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JERRY TELLO SHARES HIS PATH TO HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND RESTORATION



Left to right: Chief Probation Officer Guadalupe Rabago, Jerry Tello, Deputy Chief Probation Officer Steve DeLira, Lompoc Chief of Police Patrick Walsh

On May 23rd and 24th, Jerry Tello, internationally recognized for his work in family strengthening, therapeutic healing, and cross cultural issues, brought his message of trauma and healing with a culturally based approach to Santa Barbara County in a series of public presentations in Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Santa Maria. The presentations were the result of the collaborative efforts of Santa Barbara County Probation to address Racial and Ethnic Disparity.

A noted therapist, author, performer and program developer, over the last 30 years Mr. Tello has incorporated his real life experience, together with research based knowledge and cultural based teachings to engage all in healing and growth-inspiring experience. Mr. Tello is the author of children's books, professional publications, and culturally based curriculums. He has received numerous awards including the Ambassador of Peace award and Presidential Crime Victims Service award. Probation was honored to host Mr. Tello and appreciates his story and knowledge he shared with Santa Barbara County.

~ Jerry Tello is co-founder of the National Compadres Network (est. 1988), and Director of the National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute

Left to right: DCPO Steve DeLira, Tameka Peoples, CPO Guadalupe Rabago, Behavioral Wellness's Cuco Rodriguez, Jerry Tello, Casa De La Raza's Raquel Lopez, CAC's Saul Serrano, Burns Institute's Gina Peralta and Khalid Samarrae



INTRODUCING SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER KARYN MILLIGAN



On May 23rd the Department welcomed Special Projects Manager Karyn Milligan to the Probation team. Well respected throughout the State Karyn was recently elected to the board of the Association for Criminal Justice Research (ACJR). Karyn studied Public Administration and Criminal Justice Administration at San Diego State University and most recently worked as a Research Associate with Harder & Co. Community Research where she provided data analysis and project management

for organizations to understand the results of their programs and translate them to actionable improvements. She is grounded in Probation operations and served as an Administrative Analyst and Research Policy Analyst for San Diego County Probation until 2013. There she served as liaison to the Community Corrections Partnership, responsible for facilitation of collaborative efforts, coordinated data validation studies internally and across agencies, and authored public presentations and FAQs for the public and Board of Supervisors. As Special Projects Manager in partnership with divisional operation leads Karyn will provide support, oversight and management of research projects, grant applications and implementation of evidence based practices, as well as collecting and interpreting juvenile and adult probation trends.

Submitted by DCPO Lee Bethel

Ten Juvenile Institutions Officers successfully complete CORE

Submitted by Supervising Probation Officer William Roberts



(Top row, Left to right) - Saul Cruz (Ventura), Lindsey Arzate (Santa Barbara), Stephanie Vazquez (SB), Daryl Kendrix (San Luis Obispo), Mason Sperakos (SLO), Sheri Fung (VTA) ~ (Bottom row, L to R) - Carolina Lua (SB), Gustavo Mendez (SB), Richard Rubio (SB) and Jorge Ruvalcaba

The graduation ceremony held on May 6th at the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall and was attended by many of the graduates' family members, friends and fellow staff. The event was catered by the Los Prietos Boys Camp kitchen staff and the room was decorated by members of the Professional Standards Unit. The ceremony was a wonderful event that celebrated the accomplishments of these new staff. We wish the JIO Core graduates of 2016 the best of luck as they move forward in their careers.



Left to right: Richard Rubio, Gustavo Mendez, Carolina Lua, Chief Probation Officer Guadalupe Rabago, Stephanie Vazquez, Lindsey Arzate and Jorge Ruvalcaba



First Annual LPBC and Los Robles High School Family Barbeque and Open House

Submitted by Supervising Probation Officer Erin Cross



Left to right: SPO Erin Cross and LRHS Administrative Secretary Maria Pacheco

On Sunday, July 10th, Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC) and Los Robles High School (LRHS) hosted the first annual family barbeque and school open house. To prepare for the 14 families who attended, the Culinary Arts crew created a tasty menu of grilled burgers, hotdogs, pasta salad, fruit, and three different choices in yummy cookies. Though Mr. Moreno, Mr. Sim and Ms. Fournier and their crew put this spread together indoors given you can't currently barbeque in the forest, everyone in attendance couldn't stop talking about the how much they enjoyed the meal.

