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Nowadays, Skrappy's kids are working on a far more complex issue than finding a music venue.

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Man's best friend live up to their name in detention



Daisy

It happens during almost every visit.

It only lasts for a few seconds, but it's magical.

It's that moment when the outside world disappears and all that exists is a child and a dog.

Rachael Long, an assistant division director of Pima County's Juvenile Detention Center, believes Victorian-era novelist George Eliot summed it up best.

"Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."

It is for just that reason the folks from Gabriel's Angels are welcome visitors at the detention center.

Gabriel's Angels provides pet therapy to at-risk kids. Each dog is specially trained and must pass stringent tests every two years.

Felice Jarrold and Kate Titus bring Daisy and Harley to the detention center regularly.

Daisy is a 165-pound Mastiff who stands 29 inches tall at the shoulders. Harley is an 80-pound Great Dane, American Fox

Hound, St. Bernard mix who is 31 inches at the shoulders.

Kate learned about Gabriel's Angels about five years ago and thought Harley would be a perfect fit.

"He had some love that I knew he wanted to share with others," Kate said.

Felice and Kate met shortly afterward and Felice quickly joined the group, too.

During a recent visit, Felice and Kate discussed doggy diets, behavior and body language as Daisy visited with each teen.

"When Daisy is going back there her head is up, her ears are pricked and she's pulling on the leash. She wouldn't do that if she didn't like it," Felice said.

Kate says she likes going to the detention center more than other places Gabriel's Angels visit.

"Harley picks a kid every time he goes in and he's not usually wrong about who needs him," Kate said. "I've seen Harley and kids go forehead to forehead and that's just magical. They can be in baggy jeans and a T-shirt hugging their own dog in those few moments."

You can see a kid who appears hardened on the outside melt when he sinks his hands into a dog's fur, Kate said.

"We want the kids to make a connection with the dogs and to feel love," Kate said. "Our real focus is to nurture their emotional development and by doing that, improve the quality of their lives."

Kim Chumley, an assistant division director, said the visits are important to the kids, especially those who have been abused or neglected.

"Animals give so unconditionally, they are great lessons for so many," Chumley said. "They can help youth who are closed down to open up. Learning to take care of something that is so vulnerable is very healing."

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On a recent Wednesday night, a rather diverse group gathered at what was once a bank. There were skateboarders and hipsters sitting alongside young professionals, a county supervisor, a juvenile court judge, a police officer and a state lawmaker.

It was the first of what is expected to be many get-togethers held by the Pima County Juvenile Justice Task Force on Racial & Ethnic Disparities. And if you think it was the latter group who created the task force you would be wrong.

The roots of the task force were firmly planted several years ago by a group of outcast teenagers who found a home of sorts at Skrappy's.

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Soon, Kathy Wooldridge found herself becoming the go-to person if a teen needed help due to an unplanned pregnancy, drug addiction or homelessness, said Alisha Vasquez, task force member.

Teens in trouble with the law also began coming to Skrappy's, knowing they could get a ride to court or with help understanding the process, said Marcos Perez, another task force member.

As a result, over the years, Skrappy's turned into a concert venue, an after-school program and a youth service center.

In 2008, a group of Skrappy's kids began to realize kids of color were over-represented in the criminal justice system when compared (Contd. Page 4)



Malachi Larrabee-Garza of the W. Haywood Burns Institute, speaks to court officials and community stakeholders at a recent get-together sponsored by the Pima County Juvenile Justice Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Disparities.

to Anglo kids.

Some of them formed a group called Justifying Actions in Law and they began doing research with help from the W. Haywood Burns Institute for Juvenile Justice Fairness & Equity and the University of Arizona.

Before too long, they were mapping not only arrest points, but resources so kids could know -- without having to deal with an authority figure -- where they could perform community service or receive help within their neighborhoods.

"We went in there a little scared. We had our assumptions about them and I'm sure they probably had their assumptions about us," Alisha Vasquez said.

"We realized these kids needed services and someone they could ask questions of, people they could relate to," Marcos said. "It's kind of scary to talk to someone who has a gun on their hip and a badge."

