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**Pacific Pride Foundation is Thrilled to Announce the Opening of their New Santa Maria Office**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA** - Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF) is excited to announce the reopening of its Santa Maria office - now located within the Santa Maria Family Service Agency building at 105 North Lincoln St, Santa Maria, CA. With the reopening, PPF will continue to expand its programming within Santa Maria and North Santa Barbara County.

"PPF is proud to have been part of the Santa Maria community for decades, providing youth, education, and health and prevention programming, and we are thrilled to reopen a physical office by co-locating with Family Service Agency." said Kristin Flickinger, executive director. "This is a crucial step toward offering our core programs and services to LGBTQ+ and HIV-impacted communities throughout Santa Barbara County."

In the immediate future, PPF's Santa Maria office will expand its HIV testing and harm reduction services within North County, with the aim of offering additional social and mental health services in the coming months.

"Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County would like to welcome Pacific Pride to Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center," said Steven DeLira, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at FSA. "We are honored to have Pacific Pride personnel co-located with our staff in Santa Maria. Family Service Agency looks forward to our continued service to our wonderful community in Santa Maria."

For information regarding PPF's Santa Maria-based services, including Narcan distribution, HIV testing, and summer programs for youth please reach out to our Programs Manager TJ Lane at [tj@pacificpridefoundation.org](mailto:tj@pacificpridefoundation.org) or reach out to the office directly at 805-335-2530.

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**Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF)** is a leading LGBTQ+ center between Los Angeles and San Francisco, serving more than 10,000 people each year throughout all of Santa Barbara County. Headquartered in Santa Barbara, it partners with 35 educational and nonprofit agencies to provide a dynamic range of health, prevention and social service programs, including programs for LGBTQ+ youth and older adults, counseling services, opioid response services, sensitivity and competency trainings, community events and advocacy on LGBTQ+ issues.

PPF is addressing the opioid crisis through the only syringe exchange program in the county, which collects nearly a quarter of a million used syringes every year, and by distributing the overdose reversing drug Narcan, which resulted in 249 known reversals of potentially fatal overdoses in the past year. PPF provides culturally relevant mental health services to LGBTQ+ people, and their friends and families. PPF is the leader in in-school and after-school programs for LGBTQ+ youth, serving 200 kids with mental health, suicide prevention, and anti-bullying programs, while providing them with a safe place for social connection and leadership development. For more information or to make a donation please visit [pacificpridefoundation.org](http://pacificpridefoundation.org).

**Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County (FSA)** is a nonprofit social service agency that has served the people of Santa Barbara County since 1899. Operating as **Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center (SMVYFC)** in Santa Maria and **Little House By The Park (LHP)** in Guadalupe, FSA helps the community's most vulnerable children, families, and seniors meet their basic needs while simultaneously addressing mental health needs. Through this holistic approach, FSA improves the strength and well-being of our community. All services are provided free or on a sliding fee/donation scale and no one is denied assistance because of an inability to pay. Visit [fsacares.org](http://fsacares.org) or call (805) 965-1001 for more information.