



# PRISON OUTREACH PROGRAM

An Outreach Program of the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation-Solano

The **Sheriff's Youth Services Unit (YSU)** works in collaboration with CDCR-Solano to provide an opportunity for incorrigible youth to have an experiential look at prison life.

- Target Age Group:** 12-17 year old male/female youth (Not on Probation)
- Dates:** To be determined
- Day:** Thursdays
- Time:** 12:00 – 8:00pm
- How to Apply:** Participation in the POP program is by application only. To receive an application and be scheduled for a POP experience you need to submit an online referral at [www.sacscip.org](http://www.sacscip.org) (Look for the "Youth Diversion Referral Form link on the front page under Our Services)

## About the Program:

The Prisoner's Outreach Program (POP) is a voluntary community program operated by inmates and staff at California State Prison-Solano. **POP IS NOT SCARED STRAIGHT**; POP does not judge, shame, humiliate or force anyone into change. POP is not used as a punitive measure. All parents and youth attending POP do so voluntarily. There is no fast or magic cure that will make all problems go away. The recognition and understanding of choices and consequences, along with positive guidance, can effectively stop destructive behavior.

POP cannot replace good parenting, nor do the work that youth and their guardians must do for themselves. One purpose of this program is to educate guests about blind spots (unresolved feelings, thoughts, resentments and occurrences that are missed or swept under the rug) that can contribute to, or fuel, dysfunctional cycles like: gangs, addictions, domestic violence and trans-generational incarceration.

POP exposes guests to the harsh realities of prison life instead of glamorizing a criminal lifestyle. POP teaches guests ways to break the barriers to communication, and illustrates how their actions hurt the people that love them the most.

