



CASCWA Southern Section Annual Fall Conference

**A RISKY BUSINESS:
SERVING STUDENTS AT RISK**
September 29th, 30th and October 1st, 2010

2010 Conference Program

Many students enter the school with problems and issues that prevent them from having a successful educational experience: substance abuse, dysfunctional families, homelessness, gay and lesbian identification, truancy, bullying, emotional problems, to cite a few. The purpose of this conference is to look at the problems and possible solutions that schools and the community can provide these students and their families.

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PRESENTATION

Pre-conference Seminar, Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 2:00-5:00 P.M., Grand Ballroom

**OCR 101: Federal Civil Rights Protections in Elementary and
Secondary Schools – Ensuring Equal Opportunity in Education**

**Brian Lambert and Tammi Wong, Attorneys at Law,
Office for Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Education:**



OCR staff will discuss how federal civil rights laws enforced by OCR protect students from harassment and discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, and sex. OCR will provide an overview of its investigative review process, and will discuss strategies for schools to respond to complaints of discrimination and prevent possible discriminatory actions and environments.

Brian Lambert, an attorney for the Office for Civil Rights, works to ensure equal treatment of students regardless of race, color, and national origin, age, gender, and disability. His work includes school discipline practices, reducing racial disparities in school discipline, language access for national origin minorities, equal treatment of students with disabilities, and preventing racial and gender harassment.

Tammi Wong is an attorney for the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education. She focuses on working with schools, parents, and students on matters of racial equity in schools in the areas of discipline, language access, and peer on peer harassment. Prior to her work at OCR, she was a consultant to schools and education stakeholders in the development of support services for at-risk youth.

For more information on the Office for Civil Rights, please go to their websites at:

***<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/> and at
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>***

Program Schedule

Thursday, September 30, 2010



7:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast Sponsored by: "Winsor Learning Inc."

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8:30 A.M. Opening/Introductions

FIRST CONFERENCE SESSIONS - 9:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

Bullying Prevention **Session 1 - Lobby Plaza Salon I**

Presenter: Kathy Estes, Coordinator, Coordinated School Health Programs, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

Presentation: Bullying and cyber-bullying have become one of the hottest issues on public school campuses across the United States. School shootings and recent suicides have significantly changed the way the educational staff must respond to the blatant, underground and always insidious acts of bullying. Often we have responded by mislead intentions and a lack of information regarding the systemic issues of bullying. This training explores the causes of bullying, how to minimize the opportunity for bullies to perpetrate against others, and how to go about setting up effective policies and procedures that will stand up under litigation when bullying impacts campuses.

Speaker Information: Kathy Estes is the Coordinator for Coordinated Health Programs for San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. She received her Bachelors of Science degree in Educational Library Media from Southern Arkansas University. She later went on to pursue her Masters of Science degree in Educational Counseling from South Florida University and her certification in Educational Administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

Gangs in Our Schools **Session 1 - Lobby Plaza Salon II**

Presenter: Hector Molina, Child Welfare and Attendance Administrator, Woodland Joint Union School District

Presentation: Educators all know that academic success provide students with the opportunity to succeed in today's world. Unfortunately, many of our youths will not have that opportunity because of the prevalence of gangs in their schools, homes and communities. Gang membership and recruitment has been known to impact school attendance,

which in turn, negatively impacts academic achievement. This workshop will begin with a discussion of why our youths join gangs, what they know about gangs and how gangs influence their lives on a daily basis. Participants will learn to identify signs that are visible in the classroom, school and communities and of what intervention strategies are available to increase parent and staff awareness in order to reduce gang activity. Information on recent gang trends in several regions throughout the U.S. will also be shared. Participants will be able to use the handouts and the resources gathered in this workshop to share with staff, students and parents.

Speaker Information: Hector Molina is currently working as a Child Welfare & Attendance Administrator for the Woodland Joint Unified School District. Hector was a bilingual classroom teacher for 12 years in grades K-8 and has over 7 years of secondary administrator experience. He has presented at various state and national educational conferences, which addressed gangs in the schools, attendance and interventions with parents and youths.

Leadership Required – Attendance **Really Is That Big of a Deal!** **Session 1 - Lobby Plaza Salon III**

Presenters: Jeff Owen, Division Manager – Operations; Grace Spencer, Division Manager; Rosanne Lascano, Chief Business Officer, School Innovations & Advocacy; Dennis Wiechmann, Ed.D., Director, Child Welfare and Attendance Sanger Unified School District

Presentation: Never has the role of student services been more critical for school districts to reach programmatic and fiduciary obligations than it is now. Numerous studies and data support that attendance has a direct correlation to learning time, students at risk, drop out and graduation rates, and revenue (due to California's Average Daily Attendance funding model). SI&A and Sanger Unified have joined together to address the leadership needed to increase revenues and avoid more cuts. Issues will address where students, both individually and at the group level, are at risk because of attendance and achievement.

Please join in this leadership workshop to improve student attendance through policy development; school site program priorities; and establishing focus on attendance trends, especially, at risk students!

