



**LINDA PENNER**

***Board Composition: Chair  
(Appointed by the Governor)***

Linda Penner served as Chief Probation Officer for the County of Fresno from 2005 to 2012. Through her stewardship the department transitioned to Evidenced Based Practices for recidivism reduction that encompasses community safety. Ms. Penner championed for a culture that created integrity, and professionalism, fairness and equity to courts and offenders. Ms. Penner recognized that public safety services include rehabilitation services and through her leadership Fresno County Probation initiated policies, practices and services that promote fewer crime victims through an emphasis of assessment-based accountability and programs.

As Chief, Ms. Penner promoted a realignment 'safety net' in the county of Fresno through innovative supervision and service programs for the realigned population including a multi-agency supervision team and evidence-based services that form the nucleus of the public safety response to the legislation.

Since 1977, Ms. Penner held multiple positions while at the Fresno County probation department, including probation division director, services manager, probation officer and group counselor.

She has served as a member of the Board of State and Community Corrections since 2012 and its predecessor, the Corrections Standards Authority Board, from 2007 until 2012; she has also been a member of the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, underneath the Board, since 2007. Additionally, she chaired the Fresno County Community Corrections Partnership for two years.

In 2011, Ms. Penner served as the president of the California Probation Officers Association of California.