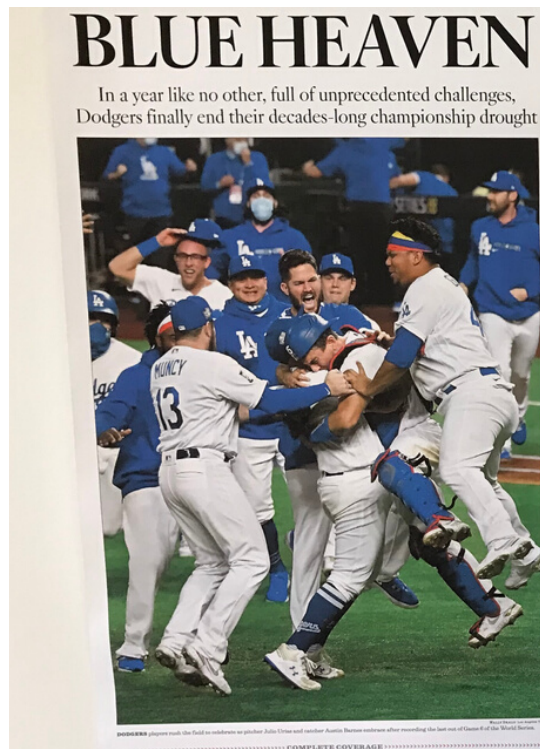




# STAFF AT BARRY J. HIT HOME RUN FOR FRC AND BMP PROGRAMS JACKIE ROBINSON DAY CELEBRATED

Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall Probation Director Laurence Martin knew he needed a hook. He wanted to hold an open house to share important information about the Family Resource Center (FRC) and Behavioral Management Program (BMP) with partnering companies in the area. "It can be hard to get people to come in on their lunch or after work for a work-related event," said Mr. Martin. He felt he needed a little something extra to increase attendance. He turned to Ralph Holguin.



SDSO Ralph Holguin



The Pop-Up Baseball Museum featured photos, bobble-heads, balls and bats, and other rarities signed by baseball stars from the 1930s through today

Supervising Detention Service Office (SDSO) Ralph Holguin has been with the Probation department since 1993. He's been a baseball fan all his life and became an ambassador and tour guide for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2009 after a rigorous interview process. "They are a world franchise," he said. "Like the Yankees, Lakers, and Dallas Cowboys. You go to France, Germany, Cuba, and people everywhere know the Dodgers." Over the years, SDSO Holguin has collected photos, bobbleheads, balls and bats, and other rarities signed by baseball stars from the 1930s through today.

Director Martin asked Mr. Holguin if he could bring a few items to entice people to come to the open house. Never one to do things halfway, Ralph Holguin brought a whole baseball museum. And as they said in the movie Field of Dreams, "If you build it, they will come."

"When we started thinking about how we could publicize the work of BMP and FRC, it hit us that we had a wonderful opportunity here," said Director Martin. "Mr. Holguin had something special he was willing to share." That the event was planned for April 15th was also a good sign. April 15th is Jackie Robinson Day, named for the day Robinson broke Major League Baseball's color barrier in 1947. 2021 is the 74th anniversary.

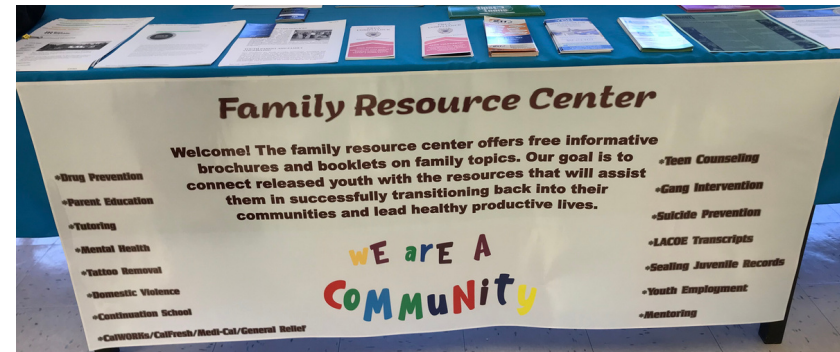




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DSO Stacy Hampton



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-Director Laurence Martin



DSO Ripsime Ter Nshanyan

It was important for SDO Holguin and Director Martin that, along with the baseball memorabilia, attendees could get a good look at the work done by the Family Resource Center and Behavioral Management Program. "Some of the staff are new," said Mr. Martin. "Some have been here for years and could use a refresher on what BMP has to offer and how it's grown. Once we got the staff in here, we knew we could share information about both projects."

