



CENTER FOR REENTRY PATHWAYS

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Happy Spring Semester Vaqueros! As we embark in into the new semester, we want to formally introduce the new members to the program, student - Karen Argott and staff member - Joanna Saporito LCSW.



JOANNA SAPORITO

Joanna comes to the Center for Reentry Pathways (CRP) with 25 years of experience as Licensed Clinical Social Worker with specializations in Domestic Violence (DV), Loss & Grief, Aging, Mediation, Anger Management, and Batterers of DV. She first began teaching in the Sociology at GCC where she created the "Intro to Social Work" class. Joanna has worked with homeless shelters in Washington D.C, directed a DV program, worked in foster care and community jails, and has had a private practice for 20 years.

She will be offering free and confidential personal counseling to members of the CRP. She expressed her excitement to be part of the program as it is an opportunity to provide clinical social work services to individuals at GCC.



KAREN ARGOTT

Karen was raised in the San Fernando Valley. She struggled all throughout her teen years and got involved with the wrong crowd. By the time she was 18, she went to prison where she served 30 years. During her time in prison, she was able to receive her GED, took business college courses, vocational programs such as mill and cabinets, upholstery, and sewing machine operators, and participated in several self-help classes in an attempt to rehabilitate herself. Karen was released in January 2019 and expressed that she finds it difficult to acclimate to the new technology and changes of today's world.

Karen is passionate about working with struggling individuals and youth. She is currently pursuing an associates degree in Addiction Studies Counseling. Her goal is to give back and help the community in any way she can. She is motivated by her past and wants to ensure she is able to provide support for others.

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