

PROBATION NEWS



PROBATION CLIENTS HIRED AT RESOURCE FAIR

Over the past year, LA County Probation has hosted numerous Community Resource and Job fairs in their communities. This month we celebrate four offices and their staff who have recently held job fairs.

On August 19th, the Long Beach Area Office hosted a Community Resource and Job Fair at Long Beach City College with several community-based organizations and more than 55 onsite companies, offering free resources and employment information. The UPS and Chic-Fil-A booths were popular amongst fair attendees. "Today has been great. We're getting a great turnout," shared K. Reyes, UPS HR Specialist. "We have helped four candidates on probation apply, and they got hired on the spot. So it benefits them, and it also benefits UPS."

Inside this issue:

Warrior for Children Partners with LA County Probation

Meet the Employee Wellness Ambassador Unit

Reserve Deputy Probation Officer Spotlight

Justice involved individuals, and community residents were excited to gather all the valuable information. Covid-19 testing, vaccinations, and boosters were also available.

Thank you to the Long Beach Community Fair planning committee and everyone who came out. It was a great day in the LBC!



Long Beach Office Planning Committee



UPS hired four probation clients on the spot

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIRS (CONT)

LONG BEACH AREA OFFICE, RIO HONDO AREA OFFICE, EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA OFFICE, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY JUVENILE AREA OFFICE



AV CCTP Unit, SDPO Elston, DPOII Lewis, DPOII Cole



ESFV Area Office (l to r): SDPO McConnel, SDPO Leon, SDPO Inada, Chief Gonzales, SDPO Bailey, Director Dominguez-Lares, SDPO Pimentell



Ms. Cunningham from the AV Clerical Unit, and Assistant Director L. Nelson



Many East San Fernando Valley area community members attended the fair

"It's very important for the community to know we are here and trying to be proactive for our community members," shared Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Mel Bailey. "We want community members to leave, understanding that the Probation Department is here to help as many as we can."

On Wednesday, July 27, the Los Angeles County Probation Department hosted their East San Fernando Valley Area Office Community Resource Fair. More than 40 Community-Based Organizations provided free resources, services, information on education and job opportunities, mental health services, and more. Also, more than 100 boxes of food was distributed and a clothing pantry was available for all ages. Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters were also provided at the attendee's request.

"I feel very fortunate to be here today to help out with resources and to provide necessities and everything our clients need to help them succeed in life," expressed DPO II Rothenay, serving at the fair's clothing pantry booth.

As the fair was happening outside, a new probation client was reporting for his first appointment with his probation officer at the ESFV Area Office. The client was visibly troubled because he was facing housing issues. The Probation Officer counseled the young man, accompanied him outside to the resource fair, and connected him with a service provider. The Provider provided him with a resolution for his housing issue. While at the resource fair, the client also engaged with an employment service provider and was given a job referral.

"I feel great about this today. I thank you very much for everything. I appreciate you guys for keeping a positive attitude and the motivation and resources," a client shared.

It was a great afternoon in Van Nuys as probation clients and community residents took advantage of all the valuable resources available. Kudos, ESFV Area Office staff and community partners, for hosting a fantastic resource fair, and thank you to all those who attended!

ABC7 stopped by and spoke with Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Mel Bailey. Click this link to view. >>>



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIRS (CONT)

LONG BEACH AREA OFFICE, RIO HONDO AREA OFFICE, EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA OFFICE, AND ANTELOPE VALLEY JUVENILE AREA OFFICE

On Friday, July 22nd, the Los Angeles County Probation Department hosted an Antelope Valley Juvenile Area Office Community Engagement and Resource Fair. More than 25 service providers were onsite to engage with and provide free resources and services to the community and justice-involved youth, their families, guardians, and support teams. Some providers included Concerned Black Men of Los Angeles (Lancaster Team), Project Joy, INVEST, Camp Community Transition Program, Independent living, Early Intervention and Diversion Program, and many more. With the Antelope Valley temperatures reaching beyond 100 degrees, they also provided a cooling area for attendees, including an ice cream wagon, water station, and Kiddie Corner.

"Our One Stop Community Resource Fair provided valuable information to community members. I enjoyed seeing the community come out and felt a sense of fulfillment witnessing the kids interact with our service providers," shared Assistant Director L. Nelson. "It's important that they understand that we are here for them, and hosting the fair allowed us to offer onsite services and resources that could help them, their parents, their families, and the community. As a result, everyone benefited from our community resource fair."



Rio Hondo Community Resource Fair planning committee

AB-109 and Formal Supervision Deputies had the foresight to schedule appointments with clients during Job Fair hours. After checking in with their assigned Probation Officer, clients could be found at the fair vendor booths gathering information on services and resources. The Amazon, Fed-Ex, and Anti Recidivism Coalition booths appeared to be the most popular amongst clients. According to Jeffery Probasco, Director of the Rio Hondo Area Office, "Two clients were accepted into a truck driver apprenticeship program and one client was accepted to barber school. There were many other success stories."

Thanks to the Rio Hondo Resource Fair Planning committee, INVEST, the Rio Hondo Community Advisory Council for your tireless efforts in bringing this event to fruition. Also special thanks to the Black Probation Officers Association, The Chicano Employees' Association and our community services providers for your participation, support and assistance.

Congratulations to the staff and volunteers of The Long Beach Area Office, East San Fernando Valley Area Office, Antelope Valley Juvenile Area Office, and the Rio Hondo Area Office for your excellent work of bringing our communities together!

On Thursday, August 11th, the Rio Hondo Area Office hosted a Community Resource & Job Fair with several CBOs and over 40 service providers and vendors providing a multitude of resources for our probation clients. Companies offering resources & employment information included Amazon, FedEx, Minuteman Staffing, and Marvin Engineering. Fulgent provided Covid 19 vaccinations and Covid 19 test kits for clients, staff and guests. The Los Angeles Food Bank provided 25 bags of food to distribute to needy clients and their families. The event was attended by over 250 clients from the Rio Hondo Adult CORE, AB109, and Juvenile operations.



DPO IIs Zamorano, Torres, Rivera, and SDPO Rodelo at the Rio Hondo fair



Volunteer Mia, Director Probasco, Community Engagement Specialist Holts at the Rio Hondo fair

Probation News