



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT 2022



September 2022

EVENT OVERVIEW

During the first week of August 2022, ACPD's Community Programs Division and the Center of Reentry Excellence (CORE) hosted our annual Back to School Event and Resource Fair to help clients and their families prepare for the first day of school. We provided clients and their families with backpacks, lunch bags, water bottles, binders, notebooks, planners, and writing utensils. One event was held in Oakland at the Black Cultural Zone and the other event was held at Weekes Park in Hayward.

This year, we focused on creating a space that was community-centered so that clients and their families could connect with a variety of local resources to meet their needs. We secured the participation of 20 different community partners throughout Alameda County for both events who offered resources in child care, mental health, health education, child support services, educational opportunities, and more!

One of our objectives was to support family reunification, so clients were highly encouraged to bring their children and family to join them at this event. In Oakland, there was a skating space where clients and their families were able to rollerblade. One client shared, "It was a good event and you guys helped me out! My daughters enjoyed it and had a lot of fun rollerblading." -D.A.

These events would not have been possible without the assistance of staff volunteers, including the Community Programs Team, DPOs, AFS Leadership Personnel, CORE, and others. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the volunteers who supported us with this event by checking in clients, handing out school supplies, and engaging with our clients, their families, and community members.



EVENT IMPACT

68 Clients & community members participated in our Back to School Event

136 Backpacks were provided to clients and other community members

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

For our community engagement events, we make sure that we are intentional and truly value the client experience, as well as to support the local economy. We supported a local family-owned and female led business, Blaisdell's Business Products, and purchased the majority of our backpacks and school supplies from here. For our event in Oakland, we collaborated with the Black Cultural Zone's Wellness Wednesday at Liberation Park, a space in East Oakland that is led by and centers the Black Community.

For our event in Hayward, we hosted it in Weekes Park, which is centrally located in a Spanish-speaking community. We rented out tables and chairs, and purchased food for this event from local vendors.





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Community Partners

- 211 Alameda County*
- AC Child Support *
- AC Healthy Homes
- AC Library-Social Justice Services *
- AC Nutrition Services
- AC Transportation Commission
- Asian Support Prisoner Support Group *
- Eden Church
- El Puente Comunitario
- East Bay Agency for Children (EBAC)
- Hayward Youth & Family Services Bureau
- Help Me Grow/First 5 AC *
- La Familia
- La Familia UIY
- Northern Alameda Adult Education Collective
- Oakland Public Library
- One Degree*
- National Alliance of Mental Illness AC (South)*
- The Lawrence Hall of Science
- The Primary School
- Tiburcio Vazquez Health Center

*Participated in both Oakland and in Hayward

ACPD Volunteers

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- DPO J. Romero
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- Specialist J. Wilson
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- J. Rivera
- M. Rutledge

Community Programs Team

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- Janene Grigsby
- Corrine Lee
- Joey Mason
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- Alexa Young
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- Rachel Ragas
- Gina Temporal

