



Fresno Fatherhood Collaborative

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POPS March Madness

By: Alicia Austin-Townsend, Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps

The POPS Program March Madness means much more than basketball and yet still the program staff, partners, and participants are in it to win it. The POPS Program is about more than just fathers, its also about the children and families that we serve. March marks a very important time of year for POPS. The end of the month marks the

midpoint for the program each year. March also marks the beginning of spring which demands innovative thinking and strategic planning to keep the attention of participants (like our Speaker Series). Spring is also a beautiful time here in the valley where families can enjoy a variety of activities (like Family Fun Day at the LCC). Take time today to

think about how you can get in the game and engage fathers and families today!



Spotlight: Korie Scott

By: Jason Boatwright, Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps

IN THE POPS SPOTLIGHT



POPS Participant Korie Scott with daughter Kylie.

Motivated is the word that comes to mind when I think about Korie Scott. He has been in a relationship with his girlfriend Joenail for four years and they have a 1 year old daughter Kylie. Korie enrolled in LCC and the POPS program in October and has been focused since day one. Shortly after starting, Korie showed interest in attending the Drivers education classes offered through the POPS program, and has since received his license. He was recently recognized for having perfect attendance at school, and has never missed a day

of work. He is on track to graduate with his diploma this June, and plans to attend the police academy.

He is an exemplary example to his peers, and was even selected as student body president. When asked about the success he has had so far in the program, Korie states, "The POPS program has allowed me to realize my responsibility as a father, and the success that I can have in life if I apply myself daily towards accomplishing my goals".

Korie was raised in a strong household by his mother who is a Registered Nurse, and father who is a police officer in Richmond, California. Korie knows his parents have played a vital role in his life to date. It is because of his parent's role in his own life, that Korie understands his role in his daughter's life. He has been a role model to his fellow peers at school and work, his community, and most of all his daughter's life.



POPS Collaborative Partners

- County of Fresno Veterans Services
- San Joaquin Valley Veterans/WestCare
- Department of Child Support Services
- **Fresno EOC**
 - Employment & Training
 - Local Conservation Corps
 - Sanctuary & Youth Services
- Fresno Housing Authority
- Fresno Street Saints
- First 5 Fresno County
- Marjaree Mason Center
- West Fresno Faith Based Organization

A Message From Shawn

- Shawn Riggins, Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps Director

Tuesday, March 10th, 2009 was the worst day of my life. On this day, our family lost our patriarch, Reverend Chester Riggins. The loss of a parent is something that hits you when you least expect it. My father passed before I assumed my current position and there have been so many times over the past four years when I wanted to pick up the phone and talk to dad. My first trip to Washington, asking advice on how to handle certain situations. Asking him to perform my wedding ceremony to my first love. The past four years have been full of regret of all of the times I did not speak with him while he was still here.

But, I am lucky. I knew my dad. Some of the greatest compliments to date have come from people who have told me I remind them of my father.

Through POPS, I believe we are helping create similar memories for children who one day will be able to look back and remember times they spent with their father, not trying to imagine how it would have been to have a father in their lives.

Meet LCC POPS Crew Leader Kub Moua

By: Alicia Austin-Townsend, Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps



POPS Crew Leader Kub Moua pictured with his wife and parents during his graduation from YouthBuild Charter School of California.

The Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps motto "Training Tomorrow's Leaders Today!" has been exemplified once again with the newest POPS staff member Kub Moua.

Kub started at LCC in November 2011 in the YouthBuild program after having two older brothers who also participated in LCC programs. Kub says that he was motivated to make a change by seeing his two older brothers make changes in the program. He was also motivated to make

changes himself by a strong desire to avoid the gang culture that surrounded him at a young age.

Kub quickly positioned himself as leader at LCC and was selected to go on various trips including the YouthBuild USA Conference of Young Leaders in Washington, D.C., where he was given the opportunity to meet with other student leaders and lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

During his time in the program, he was also able to successfully obtain his high school diploma and transition to

Fresno City College where he hopes to gain the skills needed to become a correctional officer or youth counselor.

Kub joined the POPS LCC team in January 2013 and currently works with the corps members in Recycling.

In addition to working full time and attending Fresno City College, he is also a proud father and husband to his son Trevor and wife Tiffany.

