

# South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs



April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

# Enforcement

- ☞ Santa Barbara Police Department
- ☞ Santa Barbara County Sherriff's Department
- ☞ Santa Barbara County Juvenile Probation

# Santa Barbara Police Department

## City of Santa Barbara Gangs by the numbers

Crime Stats (Jan – Dec)	2010	2011
Homicide	2	0
Robbery	9	9
Battery	21	15
Battery on School ground	8	1
Assault w/Deadly Weapon	17	16
Disturbances/Challenging	22	12
Brandishing weapon	7	3
Poss. Switchblade	4	12
Viol Juv. Court Order	45	47
Poss Dangerous/concealed	11	14

# SBPD

## ☞ Current Stats for Santa Barbara Police Department 2012 First Quarter **January to March**

○ Homicide	0
○ Robbery	2
○ Battery	3
○ Battery School	0
○ ADW	3
○ Dist/Chall	3
○ Brandishing	0
○ Switchblade	0
○ Viol Juv	7
○ Poss Danger	1

Santa Barbara County  
Probation Department

Juvenile Cases with Gang Terms &  
Conditions

Lompoc: 63

Santa Maria: 182

Santa Barbara: 138

# Intervention

- ✎ Los Prietos Boys Camp
- ✎ County Office of Education
- ✎ Santa Barbara Unified School District

# Probation

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Steve DeLira

Deputy Chief Probation Officer

# **Los Prietos Boys Camp Preliminary Survey Results**

How to Get Out of a Gang

# Background

- Administered in 2011 at Los Prietos Boys Camp
- 58 respondents
- Male
- 14 – 18 years old
- Wards of the court
- Prior offenders
- Santa Barbara County residents

# Survey Instrument

- 7 questions
- Open-ended
- Format of questions #1 - 6:  
“What can (\_\_\_\_\_) do to...help a youth... get out of a gang?”
  - Community leaders
  - Family members
  - Homeboys
  - Enemies
  - Law enforcement officers
  - Teachers
- Question #7 – helping youth who have been green-lighted

# Role of Personal Experience



What would help "youth"?

“What would have helped **you**?”

# 3 Themes Emerged

1. Counseling/Encouraging/Mentoring
2. Protection
3. More Opportunities

“I’m not going to lie. I’m involved with a local gang in my city. If I thought someone cared I wouldn’t be where I am now.”(44)

# Counseling/Encouraging/Mentoring

88% of respondents mentioned ***counseling***\*

- Talk directly to the youths - 76%
- Talk to families - 40%

“To secure the help of family members we need our families to make us realize how important it is for us not to bang.”(42)

*\*Percentage mentioning this theme in answer to one or more survey questions.*

# Protection

83% of respondents mentioned *protection*\*

- Protection offered by law enforcement officers or teachers - 55%
- Help to move out of town - 55%

“Make him or her stay after class so he or she won’t get jumped by their old gang or give them a ride home.”(21)

*\*Percentage mentioning this theme in answer to one or more survey questions.*

# More Opportunities

78% of respondents mentioned *more opportunities*\*

- Academic – help to succeed in school - 62%
- Sports/activities - 43%
- Jobs – 36%

“Teachers should watch out for a student. It’s a problem to a student who gets out of a gang because they got no one to count on and they are always afraid of getting rushed. It’s good to let them know that they still have support so they won’t go back, into something worse.”(56)

“not to give up on the kid just cause he was into gangs don’t matter nothing”(28)

# Dichotomy

One out of three suggested compelling youth to stay away from gangs (34%)

- Monitor
- Keep after school
- Lock up

“ Find a way to eliminate the whole gang”

“get him in trouble as much as they can” (23)

One out of three suggested better treatment for gang members (33%)

- Don't harass
- Don't restrict
- No gang list

“ law enforcement officers need to stop harassing the gang bangers and make peace.”(11)

“what law enforcement should do is start talking to the youngster when he is first starting to bang and that can help them.(15)

*\*Percentage mentioning this theme in answer to one or more survey questions.*

# One Possible Interpretation

1 out 3 respondents seem to be saying:  
**“save me from myself”**

# Bridges to Recovery

- ∞ Countywide program
- ∞ Current countywide caseload: 121
- ∞ South Coast current caseload: 49
  - 14 will have completed treatment by end of the month
  - 17 currently in treatment
- ∞ Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN) Assessment
  - Initial, 3-month, 6-month, 12-month
  - At intake, clients are reporting drug/alcohol use is every day or every other day prior to entering Los Prietos Boys Camp

