

San Francisco ARC hosts open house



Major Katherine Hodder-Reed talks with open house attendee.
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Event brings together key community members who help the ARC in its mission.

The Salvation Army San Francisco Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) hosted its first open house Aug. 21, aiming to build relationships to help men and women get the care needed to overcome drug and alcohol addiction.

More than two dozen people from various law enforcement and legal organizations throughout the Bay Area attended the event, including parole officers, counselors, social workers and treatment coordinators from San Francisco, Monterey County, Salinas, Martinez and Santa Clara County.

“The people here today play a critical role in our success to help those in need,” said Patricia Butterbredt, intake coordinator for the San Francisco ARC. “They’re the link between the men and women who need drug and alcohol counseling and us.”

Program Manager William Lebans, LMFT, presented an overview of the ARC program including its guidelines, intake process, degrees, work therapy and spiritual guidance. After a question and answer session, guests toured the warehouse and the men’s residence.

“We really wanted to open our doors to our community partners,” said Major Katherine E. Hodder-Reed, associate Bay Area coordinator. “We want them to see where they will be sending their clients and to know the people who will be caring for them while they’re here and that they’re in good hands.”

For many, it was their first time within the walls of the ARC even though they’ve referred clients to the program for years. For others, it was an opportunity to see the changes and improvements the center has made since their last visit.

The open house was also a great networking opportunity.

“I really enjoyed meeting new people and reconnecting with others I have known for some time,” said Devon Gaster with the San Francisco County Jail. “It was wonderful to see one of my clients who is here and continuing his treatment.”