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Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)

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Luis Rodriguez, Santa Clara Valley Healthcare, Valley Health Center East Valley

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Dr. Joan Baran, Children’s Health Council

MOVER AND SHAKER
Tamekia Johnson, Family and Children Services, A Division of Caminar

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Christine Ferry, Recovery Cafe

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PROGRAM ENDS
Judge Manley is a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County and has served as a Judge for over 30 years. He presently serves as the Supervising Judge of all Felony and Misdemeanor mental health and drug cases in the Criminal Division of the Court.

He developed and personally presides over a number of Treatment Court programs and calendars that include more than 1,500 offenders who participate in treatment and rehabilitation services while diverted or on Probation, Parole, or have been found incompetent to stand trial, or are mentally ill, mentally challenged, and substance abusers.

He established one of the first Mental Health Courts in the Nation in 1998, one of the first Veterans Treatment Courts in 2012 as well as the first Parolee Reentry Court in California. The Mental Health Treatment Court and Veterans Treatment Court are two of the largest in the Nation and includes mental health treatment and services in the Courthouse, the community and through the Veterans Administration.

By appointment of the Chief Justice, he serves on the California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health that is responsible for making recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on Mental Health and Criminal Justice Policy. He also served on the Mental Health Task Force of the California Judicial Council that drafted recommendations for policy change, chairing the Committee that made the recommendations relating to criminal justice.

He is a recipient of the Chief Justice's Award for Exemplary Service and Leadership, as well as Leadership in Justice for Children and Families award, and, the Jacob K. Javits National Public Service Award from the American Psychiatric Association for his commitment to reducing stigma and improving the lives of persons with mental illness in the Justice System.

He is a graduate of Stanford Law School.
2023 Behavioral Health Community Heroes

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AACI is a multi-service community-based organization with the mission to strengthen the resilience and hope of our diverse community members by improving their health and wellbeing. We offer linguistically and culturally sensitive services to help clients overcome barriers to care. Our Behavioral Health programs' trauma-informed, client-centered services include individual, group, and family counseling, psychological and neuropsychological testing, medication support services, and case management support. We serve community members across the full age spectrum at our clinics, in the home, at school, or in the community. Our collaborative care model with our diverse, multidisciplinary teams of peer providers, case managers, counselors, licensed clinicians, nurse, nurse practitioners and psychiatrists and our integrated approach working across departments, serves the whole person needs of our community members. We are grounded in evidence-based practices, while incorporating creative and innovative programming that follows clients' preferences and needs, recognizing many paths to wellness.

We integrate healing arts, spirituality, and services that address discrimination and hate toward underserved and marginalized groups, in addition to addressing the social determinants of health in our CalWORKs, Family and Children and Adult and Older Adult continuum of care and Ethnic Specific programs with bilingual/bicultural staff that speak over 40 languages across the agency. Our mild to moderate services include Integrated Behavioral Health located in our Federally Qualified Health Center, working collaboratively with primary care providers to engage community members. Other prevention and early intervention services include our Center For Survivors of Torture’s integrated and specialized services for refugees, asylees, asylum seekers, and survivors of torture from over 60 countries, and Elder Story Telling program that engages diverse isolated seniors through reminiscence. Our highest level of care is our Katie A Program which provides intensive community and home-based mental health services to infants through age 21 in foster care or at risk of out of home placement. For our full program listings please visit: www.aaci.org

AACI is dedicated to supporting and developing our team members and the next generation of trauma informed, culturally competent providers through wellness initiatives and our Internship and Training program that includes our APA accredited doctoral internship program, and programs for other doctoral, masters, and nurse practitioner interns, and psychiatry residents. We are honored and grateful to work collaboratively across the system of care and with our community partners to serve Santa Clara County residents.
Rachel has been battling mental illness for 15 years. She has struggled with depression, anxiety, self harm, panic attacks and suicidal ideation. She has worked diligently on her recovery journey to learn how to put her mental health first. She has gone to therapy pretty much every single week for the last 15 years. She has flown out to Illinois by herself to do a month long treatment program. She has driven herself to the hospital countless times to check herself in when she knew she needed help. She has done many out-patient programs at El Camino Mountain View and stays in contact with the staff there. She has used her social media as a platform to not only educate people on mental illness, but also continues to share her vulnerable struggles so people know they aren’t alone.

