

Clovis Police Department

Youth Services



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Protection
Prevention
Intervention
Accountability

Probation Services



Personnel from Youth Services work closely with officers from Fresno County Probation to provide Informal, Court Informal, and Formal Probation Services for juveniles who are cited or taken into custody for criminal offenses.

The Fresno County Probation Intake Unit will then determine a course of action: Informal Probation, Court Informal Probation, or Formal Probation. In an effort to meet the growing needs of our community, individual probation officers are housed on campus at Buchanan, Clovis, Clovis East, and Gateway High Schools.

Informal Probation

Informal Probation is a contract between the juvenile and the Fresno County Probation Department. The contract details specific terms and conditions of probation. Failure to comply may result in additional consequences and/or the filing of a petition with the court requesting advancement of the juvenile to a higher level of probation.

Court Informal Probation

Court Informal Probation is similar to Informal Probation, but the juvenile is referred by a judge. Failure to comply with probation conditions may result in additional consequences and/or referral back to the court. The court may then place the juvenile on Formal Probation.

Formal Probation

Formal Probation occurs when the court makes a juvenile a ward of the court and specifies the terms and conditions of probation. A juvenile can enter this component after failing to comply with a previous contract, after committing a subsequent offense, or after being taken into custody. A juvenile who fails to comply with this court order faces additional consequences, placement in a group home, or commitment to the Elkhorn Correctional Facility (Boot Camp) or the California Youth Authority.

The Probation Contract/Court Order

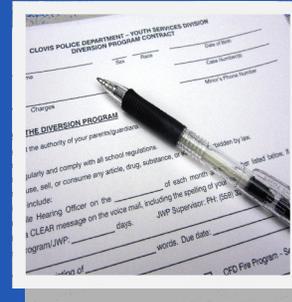
The Probation Contract/Court Order is a legal document that indicates the terms, conditions, and duration of a juvenile's Probation Program. Once the contract/court order is in place, the juvenile is monitored and the terms and conditions are monitored by a Fresno County Probation Officer. A typical contract/court order will require the juvenile to:

- Obey all laws
- Attend school as required by law
- Be made a ward of the court
- Be placed under the supervision of the Fresno County Probation Department
- Spend time in Juvenile Hall
- Wear an electronic monitor
- Obey a curfew
- Attend counseling and/or other classes
- Complete Community Service Work Program hours
- Pay restitution
- Submit to random search and seizure
- Submit to random drug testing
- Check in with a probation officer at least once per month

NOTE: If a juvenile violates the terms and conditions of the court, he or she may be given additional time in juvenile hall and/or placed on electronic monitoring. If the juvenile continues to commit crimes, the probation department may request that the juvenile be committed to a group home, or referred back to court.

Youth Services Programs

The Diversion Contract



A Diversion Contract is used to document the duration, terms, and conditions of a juvenile's Diversion Program. Taken into consideration are such factors as the type of offense, prior criminal history, prior status offense history, school performance, behavior at home, and attitude during the hearing.

Once in place, the contract is monitored and enforced by the juvenile hearing officer.

A typical Diversion Contract will require the juvenile to:

- Obey and respect the authority of his or her parents
- Obey all laws
- Attend school regularly
- Complete a class on drug and alcohol use
- Complete a specified number of days in our Juvenile Work Program
- Write a letter of apology to the victim
- Complete an essay on the negative effects of crime
- Submit to random drug testing

A juvenile who fails to complete the Diversion Contract is subject to additional hours of Juvenile Work Program hours, an extended time on the Diversion Program, and/or a petition to Juvenile Probation.

If the juvenile continues to engage in criminal or out-of-control behavior after completing his or her Diversion Contract, the Clovis Police Department will pursue formal criminal charges against the juvenile.

