After School Program Integrating Recreation & Education









### What Is ASPIRE

What We're About

Youth Services Specialist

• ASPIRE, established in 2021, a prevention program, designed to provide services to children in underserved communities within Imperial County. The goal of ASPIRE is to keep youth from entering the juvenile justice system. Youth learn prosocial behaviors, life skills, and tools for a successful future.

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Youth Services Specialist • Programming includes: tutoring, arts & crafts, reading & comprehension, discussions, STEM Projects, guest speakers, cultural enrichment, sports, strategy games, field trips/outings, and mentoring.

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### Youth Services Specialist

- •Staff that work directly with youth in ASPIRE are Youth Services Specialists (YSS).
- •YSS work with the youth at three (3) program sites located exclusively in Westmorland, Heber, & Niland; in rural locations of the Imperial County
- •In addition to these sites, YSS provide programming to the youth in Juvenile Hall (JH), and the local shelter home operated by the Department of Social Services.

# Qualifications to become a YSS

### Do YSS undergo any type of training

#### Youth Services Specialist I

- Bachelors in sociology, psychology, criminal justice, child development, library science, education, recreation or related field.
- Identifying community resources and services available to youth.
- General understanding of Child Development milestones.

#### Youth Services Specialist II

- In addition to completing a Bachelors Degree, one year experience at the level of Youth Services Specialist I.
- May serve as site lead, train and direct new staff.

# Qualifications to become a YSS

Do YSS undergo any type of training

- ✓ Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- ✓ Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI)
- ✓ Suicide Prevention
- ✓ First Aid
- ✓ Food Handlers Certification
- ✓ Water Safety

# How do we determine where to program

The Department researches where there would be a need to open a program.

- Target outlying areas in our county with limited resources
- Research need/interest in these areas
  - Discuss with school districts
  - Attend school and community events to determine parent/youth interest
- Identify and secure facility
- Work with county/city

#### **ASPIRE Survey**

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١.	Parent/Guardian Name:
2.	Phone Number:
3.	Youth name:
1.	Age:
5.	Is there a need in your community? YES NO
5.	Do you believe this program will benefit your child? YES NO
1.	Is transportation a problem for you? YES NO
3.	Would your child participate in programming on a Saturday? YES NO
)	How many days a week would work well for your child?
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0	). Would the following hours work well, 3:30-6:30? YES NO
1	. Is your child involved in any extracurricular activities? YES NO
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	□ Sports
	□ Tutoring
	□ Field Trips
	☐ Guest Speakers
	□ Mentoring
	☐ Table Top Games

# How is the Program funded

- Primary source of funding comes from Youthful Offender Block Grant
- Program has applied for other supplemental grants
  - Awarded \$25,000 Imperial County Community Benefit Grant in 2023

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 Petty Cash account – revolving \$500 cash account for special occasions or necessities

### Juvenile Hall Kitchen

Field Trips

Token Econ

- Provides meals daily to program sites
- Makes unique meals for special occasions (holidays, birthdays)
- Makes special meals for ASPIRE related Juvenile Hall events



### Juvenile Hall Kitchen

### Field Trips

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### Out of County Field Trips:

- Once every quarter
  - SeaWorld
  - Universal Studios
  - Knott's Berry Farm
  - Major League Baseball
  - Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
- Once every quarter, approximately \$3000-\$4000. Additional, Charter Bus rental \$3,000.

### In County Field Trips:

- Community events
  - Events within the cities of Westmorland, Heber & Niland.
    - Movies
    - Bowling
    - Aquatic Center

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Incentive Points System
Break down to how points are distributed

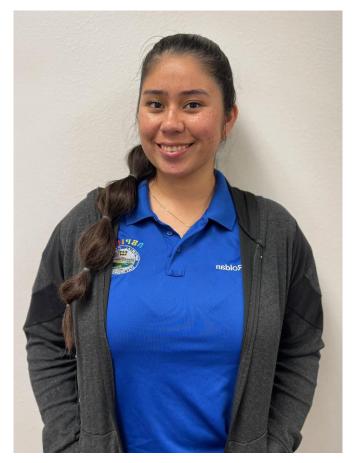
- -Attendance: 50pts
- Participation: 50pts
- Positive behavior: 25pts
- Homework: 25pts

Allowed to buy premium snacks & trinkets ranging from 25-100 pts.

