



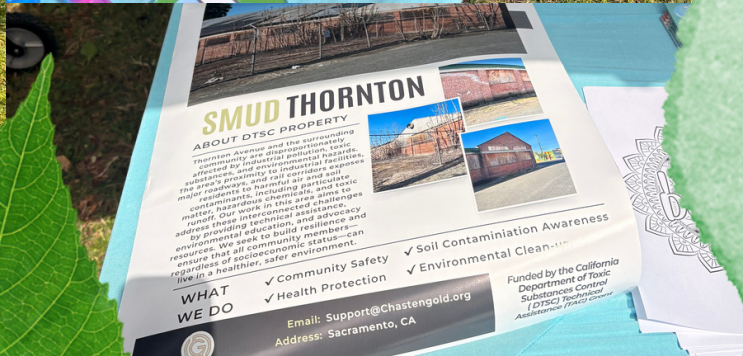
Chasten Gold, Nonprofit



Sacramento Earth Day Celebration at South Side Park April 26, 2026

On April 26, 2026, Chasten Gold Nonprofit participated in Sacramento's Earth Day Celebration at Southside Park as part of its ongoing Technical Assistance Grant outreach activities. The event attracted hundreds of community members interested in environmental sustainability, conservation, and public health, providing an ideal opportunity to educate families about environmental contamination and practical ways to reduce exposure risks.

Program Director Evonna McIntosh, Community Engagement Representatives Isaah Alford and Danyale McIntosh, along with additional staff and volunteers, facilitated an interactive educational booth designed to engage children while encouraging meaningful conversations with parents and caregivers.



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The featured activity invited children to search for hidden toys buried within a simulated contaminated soil bin. The soil had been lightly stained using a non-toxic washable dye to demonstrate how contaminants are often invisible yet can easily transfer to hands during outdoor play. After completing the activity, children examined their black gloves and observed the colored residue left behind, creating a visual representation of contamination that reinforced the importance of proper handwashing and safe outdoor practices.

Staff used the activity to explain how environmental contaminants cannot always be seen and discussed ways families can reduce exposure by washing hands after outdoor play, avoiding disturbed contaminated areas, and utilizing designated safe recreation spaces whenever possible.

Educational FAQ sheets covering soil contamination, exposure pathways, cleanup efforts, and environmental health were distributed to participating families. Staff also provided complimentary copies of The Day I Met Captain Fresh, encouraging continued conversations about environmental health within the home through literacy-based learning.

Throughout the event, Chasten Gold staff engaged residents in conversations regarding local environmental cleanup efforts, answered questions about contaminated sites, and encouraged community participation in future Technical Assistance Grant activities. The highly interactive booth successfully attracted families of all ages and advanced the grant's objectives by increasing environmental health awareness in an approachable and memorable way.