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From: Glenda Cross (Parent Volunteer)

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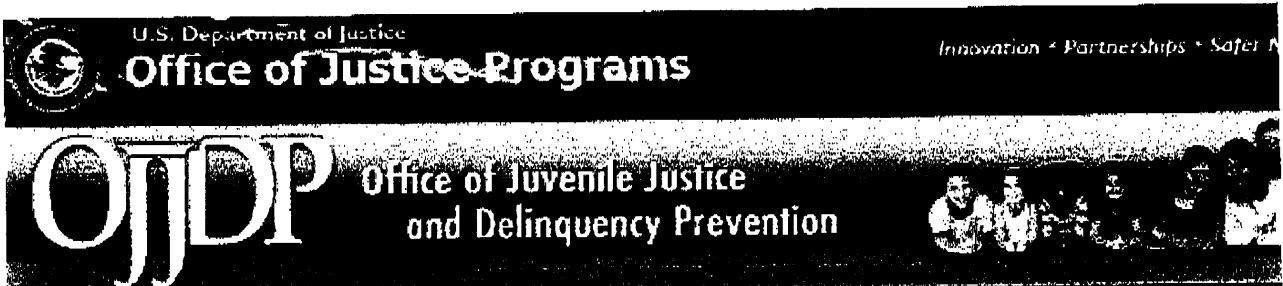
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May 7, 2012

Mr. Michael Beck
City of Pasadena - City Manager
100 N. Garfield Ave
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Mr. Beck,

My name is Glenda Cross, I am writing you in regards about the N.O.W. Program. I am not just a concerned resident, but also a parent who children participate in the program. I understand that the program will end this June due to the lack of funding. As a concerned parent I am pleading to you for some help and funding. I believe that helping this program to continue to grow will be a good investment for our kids' future.

This program has been a great influence on my children in learning life skills and as well as them being in a safe environment. Because of this program I have a better understanding of myself as well as how to help my family become better people and productive citizens.

This is a program that is geared to help the youth and also families. This is a very valuable program in our community. I hope Mr. Beck you will listen to my plea and help get this program funded for years to come. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely


Glenda Cross



**Pasadena Unified School District
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May 2, 2012

To Whom it may concern:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for the NOW program. It is with great earnest that I do so.

As a Principal with the Pasadena Unified School District, I have had several of my students participate in the programs held at Jackie Robinson Community Center. I have had students participate in anger management classes, gang awareness programs and life planning sessions, finance classes, conflict resolution, and drug education at the Jackie Robinson Center.

The NOW program gives students and appropriate place to be after school. Through their mentoring program youth leaders are provided a way to access their leadership skills and support other youth in the community.

I encourage some of my families to access this program, and my students who do participate have better attitudes in school. The NOW lead outreach workers help provide communication between the home and the school and encourage students to succeed in school. They help students with homework, and help the family access our schools. They have also provide rewards to students as they meet their goals.

I encourage anyone interested in the youth of our community to look into their program and see for themselves the good work they do.

Respectfully,

James A. Albanese, Jr.

Focus Point Academy/Pasadena Adult Living Skills Principal



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May 2, 2012

To Whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for the Now Program.

As a Special Ed Administrator assigned to Focus Point Academy with the Pasadena Unified School District, I have had several of our students participate in the programs held at Jackie Robinson Community Center. I have had students participate in anger management classes, gang awareness programs and life planning sessions, finance classes, conflict resolution, and drug education at the Jackie Robinson Center.

The NOW program gives students and appropriate place to be after school. Through their mentoring program youth leaders are provided a way to access their leadership skills and support other youth in the community.

I continue to encourage my families to access this program. It is my hope that our partnership will continue.

Respectfully,

William Lucy, Ph.D



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Date: May 9th, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for the NOW Program located at the Jackie Robinson Center in Pasadena.

As the Counselor for the Pasadena YouthBuild Program we are one of 12 sites currently operating in California to provide job training services and educational programs for at-risk youth in in the Pasadena, Altadena and Monrovia area.