• Points may also be granted by winning certain activities and/or being extra helpful.

### Behavior Expectations

• Physical altercations, threats, or possession of weapons/drugs are considered immediate grounds for termination from the program.



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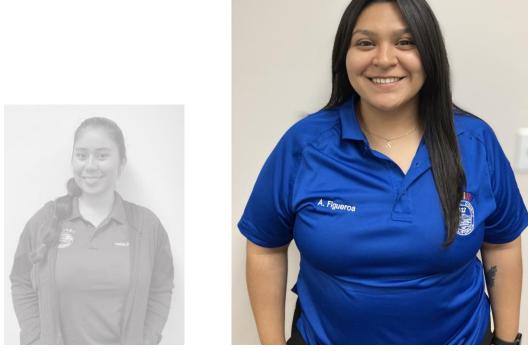
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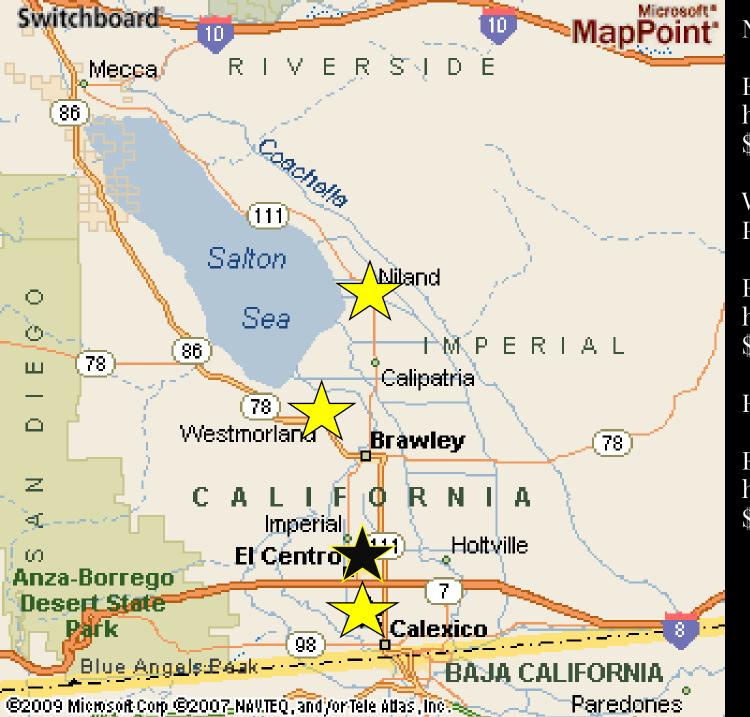
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Niland Population : 600

Estimated median household income is \$25,592

Westmorland Population: 2,000

Estimated median household income is \$34,000

Heber Population : 7,910

Estimated median household income is \$54,000

### Current Program Sites

**1** Westmorland: M, W, F(3:30-6:30pm), S (10am-2pm)

**1** Heber: M,T,W (3:30-6:30pm), S (10am-2pm)

Niland: T, TH(3:15-6:15 pm, S (10am-2pm)





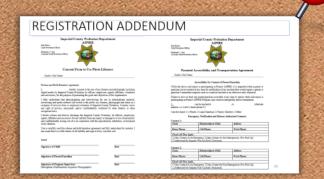
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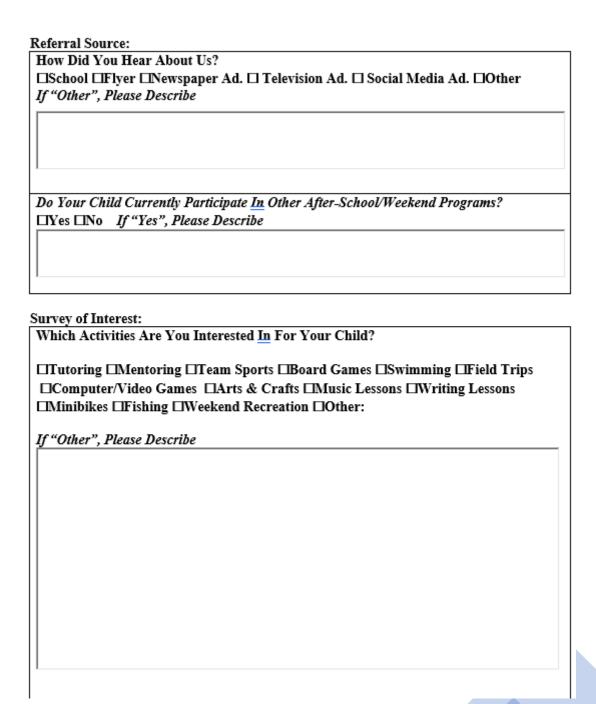