# Bridges to Recovery

## ∞ Education

- High School Graduation: 6
- Credit compliant: 10
- Higher Education: 2

## ∞ Employment

- 20% have jobs
- 4 are enrolled in Santa Barbara County WIA program

∞ 50% of 49 clients come from single parent households

∞ 20% of 49 clients have no relationship with the male in the household

# Bridges to Recovery

## ∞ Barriers

- Increase parent involvement with more focus on male involvement
- Lack of food in home

## ∞ Partners

- Santa Barbara County Probation
- Santa Barbara County Alcohol Drug Mental Health
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- Community Action Commission
- CADA: Daniel Bryant Center

- ∞ Bridges to Recovery has allowed the partners to provide consistent services for young men leaving Los Prietos Boys Camp throughout the County

# Santa Barbara County Office of Education

∞ The percentage of students served regionally on the South Coast for CalGRIP are represented as:

- 70% are currently with the SBCEO Juvenile Court and Community Schools
- 15% are currently with the Santa Barbara Unified School District
- 5% are currently with the Carpinteria Unified School District
- 4% are currently with the Santa Barbara City College Adult Education program

# Student Profile

- ∞ **Current educational profile of the students we have data on:**
  - Our data currently indicates that 86% of the students we are serving are credit deficient and “at risk” of not graduating high school
  - 14 % are credit compliant
- ∞ **El Puente Santa Barbara Community School – our flagship school on the South Coast**
  - El Puente Santa Barbara graduated a record 60 students in 2011

# Neighborhood Schools on the South Coast

## ∞ Collaborative Partnership with:

- Santa Barbara Police Athletic League: 30 students
- Community Action Commission: 12 students

## ∞ Collaborative neighborhood school model:

- Decreases operating costs
- Allows greater amount of funding to go directly to the student
- Increases attendance
- Students attend school close to home
- Decreases cost of transportation for students
- Provides the parents the peace of mind that their youth are within a safe local environment

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

Marlin Sumpter  
Director of Pupil Services

∞ Restorative Justice

∞ Outreach Coordinator

∞ Youth Violence Committee

# Client Services

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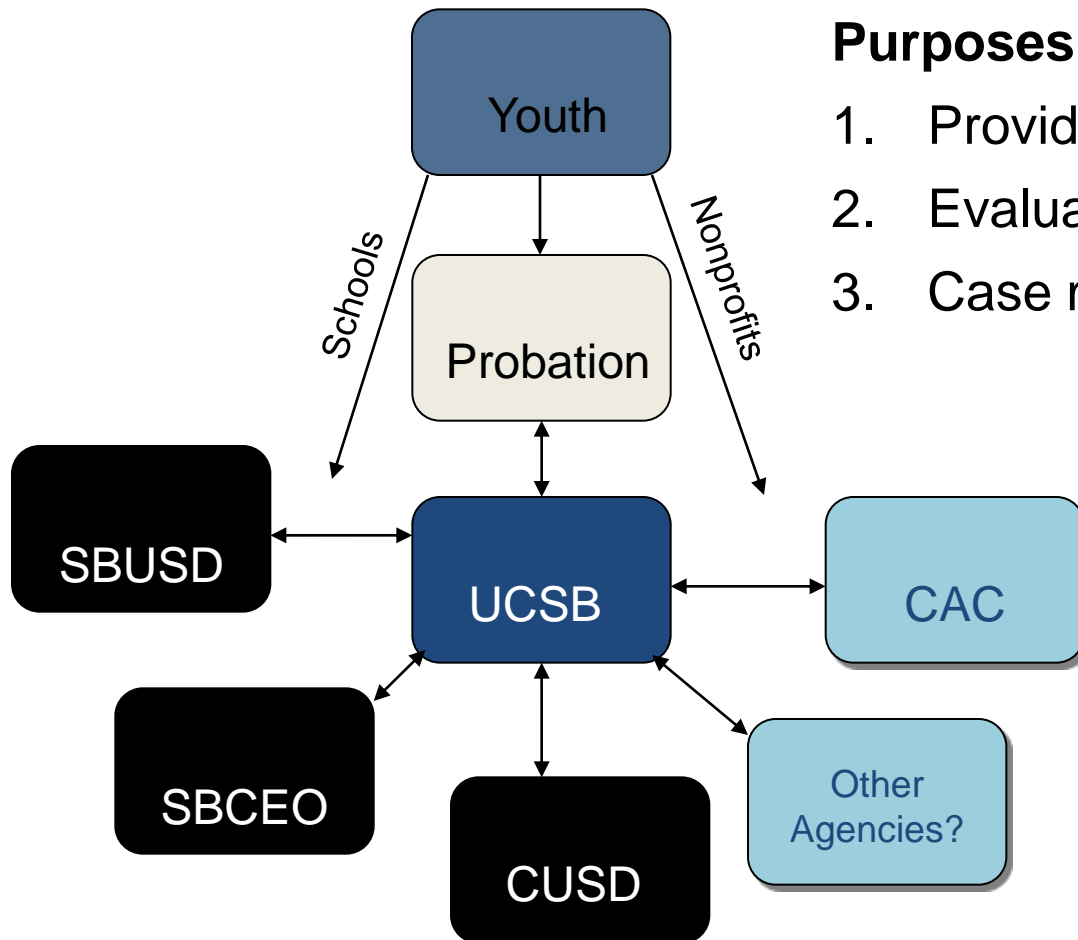
## Testimonials

