning invaluable lessons in sportsmanship and perseverance. The program always concludes with words of encouragement and enforcement from DPO Hall.

ON THE STREET

Probation Roundups



A Los Angeles County Probation DPO II, working with LAPD Rampart Gang Enforcement Detail (GED) and Newton Robbery detectives, conducted a search warrant on a known gang member and narcotics trafficker. The probationer, linked to an armed \$30,000 jewelry robbery in August, attempted to discard a backpack containing a loaded firearm and over a pound of cocaine. The probationer and two others were arrested for robbery, with a probation hold imposed. Collaborations like this help keep LA County communities safer.

PROBATION AND EDUCATION

LACOE Educator Awarded Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Ty Kastendiek, a math and science teacher at Camp Glenn Rockey, for being selected as the 2025 Los Angeles County Office of Education Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made during a surprise visit by Dr. Debra Duardo, Dr. Erin Simon and other LACOE leaders.

“Your students know it better than any of us,” said Dr. Duardo. “I can see how much they respect and love you and that’s because you love and respect and teach and give so much of yourself to them. And we wanted to honor you as the amazing teacher that you are in front of your students, in front of your principal, in front of everyone and thank you for your service.”

Kastendiek’s educational journey began 32 years ago at Central Juvenile Hall, followed by Dorothy Kirby, Los Padrinos, 16 years at Camp David Gonzales, Barry J Nidorf, Kilpatrick, and finally Camp Glenn Rockey.

Possibly his most remarkable project emerged through the "Solar Cup" boat race in 2011. At a time when electrical motors and solar technology were still mysterious, Kastendiek and his juvenile court students built a 16-foot boat powered entirely by solar energy.

Against all odds, they competed against 47 traditional high schools, achieving an impressive 5th place in their second year. They weren't just the first, but the only school of incarcerated students to compete in this statewide technology contest.

Kastendiek, or Mr. Ty to his students, has forged his own way. He's found being firm but fair to be the key to his success.

Congratulations Mr. Ty, on being selected as the 2025 LACOE Teacher of the Year!

EOW 10/08/2025

K9 Chase



K-9 were joined by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Probation, and the Metropolitan State Hospital Police Department at VCA Chatoaks Animal Hospital for a heartfelt flag-folding ceremony honoring retired LACP K-9 Chase.

The ceremony paid tribute to Chase's dedicated service, with his partner DPO Robinson receiving an American flag as taps was played by a trumpeter.

K-9 Chase joined The Los Angeles County Probation Department as our second firearms detection canine in 2019. K-9 Chase proudly served the county of Los Angeles through 2025, during that (6) six-year span of service K-9 Chase and DPO Robinson recovered hundreds of firearms, and several thousand rounds of ammunition. Their partnership, commitment, and tireless work helped keep the citizens of Los Angeles County safe. Your memory and dedication will not be forgotten.

Rest well, K-9 Chase. Thank you for your loyal service.

[Watch K9 Chase Memorial Video](#)

[Watch K9 Chase Flag Folding Ceremony](#)

LEARNING FROM OUR PEERS

California Child and Family Services Peer Review



On Friday, October 24th, members of LA County Probation attended the California Child and Family Services Peer Review. The nine peers were a mix of social workers and probation officers from Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Orange, Riverside, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties. They shared their assessments, successes, and challenges of LA County's care and aftercare of juveniles in the child welfare and juvenile probation systems.

Held at Embassy Suites by Hilton near LAX, it was a great opportunity to share best practices with other childcare and probation professionals.

NEW CAREERS

LACP In-Person Application Workshops

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IN-PERSON APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Interested in becoming a Deputy Probation Officer but not sure how to apply?



Join us and get hands-on help with your application. Finish in an hour or less, get your questions answered by HR staff and Officers, and walk out with a completed application!

Nov. 6 from 4 pm - 8 pm
Nov. 8 from 8 am - 1 pm

LA County Probation Training Center
3300 Sandoval Ave, Pico Rivera, CA (Free Parking)

Bring your ID, resume/work history, and college diploma/official transcripts

Book your session ahead of time!
Walk-ins welcome.



Join LA County Probation for an in-person application workshop, where you'll explore opportunities with great pay and benefits, and start a career where you can truly make a difference.

Take the next step to secure your future while serving your community.

*Bachelor's Degree Required to Apply

Our next in-person application workshops are on:

Nov. 6th, 4-6 PM and Nov. 8th, 8 AM - 1 PM.

[CLICK HERE to Register](#)

GRADUATION

**Juvenile Corrections Officers
Core Academy 2025-05**



The County of Los Angeles Probation Department welcomes the new graduating JCOC Academy Class of 2025-04. Congratulations Graduates! Welcome to the Probation family!