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### REGISTRATION ADDENDUM

#### Imperial County Probation Department ASPIRE

Dan Prince Chief Probation Officer

Elizabeth V. Sais Assistant Chief Probation Officer



#### Consent Form to Use Photo Likeness

Youth's Full Name:

#### Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

- I, , hereby consent to the use of my likeness and photograph, including digital media, by Imperial County Probation, its officers, employees, agents, affiliates, volunteers and successors, for the purpose of promoting the goals and objectives of the organization.
- I fully understand that photographing and interviewing for use in informational material, advertising and media releases will reveal to the public my likeness, photograph and status as a recipient of services from or employee/volunteer of Imperial County Probation. I hereby waive any right of privacy, anonymity, and/or confidentiality conferred by state, federal, or other recognized laws.
- I hereby release and forever discharge the Imperial County Probation, its officers, employees, agents, affinities and successors for any liability from any injury or damage to or loss of anonymity and confidentiality arising out of or in connection with the reproduction, exhibition, or broadcast of my likeness.

I have carefully read this release and hold harmless agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that it is a full release of all liability and sign it of my own free will.

Dated:	
Signature of Child	Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
Signature of Program Supervisor Description of Information Acquired: Photograph(s)	Date

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#### Parental Accessibility and Transportation Agreement

Youth's Full Name:

#### Accessibility for Contact of Parent/Guardian

While the above said minor is participating in Project ASPIRE, it is imperative that a parent or guardian can be reached at any time for notification of any incident that would require a parent or guardian's immediate response such as a medical incident or an otherwise early dismissal.

Failure to have at least one parent/guardian accessible at any time by phone while said minor is participating in Project ASPIRE Program, may result in ineligibility and/or termination.

 $\underline{\underline{I}}$  , can be reached at , or (alternate number, i.e. work #, home phone #.)

I am the minor's □ Parent □ Legal Guardian □ Family Member □ Other

#### Emergency Notification and Release Authorized Contacts

#### Contact 1:

Name	Relationship to Child	Address				
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:				
Check All That Apply:						
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#### Contact 2:

Name	Relationship to Child	Address				
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Check All That Apply:						
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Liability Release Form

Youth's Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Age:

In consideration of being accepted by Project ASPIRE, for participation in all activities sponsored by the Imperial County Probation Department, we (I), as the parent/guardian of

do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless the Imperial County Probation Department, its members and/or the County of Imperial of any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child participants that occur while said child is participating in Project ASPIRE program activities.

Furthermore, authorization and permission is hereby given to said program to furnish any necessary transportation for this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify said program, its directors, employees and agents, for any liability sustained by said program as a result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participants, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
Signature of Program Supervisor	Date

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#### Acknowledgements and Permissions

Youth's Full Name:

#### 1. Covid-19 Parent/Guardian Initials:

I acknowledge that Imperial County Probation is making after-school/after-hours recreational opportunities available to me during the global Covid-19 outbreak. I understand that Imperial County Probation will take precautionary measures, including but not limited to sanitizing the spaces and supplies that will be utilized, and comply with all required directives from the Imperial County Public Health Department. Notwithstanding, I understand and agree that by placing my child in the facility, that my child may be exposed to individuals that have been exposed to Covid-19 and that my child is therefore at risk of exposure to the virus, irrespective of any precautionary measures taken by the department. I agree that if my child becomes ill or exhibits any symptoms of illness, including but not limited to, fever, cough, or shortness of breath, I will alert the program staff providing the services and will keep my child home until otherwise cleared to return by a licensed physician. I further agree that if my child becomes ill or exhibits symptoms of illness while under the care of Imperial County Probation staff, I will immediately pick up my child upon notification.

