

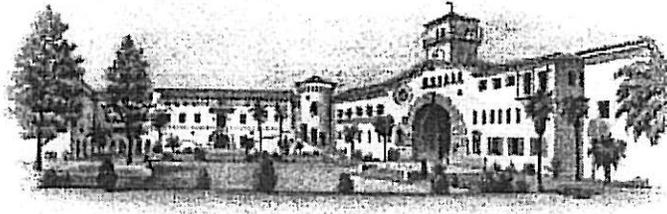
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Dear Ms. Stotts,

Subject: Zona Seca Batterer's Intervention Program Services

This is to inform you of a transition in the delivery of Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) services in the City of Santa Barbara. BIP is a legally mandated 52-week program designed for individuals convicted of a domestic violence offense. The Probation Department is tasked with certifying all BIPs utilized by the Court in Santa Barbara County.

On December 4, 2008, the Probation Department was formally notified by Domestic Violence Services (DVS) of the organization's intent to terminate the delivery of BIP services in Santa Barbara County. Upon receipt of this news, Zona Seca was contacted and they agreed to the immediate acceptance of all DVS clients who were being displaced, as well as all new clients who were awaiting assignment to DVS. On January 30, 2009, DVS officially ceased the delivery of BIP services. All clients requiring BIP services in the City of Santa Barbara have been successfully transferred to Zona Seca. The Santa Barbara County Probation Department is additionally working with Zona Seca to expand their BIP services to Lompoc.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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