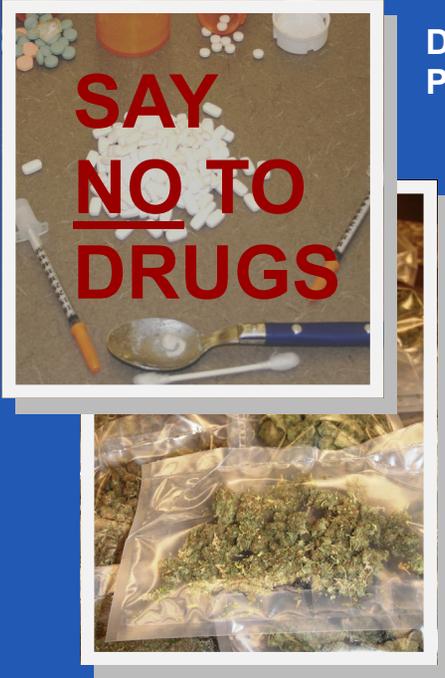
Drug Education Program (D.E.P.)

The Drug Education Program is a four hour class that is held once a month on a Saturday at the Clovis Police Department.

Parents are encouraged to attend with their child. The class provides valuable substance abuse information and situations.

There is a \$30 registration fee for students to attend, and each student must be pre-registered in order to attend.

Details: (559) 324-2440.



Parent Support Group

The Parent Support Group is a self-help group that informs parents of their rights and encourages them to consistently hold their children accountable for their actions. It provides an environment where parents can support each other and share common experiences. The group meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in the Clovis Police Department Community Room. Appointments are not necessary to attend. For more information, call (559) 324-2599.

Diversion Program

The Diversion Program holds juveniles accountable for minor criminal offenses, out-of-control behavior and curfew violations, and assists juveniles and parents in resolving individual and/or family problems. After the juvenile is cited by a police officer and referred to Youth Services, the juvenile and his or her parents will attend an informal hearing where the Hearing Officer will:

- Review the incident and circumstances that lead to the citation
- Review any relevant criminal and personal history
- Make recommendations or suggestions for resolving individual and/or family problems
- Make a determination about whether or not the juvenile will be placed on the Diversion Program and given a Diversion Contract

Benefits of the Diversion Program

- 85-90 percent of the juveniles who are placed on the program do not commit additional offenses
- The program is focused on prevention and early intervention for juveniles who are at risk of committing additional, or more serious, offenses
- The program integrates accountability, professional social work intervention, and law enforcement
- Professional counseling is available for all juveniles and their parents
- No petition is filed with Fresno County Probation
- Parents are provided with support from law enforcement to discipline their children
- Tax dollars are saved by diverting juveniles from the formal juvenile justice system

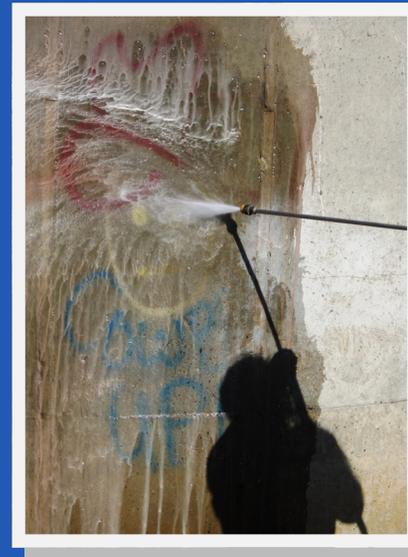
Juvenile TAC



The Juvenile Tactical Team includes police and probation officers that conduct investigations and operations to curb juvenile parties where there is underage drinking. They also conduct probation searches and give out citations to juveniles who are out past curfew and juveniles who are not wearing a bicycle helmet.

Graffiti Abatement

The Clovis Police Department Youth Services Division diligently works toward eliminating all graffiti in the community.



This is accomplished by:

- Removing or painting over graffiti within 24-48 hours of it being reported.
- Requiring juveniles responsible for graffiti to perform between one and ten days of community service.
- Note: The Graffiti Abatement Team cannot remove graffiti from private property or businesses.
- To report graffiti, call (559) 324-2426.

Youth Leadership Institute (YLI)

The Clovis Police Department Youth Leadership Institute Program (YLI) offers a two-year internship to Clovis Unified School District students who meet the qualifications. Interns are able to receive exposure and gain knowledge in the field of law enforcement, so that they are able to make informed decisions on whether or not that is the right career path for them.