Several of our students are currently participating in gang awareness programs, conflict-resolution and drug education classes offered by the Now Program at the Jackie Robinson Center.

The Now Program has been extremely instrumental in helping our students to meet both their educational goals as well as job training with support from the community.

I strongly encourage that the City of Pasadena continue to support this program because of their mission to service this population of students which is really needed in our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve P. Jefferson

Counselor,

Pasadena YouthBuild Program

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This program is a great legacy for the community. In my family it has helped us a lot, since my son had problems with drugs as a consequence to that, he had trouble with the law. I didn't know what to do, and at my son's school they talk to me about the programs they offered and obviously my daughter already belonged to such a great program in the community called N.O.W. That was such a wonderful experience when I felt I was alone at the moment, and made me realized I was not. I found a lot of support that no one else had offered me. They have helped tackle the problems with my son, have been with me in court, and also have been supportive in this progress of life in my family. They have kept my daughter busy, staying away from any other drugs or addictions around her.

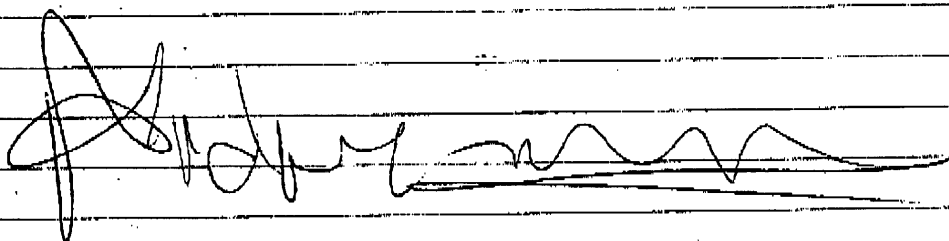
Sincerely,

Maria Nieves

to whom it may concern,

I am Raul Gonzalez and my son attend the N.O.W. Program. I believe this program is very important. Since my son became part of the N.O.W. program, I have seen a big difference in him, it's like if he's a different person. He started taking school seriously, getting along with his sister.

This program should continue because it is a very positive program, it could help a lot of youth around Pasadena to do positive things.



To Whom it may concern,

The N.O.W. Program is important to the community because it gives youth a place to call home. They come to the program and learn about gang awareness/prevention and character development. You start to notice a change in yourself when you join. There is always people here to confide in. The program helped me because when I first started I was really quiet then when I start to engage in the class more I started to learn more about myself. These are reasons why the program should stay open for other youth. So please keep the program alive. =D

Sincerely,

Benita Escobedo

Benita Escobedo

5-3-12


To whom it may concern,
The Now Program has taught me alot of things that has and will help me in difficult situations in life. If the program can help me with most of my problems then I strongly believe that it will help alot of teenagers like myself out in the community and teach them how to make more intellegent choices that won't get them into trouble. Focusing on teenagers, is focusing on the future and that's what the program cares most about, having a bright future for the next generation.

Sincerely,
Seccito
Barahona

5-3-12

To Whom it may Concern,

I believe the NOW Program should continue because of the love that it has for the community. To my knowledge this is the only youth outreach program in the City of Pasadena. Being apart of the community programs like Ambassadors, Plintridge, and Pasadena Youth Council I have not seen a program like this that is so involved in the community and gang awareness prevention. The NOW Program looks for the problems in the community and try to find solutions to the problem. As being apart of this program since June of 2011, we have seen about a over 50 youth and young adults change their lives for the better. These youth comes from all walks of life and have different things they go through and it feels good to help them make a difference in their life as a lead outreach worker. I believe that we need to keep this strong program going. This is only the start of something BIG.

(Brandon Lamar)


To whom this letter may concern:

I am a Pasadena resident and have been attending the N.O.W. Meeting. Since the program have started the crime rate have went down in the community. The N.O.W. Program help kids, teenagers, and also adults by out reaching and given the community a positive outlook. The Program can help many people out here. I seen many people in my community change and have more of a positive attitude.

