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Youth Impact Program to Celebrate 24th Graduating Class June 6, 2008

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Construction Program (YCCP) will honor their 24th graduating class on June 6, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Yolo County Administration Building, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 625 Court Street, Room 206 in Woodland. The graduates have spent the last five months developing job skills, pro-social attitudes, and academic proficiency, while giving back to the community. Friends, family and the public are invited to help recognize their efforts.

Developed over ten years ago as an alternative to costly out-of-home placement, the YCCP is a partnership between the Yolo County departments of Probation and Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services, and the Yolo County Office of Education, as well as the recent addition of Northern Construction and Training (NCCT). The program emphasizes education, vocational training, pro-social skills instruction, and family engagement for youth who have come to the attention of law enforcement. This voluntary program offers services to 20 youth per semi-annual session.

“We have seen increased success during the past two program sessions, having added NCCT and, importantly, with the use of evidenced-based treatment programs, scientifically proven as effective in reducing recidivism,” said Chief Probation Officer Don L. Meyer. “We will have more graduates this session than ever. They’ve worked hard and deserve recognition, along with both staff and parents.”

As part of the vocational training component, this group of youth worked together to complete the following projects: construction of a playground at CommuniCare Health Centers; construction of a wheelchair accessible ramp for the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center; planting of new vegetation in the Capay community for the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department; and renovation of a low-income home in South Sacramento. The group attended job fairs and toured local colleges in the Yolo/Sacramento area. The graduation program will include a power point reflection of these activities.

Please join in the celebration of these accomplishments. Refreshments served immediately following the ceremony.

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