

## SSG's New Headquarters!



It is with great pleasure that SSG announces the opening of the new SSG HEADQUARTERS located at  
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This 34,000 sq. ft. newly renovated building is located in the general 'industrial' area of downtown Los Angeles - bordering the well known Flower Mart area to the west and the Produce Mart area to the east. This prime geographic location in the heart of historic Los Angeles will enable SSG to create a permanent home for core operations while remaining in a central and accessible area of downtown Los Angeles. SSG's Executive, Administrative, Fiscal, Human Resources, Development, Risk, Strategic Planning and Research & Evaluation operations will be housed in this building. Other SSG units and partners will also share this space including Faith In Communities (FIC), Network for Social Work Management (NSWM), Sustainable Urban ReVitalization (SURV), API Obesity Prevention Alliance (APIOPA) and the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON).

This new building has several meeting and training rooms. The gated entrance is currently located on Gladys Street with limited staff and guest parking available. The closest cross streets are San Pedro Street to the east and Central Avenue to the west.

Kudos to the SSG Board of Directors and Executive Director Dr. Herbert Hatanaka for their vision and leadership to usher in a new era for SSG!

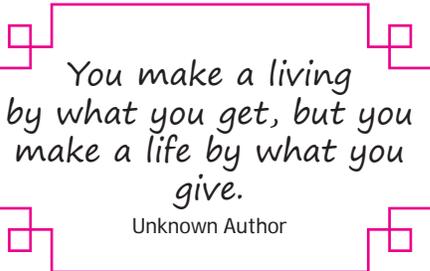
SSG SILVER



After months of discussion with program staff on the essence of our program, the Older Adults Division has changed our division name to SSG SILVER.

We wanted a name that represented the nature of the work that we do and the clientele that we serve. Our program has long served disabled adults between the ages of 18-59 and many of our 60+ clients do not self identify as older adults. Further, the age span that older adults represent has now grown and can be defined as transitional age older adults, the young old, and the old. Thus, instead of the golden years, many of our clients prefer to define the stage of their lives as the SILVER years. Our new logo, the Silver Pine Cone represents the longevity and evergreen nature of the pine tree and our division's hope that our clients will be able to sustain their independence and remain active as they age. Please join us in celebrating our new name.

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SSG WEBSITE FYI & REMINDERS

CAREERS

Place your Job postings on the Careers page on the SSG website. Limit one page in a Word document; for content questions, contact the H.R. Dept. at 213-553-1892 or email to the SSG HR Dept. at: hr@ssgmain.org.

DONATIONS

The SSG website can receive donations via credit card payments; this resource can be incorporated into your website or email campaign, contact Wendy Chiu, Dev. and Operations at: wchiu@ssgmain.org.

PUBLICATIONS

Forward publication information to: Wendy Chiu, Dev. and Operations at: wchiu@ssgmain.org. Include 2-3 sentences description of the publication, date published, and weblink or reference to the full article.



@ 1730 W. Olympic

On July 22th, SSG divisions housed at the 1730 W. Olympic Blvd. site hosted an Open House for agency staff to meet and greet one another. All divisions including Alliance, APAIT, BACUP, Great Leap, IBHT, SILVER (formerly the Older Adults Division), The Painted Brain and PALS for Health were on hand to provide information about their services and target communities, as well as provide tours of their new office space. Visitors came from many SSG divisions including the Tongan Community Service Center, SURV, HOPICS, Weber Community Center, AP Recovery, OTTP as well as members of SSG's administration and fiscal departments. Many visitors stayed for lunch and had a chance to learn more about their sister programs and explore ways to work more closely and collaboratively across divisions.

SSG's INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
FEATURED IN REPORT

The SSG-IRB is one of very few community-based Institutional Review Boards (IRB) in this country and makes unique contributions to making sure community partners have an equitable role in research. It is a featured case study in an exciting new report exploring how communities can ensure ethical research. The report, *Redefining Research Ethics Review: Case Studies of Five Community-Led Models*, highlights different approaches communities can take to reviewing, shaping and approving community research before it has even begun. The report features firsthand insights into the ethical issues faced by diverse communities engaged in research and makes recommendations for community groups and other key stakeholders.

The SSG-IRB reviews research projects from SSG divisions and their partners. The ten members on the board include SSG division directors, staff, and community and university allies. Currently, it is chaired by Mary Anne Foo of OCAPICA. This report is based on a two-year research funded by National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences at the NIH and in partnership with Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and five community partners across U.S. For a copy of the report, please visit our R&E team website: [www.ssgresearch.org](http://www.ssgresearch.org).



