Youth Programs

“Youth programs are an essential part of fostering community relations, promoting education and acting as early intervention. We thank our law enforcement, academic and community partners for their collaborative efforts.”

Thien Ho, District Attorney

#iSMART
Internet, Social Media Awareness, Resources & Training

Launched in September 2015, #iSMART was designed for youth to be active participants while learning about the risks and threats social media and the Internet poses for them today, and in the future. This interactive curriculum includes cyberbullying, sexting, and online stranger scenarios. A parent and teacher component is available to educate and provide tools and resources to help protect children.

Justice & Community Relations Bureau

The Justice and Community Relations Bureau (JCR), created by District Attorney Thien Ho, “maximizes our reach, increases accessibility and communication between our office and the citizens we serve, and has a positive impact across the county.”

JCR is dedicated to improving communication with the public and the youth of our community by:

- increasing community engagement;
- improving our community by addressing public safety issues at the legislative level;
- maximizing the office’s prevention and education outreach efforts;
- and strengthening public trust.

For more information on these programs, or to apply or request a speaker/program: visit sacda.org; email YouthPrograms@sacda.org; email Speakers@sacda.org.

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Community & Government Relations Unit
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REAL DUI COURT IN SCHOOLS
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ARRIVE ALIVE ASSEMBLIES
The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office partners with Arrive Alive California to present and educate our youth on the fentanyl drug crisis. Through collaboration with Drug Recognition Experts, Medical Examiners, and our District Attorney’s office, we provide life-saving information via classroom instruction, student assemblies, Town Hall meetings, and parent workshops. We believe that early intervention, education and community collaboration is our best method at preventing crime.

CRIME LAB YOUTH SHADOW DAY
High school students get hands-on education from criminalists, who are experts in the field of forensic science. Areas covered include evidence preservation and chain of custody, crime scene investigations, drug and ballistics testing, and DNA analysis.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE YOUTH SHADOW DAY
High school students have an opportunity to get a first-hand look at the criminal justice process by shadowing prosecutors, defense attorneys, criminal investigators, probation officers, judges, and crime lab staff. The goal of the program is to educate and enlighten youth about the criminal justice system.

GIFT
Gun Violence Information For Teens
GIFT educates teens about the legal consequences of gun possession and gun related violence, encouraging them to make positive choices. The GIFT team goes into the Youth Detention Facility, middle school, and high school classrooms to educate students on the legal and emotional consequences of gun use resulting in violence.

LUTHER BURBANK YOUTH ACADEMY
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YOUTH ACADEMY
High school students are invited to actively learn about the criminal justice system, hear from our criminal justice partners, and engage in open communication between law enforcement and themselves concerning issues that affect youth today. The program also encourages youth to consider a career in the criminal justice system. The Academy is offered in the east, Elk Grove, the north and south Sacramento areas.

YOUTH & COMMUNITY CONNECT APP
A partnership with Always Knocking, La Familia and Roberts Family Development Center to develop a website and mobile app to assist families, agencies, youth and others with information and resources available to them in the community.

A first-of-its-kind app specifically dedicated to youth and their families, linking them directly to resources and services provided by community and faith-based organizations, schools as well as city, county and other government agencies that provide youth services within Sacramento county. The app is free to join and free to use.