

Human Services

Employees of the Month

HS Connection Staff



**Linda Conner, Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)
Program Supervisor for Senior Information and Assistance (SIA)**

Linda has worked for the County and DAAS for five years. During this time, she has been a supervisor in which she supervises staff from Needles to Fontana. Linda has been instrumental in standardizing the expectations of the SIA program and implementing full utilization of a database system resulting in accurate reporting to the state. She has done an excellent job of developing working relationships with staff, peers, and other departments. Linda is always willing to take on additional assignments and goes the extra mile to make sure her clients, staff, supervisor and anyone else she interacts with are satisfied customers. She is an excellent role model for all staff and a great ambassador for DAAS and the County.



Brandy Nelson, Children's Network Mentoring Resource Coordinator

Brandy became the Mentoring Resource Coordinator for Children's Network in August of 2009. She chairs the Mentoring Network Taskforce, which is aimed at bringing together existing mentoring programs and resources, sharing information and facilitating mentoring relationships between youth served by the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Children and Family Services (CFS), Probation, and community-based mentoring programs. She is being recognized for the Spring Jam 2013 that she planned and organized with the assistance of the Mentoring Taskforce.

The event took place in April at the San Manuel (66ers) Stadium and was designed to be a day of fun to introduce system-involved youth to the concept of mentoring. A unique feature of the event was that many of the volunteer mentors who participated were formally system-involved youth themselves, including the Transitional Age Youth and Interagency Youth Resiliency Team (IYRT) staff who have a unique way of connecting with current system-involved youth. There were over 150 youth in attendance. Brandy was able to put on an event of this size with a very slim budget; an indication of how well she is able to get a group of people to come together for a cause she is passionate about. Brandy hopes to make Spring Jam an annual event.

