

# RITE TRACK



## **Rite Track Youth Center becomes the Juan Ulloa Evening Learning Center**

The Rite Track in El Centro, California, celebrated a historic name change to its evening center to honor recently retired Judge Juan Ulloa, one of Imperial county's longest serving judges, who retired in March after 27 years on the bench. At a ribbon cutting for the Juan Ulloa Evening Learning Center, Program Manager Marysol Medina said Ulloa was a fundamental part of developing the Rite Track, which provides youth services for kids at home instead of sending them away to receive short term treatment.

Program Director William Large also credited the success of the center to the honorable Judge Ulloa. "Everything you see here and everything we've been doing for 12 and a half years is due to his determination," said Large.

"We can demonize our kids and criminalize them," said Judge Ulloa, "or we can pick them up with our example and our investment."

Patricia Ureña, Juvenile Justice Commission Chair for the Imperial County Probation Department, praised Rite Track for doing a "phenomenal job with helping students along the way," and said she looks forward to future partnerships.