

Proud Parenting Grant Program Summaries

Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. Proud Parenting project in Kings County serve teen and transitional-age youth parents who were system-impacted, in a developmentally appropriate evidence-based model. The overarching goals include wellness of the parent and child(ren), prosocial behavioral and cognitive changes, reductions in criminogenic maladaptive patterns, and disruptions of intergenerational neglect and abuse.

Encompass Community Services' Papás Proud Parenting project in Santa Cruz County utilizes two primary empirically supported curricula (Personal & Professional Development and Supporting Father Involvement), as well as a broad network of agency partners to create lasting community impact. The three goals of the Papás Program are: 1) reduce recidivism through economic stability among participants and their children; 2) increase parenting knowledge, positive parent-child interactions, and improved co-parenting relationships; and, 3) strengthen community awareness and linkages between organizations to provide sustainable, system-wide impact.

Fathers & Families of San Joaquin (FFSJ) provides socially and culturally relevant services to help build a foundation for intergenerational healing and leadership. FFSJ works in community-centered alternatives to detention and programs that reduce recidivism among formerly incarcerated youth men of color and innovative youth development approaches focused on healing, culture, and leadership. FFSJ provides parenting training and key services to young high-risk young parents focusing on healing, cultural practices while promoting leadership of youth gripped by violence, trauma, and pain.

Imperial County Probation Department and its community-based partners provide parenting services to young parents or expectant parents using a multi-faceted, culturally-appropriate and strengths-based program which follows the Principles of Effective Intervention: service delivery responding to the risk/needs of the participant; services directed by a Service Plan; and services that are delivered in evidence-based, cognitive behavioral skills groups (Nurturing Parenting and Aggression Replacement Training). Case management services ensure young parents receive access to medical and economic community-based resources to maintain their success as parents.

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Neutral Ground's Padre a Padre program addresses the needs of the target population-teen fathers who have been involved in the justice system and/or child welfare system, within an area that encompasses the boundaries of the Santa Ana Unified School District (USD), a large urban district located in Orange County serving approximately 47,000 students PreK-12. The community served includes 91% socioeconomically disadvantaged and 99% minority status (96% LatinX). In collaboration with Santa Ana Heritage Museum, Santa Ana USD, and Santa Ana USD School Police, Project Kinship, Orangewood Foundation, the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Police Department, Orange County Department of Education ACCESS program, and Pathways by Molina-Stay Process, Neutral Ground's Padre a Padre program provides workshops, continuity of education services, father mentors, mental health referrals, and employability development.

South Bay Community Services' (SBCS) PPGP program in San Diego County is an augmentation to the existing First 5 First Steps (F5FS) Home Visiting Program. SBCS provides one-on-one home visiting using the evidence-based Parent as Teachers curriculum as well as parenting groups provided at convenient neighborhood-based sites, and Care Coordination to ensure families can access all the resources they need. The program is overseen by the F5FS Advisory Committee and works closely with the South and Central Region Home Visiting Collaborative to ensure services link seamlessly with existing programs and to avoid duplication of services.

Tulare County Office of Education school sites project helps young parents become more effective at being a parent and break the intergenerational cycle of violence and delinquency. The Tulare County Proud Parenting Program (TCP3) utilizes a case management approach to ensure that all eligible participants are aware of, and referred to, the vast number of community resources available. Specifically, the TCP3 Case Manager works with each eligible participant to develop an individualized case management plan which, at a minimum, includes parenting classes.