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Community Resource Fair

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Sometimes overlooked, County's Probation Department provides a variety of surprising services

San Bernardino, Calif. – When people think of the County's Probation department, they assume the men and women of the department do little more than keep tabs on the County's probationers, but their services are quietly shaping the lives of those who have taken a wrong turn and are trying to get back on track.

The San Bernardino County Department of Probation not only runs the County's three juvenile detention facilities and two treatment programs, but it also oversees the supervision of approximately 25,000 adult and juvenile offenders each year. Probation also operates three day reporting centers that provide educational and counseling resources to juvenile probationers and their families. In their effort "To Protect the Community", which is the department's mission, Probation also provides critical supervision of offenders including specialized gang, sex offender, domestic violence, and DUI units. Public safety is their primary concern.

The Department also offers an award winning parenting program that teaches youth in detention, who already have children, the basic skills they will need to take care of their infant. The program even enlists high-tech dolls that look like babies and provide printed feedback on how well the participants feed, change and care for their practice infants.

The department also offers its award winning Building Attachments and Rehabilitating Kids, or BARK, program. This nationally recognized effort pairs dogs that have been saved from a shelter with children in custody. The program not only teaches children with a history of disciplinary problems how to care for and train dogs, but prepares the dogs for future adoption while helping children develop life skills.

Residents can learn more about these programs, fill out a Probation volunteer application, observe the emergency command vehicle and see how their motor skills are impaired by alcohol with the use of DUI goggles – and see if they can win a bag of popcorn by shooting a basket with them, and children can dress up as a Probation Officer and have their photo taken at the first **At Your Service Community Resource Fair**, from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, March 25 at Victoria Gardens**, 12505 North Main Street, in Rancho Cucamonga.

For more information about the Department of Probation, you can reach them on their website at www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/probation. For more information about the San Bernardino County **At Your Service Community Resource Fair**, please call 888-818-8988 or visit www.sbcounty.gov

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