

Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods Municipal Prevention Planning

Newark

Trenton

Vineland

The *Prevention* Part of the Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods Plan

- Municipalities to Establish Local Planning Entities as Mechanisms to Develop & Implement Community Risk/Needs Assessments and Delinquency/Gang Prevention Programming
- Municipal Prevention Policy Boards (MPPBs)
 - **Goal of Boards:** To prevent juvenile crime and improve well being outcomes for children & families living in the municipality
 - Become the recognized city-wide youth planning body in municipality

Prevention Policy Boards Guiding Principals

- Multi-Level Collaboration
- Community Empowerment
- Solutions Oriented Use of Data
- Accountability & Transparency

Major Tasks of Prevention Policy Boards

1. To create from the array of currently funded prevention programs, a *prevention system*
 - Clearly Articulated & Understood by Providers & Users

2. *Using data*, describe the municipality in terms of *risk & protective factors*
 - Specific Outcome(s) Achieved for Youth & Families
 - Policy, Practice and/or System/Program Improvement/Change
 - Strategies for Improvement/Change
 - Implementation of Strategies
 - Tracking & Evaluation of Results
 - Outcomes Achieved or Impact Gained
 - Any Unintended Consequences

Tools for Prevention Policy Boards

- Network Analysis
 - Picture of Current Prevention System
 - Highlight Gaps, Redundancy, Areas for Improvement
- Risk & Protective Factor Data
- Framework & Workplan
 - Action Plan
 - Tracking Outcomes

Support for Prevention Policy Boards

- Staffing
 - NJ Office of the Attorney General
 - Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy
 - JANUS Solutions
 - Rutgers University Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs (WRI)
- Training
 - Results Based Accountability
 - Getting Tables from Talk to Action!
- Funding
 - Coordinated State-Wide Resource Management Committee
 - Set Statewide Priorities
 - Interested Private Foundations
 - Governor's Strategy Programming Funding (Later in Process)

Pilot Municipalities

Currently Operating

- Newark
- Trenton
- Vineland

Kicked Off

- March
- July
- September

Staff

- JANUS
- WRI
- WRI

Anticipate Starting January 2010

- Camden
- Asbury Park
- Paterson

Status of Prevention Policy Boards-Newark

STARTS WITH:

City of Newark

Mayor's Mission for Newark:

Ensure that the children and families in Newark will achieve positive outcomes of well-being that equal or exceed outcomes
For all children in New Jersey



FRAMED BY:

Bill of Rights for the Children Of Newark

Endorsed by Mayor Booker &
Newark City Council (9/07)



GUIDED BY:

Newark Youth Policy Board

(Chairs: Dr. Robert Johnson and Deputy Mayor Margarita Muniz)

Our vision is that all youth of Newark will have safe, healthy, and positive experiences that will support them in reaching their highest potential – spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and socially.

OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED:

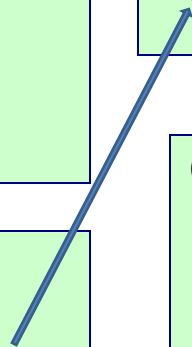
Governor's Strategy for Safe Streets and Neighborhoods

Goal: To prevent juvenile crime and improve well being
outcomes for children and families living in New Jersey's
Cities



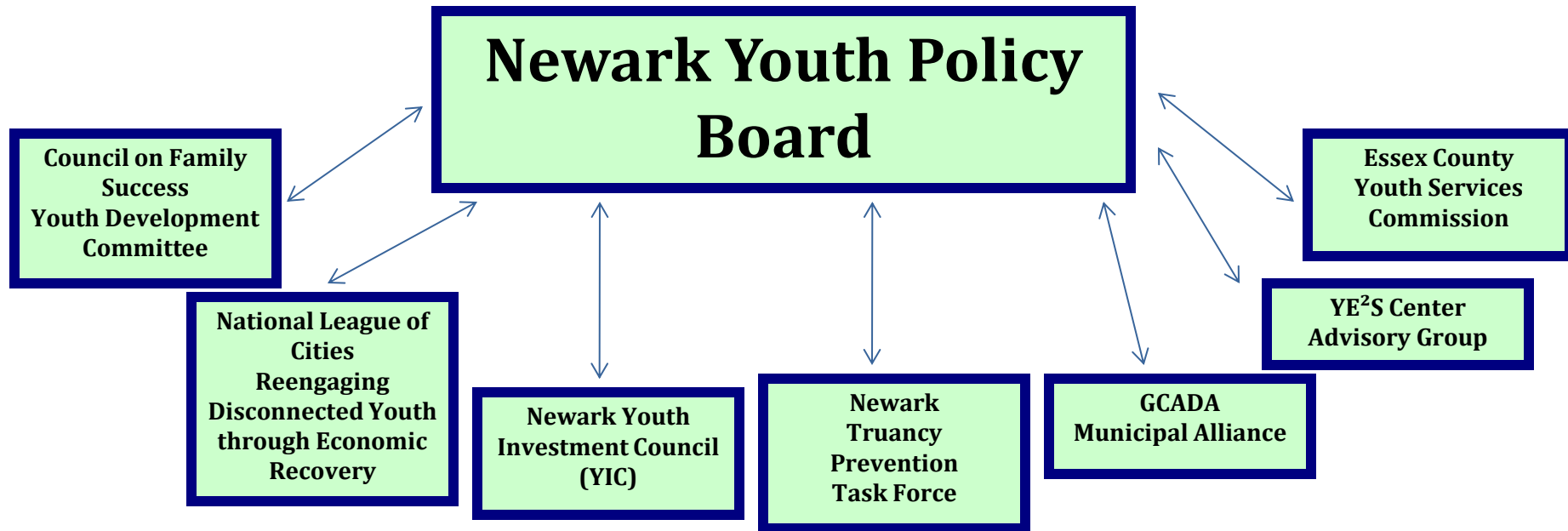
CITY'S RESPONSE:

Key Objective – Develop a Prevention Plan which identifies solutions for policy, practice and program implementation which support an effective prevention system for the City of Newark.



Status of Prevention Policy Boards-Newark

Who are our Planning Partners Informing this Process?



Information, Data, & Status Reports In and Out of Board

Status of Prevention Policy Boards

- **Trenton**

- Board Representation

- Planning Partners

- Preliminary Network Analysis

- Youth Network Analysis Exercise

- Prevention System Needs to be Drawn Based on Board's Networks

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- Risk & Protective Factors

- Preliminary Issue from Data

- Lack of Family Structure

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

- Out of Home Placements

Challenges

- Getting the 'Right' Membership on Board
- Securing Understanding, Buy In, and Ownership of this Prevention Process
- Adhering to Meeting Schedules
- Developing and Gaining Consensus on the Methodology (and Tools/Instruments)
- Finding/Highlighting Instant Successes/Work Products

Early Successes

- Three Up & Running Prevention Policy Boards
- Board Members/Organizations/Prevention Stakeholders are Beginning to Connect the Dots
- Silos within the Prevention System are Coming Down
- Greater Communication Among Prevention Stakeholders
- Able to Change Methodology and Tools/Instruments as Needed

Questions & Answers

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