



# Status Report: City and School District Collaboration on Youth Violence

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# Police Department Activities

- **14 Officers: 5 Disciplines - \$1.6 million per year**
  - Street Enforcement
  - Investigation Follow-up
  - D.A.R.E.
  - School Resource Officers
  - Police Activities League
- **Enforcement Activities**
- **Intervention/Prevention**

# Enforcement

- **Response to Crimes**

- Investigations, Arrests & Support for Prosecution
- Directed Patrols
- Gang Sweeps & Gang Association Warrants
- Increased Deployment During Community Events

# Enforcement

- **Neighborhood Bicycle Patrol  
Reactivated [May 2007 – July 2008]**
  - Over 2,413 Hours, 33 Felony Arrests, 90 Misdemeanor Arrests, 469 Citations, etc.
  - 563 Field Contacts and Interviews

# Enforcement

- **Serious Habitual Offender Program Reestablished**
  - Focus is on the Small Number Responsible for a Large Portion of the Crime
  - Requires Collaboration with District Attorney, Probation, School Districts and Juvenile Courts
  - 4 Juveniles Currently Certified

# Enforcement

- **Street Enforcement/Investigation & Follow Up [July 2007 – February 2008]**
  - 71 Arrests
  - 152 Total Charges

# Intervention/Prevention

- **D.A.R.E.**
- **School Resource Officers**
- **Police Activities League - Over 1,300 served**
  - **After-School and Summer Programs**
  - **Campership Alliance Program**
  - **Computer Learning Lab**

# Parks and Recreation Department

## Community Priorities

- Recreation Programs for Underserved Neighborhoods
- Afterschool Programs
  - Especially Junior High
- Youth Jobs





# New & Expanded Programs

- Summer Fun Drop-in
- Community Handball
- Teen Summer Concerts
- Youth Alliance for the Arts
- UCSB Tutoring Program
- Fun on the Run –  
Mobile Recreation Program
- After School Sports Leagues



# Twelve35 Teen Center

- 6,152 Teen Visits to Date
- 336 Members
- ADA: 30/Summer  
16/School Year
- 66% Male
- 51% 13-14 yrs



# Jr. High Afterschool Programs

- **FY08 YTD**

- New Partners will Expand Programs in Spring
- Participation Remains a Challenge
  - 416 Students - Down 24% from FY07

- **City/District Team Addressing Challenges**

- Scheduling
- Student Interests
- Staff Recruitment/Retention
- Funding

# Youth Jobs

- **City Funded Program**
  - 37 Youth Placed in City Programs and Businesses
- **SER Jobs for Progress**
  - \$863,000 Grant from County Workforce Investment Board
  - 3 Year Renewable Grant
  - Anticipated to Serve Over 200 In-School and Out-of-School Youth



# Youth and Families Coordination Initiative

## Objectives

- Bring together key stakeholders involved in prevention and intervention of youth violence.
- Identify services and programs directly engaged with the youth most at risk.
- Identify ways to improve communication, coordination and collaboration.