Speaker Information: Jeff Owen is Division Manager, Operations, with School Innovations & Advocacy. He has worked directly with over 300 school districts and has hands-on knowledge of how districts work from the site staff up to Superintendent level. In recent years his focus has been on drop-out prevention and chronic absenteeism. He holds a Bachelors degree in Communications Studies from California State University, Sacramento.

Grace Spencer has been involved in the school industry for more than 16 years and dedicated to helping schools increase attendance and student success. She heads the Attention 2 Attendance Division at School Innovations & Advocacy. Previously she was operations and consulting manager for the mandate division. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business from St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Rosanne Lascano is the Chief Business Officer with the Sanger Unified School District. She has worked in school business for 20 years. Prior to coming to Sanger Unified was in private industry. She holds both a Bachelors in Business Admin and Masters in Education from Fresno State.

Dr. Dennis Wiechmann has been the Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance for Sanger Unified School District since 1999. Previously he was a school psychologist. In his present position he addresses programmatic challenges for at-risk students. Dr. Wiechmann has also overseen the district's SARB and has consistently helped the district maintain an average daily attendance rate of 96%.

Let's End Truancy (aka L.E.T.) Session 1 - Palm Canyon

Presenter: Connie Standley, Deputy District Attorney, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Division

Presentation: The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office created the Let's End Truancy Program to sever the links between truancy, juvenile delinquency and future adult criminality. The Let's End Truancy team does this by attending SARB meetings; referring families to available resources; establishing collaboratives with other agencies; mailing letters to parents; educating the public about the importance of school attendance and as a last resort; prosecuting parents who fail to comply with compulsory education laws.

Speaker Information: Connie Standley has been a Deputy District Attorney for San Bernardino County for 11 years. She has prosecuted gang crimes and homicides. Currently she is assigned to the "Let's End Truancy" unit. Her duties include: attending SARB meetings; enforcing compulsory education laws; and educating the public about the link between truancy and juvenile delinquency.

Preventing and Reducing Bullying and Harassment and Recovering Needed Funding for School Safety Session 1 - Las Palmas

Presenter: Rick Phillips, MS ED, Founder/Executive Director Community Matters

Presentation: Bullying and violence negatively impact school climate and adversely affect schools' budgets. Using "The School Climate Loss and Cost Calculator" find out actual costs and losses associated with incidents of bullying, violence, vandalism, absenteeism and dropping out, and what to do about them. Participants will also explore best-practice strategies for engaging and training diverse student leaders to "break the code of silence", reducing bullying and violence, and creating safer high performing schools.

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Speaker Information: Rick Phillips, founder/Executive Director of Community Matters, a nonprofit organization focused on youth violence-prevention, is a nationally-recognized educator, facilitator, trainer, keynote presenter, and workshop leader. He is the lead author of: *Safe School Ambassadors: Harnessing Student Power to Stop Bullying and Violence* and *Ten Years after Columbine: School Violence-Prevention Report Card.*

CASCWA SOUTHERN SECTION – 2010 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

A special "Thank You" is in order to this year's conference committee. Committee members include:

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Fighting Fire with Fire: The Use of a Multi-Media Webquest in Educating Students about the Dangers and Consequences of Cyberbullying

Session 2 - Lobby Plaza Salon I

Presenter: Elizabeth Brewer, Member, Anti-Bullying Task Force, Culver City Unified School District

Presentation: As the global community connects digitally at an increasing rate, school leaders and other educators must combat the occurrence of cyberbullying. This session will describe the findings of a mixed-methods dissertation study examining the use of a multi-media, constructivist WebQuest in educating middle-school aged students about the dangers and consequences of cyberbullying.

Speaker Information: Elizabeth Brewer is a doctoral candidate in Loyola Marymount University's Educational Leadership for Social Justice program. Her dissertation research focuses on the use of technology to educate students about the dangers and consequences of cyberbullying and she is a member of the Culver City Unified School District's Anti-Bullying Task Force.

Drugs: Signs, Symptoms and Characteristics

Session 2 - Lobby Plaza Salon II

Presenter: Diane Baker, Counselor, Redlands Unified School District

Presentation: Signs and Symptoms of Drug Use is a presentation specifically designed for faculty, staff and parents of high school and middle school students. From marijuana and alcohol to heroin and Ecstasy, students in our schools are experimenting and becoming addicted. Learning to recognize the signs of drug use makes early intervention possible.

Speaker Information: Diane Baker is a counselor in the Redlands Unified School District's Student Services Office where her primary caseload includes students involved with controlled substances, gangs, weapons, homelessness, and foster youth. She chairs the district's Student Attendance Review Board, and is a recognized presenter in the areas of drugs, parenting, grief and bereavement, and crisis intervention.

Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention: What Schools Need to Know to Protect Students and Create Safe School Environments

Session 2 - Lobby Plaza Salon III

Presenters: Mara Madrigal-Weiss, Project Specialist, San Diego County Office of Education; Melanie Culuko, Public Safety Analyst Chula Vista Police Department

Presentation: This presentation will highlight current trends regarding the prevalence of bullying; define direct, indirect and cyberbullying, as well as best practices in bullying prevention and intervention. Prevention and intervention strategies will focus on systemic change in schools and the community. Participants will be provided a review of the Olweus Bully Prevention Program, sample discipline rubrics for school-wide consistency, as well as resources for parents and the community.

Speaker Information: Speaker Information: Mara Madrigal-Weiss is a Project Specialist with the San Diego County Office of Education. Her areas of expertise include implementation of social emotional support programs in schools and violence prevention. Mara has trained school administrators and law enforcement personnel on best practices to identify and address bullying. She is an executive board member of the International Bullying Prevention Association.

Melanie Culuko M.Ed., is a Public Safety Analyst with the Chula Vista Police Department. She has researched a variety of citywide and neighborhood-level crime and disorder problems, including auto theft, juvenile crime, and school bullying. As an Olweus Bullying Prevention Program trainer throughout California and Hawaii she has experience with incorporating law enforcement into bullying prevention programs.



Reminder:

The Palm Springs Street Fair is held in front of the Hyatt Hotel on Thursdays from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

**Connect the Dots - Dropout
Prevention/Recovery.....Non
Profit Organizations**

Session 2 - Palm Canyon

Presenter: Betty Folsom, Director, Child Welfare and Attendance Jurupa Unified School District

Presentation: Those of us in school settings recognize the enormity of the task of helping every student succeed. This session will focus on developing and/or expanding your school district's relationships with community organizations specifically as they relate to high school dropout prevention/recovery.

Speaker Information: Betty Folsom, Director of Child Welfare and Attendance for Jurupa Unified School District, is implementing "Jurupa's Promise", a community dropout prevention initiative. As administrator of the Safe Schools Unit at the Riverside County Office of Education she managed expulsion appeals, inter-district transfer disputes, and coordinated staff development. She is currently serving as Vice President of CASCWA.

**"The Intersection Between Regular
Ed. and Special Ed. Discipline-
When Serving At Risk Students Is
Not 100% Successful"**

Session 2 - Las Palmas

Presenter: Adam Newman, Esq., Atkinson, Adelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Presentation: Serving at risk students at times involves application of disciplinary procedures. What happens when the student is in special education or on a 504 plan? This presentation addresses the overlap and why at risk students deserve heightened attention

Speaker Information: Adam Newman is an equity partner and senior vice president of Atkinson, Adelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. He has been practicing law since 1993 and is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine and the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Mr. Newman specializes in special education, Section 504 and student discipline. He regularly advises disciplinary hearing panels. Mr. Newman and his firm are active presenters and sponsors of CSBA, ACSA and CASCWA conferences and presentations.

LUNCH 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: UPPER LEVEL SUN DECK

THIRD CONFERENCE SESSIONS 1:45 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**Juvenile Pimping and
Prostitution Awareness**

Session 3 - Lobby Plaza Salon I

Presenters: Detective James Hunter, Member Innocence Lost Task Force; Sergeant Bill Woods, Member Innocence Lost Task Force San Diego Police Vice Unit

Presentation: This is a presentation by law enforcement experts on pimping and prostitution. It focuses on trends, practices and warning signs of domestic human trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in our schools and communities. The goal is to raise awareness and give the audience the knowledge to recognize and the confidence to properly react to these indicators.

Speaker Information: Detective James Hunter has been on the San Diego police department for nearly seventeen years. Prior to his assignment in the

Police Vice Unit he worked patrol in various parts of the city. He has also held assignments as a SWAT sniper and has been a member of the Gang Suppression and Beach Enforcement Teams. He is a member of the Innocence Lost Task Force.

Sergeant Bill Woods is a twenty-eight year veteran of the San Diego Police Department and has held investigative positions in Gangs, Narcotics, Special Investigations and Internal Affairs. He has supervised teams in patrol, Juvenile Services, Beach Enforcement, Air Support and now the Vice Unit. He is a member of the Innocence Lost Task Force. This session will be repeated at 3:15.

**DA Group Mediation -- Effectively
Engaging & Educating**
Session 3 - Lobby Plaza Salon II

Presenters: Raquel Marquez, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney's Office;

Michael C. W. Wong, Coordinator of Student Assistance Programs, Palm Springs Unified School District

Presentation: Individual District Attorney SARB Mediations require at least a half-hour time commitment per family. Given limited resources, Riverside County has found it beneficial to conduct large scale District Attorney Group Mediations which effectively address up to 200 families at a time. Working collaboratively, the school district organizes the event and the District Attorney's Office makes the presentation. Districts report that most families have much improved attendance after the event. Families that fail to attend or whose children continue to have poor attendance are referred to other district interventions or into the traditional SARB process.

Speaker Information: Raquel Marquez, Senior Deputy District Attorney (Riverside County), is currently assigned to the Juvenile Division as a community prosecutor. She collaborates with county and local government agencies, law enforcement, schools and private community service organizations to address juvenile delinquency and to promote crime prevention efforts, and is working to establish the *Truancy & Safe Schools Court*.

