



# COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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### Probation Launches New Public Website

[www.probation.saccounty.net](http://www.probation.saccounty.net)

(*Sacramento*) -The Sacramento County Probation Department has a new website designed to give the public information about the department as well as assist visitors navigate both the adult and juvenile justice system in Sacramento County.

“Going to court, having a child arrested, being a victim of a crime, all these things stress families,” states Don Meyer, Chief Probation Officer. “One thing that helps reduce the stress is knowledge of what is happening, and the goal of this site is to provide that knowledge in a way that is easy for the public to understand and use.”

Features of the new site include

- Step by step walk-thru of what occurs when a minor is booked into the Juvenile Hall
- Victim services to assist those impacted by a crime, such as guidance on making statements to the court so the appropriate sentence and restitution is set.
- Easier restitution and fee collection, giving offenders another way to pay what they owe their victims and the County.
- Details on the Juvenile court process, hearings, and what is expected of parents and minors.

The site went live on November 1, 2009.

The Probation Department is an integral part of Sacramento County's public safety structure, charged with the supervision of adult and juvenile offenders granted probation by the Courts. Probation works in concert with law enforcement, education, community organizations and the residents of Sacramento County to reduce crime and provide proven rehabilitation services for probationers. These efforts help sustain Sacramento County as a desirable and safe community.

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