



PARTNERS IN ACTION
BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY FROM ASSESSMENT TO CHANGE

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take a tour of our facilities.*

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

David Maron is the vice chair of the Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA), a regional organization focused on preserving the quality of life in Ventura County. David is the co-chair of the VCCA committee that produces the State of the Region Report every two years. This report contains over 70 charts on life in Ventura County.

David is an active member of the League of Women Voters and is a frequent moderator of candidate debates, town halls, public forums and other events. He also owns Maron Computer Services, a developer of software for health insurance companies.

Dr. Jamshid Damooei is Professor and Chair of Department of Economics and Director of the Center for the Study of Economics of Social Issues at California Lutheran University. His research on investing in children has resulted in the publication of multiple pioneering studies regarding children in a number of states and metropolitan areas. These reports include a strong emphasis on the impact of socio-economic status (SES) on children's academic performance and social behavior. Dr. Damooei is also the principal researcher for the Ventura County Civic Alliance's State of the Region Report.

Lydia Kreil is Manager of Community Health with Dignity Health, St. John's Regional Medical Center. Lydia supervises the Health Ministries Department and manages outreach activities that address the social determinants of poor health. These include the community food pantry, community clothes closet, basic needs fund and counseling. Ms. Kreil is also responsible for tracking and reporting Community Benefits. Lydia has worked with St. John's Regional Medical Center for 21 years.

Vanessa Rauschenberger is the Director of Planning & Marketing for Gold Coast Transit District (GCTD) which provides public transit to the cities of Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura & unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Prior to joining GCTD, she worked for the New York City Department of Transportation as an Associate Transportation Planner. She has over 15 years in the transportation industry, which also include both private and non-profit experience. Vanessa has a Master of Urban Planning from CUNY's Hunter College and a Bachelor of Science in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly State University at San Luis Obispo.

Mark M. Alvarado has been in public services for 35 years. His professional background within community and human development through multiple local governments and nonprofit agencies is rich with experience serving low to moderate income families, disadvantaged youth and children, seniors, people with disabilities and homelessness. Mr. Alvarado holds a positive record for establishing community engagement programs, neighborhood outreach and revitalization, poverty reduction, food security, affordable housing and homeless services delivery. He is a graduate of the University of Texas- El Paso with a Multidisciplinary Degree in Humanities, Diversity and Chicano Studies. He currently manages Homeless Services for the City of Oxnard as the Homeless Assistance Coordinator.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



FOR COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

| Rank | Difficulty | Count | Percentage of Total |
|------|---|-------|---------------------|
| 1 | High rental (home/apartments) prices | 86 | 64% |
| 2 | Expensive healthcare or medicine | 68 | 50% |
| 3 | Lack of home ownership opportunities | 57 | 42% |
| 4 | Lack of behavioral/mental health services | 36 | 27% |
| 5 | Cost of childcare | 35 | 26% |
| 6 | Lack of job opportunities | 34 | 25% |
| 7 | Feel unsafe in your neighborhood | 31 | 23% |
| 8 | Lack of transportation options | 30 | 22% |
| 9 | Availability of childcare | 26 | 19% |
| 10 | Lack availability to fresh food | 25 | 19% |
| 11 | Lack of addiction/recovery services | 15 | 11% |
| 12 | Still recovering from Thomas Fire | 7 | 5% |
| 13 | Still recovering from Woolsey/Hill fires | 2 | 1% |

| Agency Priorities | Description of programs/services/activities |
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| 1. Affordable Housing and Utility Assistance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management for homeless • Weatherize homes. • Provide gas and electric utility assistance. |
| 2. Mental Health and Addictions | Provide in-kind space for mental health professionals and connect homeless clients seeking assistance. |
| 3. Income Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Wellness Community Workshops. • Provide outreach and education on Earned Income Tax Credit Program (EITC). |
| 4. Individual and Family Life | Provide Successful Living classes to at-risk youth in juvenile detention. Classes teach basic ethics and healthy choices. |
| 5. Food/Meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve breakfast to homeless. • Provide weekly Community Market (Food Pantry). |
| 6. Health Care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide in-kind space and support hosting the Oxnard One-Stop. • Provide transportation to dental services at Salvation Army on a weekly basis for clients. |
| 7. Employment | Provide ongoing workshops for homeless clients on job readiness. |
| 8. Clothing | Accept, organize and distribute free clothing. |
| 9. Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in partnership with BikeVentura to house the Oxnard BikeHub. • Provide bus vouchers to homeless clients identified by case managers. |