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Juvenile Justice Champions



Congratulations to Rosita Cerda, this month's Liberty Resources Juvenile Justice Champion. Rosita consistently works to support her families to achieve the best outcomes possible for them. She recognizes their strengths and uses their areas of need to identify what services are a perfect fit for them. Over the last nine years, since Liberty Resources has been teaming up with JJC here in Nueces County, Rosita has reached out to MST and ACS to effectively meet the needs in the community for the youth on her workload. She is such an advocate and a positive influence for her youth and caregivers. Thank you Rosita for being a Champion for the youth in our area!

Did you know . . .

Over 40 prizes were donated to honor our JPOs at the 2nd Annual JPO Appreciation Event "County Fair"

Congrats to all our winners!!!

County Fair with JPO Flair!

Contributed by: Jade Gebhardt, Office Manager

A Cake Walk, Ring Toss, Ducks, Bean Bags, and a Cornhole Tournament...what does this represent? All the amazing ways our JPOs had fun at the 2nd Annual JPO Appreciation Event "County Fair"! Liberty Resources Family Services, Inc. was ecstatic to see JPOs from near and far at the event held Friday, October 19, 2018. It was also thrilling to have Judge Timothy McCoy and Judge Martha Huerta present to judge our Pie Eating Contest. Ty Goodwin whipped the competition and walked away with our Tito's Prize Box!

We are so lucky to have received over \$2000 in prizes to be awarded to our JPOs that work hard and play hard. It is always so wonderful to witness our community supporting the Juvenile Probation Officers that serve the local youth and families. Thank you to everyone that attended the event, as well as those that put in time and effort to make it a success. You are appreciated!!! [Check out the Slideshow!](#)

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) Success Story

Contributed by: Liz Bodiford, MST Therapist

MST serviced a female youth struggling with low self-confidence along with verbal and physical aggression at school, which affected her relationship with her sibling and reputation with peers and school personnel. MST anchored on Mom's strengths of willingness to learn, high follow through, and her ability to always be positive and strength focused. Throughout treatment this youth learned how to understand sequences, to activate coping skills when needed, and started to recognize her own self-worth. Today, this youth has returned to a non-alternative high school where she is well-liked by peers and staff, active in school events, and has set a goal to graduate. According to Mom, their family had the best summer in many years because of the changes in their home. This youth has been successfully released from probation!

ACS/PDFRP Success Story

Contributed by: Kristyn Bunt, PD/FRP Treatment Specialist

It is always inspiring to see a youth turn their life around and grow closer to their family. The success of this large family was due to the changes the family was able to implement to ensure that the youth and community were safe. Initially, the caretaker had difficulty recognizing how much of a support she was to her family and the impact she had on her children. Mom felt she had tried everything to keep the youth from getting into trouble and that he was nearly an adult compared to her other children. Over time, however, she became extremely proactive and we were able to leverage the positive attitude she exhibited from the start. There was great improvement between Mom and son, as well as in family functioning. Tears were shed when the family was closed out, but Mom is always excited to share their continuing progress at follow-ups. What a success!