Michael C.W. Wong is Coordinator of Student Assistance Programs and District SARB Chairperson for the Palm Springs Unified School District. Mr. Wong has been an elementary and middle school counselor and an administrator in Pupil Personnel Services. He assists in the supervision of the district Community Liaison Team that has been recognized as an effective strategy in combating truancy and drop outs.

Cybercrime: Do You Know Where Your Children Are?

Session 3 - Lobby Plaza Salon III

Presenter: Tracy Webb, Senior Trial Deputy Crime Prevention and Youth Policy Division Los Angeles County City Attorney's Office

Presentation: An interactive workshop providing an overview of the dangers of cybercrime to children including internet predators, sexting, cyberbullying and current social and legal implications of social networking sites and other relevant technology issues.

Speaker Information: Tracy Webb, is the senior trial deputy in charge of the Crime Prevention and Youth Policy Division in the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. An Emmy winning producer/director of a documentary film on gang violence, she has also

produced a host of films and Public Service Announcements on child abuse and cybercrime. She is dedicated to prosecuting criminals and supporting those victimized by crime.

Model SARB Program

Session 3 - Palm Canyon

Presenters: Jane Claar, SARB Chair, Tracey Wiltshire; SARB Chair Twin Rivers Unified School District

Presentation: This session features one of the six Model SARB programs recognized at the state CASCWA conference in May. As State Schools Chief stated in announcing the winners, "I am delighted to recognize educators and community members who are collaborating to help students who are at risk of dropping out."

Speaker Information: Jane Claar has extensive Preschool through Adult Education experience as a School Counselor, Principal, and Child Welfare Attendance (CWA) Coordinator. As a CWA Coordinator in the Twin Rivers District, the McKinney-Vento homeless program, Foster Youth services, and all facets of SARB and truancy are her responsibilities. Jane is also a Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commissioner in Sacramento County.

With 23 years experience as a School Counselor and Child Welfare and Attendance Coordinator, Tracey Wiltshire is actively involved in all aspects of attendance processes including SARB, McKinney-Vento and Foster Youth in the Student Services realm within the Twin Rivers Unified School District. Before entering the field of education, Tracey worked in mental health and probation arenas.

Academic Acceleration and Recovery Center (AARC)

Session 3 - Las Palmas

Presenters: Kelly Minnehan, Attorney at Law, Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost LLP; Duane Coleman, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Oceanside Unified School District

Presentation: The Academic Acceleration and Recovery Center (AARC) programs serve students who wish to accelerate their education in order to graduate early, as well as serving at-risk students, who are struggling or who have fallen behind, in order to recapture credits and ultimately graduate from high school. Prepare to ask these respected education professionals questions specific to your needs.

Speaker Information: Kelly R. Minnehan, Attorney at Law, is a senior associate in Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost's San Diego area office, and has worked in the education arena throughout her legal career. She represents and advises school boards and administrators on a variety of legal matters affecting public education. She is member of the law firm's Student & Special Education Practice Group.

Duane Coleman, Ed.D., is the Associate Superintendent of Education Services for the Oceanside Unified School District. In this capacity, Dr. Coleman oversees the District's K-12 direction and success in myriad areas including curriculum and instruction, student services, and special education support services.

FOURTH CONFERENCE SESSIONS 3:15 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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Vulnerable Populations – Sexual Minority Youth & School Bullying Session 4 - Lobby Plaza Salon II

Presenter: Judy Chiasson, Ph.D., Human Relations, Diversity and Equity, Los Angeles Unified School District

Presentation: "Bullycide" has been added to the educational community's lexicon in response to suicides that have been linked to bullying. Certain populations are particularly vulnerable to the effects of school bullying and harassment. This workshop will address the tragedy of "bullycide" with a special focus on one of our schools most vulnerable populations – gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. Specific recommendations will be offered to help school districts create safe and affirming campuses.

Speaker Information: Judy Chiasson is an educator, researcher and writer. As part of Human Relations, Diversity and Equity in Los Angeles Unified School District, she is a voice of LGBTQ concerns for a district of 800,000 students. Dr. Chiasson is also a founder of Gays and Lesbians Initiating Dialogue for Equality (GLIDE), a speakers' bureau that conducts over 250 workshops per year about sexual orientation and gender identity.

We Don't Tolerate Bullying at Our School! Session 4 - Lobby Plaza Salon III

Presenter: Deborah Thorne, Conflict Resolution Specialist, Kids First Conflict Resolution and Training Services

Presentation: Bullying is serious. As many as 160,000 students stay home on any given day because they are afraid of being bullied. Children kill other children because of bullying and children kill themselves, too. Statistics show an incidence of bullying occurs every 7 minutes and adults intervene only 4% of the time. And bullying isn't just child's play, 37% adults report being bullied in the workplace. In a high energy environment, participants will learn the four categories of bullying and its detriment to the bully, victim and community. They will examine the Bully Triangle and learn which strategies actually work and which don't. Participants will leave with a written plan of action for creating a bully-free environment.

