

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: March 19, 2025

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Craig A. Fritz – Probation Manager, Probation Services Division

Subject: Probation Services Division Presentation
For information only - no Board action requested

The Parks and Community Services Department operates with a holistic services philosophy, providing services that support the community and the whole person. As an extension of that philosophy, the Probation Services Division subscribes to the ideal that every community member has a place, providing interventions and services at what is often a low point in their lives. The division is made up of a team of twelve dedicated, diverse, and experienced professionals whose goal is to meet clients where they are and support them throughout their time on supervision.

The Probation Services Division accepts adult misdemeanor referrals from the King County District Court's Bellevue Division for the monitoring and tracking of court-ordered obligations. The division works together with the courts, law enforcement agencies, community organizations, community leaders and victim advocates to enhance community safety and facilitate rehabilitation for clients supervised. Using a risk-needs-responsive model, the division's probation officers and program coordinators conduct in-depth assessments, determine areas of need and, within guidelines set by the courts, provide resources to individuals for appropriate programs and services that address these needs. The Probation Services Division treats all those we have the opportunity to serve with dignity, fairness, and respect in an accessible, culturally competent, and inclusive environment that is conducive to change, development, and growth.

Through both a General Administrative Order (GAO) and an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with King County, the division serves more than 1,500 clients annually. These services and supervisions may include active probation, compliance monitoring, electronic home monitoring, robust programming, work crew, or a combination of two or more of those listed.

The Probation Services Division focuses on a spectrum of services designed to move individuals out of a place of crisis and into a place of safety and stability, improving safety for the entire community.