

Truancy Abatement Prevention Program (TAPP)

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The Truancy Abatement Prevention Program (TAPP) is a unique and successful program. It involves a partnership between the Los Angeles County Probation Department, Juvenile Bureau, the Covina/West Covina Police Departments and the Covina/West Covina Valley School Districts. The program is funded through the GRIP (Gang Risk Intervention Program) grant and features include collaboration with Azusa Pacific University as a part of a mentor program. The TAPP students are required to engage in positive activities such as field trips to visual and performing arts' events and local sporting activities.

The TAPP program focuses on improving school attendance, grades, and behavior. This program is designed to hold students accountable through a

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President's Message

William Baxter

Dear Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the Southern California Juvenile Officers Association (SCJOA). It is an honor and privilege for me to serve as SCJOA President 2005-2007. I would like to thank the Past President, Paul Croulet and his Board of Director's for their dedicated service the past two years. I would also like to personally thank Don Hallstrom for installing the new SCJOA Board of Directors for 2005-2007.

The year is going to have its challenges but with your help I feel we can keep the momentum going. The SCJOA Board of Directors has been busy since the Installation Dinner April 22, 2005. On May 19th and 20th I, with your State Board attended the California State Juvenile Officers Association Legislative and Board Meeting in Pismo Beach California. We are planning a tour of the Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic in Norwalk thanks to Carol Barker, California Youth Authority, who is coordinating the tour. The SCJOA awarded at the April Installation a scholarship to a high school graduate. The 2005, scholarship of \$1,000.00

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system of intense monitoring. The Probation Officer is available on campus three to four times a week and has a close relationship with the students. He establishes these great relationships by attending extra curricular activities and sporting events at the schools. Los Angeles County Probation Officer Lorenzo Arnold points out that the key part of monitoring the students is working closely with the Deans and the Attendance Office. This shows the students that truancy holds certain consequences in which they must exhibit an appropriate and responsible behavior. Through an evaluation process and weekly progress reports the schools have seen an increase in attendance which leads to improvement in the students' grade point average. Indirectly, the program has decreased daytime criminal and gang activity in the community.

According to Officer Arnold, there are various ways a student can be referred to TAPP. One is through the school officials, such as Principal or Deans, and the other by local law enforcement agencies. These referrals are based on the students' current and past behavior. This program mainly utilizes WIC (Welfare Institution Code) 236, 601, 602, and 654 with a formal contract between parents and minors as well as the TAPP Officer. The student and their parent/guardian meet with the Probation Officer voluntarily to sign a student parent-school-TAPP agreement. They also discuss specific conditions for the parents to get involved with counseling and parenting classes to increase the probability of success for the student. As part of the contract, the student and family will be contacted weekly or more depending on the case. The TAPP program targets the intermediate school aged students because they found that this is when minors begin to act out illegally or engage in antisocial behaviors. The TAPP Officer will have a case load of approximately 50 students which will be about 10

students per school site.

The Covina Valley School District is very proud with the success rates of this program. In the first year of the TAPP program, the sixty students enrolled in the program showed an, "increase of actual attendance, excluding excuses absences, from 75% to 85%. With excused absences, overall attendance went from 87.6% to 94.2%." This was a great benefit to the schools as it increased ADA funding as well as a benefit to the local community as it decreased daytime criminal activity and brought these students back into the classrooms.

It was noted that there was a major decrease in the truancy rates for these 60 students. Covina Valley School District States, "before entering the program the 60 students collectively showed 363 days of truancy. Upon exiting the program the truanies were only 41 days. Indirect benefits are realized by the students who are enrolled in TAPP from group counseling, probation services and college mentors. Fifty percent of the parents took advantage of the parent classes which helped them deal more effectively with their students." Once the students' goals are achieved, they have earned there way back into the mainstream with the other students.

It is a proven fact that students will not succeed in school without attending class. We also believe that many of the students' would have continued their truancy without intervention which could lead them to delinquent behavior. The TAPP program is a great solution to keep our children out of the criminal justice system and back into the classrooms.

For additional information please contact:
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Robert Lehman Elders

Robert died Friday, April 1, 2005 at age 73. He was the son of Raymond and Anne Elders, born at Seaside Hospital in Long Beach on June 9, 1931. He had one older brother, Theodore. He attended school in Downey and then Compton College. He earned a BS degree in Police Science from Long Beach State College, now CSULB. He was the first of three students to earn such a degree from LBSC. He and his first wife, Terri French, had one son, Stephen Paul. He and Terri were married from 1955 to 1980. In February of 1982, he married Caroline Dixon. He was a corporal in the US Army and served in Korea. At Compton College, he was active in Tar Vets and Alpha Sigma Chi fraternity and emceed the Spring Sing. He had a strong tenor voice and loved to sing old George M. Cohan songs and Irish ballads. He could recite many Robert Service poems by heart. Robert served for 35 years with the Long Beach Police Department as a patrol officer, detective in the juvenile office. He retired in 1990. He was a group leader in an area 12-step program for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Caroline, son Stephen, and stepdaughter, Alicia Dixon.

The above was taken from the Press-Telegram, 4-7-05.

