

South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs

City of Santa Barbara

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Purpose of Presentation

- ∞ To provide an update on the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs milestones.

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☞ Memorandum of Understanding and Funding

- City of Carpinteria
- City of Goleta
- City of Santa Barbara
- County of Santa Barbara

SOUTH COAST TASK FORCE ON YOUTH GANGS

MISSION

- ∞ To focus on improving coordination among south coast region education, client services and law enforcement agencies and strategies to reduce youth gang violence.
- ∞ help youth in gangs to get out of gangs and divert youth at high risk from becoming involved in gangs.

Target Population

- ∞ Focus population in priority order
 - Youth with Gang Terms & Conditions - 150
 - Youth at risk of becoming involved at gangs - 750
 - Females involved or at high risk of being involved in gang activities - 37

Milestones

- ∞ Summer 2008 pilot program
- ∞ has grown into a number of programs & services in the South Coast.
 - Through Cal-GRIP I and Cal-GRIP II up to \$750,000 dollars were secured for services.
 - The two grants helped fund services working with the target population.

Cal-GRIP I & Cal GRIP II results

∞ Cal-GRIP I (2009 – 2011)

- Credit Compliance
 - 1st Quarter – 10% were credit compliant
 - 4th Quarter – 68% were credit compliant
- Academic goals are in the forefront
- 19 of 25 (76%) seniors were able to graduate high school
- 14 of the 20 (70%) graduates enrolled in SBCC
- 65% of the Credit Compliant students satisfied their terms and conditions of probation

∞ Cal-GRIP II (2011 – Present)

- 77% of enrolled seniors in the program have graduated from high school. (14 out of 18)
- 63 % are on the road to credit recovery by December 2012
 - (70 out of 110)
- 62%, have demonstrated an increase in attendance since their enrollment in Cal-GRIP II

Milestones

- ∞ We are currently working with the target population through a number of programs
 - Cal-GRIP II – 110 youth (males and females)
 - 60 Males 50 Females
 - Bridges to Recovery – 40 youth
 - Cal-GRIP Carpinteria & Lompoc
 - Santa Barbara Unified School District
 - Outreach Specialist South County Efforts – 150 youth

Parent Support

- Parent Support Services
 - Monthly and Weekly Support Groups
 - 30 parents of target population have been part of the support groups.



* Parent celebration at Casa Dolores, Santa Barbara

Coordination

☞ Strategy Team

- Monthly meeting to work on the strategies of the Task Force

☞ South Coast Youth Intervention Project

- 30 Youth enrolled

South Coast Youth Intervention Project

∞ What we hope to accomplish

- Empower youth and families to track services and progress
- Help agencies coordinate services for youth
- Evaluate the quality of services
- Provide a community snapshot

South Coast Youth Intervention Project

- ∞ To collect data in an integrated database with privacy settings that will display reports to identify return on investment.
 - Partners (MOU)
 - UCSB – Host Organization
 - County of Santa Barbara Probation
 - Carpinteria Unified Schools District
 - Santa Barbara Unified Schools District
 - Community Action Commission
 - Human Tools (Network)



Upcoming

- ∞ Service Provider Summit (Tri-Counties)
 - Chumash Casino, Samala Showroom
- August 24, 2012
- 8 am to 4 pm

Summary

- ∞ The South Task Force has increased coordination in the South Coast by maintaining consistent involvement from key agencies at the table.
 - As a result of this...
 - Schools, County Probation, and Agencies sit together to work on the strategies of the Task Force
 - A webpage, monthly update, and quarterly meetings have been established and maintained to keep members informed and engaged
 - Client specific programs are in place focusing on the target population while increasing collaboration amongst agencies
 - The South Coast Youth Intervention Project has been developed and is being implemented
 - Funding, new strategies, and stronger relationships have been formed due to the work of the task force, resulting in more comprehensive and coordinated efforts in the South Coast.