Speaker Information: Deborah Thorne is a certified mediator and proficient trainer in anti-bullying strategies and has written guides for students, parents and educators on the subject. She has presented at the California Charter School Association, California League of Middle Schools, California League of High Schools, Council of Black Administrators, California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance and Office of Charter Schools Conferences.

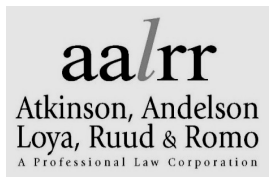
Cyberspace Misconduct – How Districts Can Help Themselves by Educating Parents Session 4 - Palm Canyon

Presenter: Maria Hwang de Bravo, Consultant II, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Presentation: Schools and districts are increasingly forced to respond to students' misuse of technology on and off campus, in particular as it relates to cyberbullying and sexting. One of the ways to help address the rising concerns over cyberspace misconduct is to work collaboratively with parents. Participants will be able to use the resources and presentation materials (provided in English and Spanish) from this workshop to provide parent education immediately upon return to their schools and districts.

Speaker Information: Maria Hwang de Bravo is a Child Welfare and Attendance Consultant for the Los Angeles County Office of Education. She provides support and training to school districts, parents, and students as it relates to the California Education

CASCWA Reception: Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo are hosting a "President's" reception in the "Share Restaurant" on Thursday evening, 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. for all conference attendees. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and there will be a "no host" bar. ANewman@aalrr.com



Code and other laws affecting student services and school administration. She has served as a Director of Pupil Services and a high school associate principal

How to Understand and Implement a Successful Truancy Prevention Program Session 4 - Las Palmas

Presenter: Kristen Byrdsong, Attorney in Charge, Truancy Prosecution & Prevention, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office

Presentation: The Los Angeles City Attorney's Truancy Prosecution and Prevention Program (TPP) combats truancy through collaborative efforts with several agencies including, the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles School Police Department and the Los Angeles Superior Court. TPP serves at risk students by educating these students and their parents about the importance of school attendance. Learn the tools, strategies and best practices to implement truancy prevention in your respective district.

Speaker Information: Kristen Byrdsong is a fourteen-year veteran prosecutor with the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. She has been the Deputy City Attorney-in-Charge of Truancy Prevention since 2002. Kristen is a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program at the University of Michigan, Spelman College and the Study Abroad Institute of Syracuse, Strasbourg, France.



Friday, October 1, 2010

**7:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast Co-Sponsored by:
"Dannis Woliver Kelly" jcooksey@dwkesq.com**

FIFTH CONFERENCE SESSIONS 8:00 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.

SEXTING: A Criminal Teen Trend Session 5 - Lobby Plaza Salon I

Presenters: Clark Morrow, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator; Deputy Frank Navarro, Public Affairs Division, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

Presentation: This high-powered and up-to-date multimedia presentation on all aspects of this recent phenomenon, including case histories, legal concerns, cyberbullying connections, victim impact studies, and more. Some middle schools report sexting is their no. 1 problem – this workshop will

give you the tools for tackling it, whether you're the School Resource Officer (SRO), the administrator or a concerned parent. Interactive and packed with data, this workshop is the latest word on a growing technological challenge.

Speaker Information: Clark Morrow is the Crime Prevention Program Coordinator with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department where he is a thirteen-year veteran. He is responsible for the school safety program Operation CleanSWEEP. He has accumulated a great deal of expertise on related juvenile issues, including cyberbullying, active shooter scenarios, youth drug trends, and other school security topics.

Deputy Frank Navarro of the Public Affairs Division of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department runs the Juvenile Intervention Program. It's a one-day program designed for youth who are in need of intervention and for their parents. The juveniles are provided with a tour of the Coroner's Division, and are escorted through jail, eat jail food, and listen to inmate speakers provide testimonials of their lives. This session is to be repeated at 9:30.

SARB and Gangs: How SARB Supports the Gang Prevention and Intervention Program

Session 5 - Lobby Plaza Salon II

Presenters: Victor C. Thompson, Ed.D., Director, Division of Student Support Services; Ray Vincent, Project Director III, Community Health and Safe Schools Unit, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Presentation: The School Attendance Review Board (SARB) is a multi-agency collaborative board that addresses the complex problem of truancy. Some of the factors contributing to gang membership and antisocial behavior can be targeted in the home, the community, and school. Truancy is often a common denominator among gang involved youth. This presentation will provide the audience with an understanding of how to use SARB strategies to support the gang prevention and intervention process.

Speaker Information: Victor C. Thompson, Ed.D. Director, Student Support Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, has served as a high school and alternative education assistant principal of attendance and discipline, and school district director of student services. He is the former CASCWA Southern Section President.

Ray Vincent, Project Director III, Community Health & Safe Schools Unit, Division of Student Support

Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education has served as a principal, school psychologist, and director of student services. He is an adjunct university professor, and active on the CASCWA Southern Section Board.

