



## LIGHT FOR YOUTH

Vista Community Clinic Youth Development Programs Manager Maria Yanez has won the Eternal Flame Award from the San Diego County Office of Education, honoring women who have dedicated their lives to prevention and youth development services. Yanez oversees the Project REACH and Jr. REACH programs helping youth improve their grade point average, increase self-esteem and self-efficacy and stay in school and out of trouble. She has overseen the development of the Teen Cyber Advocates Program, which mobilizes teens to teach other teens to stay safe on the internet. She is currently implementing a mentoring program designed to provide at-risk youth with education enhancement and college preparatory activities.

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