#### 2. Medical Information; Release

#### Parent/Guardian Initials:

I represent that all relevant medical information regarding my child has been provided to Imperial County Probation staff. I understand and agree that if my child requires any medications, that I will be responsible for administering such medications. Imperial County Probation staff will not administer any medications. I additionally give my consent for Imperial County Probation staff to contact an ambulance for my child in the case of a medical emergency. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me or my emergency contacts in the event of an emergency prior to such action. Treatment may take place at a medical facility. Any expense incurred will be borne by me.

#### 3. Topical Non-Prescription Product Application Parent/Guardian Initials:

I understand there might be occasions when my child may need a topical non-prescription product – for his/her own health, safety and comfort – such as sunscreen, insect repellent, first aid ointment, etc. I grant permission for Imperial County Probation personnel to apply such products top my child when needed to prevent sunburn, bug bites, infection, etc.

#### 4. Field Trip/Transportation Acknowledgement Parent/Guardian Initials:

I acknowledge that field trips are an important part of Project ASPIRE because they enhance my child's experience with the program. Field trips may include local schools, parks, museums, lake(s), and local city programs. Imperial County Probation will furnish transportation to these events. Project ASPIRE may additionally offer excursions within walking distance of the program site.

#### 5. Compliance with All Rules

#### Parent/Guardian Initials:

I understand and agree that my child will be under the supervision of Imperial County Probation personnel and must obey all rules and instructions provided by department staff while services and activities are ongoing.

#### 6. Disciplinary Actions

#### Parent/Guardian Initials:

I understand the rules and requirements of Project ASPIRE, which are intended to provide a safe, welcoming, and comfortable environment for participants and staff by requiring that everyone "treat others the way you want to be treated." I understand that any participant that violates the rules and agreements, depending on the severity of the violation, may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, a verbal warning, an early dismissal, and termination from an activity, event, of the program. I understand that if my child violates a program rule or jeopardizes their safety or the safety of others, I will be required to immediately pick up my child and, depending on the circumstances, may be prohibited from utilizing further services.

#### 7. Acknowledgement of Revocation or Invocation of the Above and Aforementioned Permissions or Releases Parent/Guardian Initials:

I understand that I may revoke or invoke any of the abovementioned or aforementioned permissions or releases in writing at any time. If I chose to revoke or invoke a permission or release, it is my responsibility to provide written notification to Imperial County Probation Project ASPIRE personnel, requesting the revocation or invocation. If I choose to revoke the Liability Waiver (Hold Harmless Release), I understand my child will no longer be permitted to participate in Project ASPIRE.

Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date

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#### Imperial County Probation Department ASPIRE

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#### Code of Conduct

Youth's Full Name.

Project ASPIRE is a youth-serving program dedicated to providing pro-social after school programming for youth. Participation in the after school program is subject to the observance of certain rules and procedures. Please observe at all times the following:

- Drugs/Alcohol. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs during the program is prohibited.
- Hazardous Items. Bringing onto the program any dangerous or unauthorized materials such
  as explosives, firearms, knives, archery equipment, and other similar items is prohibited.
- Vehicle Conduct. The operation of motor vehicles by program staff will occur on an ongoing basis. All youth participants are required to wear their seatbelts and remain in their seats while the vehicle is operating.
- Coming and Going. Youth participants are not to leave the program until they have verbal
  permission from program staff. All program staff are expected to document the time of arrival
  and time of dismissal in the attendance roster for all youth enrolled in the program.
- Behavior. Bullying, horseplay, gambling, pranks, practical jokes with malicious intent, violating the right of others, rudeness/ridicule of others (including, but not limited to, program staff members, site county/city staff, housekeeping staff, vendors and other participants, etc.), is prohibited.
- Violence/Harassment. There is zero tolerance for violence, physical abuse, or harassment and
  may lead to immediate termination from the program. The following acts are strictly
  prohibited:
  - Physical, written or verbal abuse of any person, including self, or any action that threatens or endangers the emotional well-being, health or safety of any person.
  - Abusive language towards a staff member, volunteer or another participant.
  - Discourtesy or rudeness to a fellow participant, staff member or volunteer.