I believe without the program the crime rate will go up and many kids will drop out of school. The N.O.W. Program give kids, teenagers and adults things to do. Without the program no telling what people in the community going start doing. The Program accept everybody and willing to help people change there lifestyle. When people attend the meeting they learn about what's going on in the community and how they can help or change something from going down. The N.O.W. Program been keeping my lil brother out of gangs and away from drugs. The N.O.W. Program go to middle school and high school in the morning to out reach and make sure the kids and teenagers are on the right path.

They help with homework, family problems, street problems, drug problems, Gang problems. The N.O.W. Program is a big thing for the whole community.

X *Thaddeus Bace*

05-09-2012

TO Whom this letter may concern:

This program has helped me build a wonderful relationship with my family; mostly my mom, build me as a wonderful young lady and also helped me build a relationship with my community. The Neighborhood Outreach Workers program has helped so many people that has walked through the doors. Everyone who is anyone is more than welcome to come to the program and share there feelings. With the wonderful classes and trainers we have can be a life changer to everyone. The program offers character development, gungu awards, sexual education, community meetings and lots of love! The program is not only a group of people I see everyday, but a family that I love with the bottom of my heart. Everyone is so loving and caring at the program. I cant even imagine where I would be at right now in life if it wasnt for the (N.O.W) program taking me in as an one of there child. This program is really everything to me and I apply everything I learn to my everyday life. I love everyone involved of bringing the program together and holding it together to make the community feel better and safer.

Sincerely:
Patricia Little
Thankyou!

to whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Andres Gonzalez, I am 18 years old, and I have been attending the NOW program for a little over a year and it has helped me a lot. The NOW program has helped me in life a lot, it has made me realize what is and what is bad. I learn from all the classes the ~~we~~ have and I apply it to my life.

This program should continue because it will keep helping the youth in Pasadena understand the reality because there is many kids out there doing negative things without knowing the consequences, so this program will help the youth or any other person with all the classes that the NOW program offers, such as: Character Development, Gang Awareness, Anger Management, and Sex Education.

Andres Gonzalez

To whom it may concern:

My name is Auxenia Navarrete and I am a Lead Outreach Worker for the Neighborhood Outreach Workers Program. Since I started I have seen many improvements within the students that attend the program. Having a program in Pasadena that provides different trainings such as Character Development, Gang and Drug Awareness, Sex Education, and Finance, is a great way to keep kids out of trouble and help their attitudes improve. The N.O.W program helps not only troubled youth but also helps parents with the problems they are facing with their child. We help students trust us and their peers with their personal conflicts and as a group we help solve their issues. We are a family and are willing to help any kid in need of assistance. The N.O.W program is a tremendous asset to the Pasadena community because it changes people's lives and makes them have hope that better things will come their way. The Jackie Robinson Center, where we have our trainings, is like a second home to the students that have family problems at home and need a place to relax and share their issues. In order to help improve our streets and decrease the violence, we need programs like the N.O.W program to continue and help our youth to look forward to a better future. Our mission is to "Stop the Violence and take our streets back through prevention, intervention, and mentorship." No matter

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what obstacles we may face we will deal with it as a family and continue to follow our mission. Slowly but surely we will take our streets back and bring the peace this beautiful city of roses eagerly wants. I thank you for your time and hope this program continues in order to avoid seeing our youth going through harsh obstacles at such a young age.

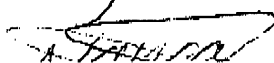
Sincerely

Azorena Navarrete

To Whom it may concern,

The N.O.W. program is really important for the community because it gives youth a place to ask for anything they need help, and support on. It gives many youth the opportunity to be knowen for what they are and their rights. They show the love and affection as soon as you get in the ~~room~~ room, they make you feel like you're at home. Support you and make you believe that anything you believe in will come to you if you "Never Give Up!" Teach you so many lessons that may happened or may happen to us youth as we keep on growing up and getting to the real life out there. Provides such great leadership skills that not many other program can offer to many youth. They also provide us with many classes to lead us to our mission statement such as drug prevention, gang awareness, and character. This program has helped me so much creatively and bringing out a better person. It has helped me think different about life and my ownself. Without this program I don't think I'll be the person I am till now and the day I became part of the N.O.W. program.

