



## Erika Preuitt

I am honored to be the Vice President of the National Association of Probation Executives (NAPE). This organization aims to support those who lead community supervision agencies in a time when the needs of the communities we serve are growing more complex, and the public safety issues facing us are immense.

I have been a member of NAPE since 2020 and was humbled to be awarded the NAPE Dan Beto Award in 2017.

We have a lot of work to do to transform our field, something that compelled me to roll up my sleeves 29 years ago and be a part of the solution. My passion is derived from serving the most vulnerable in our local communities. I'm fortunate to do this work in the community where I was born and raised: Multnomah County, Oregon. As the Department of Community Justice director, I proudly lead the important and life-changing work our staff and community partners accomplish daily.

My first justice system job was as a probation/parole officer, and I steadily progressed through the ranks focusing on improving services, building culturally responsive and trauma-informed programs, and engaging in evidence-based practices. This is definitely heart work for me. Along the way, I've learned the incredible value of community partnerships, collaboration with criminal justice partners, and learning from those with lived experience. These connections and actions have allowed me to participate in and be recognized for several local and national efforts to improve outcomes.

I served as the President of the American Probation and Parole Association from 2017-2019. I worked with Pew and Arnold Ventures on probation reform efforts and currently serve on the Executives Transforming Probation (EXiT) steering committee. I am deeply committed to integrating trauma-informed, culturally responsive approaches in our work. I have served on the practitioners' advisory committee for Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network(JCOIN), and as a current board member for the All Rise, formerly the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), I know the urgency of understanding and combating the fentanyl crisis plaguing our communities. I also was inspired to participate in developing the Emerging Adult Framework sponsored by Columbia University.

All of this work aligns with the vision of NAPE, an association of dedicated professionals committed to coming together to promote leaders in the field who work in the interest of public safety and building stronger communities.



*"The road to transformation is not easy. It is imperative that community supervision leaders come together at this pivotal time in our world, where polarization is becoming the norm.*

*By working collectively, we can continue to embark on this journey—supporting each other and overcoming obstacles to build a sustainable future for our field."*

-- Erika Preuitt

## Trending Topics and Resources



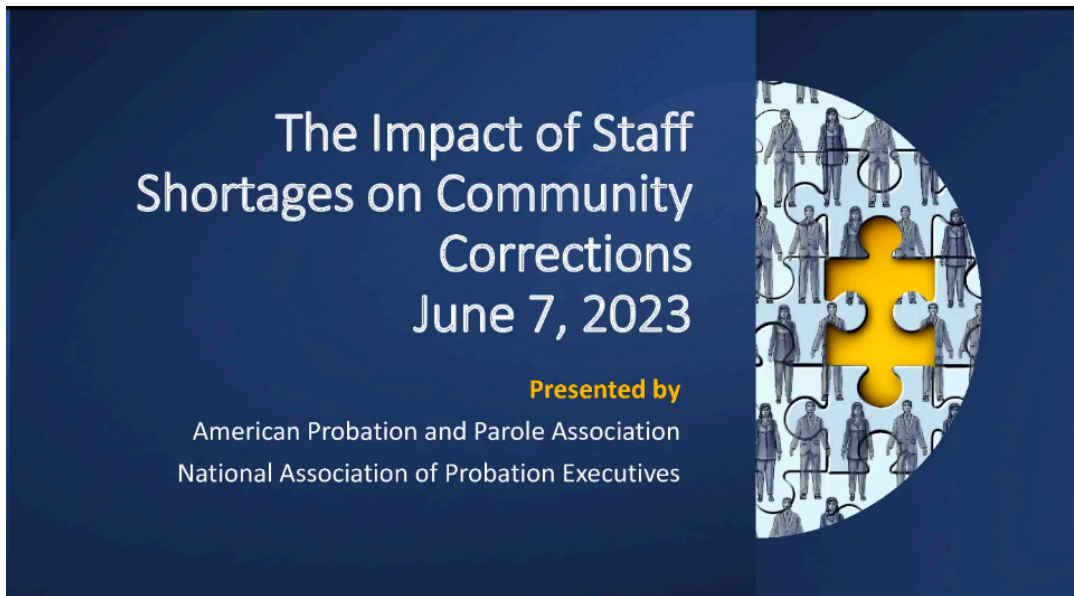
Reviewing and understanding current trends and statistics helps leaders and teams provide responsive supervision to help people address disorders and successfully complete supervision. Below are findings from trusted entities to help build your knowledge base:

- The Pew Charitable Trusts: [More Than 1 in 9 Adults with Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders are Arrested Annually](#)
- National Institutes of Health: [Harm Reduction Approaches to Reduce Overdose Deaths](#)
- Columbia University: [A Roadmap to Reform: Key Elements of Specialized Probation for Emerging Adults](#)

## Professional Development

Missed the webinar or want to watch it again? Click on the link below to hear from community corrections executives and a human resource professional how they are meeting their staffing challenges.

[The Impact of Staff Shortages on Community Corrections](#)



### **NAPE Reception and Awards - August in NYC**

NAPE's 2023 Award Reception will be held during the American Probation and Parole Association's Annual Institute in New York. New this year, the reception will be held on Monday, August 28 during the lunch break. Continue to check the [events page](#) of NAPE's website for the location of this member's only event.

Awards to be given out include the George M. Keiser Award for Exceptional Leadership and the Sam Houston State University Probation Executive of Year. We will also be recognizing two long-time supporters of NAPE.

Award nominations close soon. Nominate someone today. [NAPE 2023 Awards Nominations](#)

### **Ballots on the Way**

Your ballot to vote on the revised NAPE Constitution is coming to your mailbox soon.

The current requirement is for the ballot to be completed within 60 days. If the vote is approved by the majority voting, the new version will take effect 30 days after the completion of balloting.

Please vote and submit your ballot before the deadline.



We invite members to share information about NAPE with other community supervision executives to help expand our network and strengthen our opportunities, data, and expertise. Affordable annual NAPE membership options are available and can be purchased/renewed at [napehome.org](http://napehome.org)

- Individual (recurring discount available)
- Retired
- Organizational
- Corporate

NAPE is dedicated to enhancing the professionalism and effectiveness in the field of community corrections by creating a national network for executives, bringing about positive change in the field, and making available a pool of experts in community corrections management, program development, training, and research.

Learn more: [napehome.org](http://napehome.org)

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