Members of SSG's-IRB and CCPH's Research Team

SSG NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

Children’s Dental and Outreach Program

Congratulations to Jane Rosser



Please join us in saying farewell, best wishes and thank you to Jane Rosser, who retired from her position as Project Director of the Children’s Dental and Outreach Project (Children’s Dental) located at Northam Elementary School in La Puente, CA on July 31st, 2014.

Children’s Dental is one of SSG’s longest running projects (established in 1974), and Jane has been an integral part of the project’s success for nearly all of its history. In fact, Jane was the very first clinic employee once the project became part of SSG. Thanks to Jane’s dedication and passion for the program, Children’s Dental continues to serve some of the poorest, most underserved families in Los Angeles County after 40 years in operation. Children’s Dental has traditionally been a 3-person miracle operation led by Jane, and including Gloria Solorio and resident dentist (Dr. Lester Lim, a long-time team member). Jane’s final accomplishment as Project Director was to shepherd the project through the transition to a new facility at the same school site where Children’s Dental has been housed for decades. This facility marks the beginning of a new era of growth for Children’s Dental and increased resources for their patients.

Jane is known for her consistently positive attitude, her nurturing demeanor, and her caring and compassion for all of the children and families Children’s Dental serves. As Gloria Solorio, her Dental Assistant for over 10 years, says, “Words cannot express all that Jane has done for me and for all of the families.”

Thank you, Jane. We wish you the best in your retirement and thank you for your service.

Congratulations to Gloria Solorio



Congratulations to Gloria Solorio, who took over as Project Director of the Children’s Dental and Outreach Project (Children’s Dental) on August 1, 2014. Gloria has been involved with Children’s Dental since 1998, when she was still attending school to become a registered chairside Dental Assistant. Since 2003, Gloria has been the Bilingual Dental Assistant for the project.

In her role as Dental Assistant, Gloria has not only been responsible for assisting the dentist to provide treatment but also for offering dental hygiene education, conducting intake, and reporting detailed information to the project’s funders. Gloria also consistently goes above and beyond to assist families to access a wide range of services and support, often working in partnership with the nursing and family resource programs with which Children’s Dental shares space. Gloria brings to her new role a wealth of experience and very long track record of dedication to helping Children’s Dental patients and their families.



SSG STAFF APPRECIATION

As summer winds down for 2014 it is time for one final hurrah.

This is a shout-out to all of SSG’s wonderful staff! We are over 680 individuals strong with a great reputation for service and excellence.

THANK YOU SSG STAFF FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND TALENTS!

September 2014 has been deemed ‘SSG STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH’.

Based upon schedules and approval by supervisors, all eligible staff will receive a maximum of one (1) regular (8 hour) ‘Leave With Pay’ day off. This day may be scheduled in either September or October 2014. This is applicable for all current staff (introductory or regular status) who work regularly 20 hours or more per week. Those less than full-time (40 hours) will receive commensurate (i.e. pro-rated) time off. As noted, this is only available for the month of September and October, 2014. Directors will be held responsible for ensuring that all eligible staff receive this benefit.

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TRAINING PROGRAM - LOS ANGELES

### Health Fair

On Thursday August 14, Torrance Health & Wellness Center hosted its first health fair in celebration of National Health Center Week. OTTP clients and community members were able to receive free health screenings including blood pressure, body mass index, vision, and dental screens from South Bay Family Health Care and South Bay Children's Health Center. Participants were also able to learn about health insurance options from certified enrollment counselors. Staff from OTTP's Center for the Assessment and Prevention of Prodromal States program provided psychoeducational games. Occupational therapists facilitated fun games for the whole family with a focus on health and wellness. Participants made their own stress balls and engaged in some light physical activity while learning about the importance of whole body wellness.

Heather Parsons, Director of Legislative Advocacy from the American Occupational Therapy Association attended the health fair during her visit to California. She was excited to see occupational therapy involved in an integrated primary care setting and plans to showcase Torrance Health & Wellness Center in future OT seminars and literature.



Angelica Ruan, RDH a dental hygienist from South Bay Children's Health Center, educating a client about proper oral care.

### International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists

The 16th International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) in collaboration with the 48th Japanese Occupational Therapy Congress and Expo was held in Yokohama Japan on June 17-21, 2014. This is the first ever WFOT Congress held in Asia. The Emperor and Empress of Japan attended the WFOT Congress opening ceremony. The main Congress theme was "Sharing Traditions, Creating Futures. Under the main congress theme there were eight sub-themes: 1. Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery, 2. Inter-professional Collaboration and the Role of Occupational Therapy, 3. Wisdom: Learning from the past, tradition for the future, 4. Innovations and Challenges in occupational Therapy, 5. Education and Research: Meeting the demands from the field, 6. Evidenced-based Practice and Quality of Occupational Therapy, 7. The nature of human occupation, 8. Community & Occupational Therapy. A total of 2,666 papers have been accepted for this WFOT Congress—1,024 for oral sessions, 1,564 for poster session, and 78 for workshops. OTTP-LA contributed to a workshop presentation. Ruth Sun, M.A. OTR/L, presented "*Occupational Therapy Mental Health Services for the 0-5 population*". In this presentation Ms. Sun discussed the psychosocial and occupational needs of infants and children (ages 0-5), as well as the evaluation tools and the intervention approaches for addressing occupational performance.