Sincerely,



Hello, my name is Isamar Iraheta and I am 16 years old. I have been attending the N.O.W Program since May of 2001. Although I have only been attending two classes, this program has helped me. We used to have an anger management class, and that really helped. I would get real quite when I got mad. I used to get mad for little things and no one ~~was~~ would ~~never~~ be able to talk to me. There was a point where I thought I needed help. But ~~coming~~ ^{coming} were helped me control my angers in ways I never thought of. Now I dont get mad as much, and if I do, I use the techniques that this program has taught me. I also learn about gangs. Although I am not in a gang, I come to the gang awareness class. I learned how to evaluate my surroundings and to be aware. Aside from learning that, we learn about penal codes and the vocabulary of our society used in court. We learn and memorize our rights. This class really helps because it benefits us the youth, to know what we are entitled to. This program is a special program. To take it away would just be another failure to Pasadena and the youth. This is a place to learn, be yourself, and become a family. ^{classroom} ^{classroom}
This is my second family

April 27, 2012

Mr. Michael Beck
City Manager
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Ave
Pasadena, Ca. 91101

Dear Mr. Beck, my name is Kelly Potts and I'm writing you regarding the N.O.W. Program. I am a parent as well as a resident of Pasadena who's children participate in the program and it's to my understanding the program will be ending in June 2012 due to lack of funding. I'm writing you because this saddens and shocks me being that the N.O.W. Program has helped me tremendously with life issues concerning my children and keeping them motivated to strive too be model citizens.

As a concerned parent, participant and community member of Pasadena, I would like to know what will happen to our youth as well as Pasadena without the mentoring and outreach support that the N.O.W. Program provides to our community. I truly believe the N.O.W Program is a one of a kind; of program that gives Love, Truth, Support and Understanding to our Community and Youth. I sincerely would like to know how the City of Pasadena can preserve this phenomenal program for the community.

Thank you so much for your time and attention in this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly Potts

April 27, 2012

Mr. Michael Beck
City Manager
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Ave
Pasadena, Ca. 91101

Dear Mr. Beck, my name is Steven Potts and I'm writing you regarding the N.O.W. Program. I am a parent as well as a resident of Pasadena and my children participate in the program. It's to my understanding the program will be ending in June 2012 due to lack of funding. I'm writing you because this comes as a shock to me being that the N.O.W. Program has helped my family tremendously with life issues concerning my children and keeping them motivated to strive to be upstanding citizens who are responsible.

As a concerned parent, participant and community member of Pasadena, I would like to know what will happen to our youth as participants of the N.O.W. Program who are receiving services through this program. I believe without the mentoring and outreach support that the N.O.W. Program provides to our community there will be chaos. I also believe that many will testify that the N.O.W Program is one of a kind, supportive, respected, consistent and strong. I know this program has given tremendous support, understanding and love to our community and youth. I would like to know the reason why the City of Pasadena can not preserve and find the funding for this phenomenal & awesome program for the community.

Thank you for your time and attention in this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. S. Potts

May 1, 2012

Mr. Michael Beck
City Manager
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Ave
Pasadena, Ca. 91101

Dear Mr. Beck

My name is Mr. Butler and I am writing to you with regards to the N.O.W. Program. I am a Father, Uncle and Participant of the N.O.W. Program who has great concern about the program ending. I was told that the N.O.W. Program will be ended this June due to lack of funding and was wondering how our youth and city will be affected by the lack of community support that the N.O.W. Program provides as far as outreaching to our Youth, Schools and Residents.

