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Informational session on day reporting center set for Jan. 31

SOLANO COUNTY -- The chair of the Solano County Community Corrections Partnership will conduct an informational session on Thursday, January 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Florence Douglas Senior Center at 333 Amador St. in Vallejo.

The meeting will provide residents an opportunity to receive information directly from the consultant staff advising the Board of Supervisors and the County staff responsible for implementing the Public Safety Realignment programs proposed under AB 109. The focus will be providing information on the purpose and benefits of the day reporting center approach slated to be operated from the County campus at 355 Tuolumne St. in Vallejo. The meeting includes a question-and-answer session.

"This will be an opportunity for residents to get a better understanding of the program and how it will benefit the former offenders and the community," said Christopher Hansen, Chair of the Community Corrections Partnership and the Solano County Chief Probation Officer.

Residents will receive information about local strategies designed to reduce recidivism among a select population of former offenders who are now under the supervision of the Solano County Probation Department. Local Probation Officers are now supervising these individuals as a result of a series of laws enacted by the State of California in 2011 that shifted the responsibility for incarcerating and supervising low-risk offenders from the State to the counties.

To implement this shift in State policy, Solano County is establishing a variety of programs designed to provide behavior-changing services to these individuals now under the County's supervision. One of those strategies is a variation of a day reporting center. Instead of individuals reporting on a daily basis, individuals will report for services geared towards reducing recidivism. This center will serve as a hub for the delivery of non-residential, supportive services and increases the coordination and management of the individuals being supervised.

"The Community Corrections Partnership recommended the County campus in Vallejo as a location this day reporting center approach after a careful evaluation of a variety of program and service delivery options. The guiding principle in the selection process was crafting a program that included as many of the potential success factors as possible," Hansen said.

County officials point out that individuals to be served by the day reporting center approach are already coming to the County campus to meet with their assigned Probation Officer, make Court appointments and access other health and social services.

"The day reporting center approach only increases the coordination and management of the individuals being supervised," Hansen said.

Residents are encouraged to attend this event or go to www.solanocounty.com/ccp for information and answers to their questions about the various Public Safety Realignment programs.

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