

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
Heroin Task Force
Related Actions for the Period
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The Park District created a tri-fold flyer containing telephone numbers and web-site addresses for various organizations that provide aid to those in need arising from drug and/or alcohol use. These flyers were distributed at the annual Street Fair event, and also posted on the Park District's website with active hyperlinks to the website addresses listed. The Park District's Park Rangers are distributing these flyers, and Park District staff will work to increase the distribution of these flyers in other venues.

Informational articles were placed in the front section of the Park District's Spring/Summer 2013 activity brochures which are distributed to all residents in the communities of Simi Valley, Oak Park and parts of unincorporated Ventura County. The articles included information to raise awareness of drug and alcohol use and abuse, to reduce the risk that prescription drugs can become, to provide helpful resources, and to remind readers of the alternatives to drug and alcohol use, including employment and volunteer opportunities, participation in recreation programs, including visiting one of the many parks located throughout the community.

Activity programs were offered in the area of personal development during the Spring/Summer 2013 program period. These activities included mental health first aid courses, and seminars and classes in positive parenting. The Park District's brochures also included a Community Resources section offering contact information for organizations capable of providing assistance to those in need.

In partnership with Ventura County Behavioral Health and the Community Coalition United, the Park District continues to offer the Mental Health First Aid USA training. This twelve hour course was offered four times during this reporting period.

The following items were advertised on the District's web-site, on the Drugs Destroy pages and on the upcoming events pages (where applicable):

Mental Health First Aid USA

Triple P Parenting

2013 Teen Travel Camp

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<p>Open gym and adult sports activity schedules</p> <p>Cyber Bullying brochure created by Ventura County Behavioral Health</p> <p>Transitions Program (“TAY”) offered by Ventura County Health Care Agency</p> <p>Parent Project for Simi Valley and for Thousand Oaks</p> <p>Youth Job Expo</p>
<p>Members of Park District staff are participating in the development of a Reality Party for parents, to help people understand what can happen at an unsupervised teen party. The first event was held on June 1, 2013.</p>
<p>Park District staff, together with June Ewart, telephonically met with Mark Varella, Director/Chief Probation Officer for the Ventura County Probation Agency to explore probation services provided to reduce recidivism and to explore whether or not those methods may be applied in a broader context to reduce the likelihood of a crime being committed initially and thereby improve the community.</p>
<p>The Park District hosted and attended meetings of the Community Coalition United.</p>
<p>Park District staff, together with June Ewart, met with KerryAnn Schuette, Prevention and Early Intervention Manager for Ventura County Behavioral Health to explore methods and services provided by Ventura County to other cities within the County, to explore the value of a community coalition and other coalition models currently operating within Ventura County, and to explore additional opportunities for Ventura County and the Park District to partner and provide additional supportive services to the communities of Simi Valley and Oak Park.</p>
<p>A web page visit counter was added to the Park District’s Drugs Destroy page on September 27, 2012, reflecting 1,260 visits as of May 29, 2013.</p>