Getting a Grip

Session 5 - Lobby Plaza Salon III

Presenter: Elizabeth J. Rho-Ng, Attorney at Law; Dannis Woliver Kelley, Disproportionate Minority Contact Regional Training Project

Presentation: In this session the presenter will review local educational agency responsibility to protect students in the agency's care as well as legal liability for agency personnel when serving students with serious behaviors. The session will provide an overview of the laws, regulations, and cases addressing behavior management for special education students, addressing topics such as behavioral emergencies, restraints and seclusion, and discipline. The presenter will provide best practices for promoting safety of students and staff and preventing liability

Speaker Information: Elizabeth J. Rho-Ng is a Shareholder and is the chair of the special education and student issues group with the law firm of Dannis Woliver Kelley. She previously served as a Staff Attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She has presented across the state and provided trainings for school staff and administrators on topics ranging from special education discipline to student-on-student sexual harassment.

Model SARB Program

Session 5 - Palm Canyon

Presenters: Mike Cobarrubias, SARB Chair, Dr. Angel Gallardo, SARB Chair, Montebello Unified School District

Presentation: This session features one of the six Model SARB programs recognized at the state CASCWA conference in May. As State Schools Chief stated in announcing the winners, "I am delighted to recognize educators and community members who are collaborating to help students who are at risk of dropping out."

Speaker Information: Michael Cobarrubias, Director of Pupil and Community Services Division in the Montebello Unified School District, also serves as the co-chairperson of the district SARB. Mr. Cobarrubias has served as a high school teacher, adult school teacher, coach, attendance supervisor, assistant principal, coordinator of pupil and community services, and executive director of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant.

Dr. Angel Gallardo is the coordinator of pupil and community services division and is the co-chairperson of the SARB for the Montebello Unified School District. He has served as a high school teacher, counselor, and assistant principal, as well as elementary, middle school, and high school principal; director of student support services; coordinator for career education; and coordinator of alternative education.

Safety Net to Graduation...A Unified Approach to Reduce Drop Outs Session 5 - Las Palmas

Presenters: Jane Mills, Director of Child Welfare and Attendance; Michael C. W. Wong, Coordinator of Student Assistance Programs, Palm Springs Unified School District

Presentation: This session will illustrate how a school district can unify its efforts to address attendance and the dropout rate through collaboration efforts from the superintendent, business services, technology services, educational services and pupil services. As a result of the unified approach to address attendance and dropout rate

issues Palm Springs Unified School District decreased their dropout rate from 21% to 13% and increased the attendance rate by one percent in one year. The efforts in year two of the project will be discussed regarding the identifying of "essential students" & developing strategies to help the potential drop out student to succeed.

Speaker Information: Jane Mills is the Director of Child Welfare & Attendance, Palm Springs Unified School District. She is also an adjunct instructor with California State University, San Bernardino and a consultant with the Anderson Children's Foundation. Ms. Mills is a key district member working with the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) DAIT to establish strategies in addressing student drop out and graduation rates.

Michael C.W. Wong is Coordinator of Student Assistance Programs and District SARB Chairperson for the Palm Springs Unified School District. Mr. Wong has been an elementary and middle school counselor and an administrator in Pupil Personnel Services. He assists in the supervision of the district Community Liaison Team that has been recognized as an effective strategy in combating truancy and drop outs.

SIXTH CONFERENCE SESSIONS 9:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

SEXTING: A Criminal Teen Trend Session 6 - Lobby Plaza Salon I

Presenters: Clark Morrow, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator; Deputy Frank Navarro, Public Affairs Division, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

Presentation: This high-powered and up-to-date multimedia presentation on all aspects of this recent phenomenon, including case histories, legal concerns, cyberbullying connections, victim impact studies, and more. Some middle schools report sexting is their no. 1 problem – this workshop will give you the tools for tackling it, whether you're the School Resource Officer (SRO), the administrator or a concerned parent. Interactive and packed with data, this workshop is the latest word on a growing technological challenge.

Speaker Information: Clark Morrow is the Crime Prevention Program Coordinator with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department where he is a thirteen-year veteran. He is responsible for the school safety program Operation CleanSWEEP. He has accumulated a great deal of expertise on related juvenile issues, including cyberbullying, active shooter

scenarios, youth drug trends, and other school security topics.

Deputy Frank Navarro of the Public Affairs Division of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department runs the Juvenile Intervention Program. It's a one-day program designed for youth who are in need of intervention and for their parents. The juveniles are provided with a tour of the Coroner's Division, and are escorted through jail, eat jail food, and listen to inmate speakers provide testimonials of their lives.

Blue Tent: Student Retention/Drop Recovery System Session 6 - Lobby Plaza Salon II

Presenter: Randy Orzalli, Retired Educator, Founder, Blue Tent System

Summary: The "Blue Tent Student Retention/Dropout Recovery System" monitors transient students and ensures interventions to keep them in school. The presentation will show how schools and districts can respond to the new SB 219 API accountability for transient dropouts by establishing a "Blue Tent" data base, which in turn, will allow them to recover lost instructional time and attendance funding.

