

Targeted Re-Entry

Targeted Re-Entry is based upon the Intensive Aftercare Program (IAP) model designed and evaluated by David Altschuler, Ph.D. and Troy Armstrong, Ph.D. The process involves the provision of Club specific programming to young offenders in juvenile detention facilities and in their communities upon release — all while offering need, interest and strength-based case management services.

By using the Targeted Re-Entry techniques and interventions, Clubs have been able to assist young offenders to successfully reenter and productively transition back into their communities with minimal re-offending. On average, Targeted Re-Entry sites report that less than 10 percent of participants are convicted on new offenses.

History has shown that institutional treatment has not always been linked to community correctional activities. Youth are maintained in a highly structured and supervised correctional environment, and then returned to communities with less supervision and a lack of coordinated services. Lack of communication between the institutions, the agencies responsible for reentry supervision and the necessary service providers has impeded successful aftercare programming. The reintegrative continuum can be best conceptualized as three distinct yet overlapping phases with accompanying activities: (1) pre-release planning during confinement, (2) structured reentry involving the active participation of both residential and community based agency staff; and (3) long-term reintegrative activities.



In every community, youth and teens are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. The Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more.

We have programs and services to promote and enhance the development of youth by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

The Boys and Girls Clubs' Targeted Re-Entry program will provide aftercare services for these youth. We have programs such as Smart Girls, Passport to Manhood, Money Matters, Career launch, Skills tutor, GED prep program, Teen center activities, Job Ready, and Supportive services.

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The Boys & Girls Clubs' Targeted Re-Entry program is the first of its kind in the state of California.



Our Partners

Ventura County Probation Agency

The Ventura County Probation Agency is committed to completing a comprehensive, timely, strength-based, and accurate assessment of each youth in its care. Programs focus on strengthening the family by developing problem-solving skills and promoting appropriate social development. Youth are encouraged to build their personal strengths. The programs are based on proven best practices and use a cognitive-behavior approach. Cognitive behavioral interventions focus on helping the individual develop thinking strategies, attitudes and beliefs that promote appropriate pro-social behavior. Victim awareness is a common theme, which is integrated throughout the program. The risk of juvenile crime and violence is lessened when youth develop relationships that support them in leading productive lives. The Probation Agency Juvenile Facilities provide a variety of programs to the youth incarcerated in detention and commitment units. At the Juvenile Justice Center, youth in their care are prepared for return to the community by strengthening the attachment between youth and their families, as well as with schools and numerous community resources.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program

Palmer Drug Abuse Program's (PDAP) mission is to ensure recovery and healing for youth with substance abuse problems, provide support for their families, and prevent substance abuse among youth in high-risk environments.

The PDAP's goal is to reduce the number of teenagers in Ventura County who abuse alcohol and drugs; to intervene with youth most at risk of serious health, family and legal problems due to substance abuse; and to collaborate with other agencies in fostering healthy life-style choices by youth and in bringing a broad range of services for youth and families into each community. The PDAP provides youth with intervention and treatment programs while the youth is incarcerated and upon release. Services include group, individual and family counseling to promote efforts to stay "clean and sober," attend school, connect to community programs and plan for their future.

Public Health

Public Health has been providing public health nursing (PHN) services for people in Ventura County, especially those who would otherwise not have access to care and those who live in lower income areas of Oxnard, Ventura, and Santa Paula. PHN's promote and encourage healthy behaviors by informing, educating

The Team Approach

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America recommends the development of a strong team approach to delivering coordinated case management services. Juvenile Justice and Community-based partners along with a team of The Boys & Girls Club staff play critical roles in implementing the phases and carrying out each component of overarching case management. The partner organizations differ from community to community, but they typically include at a minimum, probation or parole officers, substance abuse providers, mental health personnel, and other service providers. Family members also play a critical role in the case management team.

The Coalition to End Family Violence

The Coalition to End Family Violence is the county's leading bilingual and bicultural family agency dedicated to providing women, children and men the tools and support they need to create safe homes, safe families and safe communities. Their philosophy is to break the cycle of violence through direct services, prevention, training and treatment for all people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault: victims, perpetrators, family members and especially children.

The Coalition provides a continuum of services to those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault, including survivors, perpetrators, family members and children. Their services range from emergency response and shelter, to advocacy through the legal process, to ongoing counseling and career placement. The coalition provides mental health counseling to youth inside the facility and upon release to the young person and their families.

and empowering people about health related issues. The PHN in the TRE program provides health education for youth inside the facility as well as care coordination and health assessment with the youth's family. Overall, Public Health promotes individual, family and community health with the goal to prevent illness.