

RIO HONDO AREA OFFICE REOPENS AND HOSTS WHITTIER COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINIC AND RESOURCE FAIR

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With Los Angeles County reopening offices to the public, the Rio Hondo Area Office collaborated with the Black Probation Officers Association to welcome the community back through community service. On Friday, October 24th, the two entities partnered to host a Community Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic and Community Resource Fair.

“It started as just a vaccination event, and I thought to myself, if we were going to invite clients to come to the office, we should also provide some resources,” shared Rio Hondo Area Office Director Jeffery Probasco. “We began reaching out to the service providers that we usually refer our clients to, and what started as a really small vaccination event grew into something much larger.”

Numerous community residents, clients, and staff attended the event. Chief Adolfo Gonzales also stopped by to show his support and engage with the community. In addition, numerous community partners shared life-changing resources and provided giveaways. Participating exhibitors included New Directions, La Cada, Helpline, Healthright- 360, Tru Connect Wireless Communications, CASC, Rise Scholars/Rio Hondo College, LA County Public Library, The Ombudsman, Chrysalis, Mobile Child Support Assistance, INVEST and the City of Norwalk.

“I think programs like this are awesome. There are always people that need help, and today we are here to help individuals directly. This is a great event, with great resources, and we are just happy to be here,” shared Anthony Garcia, City of Norwalk Community Youth Intervention Worker.

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Vaccination Clinic and Resource Fair at Rio Hondo Area Office

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“This event to me is about connection. It’s about connecting with other scholars and connecting potential clients with our programs,” Jorge Rios, Program Counselor with Rio Hondo College Rise Scholars expressed. “It’s been amazing speaking with people in person and helping them hopefully transition into an educational space and provide them new and potential opportunities for success.”

One of the event highlights was the Mobile Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic. Vaccines were made available to clients, staff, and residents. “We requested, and Public Health provided medical professionals and 100 doses of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine. We wanted to have enough for anyone that wanted to be vaccinated, whether it be clients, folks in the neighborhood, or staff that are still in need,” shared Director Probasco. Several attendees took advantage of the opportunity and decided to get vaccinated while attending the event.

According to Director Probasco, the Rio Hondo Area Office endeavors to host a resource fair annually, with the next event happening in about seven months. “It’s about doing good probation work. We’ve been closed due to Covid for over a year, and this was a great way to reopen our office. We want to let our clients know we are back, we are open, and ask them what is it that they need.”

It was a fantastic day in the city of Whittier. Kudos to the Rio Hondo Area office and the Black Probation Officer’s Association for their commitment to serving the community and providing residents with impactful and life-changing resources.

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