

Bio of Chief Mack Jenkins



Chief Mack Jenkins career in the justice system spans more than 40 years. He retired as the Chief Probation Officer of the San Diego County Probation department where he oversaw a staff of more than 1300 in an agency that provided supervision and services to more than 13000 adult and 2500 justice involved youth. Chief Jenkins is the former President of the California Chief Probation Officers Association (CPOC) and the former Vice President of the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). Chief Jenkins is recognized nationally as an expert in evidenced based, and best practices in the community corrections field.

During the course of his career Chief Jenkins has been responsible for the development and implementation of a wide variety of programs designed to support the successful reentry of justice involved populations into the community. He served formerly as a Senior Policy Adviser for the Council of State Governments Justice Center, in that role Chief Jenkins provided consultation to community supervision agencies around the country to assist in the implementation of justice reinvestment strategies and policies to support recidivism reduction. Chief Jenkins continues to serve as a criminal justice consultant working with courts and community supervision agencies throughout the country in the development of programs to support behavior change and reintegration of justice involved.

Chief Jenkins sits as a gubernatorial appointment on California's Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH). As a council member, he supports the council's mission to promote strategies to improve outcomes for justice involved individuals with behavioral health needs, also to advise and make recommendations to the state legislature on the cost effectiveness of existing behavioral health and criminal justice programs. Chief Jenkins is also an appointee of legislature to the Board of Directors for California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA). CALPIA manages over 100 industries operating with the 35 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions. The industries employ more than 6000 prison inmates in career technical education programs, manufacturing, agricultural, and consumable and service enterprises.

In addition to work within the state's criminal justice system, Chief Jenkins has served on a number of boards impacting the justice system on a national level, including the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws.

Chief Jenkins is an adjunct instructor of criminal justice with the Rancho Santiago Community College District in Orange County and holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of California at Irvine and a Master of Science degree in criminal justice from California State University at Long Beach.