In 2010, the JAIL group overcame their fear and approached the courts to get more information, but also to offer to be a bridge between the system and the kids.

"We went in there a little scared. We had our assumptions about them and I'm sure they probably had their assumptions about us," Alisha said.

After all, they were young, tattooed and clad in T-shirts and jeans.

It worked, though. Before too long, JAIL members were actively involved in the court's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, which seeks to eliminate the inappropriate use of juvenile detention through the development of community-based alternatives.

They also joined on-going discussions about Disproportionate Minority Contact, helping the court and other community stakeholders come up with 89 recommendations to address the issue.

Now, a couple of years later, JAIL has been transformed into the Pima County Juvenile Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Disparities and is ramping up its efforts to reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact.

During that recent get-together, the Task Force unveiled the Probation Pals program.

Once a child is released from detention, Alisha or Marcos will meet with the child and find out such things as where they live, what interests they have and how much community service they have to perform. They will then come up with an action plan to make sure the child successfully completes their probation so they don't wind up back in the detention center. (Contd. Page 5)

Because Alisha and Marcos themselves were Skrappy's kids and remain current with today's music, particularly Hip-Hop, they believe they are still "cool enough" to be able to engage the kids, Alisha said.

On the flip-side, Alisha said she can truthfully tell the kids the folks at Pima County Juvenile Court, particularly Presiding Judge Karen Adam, truly care about their well-being.

"She's a real person, she's not just a presiding judge," Alisha said of Judge Adam. "She's someone I can talk to the youth about. I tell them that if there's anything they want to share, she's one who will actually listen to them."

The Task Force already has a group of community stakeholders willing to help the kids with community service or social services. They include: Tierra Y Libertad Organization, Tucson Community Food Bank, Las Milpitas de Cottonwood Community Garden, RebelArte Collective, Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse and the Southern Arizona Against Sexual Assault.

If you or your organization is interested in mentoring court-involved children, please contact the Pima County Juvenile Justice Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Disparities at 724-8457 or pc.az.tf@gmail.com. You can also contact the Task Force if your organization would like to provide court-involved teens an opportunity to complete their community service hours.

However, the Task Force hopes to find additional culturally relevant organizations willing to mentor and guide young people between 10 and 25. In addition, the kids can gain knowledge and experience while working with the organizations and use them while seeking employment.

"Our goal is that once the youth comes familiar with the organization, its programming and its employees and volunteers, that organic mentorships and partnerships occur between at-risk youth and an adult they can trust," the Task Force said in a news release. "These relationships have proven to be one of the most protective factors in keeping youth from system involvement."

During the get-together Judge Adam also spoke about how the court and task force members were

afraid of each other in the beginning.

She quickly came to admire their dedication to an incredibly complex cause and the professionalism with which they approached the issue, she said.

"Our (detention) numbers were terrible in the beginning," Judge Adam said. "Why would anyone want to be engaged in something that appeared to be so futile? And yet, you came."

She is so grateful the Task Force, the court and other community stakeholders have come together.

The court needs community partners to engage families and to be culturally aware, Judge Adam said.

CSP aims to teach kids coping, life skills

One after the other they shared their stories. Most have spent time in jail, a couple have been in prison, several lost friends to overdoses and one got down to 92 pounds and was himself days away from dying.

They delivered a simple message: Stop using drugs now or they will ruin your life.

Their target audience: a small group of teenagers who are struggling on probation and participating in the Community Support Program, a program officers use as an alternative to detention.

Sheila Pessingua, juvenile probation programs supervisor, invited the recovering addicts from Teen Challenge to speak to the kids because she thought the men could relate to them.

They are young, ranging in age from 20 to 28, plain-spoken and brutally honest.

The newest member has been clean two weeks, the oldest member six years.

“You’re already sitting here and you don’t want to be, think where else drugs will take you,” one of the men told the kids.

