



Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara
Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission

STATUS OF PROJECT GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

GRANT PARTNER: Understanding the Juvenile Justice System

REPORTING PERIOD July, 2008 – June , 2009

Goal: The mission and purpose of the Understanding the Juvenile Justice System program is to educate and deter the target population of seventh and eighth grade students from any unintended encounters with the law.

Performance Targets:

- 1) Of the 17 targeted schools Teen Court staff will make contact with 17 (100%) of principals at the following targeted middle schools to set up UJJS services:

TARGETED SCHOOLS FOR PRESENTATION

SANTA BARBARA
Carpinteria Middle
Santa Barbara Junior
La Cumbre Middle
La Colina Junior
Goleta Valley Junior

LOMPOC/SANTA YNEZ
Los Olivos Middle
Jonata Middle
Solvang Middle
El Camino Middle
Lompoc Middle
Vandenburg Middle

SANTA MARIA
El Camino Junior
Orcutt Junior
Tunnell Middle
Fessler Middle
Kermit McKenzie
Arellanes Middle

- 2) Teen Court staff will collaborate with regional law enforcement, court personnel, and judges, to provide presentations in all communities targeted by the grant.
- 3) Of the 8 potential Drama King presentations offered, Teen Court will collaborate with Juvenile Probation to provide eight (100%) “Drama Kings” presentations to targeted schools across Santa Barbara County.

- 4) Teen Court program staff will coordinate with schools to facilitate the “Understanding the Juvenile Justice System” program to 1,500 students at across Santa Barbara County.

Status: Completed Partially Met Not met at all

Statement: The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – Teen Court is appreciative of the support provided by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission by funding Understanding the Juvenile Justice System.

We have executed an operational plan that has attained successful outcomes, and as a result of UJJS, many students across Santa Barbara County are better aware of their rights and responsibilities to the law as minors.

Progress: During this contract year the Teen Court program has met all outcome objectives as agreed upon in the grant ratified by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Of the 17 schools targeted by Teen Court to make contact with principals to set up UJJS services, contact was made with 100% of the principals at these targeted schools. UJJS services were scheduled and provided to 14 schools across Santa Barbara County.

TARGETED RECEIVING UJJS PRESENTATIONS

SANTA BARBARA

Carpinteria Middle
La Cumbre Middle
La Colina Junior
Community Day

LOMPOC/SANTA YNEZ

Santa Ynez School
Jonata Middle
Refugio Continuation
Santa Ynez High
Lompoc Middle
Lompoc Unified

SANTA MARIA

El Camino Junior
Lakeview Junior
Tunnell Middle
Fessler Middle
Tommie Kuntz
Juvenile Hall

Teen Court staff established a collaborative partnership with County of Santa Barbara Juvenile Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff Department, local Police Departments, and Juvenile Court Judges. As a result of these partnerships students from targeted schools benefited by receiving UJJS presentations from law enforcement, court, and probation personnel.

Teen Court formed a collaboration with Los Prietos Boys Camp to provide an opportunity present the “Drama Kings” play to students across Santa Barbara County. Court involved youth from the camp made presentations to 1,790 students at 7 schools across Santa Barbara County. A total 2,510 students participated in UJJS presentations during this fiscal year. We exceeded our outcome expectation of students served by 1000 students.

Challenges: An exhausting amount of effort was invested to make contact with school principals to set up UJJS services at targeted schools. We continue to have a difficult time getting principals in South County Schools to allow UJJS to be presented to their student.

Project Director Ed Cué made a presentation on Group Gang Dynamics “How to Work with Gang Influenced Youth” to 150 teachers from the Lompoc Unified School District. It was his intent to weave UJJS into the presentation as a prevention opportunity for their schools.

Observations: The inclusion of the Los Prietos Boys Camp Drama Kings has been a valuable addition to UJJS. Both students and school staff found this presentation to be a perfect way to validate everything that the students learned from professionals by hearing it again from court involved youth.

Antidotal Evidence: The following statements were made by school principals and students who participated in UJJS. Mr. Grimnes at Lompoc Valley Middle School stated; “This year with the addition of the Drama Kings, Public Defender., and Juvenile Hall staff the presentations were more interesting and students were more engaged.” He also added the coordination was good, everything ran smooth. Principal Patty Grandy at Arellanes Jr. High School was very appreciative of Judge Herman’s presentations, she said it was an honor having a real judge at their school, she stated it was empowering and motivational. Fesler Junior High School, Principal Barbara Walker stated “the kids learned so much this week; they are talking to each other about what they learned.”

Students at Fesler Junior High made the following statements about UJJS: Chris stated, “The assembly that we attended on Friday was both eye-opening and amazing. I never really thought about how going to camp can change your life so much and how any little temptation to do something bad, even if it was just fun, could fuel the fire to becoming a criminal”. Alex stated; “Thank you so much for your time. After hearing your presentation on Teen Court, made me want to be a juror in court. I would love to have that experience.