



PRE-DIVERSION | ROAD TO SUCCESS

The Road to Success is a pre-diversion program for identified at-risk youth. This 3 to 6-month program seeks to prevent school expulsion and/or entry into the juvenile justice system by offering youth offenders individualized diversion plans that include substance abuse intervention and education, participation in pro-social activities, mentorship, individual and/or family counseling, parent workshops, and community service hours. Diversion plans are developed in collaboration with the student, their parents and a case management specialist with the goal of offering a path to success through education, employment, community involvement, Life Skills Training and counseling.



Early Intervention

- Assessment of individual needs, warm referrals to outside agencies, individual counseling, & recreational activities with incentives
- Evidence-based training that addresses youth drug abuse & co-occurring psychological, situational & life skills deficits
- Close communication with school regarding attendance & grades

Prevention

Dr. Gilbert Botvin's evidence-based Life Skills Training Program for Parents & Youth

- ◆ For each youth admitted into the program, one parent must complete 8+ hours of parent education through Life Skills Training .
- ◆ Youth complete 8-10 weeks of Life Skill Training covering topics such as anger management, coping with anxiety, and making healthy choices.

Community Accountability Board (CAB)

The CAB is comprised of community volunteers. The board describes the diversion process, reviews the reasons the offender committed the offense and discusses the impact of that offense. They then formulate a diversion agreement that includes community service hours, restitution to the victim and/or counseling.

Community Volunteers

Each individual case plan requires youth to become involved in their community by completing community service hours at local agencies/organizations. Hours are completed by volunteering at local churches, elementary & middle schools, city/county libraries, businesses such as beauty salons & barber shops, through Sun Street Centers Safe Teen Empowerment Project in South County or through community clean-ups at parks or beaches.

Prevention of school expulsions

The case manager will collaborate with the youth, parents, and school administrator to determine whether suspension or expulsion is the most appropriate path to meet the educational needs of the youth. Parent or youth may request to attend the expulsion hearing by the district.

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We proudly serve **69** youth in our Path to Success Youth Pre-Diversion program with **47** successful completions



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Parent-Satisfaction Questionnaire

- 75% of the graduates reported that the overall evaluation of the program was very good to excellent.
- 97% of the graduates reported that they believe the program is useful.
- 94% of the graduates reported that the services helped improve relationships with family and friends.



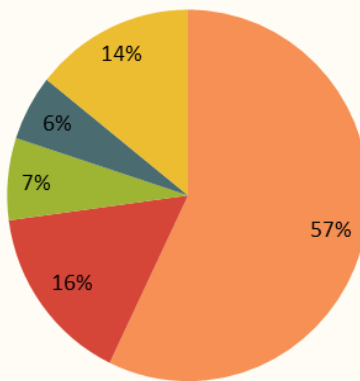
Acrylic painting by a Program youth.

78% Success Rate

One of the main goals of the Program is to lower a youth's involvement in the Juvenile Justice System. (22% recidivism)



Documented Offenses



- Possession of Drugs/Alcohol
- Assault/Battery
- Vandalism
- Trespassing
- All Other Offenses