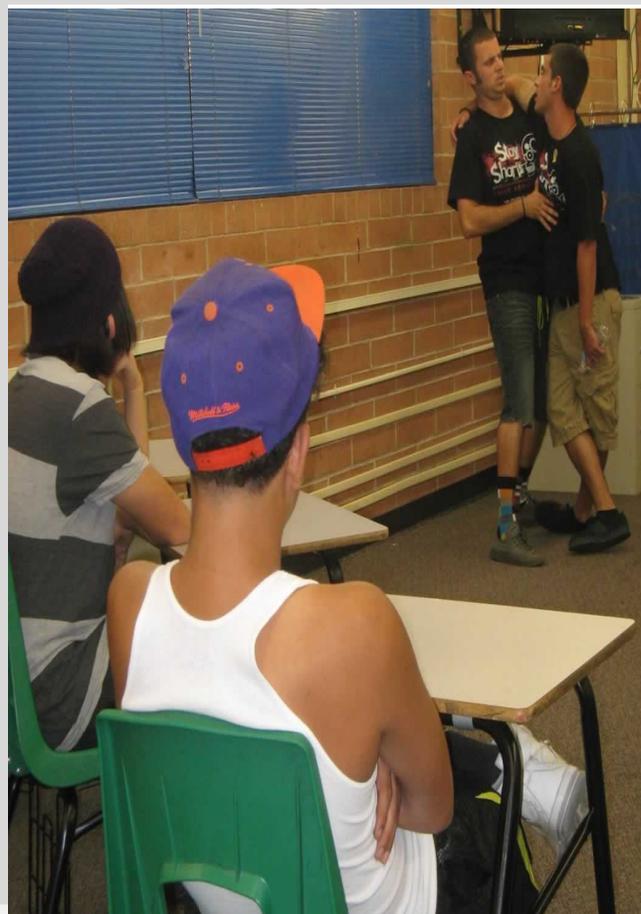
All of them started out smoking marijuana, but progressed to heroin and other drugs.

CSP started six years ago as part of Pima County Juvenile Court’s Detention Alternatives Initiative. Studies have shown that locking up kids who are not a threat to the community can adversely affect them in a wide variety of ways.

According to the Justice Policy Institute, mentally ill kids get worse and few are likely to return to school. Detaining kids increases anti-social behaviors, their use of illicit substances and their chances of being re-arrested, arming themselves and becoming gang members.

Studies have also shown most teens outgrow the behavior that landed them in trouble.

The kids accepted into CSP spend every Monday through Thursday afternoon at Apollo Middle School where they hear from volunteer presenters on a wide (Contd. Page 7)



Two Teen Challenge members act out a skit proving the point alcohol, drugs, violence and suicide will not help anyone solve their problems.

array of subjects.

The teens are picked up and dropped off by staff members and during the four hours they are there they also receive tutoring and dinner. On Fridays, the kids go to lunch and on field trips.

“I see us as having a golden opportunity to help these kids be successful,” Pessingua said. “I feel it’s part of our responsibility to expose these kids to things they wouldn’t be exposed to otherwise, positive things.”

The kids in the 20-day program have met police officers, judges, gardeners, firefighters, financial experts, human resource people, personal trainers and poets. They’ve also met people from the Sunny-side Neighborhood Association, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, the Arizona Youth Partnership and the U.S. Border Patrol.



Some presenters are simply “people who have had tough times in their lives, overcome adversity and done some good things,” Pessingua said.

If a presenter isn’t available, the probation and surveillance officers work on decision-making and life-skills with the kids, Pessingua said.

The teens have taken field trips to the University of Arizona’s athletic facilities, the Flandreau Planetarium and

Winky, a member of Teen Challenge’s Stay Sharp outreach program tells some teens “All I got was missing teeth and scars from running amok,” during a recent presentation at the Community Support Program.

the Pima Air and Space Museum. They’ve gone bowling, miniature golfing and to the zoo.

“We want the kids to know there are pro-social things they can do that don’t require drugs and alcohol or running the streets,” Pessingua said.

Ronald R., 16, and Armando N., 17, are both on probation for drugs and weapons offenses. After having some setbacks, they both were recommended for CSP.

Ronald said he liked hearing from police officers and the Teen Challenge group.

“If you want something from it, you can get something from it,” Ronald said of the program.

Armando N. said CSP has kept him out of trouble.

