

OUR STAFF

Kali Morgan, LMFT
AVP of Regional Center
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Kali oversees the clinical and administrative aspects of the program. She provides clinical supervision and oversight to ensure a high fidelity evidence-based program.

Natalie Rios, AMFT
Program Director

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Natalie directs the clinical and administrative aspects of the program. She works collaboratively with the team to assess the needs of each participant to develop and implement individualized treatment and discharge plans.

Forensic Mental Health
Clinicians

The Forensic Mental Health Clinicians provide therapy, advocacy and "Skills System" Coaching to participants. They ensure participants are able to successfully implement their plans with the highest level of independence possible.

Program Assistant

Our Program Assistant supports all aspects of the program, greeting participants and members of the community while ensuring they are being directed to the best source of support, as well as making daily SKILLS coaching calls to all participants.

Dick Conklin, LCSW (ret)
Brian Newcomer, MA, MS,
AMFT, L.A.A.D.C.

Consultants

Dick assists the program in liaising with the jails, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Police Department and Courts. Dick and Brian provide training and consultation to staff and clients.

MISSION STATEMENT

To bring the tools for the best possible quality of life to our clients.

Our concept of total health care incorporates the physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual needs of each client.

Our programs strive to create an environment that promotes the dignity of all participating and to develop services maximizing clients' self-determination.

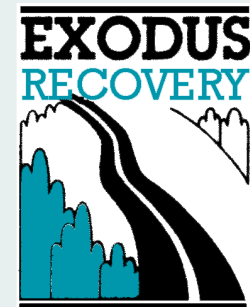
Project Connect LA
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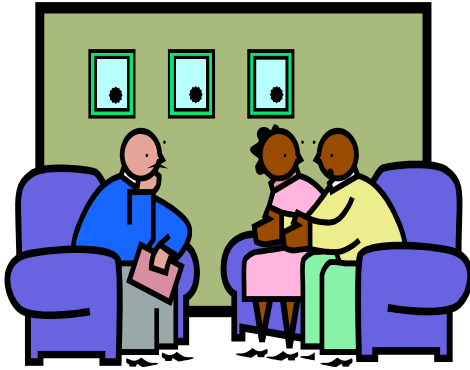


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Serving ages 12 and
up



The Road to Recovery
Begins with You!



Project Connect LA: Our Vision

At Project Connect LA, we believe people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have been involved with the criminal justice system can live safely and productively in the community. We believe people have a variety of skills, strengths, diagnoses and risk levels. When properly assessed and treated, the people we support are capable of living full and complete lives in their communities of origin. We believe the individual and the community can be enriched by the experience, and we are here to support individuals in making that transition.

Project Connect LA

WHO WE ARE

- Project Connect LA staff work closely with Regional Center staff to identify participants and coordinate a system of support in the mental health and forensic communities to assist in the navigation of these systems.
- Project Connect LA is an innovative program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently involved or at a high risk to become involved in the criminal justice system.
- Project Connect LA expects that many of these individuals will have concurrent mental health and substance use issues, have mild to moderate intellectual disabilities and have committed crimes against other persons or property.
- Project Connect LA uses a culturally competent, person-centered delivery model that meets the multiple criminal justice and mental health needs of this population.
- Project Connect LA Forensic Mental Health Clinicians are all certified “Skills System” Coaches, as well as Masters level, licensed or license eligible clinicians.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Individual and group counseling in areas such as emotional regulation skills, impulse control, substance abuse, medication management and understanding of mental health symptoms.
- Educate, support and link participant with the criminal justice system. Increase participant skills and awareness of consequences to prevent reoffending.
- Collaborate with the Courts, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, and City Attorney’s offices to develop strategies of compliance.
- Facilitate access to community-based mental health services, including Department of Mental Health, outpatient psychiatry services and fee-for-service workers.
- Develop and implement strategies to coordinate care with hospital discharge planners, PERT or other EMS personnel.
- Share relevant information with Service Coordinator.
- Attend team meetings to share participant goals, progress and compliance with mental health care and criminal justice mandates.