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## Children's Fingerprinting Event at YCCD a Huge Success

Marysville, CA – The Yuba County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit, in conjunction with the Yuba Community College District Police Department (YCCDPD), provided 71 kids with free electronic fingerprinting services last week at the Yuba College Child Development Center. The children fingerprinted ranged from newborns to older teens and is all part of an effort to increase safety of young people in the community.

"This wonderful community outreach service provided by the Yuba County Sheriff's Department enables parents to have the peace of mind that in the case of an emergency they will have their child's information readily available," said YCCD Police Chief Christopher Wilkinson. "Programs like this make our communities safer and the jobs of law enforcement officers a lot easier."

Ultimately, the fingerprinting process culminates in the development of an ID card for the child. A laptop computer equipped with special fingerprinting programming takes the electronic fingerprints of the child, along with his or her name and a photo. An ID card is then produced which parents can store in a safe place and which can be easily accessible in an emergency situation where one's child is lost and needs to be located.

Kathy Cortner, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees for YCCD, was at the event with her daughter to have her grandchildren fingerprinted. "No one wants to think about the possibility of anything happening to a child, but nevertheless it is imperative to take advantage of this service that could help in rescue efforts should an emergency arise."

The Yuba Community College District spans eight counties and nearly 4,200 square miles of territory in rural, north-central California. It has colleges in Marysville and Woodland, an educational center in Clearlake, and will be adding outreach facilities in Sutter and Colusa Counties as part of the Measure J facilities bond. For more information about YCCDPD please visit their website at [www.yccd.edu/police](http://www.yccd.edu/police).

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