



Coordination of Programs to Prevent Youth Violence

Strategy Planning Committee
March 11, 2008

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Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comments
3. Review Agenda and Purpose of Meeting
4. Review Worksession Outcomes from January 31st
5. Review Draft Workplan for Committee
 - Status Reports on Inventory of Services and Resources
 - Begin Discussion of Strategic Planning Process
 - Begin Discussion on Institutionalization (If Time Permits)
 - Identify New Coordination Opportunities
 - Begin discussion of Steering Committee (If Time Permits)
6. Set Meeting Schedule
7. FYI - Upcoming Events
8. Priorities and Deliverables for Next Meeting

Our Focus

To work together to find ways to reduce youth violence by focusing on ≈ 100 kids who are actively involved in gangs and the ≈ 750 kids who are affiliated or at high risk of becoming involved.

January 31st Worksession

Next Steps

- Convene a core group of youth and family service providers, education institutions and community foundations.
- Support others to produce a comprehensive inventory of youth and family service providers.
- Begin development of a strategic plan to comprehensively address youth violence issues.
- Look for opportunities to improve coordination of existing programs and activities, and to reduce “bureaucracy” when working together.

Workplan Draft Objectives

1. Support production of a Comprehensive Services and Resources Inventory.
2. Develop a framework and initiate a Strategic Planning Process.
3. Make recommendations for institutionalizing the community's commitment to prevent youth violence.
4. Identify and support implementation of new coordination opportunities.
5. Create a steering committee to provide leadership for the next phase of the planning process.

1. Support production of a Comprehensive Services and Resource Inventory:

- **Receive progress reports from agencies working on this;**
- **Provide feedback; and**
- **Help secure funding, if additional resources are needed.**

2. Develop a framework and initiate a Strategic Planning Process:

- **Reach consensus on the following:**
 - Priority should be on prevention strategies focused on gang members, their affiliates and those kids who are most at-risk; and,
 - Plan should be initiated and completed as soon as possible.
- **Review the previous PYC Plan and the process used to develop it.**
- **Determine the adequacy of the PYC Plan's content and scope - what's missing and what needs to be updated.**

2. Develop a framework and initiate a Strategic Planning Process (Cont'd):

- **Determine the basic framework for a planning process:**
 - Draft Guiding Principles and objectives for the process;
 - Identify key stakeholders/participants;
 - Set a schedule for completion (e.g. end of summer).
- **Initiate the planning process:**
 - Obtain upfront buy-in from key agencies, service providers and community foundations;
 - Identify sponsors/conveners for the process;
 - Identify facilitator(s);
 - Develop a budget and identify a funding source(s).
- **Identify next steps following completion of the community process:**
 - Who will prepare the draft plan;
 - How will the plan be present for adoption/approval.

3. Make recommendations for institutionalizing the community's commitment to prevent youth violence:

- Develop and present an initial recommendation for an organizational structure for institutionalizing the implementation of the strategies in the plan, as well as for future updates; and**
- Identify potential opportunities or sources of funding that could provide permanent revenue/funding for on-going implementation of the strategic plan.**

4. Identify and support implementation of new coordination opportunities:

- Study existing coordination networks, teams, formal relationships, etc.;**
- Identify opportunities to build on these to improve effectiveness of programs and activities;**
- Identify missing linkages; and**
- Make recommendations (who, what, how, etc.) that will result in more effective delivery of existing services and access to programs and activities for at-risk youth and their families.**

5. Create a Steering Committee to provide leadership for the next phase of the planning process:

- Appoint membership comprised of 5-7 executive level staff from key agencies, service providers and community foundations to serve on the Steering Committee; and**
- Identify the agency, organization or individual that will provide staff support to the Steering Committee.**

Work Products

- Support for completion of a Comprehensive Inventory of Services and Resources.
- A framework for and initiation of a Strategic Planning Process.
- Initial recommendations for a structure to institutionalize, and for on-going funding to support, the community's commitment to prevent youth violence.
- Implementation of new coordination efforts to improve by services and activities for at-risk youth and their families.
- Establishment of a Steering Committee to provide leadership through the next phase of this work.

Consensus Points

- The violence is unacceptable.
- It's about kids, families, poverty, legal status, neighborhoods, etc.
- We need to learn more about what causes the violent behavior.
- With all of our programs and services, we are not reaching kids at the core.

