

South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs

Quarterly Council Meeting

January 14, 2015

Children's Project at Main
Carpinteria



Welcome

- **Call to Order & Welcome**

Mayor Helene Schneider & Supervisor
Janet Wolf

- **Roll Call**

Law Enforcement Update

- **Santa Barbara Police Department**
Sgt. Lorenzo Duarte

- Current trends
- Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)




- **Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department**
Lt. Craig Bonner

- Current trends
- DARE Program South County
 - Deputy Jerry Cornell – jrc0545@sbsheriff.org



Regional Highlights 2014

**South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs –
Saul Serrano**


- **Accomplishments 2014**
 - **Work Plan 2015**
 - **Annual Report will be available in
February 2015**
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Vision

Foster a caring environment and opportunities for youth to fulfill their educational, employment, and personal potential rather than join gangs.

Mission

to eliminate gang activity, thus improving the safety and quality of life for youths, their families, and the community.



Target Population

- Juveniles on probation with gang terms and conditions – yearly rates (unduplicated)
 - 2009: 306 youth
 - 2012: 203 youth
 - 2013: 170 youth
 - **2014: 117 youth**

Programs

California Board of State and Community Corrections

Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Programs (CalGRIP)

- Current Projects (2014–2015)

- Carpinteria
- Santa Barbara
- Lompoc

- New Project (2015– 2017)

- Santa Barbara
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CalGRIP Partners

Lompoc (2014–2015)

Lompoc Police Department
Community Action Commission

South Coast – City of Santa Barbara (2014–2015)

City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation
Community Action Commission
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Carpinteria (2014 – 2015)

Carpinteria Unified School District
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse



CalGRIP Partners

City of Santa Barbara – South Coast (2015–2017)

**City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation
Community Action Commission**

Evaluation (2014–2017)

**UCSB Gevirtz Graduate School of
Education**



Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Programs (CalGRIP)

CalGRIP Grant Timeline						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
CalGRIP SB 3		year 1	year 2			
CalGRIP Lom 2		year 1	year 2			
CalGRIP Carp 2		year 1	year 2			
CalGRIP SB 4			year 1	year 2	year 3	

County of Santa Barbara Probation Department Programs

- **Alternative Report and Resource Centers (A.R.R.C.)**
 - 2 sites in the county
 - Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funds provide counseling for youth & families
- **Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.) Grant**
 - California Board of State and Community Corrections

Law Enforcement Prevention

- ▶ **Santa Barbara Police Department**
 - Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)



Law Enforcement Prevention

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department


- **Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program – DARE**
 - New Methods– Life Choices
 - South County
- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**
 - California Board of State and Community Corrections
 - Helping Sheriff's Department increase collaboration with other agencies

Schools Highlights 2014

Santa Barbara Unified School District

- **Restorative Approaches expansion**
 - all high schools
 - all middle schools
 - 2 elementaries
- **Quetzal Academies**
 - Part of La Cuesta High School
 - Severe credit deficient students
 - Expelled students
 - Seniors returned to their home school and graduated

Collaboration Highlights 2014

- **Established Relationship with County Alcohol Drugs and Mental Health Services ADMHS**
 - Added a representative to the council
 - **Increased collaboration with Law Enforcement**
 - Instituted quarterly updates at meetings
 - Established relationship with school resource officers for referrals to programs
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Service Provider Group

Group development facilitated by Barbara Finch

- Creating structure, defining direction, increasing membership
- A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis completed
- Next Steps:
 - Develop clear identity & statement of purpose
 - Define membership expectations
 - Visibility plan – with Task Force & with community

Service Provider Summit

3rd Annual Service Provider Summit

- 100 Participants
- Panel Discussion Topics
 - Youth Alcohol and Drug Treatment
 - Youth Mental Health Services
 - Juvenile Female Services
 - School Restorative Approaches



Proyecto HEROES

- Continued Partnership with Proyecto HEROES (CALM & UCSB)
 - Photovoice Project at San Marcos High School
 - Focus Groups
 - Community Forums



State Collaboration

- **Continued work with California Cities Violence Prevention Network**
 - Non-Profit Status
- **Strategy Team members visit City of San Jose Mayor's Gang Task Force**
 - April 2014




South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs Council

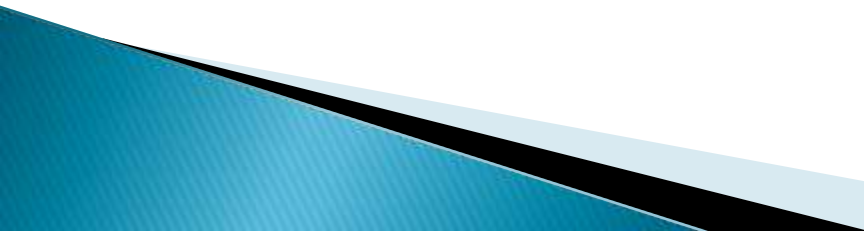
39 council members

- 13 new members in 2014
- 2 positions added to council
 - ADMHS Representative
 - Second Faith Community Representative

Work Plan 2015

- Continue assisting current CalGRIP Projects
 - Explore funding opportunities for CalGRIP Projects sunsetting in 2015
 - Continue to strengthen Service Provider Group in next steps
 - Support School Restorative Approach Expansion
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Work Plan 2015

- ▶ Continue to develop and strengthen relationship with law enforcement
 - ▶ Continue to explore data sharing opportunities
 - ▶ Support the summer youth employment program part of the new CalGRIP
 - ▶ Collaborate with Goleta Valley Junior High to support credit deficient youth
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School Discipline

Impact of Restorative Approaches in Schools Presentation

Aaron Harkey

AVID District Director &
District Coordinator Restorative Approaches



Quarterly Council Meeting

- **Public Comment**
- **Adjournment**

Next meeting:

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Faulkner Gallery, Main Library, Santa Barbara

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

