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August 27, 2015

**VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

The Honorable John T. Laettner  
Judge of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County  
Wakefield Taylor Courthouse, Department 25  
725 Court Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Judge Laettner:

This letter is in response to the questions raised in Contra Costa County Grand Jury Report No. 1510 "Community Courts: Unburdening the Traditional Court System". In accordance with Section 933.05 of the California Penal Code, the City provides the attached required responses to Finding F6 and Recommendation R1 as identified in the Grand Jury Report.

If you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (925) 516-5440.

Sincerely,



Gustavo "Gus" Vina  
City Manager

**Attachment**

cc: Sherry Rufini, Grand Jury Foreperson;  
2014-2015 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury  
Brentwood Mayor and City Council  
Damien Brower, City Attorney  
Mark Evenson, Police Chief

**City Of Brentwood Response to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations  
Grand Jury Report No. 1510, "Community Courts;  
Unburdening the Traditional Court System"**

**FINDINGS**

**Grand Jury Finding F6**

**The City does not have a Community Court Program.**

**City Response:** The City agrees with the finding; however the City does have a successful juvenile diversion program that accomplishes many of the same goals that a community court program seeks to achieve.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Grand Jury Recommendation R1**

**The City should consider establishing a Community Court.**

**City Response:** This recommendation will not be implemented at this time because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with the following explanation. Currently the City of Brentwood Police Department (the "Department") is coming out of an extended period of time where it was understaffed. Staffing priorities are currently focused on ensuring that the City's basic law enforcement functions are met. As the City department that would be responsible for administering a community court program, the Department does not have surplus personnel to provide the program the attention that it deserves. Contributing insufficient personnel resources would not be fair to those who would most benefit from the program.

In addition, the City Council has recently directed the Department to proceed with the creation of a new dispatch center. Along with ensuring that the City's public safety needs are met; Department resources are being devoted to the planned dispatch center and surplus funds are not available for the creation of a new program such as community courts.

Finally, it should be noted that the Department currently runs a highly successful juvenile diversion program that accomplishes for juveniles, many of the goals that the Community Court program does for both juveniles and adults. This program, the REACH Project, has been serving cities in East Contra Costa County since 1970, and the juvenile diversion component has been in place since the 1980s,

In Brentwood, REACH diversion efforts are led by the Department. A diversion panel, (consisting of an assigned Department Officer, a Contra Costa County Deputy Probation officer and a REACH representative) evaluates juveniles arrested for minor offenses and eligible for program participation. The program provides first time misdemeanor offenders with an opportunity to change their behavior and be diverted from the juvenile justice system. Depending on the nature of the offense, a tailored program is provided the juvenile in such areas as anger management, decision-making skills, family counselling, and problem solving. Information about REACH is attached for your records and additional information may be obtained at [www.reachprojectinc.com](http://www.reachprojectinc.com).

For the above reasons the City will not implement this recommendation at this time. However, the Department will continue its active participation in the REACH Project's juvenile diversion efforts. Once Department personnel issues have stabilized and the

dispatch center has been established, further attention can be given to establishing a community court program. The passage of time will allow the City to further analyze how the community court program has worked for other jurisdictions and, should one be established in the City, the program will benefit from being able to utilize the most successful components of programs in other jurisdictions.

# **BRENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mark Evenson, Chief of Police

## **JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM REACH Project**

REACH Project carries out a component of the Brentwood Police Department Juvenile Diversion Program. Led by Brentwood Police, the Diversion Panel is made up of an assigned BPD Officer, CCC Deputy Probation Officer and a REACH representative.

Upon meeting with cited youths and their parents, REACH services are utilized as a Diversion Program requirement in order to strengthen skills for positive and responsible decision making practices in reducing the likelihood of repeat arrests.

Quality programs are provided by professional and caring staff while delivering proven services addressing the nature of offenses, ages of the youths and needs of families.

Content and curriculum areas include:

Anger Management  
Restorative Justice  
Parent/Teen Ed. Series  
Alcohol & Other Drug  
Abuse Treatment

Decision-Making Skills  
Individual/Family Counseling  
Problem Solving Workshops  
Parent/Teen Educational Series

Program Objective Areas:

- Provide immediate youth and family-based services
- Establish practical action steps to both deal with and overcome problem areas
- Employ services on a case-by-case basis utilizing counseling, education, anger management, problem solving and treatment programs
- Monitor youths' participation and progress
- Work with families' corrective action steps