- Verbal, physical or visual harassment of another participant, staff member or volunteer.
- Actual or threatened violence toward any individual or group.
- Conduct endangering the life, safety, health or well-being of others.
- Bullying including verbal, physical, and cyber bullying.
- Property. Misuse, tampering, vandalism, theft, damage or unauthorized access of program
  property or the property of others is prohibited. Charges may be assessed against those
  participants who are responsible for damaging or misusing property belonging to County of
  Imperial.
- Technology. The inappropriate or harmful use of smart devices, computers, internet, cell
  phones, cameras, imaging, and digital devices is prohibited including use of such devices in
  restrooms, or other areas where participants expect privacy.
- Violations. Failure to follow any agency policy or procedure and failure to cooperate with an
  adult supervisor/leader/mentor/youth specialist may result in termination from the program.

I have read and I understand Project ASPIRE Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the rules described above and understand that I may be removed as a participant if I violate any of these rules.

Youth's Signature:	Date:
Parent's Signature:	Date:
Witness' Signature:	Date:

### **Imperial County Probation Department**







### California State Parks and Recreation









### U.S. Customs and Border Protection











### Imperial Valley Desert Museum











#### **Master Gardener**









#### **Imperial County Public Health**





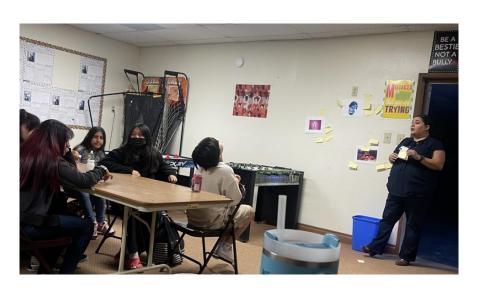


#### Imperial County Behavioral Health









#### **Imperial County Fire Department**









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#### YMCA Summer Camp











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#### Seaworld



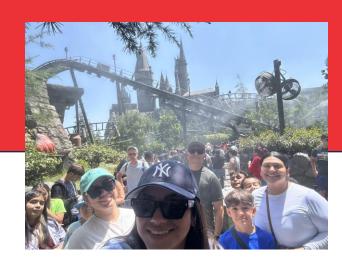




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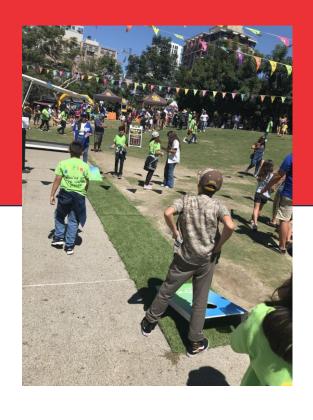








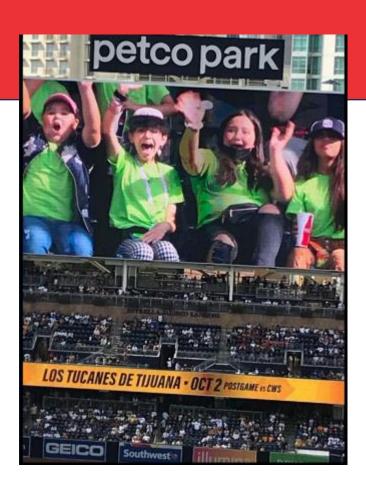
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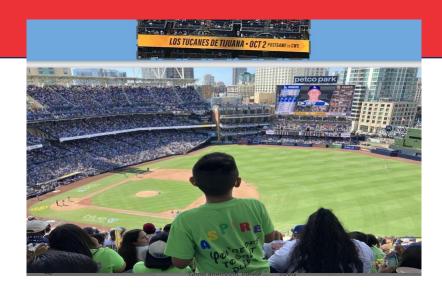






#### **Petco Park**







#### **ASPIRE Parties**







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## Daily Activities

















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#### **Juvenile Hall / Shelter Home**

ASPIRE also offers counseling, support, and life skills workshops to Juvenile Hall and children temporary placed at Imperial County's Shelter Home.

- ❖ Learning different outlets that will prevent them from returning to the detention setting
- Encourage positive coping skills
- **❖** Learn how to make a resume
- ♦ How to apply for a driver's license

#### **Programming includes:**





















Events we've done at JH

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## **Recreational Activity**

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