The Program has been instrumental to me in helping the Youth and my Nephews develop life learning skills as well as keeping them safe and in a positive environment. I am trusting that you will reconsider getting rid of such an eminent and inspiring program such as the N.O.W. Program. That being said, I write in hopes that you consider funding this remarkable program.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. E. Butler

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

GOOD MORNING OR AFTERNOON, I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN REGARDS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH WORKERS PROGRAM. I MUST ADMIT THAT AT FIRST, I HONESTLY THOUGHT THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WORK HERE IN THE PROGRAM DIDNT KNOW NOTHING OF MY KIND OF LIFESTYLE. AFTER I MET REBECCA PRATT I REALIZE THAT SHE WAS ACTUALLY TRYING TO HELP BECAUSE SHE DOES CARE NOT BECAUSE OF HER PAYCHECK. THEN I STARTED TO GIVE THE PROGRAM A TRY TO SEE THE OUTCOME, JUST WITHIN A WEEK I GOT TO SEE THAT THE PEOPLE THAT COME TO SPEAK TO US DO REALLY TALK FROM THE HEART AND NOT JUST TALKING A GOOD ONE MAKING IT SOUND GOOD. I BEEN ENROLLED TO THE PROGRAM SINCE FEB. OF 2012 AND I DO BELIEVE THAT I AM GETTING BETTER WITH DEALING OTHER CHARACTERS OF MY ANGER, AS WELL WITH SAYING LESS BAD WORDS, SO YEAH THE WAY I GET TREATED IN THE PROGRAM WITH PATIENCE IS THE WAY I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO TREAT EVERYBODY, BUT THOSE WHO OPPOSE ME WOULDN'T BE TREATED LIKE THAT BY ME, BECAUSE THEY DONT DESERVE THAT RESPECT. ANYWAYS THE (NOW) PROGRAM HAS HELPED WITH A LOT OF THINGS IN GENERAL BUT THE ONE I HIGHLY APPRECIATE IS THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE HERE ALL HAVE OPEN MINDS AND WE HELP EACH OTHER TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE AS THE WORLD TURNS BECAUSE YOU CANT BE IGNORANT TOWARDS THE DISASTERS HAPPENING AROUND US AFFECTING OUR LOVE ONES. I HAVE BEEN ALSO HELPED WITH A OPEN CASE I GOT AT THE MOMENT, THE (NOW) PROGRAM PROVIDED INFORMATION FOR ME TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION TO BENEFIT ME IN THE BEST WAY I DID. I THINK THAT GANGSTERS AND PLAYERS WHO COME HERE DO GET A LITTLE SOMETHING OUT OF THE PROGRAM, ~~IT~~^{NOT} AT LEAST THE SEED HAS BEEN PLANTED IN THE BRAINS OF THE YOUNG GOOD ADULTS, SO THEY CAN THINK BACK AND SAY TO THEMSELVES THE NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH WORKERS PROGRAM WAS DOING THEIR BEST TO HELP US UNDERSTAND ABOUT LIFE. NOW I KNOW THIS FOR THE SIMPLE FACT THAT AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF BEING VIOLENT AND LIVING LIFE AS ANOTHER REGULAR

PLAYER IN THE GAME OF GANGSTERS PARADISE BEING A
CROOK, CORRUPTED CRIMINAL, AND A WARRIOR THAT SEEN A WHOLE
LOT IN THE MEAN STREETS OF LOST ANGELS SEARCHING TO FIND
THEIR WAY BACK HOME WHERE THEY BELONG AND BE AT PEACE. ANY
TRUE REAL SOLDIER WOULD AGREE THAT THIS PROGRAM DOES A LOT
FOR THE ONES WHO ARE WILLING TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE THINGS
BETTER. TELL ME CAN YOU RELATE TO THE KIDS OF THE (NOW)
PROGRAM LIVING IN THE FAST LANE WHERE ALL WE GOT IS OUR
SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS LOVE TOWARDS THE UNITY OF THE FAMILY
THAT WE ADORE. SO MUCH PAIN HAPPENS IN THE HEARTS OF OUR
LOVE ONES BUT WE STILL RISE FROM THE FLOOR WALK IT OFF TRY
THE BEST TO EASE THE PAIN WE SHARE WITH THOSE WE CARE ABOUT
THE MOST. WHEN I GO TO THE PROGRAM IN A BAD MOOD THE PEOPLE
THERE LET KNOWLEDGE DROP INTO MY MIND IN ORDER FOR ME TO
LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE AND COMPREHEND THE DIFFERENT POINT OF
VIEWS FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF EVERYBODY. THE WAY I AM NOW IN
THESE DAYS OF STRUGGLES IS ALL ABOUT THINKING FOR THE
SOLUTION DON'T GET STUCK IN THE PROBLEM AND THANKS TO THE
(NOW) NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH WORKERS PROGRAM I AM GETTING
BRIGHTER BY THE DAYS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY ALL OF THE
PEOPLE GET TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS NOW A DAYS. I JUST
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CAN DO FOR THE PROGRAM, IT AINT EASY DOING THE GREAT JOB
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SERVICES IF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS LET IT WORK. IT'S CRAZY
THE IMPACT THE (NOW) PROGRAM HAS ON ME AND MANY MORE
YOUNG ADULTS ESPECIALLY ALWAYS LIVING IN THE DAYS OF A CRIMINAL