Ruth Sun

## ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER OBESITY PREVENTION ALLIANCE

*You're Invited!*

### TABLE TENNIS FUNDRAISER

On Monday, October 20, 2014, APIOPA will host the 1st annual Table Tennis Fundraiser to raise funds for our programs that promote health and reduce obesity among underserved Asian & Pacific Islander children and families.

The inaugural Table Tennis Fundraiser event will be held at the Peking Tavern located in the heart of downtown LA at 806 S. Spring St, Los Angeles, CA 90014, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. We will bring together socially-conscious Angelenos who are also inspired by locally produced, thoughtful, and culturally diverse food and beverages, including young professionals, artists, and downtown residents. The event will feature table tennis matches and free play, as well as a chance to enjoy good company in a relaxing and fun environment.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Scott Chan, Program Director at (213) 553-8491 or via email at [schan@apiopa.org](mailto:schan@apiopa.org).



SSG NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

**HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM  
INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM**

**Veronica Lewis Elected SPA 6 Primary  
Council Member**



The LA Homeless Services Authority established the LA Coordinating Council in 2009 to provide input and leadership for homeless services and funding throughout the region. The Council is chaired by the Executive Director of LAHSA and is comprised of 10 members (with 10 alternates) who must be elected by the local community and 4 homeless or formerly homeless representatives. Elections for the 2014-2015 Coordinating Council Committee

Members were held in June 2014. Congratulations to **Veronica Lewis, MPA** the Division Director for SSG/HOPICS on her successful election as the SPA 6 Primary Council Member. The alternate for SPA 6 is Kirk Tyler of Weingart Center. Contact SSG/HOPICS for more information at [www.hopics.org](http://www.hopics.org)

**Central City Community Health Center  
In partnership with SSG to provide  
Primary Health Care**

SSG is proud to announce the partnership between APAIT/CORE Community Health Center and the Central City Community Health Center (CCCHC). CCCHC has established a full service satellite clinic located in the premises previously occupied by CORE Community Health Center - the first floor of 1730 W. Olympic Blvd., LA 90015. CORE Health Center is no longer in operation.

The addition of CCCHC to this location fulfills SSG's vision of creating a full-service and integrated system of care that seamlessly merges both physical and behavioral healthcare for under-served minority communities.

CORE clients have been transitioned to CCCHC for primary care services. SSG behavioral health providers involved in this spectrum of care include APAIT, SSG Alliance, Project 180, SSG Silver and IBHT. Other SSG providers including BACUP, The Painted Brain and PALS for Health provide referrals and other related services for eligible clients.

CCCHC is a fully credentialed Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and provides primary care services for individuals and families including low income and medically underserved residents. The hours of operation for CCCHC's satellite clinic are from 8:30am-5:30pm, Monday and Tuesday and 8:30am-12:30pm every Wednesday on an appointment and walk-in basis. CCCHC also holds regular bi-monthly clinic hours at the Project 180 site in downtown LA in an effort to integrate health and behavioral health services for clients. The Health Center will accept most insurance plans, Medicare, Medicaid and sliding scale fees to those who qualify.

SSG is proud of the partnership with CCCHC and looks forward to continued and future success.

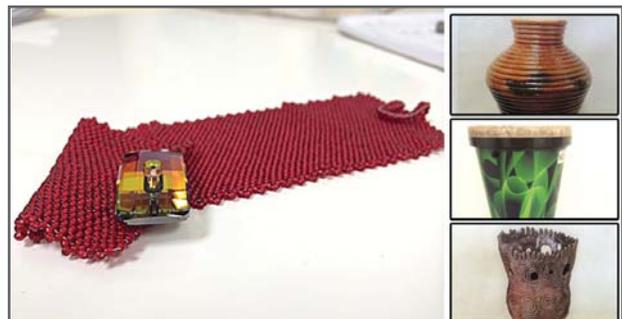
Call (213) 553-1830 for an appointment or information.

**WEBER COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER  
Summer Groups**

This summer, WCC once again held several fun and engaging Summer Groups for their clients. The groups are to keep clients engaged during their break from school. This year, several Adult groups were also introduced.

