

## Volunteer Center- Tempo & Aware Mission and Goal

- The mission of the Volunteer Center of Riverside County is to link people in need with those who can help. The Volunteer Center of Riverside County has a 42-year history matching volunteers with opportunities, providing information & referral, developing programs in response to community need and an Alternative Sentencing Program. The Alternative Sentencing Program specifically developed the Community Based Alternative Sentencing Option Programs such as TEMPO, VIP, HAMM, MONITORING, IGNITION INTER-LOCK, COMMUNITY SERVICE and SUMMARY home detention for the Riverside County Judicial System.
- Since October 1997, the TEMPO program has been in operation with initial funding by State of California Office of Traffic Safety. Partners included Riverside County EMS, Public Defenders Officer, District Attorneys Office, Coroners Office, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Riverside County Juvenile Courts, Juvenile Probation .
- The Goal of the A.W.A.R.E. Program is to educate at risk teenagers before serious problems arise. In operation since 2004.
- TEMPO/AWARE is a fee for service program.



More resource information contact 211



# Los Angeles Times

California Office of Traffic Safety



Original Funding for TEMPO 1997-2001  
by Office of Traffic Safety

# AWARE

*Advanced Warning & Alert  
Redirection Education Program*

**Program of The  
Volunteer Center  
of  
Riverside County**



Information and Appointment Scheduling

Please Contact: (951) 329-4709  
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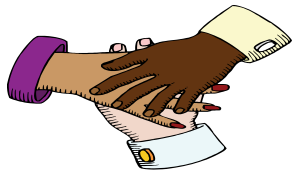
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**AWARE Sessions Offered In:**  
HEMET/SAN JACINTO  
MURRIETA  
PERRIS



## WHAT IS AWARE

- A four-week, multi-component, redirection education program, for both parent and youth.
- Alternative Sentencing court/probation/social services diversion option for teens identified at risk.
- Early intervention, before serious problems with law enforcement/social services arise. Ages between 10-18 years old
- Exposes teens to the legal, financial, emotional and social consequences of negative decisions to violate the law and consequences of negative behavior.
- Collaborative program supported by private and public agencies, with a vested interest in the Teenage Drug and Alcohol Program including: *Courts, Coroner's Office, Hospitals, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, MADD, Law Enforcement, Private Defense Attorneys, Schools, Family Service Association of Western Riverside County, ACSC and District Attorney's*



*Attorney's Office.*

## GOALS OF AWARE

- To educate both parent and youth to the consequences of negative choices.
- To educate both parent and youth about the Juvenile Justice System.
- To educate both parent and youth of the negative impact their choices have, when the youth makes the choice to violate the law and the effect on their family, friends and community.
- To offer better lifestyle choices.

## AWARE DOES NOT

- Pass Judgment
- Make the decisions for you, but rather give you the necessary tools to make your own healthy choices.
- Accept or approve of irresponsible



## HOW AWARE WORKS

The Volunteer Center of Riverside County-Alternative Sentencing **TEMPO** is responsible for all AWARE day-to-day program operations.

- Teens are referred by: *Courts, Law Enforcement, Schools, Probation Department/ Youth Accountability Boards, Social Services & Parents/ Self Referral.*
- Cost/fees: \$140.00. Payment schedules and sliding scale are available.
- Participants must complete all 5 phases of the AWARE Program.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Intake/Orientation Interview-Parent and Youth =3hrs.
- 2) Juvenile Hall or Jail Tour - Parent and Youth -JAI = 2 hrs.
- 3) Community Involvement/Basic Life Skills Home Activity—Includes 250 word essay. = 4 hrs.
- 4) Independent Home Activity - 500 word essay = 4 hrs.
- 5) Exit Interview = 1 hrs.

**TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS = 14 hrs.**

There will be no rescheduling or skipping of sessions.