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# Coordination

- ∞ UCSB Project: Dr. Jill Sharkey
- ∞ Carpinteria School Initiatives and CalGRIP: Sharon Velarde
- ∞ South Coast and Lompoc CalGRIP grants: Carolyn Contreras
- ∞ Employment Programs:
  - County of Santa Barbara Youth Corps Program: Carolyn Contreras
  - City of Santa Barbara Youth Apprenticeship: Mark Alvarado
  - Workforce Investment Board Program: Clarissa Morris

# South Coast Youth Intervention Project



## Purposes of SCYIP

1. Provide the community with data
2. Evaluate the impact of programs
3. Case management

# Carpinteria Unified School District

## Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant



Sharon Velarde, Project Director

# Collaborative Effort

- ∞ School District, Probation, Sheriff, Mental Health, UCSB, Community non-profits - Counsel on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Family Service Agency, Carp Cares for Youth, Carpinteria Children's Project, AHA, CALM, Carpinteria Education Foundation, Carpinteria City, United Way, Girls Inc, Boys and Girls Club, District Attorney, and more

# Element 1:

## Safe School Environment and Violence Prevention

### ∞ Deputy Probation Officer

- 17 CUSD youth were on probation and 65% of the them were successfully referred to SS/HS programs

### ∞ Teen Court

- Over the past 4 years, Teen Court has served **1030 students**: 103 students went through Peer Review Court, 509 participated in educational intervention classes or group services, and 175 students volunteered for Jury Duty, 45 middle school boys participated in gender specific workshops, 198 middle school students participated in “Youth and the Law” workshops
- Greatly exceeded goal of serving 460 students over entire project

### ∞ Parent Program

- In total 249 families initiated Parent Program services, of the 222 parents that exited the program, 165 completed the program successfully.

# Element 2:

## Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Prevention

### **S.U.P.E.R. program**

22 families were referred to the family intervention program this reporting period: 9 completed the four-week program, 6 families completed an alternative (more intense) treatment program, and 7 are currently in the process of being served

### **Drug Treatment Counseling**

33 students were served during the 2010-11 school year, with 17 students from Rincon Continuation School, 16 were from Carpinteria High School, and 6 were in CYT

### **Youth Service Specialists (YSS)**

715 Individual Services to approximately 207 unique students, which included: 185 one-on-one Assistance, 238 Therapeutic Counseling, 103 Mediations, 110 Interview/Intakes, 36 Follow-ups, 13 Crisis Interventions, 5 parent conferences, and 5 Teacher Conferences

### **Reconnecting Youth Classes**

37 students attended RY classes this past year

# Element 3: Student, Behavioral, Social, and Emotional Supports

## ∞ After-school programs

- Since the start of the grant classes in hip-hop, spinning, cooking, basic carpentry, and an academic decathlon class have been offered
- During the summer program students were offered Exploring Sporting Opportunities, Algebra Academy and Math Tutorials, Academic of Healing Arts provided mentoring, and a Healthy Lifestyle class incorporating nutrition and cooking
- 300 students served in elementary and middle school providing tutorial, academic enrichment, arts, physical education, health, and other opportunities

