

## **Team VIP Mentoring**

The mentoring program is collaboration with the San Bernardino Police Officers Association comprised of several components focusing on challenging special needs teens to live a life of purpose and direction. In a time where young people are lacking positive role models and a sense of home, it is important that we help them chart a course that leads to success and challenges them to be resilient in the pursuit of their dreams. This program is designed to give young people one on one attention from a positive adult who will help them set positive life goals and provide them with the tools and encouragement they need to achieve those goals.

## **After School Tutoring**

Our after school program is designed to elevate the academic performance of those youth who need it. During this time the youth will have access to a computer as well as qualified tutors to assist them with a variety of subjects free of charge.

## **Community Outreach**

Designed to encourage young people to be productive members of the community, this program teaches special needs teens that true success is achieved through the service of others rather than at the expense of others. Throughout the year, our teens are involved in humanitarian projects such as helping senior citizens, feeding the homeless and various other services to members of the community.

## **From Corners to College**

Assisting high risk gang associated youth to find a way to receive the support that they and their families need to refrain from gang involvement and graduate from high school. Each youth will be assessed for unmet needs, they will be assigned a volunteer mentor who will commit their time to each youth, each youth will be scheduled to meet and design an educational plan that reviews strategies to assist the youth in getting to the goal of graduation from high school.

## **The C.U.T.T. Center**

The Career, University and Technology Training Center (The C.U.T.T. Center) is a multipurpose facility where youth can go to improve their academic performance, learn vital computer skills, receive help in planning their futures, our just hang out. Built for comfort and relaxed learning, The C.U.T.T. Center is a safe environment with a positive vibe has a computer lab, and houses a variety of programs like After School Tutoring, Computer Literacy, and College and Career Planning; all aimed at helping young people create and follow a blueprint for success.



## **Youth Violence Intervention and Prevention**

Funded in part by the California Wellness Foundation, V.I.P. is a program consisting of Gang Prevention and Intervention training with a focus in Leadership, allowing YVYLA to instill useful qualities and important life skills and Anger Management, a study in self-respect, self-restraint, personal responsibility, and healthy choices. With the support and participation of local agencies and the addition of a new mental health and substance abuse component, this program gives YVYLA the best chance to prevent youth from both beginning and living a destructive lifestyle.

## **The Original Forward Focus Leadership Program**

A character development program which uses hard work and fun and inspiring activities to help youth build core values and inspire positive leadership qualities. The program has a strong focus on goal setting, role modeling, character development and community service; training youth to be leaders both individually and as a part of a group dynamic. Here youth learn the meaning of empowerment and engagement as they use their new leadership skills to complete a service action project and actually work toward a desired dream or goal.

## **Youth Employment Development Program**

A collaborative partnership with San Bernardino Employment Training Agency and funded by OJJDP to promote Job Training, Job Search, and Job Placement for teens eligible for and desiring to work. This program trains youth in work ethics and workplace behavior, preparing applications, preparing for interviews, and more. Individual employability skills are identified and youth are trained in academic enhancement, communication and technical skills, and team building to help improve deficient skill levels; ushering youth from school to work as they learn to find, obtain, and maintain employment.

## **From Pistols To Pencils Program**

The Youth Advocacy Training is designed to reduce the number of incarcerated youth, give young people a voice and to help recruit new members for the From Pistols to Pencils Program. During this training youth are educated their rights, on policies and laws that affect them and trained to be youth organizers and to create campaigns to lobby for institutional and community changes that are of importance to them.

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