For complete program information please contact

**REACH Project**

**101 Sand Creek Blvd, Suite B, Brentwood**

**(925) 666-8460**

# **REACH Project**

**Positive Community Alternatives, since 1970**

<b>Antioch Central Offices, 1915 D Street</b>	<b>(925) 754-3673</b>
<b>Antioch Police Facility, 300 L Street, Antioch</b>	<b>(925) 779-6936</b>
<b>Oakley, 3385 Main Street, Suite B</b>	<b>(925) 679-2504</b>
<b>Brentwood Police Facility, 9100 Brentwood Blvd</b>	<b>(925) 809-7920</b>
<b>Brentwood Community Offices, 101 Sand Creek Road, Suite B</b>	<b>(925) 666-8460</b>

## **GOAL**

The REACH Project goal is to advance safe, healthy and accountable behavior among youth for the betterment of the individuals, their families and the community.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jim Wangeman, President  
Roger Henry, Vice President  
Christine O'Brien, Director  
Tammany Brooks, Director  
Thais Kishi, Ph.D., Director

## **BACKGROUND**

REACH Project was founded in 1970 by community members to respond to concerns over the influence of negative youth behaviors and its effect on families. REACH's aggressive approach combines local services and resources dedicated to strengthening living and learning environments.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

REACH coordinates and delivers juvenile crime diversion in partnership with Antioch, Oakley and Brentwood police departments. Emphasis is placed on active parent involvement, restorative justice activities, accountability-based programs and strengthening skills and decision making practices. Youths are screened and assessed for placement within a continuum of REACH prevention and treatment services.

## **EDUCATION**

REACH provides school-site student assistance programs that focus on school attendance, improved grades, positive school behaviors, enhanced study practices and strengthening parent/school relationships. REACH also actively participates on Student Attendance and Review Boards providing early identification, prevention and intervention.

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

REACH is a state certified provider of alcohol and other drug abuse services through contract with Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services: Division of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse. Community locations in Antioch, Oakley and Brentwood provide strength & resiliency based prevention along with outpatient treatment & recovery programs for youths and adults.

## **YOUTH INTENSIVE TREATMENT**


REACH provides intensive outpatient treatment (9-12 months) for alcohol and other drug abuse and related factors in conjunction with the Superior Court and Contra Costa Probation Department. Services consist of weekly group counseling and education groups, collateral services and parent education. REACH also provides on-site AOD treatment services at the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility located in Byron consisting of assessment, group/individual counseling treatment and discharge planning.

# REACH Project

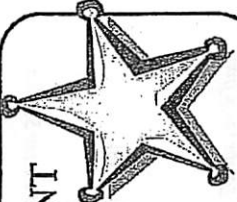
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## A Model of Shared Responsibility



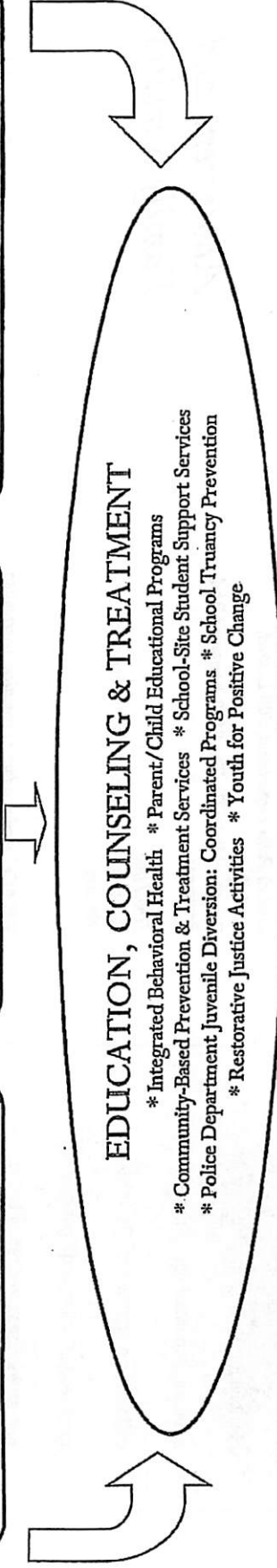
**SCHOOLS**  
REACH conducts district-wide and school site early identification, prevention and intervention services



**LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
REACH operates juvenile diversion programs for youth offenders and those at risk