Within the last 2 years, she has been asked to share her story at Club Sport Gym, 24 Hour fitness, Minority Mental Wellness Resource fair, and has even hosted her own events as well. She started a support group during the pandemic called “Real talk” so that people would have a safe place to talk once a month, outdoors. She is currently writing a book so that she can not only help those struggling, but also help their loved ones know how to support someone struggling. She has recently been asked by NAMI Santa Clara to join their “Ending The Silence” speaker panel. Rachel has a passion for mental health advocacy. She will answers calls from people who need mental health advice, or will drive people to the hospital when they need help staying safe.

Rachel understands the deep pain of mental illness, and also understands the hope one can experience, even when it feels impossible. She teaches us how to keep moving forward in the struggles.
Nina is 2nd generation Mexican-American, woman of color and a recent graduate from UCLA. She carries B.A.s in Sociology & Labor Studies and AA in Psychology. She has worked with those with behavioral health issues, such as Autism, Selective Mutism, ADHD, PTSD and more. Many were young children and elderly adults that have not only touched her life, but also changed it for the better.

She’s been able to support her community because of her behavioral health work experiences and her own personal experience with PTSD from gender-based violence (GBV). Managing her PTSD has not been easy, but it has shown her own innate resiliency. She’s carried herself with strength, courage, grace, and hope through what seemed the lowest point of her life. As she navigated college after a sudden 2 year gap, she used the power of her voice and dedicated herself to fulfilling the need for advocacy and solidarity. She collaborated with the Bruin Consent Coalition to bring social awareness and recognition to those affected by sexual violence. She has dedicated her time to the Grateful Garment Project in San Jose with other UCLA Alumni and volunteers.

She’s used her trauma as a tool to help others and ensure they do not feel alone. She has worked at Evergreen School District for 5+ years assisting students with disabilities and building their self-confidence inside and outside the classroom. As of recent, she is an Employment Coordinator for Sacred Heart and VP of her Local Union. Her recent work includes re-introducing individuals and SHCS workers to self-empowerment and validating their personal experiences and backgrounds.

Her goal for her community is to advocate and support those with behavioral health issues, as they continue their journey with courage and resiliency. In many Latinx households, there are many issues left unsaid. Our Hispanic community can only start to heal once we’ve acknowledged each other and the burdens we carry. The stereotypes of behavioral health disorders are poorly written narratives and she hopes she’s left people feeling more confident, hopeful, and driven to support others despite these societal norms. She dedicates her love and recognition to her family, friends, and partner.
Dr. Baran has over 30 years' experience -- the last 23 years at Catherine T. Harvey Center for Clinical Services (CHC) -- working with children and their caregivers in a variety of settings in both English and Spanish.

She has a passion for the underserved and her areas of expertise include infant and young child assessment, developmental disabilities and training the next generation of clinicians. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Baran has been in a leadership role at CHC overseeing the valuable behavioral health work of clinicians, as well as collaborating with CBO partners and County personnel to ensure our most vulnerable citizens have the behavioral health care they need and deserve. She is an avid Tar Heel basketball fan.
Luis Rodriguez is a Bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Psychiatric Social Work Therapist at East Valley Primary Care Behavioral Health. Born in Puerto Rico and raised in New York State, Luis grew up in a single parent household. Luis graduated with a bachelor’s degree in arts in Communication from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2003 and master’s degree in Social Work in 2014 from San Jose State University.