The Family Resource Center's (FRC) goal is to connect youth released from Juvenile Hall with the resources to assist them in successfully transitioning back into their communities. The FRC offers free informative brochures and booklets on family topics and assistance with referrals to parenting classes, nutrition, rideshare programs, family visits, and much more.

The Behavioral Management Program (BMP) is designed to motivate and promote youth to demonstrate appropriate pro-social behaviors by providing incentives and privileges to incarcerated youth, including snacks, games, and crafts. BMP provides youth with a structured environment utilizing programs and events constructively and for positive results.

DSO Stacy Hampton supervised the booth for the Family Resource Center while DSO Ripsime Ter Nshanyan oversaw the Behavioral Management Program booth. Both were busy throughout the event sharing information with staff and visitors. They both said the event was a great success with the baseball museum being a great way to draw people to the facility and their information tables.



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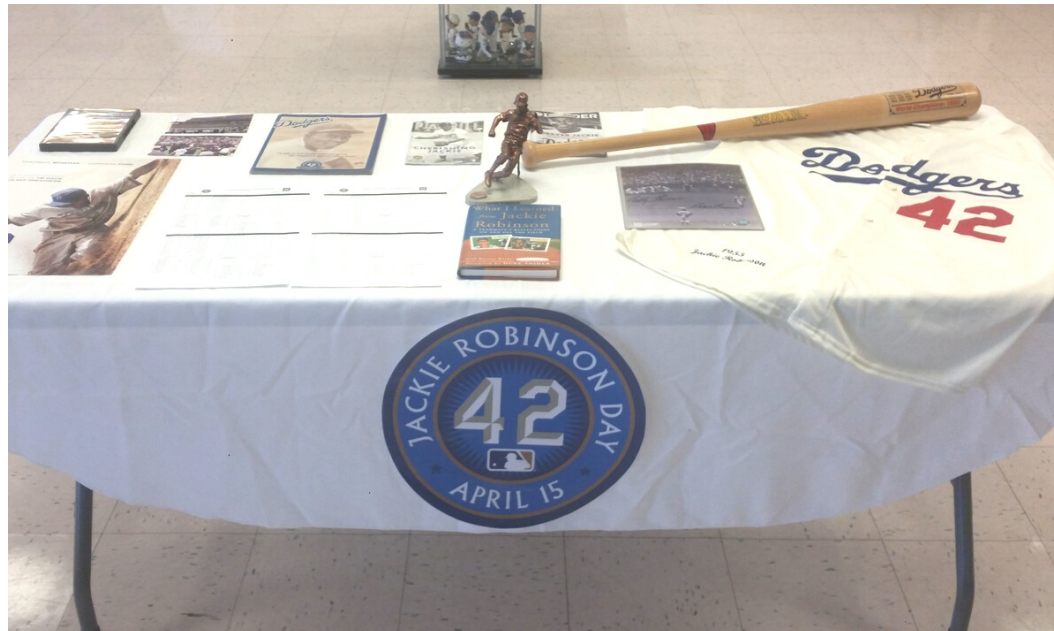


Table featuring Jackie Robinson Memorabilia



(L to R) BJNH Assistant Director Loyda Duckett, Assistant Superintendent Jocelyn Roman, and Director Laurence Martin



The Amazing Tower of Bobbleheads



The event had a real celebratory atmosphere. You could see attendees' faces light up when they walked into the room. The memorabilia that Ralph Holguin shared brought them back to when they first were baseball fans. For a few moments, they were able to go back to a more innocent time. The seventy-five attendees were from the Probation Department and partnering agencies, including the Department of Mental Health, ISD, LACOE, and others. Invitations were sent to all Barry J. partnering agencies. COVID-19 protocols were followed, masks were mandatory and tables were set up between 10 - 20 feet apart. People could feel safe while taking it all in.

The three-hour event was a real change of pace for the staff at BJN, "I told my team that we were going to have an event to promote the FRC and BMP," said SDSO Holguin. "They all thought I was crazy. They said, 'nobody's going to come to a work event on their own time.' I told them, leave that to me."

The event lasted over the planned three hours, with Mr. Holguin staying late for folks that had heard about the event and showed up as it was ending. "I came to this department back in 1993, and we used to have a lot of events," said Mr. Holguin. "We used to have car shows and concerts, sack races, frisbee contests, we used to do a lot of things back then. Once Covid clears up, I hope to start some of them up again."

After the information session's success for the FRC and BMP, it looks like more events will be welcome. "People were asking what we're going to do next year," said Mr. Holguin. "If they're looking forward to an event that's not even in the planning stages, well, that says a lot about how we did."