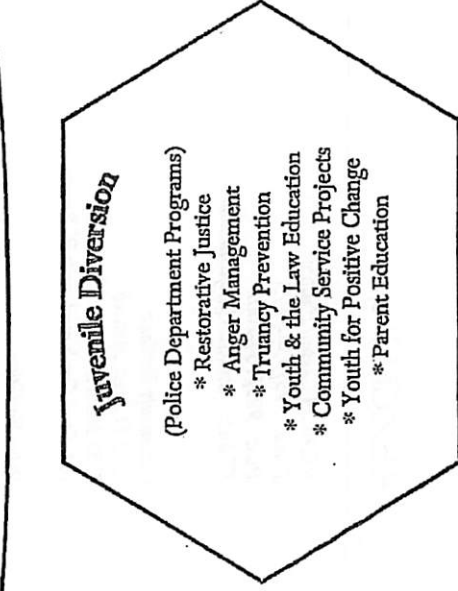


**HEALTH SERVICES**  
REACH is a Behavioral Health System of Care provider for youths, adults and families




**Prevention**  
(Positive Action)

- \* Youth Education & Skills Building
- \* Parent/Child Programs
- \* Positive Peer Group Development
- \* Communication Skills
- \* Critical Analysis
- \* Problem Solving
- \* Personal Resource Acquisition



**Juvenile Diversion**  
(Police Department Programs)

- \* Restorative Justice
- \* Anger Management
- \* Truancy Prevention
- \* Youth & the Law Education
- \* Community Service Projects
- \* Youth for Positive Change
- \* Parent Education



**Treatment**  
(Behavioral Health Services)

- \* Treatment Services
- \* Intensive Juvenile Treatment Program
- \* Outpatient Treatment
- \* Youth Treatment & Recovery
- \* Relapse Prevention & Education
- \* Adult Treatment & Recovery

## REACH Project

REACH Project is a community-based organization annually providing over 2,000 participants with counseling, education and treatment. Longstanding program areas include outpatient treatment, education and skill building workshops, individual and family counseling and parent/child educational series. Services are provided in English and Spanish and operate under accreditation by the California Department of Health Care Services.

### REACH Project

Since 1970



A community partnership

## REACH Project

REACH Central Facility

Phone: 925/754-3673

Fax: 925/754-2002

Website: [www.reachprojectinc.com](http://www.reachprojectinc.com)

### Community locations:

1915 D street, Antioch

3385 Main street, suite B, Oakley

101 Sand Creek road, suite B, Brentwood

### Police Facilities:

Antioch Police Department, 300 L street,

Antioch

Brentwood Police Facility, 9100 Brentwood Blvd,

Brentwood

### School site:

Pittsburg High School, 1750 Harbor street,

Pittsburg

REACH services address prevention, intervention and outpatient treatment. Age groups range from elementary to adults.

### Program areas: (English & Spanish)

School-Based Student Support

Police Department: Juvenile Diversion Services

Community-Based Youth Skills Workshops

Parent/Child & Parent Education Series

Individual & Family Counseling

Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Services are offered at no-fee cost

REACH is a Medi-Cal health care provider

REACH Project

## Adolescent and Family Services



Serving East Contra Costa County Communities

Telephone 925/754-3673

## REACH Adolescent & Family Services

established 1970

REACH offers multi-dimensional, behavior integrated services from early onset problems through multiple areas of difficulties experienced by teenagers.



evidence and research based standards build youth behavior skills

Programs are family and community oriented and most often immediately accessible. The range of services are provided in English and Spanish and take place under the direction of the REACH Medical Director.

Program services are available with the support of Contra Costa Health Services: Alcohol and Other Drugs Services, Pittsburg Unified School District, City of Antioch, City of Oakley, City of Brentwood and individual REACH contributors.

### Adolescent Treatment

Outpatient adolescent treatment I & II provide levels of care for teenagers experiencing problematic substance use along with inadequate impulse management, psycho-social factors, high risk behaviors, unhealthy practices, school failure and adverse childhood experiences. Program level placement is based on ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) assessment criteria. Case management and monitoring take place with the REACH Clinical Psychologist.

Level I	(3-6 months)
Ages	13-17 years
Frequency	2-3 times weekly
Counseling	Individual & Family
Referred by	Family, Community, Probation & Courts



"Nothing will work unless you do."

Maya Angelou

Level II	(6-9 months)
Ages	14-17 years
Frequency	3-4 times weekly
Counseling	Individual & Family
Parents	Required participation
Referred by	Family, Community, Probation & Courts

### Prevention & Intervention

Healthy behavioral skills are strengthened through small group workshops. Highly interactive curriculum approaches create



small group workshops Implement Positive Action curriculum

supportive learning environments for youths to acquire abilities to change behavior functioning, sustain personal

improvements, reduce risk behaviors, recognize and avoid negative circumstances and overcome personal obstacles.

#### Youth Workshops (12-24 meetings)

Age Groups	11-13 yrs & 14-17 yrs
Skills	Cognitive/Behavioral & Anger Management
Frequency	1-2 times weekly

#### Parent Series (12 meetings)

Parent/Teen & Parent Education	
Focus	Strengthening Family Relationships
Frequency	1 per week

### REACH Project

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