# Demographics

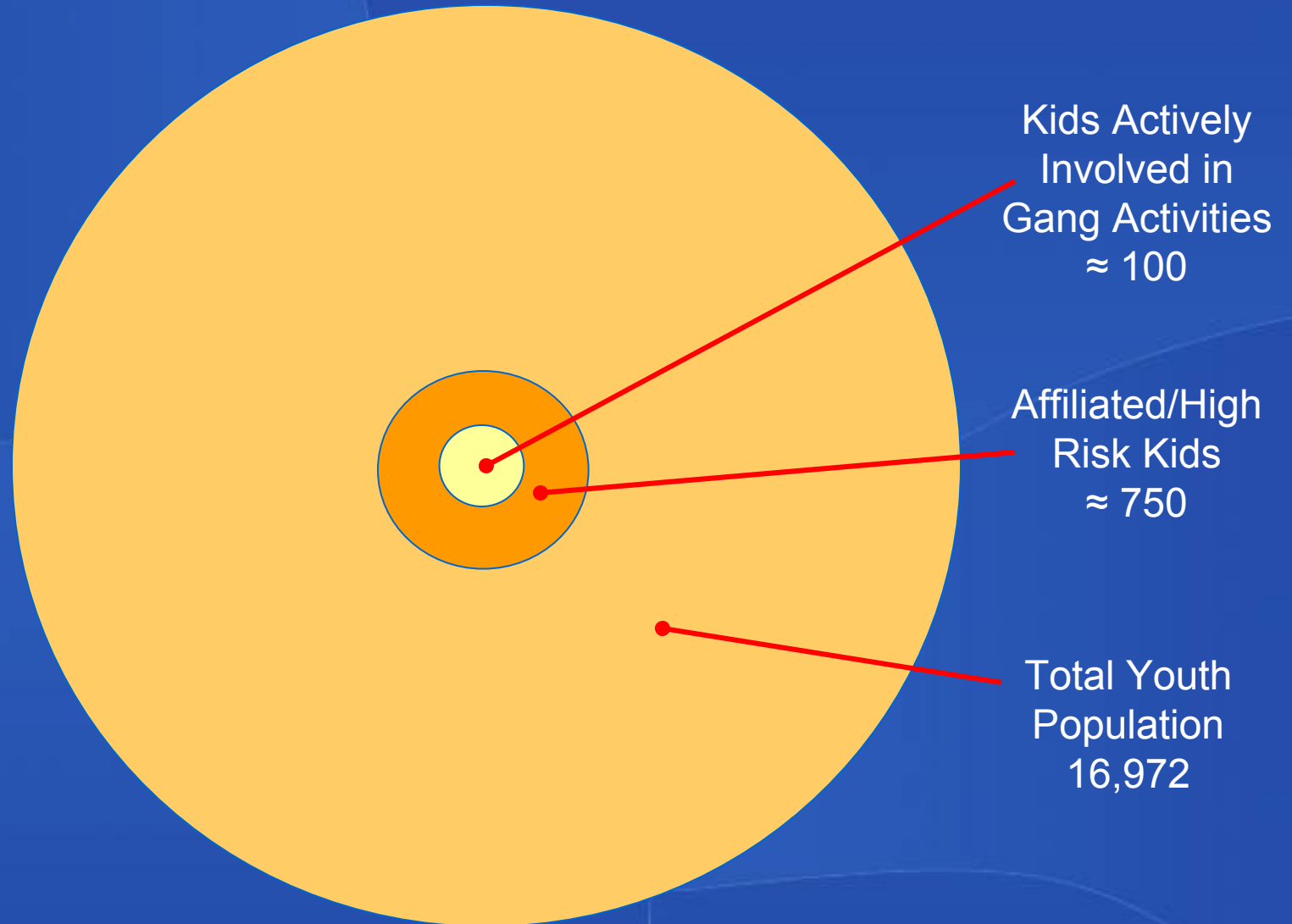
- **Youth on the South Coast**

- School Enrollments (Public & Private) **26,950**
- Gangs in IV, Old Town Goleta, Noleta, Northside, Westside, Eastside & Carpinteria
- Connections to North County and Ventura/Oxnard

- **Youth in the City**

- 2000 Census (ages 5-19) **16,972**
- Number of Gangs **11**
- Members/Associates **≈ 750**
- Hard Core **≈ 100**

# Our Priority Focus



# Strategy Sectors





# 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

- To address the cyclical nature of the challenge, our strategies must be institutionalized with a reliable funding stream.
- 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.

# Strategy Planning Committee

## Draft Workplan

- Support for a Comprehensive Inventory of Services and Resources.
- Develop and initiate a Strategic Planning Process.
- Make recommendations for how to institutionalize the community's commitment to prevent youth violence.
- Facilitate implementation of new coordination efforts.
- Establish a Steering Committee to provide on-going leadership.

# Other Community Efforts

- YMCA
- United Way
- Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission 
- Collaborative Communities Foundation 