



YOUTH OUTREACH

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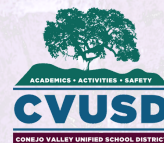
QUARTERLY REPORT

		WHS	TOHS	NPHS	CVHS	COLINA	LOS CERRITOS	REDWOOD	SEQUOIA	CENTURY
MARCH	Student Referrals	2	0	2	6	0	0	2	3	0
	Meetings	69	23	77	14	38	18	73	75	2
APRIL	Student Referrals	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	3	0
	Meetings	61	31	39	10	23	30	77	70	2
MAY	Student Referrals	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0
	Meetings	57	28	46	7	39	25	63	99	3
JUNE	Student Referrals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meetings	19	8	15	4	13	7	18	19	0
TOTAL	Student Referrals	2	1	3	8	1	0	5	8	0
	Meetings	206	90	177	35	113	80	231	263	7

Students are referred to the Outreach program by peers, parents, or campus administration. The numbers reflected are the new student referrals for the perspective month as well as the total new referrals for the winter quarter. Outreach specialists meet with students to offer mentorship and guidance in building resilience against peer pressure, navigating family and friend relationships and developing healthy social skills.

YOUTH OUTREACH MISSION

Seek out and meet with non-involved and hard to reach adolescents and encourage positive self-expression and the development of core life skills.



EMILY CARSON JOINS THE TEAM!

This March, we welcomed our new Outreach Specialist, Emily Carson, to the team. With extensive knowledge of camp and youth programing, Emily brings a fresh perspective to the Youth Outreach program. Students quickly formed connections with her and often asked when she would return to their school. We look forward to the upcoming school year and all that Emily will bring to the program. Emily will be working 25 hours a week and is currently working as Outreach Camp Director and will be assisting with the development of a new curriculum. *Welcome, Emily!*

NEW
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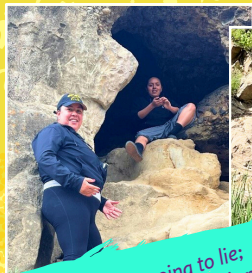


This Spring Break, the Youth Outreach team invited 20 teens to the Teen Center for a BBQ and Easter egg hunt. The teens enjoyed burgers, games, and socializing with peers from different schools. These gatherings have become a cherished tradition, offering a fun, low-stress environment where teens choose to connect and hang out.



"I have never done an egg hunt before. This was my first one so it was pretty cool!"
- Melody Gomez, Colina Middle School

TRAILBLAZING TOGETHER



"I am not going to lie; I didn't want to wake up this morning but I'm glad I did because this hike was pretty fun. We should do it again!"
- Margaret Maldonado, WHS

Outreach Specialists Luis and Cristal led a hike at Wildwood Regional Park with five teens. The goal was to promote healthy lifestyles while keeping students active and engaged during non-school days. After the hike, the group enjoyed a well-earned treat at Toppers Pizza. Tired but excited, the teens were already asking, "When's our next hike?"

YOUTH UP EXPO

In May, Outreach Specialist Cristal represented the Teen Center at the youth-led Youth Volume Up Expo in Camarillo. The event offered teens and families access to local resources, plus free food, face painting, entertainment, speakers, and a chance to showcase musical talents.



3-ON-3 ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Alternative Education 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament united students from alternative high schools across the county for a spirited round-robin competition. Teams from Conejo Valley, Frontier, Renaissance, Pacific, Sierra, and Gateway showed great sportsmanship. After the games, students and staff enjoyed Teen Center amenities and a BBQ lunch prepared by the Outreach team.



REALITY PARTY

The Outreach team partners with organizations like BRITE, Breakthrough, Engage, VCBH, CVUSD, and Ventura County Sheriffs as part of the Reality Party resource panel. This mock teen party, featuring teen actors from Conejo Valley, helps parents understand teen challenges and connect with community partners to develop strategies for keeping youth safe and healthy.



ARBOR EARTH DAY

Youth Outreach Specialist, Dan attended the Arbor Earth Day event at Thousand Oaks Center to represent the Teen Center. We received 9 donated bikes, which are now available for our Cycles for Success program. Thanks to the community's generosity, we can make these bikes available to teens in need of transportation support.

DRAGON NIGHT

On May 15, Conejo Valley High School hosted Dragon Night, an open house led by the school's leadership class. Students and families connected with community agencies like Moorpark College, Adelante, Ventura County Behavioral Health, and the Teen Center. Outreach Specialist Luis shared resources about Youth Outreach and the Teen Center, while also supporting students and CVUSD staff. The event provided a great chance to engage with both students and their families in a fun, welcoming setting.





