



**CARE**  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
Community, Action, Resource Engagement

# Newsletter



APRIL - MAY

## OUR MISSION

Building community partnerships to link resources by using a holistic approach to improve the well-being of all.

### Upcoming Events

#### Community Stakeholder Meetings

- **April 2, 2019**  
(1 PM - 2:30 PM)
- **May 7, 2019**  
(1 PM - 2:30 PM)

#### Resource Fair

- **April 20, 2019**  
(11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

### Highlights

### Message From The DA



Did you know that the CARE Center in National City offers a wide variety of helpful services ranging from youth tutoring to intensive case management through service providers who are on-site? On April 20, the CARE Center will host a Resource Fair where more than 20 organizations will be connecting people with a range of services, including a food pantry and free health screenings. You're invited to attend this latest Resource Fair and as always, I encourage you to drop into the Care Center any time to learn what's available to the community.

## Victim Resource Initiative



The Victim Resource Navigation Program is an initiative started at the DA's Office to help individuals who are homeless and have been a victim of a crime in the last 12 months access services. In the past month, 16 victims were assisted with services. Those services included identity theft assistance, immigration services, clothing, safety planning, housing, as well as other services. Amongst those assisted, three were veterans. Additionally, a weekly Women's Peer Support Group is facilitated. During the last support group, the topic that was discussed was "What are you willing to do to save your life?".

**C.A.R.E. NUTRITION DISTRIBUTION**  
Hosted by the CARE Community Center

**DATE:** Every third Saturday of the month  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**ADDRESS:** 12. N Euclid Avenue National City, CA 91950

**NEXT DISTRIBUTION:** May 18

MEDI-CAL & CAL-FRESH  
**Enrollments**

EVERY 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY  
TIME: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
WHERE: 12 N. Euclid Avenue  
National City, CA 91950  
CARE CENTER

Presented by:  
HHSA County of San Diego  
UCSD Relink  
San Diego District Attorney's Office



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## CARE Center Success Stories

We're here to connect with the community and make a positive impact. Here are two recent success stories.

- A woman in her late 40s that we worked with, recently grew up in a physical and emotionally-abusive household. She also had several partners who were similarly abusive. Ultimately, she ended up homeless and staying at the Alpha Project. When we met her, she had a very negative outlook on life and those around her. The CARE Center connected her with Open Heart Leaders, a resource hub for underprivileged and urban communities that helps rebuild, restore and empower people. Today, she's no longer homeless and has a much more positive outlook on life.
- Another young woman we met was having a hard time at school and at home. Her grades were dropping and her behavior was becoming a problem. The CARE Center referred her to DETOUR'S F.A.N.C.Y. program, which uplifts, motivates, and inspires girls to become personally, academically, and professionally successful through education, empowerment, and the arts. As a result, her grades began to go up and she currently has a 4.0 GPA. She's taken an active role in learning about potential careers and is looking into attending college.

## Resource Fair



Stop by and see us at our upcoming Resource Fair! About 20 organizations will be there providing services including a Food Bank, Housing Assistance, Medical and Cal-Fresh Enrollment, Employment Services, Mental Health Services, and Educational Services. There will also be an Easter egg hunt for youth. Our next resource fair is scheduled to take place Saturday, April 20 at the CARE Community Center (12 N. Euclid Ave, National City, CA, 91950) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Youth Advisory Board

UPDATE: The DA's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) at Lincoln High School has created a powerful three-part skit about the dangers of opioid addiction. The skits focus on the accessibility of opioids, treatment, and overdoses using potential real life scenarios. YAB students will be presenting the skits to their peers in the coming months.



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## Highlighted Service Providers

We're so proud to partner with many outstanding organizations in San Diego County that are doing some great work, including:

### ■ DETOUR

**Ages:** Women up to 24-years old

**Services Provided:** Mentorship for young women, vocational assistance, and college readiness programs

**Contact information:** Tinesia Conwright. [tinesia@detourempowers.org](mailto:tinesia@detourempowers.org)

### ■ Vista Hill Foundation

**Ages:** 13- 23

**Services Provided:** Counseling services, mental health assessments, youth diversion programs, substance use disorder outpatient treatment, and teen recovery center

**Contact Information:** Tonantzin (Tee) LeGerrette. [tlegerrette@vistahill.org](mailto:tlegerrette@vistahill.org)

## CARE Center Assessments and Contact Information

### Needs Assessment

If you or someone you know would like to sign up for our needs/housing assessment, please contact us through either of the following:

 **Phone:** (619) 356-4489

 **Email:** [info@sdcarecenter.org](mailto:info@sdcarecenter.org)

 **Facebook:** [facebook.com/SDCareCenter](https://facebook.com/SDCareCenter)

 **Address:** 12 N. Euclid Avenue, National City, CA 91950

**Check out our website!**



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