“I like how respectful everyone is and how the staff treats us,” Armando said. “I can talk to them and they’re very understanding.”

Judge Peter Hochuli helped him understand the courts better and the Teen Challenge men “were really cool and funny.”

“They kept it real,” Armando said.

Visual delights create comfortable place for kids

It doesn't matter how old you are, walking into a courtroom is scary.

So when Pima County Juvenile Court Judge Peter Hochuli took the bench five years ago, he knew he wanted to do something that would ease people's fears, especially children's.

Within a matter of days, people were taking a look around Judge Hochuli's courtroom and finding something to smile about.

The science fiction, Mickey Mouse and movie fan raided his personal collection of posters and memorabilia and hung them up. He also added a magazine rack filled with comic books. Borrowing ideas from other judges, he stocked a bookcase and a couple of treasure chests, too.

Kids are encouraged to take a book, a trinket or a comic book home with them. He regularly restocks his supplies out of his own pocket or with donations. The movie posters are regularly rotated.

"I'm always on the lookout for something I think the kids will think is pretty cool," Judge Hochuli said.

It's a safe bet a poster from one of the Star Wars movies will be on the wall when you walk in. Right now there are also posters up from "It's a Wonderful Life," "Rear Window," "The Birds," and "Thoroughly Modern Millie."



The Millie poster is near where Judge Hochuli's court reporter, Milli, sits. Near his bailiff Michael hangs a poster of Mickey Mouse shaking a police officer's hand. Michael is a former Tucson Police officer.

There's a "Captain Future, Wizard of Science" poster in one corner. The same poster can be spotted in one of Judge Hochuli's favorite shows, "The Big Bang Theory."

One of the main differences between juvenile court and adult court is the atmosphere, Judge Hochuli said. By definition, juvenile court is supposed to be more relaxed.

"I've been in the juvenile court in one capacity or another for 25 years and I've always felt it's important to make children comfortable when they come to court," Judge Hochuli said. "My hope is that's we've made it a less scary place for kids and we also want the parents to feel less intimidated."

The kids may not remember his name, but that's never been a problem, he said.

"They just say 'I've got the judge with the Star Wars poster.'"

Family Drug Court recognized at National Conference

By Chris Swenson-Smith
Director Children & Family Services

Pima Family Drug Court is a highly-successful, evidence-based, respected and collaborative program in the Pima County Dependency system. Nowhere was that more apparent than at the annual National Association of Drug Court Professionals conference held in Washington, D.C. July 14-17.



Pauline Machiche, CPS Program Manager, and Pima County Family Drug Court Supervisor Maureen Accurso pose with actor Matthew Perry, who turned his home into a full sober-living center called Perry House. It offers meditation programs and a 12-step workshop.

Through grant funding, Pima Count Family Drug Court was able to send eight team members to this important conference, attended by more than 4,000 participants.

Most of the participants were professionals representing all of the vital roles involved in running a drug court: judges, attorneys, program evaluators, case managers, child welfare representatives, and

treatment providers. Some were high-level officials representing federal agencies. A few were folks you'd expect to see somewhere else, like on the TV or movie screen, like actor Matthew Perry, who has been a strong advocate for drug courts for four years.

But none of the participants were more memorable or more important than those who walked across the stage during the opening session of the conference during the "Parade of Transformation." (Contd. Page 10)

These were graduates of drug courts from around the U.S. Among them were people who had spent time incarcerated, who had lost custody of their children, who had nearly died from drug and alcohol abuse. But as they each told their stories of recovery, it was clear drug courts had truly helped them transform into vital, loving and productive members of society.