- The *Young Pathfinders Group*, led by Karla Garcia and Maribel Taylor, was a summer pro-social outing group for clients ages 8-12. The group focused on taking younger clients on pro-social outings into other areas in Los Angeles. Some of the trips included bowling, the beach, and a golf center.
- The *Expressive Arts Group* led by Norma Guerrero-Lewis and Rachel Brousseau, used beautiful Congo Drums to facilitate social and emotional skills-building in teen age clients.
- The *Jewelry Group*, led by Norma Guerrero-Lewis, used craft making as a therapeutic tool. Pictured is a sample of some of the bracelets that were made using beads.
- Two different *Drama Therapy Groups* were run by Rachel Brousseau and Maribel Taylor. Both groups used the "Beating the Odds" curriculum with the Congo Drums in order to aid in the clients skill building. One of the Drama Therapy groups was aimed at children and the other at transitional age youth.
- The *Women's Socialization's Group*, led by Jackie Jones, facilitated pro-social outings for adult clients.
- The adult and TAY *Ceramic Groups* were led by Melva Thompson. Pictured are two beautiful ceramic sculptures created by Weber Clients.
- The *Adult Knitting Group* was led by Jackie Jones and Karen Nembhard. Knitting was used as a soothing therapeutic tool during the group.
- The amazing "*Make it Happen*" Group, led by Ernesto Vasquez III and James Ortiz, was aimed at teenage males. The group discussed life skills necessary for maturing teen males.
- The *Teens Life Skills Group*, led by Keisha Ciego and Nyree Watson, was aimed at young ladies. This group discussed important issue facing young women.

It was a very successful summer for WCC. Many clients reported that their experiences were very positive and rewarding.



### Participate in Earth Quake Safety



SSG Divisions, plan on participating in the Great CA Shakeout to be held on October 16th at 10:16 am.

Staff can participate while in the office or in the field; it is a great way for SSG staff and clients to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes.

Division safety representatives will be organizing the Shakeout at the program sites.

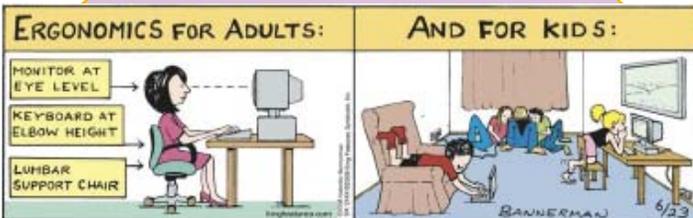
Please see [ShakeOut.org/california](http://ShakeOut.org/california) for more information on quake safety for work and home.

Additional info: Judy Lawyer, Safety Coordinator, [jlawyer@ssgmain.org](mailto:jlawyer@ssgmain.org) | 213-553-1800 x9393



#### Professional Driving Tip CAN YOU STOP?

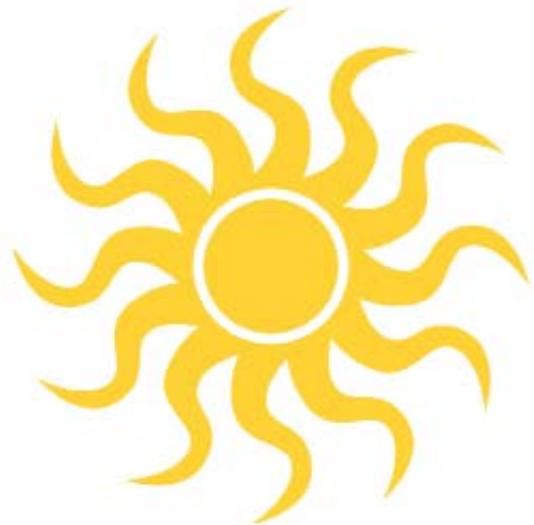
Remember, at highway speeds it takes at least a football field to stop your vehicle in an emergency. Never follow closer than 4 seconds behind the vehicle in front of you.



- Workstation Assessments
- Setting Up New Workstations
- Product Recommendations

Contact: Judy Lawyer, Safety Coordinator  
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- Your Name or Picture May Appear in SSG's Newsletter and Website
- If you participate in an agency event and an article or picture from that event is submitted for publication, your name and/or picture may be included. If you do not want your picture or name to be included, please refrain from being photographed at events and let your supervisor know not to include your name in articles. You may also contact Tonie Diaz in the HR Dept. at [tonier@ssgmain.org](mailto:tonier@ssgmain.org) or Judy Lawyer newsletter publishing at [jlawyer@ssgmain.org](mailto:jlawyer@ssgmain.org).



#### SOME DATES TO REMEMBER FOR SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- 9/1 Labor Day (SSG Holiday)
- 9/22 Autumn begins
- 9/24 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
- 10/3 Yom Kippur begins at sundown
- 10/13 Columbus Day Observed
- 10/16 National Boss Day
- 10/31 Halloween