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## Conference Spotlight: San Mateo County Probation

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In San Mateo County, the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) allocation provides approximately \$500,000 in funding to nine community based organizations that provide a myriad of services and resources to youth housed in three of its facilities, namely the Youth Services Center (juvenile hall), Camp Glenwood (boys' camp) and Camp Kemp (girls camp). Services offered to the youth through this allocation include counseling (individual and family), gang awareness education, legal education, yoga and mindfulness, mentoring and case management.

Youth Osmar DeLima, a former Camp Glenwood youth, and a recipient of services funded through YOBG, was invited to come and be a guest speaker for youth currently housed at the camp in May 2017. When Osmar was released from Camp in 2006, he made a promise that he would go back not as a client, but as a resource for youth. He started his dialogue by sharing his experience of coming from Brazil to the United States with only his father and siblings and how he started to get in trouble right after his move. One of the activities that has kept him busy and out of trouble since being released from Camp was mixed martial arts (MMA). He said that he is grateful for his experience at Camp and for the staff that helped him during his stay. Before leaving, Osmar's advice to the youth was that they should take advantage of the positive role models they have at Camp through the Group Supervisors because they helped him when he was there and they really did everything in their power to help and work with the youth there. Osmar is now married with a baby on the way and works in the construction field. He also does some ministry with his church to help other kids stay out of trouble.



Osmar DeLima (2nd from the right),  
with Camp Glenwood staff