

# Family & Youth Services

Our mission is simple  
Our impact is  
**HUGE!**

**Mission Statement**  
Creating opportunities for Santa Barbara County families to achieve stability



**Vision**

To keep supporting our community with quality direct service

- Learning experiences and high quality care for children age 0-5
- Job training, education, and mentoring for teens and young adults
- Leadership, involvement, and educational opportunities for parents
- Healthy daily meals for children and seniors
- Improvements that make homes warmer, safer and more energy-efficient

**Programs and Services**

**The Los Compadres Program (YOBG, JJCPA, and Bridges to Recovery)**

The Los Compadres Program is designed to provide mentoring, informal counseling, skill development and case management services (academic, vocational and employment assistance). Los Compadres work along side the Probation Department and support the youth and their families with community resources as well as providing and meeting the needs to establish stability in the home.

**Front Porch**

Front Porch case managers work along side Child Welfare Services in supporting and assisting families and children who are identified as at risk of child abuse and neglect to needed community resources and other community base organizations for the purpose of early intervention and prevention services.

**SafeCare**

SafeCare case managers are trained in providing an evidence-based, parent training curriculum for parents who are at risk of have been reported for child maltreatment. There are 3 modules the families complete: Health Module, Home Safety and Parent-Child/ Parent-Infant Interactions.

**AfterCare**

Aftercare case managers assist families in fully integrating into affordable community supports upon the termination of CWS supported services.

**Home connection finders**

Case manager helps children avoid entering the foster care system by finding family members and connections who are willing to act as temporary guardians.

**Enhance Family Reunification**

Case aides provide children and teens living in foster care to visit with their families by providing transportation and supervision during visits.

**Success Story**

This success story comes from The Los Compadres Program. We recently had our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Handball Tournament at the Minami Center in Santa Maria. The purpose of the tournament is to supplement the Young Men’s Retreat with another opportunity for the youth to connect or reconnect with friendships made. During the event the youth engaged in healthy competition; youth practiced appropriate sports’ etiquette as well as social development of skills. It also provided an opportunity for Los Compadres to role model and praise youth for their success. Los Compadres program was able to provide a BBQ (Lion’s Club donated their time to cook for the event) for the participants.

During the event there was an opportunity for one particular youth to spend time with his 3 yr old son and girlfriend as they were there to support him. The youth was able to play with his son and engage with his girlfriend as well as his peers.

At the event there was a reconnection between a Compadre from Lompoc and a youth from Santa Maria. The Compadre and the Youth both had shared similar experiences in their life at the Young Men’s Retreat; per the Compadre, he mentioned how the youth acknowledged him with a smile and a handshake.

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