Students interested in becoming YLI interns must submit an application and go through a criminal history check, background investigation, as well as an interview. Minimum requirements to become an intern include:

- Resident of the City of Clovis
- Class standing of junior or senior in high school
- Minimum sustained 2.5 GPA from junior high to present and in good standing
- Satisfactory driving record if in possession of a license
- Must pass a criminal background check
- No arrest history
- No history of drug and/or alcohol abuse
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality due to sensitive documents held within the police department
- Must be reliable, motivated, and work well with others

Social Work

The Youth Services Division utilizes professional social work services to help juveniles and their families overcome individual and family problems. These services include:

- A psychosocial assessment to identify individual and family problems
- Case management
- Telephone and face-to-face consultations
- Referrals to community resources
- Suggestions and advice about how to combine discipline at home, community resources, therapy, officers on patrol, and the consequences available through Youth Services



Introduction

The Clovis Police Department established the Youth Services Division in 1984 to assist in the positive development of our community's youth. Youth Services utilizes three principles within its programs and services to promote this development:

- Juveniles must be held accountable for criminal behavior, out-of-control behavior, and/or curfew violations
- Parents must be provided with support to discipline and control their children
- Juveniles must be provided with activities and resources that help them prevent and overcome delinquent behavior

Personnel

- Division Manager
- Office Assistant
- Juvenile Hearing Officer
- Interns & Volunteers
- Community Service Officer
- Juvenile Work Program Supervisors

Programs and Services

Youth Services also offers a number of programs and services: They include:

- Diversion Program
- Parent Support Group
- Case Management
- Consultations
- Juvenile Work Program
- Drug Education Program
- Youth Leadership Institute
- Juvenile Tactical Operations
- Graffiti Abatement
- Explorer Post 355

Explorer Post 355

The Exploring Program was developed by the Boy Scouts of America to meet the needs of teenagers and young adults, between the ages of 14½ and 21, who are interested in law enforcement as a career. Clovis Police Explorer Post 355 is coordinated by an officer and two police service officers. The purpose of the program is to assist members as they strive to meet the following objectives:

- To gain insight and practical experience related to the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement officers
- To develop mental and emotional fitness
- To be physically fit and have an appreciation for sports and outdoor activities
- To develop the skill and desire to help others
- To prepare for leadership roles and fulfill individual responsibilities to American society
- To have personal and stable values
- To develop a degree of self-reliance based on courage, initiative, and resourcefulness
- To have a better understanding of America's social, economic, and governmental systems
- To develop an appreciation of our natural resources and environment and an understanding of how to manage them



Community Resources

Central Valley Toxicology	323-9940
Child Protective Services	255-8320
Clovis Police Department	
Emergency	911
General Information	324-2800
Youth Services Division	324-2440
Youth Services Fax	324-2864
Crime Line (Non-emergency tips)	324-2459
Non-emergency Response	324-2800
Clovis Unified School District	
Health and Wellness Education	327-9377
Alta Sierra Intermediate	327-3500
Buchanan High School	327-3000
Clovis High School	327-1000
Clark Intermediate	327-1500
Gateway Attendance Office	327-1800
Enterprise Independent Study	327-4400
Clovis West High School	327-2000
Clovis Community Day	327-1980
Clovis North High School	327-5000
Granite Ridge High School	327-5000

Youth Services Goals

- To provide consistent accountability for youth who are out-of-control and who commit criminal offenses
- To reduce the incidence of juvenile crime, under-age drinking and illegal drug use
- To support parental authority
- To prevent gangs from marking and establishing territory
- To provide opportunities for youth to learn about, and experience, various careers in law enforcement

Youth Services Mission

*To encourage youth
within the
City of Clovis
to consistently
demonstrate
behavior that produces
social, emotional,
educational, and
economic
success.*

More Community Resources

Clovis Adult Education	327-2800
Fresno County Department of Social Services	600-2300
Fresno County Juvenile Probation	600-3420
Community Mental Health Services Information	600-9180
Marjaree Mason Center	237-4706
Salvation Army	237-7758
The Sanctuary (Emergency Shelter for Runaway/Out-of-Control Juveniles)	498-8543
Victim Witness Service Center	600-2822

