



HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



San Francisco Alcohol Mitigation Fee

Throughout the summer fellow Horizons and former Horizons employees have been attending business meetings and rallies to support the San Francisco Alcohol Mitigation Fee.

Former employee Jorge Castillo of the Marin Institute partnered up with Matt Rosen of The Youth Leadership Institute to communicate the importance of passing the SF Alcohol Mitigation Fee.

The "Charge for Harm" alcohol Mitigation fee ordinance will recover \$17.7 million annually for essential services and programs such as alcohol treatment, prevention, detoxification, emergency assistance, hospital care, and SFPD emergency medical transportation.

On September 14, 2010, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors met and voted for

the San Francisco Mitigation Fee to be passed.

Mayor Gavin Newsom vetoed the proposal but the fight will not be given up easily as appeals are in place to hopefully overturn the mayor's veto.

The DJ Project's 3rd Annual "Summer in the City"

As summer was coming to an end, The DJ Project presented the 3rd Annual "Summer in the City" event for families and friends. The event was held at Precita Park on August 14th from 12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m., and was primarily aimed at families with young children.

There was free food and BBQ, children's games with prizes, inflated jumpers, face painting, raffles, informal dance competitions, The High Stakes Entertainment DJ's, amateur performances from The DJ Project's student musicians and break dancers, and special guests from some of Disney's most popular animated stars.

In addition to these games, activities and music there were representatives from various community based organizations that informed families and individuals about the different resources that are available to them throughout San Francisco.

The event was eco-friendly as there was waste separation for trash, recycling, and compost.

The DJ Project is a youth development program that uses hip-hop music to engage young adults through small business management, audio-video production, event production, and community service.



The 3rd Annual Summer in the City event was planned and produced entirely by 10 San Francisco high school aged DJ Project participants. They spent 6 weeks learning the fundamentals of event production and the entertainment industry as a whole.

Summer in the City was their opportunity to put their newfound knowledge to work. Their hard work paid off as 330 documented parents and children from the community enjoyed the festivities!

At least 200 parents and children were undocumented so roughly over 500 members of the community were entertained at this summer's 3rd Annual Summer in the City!



Strengthening Families Program (SFP)

Horizons newest Prevention Education Program is called Strengthening Families Program (SFP).

This program is being funded through the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SF Community Behavioral Health Services) and is a 14 week program that focuses on improving parenting skills, family relationships, and life skills. It addresses teen behaviors while supporting their goals and dreams, and teaches parents how to communicate with their children around the topics of alcohol and drugs.

SFP is currently occurring on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Korise Jubert is the Program coordinator. Korise

stated that since the program began on Wednesday, September 14, 2010, he and fellow instructors, Donna Saffioti-Johnson, Matt Morreti, Cynthia Roman, Xochitl Sanchez-Zamara, and Program Director, Celina Lucero "each have brought skill and poise to every SFP session. The six families that are currently enrolled have been consistent and engaging."

The goal is to have ten families enrolled so if anyone has referrals please contact Korise Jubert at (415) 487-6741.

Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP)

SWEP wrapped up programming after a four-week extension with over 20 participants electing to work during the opening weeks of the school year.

With a final pizza party at Horizons, we bid farewell to SWEP until next summer!

Thank you for your effort and hard work Dan!

LifeWorks

Dan Kamienski transitioned to the LifeWorks Coordinator position and has begun the fall cycle with seven of twelve students returning to work from now through April 17, 2011.

Dan is welcoming five new students to the program, and will look forward to training, staffing, and seeing all the youth in weekly workshops, Wednesday afternoons from 4 - 6 pm.



Horizons' Soccer Team Travels to Los Angeles

The EPSF youth were invited to attend and present at the Youth Safety Conference in Los Angeles. The youth along with representatives from YLI (Youth Leadership Institute) presented on liquor stores make over.

They also displayed and handed out materials from our study on underage drinking. The youth that participated were: Oscar Chan, Jerusalem Reissig, and Veronica Vidrio.



Youth Empowerment Summit on Economic Justice

Pretty Young Thangz (PYT) Collective presents:

"If It Don't Make Dollars, It Don't Make Sense!"

Current and former young women of Females Against Violence meet every other Friday and proudly call themselves Pretty Young Thangz!

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm, PYT will host the Youth Empowerment Summit on Economic Justice which will feature a Community Forum Panel, Educational Workshops, Live Entertainment, and Free Food!

Jovenes Education and Empowerment Program (JEEP)

Throughout September and October the young men of JEEP will be preparing forum theatre pertaining to economic justice, domestic violence, and a young man's struggle for peace



DJ Project Youth Crew And LifeWorks to Host "Lights on After School"

On Thursday, October 21, 2010, from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, The DJ Project Youth Crew, coordinated by Matt Moretti and LifeWorks, will be hosting "Lights on After School", part of a citywide DCYF celebration of after-school services and their providers.

Horizons will open its doors to the community with refreshments and live entertainment while offering tours of the facility and

information about our programs. It will be a great outreach opportunity, a chance for feedback from the community, and also a celebration of your hard work. We look forward to seeing you there!

Farewell to Casey Gold & JoAnna Van Brusselen

Horizons will surely miss Casey Gold, Management Coordinator, and JoAnna Van Brusselen, NDEP and LifeWorks Coordinator.

For several years Casey and JoAnna both invested their time and love for the youth at Horizons which helped make positive changes in the atmosphere at Horizons and enhanced the lives of the youth involved in their programs.