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Wayne Sakamoto is the Director of School Safety for the Murrieta Valley Unified School District. He has over twenty years of experience in the field of school and community safety and has developed and implemented a number of successful gang and youth violence prevention and intervention approaches. He has contributed to the development of school safety, emergency readiness and bullying prevention materials, manuals and resources for the California Department of Education and the California Department of Justice, and assisted the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the National Gang Center and the International Association of Chiefs of Police in developing trainings, studies and resources for school safety and gang prevention. He has been recognized for the F.O.R.C.E. 8 (Focus On Resolving Conflict Everyday) program, a Youth Leadership Project he developed while working for the San Diego County Office of Education. The program was awarded a 2002 Golden Bell Award by the California School Boards Association. Wayne has assisted in developing programs that have won two additional Golden Bell Awards the latest being in 2008 with the Murrieta Valley Unified School District. Wayne has also been recognized by The California Wellness Foundation for his work as an advocate for violence prevention and awarded the 2002 California Peace Prize Award. Wayne serves as a Board Member for the International Bullying Prevention Association and is the volunteer Executive Director for the California School Resource Officers' Association (CSROA).

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As the Community Outreach Program Manager for the City of Vista, Kathy Valdez manages the Cal-GRIP and law enforcement block grants; assists the Sheriff's Department with implementing programs and activities; addresses alcohol, tobacco, and other drug issues; and administers the Community Development Block Grant program. Ms. Valdez has over fifteen years of experience in the social service field. As part of the Department of Justice Weed & Seed program, she became involved with gang prevention and intervention efforts in 2002. Ms. Valdez is the Vice Chair of the North County Gang Commission and Co-Chair of the North County Gang Prevention and Intervention Committee (NC Gang PIC). Ms. Valdez was part of the five-member team from the 78 Corridor that was trained in the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model in 2009 and has been instrumental in the development of the North County Comprehensive Gang Initiative, which is based on the model.