

South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs

Goleta Valley Community Center

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Welcome

- Welcome
- Roll Call
- Opening Remarks
 - City of Goleta

Coordinator's Report

- Youth on Probation with gang terms and conditions:
 - 2011 133
 - 2012 126 (today)
- Cal GRIP II – 120 youth are receiving case management

Strategies:

- Case Management : 120 (assessment, links to health services, credit recovery, food bank, employment)
- Evidence Based Project towards No Drug Abuse : 60
- Parent Education and Support Group : 30 parents

Coordinators Update Cont.

South Coast Youth Intervention Project:

- Data from organizations:
 - Probation, School Districts, Community Action Commission, County Office of Education
 - Will be recruiting other agencies that service the target population

- Human Tools Update

Los Prietos Boys Camp Survey: presentation on the report during today's meeting

Coordinator Update Cont.

Service Providers Summit: 140

County Wide Service Provider
Participation:

Law Enforcement Summit: 70

CHP

County of Santa Barbara Sheriffs Department

Lompoc PD

Santa Barbara PD

Santa Maria PD

FBI

Vandenberg Air force Base Police

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Los Prietos Boys Camp Survey Report

- Steve DeLira - Santa Barbara County Probation Department
- Dr. Jill Sharkey – UCSB Gevirtz Graduate School of Education

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats

- Review, Revise, Approve
- Mission & Vision
- Goals: short term and long term

SWOT Results

Strengths

1. Collaboration from diverse and competent community leaders, agencies, staff, and stakeholders (89%)
2. Increase in sharing of information/data (59%)
3. There is a regional approach (48%)
4. Commitment and passion to make a difference in the community (44%)
5. The efforts are funded (44%)

Weaknesses

1. Lack of measureable results/need results tied to action (59%)
2. No clarity in mission or goals/no timelines for goals and objectives (59%)
3. Difficult to maintain support and focus over the long term (except when major incidents occur; 56%)
4. Limited participation by some stakeholders (52%)
5. Lack of engagement with and understanding of affected youth/families (48%)

Opportunities

1. Engage families, use their strengths, and target youth who are receptive (67%)
2. Leveraging new and existing resources in community: schools, programs, agencies, grants, funding and across the nation: federal grants (48%)
3. Produce a database of information (SCYIP; 44%)
4. Share and implement effective practice to avoid incarceration: e.g., Restorative justice, Los Prietos boys camp. (44%)

Threats

1. Unknown effectiveness of agencies working with the target population (76%)
 2. Minimized participation because of perceived threat to turf/funding/fatigue (48%)
 3. Economy/budgets – task force not institutionalized (48%)
- **80% response from members**

Mission

How we are going to get there:

The Mission of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs is to eliminate gang activity, thus improving the safety and quality of life for youths, their families, and the community.

Vision

Where we want to be:

Foster a caring environment and opportunities for youths to fulfill their educational, employment, and personal potential rather than join gangs.

SCTFYG Goals

- **Task Force** (Quarterly)
- **Strategy Team**
(Monthly)
- **Coordinator** (Daily)

Goals

- **Task Force** (Quarterly)
 - Mission & Vision
 - Vote on new membership
 - Feedback to task force coordinator
 - Communicate with coordinator about community resources and programs
 - Prepare and participate in meetings
 - Advocate for the task force

Goals (cont.)

- **Strategy Team**

- Identify gaps in services
- Collaborate with members to fill gaps in services
- South Coast Youth Intervention Project Database
- Manage Funding for project
- Review Agenda for quarterly
- Membership

Goals (cont.)

Coordinator

- Will convene and establish a service provider group
- Will establish a youth and parent group
- Will maintain consistent contact with members of the task force for feedback and resources
- Coordinate with Schools, Law Enforcement and Probation on referrals
- Monitor Youth Outcomes & linkages

Goals (cont.)

- Coordinator Cont.
 - Update the Task Force Monthly and Quarterly: highlights & accomplishments
 - Recruit presenters for quarterly meetings
 - Produce agenda
 - Quarterly meetings

Public Comment

Adjournment