

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS

Safe Neighborhoods Outcome Team

CO-CHAMPION The Honorable Jeffrey E. Froelich (Second District Court of Appeals of Ohio)
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Vision

People live in safe, affordable housing. They have access to positive educational and cultural experiences. Recreational centers are conveniently located and staff serve as positive role models, especially for the children. All aspects of the environment – e.g., air, water, soil – are safe and healthy. The community values the unique attributes of each neighborhood, whether rural or urban.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

2011 update Summary

The Law Enforcement Committee includes Trotwood, City of Dayton, and Montgomery County Law Enforcement leaders. The strategy of the Law Enforcement Team is to form a law enforcement partnership capable of identifying and focusing enforcement on chronic violent groups. This team is committed to organizing its efforts to share information across agencies and consistently respond to group-related gun violence.

The role of the Community Team is to build partnerships within affected communities to articulate norms and expectations of non-violence and citizenship. Members of this team represent various interests and groups within the community who reject violence and work toward rebuilding the community. Members include influential community residents, religious leaders, former and current elected officials, affected community residents, and ex-offenders. The CIRGV contracted Community Coordinator position was filled in the fall of 2011 by Michelle Elder.

United Way of the Greater Dayton Area manages Michelle's contract on behalf of the Collaboration, and Tanisha Jumper (Lead Collaborative Liaison with CIRGV and United Way) provides supervision for this position.



The strategy of the Services Team is to form and continually improve a life-change system that successfully engages members of violence-prone groups and provides them with resources to leave a lifestyle of violence. Comprised of a lead employment and social services agency and street-level advocates, this team strives to provide immediate and tailored services to individuals choosing to leave the life of violence. Omega CDC conducts intake, directs clients to case management, and supervises the street-level advocates who continually deliver the message of nonviolence. Key responsibilities of the street-level advocates are to conduct violence interruption whenever possible, to work one-on-one with individuals motivated to change, and ensure those individuals are accessing and utilizing the necessary resources.



The United Way project coordination is charged with providing this community initiative with structure, accountability, and a mission-driven focus. Each team is assigned a representative from United Way who is responsible for organizing meeting dates, identifying necessary action items, and recording meeting minutes that are then reported back to the Leadership team. Additionally, each team is tasked with the development of a work plan to assure that the individual team efforts coincide with the mission and vision of the overall project.



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The strategy of the Performance and Evaluation Team is to develop and implement a system that ensures permanence and quality assurance. The success of CIRGV relies on the coordinated partnership of various law enforcement agencies, service providers, and community groups. To ensure long-term success, the CIRGV team has adopted corporate principles designed to increase transparency, accountability, and sustainability. Specifically, the implementation of CIRGV is guided by the strategic planning principles of Objectives, Goals, Strategies, and Measures (OGSM) which help to organize, prioritize, and delegate the work. The Performance and Evaluation Team will use these principles to guide the process and impact evaluations of CIRGV.

Expected outcomes for this initiative include: residents and persons associated with violent crime have an increased awareness of law enforcement strategies to eliminate gun violence; improved relationships between law enforcement and community members in targeted areas; and persons associated with violent crime increase commitment to non-violent lifestyles. Each team has been tasked with working to achieve the overall long-term outcome of decreasing incidents of gun violence.

Of the 145 client participants, 7 are very active, and 65 are active. In 2011, the target percentage for street-level advocate time focused on client support was set at 30%. As of December 2011, 45% of street-level advocate time was focused on client support, 24% was on community building, and 20% was on violence interruption.



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Comprehensive Neighborhood Initiative Policy Team Roster

CO-CHAMPION Bro. Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., Ph.D (University of Dayton, Fitz Center) **CO-CHAMPION Gregory D. Johnson, PHM** (Greater Dayton Premier Management) **Diane Brogan-Adams** (East End Community Services) **Mary Burns** (Miami Valley Child Development Centers) **Nina Carter** (Miami Valley Child Development Centers) **Allen Elijah** (United Way of the Greater Dayton Area) **Tiannee Lane** (Miami Valley Child Development Centers) **Jan Lepore-Jentleson** (East End Community Services) **Robyn Lightcap** (ReadySetSoar - Beginning in October) **Ellen Mays** (East End Community Services) **Jenni Roer** (The Frank M. Tait Foundation) **Richard Stock, Ph.D** (University of Dayton, Business Research Group) **Jennifer Subban, Ph.D** (Wright State University, Center for Urban & Public Affairs) **Amanda Turner** (Wright State University, Center for Urban & Public Affairs) **Lori L. Ward** (Dayton Public Schools) **Commissioner Nan Whaley** (City of Dayton)

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COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

The current work of the Supportive and Engaged Neighborhoods (SEN) Outcome Team is oversight of the Comprehensive Neighborhood Initiative (CNI). This oversight occurs through the CNI Policy Team consisting of all of the members of the SEN Outcome Team plus additional members from the community.

The CNI was launched by the FCFC in an effort to work in an integrated manner on all of the FCFC desired community outcomes. The FCFC accepted the SEN Team's recommendation that the CNI should begin by targeting two or three specific distressed neighborhoods in an effort "to transform these neighborhoods into neighborhoods of choice and connection in which families thrive and young people succeed."

The Team further recommended, and the FCFC agreed, to begin the CNI by implementing Phase I with the following long term purpose:

Children in the neighborhoods of Edison Neighborhood School Center and Ruskin Neighborhood School Center are kindergarten ready, attend school regularly, are proficient in third grade reading and math, and have fewer untreated health conditions and developmental delays.

Using Supported Services Funds, the FCFC allocated \$200,000 per year for three years for each neighborhood and \$50,000 per year for three years for evaluation for a total of \$1.35M. As of December 2011, Miami Valley Child Development Centers and East End Community Services are in the second year of their contracts to deliver the TOTS ("Taking Off to Success") Program in the neighborhoods surrounding Edison and Ruskin Schools respectively.

During the first year of the contracts 126 parents and 151 children participated in TOTS at either Edison or Ruskin. The programs draw on *Parents as Teachers* and *Systematic*

Training for Effective Parenting for their curriculum. They conduct Saturday morning sessions, make home visits, take field trips, and invite guest speakers. Parents are very engaged in the program and a number have become active "alumni."

The parents have reported positive experiences in increasing their skills, e.g., parenting, communication, interactions with their children, stress management (very important), being more comfortable talking to (for example) doctors who may previously have been seen as intimidating, etc. TOTS is gaining traction in the neighborhoods as people become more familiar with the program and start to spread the word about it. Parents are especially pleased about the learning and socialization that they see their kids experience.

Significantly, parents who did not do well academically themselves are excited about the prospects that their children can do better. They really appreciate the home visits and the respect with which TOTS staff members treat them and their kids.

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