



Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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Press Release

The Ukiah Police Department, in partnership with Mendocino County Probation and the Ukiah Unified School District, joins police departments in 47 other US states and international countries who now provide the GREAT program to students in schools ranging from 4th grade through the 8th grade.

The GREAT Program is an evidence-based national and international gang and violence prevention program that has been building trust between law enforcement and communities for almost 30 years. GREAT was developed by the Phoenix, Arizona Police Department, along with educators and community leaders, and received funding from Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

The GREAT Program is built around school-based, age appropriate, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula. It provides a continuum of components for children and their families to include 13-lessons for the middle school curriculum and 6-lessons for elementary school curriculum.

The GREAT Program benefits students by providing them with life skills to avoid criminal behavior and gang membership through learning how to deal with issues such as bullying, peer pressure, and decision making. This program also helps create and maintain a positive relationship between students, school staff, and law enforcement.

We are excited and thankful for the opportunity to bring the GREAT Program to our community! This program will be led by Ukiah Police Department Officers Madrigal and Delapo, and Mendocino County Probation Department Officers Perez and Gaspar. This program will begin with Oak Manor Elementary School's 4th grade classes then expand to others elementary schools' 4th grade. We are currently in the process of arranging dates and times for the middle school program.