While Pima County was not represented in this year's Parade of Transformation (one of our graduates was chosen at last year's conference), Pima County Juvenile Court was represented:

- In two workshop presentations:
 - Family Drug Court Judge Susan Kettlewell teamed with Judge Kyle Haskins from Tulsa, Okla. to present "Partnering with Fathers – Perspectives on Engaging Fathers in Your Family Drug Court."
 - Division Director Chris Swenson-Smith partnered with Judge Erica Yew from San Jose, Calif., Dr. Merith Cosden from U.C. Santa Barbara, and Vivian Brown, consultant from Los Angeles, to present "What You Need to Know to Become a Trauma-Informed Family Drug Court."
- On "Mentor Court Row." Pima County Family Drug Court was one of four Peer Learning Courts selected last year to mentor other Family Drug Courts, and the Pima team took turns staffing a booth which was part of the Drug Court Expo. They handed out copies of program summaries and evaluations, and talked with folks who stopped by and were interested in the innovative practices implemented by Family Drug Court over the past 12 years.
- In two major grantee meetings: Pima County Family Drug Court is one of 12 recipients of a special 4-year SAMHSA grant called "Children Affected by Methamphetamine," and is one of 11 Family Drug Courts in the U.S. who received a 4-year SAMHSA expansion and enhancement grant this year. Grantee meetings were held for both grants during one day of the NADCP conference.
- In a presentation by Dr. H. Westley Clark, Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Dr. Clark highlighted two examples of U.S. drug courts that have (Contd. Page 11)

Federal grants have allowed Pima County Family Drug Court to attend the NADCP conference each year, and to bring representatives of the many stakeholder agencies and groups that make up the collaborative Juvenile Court Family. This year's travel team included Judge Kettlewell, Chris Swenson-Smith, and FDC Supervisor Maureen Accurso from PCJCC; Pauline Machiche, the Program Manager for Child Protective Services (Pima Region), Ron Carpio, Vice President of Terros/Families First, Helena Seymour, Assistant Attorney General, Kim D'Zatko, FDC Program Evaluator from LeCroy & Milligan Associates, and Ken Sanders, dependency contract attorney.

implemented innovative trauma-specific treatment and peer support services, including Pima County Family Drug Court.

Pima County Family Drug Court had its first graduate in 2001. Since then, more than 500 parents have voluntarily entered this program, to help them build a solid recovery from drug and alcohol abuse, and to return them to their children, who were waiting in foster homes or relative placements. More than 90% of Family Drug Court graduates in Pima County have been reunified with their children, and of all parents who have participated but not graduated, more than 60% have had their children returned home.



Judge Susan Kettlewell congratulates a recent Family Drug Court graduate.

Once each month a graduation ceremony is held for parents who have attended Family Drug Court for at least eight months, have completed substance abuse treatment, and have written a lifelong recovery plan. Courtroom 11 is packed with children, extended family members, CPS staff, attorneys, treatment providers, and FDC staff, who all rise in raucous applause as Judge Kettlewell presents each graduation certificate.

This is Pima County's own "Parade of Transformation," as evidenced by the many FDC graduates who now change lives themselves, including: a

Family Drug Court recovery support specialist, the coordinator of the FDC Alumni Program, and a former B.S.W. intern who will begin her Master's in Social Work program at Arizona State University this fall.

Family Drug Court is held each Wednesday in Courtroom 11 at PCJCC. Visitors are welcome. Please call 243-2256 for more information.

Don't speak English well? Not a problem at PCJCC

Whenever Ramiro Alviar meets a new client at the Pima County Juvenile Court, he puts himself in their shoes.

What must it be like to be in a country where you don't speak the language very well *and* you are forced to deal with a judicial system you know little about?

"It's got to be horrifying," Alviar said.

Luckily for them, though, Alviar is the language services supervisor for the court. He and his fellow team members are dedicated to providing as much help as possible for those with limited English skills.

He and three others interpret thousands of court proceedings and translate hundreds of court documents annually wheth-



Ramiro Alviar

er they pertain to child welfare or delinquency cases.

"We want to increase their participation and dispel their fears," Alviar said. "In order to be able to do that, you've got to speak in their language and in a way they can understand it in a meaningful way."

People in the U.S. don't understand how lucky they are, Alviar said. Corruption and brutality are common in many other countries.

As a result, they may not want to come to court or cooperate if they do come.

"They don't know our system is different here and that they'll be treated with dignity and respect," Alviar said. "Once we speak to them in their own language, their fears are dispelled."

