

- The FARS Program accepts referrals from the probation department, juvenile court, local school districts, law enforcement, and community service organizations as well as concerned parents and youth.

FARS is the first program of its kind in Los Angeles and one of a few in the United States.

- Services are free of charge for residents of Inglewood, Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Lennox, Ladera Heights, El Camino Village, Wiseburn, and West Athens.

“Yesterday’s the past, tomorrow’s the future, but today’s a **GIFT**. That’s why it’s called the present.”



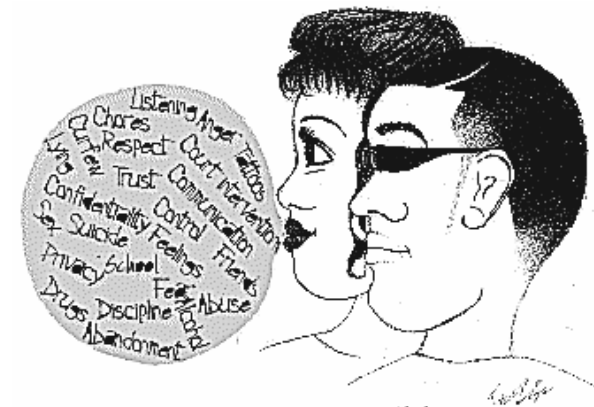
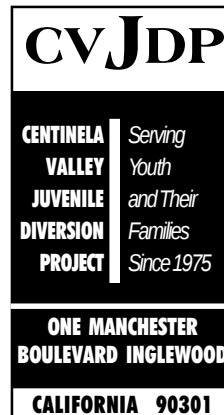
Call (310)412-5578

Families

Able to

Resolve

Situations



FARS is an effective intervention program for helping parents and youth in crisis.

- “ The FARS Program seeks to return the responsibility for resolving conflicts to the family.
- “ We use highly trained volunteers to hold mediations between parents and youth.
- “ CVJDP uses its most experienced mediators who have received supplemental training in child development, adolescent issues and family dynamics.
- “ These mediators bring parent and youth together in a series of mediations aimed at a written agreement to end family disputes related to issues such as respect, truancy, parental defiance, and other issues identified by participants.
- “ The principles of mediation are useful tools for decreasing tension and de-escalating levels of conflict within the family.
- “ FARS Mediators are concerned with



Chores

the resolution or management of specific issues such as curfew, chores, respect, etc., but are equally committed to providing tools for the family to take home and use in resolving disputes themselves.

- “ Dedicated staff and volunteers support families in building strong communication skills and easing tensions at home as they struggle with their daily challenges.
- “ Appropriate referrals are made to a variety of link agencies.

WHY FARS?

- “ *Is conflict destroying your family?*
- “ *Do you feel overwhelmed?*
- “ *Are you worried and anxious?*
- “ *Do concerns go unheard?*

*Telephone the FARS Coordinator at
(310) 412-5578*

to schedule an appointment.

Mediations are scheduled at convenient times for all parties. Evening hours are available.



Choice of Friends