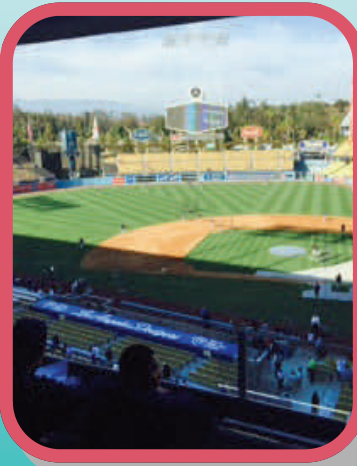
As families dined, the teachers from Los Robles High School gave their personal time to share information on the school program, and to invite families in to see their sons' work and hear the progress they are making in school. Several families were moved to tears to hear how well their boys are doing in school, and many shared it had been years since they heard such positive feedback from their sons' teachers. Each family also clearly appreciated hearing one teacher share, "I am also happy to report they all have perfect attendance."

All boys later requested to write thank you notes to the kitchen staff and to Probation staff, and even those whose families were unable to attend expressed gratitude for a fun day. LPBC & LRHS are already planning to make this an annual event.



Camp Hits it out of the Park

Submitted by Senior Deputy Probation Officer Jim Clark



On Monday, June 6th, thirteen youth who earned high votes and were eligible to leave the LPBC grounds, as well as several LPBC staff were treated to a Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game by television producer Burt Sugarman and his wife, Mary Hart. The boys received the VIP treatment with a personal luxury box that was fully catered with Dodger dogs, snacks and drinks. Many youth noted they had never been to a live baseball game or to any live sporting event for that matter.

Mr. Sugarman brought an entourage of successful businessmen to meet the youth and give motivational talks on careers and the importance of a strong work ethic. Although the Dodgers lost, the youth were all big winners, as they earned their tickets to the game through hard work and dedication to the LPBC program. Everyone received free license plate holders with the Dodger logo to take home with their memory of an epic adventure while at LPBC. Special thanks to world famous inspirational speaker and friend of the Camp, W. Mitchell, who has always taken a special interest in supporting youth and has shared that interest with his close friends, the Sugarmans.

Bowling Our Way To A Safer Community!!

Submitted by Probation Manager Elizabeth A. Krene

On May 21st, the Santa Barbara Probation Report and Resource Centers held their 5th Annual Bowling Tournament fundraiser at Rancho Bowl in Santa Maria. Chief Rabago welcomed twenty-two teams representing the Santa Barbara Probation Department, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Community Solutions Inc., Behavioral Wellness, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Good Samaritan, Elements Counseling Group, Social Services, the Public Defender's Office, and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office. Costumes were encouraged, and tri-tip lunches were sold prior to the event. Raffle prizes included movie tickets, restaurant vouchers, a fishing trip, Sea World tickets, hotel stays and so much more! "Kristy's Cancer Kickers" of Probation won the trophy for "Most Inspirational" team for their support of a coworker. "Spare None" of Probation won the "Best Costume" trophy, dressing up as "Nerds", complete with suspenders and glasses. The "Back Alley Pro Shop" team from Behavioral Wellness won 1st place with an impressive overall score of 1,470, 2nd place went to "The CADA Strikers" with a score of 1,207, and the LPBC team won 3rd place, with a score of 1,120. The "Best of the Worst" award went to Sidney Espinoza of CADA, who was the envy of everyone after she also won the Santa Maria-style barbeque grill in the raffle! Mark Zepeda of Behavioral Wellness received the Sharp Shooter award for the highest individual score of 245. Many thanks to our staff and partner agencies for their participation and support, and to Rancho Bowl for providing the enjoyable venue. Proceeds to benefit clients at the PRRCs in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara.

