

Human Services

Children Get to Experience a Day Working for Human Services

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Children were seen in offices throughout the county during “Take Your Child to Work” day. Employees’ children and grandchildren between the ages of 8 to 18 got a rare glimpse of what their parents, grandparents and guardians do professionally for the County of San Bernardino.

More than a career day, the day went beyond “shadowing” parents and grandparents. Children took part in learning workshops throughout Human Services to see first-hand how services and resources are provided residents through a wide-variety of programs and resources. Some workshops involved live conference calls with sister offices, while others held workshops about programs and services offered via Power Point presentations and tours through specialized software programs. Each department tailored the day with a learning component and shadow time with their parent.

Many Human Services department and division staff participated in the 2013 Take Your Child to Work day. More than 100 children spent that day Transitional Assistance Department offices throughout the County. In addition to observing their parents on the job, they attended workshop sessions, went on mock interviews and received certificates.

Staff and 18 children participated in the day’s activities at the Rancho Cucamonga office of the Department of Aging and Adult Services. The children, including teenagers, worked together and participated in workshops throughout the day. It wasn’t all work and no play. DAAS hosted a fun scavenger hunt challenging the children to scour the offices for a list of items. From the shyest to the most outgoing, each child test-drove their social skills approaching staff they did not know for items on the list. One child, Anastasia Power, has been coming to “Take Your Child to Work” day for four years now.

“ I enjoy it a lot– it’s very fun,” she said. “There are cool activities and I get to see what my mom does for work.”

The fun and learning continued at Preschool Services Department with children participating in arts and crafts, workshops and observing what their parents do each day.