## ∞ Mentor Program

- To date, there have been a total of 45 matches under the SSHS grant, with currently 25 students on the waiting list and 5 mentors who started the application process
- Students and mentors enjoyed trips on the Condor Express, Getty Museum, Santa Barbara Zoo, as well as other community events with the Boys & Girls Club and other local area schools

## ∞ LINK program

- Provided activities such as 2-day training for juniors and seniors, a freshman orientation, tailgate party, ice cream social, and multiple lessons were taught to all freshmen by Link Leaders

# Element 4:

## Mental Health Services

### ∞ This past year START Counselors saw:

- 3,986 Individual Services
- 2,501 were Therapeutic Counseling
- 440 Parent Conference
- 245 Follow-up
- 170 Interview/Intake
- 387 Teacher Conference
- 81 One-on-One Assistance
- 115 Client Advocacy
- 38 Crisis Intervention
- 20 support groups

# Element 5: Early Childhood Social and Emotional Learning

## ☞ Canalino Preschool

- Opened in September 2008 and currently serving 48 children
- Curriculum aligns with NAEYC Accreditation that covers school readiness skills, emotional and social development, including Kindergarten Readiness Profile (KSEP)
- A parent education component is in development. Pre School is actively working with the Carpinteria Children's Project at Main to incorporate a Parent Information Night and an Anti Defamation League parent and family training component

# Carpinteria Cal-GRIP

## ∞ Prevention Goal

School Based Mentoring – 20 students

START Mental Health Counseling – 480 students

Conflict Mediation Counseling – 100 students

## ∞ Intervention Goal

Reconnecting Youth Program – 64 students

Teen Court Program peer review, classes & groups, jury duty -  
320 students

Substance Abuse Treatment – 40 students

# Carpinteria Cal-GRIP

- **Education Goal**

After School Programs – 450 students

- **Family & Community Services Goal**

Parent Program – 100 families

SUPER Program – 30 parents

- **Grant Term**

January 2012-January 2014

# South Coast CalGRIP

- ∞ Current Cases: 105
- ∞ Project Towards No Drug Abuse:
  - El Puente, Santa Barbara
  - Rincon, Carpinteria
  - Alternative Detention Program (ADP)
- ∞ Young Women's & Men's Groups
  - La Cumbre Junior High
  - Los Prietos Boys Camp
  - Rincon, Carpinteria
  - La Cuesta Continuation School
  - La Colina Junior High
  - El Puente, Santa Barbara

# South Coast CalGRIP

## ∞ Special Events:

- Young Women's Empowerment Summit

## ∞ Field Trips

- USC
- Museum of Tolerance
- Museum of Latin American Art
- California State University, Long Beach
- Local campuses

## ∞ Upcoming Events

- Parent's Day
- Young Men's Retreat

# South Coast CalGRIP

## ☞ Parent Groups

- Monthly meetings for parents of youth involved in our program

## ☞ Collaborative Partners:

- City of Santa Barbara
- Community Action Commission
- Santa Barbara Police Department
- Santa Barbara Unified School District
- Santa Barbara County Probation
- Santa Barbara County Office of Education
- AllForOne

# Lompoc CalGRIP Program

- ∞ 2 year program
- ∞ Will be serving 50 youth, 25 per year
- ∞ Project Towards No Drug Abuse curriculum
- ∞ Youth Corps model

# Lompoc CalGRIP Program

## ∞ Outcomes:

- 25% reduction in gang involvement
- 15% will meet Probation terms & conditions
- 65% will increase attendance
- 75% will be on the road to credit compliance
- 50% of eligible seniors at alternative schools will graduate
- 25% will report a reduction in the use of drugs and alcohol

# Lompoc CalGRIP Program

## ∞ Collaborative Partners:

- City of Lompoc
- Community Action Commission
- Lompoc Police Department
- Santa Barbara County Office of Education
- Santa Barbara County Probation
- Lompoc Unified School District

# Santa Barbara County Youth Corps

- In partnership with the Workforce Investment Board, CAC has operated the Santa Barbara County Youth Corps program for a two-year contract, with a third year to provide follow-up services
- CAC has served 125 youth countywide, with 1/3 of youth from the South Coast

# Santa Barbara County Youth Corps

- ☞ The funding for youth services ended March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- ☞ Friends of Youth Corps was established to work with our communities to find funding to sustain the Youth Corps in September 2011.
- ☞ In February 2012, Youth Corps was acknowledged by the Board of Supervisors.
- ☞ Supervisor Carbajal asked County staff to research funding opportunities for the Youth Corps.
- ☞ In April 2012, our Youth Corps received a project through County Public Works that will keep our program going for an additional 4 months.

