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COUNTY SECURES \$1M YOUTH REENTRY GRANT

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce a \$1 million grant to support youth reentry back into the community and strengthen support networks to avoid future involvement with the justice system.

Ranked as the top proposal statewide by the Board of State and Community Corrections, the Santa Cruz County Probation Department grant will provide \$350,000 annually for three years for the Stable Transitions After Reentry program, providing in-custody, reentry, and aftercare services to justice-involved youth that build on the County's leadership role on youth justice issues.

"The County is committed to understanding and responding to the factors that contribute to youth involvement in our justice system, and the result has been a long-term decline in youth crime rates," Probation Chief Fernando Giraldo said. "This grant will allow us to expand on that work and continue making Santa Cruz County a better and safer place for all our residents."

In addition to youth services for those up to age 26 confined for both long and short periods of time, the proposal includes parent/teen mediation and a parenting program for parents and other caregivers. Eligible participants include those at Juvenile Hall, Juvenile Ranch, Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, and Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, as well as youth who have been taken into custody but released within 72 hours of being detained.

Grant funding is provided through the Title II Grant Program of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, administered by the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by awarding grants to states to support delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. The Board of State and Community Corrections administers California's Title II awards.

This year, a total of 11 awards were issued statewide to address aftercare/reentry, alternatives to detention, community-based program and services, diversion, mental health services and mentoring, counseling and training programs.