

# KEEPING KIDS SAFE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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## Volunteering

*Rita McCoubrey is a Smith College student who volunteered 220 hours with the Keeping Kids Safe volunteer program this past summer. Pictured is Rita and her daughter Josie. Here are a few words she'd like to share with everyone about her experiences with the volunteer program:*

"The Keeping Kids Safe Program has been such a rewarding program! It has been difficult at times, but that is what has made it so rewarding. I had a hard time leaving La Familia and the families they serve. I will miss the courtroom, the parents sitting across the table and asking questions about the rules of supervised visitation. I will miss reading about cases while completing court reports. Most of all, I will miss seeing the positive results of the legal system at work.

This program offers so much for so many people on both sides of the table. As a volunteer, I have been able to help families come closer together and calm parents' fears. For parents, the program demands accountability and honesty. Although this equation seems to balance out, it is unfortunate to see those families who cannot seem to get it right. I encourage current volunteers to continue to help out in court and to keep going to the agencies. For new volunteers, I advise you to be patient with the clients and enjoy the program."



## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR UPDATE

By Carol Stewart

This month, many volunteers participated in the Supervised Visitation Network telephone conference training. Cases that have presented monitors with ethical dilemmas were discussed. October is Domestic Violence Month. Please be sure to check the bulletin board for upcoming trainings, conferences, and seminars. On Saturday, October 20th, CSUF is hosting its 9th annual Domestic Violence Prevention Conference. KKS will have an exhibit/resource table at the event and we are looking for volunteers to help staff it. Please contact me for more details by email at [cstewart@occourts.org](mailto:cstewart@occourts.org) or by phone 714.935.6478.

### Calendar of Events

**9/23/07 First Day of Autumn**

**October is Domestic Violence**

**Awareness Month**

**10/20/07 CSUF DV Conference**



## Welcome New Volunteers

We would like to extend a

warm welcome to:

Abeer Portillo and Dixie King

Thank you for

volunteering your

extra time. It is

Appreciated!



### September Quote

*The shoe that fits one person pinches another; there is no recipe for living that suits all cases.*

Carl Jung (1875-1961)

Psychologist