# Santa Barbara County Youth Corps



# City of Santa Barbara Youth Apprenticeship

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**Mark M. Alvarado**

**Senior Supervisor Neighborhood and Outreach Services  
Parks and Recreation City of Santa Barbara**

# City of Santa Barbara Apprenticeship Program

## ∞ Job Apprenticeship Program

- Employment & training program for low income, under-served youth/young adults, ages 16 – 21
- Offering basic life and employment skills training through hands-on experiences
- Job placement within various City departments
- Program assists the City in its efforts to reduce youth violence

## ∞ Our Target Population

- Under-served youth and young adults, 16 – 21 years old
- Considered at-risk by parents, schools, police or probation
- High School Drop Outs and/or youth connected to the juvenile system

# Who can apply?

- The program is open to qualified youth/young adult, ages 16-21
- **Application Process**
  - PAF Information Form
  - Hourly Employment Application
  - In processing Checklist Form
  - Minor Work Permit (not for 18+)
  - TB Test Form/Exam
  - Employment Eligibility Verification Form
  - City Survey
  - Live Scan (only for 18+)

# Once Hired

## ☞ Participants:

- Placed within various City Departments
- Supervised & trained by permanent City Staff
- Work 15-25 hours a week up to 150 total hours
- Are paid \$8.00 hour and/or receive stipend
- Continue to receive on-the-job work training & support services from program coordinator
- Attend bi-weekly skills building workshops
- Assisted in transitioning to other employment or educational opportunities

## ☞ Workshops and Trainings

- CPR & First Aid Certification
- City Hourly Manual Training
- Resume and Cover letter Workshop
- Job Interviewing & Presentation Workshop
- Self-Awareness Workshop

# City of Santa Barbara Apprenticeship Program

## Job Readiness Certificate

- Receive a career portfolio
- Includes all completed trainings and workshop
- Supervisor evaluations and/or letters of recommendation
- Job Readiness Certificate of Completion

Application Deadline for 5 Summer slots is May 4<sup>th</sup>

Drop off at Franklin Center with Carmin Garcia 897-2582

Pick-up application in person at Franklin Center 1136 East Montecito Street

10 slots will be available in the Fall

# Workforce Investment Board

## Youth Program

- ∞ Created to assist youth with necessary skills and work experience to successfully transition into adulthood, careers, and further education and training
- ∞ Program offers:
  - Tutoring, study skills training and instruction
  - Assistance with educational placement
  - Job placement assistance
  - Supportive services
    - Work attire
    - Interview clothing
    - Transportation (bus passes)
    - Books and school supplies
  - Paid and unpaid work opportunities
  - Leadership development opportunities
  - Guidance and counseling
  - Mentoring
  - Occupational/Vocational skills training

# Workforce Investment Board

## Youth Program

### ∞ Eligibility

- SB County residents; target population 17-21 years of age (H.S. Juniors & Seniors)
- Meet income requirement
- Right to work in the U.S.
- Registered with selective service (males 18+)
- AND have at least one of the following qualifying barriers
  - Basic Skills Deficient
  - High School Drop Out
  - Runaway
  - Homeless
  - Foster Child
  - Parenting
  - Youth Offender
  - Need of Additional Assistance

# Workforce Investment Board

## Youth Program

### ☞ Rewards

- Paycheck from working
- Gift cards for reaching goals

### ☞ Challenges

- Senior in H.S. behind in credits
- Struggling with homework
- No plans after graduation
- In need of cash; wants to work

### ☞ Outcomes

- Tutoring help with homework
- Get H.S. diploma
- Paid work experience
- Enroll at community college
- Transfers to a four year university
- Has the job that he/she always wanted

# Workforce Investment Board Youth Program

## How to Apply

### South County Office

**Santa Barbara**

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### North County Office

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### Mid County Office

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# Questions & Answers

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From Members of the Task Force

# Public Comment

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# Meeting Schedule

☞ July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 3-5 p.m.

- Goleta Valley Community Center

☞ October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 3-5 p.m.

- Faulkner Gallery

☞ January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 3-5 p.m.

- Faulkner Gallery