

Harmony At Home Quarterly Partner Newsletter



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Ending violence. Building families.

**3rd Quarter
2020
(October-December)**

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Bullying Prevention

- We are working with Sun Street Centers, the City of Salinas, Rancho Cielo, & Hidden Hills Ranch to plan virtual activities for Pink Shirt Day on Feb 24, 2020. Stay tuned!
- We are starting a special video project for 4th, 5th, & 6th graders at Laurelwood Elementary to encourage students to report bullying to adults.
- To support bullying prevention at home, we are in the process of creating two training videos (in English and Spanish) that schools can share with parents. The videos will include tips on how to engage in conversations with kids regarding bullying and how to safely respond to it.
- We are interested in partnering with organizations to promote cyberbullying prevention education for parents as well as safe internet practices for families with children and teens. If interested, please reach out to pinkie@harmony-at-home.org.

Children 1st

- We are actively accepting referrals for parents and children who may benefit from our classes, which are now free to any families who are at or below the poverty line.
- In January we will be starting an ongoing 10 week support group for parents who are graduates of the program.
- For additional information, please reach out to jonathan@harmony-at-home.org

Community Counseling

- We are excited about our recent partnership with Washington Union School District. We began providing counseling services at their 3 schools in November 2020.
- We are continuing to accept referrals through the District Attorney's Victims of Crime program. With new counselors on board, we are hoping to serve more clients through this partnership.

Sticks & Stones

- Our program has continued to grow with services being offered at several new schools.
- Our counselors have noted that virtual sessions have increased opportunities to engage not just with the student, but with other family members as well.

Teen Success, Inc.

- We had huge success with expanding TSI in South County and are now serving 10 members there. Salinas continues to thrive serving 15 members.
- As we see increased mental health strains on our members who are also craving social interactions during distance learning, our Advocates continue to create fun virtual experiences and safe physical spaces (obeying County Health COVID protocols) for members to interact.
- Graduates of the TSI program who are pursuing post-secondary education are now able to return to continue receiving coaching through certificate/degree completion.
- We are looking for any alternative GED or post-secondary programs that are available for Spanish speaking students. Please reach out to bethashley@harmony-at-home.org for more information.

Agency Highlights:

- We have not only thrived during distance learning, but have been able to expand our services to even more schools and community partners!
- In late September we welcomed Christina Wright as Harmony At Home's new Program Director.
- Three of our staff members have been actively involved in two learning groups around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Cultural Relevance and Humility. We look forward to exploring how to apply these learnings to the work of our organization.



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