In 2005, Luis began working with at risk youth at EE’s Residential Group Homes and Starlight Community Treatment Facility in 2006. From 2007-2013 Luis began working at several adult programs in San Jose such as Momentum for Health and Gardner Family Care. Luis was a Community Services Specialist for Momentum’s Crisis Residential and outpatient Programs. In 2014, Luis joined Santa Clara County where he began working at several clinic programs such as Downtown Behavioral Health as a Rehabilitation Counselor and Psychiatric Social Worker at Central Wellness and Benefits Center. In October 2018 Luis joined East Valley Primary Care Behavioral Health as an embedded LCSW working in the primary care setting. Luis departed East Valley in the Summer of 2021 to become a Quality Improvement Coordinator for the BHSD Quality Improvement Program. Returning to his passion in providing direct clinical services, Luis rejoined East Valley Primary Care Behavioral Health in March of 2022. Luis’s personal life experiences including the ongoing support of his family continues to provide motivation to instill hope in the lives of others. Outside of the field, Luis enjoys spending time with his family, including his cat. Some of Luis’s hobbies including taking road trips, learning about history, and watching a movie.
Tamekia Nicole Johnson is a Client Care Manager, with Family & Children Services a division of Caminar. Providing services for FCS for the last three years. Primarily supporting the adult mental health outpatient program. She has been in the mental health field for 13 years. Starting her journey as a front desk Admin at an inpatient psychiatric hospital. Unknowing at that time, that her passion for supporting others would become a life changing career. Both professionally and personally. Tamekia is a DBT & WRAP facilitator & has used these skillsets to reach clients over the years. Intertwining her training in facilitating groups, with her lived experience. Gave her a secure foundation to build rapport with those she serves. Fearless in her approach, and willing to make space for clients to be seen & heard, at a capacity that would propel their wellness journey.

“This is the fight I chose to fight, 5 days a week, 8 or more hours. The face of mental health doesn’t always look like it does in the movies. It could be you, me, her, and him. Mental illness impacts someone we all know. Let’s continue to be kind, understanding, compassionate and hold safe spaces to anyone who is willing to ask for & accept help. I remind myself daily that this fight is ongoing, and worthy.”
Volunteer

CHRISTINE FERRY

Christine Ferry worked for 20 years as Director of Adult Custody Mental Health for Santa Clara County. She has extensive experience working with populations suffering from trauma, homelessness, incarceration, mental illness and poverty.

Christine is an RN with experience in Trauma, Hospital Administration and Forensic Mental Health. She is a certified Compassion Cultivation Training Instructor. The CCT course was developed by a team of contemplative scholars, clinical psychologists, and researchers at Stanford University and taught at the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education at Stanford University (CCARE).

Christine is currently working at the Recovery Café San Jose as the mental health consultant.

She has seen and experienced the effects a lack of compassion and common humanity have on individuals. Her work compelled her to begin meditation and study of Buddhist philosophy and practices.

Her goal for the remainder of her time on this planet is to share the lessons of compassion cultivation as far and wide as possible.
A life-long resident of Santa Clara County, Ernie Yamane grew up in Mountain View on a flower nursery. He traces his interest in design and construction to his parents home being built when he was 7 years old. This led him to interests in Art and Drawing through Junior High and High School, eventually graduating with honors with a Degree in Architecture at UC Berkeley, College of Environmental Design in 1977.

He began his now 46 year career with Goodwin B Steinberg Associates, and became a partner in the firm in 1985 remaining there to this day. His architectural experience has included, Custom Homes for Silicon Valley Executives, Technology Campus’, Educational facilities, Civic projects, Housing and Mixed Use development.

His experience grew with growth in Santa Clara County. Many experiences were part of the growth of the City including the San Jose Convention Center, The TECH, Market Street Garage, City Hall and the San Jose Mineta International Airport Master Plan and North Concourse. Equally important, community projects such as the YWCA Villa Nueva, Sacred Heart Nativity School, Cristo Rey High School, and various housing & commercial projects were a part of the experience in the community.

This special place also sparked involvement in local community organizations such as the San Jose Chamber, Archbishop Mitty Board Member, Police Activities League, Loaves and Fishes, Rotary Digital Bridges Committee, Rotary Club Building Committee, S4CA Construction Careers Association, and Amigos De Guadalupe.

He has enjoyed a small role in improving the community and supporting its service needs through the built environment organizations and non-profits. Some works have included pro bono design work for Sacred Heart Nativity School, JW House, VIA Rehabilitation Services, Martha’s Kitchen, Cristo Rey School, Amigos de Guadalupe housing services and Alum Rock Counseling Center.

“Seeing the effects if the work that is done by these dedicated staff in these organizations, and in a small way helping them provide their services is an extremely gratifying”
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