Good Work Ethics

By: Torrie Gill, Fresno EOC Employment & Training



is essential; Workers exhibiting good work ethics are considered eligible for advancement and more responsibilities. Therefore, it becomes important to be honest, responsible and dependable.

On March 1st, 2013, POPS case manager of Employment & Training connected with a few POPS participants receiving subsidized employment to discuss good work ethics that are beneficial for the workplace. Work ethics can be described as a set of values, which involves the right attitude, correct behavior, respect for others and effective communication. Essentially, work ethics describe how a employee would react in different situations in work place. Following good work ethics

Good Work Ethic Tips

- 1. Honesty:** Any job assigned to you should be done with utmost honesty, without cheating, lying or stealing.
- 2. Dependability:** Those who are dependable are considered reliable. Hence, it is necessary to develop the qualities of a responsible person. This will, in turn, create excellent results and set you as a good example to those around you.
- 3. Efficiency:** Efficiency is vital for your own growth as well as the betterment of

the company you are working with.

- 4. Positive Work Habits:** Incorporate good working habits that will impress the your supervisors and the people you are working with. Coming to work late, dressing inappropriately and shuffling jobs are considered as signs of not following good work ethics.
- 5. Initiative:** To be successful in all that you do, it is vital to take initiative! Don't wait to be told what to do. If you are doing the right thing in an acceptable manner, do not hesitate to take initiative.
- 6. Humility:** Humbleness and modesty are amongst the necessary elements of good work ethics.

Remember a wise person always shows traits of humility.

- 7. Positive Attitude:** Maintaining a positive attitude at work is very important to accomplish your tasks successfully.
- 8. Teamwork:** Always remember that you are a part of the team, no matter what role you play in it. Do what is not only good for you, but also, beneficial for the whole team.



Meet Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Youth Services Father Ambassador: Raul Ruvalcaba

The POPS program is pleased to announce Raul Ruvalcaba, our first Father Ambassador. Mr. Ruvalcaba started off as a POPS program participant at Fresno EOC Sanctuary & Youth Services, completing the 24/7 Dad curriculum last fall at Dickey's Youth Center. Raul showed such leadership and initiative

during his time working with the Sanctuary & Youth Services POPS staff that he was asked to be an ambassador and assist with the program outreach and facilitating the 24/7 Dad classes to the new participants. Please join us in welcoming Raul to the POPS team!



POPS Sanctuary and Youth Services Father Ambassador Raul Ruvalcaba during Holiday Jubilee event with his mom and little brother.

POPS Speaker Series: Fathers' Rights and Roles with Jason Sherlock, Attorney at Law

By: Alicia Austin-Townsend, Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps



On March 28th, 2013 the POPS program will host its first speaker series with Attorney Jason Sherlock, who will be speaking with

fathers about their rights and roles within the legal system. Mr. Sherlock has worked with a number of community-based programs including re-entry, mentoring and homeless veterans programs. He holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Sacramento State University and a J.D. from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

He is currently working with Christian Shank and Associates, a firm which specializes in all aspects of family law including divorces, child custody, mediation, domestic violence restraining orders .

The firm is well versed with California Family Law with offices in Fresno, San Jose, and Sacramento, as well as satellite offices in Oakland and Modesto.

POPS is excited to bring Mr. Sherlock to West Fresno. The event will be held at the Fresno EOC Rev. E. Swillis Neighborhood Youth Center at the Local Conservation Corps on March 28th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Topics will include: fathers' rights and roles, custody challenges, child support challenges, restraining orders, and the impact on children. This event is free and open to the public.

Schedule of Events

- 24/7 Dad Classes EOC NYC- (Ongoing) Tues. & Thurs. 3:30-5:30 PM.
- 24/7 Dad Classes Sanctuary Drop-in Center (for SOUL students only). Starting March 14th for 6 weeks, 2:15-3:15 PM
- CHOICES Anger Management Monday's at EOC NYC- 3:30 to 5:30 PM (Open Enrollment).
- CHOICES Anger Management at WestCare (Closed Group)- Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to Noon.

Fresno EOC Sanctuary & Youth Services POPS program will be offering new 24/7 Dad (6) sessions April 1st from 3:30-5:30 pm at Dickey Youth Center located at 1515 E. Divisadero. Snacks and bus tokens are offered. Incentive items offered every week with a certificate of completion given to each participant who completes all 6 sessions. These sessions are open to all POPS Participants.

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