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Disproportionate Minority Contact Community Meeting September 26

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Probation Department will host a community meeting to share and discuss the work that has been conducted over the last two years related to the disproportionate number of youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system in Yolo County. This meeting will be held in collaboration with the Burns Institute on September 26, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, located at 2001 East Street in Woodland.

Disproportionate Minority Contact, or DMC, refers to the racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system which result in poor outcomes for youth of color in nearly all facets of their lives. The DMC project is a grant-funded state collaborative effort between the juvenile justice system and community stakeholders. The primary goals of this effort are to understand and reduce disproportionate minority contact through data analysis, policy change, creation of alternatives to incarceration, and by grant end, development of a sustainable DMC reduction plan.

"We are seeking participation of community members and community agencies in our efforts to understand, address and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system which result in poor outcomes for our youth" said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Jim Provenza. "Ultimately, we are striving to create a brighter future for all youth and their families in Yolo County."

For more information or to RSVP, contact Melissa Vega, DMC project director, at (530) 406-5320, or melissa.vega@yolocounty.org no later than September 19.

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