

South County S.A.F.E. Family Resource Center

Mission

Working together in partnership with children and families to enhance independence, safety, and health at home, in school and in the community.

Success Story

Several months ago a young mom of three children came into our FRC seeking help. She and her husband had been going through a difficult time due to his substance abuse and subsequent violent and aggressive behavior. She had left the home and was trying to get help for her and her children. She met with our Family Advocate who immediately connected her with our Latino Outreach Program Counselor for individual counseling for herself. The Family Advocate also enrolled the school aged children in student support counseling groups at their school sites and individual counseling for the oldest child who had witnessed and been a victim of the father's abusive behavior. The Advocate also helped the mother enroll the youngest child in our free preschool program so that the mother could attend ESL classes while the children were in school. The mother was very interested in improving her parenting skills and so she was referred to our free parenting classes which were offered in Spanish. With help and support the father acknowledged his substance abuse problems and sought treatment. He is now clean and sober and the family is living together again rebuilding their relationship.

Programs and Services

Prevention Services

The prevention team is made up of existing community resources that are working with children and families (i.e. Youth Coalitions, P.T.A.'s, Parks and Recreation Depts., YMCA, etc.) This connection between service providers and community prevention programs will increase families ability to link with vital community resources.

Community Based Services

There are three community based teams that will provide services in the South County area. One team works out of the S.A.F.E. Site in Arroyo Grande, and serves families in the five cities. The other two teams work out of the existing Healthy Start sites in Oceano and Nipomo and serve these two communities. The community based teams work closely with the schools and other community partners to provide early intervention services.

Intensive Services

The intensive level team is based at the S.A.F.E. Site in Arroyo Grande and serves the entire South County. Parents are welcomed partners at weekly team meetings. These services are offered to families whose children are at risk for out of home placement or who are multi-agency involved and need coordinated case planning.

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