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A Note from CEO / Director – Dr. Tara Pir

The month of June is the end of the "fiscal" year & July is the beginning of the new year! This year, our behavioral health system in California transformatively changed to BHSA, a new framework with specific guidelines and requirements. At IMCES, we have been preparing for the new year and adapting to the required changes.

This year, we have continuously met and exceeded our goals of providing equitable, culturally responsive behavioral health services to our community!

I am proud of our IMCES team members for their demonstration of integrity and accountability to remain in compliance with their commitment to productivity goals and passionate direct services as a part of their role and responsibilities.

We are also grateful for our private-public partnership contract with DMH for their support and acknowledgement of our high standard, effective, outcome-based services.

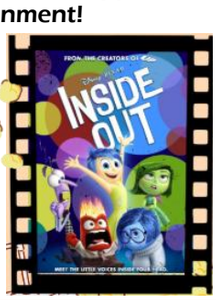
We look forward to another year of promoting human rights, social justice, and providing services to the diverse individuals and families in our LA Community!

EPI-Cal Program Event "Movie Night"

Our EPI-Cal Program hosted a movie night this month with fun and engaging activities reflecting on the movie "Inside Out".

Doctoral Intern, Seren, and Education Employment Specialist, Jose, organized and co-hosted this event at our West Covina office for clients of our "EPI-Cal" program. Overall, the event was very successful. Clients actively participated, enjoyed the shared meal and activities, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn, gain insight about emotions, and connect with peers in a positive and supportive environment!





Client Success Story!

This month, we are proud to highlight the inspiring journey of one of our Wraparound clients, Daniella. With DMH's endorsement and IMCES Wraparound Program support, she had the opportunity to study abroad in London and shared how meaningful the experience was for her! This success story is a demonstration of the team's effective work in promoting the wellbeing of our clients and community members.

"Being able to study abroad in London with the support of IMCES is one of the biggest blessings in my lifetime. Not only did I have the best time, I was able to experience this opportunity with a clear mind thanks to all the emotional support and coping skills that I have learned while working with my team. That clarity made everything possible. I finished the semester strong academically, started a business club with the students in my study abroad program, and made connections that I know will stick with me long after the program ends. And on a more personal note, I got to reunite with my aunt, someone I had not seen since I was five years old. Getting to sit with her in the city I was calling home, even for a little while, meant more than I can put into words."

- Daniella



Staff Recognition: June!

IMCES practices the culture of recognition & appreciation.

Each month, staff members born in that month will be acknowledged & appreciated! The celebration includes a certificate, a beautiful box with acknowledgement cards from team members, flowers, cakes, & fun activities!



Honorees of this month:

- Jackie Gil, Community Worker
- Yorland Tellez, Case Manager
- Dr. Tara Omrani, Rehab Specialist
- Sachiko Tawa, Doctoral Intern

Recognizing Outstanding Performance

The following team members reached & exceeded 100% of their <u>productivity</u> requirements in the month of June!

- **Dr. Sarah Seeman**
  Postdoc Resident
- **Yorland Tellez**
  Case Manager
- **Gilmore Villegas**
  Case Manager
- **Veny Okasinski**
  Case Manager
- **Dr. Jenni Pineda**
  Rehab Specialist
- **Soorena Sardarzadeh**
  Clinician
- **Rosa Diaz**
  Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner



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