

Tempo Background

- 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 INTERLOCK and COMMUNITY SERVICE 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 Department and MADD.
- **TEMPO is a fee for service program.**



THINK IN 3-D

Drinking + Drugs = Injury and/or Death
Driving



California Office of Traffic Safety



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



ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING

*A Program of the
Volunteer Center of Riverside County*

TEMPO

Teen Education Mentoring Program Option

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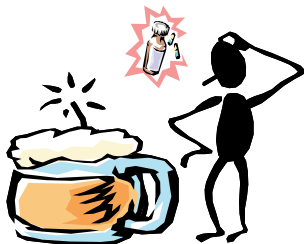
TEMPO OFFICES Located in
Riverside –Murrieta

For all appointments call:
(951) 686-4402

GOALS OF TEMPO

WHAT IS TEMPO

- A six week, multi-component, drug and alcohol education program
- Alternative Sentencing/court diversion option for teens identified at risk
- Early intervention for first time offenders between 13-19 years old
- Exposes teens to the legal, financial, emotional and social consequences of driving while impaired
- 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 Office.*



- To educate and expose teens to the realities of driving while impaired.
- To educate teens to make responsible choices related to drugs/alcohol.
- To educate teens of the negative impact on their family, friends and community.
- To reduce teen injuries and deaths.



TEMPO DOES NOT

- Condemn or pass judgment
- Preach alcohol/drug abstinence
- Accept or approve of irresponsible behavior

HOW TEMPO WORKS

The Volunteer Center of Riverside County is responsible for all day-to-day program operations.

- Teens are referred by: *Courts, Law Enforcement, Schools, Probation Department/ Youth Accountability Boards & Parents/Self Referral*
- Cost/fees: \$160.00. Payment schedules and sliding scale are available for families that qualify.
- Participants must complete all 9 TEMPO components

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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| 1) Intake Interview | = 1 hr. |
| 2) Program Orientation | = 2 hrs. |
| 3) Trauma Center Observation | = 2 hrs. |
| 4) Juvenile Hall or Jail Tour | = 2 hrs. |
| 5) Coroners Office, MADD Presentation Victim Impact Panel Presentation and Office of Traffic Safety Video | = 2 hrs. |
| 6) Group Debriefing with drug/alcohol education | = 2 hrs. |
| 7) Community Involvement/Basic Life Skills Activity—Includes 300 word essay. | = 4 hrs. |
| 8) Independent Activity - 1000 word essay | = 4 hrs. |
| 9) Exit Interview | = 1 hrs. |
| TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS | = 20 hrs. |

