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## ADULT DAY REPORTING CENTER CELEBRATES OVER 1,000 PROGRAM GRADUATES DURING 19<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY

Sacramento, CA- November 13, 2018 The Sacramento County Probation Department held its 19<sup>th</sup> Adult Day Reporting Center (ADRC) Graduation ceremony at the George Sim Community Center at 6207 Logan Street, Sacramento, CA. Forty-seven (47) clients were recognized for their successful completion of the ADRC program, bringing the total number of graduates to more than 1,000 in Sacramento County.

Sacramento County has three adult day reporting centers operated by the Probation Department. These centers utilize evidence-based strategies, including cognitive-based therapy, which show the greatest impact in reducing recidivism. Probation officers partner with our treatment providers to offer services and support, including education opportunities and job training, to help the clients succeed.

Upon release from prison or jail, participants who are 18 years of age and older meet with an intake officer, a registered nurse, and an eligibility specialist to provide screening and immediate assistance, including Medi-Cal benefits and Veterans' benefits. Mental health evaluators are also available to provide immediate assistance.

## The program includes:

- Cognitive-behavioral treatment classes
- Educational services including assessment, GED preparation, and testing
- Emergency housing
- Family support services
- Group, individual, and family counseling
- Job skills assessment
- Participation in work crews to provide restitution to victims
- Referrals to community-based organizations
- Vocational training

Program completion takes from 9 to 12 months, depending on a client's needs.

All of the hard work culminates in a graduation ceremony. This graduation ceremony marks a milestone of over 1000 clients graduating from the ADRC program since it began in July 2010. Clients who successfully complete the program are invited to share this accomplishment with their families and friends at the graduation ceremony. Something new at this graduation event was the addition of a job resource fair that enabled prospective employers to meet immediately with the graduates to provide job referrals and information. Seven employers attended, including Trust

Staffing, Labor Finders, Western Trucking, North State BIA, Sacramento Housing Self-Help Housing, Northern California Construction Training and Greater Sacramento Urban League.

"We are proud of the ADRC graduates honored here today. They fully deserve this recognition for turning their lives around. We are also very proud that over 1,000 clients have graduated from the ADRC program since its inception. This program gives clients the tools and support necessary for their continued success." – *Chief Deputy Jim Sanders* 

"I was once a hopeless dope addict, and now I'm a dopeless hope addict," said an ADRC alumni client who spoke at the event. "My life was literally saved."

For more information about this and other Probation programs, please contact Assistant Division Chief Michele Vela-Payne at <u>VelaM@Saccounty.net</u> or 916-875-4204.

(4 photos attached)







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