IN THE NEWS

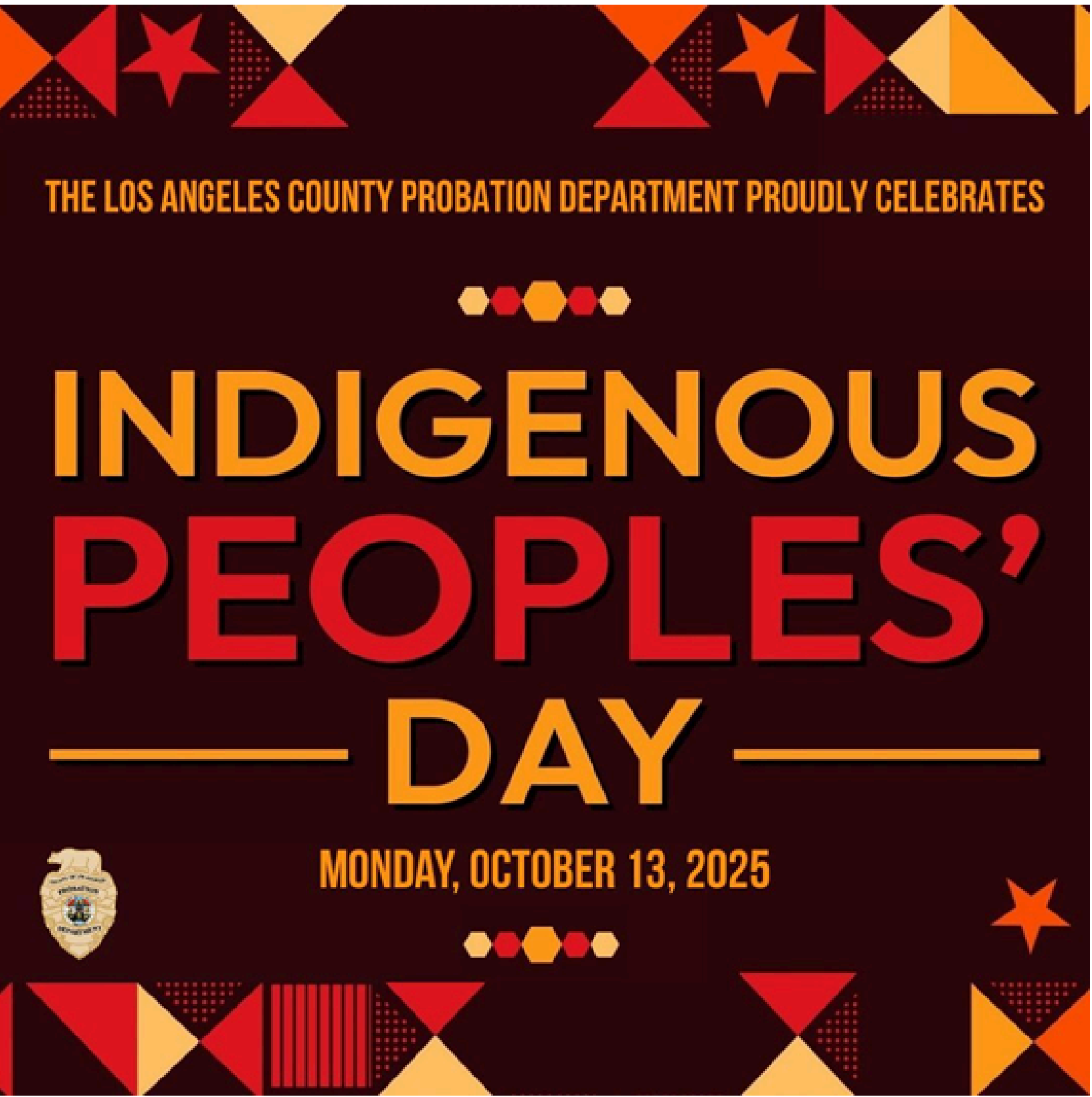


[STATEMENT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING COURT DECISION ON STATE'S RECEIVERSHIP PETITION](#)

[LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND GAME CHANGER LAUNCH TRANSFORMATIVE DE-ESCALATION TRAININGS CONNECTING YOUTH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT](#)

CELEBRATING AMERICANS

Indigenous Peoples' Day



On October 13th, LACP celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day, an official city and state holiday in the US that celebrates and honors Indigenous American people and commemorates their histories and cultures.

TO YOUR HEALTH

Breast Cancer Awareness Month





October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It reminds us that about 1 in 8 U.S. women, & 1 in 1000 U.S. men will develop invasive breast cancer over their lifetime. Remember to start monthly breast self-exams & schedule your annual doctor's exam & mammogram. Be well.

ROOT, ROOT, ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM

Go Dodger Blue!



The LA County Probation Department congratulates the Los Angeles Dodgers on their 2025 World Series Championship!

*“Don’t wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving!”
– Charmaine J. Forde*



Los Angeles County Probation Department

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to rebuilding lives and providing for healthier and safer communities for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, the Probation Department's mission is to enhance public safety, ensure victims' rights and effect positive probationer behavioral change. The Probation Department comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an operational budget of \$1.14 billion for fiscal year 2024-2025.

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