



The Community Care Program

Program Hours:

Saturday Sunday
8:00 AM—5:00 PM

To Contact the Community Care Program

(650) 312-5334
Monday—Friday

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Court Ordered Alternative to Detention

A Division of the San Mateo County
Probation Department



Court Ordered Diversion Program for Youthful
Offenders

Character/Self Esteem Building

Restorative Justice

Community Service

Weekend Work

Giving Back to the Community

Benefits to the Community

The Community Care program provides an alternative for youth to serve court-ordered custody time by working on weekend community projects. Deputy Probation Officers can also use the program as an immediate consequence for youth who are not meeting the conditions of their probation. Youth in the program generally work on light, outdoor landscaping or maintenance projects for schools, parks and city agencies. These projects present opportunities for youth to give back to their communities and to develop a sense of a job well done.



Each year, the Community Care Program serves approximately 285 youth and saves approximately \$2.1 million in secure detention costs. Youth provide approximately \$490,000 per year in services to the community. 94% percent of participating youth successfully complete the program.

Services Provided

- Landscaping
- Brush Removal
- Trail Building & Maintenance
- Assist Parks, Schools, Public Agencies, County Facilities, Community Properties with Beautification Projects
- Trash Clean-Up
- Graffiti Removal
- Fire Trail Maintenance

“ It has come to my attention that the Community Care Program has earned applause for its efficiencies as a community service as well as a successful diversion program for youthful offenders. Well done! ”

**Supervisor
Adrienne J.
Tissier**

Benefits to the Youth

- Directly supervised by experienced probation staff
- Youth work in a highly structured environment
- First real work experience; first time using tools
- Youth learn to follow directions
- Youth learn how to work together as a team
- Give up their weekends
- Build self esteem by experiencing and overcoming physical challenges
- Blisters
- Sense of satisfaction from a job well done



Court Ordered Youth are:

- Expected to participate in the program
- Required to complete their court ordered service days
- Expected to follow the rules, regulations, and guidelines established by the program staff
- Graded on attitude, performance and behavior
- Referred back to the courts if found to display less than satisfactory standards

“This restoration project involves different projects every week. All of them are back breaking. Students work in all weather conditions. Obeying instructions, working as a team, and using the tools in a safe manner are learned by all participants. By experiencing meaningful service, youth develop self-esteem and feel like they have done an important job for the community. There is also a strong educational component to this project. Large projects like this can only be accomplished with dedicated groups like yours. This project gives many park visitors an opportunity to see youth giving back to the community in very positive ways. Many sites show a remarkable accomplishment of restoring native habitat. Thank you for a job well done.

Please continue supporting the
Community Care Program”

**Ranger Marianne Kjobmand
California State Parks**

“The Community Care Program crews worked the weekends from January until the end of February. In cooperation with (the City of South San Francisco) Public Works, crews at various locations worked along the creek and watershed. In these two months the Community Care Program removed approximately four tons of garbage from the watershed. This included shopping carts, tires, minute pieces of Styrofoam, plastic bottles, and bags.”

Terry White, Director of Public Works
City of South San Francisco

Before and After