Speaker Information: Randy Orzalli is a retired school administrator and teacher from the Grant Union School District which was recently re-organized to the Twin Rivers Unified School District. Through his presentation he shows how CALPADS can be used to hold schools accountable for transient dropouts but is not effective at providing timely attendance data for intervention. He is the founder of Blue Tent Systems, a Student Retention and Dropout Recovery System.

My Child Needs a ParaEducator: Avoiding Disputes with Data Driven Decisions

Session 6 - Lobby Plaza Salon III

Presenter: John Caliso, Ph.D., Director of Special Services, Franklin Lakes School District, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

Presentation: Requests are growing by parents, educators and attorneys believing students need ParaEducators to achieve success in general education classes; challenging directors and IEP Teams to make reasonable decisions on allocating resources. This case study will review: the systematic Multi-Disciplinary Team approach, allocating ParaEducators resources, consultation, support and intervention.

Speaker Information: Dr. John Caliso, Director of Special Services at Franklin Lakes School District, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, has worked in the education field for thirty-six years. He earned his Doctorate in Child Clinical Psychology and maintains a private practice to serve children, adolescents, families and adults. He has published articles on many topics including psychological implications of learning disabilities and lectures at conferences.

Model SARB Program Session 6 - Palm Canyon

Presenters: Terry Gendreau, SARB Chair, Bellflower Unified School District; James Monico, SARB Chair, Paramount Unified School District

Presentation: This session features one of the six Model SARB programs recognized at the state CASCWA conference in May. As State Schools Chief stated in announcing the winners, "I am delighted to recognize educators and community members who are collaborating to help students who are at risk of dropping out."

Speaker Information: Terry Gendreau has worked for Bellflower Unified School District for 28 years, and has been the Child Welfare and Attendance Officer for the

past 12 years. She is also the Co-chairperson for SARB 20B, the only SARB in California to have been recognized twice as a State Model SARB.

James V. Monico, Director of Student Services, Paramount Unified School District, started his educational career in 1975 at Paramount High School. His previous positions were as Principal of Paramount High School for ten years, four years as an assistant principal, and nineteen years as a teacher. He represents his district on the SARB Board.

Romero Open Enrollment Act Session 6 - Las Palmas

Presenter(s): Sherman Garnett, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; Coleen Alton, Chino Valley Unified School District; Tom Loomis, Hesperia Unified School District

Presentation: The recently enacted Romero Open Enrollment Act (SBX 5 4) has numerous implications for all school districts statewide. This session will review the new requirements with which affected school districts must comply when accepting students under the new law. The presenters will provide a roundtable forum with sample letters policies and procedures for review.

Speaker Information: Sherman Garnett is the Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. He is the President of CASCWA Southern Section and former state president. Sherman is a veteran thirty-five year educator who annually updates written two manual related to suspension/expulsion and student records. Additionally, he is an adjunct professor of school law at Cal State San Bernardino.

Colleen Alton is the Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance for the Chino Valley USD. (ADA 32,000) Previous to her appointment Coleen served as assistant principal at Don Lugo High School and Director of Safety and Security for the Chino Valley Unified School District. Additionally, Coleen and her husband are active participant in the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept Volunteer Search and Rescue Team.

Tom Loomis has been the Director of Student Services of the Hesperia USD (ADA 20,000) for the past seven years. Under Tom's leadership, Hesperia USD became a state recipient of the Model SARB Award for the 2009-2010 school. Tom is also an executive board member of the High Desert of San Bernardino County Gangs and Drugs Task Force and most recently completed a three year term as the ACSA San Bernardino County Representative to the Pupil Services and Special Education Council.

SEVENTH CONFERENCE SESSIONS 11:00 A.M. - 12:15 A.M.

Data Driven Instructional Decisions Across Settings: Staff Collaboration Equals Student Success

Session 7 - Lobby Plaza Salon I

Presenters: Amanda Burnett, Director of the South Carolina Turnaround Schools Initiative; Thomas Guyer, President, Winsor Learning, Inc.

Description: Student Success is a simple goal, but implementation is a complex task. General and Special Educators nationwide have invested time and resources trying to establish effective, data-driven instruction. This session will share a field tested process; aiding educators in collaboration, aligning programs and workflow so instruction meets students' needs. Participants will be able to walk away from the session with an outline of the methodology to begin reorganizing in their school/district.

Speaker Information: Before being named to her current position with Winsor Learning, she was at the SC Department of Education. Ms. Burnette has brought national and international attention to the plight of rural schools in the South through her work as a Turnaround Principal Specialist. Her passion and determination to promote equality in educational opportunities for all students, regardless of where they live and attend school, garnered the attention of President Obama in his two trips to JV Martin Junior High School in Dillon, SC. Subsequently, he invited student Ty'Sheoma Bethea, who penned a moving letter to the President about the deplorable conditions at her school, to join the First Lady in the gallery at the State of the Union Address in 2009. Burnette has built relationships with philanthropists and business people from around the world who share in her quest to educate all students.