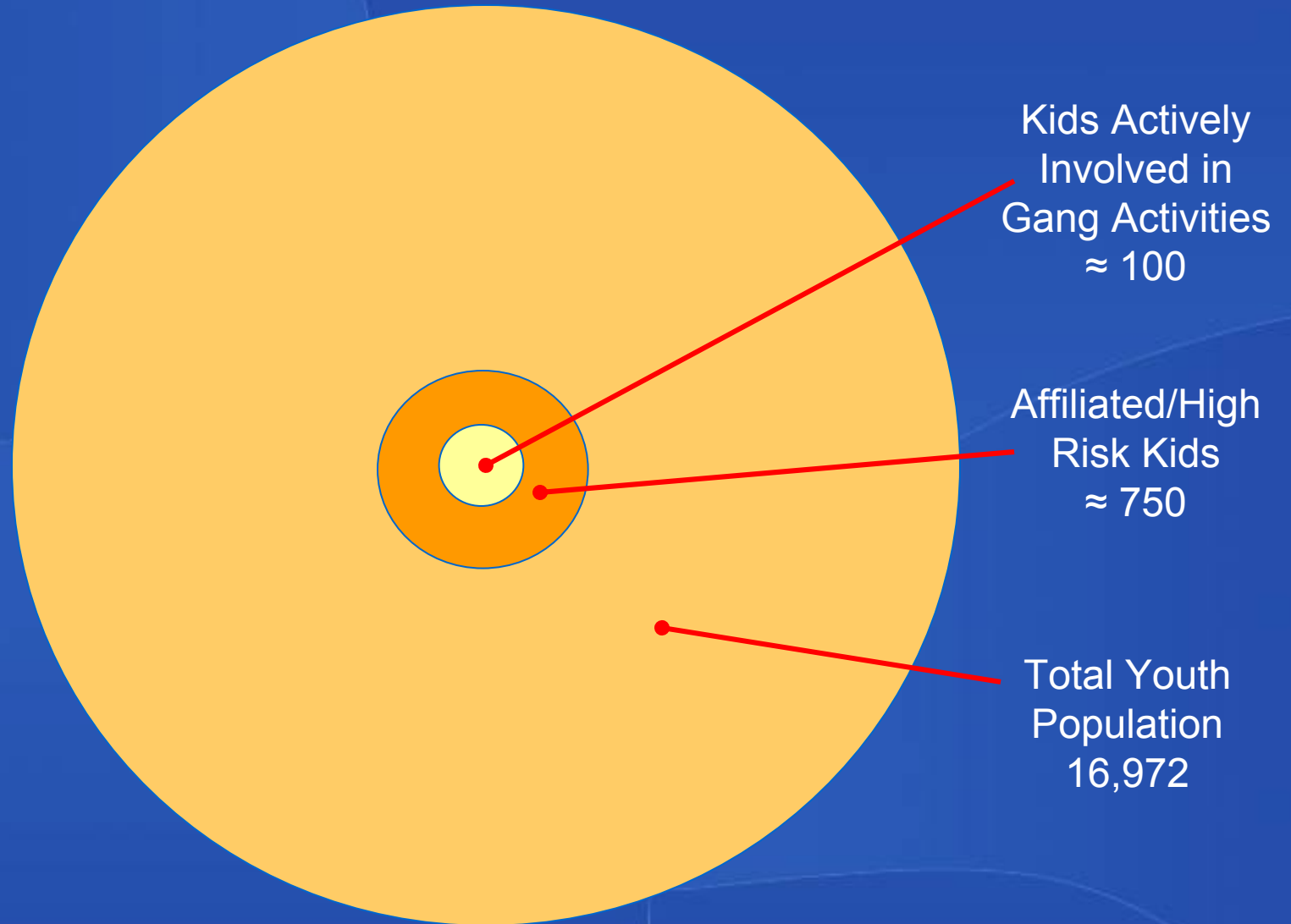
Consensus Points

- Work is underway to produce a comprehensive inventory of available resources and services.
- There are opportunities to improve how we work with each other.
- We need a strategic plan.
- There is a foundation from which we can build – we don't have to reinvent the wheel.

Consensus Points

- It's a regional issue that requires regional collaboration & institutional structures.
- Public agencies and non-profits are facing budget constraints complicated by the economic downturn.

Our Priority Focus



Strategy Sectors

