



# KERN COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

## Policies And Procedures

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### POLICY

The primary objective of probation services is to reduce the incidence and impact of criminal behavior of juveniles and adults by:

1. Developing and operating correctional programs that provide for public protection, the prevention of crime and the redirection of offenders.
2. Providing investigation and enforcement services for the Courts.
3. Holding offenders accountable for criminal conduct.
4. Providing assistance to crime victims.

In order to achieve these goals the department will strive to be responsive to community needs and concerns.

Probation staff will be encouraged to provide input to influence the direction of the department and to improve the delivery of services.

The Probation Department is committed to staff development and an ongoing evaluation of all services provided.