While Alviar and his team are able to handle the needs of people from Spanish-speaking countries, the court has been using a telephonic interpreting company – Lionbridge – for other languages since January. (Contd. Page 13)

Services provided to Limited English Proficient Persons by PCJCC interpreters in 2011 and 2012.

2011:

Spanish Court Hearings:	2,306
Spanish Ancillary Events:	413
Other-Languages Court Hearings:	182
Other-Languages Ancillary Events:	40
Number of translated pages:	<u>390</u>
Grand Total:	3,331

2012:

Spanish Court Hearings:	2,221
Spanish Ancillary Events:	414
Other-Languages Court Hearings:	231
Other-Languages Ancillary Events:	38
Number of Translated pages:	<u>501</u>
Grand total:	3,405

Based on a preliminary look at the number of language services requests (for both interpretation and translation) so far this year, the interpreter's office predicts a significant increase in the number of LEP individuals served.

The company provides interpreters for dozens of languages 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Alviar said. While they are primarily used in the courtroom, probation officers out in the field, detention officers and receptionists can call them as well, he said.

In recent years, the court had been using interpreters from the community, Alviar said.

The cost to utilize Lionbridge averages 50 percent less than employing members of the respective communities to translate, Alviar said. Additionally, the use of Lionbridge's

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certified interpreters alleviates the possibility of issues arising due to the use of untrained, non-professional interpreters.

The use of Lionbridge also ensures that there will be no conflict of interest due to employing members

of the community to interpret for clients they have previously developed a relationship with.

There were also occasions when judges would have to wait for interpreters to rush to court from their full-time jobs so they may not have been dressed appropriately.

Now, court customers can be assured those assisting them have been properly trained and tested, Alviar said.

That's not to say that the people who helped out in the past will never help out again.

The court is working with Pima Community College and the University of Arizona on their interpreting programs. UA students sometimes intern here at the court and Pima may one day have interns here, too.

When Alviar and his team members aren't in court or assisting probation officers and attorneys, they are kept busy translating new and existing court documents.

It keeps them busy particularly since they've discovered some existing documents have been translated in a variety of ways.

Alviar discovered seven different translations for the Drug Court program. For example, some documents referred to it as "La corte de drogas" and another as "Programa antidrogas." There was also no distinction between the Family Drug Court program and the Juvenile Drug Court program.

They are working hard to ensure every document is consistent.

"Every translation is very detailed," Alviar said. "We've got to polish very well everything we do."

While the courts are required under federal law to assist people with limited English proficiency, Court Administrator Stephen Rubin praised Alviar and his office for "going above and beyond" what is required.

Odds & Ends



This month, the Bravo Team awarded eight Gems and two Team awards.

William Semenowich from probation received a Gem after stepping in for a colleague to complete two evaluation interviews. He saved the families from having to come again and the interpreters' time.

Anthony Ludovici from detention received a Gem for “going above and beyond” by finding interactive programs and getting people motivated.

Yvonne Haymore from detention received a Gem for arranging a visit to Canyon State Academy, which allowed staff to learn about the facility so they can better answer kids' questions.

Andrew Mendoza from Children and Family Services received a Gem for becoming a “skilled, compelling and amazing presenter.” He provides peer support for families in Family Drug Court, has developed close working relationships with many community providers and trains Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Joy Johnson, Erica Scheeren & Catherine Spisak from detention received Gems for organizing and coordinating the informational and fun Bring Your Pet to Work Day in Detention. Their nominator hopes it becomes an annual event.

Edward Beltran, Cathleen Fitzgerald, Courtney Haymore, Rachael Long, Judy Mitchell, Jennifer Torchia and Karil Yamamoto from detention services received a Team award for helping coordinate the PCJCC's first GED celebration ever.

Stacey Brady, Terry Dalke, Jessica Findley, Richard Nunez and Susan Parnell from Children and Family Services received a Team award for their enthusiasm and dedication to the Mediation Program, which just celebrated its 15th anniversary.

Voices

Since everyone at the PCJCC is here to help strengthen kids and families, it seems only appropriate that the kids in our Detention Center have a platform from which to speak. We'll be asking them questions periodically and printing some of their answers here.

