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Governor's Secretary of Government Operations Visits Yolo County DA's Office Secretary Marybel Batjer toured Victim Services and the Child Advocacy Center (Woodland, CA) – October 30, 2013 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on October 29, 2013 Secretary Marybel Batjer visited the Yolo County District Attorney's Office with staff and Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the State's Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (CalVCP). The purpose of the visit was to tour the DA's Victim Service's Division and the Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC) where children and developmentally delayed adults who are victims of crimes are interviewed.

Governor Edmund G. Brown appointed Ms. Batjer as Secretary of the Government Operations Agency which is responsible for administering state operations. She also oversees CalVCP, a program which provides services and compensation for victims of violent crimes. Secretary Batjer has held various high level jobs in both the public and private sector, including serving as Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's cabinet secretary from 2003-2005.

The tour started with a meeting with District Attorney Jeff Reisig, Victim Services Program Manager Laura Valdes and Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven. Valdes discussed the Victim Services program in Yolo County. CalVCP staff discussed the purpose of the Secretary's visit which was to allow DA staff to talk about real stories of victims and the services they receive locally and at the state level. Valdes introduced the group to Aloha, the District Attorney's comfort dog. Valdes then took the group on a tour of the Courthouse and after the group visited the MDIC. MDIC Director Cameron Handley led a tour of the Center and discussed the importance of Child Advocacy Centers.

District Attorney Reisig praised his Victim Service's and MDIC managers Valdes and Handley. "It's not every day that a Governor's Secretary comes to visit us in Woodland and I'm glad the Secretary had the opportunity to see what a huge impact Laura and Cameron and their staff have on our crime victims."

"I am so impressed by the services Yolo County provides for victims of crimes," said Secretary Batjer. "The work of these organizations makes such a huge difference in so many lives, including those of children who have already been through so much. My thanks to Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig and his staff for their hard work and hospitality."

The District Attorney's Office continues to work very closely with CalVCP and other local and state agencies which provide services to Yolo County's crime victims.

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