YOURS TRULY, Jelana Rindroba

To whom it may concern,

The Neighborhood Outreach Workers Program (N.O.W.) is a prevention model developed and implemented in the city of Pasadena. The overall goal set by N.O.W. is to support participants in their efforts to become a positive force in the community. Their mission speaks for itself; Stop the violence and take our streets back through prevention, intervention, and mentorship. There are many reasons why the N.O.W. Program should continue. First and foremost, any organization that's willing to step up to the plate and deal with some of the major concerns in Pasadena must be commended. Statistically the increase in crime, gang violence, and youth exhibiting negative behavior requires programs like the N.O.W. Secondly, by equipping participants to become law abiding citizens will be a positive force in taking our streets back. Having many years of experience with working with at risk youth, I can truly say that this is one organization that supports the needs of the community. As a facilitator for the gang awareness, prevention, and intervention training class provided at N.O.W., I have first-hand experience in the difference this program makes in lives of the youth. At risk youth as well as former gang members are learning to take accountability for one's self and actions. This program has definitely helped in reducing negative behavior in our youth, brought their families together as well as creating peacemakers which is a must have if we truly want to stop the violence and take our streets back. In closing I ask that you please take careful consideration in the future the Neighborhood Outreach Workers Program (N.O.W.) by thinking about the future of the city of Pasadena.

Thank you,



Travon Williams, President
OneWay Outreach Inc

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March 6, 2012

Mr. Michael Beck
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Dear Mr. Beck

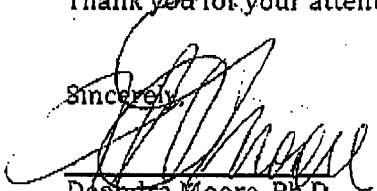
My name is Deondra Moore and I am writing to you with regards to the N.O.W. Program not only as a resident-but as well as a parent whose children participate in the program. It's to my understanding that the program will be ending due to lack of funding. I write to you because this is of great concern to me. The program has been instrumental in helping my children develop their life learning skills as well as keeping them in a positive environment.

That being said, I would like to find the reason why the funding was terminated. As a concerned citizen, I would like to know how we could come together and preserve and/or resurrect this program.

This is an invaluable program. I write to you in hopes of discovering a comparable resolution. I anxiously await your valued response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Deondra Moore, Ph.D



Allen's Family Child Care

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To whom this may concern,

I Turoasca Allen supervisor at Allen Family Child Care have been living in the Altadena/Pasadena community area for quite some time. In the last couple of years I have seen this generation change drastically. I have witnessed kids ditching, smoking, sagging, gangbanging, and fighting etc. All this chaos going around in schools and in communities can be prevented through education coming from their peers. The N.O.W program does exactly that. They have community members come to Tuesday night meetings where they share there personal ideas on improving their community. They have guest speakers who have once lived that senseless life style encourage them to encourage others. I have personally been to a few of their meetings. I've witnessed the kids from the NOW program go to different schools and talk to there peers about ditching and going to school. I witnessed kids when they first started going to that program. Their whole demeanor, the way they conducted their self-improved by being a part of that program. By keeping the NOW program running within the community will help the exposure and the influence with the youth to continue to grow. Please find a way to keep this program up and running it would be greatly appreciated to our community.

Sincerely,
Turoasca Allen