LATINO CONNECTION DANCE

The Youth Outreach team sponsored a Polaroid photo booth at the Latino Connection Club Dance, which raised scholarship funds for graduating seniors. About 135 students from four local high schools attended, with entertainment by DJ and live band from Radio Lazer. Outreach Specialists Cristal and Luis promoted the Teen Center and supported CVUSD staff. The event offered students a fun, inclusive space and a chance for Outreach to connect in a positive setting.

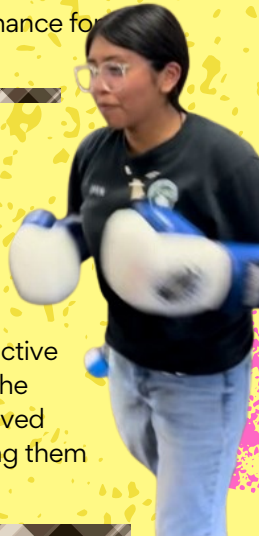
MANY MANSIONS SPRING FAIR

The event allowed Outreach staff to connect with local families and share Teen Center resources. Partnering with Many Mansions helped reach more teens in their neighborhood. We look forward to continuing this valuable collaboration.



CONEJO VALLEY PUGILIST PROGRAM

The Conejo Valley Pugilist Program is still going strong, with approximately 20 active participants. Of those, 5 were referred by the Outreach Team. All participants have received scholarships through Safe Passage, allowing them to attend completely free of charge.



GIRL GROUP @ THE TEEN CENTER

The Outreach team continues to host a group meeting every Tuesday which just happens to be an all-girls group from all three local high schools. During this time, the Outreach Specialist provides a fun and safe space for the students. Snacks are provided while the students participate in group discussions and games. Some of the topics that have been discussed throughout the quarter are conflict resolution amongst their peers, finding the right peers to surround yourself with, and dealing/coping with different emotions.



TEEN CLUB



Teen Club programs continue at two community sites. Dan hosts the Conejo Creek Condominiums group on Tuesdays from 5-7 PM with about 40 students, while Cristal leads the Los Feliz group on Thursdays from 4-5:30 PM with around 20 students.

Teen Club promotes responsibility, peer connection, and mentorship, with weekly activities like snacks, games, homework help, crafts, and skill-building.

CYCLES FOR SUCCESS



The Youth Outreach program continues to support teens with transportation needs with the Cycle for Success program. This program receives gently used bikes and has them refurbished and made available to teens. Over a span of three months the Youth Outreach team has distributed 10 bikes to Conejo Valley teens, making their commute to school a bit easier.

The Outreach team would also like to take a moment to express their gratitude to Bike Ventura for partnering up with Outreach Specialist Luis. Bike Ventura generously donated 6 awesome bikes to our Cycles for Success program!



CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATING OUTREACH STUDENTS

With the end of the school year, the Outreach team would like to express our best wishes to some of our graduating seniors! Although it was a particularly challenging road for some, they showed hard work and perseverance to accomplish this major milestone in their lives!



Over the past couple of months, the Outreach team has been meeting with several students at the Teen Center to support them on their path to graduation. Staff worked closely with each student to ensure all assignments were completed, offering guidance and a quiet, focused space to help them stay on track and succeed.



"Without the Outreach program, I would've not healed and grown the way I did and I'm forever thankful to have been a part of it" – Jessica Gonzalez, WHS



"I'd like to say I wouldn't be where I am today without being part of the program. It truly made me a better person, and I accomplished everything I wanted—things I once thought I never could. It gave me a safe environment to be my full self and to show vulnerability, something I never thought I could do. I made amazing connections, even ones I'll remember for the rest of my life. I am forever thankful and grateful to have had a support system that I knew would show up and help me no matter what." – Riley Pink, TOHS

"Luis and Cristal from Youth Outreach have made a very big impact in my life not only at school but in my outside life. Before I met them, I really did not care about school. I started off with a 1.0 gpa and it was pretty rough until I met Luis and Cristal. They taught me how to become a responsible young adult and without them I probably would not have graduated. This program is very helpful and special to other kids at Thousand Oaks high School, they have done a great job mentoring freshman to seniors"– Jose "Queso" Hernandez, TOHS

