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SUCCESSFUL 2004 GRADS TO CELEBRATE PROPOSITION 36

Crime Prevention Act of 2000 is "Roadway to Recovery" for More Than 100 Who Received Treatment

- WHAT:** Celebratory picnic for more than 200 people who completed substance abuse treatment programs in accordance with Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, which directs nonviolent drug offenders to treatment programs instead of jail.
- WHEN:** 12 noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 26
- WHERE:** Balboa Park, corner of Park Boulevard and President's Way
- WHO:** Participants and their families, County of San Diego Criminal Justice representatives, and private treatment providers
- WHY:** Clean and sober alumni from the County's Proposition 36 programs will join more than 100 local treatment program participants in celebration of their successful completion of Proposition 36 substance abuse treatment programs during 2003-04. Substance abuse is estimated to cost San Diego County taxpayers more than \$3 billion a year. Treatment programs located within neighborhoods not only help reduce crime, they have returned local citizens to families and communities as clean, sober and productive members of society.

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