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The Riverside County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) New Appointment



Dr. Mona and Bob Davies Co-founders Community Outreach Ministry

On November 16, 2020, Dr. Mona Davies was appointed to the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). Davies is co-founder of Community Outreach Ministry, a 501C3 nonprofit in Wildomar that serves Riverside County. Kevin Jeffries, Board Supervisor of District 1, Riverside County, appointed Davies to serve as a first district representative. In this role, Davies will serve along with other Community Based Organizations (CBOs) from across the county and with representatives from the following entities: the District Attorney's office, the Public Defender's office, the Sheriff's department, the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Public Social Services, the Department of Mental Health (Behavioral Health), the City police department, and the County Office of Education or a school district, Juvenile Court, and an at-large community representative and other CBOs that provide services to minors.

The JJCC develops a comprehensive multi-agency plan that identifies resources and strategies for providing an effective continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment, and incarceration of juvenile offenders including strategies to develop and implement local, out-of-home-placement options for the offender. Riverside County Chief Probation Officer Ronald L. Miller serves as chairman at the JJCC and he meets regularly with the council throughout the year to review and assess the outcomes of programs funded by the government that support both children and their families in the community.

Davies and her husband Bob who established a nonprofit organization in 2000 serve as advocates for at-risk youth. They are the voice for the voiceless children who have been left behind by their incarcerated parents. The husband and wife team are the authors of *Children's Liberation From Incarceration Breaking Cycles New Beginnings*, a book published in 2017 by Xulon Press. In 2020, Community Outreach Ministry celebrated twenty years of helping to break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, drugs, gangs, crime, and incarceration among youth by giving at-risk kids a second chance to become winners and champions.

In March 2017, The County of Riverside Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC) presented an award to the Davies' in recognition of their invaluable contribution and service to the youth of Riverside County. The award was presented by the Honorable Jacqueline C. Jackson, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Superior Court and Laurel Cook who was the JJDPC chairperson. The Davies' are grateful for the opportunities presented to them by both agencies that will empower them to enlarge their reach to care, share and improve outcomes for Riverside County youth.

Community Outreach Ministry welcomes sponsors to help support scholarships for at-risk kids for year-round mentor protégé workshops in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM), and to inspire youth in vocational career pathways. To donate, text this message: DONATE CHAMPIONS to this number: 609-212-0627 or donate online at www.communityoutreachministry.org. For more information, call 951-698-7650.