



Allison Sipe (left) and Stephanie Tanaka (right) proudly display CSAC Award

PLUMAS COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM WINS CSAC CHALLENGE AWARD

For the first time ever, a Plumas County criminal justice program was awarded a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Challenge Award. This year, CSAC received 363 entries for its statewide program honoring innovation and best practices in county government – the most in the program’s history. After a review by a panel of judges with expertise in county programs, the District Attorney’s Alternative Sentencing Program was awarded the Administration of Justice and Public Safety Merit Award for Rural Counties on November 4, 2020.

Coming on the heels of being the only rural county to receive the Proposition 47 Recidivism award during the initial selection, as well as receiving a competitive federal grant for their Community Justice Court, Alternative Sentencing is really doing some

great work for Plumas County. Their efforts have saved our county tens of thousands of dollars in jail costs, brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars, and made Plumas County a safer and more just place to live.

This recognition is important for the District Attorney's office and, especially, Alternative Sentencing. It is refreshing to have Alternative Sentencing recognized for taking on a huge workload and really providing a tremendous service for our community.

Partnerships with the Court and defense bar have provided tremendous support in Alternative Sentencing's improvement of our criminal justice system. What is particularly exciting is these milestones are being achieved without full integration of some county departments. Should we ever attack these problems with "all hands on deck" the sky is the limit for what we can accomplish.