Simi Valley Task Force on Heroin Prevention
September 2013

SUPPORT

• Our Family Focus group meets on Sundays at Action Family Counseling. It continues to grow and is making a difference with the parents. We have developed strong ties and are reaching out into the community to bring support to parents who are struggling.

• Working with parents and addicts at the sober/recovery houses to repair the bond between the parents and kids.

EDUCATION

• Acquired copies of a documentary, "Overtaken", and received approval from the SVUSD to present it to students in grades 9-12 (expected for 2013-14 school year).

• Awaiting the green light from the school board to schedule age-appropriate presentations for students in 6th-8th grade.

• Holding public meetings with guests such as a doctor and nurse from the Los Robles ER, and Sam Quinones from the LA Times, to help educate our community.

• Met with the faith-based groups to join with them promoting awareness and support.

RECOVERY

• Supported by the local gyms, boxing, MMA in getting kids to get back into shape.

• Continuing to get recovered addicts back to work when employment opportunities are available.

• Provided financial support to a local sober house.

CHANGE

• Representative will be attending the Fed Up! Rally ("For a Federal Response to the Opioid Epidemic") in Washington, D.C.

• Organized rally and walk for Simi Valley’s 2nd Heroin Awareness Day.