

Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Speaker/Facilitator Information

David Ramirez

Executive Assistant Chief of Police

Executive Assistant Chief of Police David Ramirez is a 28-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department. Chief Ramirez was promoted to Executive Assistant Chief of Police in January 2008. As the second in command of this 2750 employee organization, Chief Ramirez is currently in charge of the department's 24/7 daily operation, its 408 million dollar budget, the Internal Affairs Unit and Media Services. He held the rank of Assistant Chief from October 2005 to January 2008. His past assignments include Patrol Operations, Investigations, Training, Administration and S.W.A.T. Chief Ramirez is native San Diegan and currently lives in Chula Vista with his wife, Anabel. Chief Ramirez has one daughter and one granddaughter. Chief Ramirez has a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from National University. Chief Ramirez graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy in September 2002. In 1995, Chief Ramirez was awarded the Police Department's Purple Heart and Medal of Valor for a shooting incident that he was involved in. Prior to joining the Police Department, Chief Ramirez served four years in the United States Air Force. Chief Ramirez currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He also serves as a board member for the San Diego Crime Victims Fund.

Tia Ross

Tia Ross is an educator, a writer and a dynamic inspirational speaker who came from humble beginnings. Ross works with youth who have suffered trauma. She is a Certified Master Facilitator and Director of the Facilitator Empowerment Program for Motivating the Teen Spirit (a Lisa Nichol's company). Through her work, she has impacted the lives of thousands of teens and adults, teaching them how to become powerful leaders through integrity-based decision-making, effective communication, and community involvement. She has a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University and has committed her life to positively influencing youth and families within the juvenile justice system.

Gabrielle M. Cerda, MD

Dr. Cerda is a psychiatrist and professor at the UCSD School of Medicine, specializing in adult, child & adolescent psychiatry. Dr. Cerda is an experienced clinician in the area of trauma and its effects on youth and in the diagnosis and treatment of trauma-related disorders. She has a B.A. in Psychology/Animal Physiology as well as an MD, both from UCSD. Dr. Cerda has published articles for journals including *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology* and *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* as well as published chapters in books like *Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America*. She has given many presentations about children and teenagers.

Rosa Ana Lozada, L.C.S.W.

For over 30 years, Rosa Ana Lozada, L.C.S.W., has dedicated her professional career to providing mental health care to children, youth and their families. She has been a strong advocate for system reform resulting in a more holistic approach in the delivery of care. Ms. Lozada is the Chief Executive Officer of Harmonium Inc., a non - profit agency that was established in 1975. Ms. Lozada continues her reform efforts through her work at Harmonium by ensuring that services offered promote the physical, mental health, and emotional well-being of the 30,000 children, youth, and families served each year. Ms. Lozada is actively involved in various committees, provides consultation and training, volunteers in the community, and serves as the current Chair of the City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

Dana Brown

Dana Brown is a dedicated community advocate and motivational public speaker. She is the co-founder of Youth Voice and lead – Community Organizer on 44th Street’s Community Wrap-Around Mobilization, lead - Youth Leadership of WRPP (Wellness & Restorative Practice Partnership). A Character Development Specialist from USD’s Character Development Center, she is also involved in many community organizations including the Commission on Gang Prevention & Intervention. She founded a Character Education program and PALS (Parents At Lunch) in 2003. Brown co-teaches Conflict Resolution in the Child/Family department at SDSU.

Jonathan Villafuerte

Jonathan grew up surrounded by alcoholism, gangs and violence. Instead of being influenced by that, he joined the Reality Changers. Since before he was admitted, he never missed a program night. He attended Point Loma Nazarene University under a full tuition scholarship. Reality Changers gave Jonathan all the tools necessary to succeed and graduate in four years. Jonathan is now the Dean of Students at Reality Changers and plans to pursue a Master’s degree in high school counseling.