Thomas Guyer is the President of Winsor Learning, the publisher of the Sondag System product line. The company specializes in professional development and materials for reading intervention solutions Pre K-12. He works with schools and districts across the country to improve their intervention models with and without the use of Winsor products.

Safe Schools: Utilizing Youth Development Strategies to Address Racism, Gangs, Violence and Bullying

Session 7 - Lobby Plaza Salon II

Presenters: John Vandenburg, Executive Board Member, California School Resource Officers Association; Michael C. W. Wong, Coordinator of Student Assistance Programs, Palm Springs Unified School District

Presentation: This session will examine a unique approach to a student leadership model which gathers critical student behavior data through the use of pro-social bonding activities. Participants will learn a powerful tool which will enable them to not only identify the social norm behaviors of their campus, but will show them how a youth leadership model can address these norms and have input into the outcomes. Participants will learn the 15 youth development constructs of effective school programs, as well as experience hands on some of the pro social bonding activities outlined in this youth leadership model. Actual student data will be analyzed and discussion will focus on how CWA can utilize youth leadership in addressing the behavior.

Speaker Information: John Vandenburg is the author of the Peer Leaders Uniting Students (PLUS) Program, an innovative approach to developing a system for schools to implement Youth Development components, and the creator of the Internet Safety Software CyberBully Alert. As a member of the California Department of Education's Gang Task Force he helped develop the Getting Results Update on Gang Violence.

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Understanding the Impact of Disabilities on the Discipline Decision

Session 7 - Lobby Plaza Salon III

Presenter: Adam Newman, Esq., Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Presentation: Not all disabilities are the same. Some disabilities, particularly as they relate to discipline, require added care and attention. How and when a school district or county office implements a disciplinary decision depends greatly on the manifestation determination process and resources available to disabled students subject to suspension and expulsion.

Speaker Information: Adam Newman is an equity partner and senior vice president of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo. He has been practicing law since 1993 and is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine and the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Mr. Newman specializes in special education, Section 504 and student discipline. He regularly advises disciplinary hearing panels. Mr. Newman and his firm are active presenters and sponsors of CSBA, ACSA and CASCWA conferences and presentations.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Regional Training Project Session 7 - Palm Canyon

Presenters: Rita Cameron-Wedding, Ph.D., Project Director; Courtney Warfield-Gibbs, MSW, Project Outreach Coordinator, California Disproportionate Minority Contact Regional Training Project

Presentation: The primary goal of the Regional Training Project (RTP) is to provide Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) training and education to reduce the potential of bias in decision-making related to disciplinary actions. Because decisions that impact student outcomes occur at many different decision points stakeholders from youth-serving agencies such as education, juvenile justice, law enforcement, mental health, child welfare as well as parents will be invited to participate in the training and activities of the RTP. This interdisciplinary approach is crucial to improving DMC outcomes.

Speaker Information: Rita Cameron Wedding, Ph.D., is the Project Director of the Disproportionate Contact Regional Training Project. As the Chair of the department of Women's Studies and a professor of Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies at Sacramento State University, her scholarship focuses on race, gender and social class disparities in institutions like child welfare, education, and juvenile justice.

Courtney Warfield-Gibbs, Project Outreach Coordinator with the Disproportionate Minority Contact Regional Training Project, is an experienced human services social worker, counselor, and trainer. Having worked in multiple regions across the country within the child welfare industry, she has gained vast experience working with culturally diverse populations.

Restorative Justice for Schools Session 7 - Las Palmas

Presenter: Michael Richards, Child Welfare and Attendance, San Bernardino City Unified School District; Roosevelt Lett, CEO, Fountain of Life, Inc

Presentation: Juvenile crime is reconciled by bridging best practices with institutional change. While

campus misbehavior is inevitable, the functioning of at-risk youth suffers without successful school reintegration. Institutional culture at the school level improves with the implementation of social-emotional competency development and balanced reintegrative processes. Presentation will review empirically-based approaches and restorative interventions to promote sustainable change in institutions.

Speaker Information: Michael Richards, Jr. holds a Child Welfare and Attendance position with San Bernardino City Unified School District Youth Services Division. He serves on the State Student Attendance and Review Board as a liaison for California Teacher's Association, conducts motivational speaking and seminars on juvenile justice, and heads educational consultancy ReIntegration 360, LLC.

Roosevelt Lett founded the non-profit agency Fountain of Life, Inc., in 2000. The organization was created with special emphasis to appeal to at-risk youth to encourage them to view their current quandary as an opportunity for evaluation, reflection, and restoration. As a full-time restorative justice practitioner, Roosevelt continues to promote Restorative Justice efforts throughout California with the passage of AB 114 and Federal Legislation HR 4286 Restorative Justice for Schools Act (2009).

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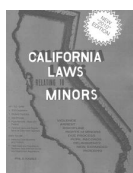
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