Bob was a long time member and supporter of the Southern California Juvenile Officers Association. He rose through the ranks becoming president. He was dedicated to helping children and was a mentor to many. He was the Historian at the time of his death. Bob accomplished lot of good in his life and we are better for knowing him. He will be missed but not forgotten.

was presented to Robert Gordon nephew of Stephanie Almaguer. Congratulation to this year's recipient and best of luck with college and your future plans. We are currently making plans to award two \$1,000.00 scholarships in 2006. We are also in the planning the 2006 Training Conference which will be held March 8 to 10, 2006, in Laughlin Nevada. Special thanks to the Conference Chair Monty Montierth who is organizing the event.

We need you to become involved. If you are interested in becoming a member just fill out the enclosed application.

The SCJOA is dedicated to safeguarding our youth for the future. Our Association is composed of practitioners from all areas of the juvenile justice system: Law Enforcement, Probation, Parole, Corrections, Judiciary, Social Services, and Schools, as well as members from the community at large. The SCJOA needs representation from your agency. The Board meets monthly. These are general membership meeting and all are welcome. If you have any items of interest for the newsletter, contact any member of the board or contact me.

We need you to become involved. If you are interested in becoming a member just fill out the enclosed application. If you are interested in being nominated to the SCJOA Board of Directors, please drop me a line. Remember the SCJOA is here to serve you. Without your support, the SCJOA will not have the success it has enjoyed in years past. I encourage each of you to become involved and make a difference.v

NOTES FROM CHAPLAIN AL TRADER

"Make it a great day"

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

- THERE ARE TWO THINGS I'VE LEARNED: THERE IS A GOD AND I'M NOT HIM.
- FOLLOWING THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE IS WHAT MAKES RIVERS AND MEN CROOKED.
- TO THE WORLD YOU MIGHT BE ONE PERSON, BUT TO ONE PERSON YOU MIGHT BE THE WORLD.
- GOING TO CHURCH DOES NOT MAKE YOU A CHRISTIAN ANYMORE THAN GOING TO MCDONALD'S MAKES YOU A HAMBURGER.
- REAL FRIENDS ARE THOSE WHO, WHEN YOU FEEL YOU, VE MAKE A FOOL OF YOURSELF, DON, T FEEL YOU HAVE DONE A PERMANENT JOB.
- A COINCIDENCE IS WHEN GOD PERFORMS A MIRACLE AND DECIDES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.
- SOMETIMES THE MAJORITY ONLY MEANS THAT ALL THE FOOLS ARE ON THE SAME SIDE.
- I DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND EVERY ARGUMENT I'M INVITED TO.
- LEAD YOUR LIFE SO YOU WON'T BE ASHAMED TO SELL THE FAMILY PARROT TO THE TOWN GOSSIP.
- DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT NOTHING OCCURS TO GOD?
- LIFE IS LIKE AN ONION: YOU PEEL OFF ONE LAYER AT A TIME AND SOMETIMES YOU WEEP.
- LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS. YOU CAN'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM ALL YOURSELF.
- YOUR WORST DAYS ARE NEVER SO BAD THAT YOU ARE BEYOND THE REACH OF GOD'S GRACE. AND YOUR BEST DAYS ARE NEVER SO GOOD THAT YOU ARE BEYOND THE NEED OF GOD'S GRACE.
- WHEN IT COMES TIME TO DIE...MAKE SURE THAT DEATH IS ONLly THE END OF DYING: NOT THE END.
- EACH DAY IS A GIFT FROM GOD! DON'T FORGET TO SAY "THANK YOU".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY

SOUTHERN YOUTH CORRECTIONAL RECEPTION CENTER & CLINIC
13200 South Bloomfield Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650
July 21, 2005, 9am to 1pm

RSVP no later than July 1, 2005. Space is limited and will fill up fast.

SCJOA BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

TIME: 11:00AM

Monthly Board Meeting, Kenos, Anaheim Hills, CA

The AI Trader Scholarship Youth Scholarship 2005

We are proud to announce that our 2005 AI Trader Youth Scholarship winner is Robert P. Gordon. Robert is a 2005 graduate of Carlsbad High School. He holds a 4.17 GPA.

Robert will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and will be majoring in Mathematics and plans on going into education, or product design of surfaces.

Congratulations Robert and good luck!



**Robert Gordon 2005 AI Trader Youth
Scholarship Recipient**

We are always interested in submissions from the SCJOA Membership for the SCJOA Outlook. If you would like to submit something to be included in a future edition of the Outlook, you can email Paul Croulet, 1st Vice President and editor at webmaster@scjoaonline.org or you can contact him by telephone at: 714-288-5600.



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57th Training Conference

March 8-10, 2006

River Palms Hotel and Casino

Laughlin, Nevada



TOPICS:

Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement, National Center for Missing and Exploiting Children
Teen Relationship Violence, Identity Theft, Runaway/Prostitution Juveniles Teen Suicide Challengers Dealing with Domestic
Violence and Youth on Indian Reservations
Pedophiles, Legislation Update, Juvenile Gangs and Drugs plus more

PRESENTERS:

Federal Bureau of Investigations, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children,
Vickie Crompton, Corbin and Associates, Jason Foundation, California Department of Justice, Los Angeles Police Department,
Las Vegas Metro Police Department, San Diego Police Department, San Diego Sheriff Department

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