

Oscar Talaro

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OSCAR TALARO has been a County of San Diego (County) employee for more than twenty years. He continues to enjoy his career in public service with the County as an Alcohol & Drug Program Specialist for HHS-Behavioral Health Services. His prior work history includes serving as an Associate Director at Turning the Hearts Center, a youth employment organization, and as a Community Organizer and Leadership Development Training Coordinator for the Chicano Federation of San Diego County. Oscar has a Bachelor in Arts degree in Urban Studies and Planning from University of California San Diego. He is also Lean Six Sigma certified.

Oscar is always ready and willing to volunteer his time and talents to benefit the community. He currently serves on the Board of the following organizations: Renewing Life Senior Transportation Services, County of San Diego Filipino-American Employees' Association (CSDFEA), San Diego County Latino Association and Middle Eastern Employee Resource Group. He was also on the Board of Genesis Housing Renewable Energy Committee and since 1993 has had an active fellowship with Cornerstone Church of San Diego.

Most recently, Oscar coordinated the inaugural Larry Itliong Day Celebration for CSDFEA, which served to showcase the accomplishments and historical significance of Filipino-American labor leader, Larry Itliong. As lead coordinator of the event, Oscar managed the planning and execution of the event, secured special speakers, and obtained historical display boards and a video presentation for the event. The event was a great success! When asked what he enjoys about being part of CSDFEA, he said: "CSDFEA has enabled me to give back to the community and to help advance the cause of civil rights and social justice within the Filipino Community. "

Oscar's hobbies include running and fitness training, poetry writing and other community involvement activities during his spare time. His future goals are to complete his first book on the life of migrant farm worker Pascual Rau Talor, run his first half marathon, write a million dollar grant for his charity work, and to help start a small business. Oscar lives life by: ***"being grateful and thankful in that you have and keep Jesus Christ in the center of your life."***

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