Employment

OC Probation Department frequently needs Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officers to work at its juvenile institutions. For additional information about becoming a probation officer, visit: ocgov.com/probation.

Volunteers

Volunteers assist the OC Probation Department in its mission to enhance community safety. For information, visit ocgov.com/probation or call (714) 667-7730.

Probation Community Action Association

The Probation Community Action Association is a private, non-profit support group which assists the Probation Department in its effort to reduce crime by helping youth and rebuilding families. For information, visit ocgov.com/probation.

Publications

OC Probation Department's Reports are available online at: ocgov.com/probation.

Do you know someone on probation who is currently involved in criminal activity?

Call the Probation Violator Hotline: 1 (888) 296-3389

The identity of persons who report information will be kept confidential.

Benefits of Probation to the:

- Taxpayer: Reduces the need for public assistance to families of offenders who may otherwise be imprisoned.
- Victim: Assists in the collection of restitution for crime victims.
- Community: Protects the public and performs community service projects.
- Offender: Presents an opportunity to be a law-abiding and productive citizen.

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Orange County Probation Department

A safer Orange County through ***positive change***

Mission Statement:

As a public safety agency, the Orange County Probation Department serves the community using efficient and research supported corrections practices to:

- Reduce Crime
- Assist the Courts in Managing Offenders
- Promote Lawful and Productive Lifestyles
- Assist Victims

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What is Probation?

The OC Probation Department has served the people and courts of Orange County since 1909. Its Deputy Probation Officers supervise approximately 15,000 adults and juveniles at any given time.

OC Probation provides community supervision for offenders selected by the court for monitoring after their release from jail. It holds probationers accountable for their behavior, but also allows them the chance to continue to work to support their families, pay taxes, and repay the victims of their crimes.

Juvenile Institutions

The OC Probation Department operates four correctional institutions for juvenile offenders awaiting court hearings or serving commitments as ordered in Juvenile Court.

- Joplin Youth Center (Trabuco Canyon)
- Orange County Juvenile Hall (Orange)
- Youth Guidance Center (Santa Ana)
- Youth Leadership Academy (Orange)

Parent Engagement

The OC Probation Department is committed to engaging and supporting parents as they navigate the Juvenile Justice System.

Probation Officers

- Conduct investigations for adult and juvenile courts
- Provide counseling, guidance and referral services to probationers
- As peace officers, conduct surveillance, undertake search and seizure actions, and make arrests
- With collaborative agencies, operate two Youth Resource Centers for juveniles
- Operate "House Arrest" programs for adult and juvenile offenders using supervised electronic monitoring, including GPS monitoring 24/7

Community Service

Juvenile offenders perform services to the community through the Juvenile Court Work Program and the Accountability Commitment Program. These programs are meaningful alternatives to incarceration and include weekend work crews that perform weed abatement, graffiti removal, litter pickup and participate in cognitive behavior therapy. In 2015, JCWP/ACP work crews completed a total of 3,445 hours of service for the community.

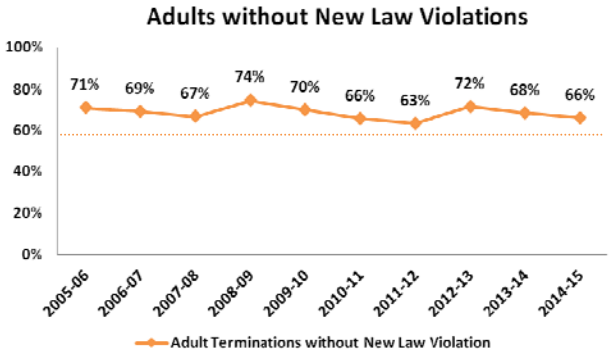
Collections

OC Probation collected over $2 million in FY 2014-15 from adult and juvenile probationers for restitution to crime victims and for welfare fraud reimbursement.

Adult Recidivism

OC Probation's goal is that 60% or more of adults terminate from supervision without an arrest for a new law violation.

The chart below shows that from Fiscal Year 2006-07 through the current year, OC Probation has been meeting its goal of 60% or more of the adults on supervision do not recidivate.



Gainful employment is a key measure of progress for adult offenders. Not only does employment provide a legitimate source of income, it also offers structure and responsibility and more importantly, reduces the likelihood to reoffend.

Since FY 2006-07 OC Probation has been meeting its goal since that 40% of those who terminate from supervision improve their employment status to "Satisfactory".

Day Reporting Center

Opened in 2012, the DRC is a statutorily and research-support alternative to custody. The DRC utilizes a variety of evidence-based practices to provide adults with intensive treatment, program services, and on-site supervision with immediate reporting of behavior to assigned DPOs. It is a multi-phase program where offenders progress through three levels of treatment, supervision and an "Aftercare" phase based on their individual behavioral improvements.