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Solano County Chief Probation Officer Christopher Hansen. (Robinson Kuntz/Daily Republic)

Center for Positive Change preps to graduate 72

By **Daily Republic Staff**

FAIRFIELD — Kim Carter, a 2015 CNN Hero and founder and ambassador of the Time for Change Foundation, is the scheduled keynote speaker at the fifth annual completion ceremony at the Solano County Probation Department's Center for Positive Change.

The event starts at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the County Events Center, 601 Texas St., in Fairfield. Seventy-two individuals will be recognized for completing the program. The Center for Positive Change graduated 37 individuals in 2015, 45 in 2016, 77 in 2017 and 71 in 2018.

"The CPC offers more services than ever before, and you guys care, from the judges, the staff (and) the probation officers across the street. The CPC gives services to get the power back in your life. Never have people ever pulled so much for us, they go to bat for us," Michael Pendergast, a 2019 Vallejo Center for Positive Change graduate who now works as a counselor at the center, said in the statement announcing the event.

"I now let other people's stuff be their stuff. I don't let people control me and my emotions. I used to allow people to bother me to the point I would self-destruct," Pendergast said in the statement.

The center opened in April 2013.

"We are so proud of the program graduates who have worked so hard to change their lives for the better," Christopher Hansen, chief probation officer, said in the statement.

Space is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, call Rose Brieno at 553-5253 or send an email to RBrieno@SolanoCounty.com.

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