On August 7th, the County of Santa Clara hosted its first National Night Out event at the new Re-entry Resource Center (RCC). The RCC is an innovative approach to offering ex-offenders support, services and supervision for successful reintegration back into the community. National Night Out is an annual event held to create better partnering among law enforcement and the community, to promote public safety and to reduce crime. Many similar events were held throughout the county.

The Probation Department in collaboration with the Sheriff’s Office, Supervisor George Shirakwa’s Office, and the RCC co-sponsored the event. National Night Out event planning committee members Chris Ferry, Andrea Flores Shelton, Blanca Hoyt, Buu Thai, Mike Clarke and Leah Dansby Ezeoha organized a fun-filled family event for clients and their families. There were over 100 people in attendance!

Attendees enjoyed a healthy BBQ meal “complete with all the fixings”, children were entertained with Jump Houses and a face painting artist, while everyone swayed to the Summer music sounds of a local DJ. Community-based providers, Catholic Charities, Center for Training & Careers, and Family & Children’s Services were present to share information about their wide array of services.

Local retailers, California’s Great America, Best Buy, Chili’s, Panera Bread, Trader Joe’s, Pizza My Heart, Los Gatos Yoga Source and Gilroy Gardens all donated items to be raffled as gifts. Individuals sat eagerly, waiting to hear their ticket number called so they could have a chance to “spin the prize wheel.” The grand prize winner of the Wii Game and Family Fun Bundle happened to be celebrating her 12th birthday. Her father remarked, “How wonderful it was for her to win such a nice gift,” he had not been able to purchase a birthday gift for her.

Brief speeches from Chief Sheila Mitchell, Sheriff Laurie Smith and Supervisor George Shirakawa were interspersed throughout the night, each acknowledging the significant milestones of the RRC and the importance of the event.
Program Participant’s Testimonial

An employee newsletter is an excellent place for a message from the President of the company. This article serves several purposes. For the President, it offers a way to communicate the company goals and status to employees at all levels.

For employees, it provides a better understanding of the company’s goals and status, as the President sees them. If you want to create a sense of connection between employees and the president, you can use this column as a forum wherein the President can answer questions sent in by employees.

This column is also a great way to inform employees of big company news before it hits the TV or major newspapers.

To make this column successful, you should ask the president to be as candid and honest as possible. This is a place to inform employees, not promote a project or sell an idea.

Meet Peggy O’Hara

My name is Peggy O’Hara and I am very excited to be part of the AB 109 MAP Team as the new DADS Therapist. I have worked for the County for over 10 years. When I began in January of 2002 at DADS West Valley Clinic, I was an MFT Intern earning my hours. I worked as an Outpatient Substance Abuse Counselor until the clinic closed its doors in June of 2003. From there my work took me to Santa Clara County Main Jail as a Crisis Clinician in the Custody Mental Health Unit. I assessed newly booked inmates for mental health needs and would also see already housed inmates requesting mental health services. During my time at the jail, I became licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT).

In May of 2007 I went back to DADS for a brief time as a Dual Diagnosis Case Manager working with clients that were in Judge Manley’s court. I left that job after 5 months to take another job with DADS as the Drug Dependency Court (DDTC) Therapist and remained there until July 1, 2012. I worked with parents who were court ordered for individual therapy as part of their case plan. It was wonderful to see so many parents make positive changes in their lives and get their children back.

I am very happy to be part of this new team here at the Re-Entry Center and to be able to help clients better their lives. I look forward to getting to know all of you.
Facility Update - Re-Entry Resource Center

Like the consumers whoThe Re-Entry Resource Center is looking better and better everyday. I want to thank the Sheriff’s Office, Department of Correction, and their program participants for maintaining the grounds and providing janitorial services for the building.

for To schedule a facility tour or request facility usage, please contact Buu Thai at (408) 535-4236 or buu.thai@ceo.sccgov.org.

Did You Know?
San José State University Record Clearance Project

With convictions dismissed, a person faces better prospects for employment, professional licensing, student loans, public housing, public benefits, foster parenting, visiting relatives in prison and other opportunities.

The San José State University Record Clearance Project (RCP) is an award-winning legal, educational and research program in which undergraduates assist eligible people to clear their criminal records. RCP provides the following services:

- Prepares petitions for clients on eligible cases in Santa Clara County by drafting the pleading and Declaration and assembling supporting documents,
- Follows necessary legal procedures (files petitions in court, serves them on parties, pays filing fees (with reimbursement for the fees from the client, when possible)
- Helps clients prepare for their hearing through information from former clients and running a “moot court” hearing
- Presents community education presentations in English, Spanish
- Sponsors “Speed Screenings” where a large number of people can have one-on-one consultations regarding their situations

For more information, please check: http://www.sjsujusticestudies.net/research/record-clearance-project/
Email: sjsurcp@gmail.com  Phone: (408) 924-2758
Upcoming Events: September/October 2012

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WISH LIST

The Re-Entry Resource Center is seeking donation for our clients. We are looking for the following items:

If you have a donation, please contact Buu Thai at (408) 535-4236 or buu.thai@ceo.sccgov.org.