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County wins 40 awards from National Association of Counties

San Bernardino County programs ending veteran homelessness, advancing literacy, and saving citrus trees are among 40 groundbreaking initiatives that won 2017 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The Public Defender and the Department of Behavioral Health also won a Best in Category Achievement Award for the Everyone SWIMS program which addresses the continuing problem of unnecessary hospitalization and incarceration of individuals with psychological distress and mental disorders. Everyone SWIMS stands for Self-sufficient, Well-being, In-house, Mental health services and the program helps increase access to outpatient and crisis stabilization services to the indigent population facing criminal charges.

“The County continues to be a national leader because we are always thinking of new and different ways to improve lives and save taxpayer dollars,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert A. Lovingood. “I am proud of our employees for providing top-notch services and professionalism to our county residents.”

Since 2010, San Bernardino County has garnered 242 awards from NACo, an organization that honors innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

The Board of Supervisors will recognize and honor the people and departments responsible for the winning programs and services below at an upcoming public meeting:

County Administrative Office - **Vision2Read**

Housing Authority - **County Vision to End Homelessness**

Department of Child Support Services - **Child Support License Release Project**

Public Works - **Flood Warning System Upgrade**

Public Works - **Pavement Preservation & Preventive Maintenance Program - A Performance Based Approach**

Fleet Management - **Vehicle Maintenance & Light Repair Program**

Workforce Development Department - **Annual Y4 Youth Leadership Event**

Human Resources - **Department Diversity Committee Program**

Information Services Department - **Vision2Read**

Information Services Department - **Generator Monitoring and AQMD Reporting**

Information Services Department - **Request for Guard Services Tracking System**

Information Services Department - **Automated Incident Reporting System**

Assessor-Recorder-Clerk - **ARC Website Consolidation and Redesign Project**

Preschool Services Department - **Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership**

Agriculture Weights and Measures - **Protecting Citrus Trees by Creating the ‘Help Us Save Our Citrus’ Program**

Department of Public Health - **Laserfiche**

Department of Public Health - **SharePoint**

Department of Public Health - **Virtual Receptionist**

Department of Public Health - **After an Emergency: Using Mutual Aid to Help Rebuild a Local Government Department when Resources are Limited**

Probation - **Custody to Community (CTC): Mentally Ill and Medically Fragile Offenders**

Probation - **Probation Training System (ProbTrain)**

Registrar of Voters - **EDATE - A Program to Effectively Manage Election Tasks**

Registrar of Voters - **Poll Worker Training Program**

Transitional Assistance Department - **Inmate Medi-Cal Enrollment**

Transitional Assistance Department - **Mobile Fresh**

Transitional Assistance Department - **Visual Interactive Voice Response (VIVR)**

Transitional Assistance Department - **Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Biometric Voice Print (BVP) Log In**

Aging and Adult Services - **Enhancing APS through In-Home Capacity Assessments**

Children and Family Services - **Kinship Supportive Service Program**

Children and Family Services - **Jurisdiction/Disposition Report Writer (J/D Writer) Unit**

Program Development Division - **Human Services (HS) Ham Radio Program**

Library - **Staff Development Day**

Library - **New Book Festival**

Department of Behavioral Health - **Video Interpretation Video Project**

Department of Behavioral Health - **Group Facilitator Training**

Department of Behavioral Health - **Expanding and Sustaining the Psychiatric Workforce**

Department of Behavioral Health - **Student Assistance Program (SAP)**

Department of Behavioral Health - **Recovery Based Engagement & Support Team (RBEST)**

Department of Behavioral Health - **CONNECTIONS Program**

Public Defender/Department of Behavioral Health - **Everyone SWIMS (Self Sufficient, Well-Being, In House, Mental Health, Services Program)**

To view specific information about each program, visit <http://www.naco.org/blog/2017-achievement-award-winners-announced>.

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