

"If we're serious about bringing the crime rate down for the people of Riverside County we have to be serious about crime prevention and reaching into our community to reach our youth before they take a wrong path that leads them to a life of crime."



**Riverside County District Attorney
Michael Hestrin**

Special Projects



Youth Literacy Programs, Real Men Read (RMR) and Women Read and Parlane (WRAP), are operated in the county's lockdown juvenile justice facilities. These programs were designed to create an interest in reading amongst its participants.



The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Educational Foundation Youth Baseball Program was brought to Riverside County in 2022. The program focuses on the resistance against drugs and accompanying violence, while focusing on healthy behaviors. The program is currently being offered at Sunnymead Middle School in Moreno Valley.



Summer camp programming was implemented for children who have gone through the SARF process. The goal is to help children achieve academic success, learn about self confidence, and improve school attendance.



Aware to Care Exchange (ACE) app was developed as a means to notify schools when a student has gone through an adverse childhood experience through an easy to use web application.



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Our Mission

Our mission is to collaborate with community partners to help young people stay in school, achieve academic success, and develop positive life skills.

CPU has developed programs and strategies designed to suppress crime, prevent victimization, and address the disparate needs of at-risk youth and their families.

About Us

District Attorney Michael Hestrin created the Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) when he took office in 2015. The CPU consists of Deputy District Attorneys and Division of Victim Services Specialists. Along with our community partner, the SAFE Family Justice Centers (SAFE FJC), we are working across the county to enhance public safety, help lower the recidivism rate, and prevent youth from becoming involved in the criminal justice system.



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**"There is always one moment
in childhood when the door
opens and lets the future in."**

-Graham Green

Our Core Services



SARB: School Attendance Review Board

The SARB process is conducted at the local and county level and was created as a safety net for students with persistent attendance or behavior problems. The CPU Deputy District Attorneys serve as the direct liaison between the District Attorney's Office and the 23 school districts in Riverside county. We assist school sites and school districts in implementing best practices to ensure school attendance and enforcement of compulsory education laws. This is accomplished through our participation in attendance meetings with parents and students to encourage truancy and absenteeism reduction.



Case Management & Mentoring

Our partnership with the SAFE FJC allows for trauma informed, client led, confidential services for youth and their families.



Countywide Prevention Presentations

CPU provides free countywide presentations for youth, parents, and professionals about youth safety and other topics that promote social emotional learning.



DART: De-escalation and Assistance Resource Team

Provides preventive anti-violence education to school sites in response to school-related traumatic events and/or violent incidents.



Stability Funding

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) was created by the Crime Prevention Act of 2000 to provide a stable funding source for local juvenile justice programs aimed at curbing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth and juvenile offenders. The CPU is a proud member of the Riverside County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.