What is one skill you learned in detention and how will it help you once you leave?

To watch what you say, to not get into fights
— Sebastian V

Listening skills. They will help with getting a job
— Anthony R

Stay out of trouble on the outs. It will help you get a good job — Adan G

Owning up to my problems. If I'm in a problem I can man up — Malik P

How to stay quiet when needed/ told to. I'll be more apt to listen to what's going on — Wolfgang B

Coping skills. They will help me not do drugs — Jacob T

How to be respectful. It will help me get a job — Kevin K

I have learned how not to curse. It will help me not lose a job — Daniel A

Coping skills. I learned how to deal with things so I don't get back in here — Paco G

Behavior skills. They will help me not go out and steal stuff and be disrespectful — Kevin G

To behave, because it gets you more in life than misbehaving — Jose G

Milestones

- Susan Towne, probation, 15
- Martin Silvas, information systems, 15
- Louis Estrella, probation, 25

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Small gesture gets big thank you

We just had to share this note library associate William Bevill recently received from one of our teens in the detention center. Talk about a good reminder that we really do make a difference!

Dear William,

I wanted to write this letter & seriously thank you for buying the book "Pretty Little Liars" for me. This was one of the nicest things anyone has done for me. It really means a lot to me, because no one has really gone out of their way to do something like that for me. Pretty Little Liars is my absolute favorite show, and it truly means a lot you are helping me not miss out on anything. I will make sure I take very good care of the book while it is in my possession. Again, thank you, thank you, THANK YOU

Sincerely,

(Name redacted)

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The Month in Pictures



July was one busy month! Thanks to the Pima County Public Library, the kids in detention were treated to programs presented by the Reid Park Zoo, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and Kidz Art, to name a few. At left library staffers William Bevill and Jenny Shaffer check out Amir, who is being held by zoo education coordinator Jed Dodds. Below, one of our kids tries his hand at anime and another teen pets a chuckwalla from the Desert Museum.





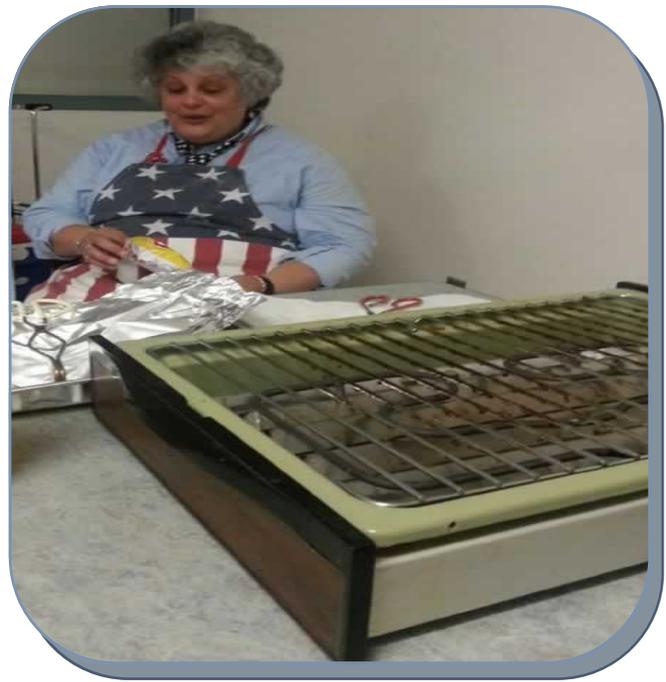
Greg D'Anna, director of public relations for Pima County Joint Technical Education District, speaks to one of our kids during the Detention Center's annual Career Day July 24.



Children and Family Services' Chris Swenson-Smith and Rebecca Manoleas present Susan Parnell with a plaque celebrating the 15th anniversary of our mediation program.



Probation supervisors Chris Vogel, Bill Semenowich and Steve Marrone flips burgers for their colleagues during National Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week, July 21-27.



CASA Supervisor Ramona Panas threw an impromptu barbeque for our colleagues to celebrate the 4th of July. Co-worker Lupe Ornelas said Panas may as well as been the first person to say "My patriotic heart beats red, white and blue."