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## **Positive Youth Justice Initiative Medical Provider Forum**

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County’s Probation, Employment & Social Services and Health departments, in conjunction with CommuniCare Health Centers, will host a forum on June 27, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. for medical providers in Yolo County to enhance awareness of the physical health needs of juvenile justice youth in our community. Through a health care lens, the event will be facilitated by all of the agency partners. Leslie Acoca from the National Girls Health & Justice Institute will also attend to discuss health issues specific to girls in the juvenile justice system, and how to assess their health care needs.

Yolo County has received a one-year planning Positive Youth Justice Initiative grant designed to improve the employment, social and health outcomes of “crossover youth” (who have been in both the Child Welfare and Probation systems) and higher risk probation youth. The goal is to identify gaps in services and supports for these youth, develop collaborations with public and community-based organizations and strategize on how to meet their needs. Probation serves as the lead agency for this grant.

The forum will enhance health care providers’ knowledge of this specific population and the type of physical health issues they face. The forum will also include discussion of points of access in the health care system, health screening needs and a gender-specific health screening tool for system-involved females. This will be an open dialogue in hopes of building awareness as well as partnerships toward a common goal of improving the health outcomes for the youth in our community.

The forum will be held at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, located at 2001 East Street in Woodland. Physical health care medical providers for youth and/or their families are invited to attend and should RSVP by Friday, June 21 to Michele Threlkel, Positive Youth Justice Initiative project coordinator at: [michele.threlkel@yolocounty.org](mailto:michele.threlkel@yolocounty.org)

For more information on the Yolo County Positive Youth Justice Initiative, visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/pyjiyolo/home>.

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