

# Juvenile Minute

# 2017

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

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2017 has been a very busy and rewarding year for the Probation Department's Juvenile Division! We have renewed our contract with Upper Lake Unified School District and we continue to provide a School Resource Officer on campus. We also provide a part-time officer at Hance Community School. We accomplished another exciting Summer Program with RCS, where youth went on trips out of the county and gained new educational experiences that will last a lifetime! We built on our partnership with Behavioral Health (BH) and have improved services to youth in our county. We also partnered with BH and Child Welfare Services to begin implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform and held our first Stakeholders Meeting in November. Our detained youth are now housed in Tehama County Juvenile Hall. Our most exciting news is that through cost-savings acquired in 2017, we are looking forward to introducing new programs and new officers in 2018. Our goal is to provide new services to our youth that will lead to new opportunities and less juvenile recidivism. We thank you for your continued support and we are excited to continue improving the lives of youth in our community.

### PROBATION OFFICER SPOTLIGHT KEVIN LUIS

Kevin has been with the department for almost 9 years. Before he was a Probation Officer, he was a supervisor at Juvenile Hall. Currently, he supervises the WRAP caseload. Kevin commented, "I enjoy the job because I like working with people and everyday is something new. I grew up playing sports and music. Both of which are still hobbies I enjoy". Kevin went to college in Portland and came back to California because he found out he liked sunshine more than rain. In his spare time, his interests include: sporting events, traveling, and theme parks. Kevin is also an avid SF Giants and USC Trojans fan.



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**EXTRA EXTRA!!!**

**Resource Family Recruitment**

*We have begun to brainstorm how to recruit resource families (foster families) and we need your help! A group dedicated to increasing resource families in Lake County will have their second meeting on January 5th, 2018, at 9 a.m., at Child Welfare Services located at 926 South Forbes St., Lakeport, CA 95453.*

*Everyone is invited who would like to help Lake County foster children find the right home for them. If you cannot make it to the meeting but would still like to help, please call or e-mail Tiffany Harz at: 707-262-4285, Tiffany.Harz@LakeCountyCA.gov*



**Continuum of Care Reform**



Lake County Probation has partnered with Lake County Behavioral Health and Lake County Child Welfare Services to implement the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). CCR is an initiative to change policy and practice in California's foster care system. The goal of CCR is to ensure that all youth have the chance to live in a family environment that meets their needs. In order to accomplish the implementation of CCR, a Work Plan is in progress that invites the public to join to help shape the implementation of CCR in the following areas:

- I. Transitioning Youth from Congregate Care to Home-Based
- II. Develop CFT Processes & Determine Level of Needs & Services
- III. Resource Family (Foster Parents) Recruitment & Retention
- IV. Communication with Providers/Stakeholders/Consumers
- V. Trauma Informed Services & VI. Cultural Relevance

The next stakeholder meeting is January 12, 2108 from 9-12 at the Historic Schoolhouse in Lower Lake. Hope to see you there!



**FAMILY WRAP 2017 SUCCESS!**



Lake County Probation contracts with Redwood Community Services to provide a program called FAMILY WRAP. FAMILY WRAP is a 90-day program with the main goal to deter probation juveniles from making their way deeper into the justice system by stabilizing criminogenic needs. Criminogenic needs are identified by using the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT). PACT is also designed to assign risk level to juveniles and provide infor-

mation about services that are appropriate based on the minor's needs and family input. FAMILY WRAP focuses on the top three criminogenic needs of the youth, one of which has to be current liv-

ing arrangements. As you can see from the graph FAMILY WRAP has been very successful at increasing the number of juveniles that complete the program. Since 2015, the completion rate of full-participants has increased by almost 20%. For more information on the FAMILY WRAP Program, contact Kevin O'Brien at (707) 262-4285. For more program information visit: <http://www.bscc.ca.gov/downloads/Lake%20Plan%201.pdf>

