

Here's to New Partnerships!

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Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse has made several new Field Based Partnerships. For the first time, L.A.CADA will be working on site with organizations such as **Homeboy Industries** in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world.

L.A. CADA's own **Robert Brown** (below) was asked by Homeboy Industries founder, **Father G**, to provide the inspirational message of the day to their youth program. Robert is our new Program Coordinator for Field Based Services at Homeboy Industries.

Congratulations, Robert!



Allen House Prepares for Pregnant and Parenting Women and Their Children

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It wasn't long ago that the Allen House served pregnant women and women with children in the program. In 2014, while housed at the current CCTRP building, Allen House was licensed for women and their children. However, since moving back in to the Painter building and thus licensed for adults only, Allen House has been restricted to treating adults without children and an occasional pregnant client. This will soon change with the implementation of a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Pregnant and Post-Partum Women's Program: **Family H.O.P.E.** This new program provides enhanced services to a traditionally underserved population of pregnant women and their young children.

Initially, Family H.O.P.E. was an acronym created in 2014 by a staff team headed by then L.A. CADA Executive Director Brenda Weiwei, who developed the program model and submitted it to SAMHSA. The acronym represents the following:

- H** = Housing/Health
- O** = Options/Opportunities
- P** = Preparation/ Planning
- E** = Education/Encouragement

Family H.O.P.E. is a three- to six-month program for pregnant and postpartum women who have given birth in the past 12 months. Women may also bring one or two children three years of age and younger to reside with them in the program.

Unique to this program is the application of a "wraparound" services model to the residential treatment setting. These services will be offered to the client and her family members, spouses,

and partners who reside in the community, primarily through referrals to community partners. Community partners are agencies who have established a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Family H.O.P.E.

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