

North Valley Viewpoints and Issues April through June 2008

North Valley Viewpoints is produced by KNVN. This 30 minute program is to inform our local community of issues or programs that affect our area. North Valley Viewpoints is normally scheduled to air Sundays at 5 a.m. and occasionally airs elsewhere as needed.

Topic: Stairways Recovery and Club Stairways. Interviewed Mike Little, Executive Director of Stairways, and Sal Ventura with Butte County Behavioral Health. We talked about the Stairways Recovery program, serving adults with mental health issues...mostly with housing. Also a new program working to kick-start, providing daytime support ... a drop in center, also helping with employment and feeling part of a community. Proven model used internationally that results in reduced crime and homelessness, among other things.

Topic: Foster Families Needed. Interviewed Sarah Frohock, Director of Foster Services for Youth for Change, and Carrie Carpenter, a Foster Parent. Discussed why kids end up in foster care, the numbers locally, need for foster parents, reward, support, etc...

Topic: Elder Abuse. Interviewed Jim Livingston with Adult Protective Services and Collette Lavelle, with the Lake College Elder Abuse Awareness Campaign. Role of Adult Protective Services, Types of Abuse, signs to watch for, growing problem of medication and financial theft. Lake College partnering by educating care providers.

Topic: Torres Shelter and the Chico Community Shelter Partnership. Interviewed Tom Purdue, Acting Director, and Becky Rivera, a social worker at the shelter about who they serve, what happens at the shelter...who's allowed, for how long, services to help break the cycle, community support.

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Topic: Esplanade House Transitional Shelter Program for Homeless Families. Interviewed Program Director Gloria Rodgers and long time Board of Directors member Lynne Bussey. Talked about the program and who it serves, goal of helping families become self sufficient and find and maintain permanent housing. Also talked about the Butte County Meth Strike force and methamphetamine addiction...as 90 percent of the residents in Esplanade House program are in recovery for meth addiction. Explored opportunities to support the program as well.

Topic: Homeless Youth Shelter/Drop-In Center. Interviewed Director of Homeless Youth Programs, for Youth for Change, as well as Behavioral Health Supervisor and an Outreach worker about homeless and runaway youth in Butte County, and new Center they can turn to for help.

Topic: Butte Youth Now, Computers for Classrooms, Analog TV Switch to Digital. Interviewed Jeremy Wilson, Coordinator of "Butte Youth Now", a program within Butte County's Department of Behavioral Health Prevention Unit. Works with local youth to promote alternatives to drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. Second segment was a feature report on the Computers for Classrooms program in Chico. Refurbishes donated computers and sells them at low prices to low income families and non profits. Also an E waste collection site. Third segment featured a special report about the 2009 television signal switch from analog to digital, and how it will affect television owners and users, and the industry.

Topic: Methamphetamine Crisis/Child Abuse & Rape Crisis Intervention. We interviewed author of new book "America's Choice America's Shame", James Bettencourt of Orland. Father who has been advocate for prevention and education since son overdosed from meth at age 15. Talks about problems/solutions/signals parents should watch for. Second and third segments of show interviewed a counselor with Rape Crisis about sexual abuse, victims, offenders, and services.

KNVN also regularly covers issues affecting communities in our viewing area during daily news broadcasts. Our early morning "Wake Up" show includes interviews with community leaders and agencies about various programs, issues and events throughout the North State.