

ATTACHMENT A

SOUTH COAST TASK FORCE ON YOUTH SAFETY

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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- Background – How we got here
 - Task Force has been operating for five years
- Mission 2020
 - Feedback collected on
 - What have we accomplished?
 - What should we do next?
 - Strategy Team Work Plan

Approved Decisions

- Continue Convener Role
- Change to **South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety**
- Redirected the focus to Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression
- Youth in at-risk situations vs at-risk youth
- Adopted Mission Statement
- Updated Guiding Principles

Mission Statement

“The mission of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety is to improve and support the safety and quality of life for youth, their families, and the community.”

Guiding Principles

The South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety will:

1. Remain as a convener in the south coast to facilitate coordination, blending of resources, and partnerships by the agencies that serve youth in at risk situations.
2. Advocate for and value the importance of a collective community effort.
3. Provide opportunities for youth in at risk situations and parents to provide input.
4. Advocate for a full range of comprehensive services to youth in at risk situations and their families.
5. Advocate for the needs of male and female youth susceptible to victimization.

Guiding Principles continued

6. Advocate for evidence-based and promising programs that can be evaluated for program outcomes.

7. Advocate for client specific services based on the individual needs of youth and their families.

8. Advocate for prevention and intervention services to youth in at risk situations.

9. Advocate for prevention, intervention, and enforcement services for male and female youth in or at risk of becoming involved in gangs.

10. Be patient, youth problems did not develop suddenly and solutions will not be accomplished overnight.

Task Force Initiatives

- Mental Health Services - **Frann Wageneck**
- Jobs and Jobs skills connection* – **Mark Alvarado**
- Pilot Program - mentoring and expedited services for youth in at risk situations *– **Steve DeLira**
- Service Provider Coordination – **Saul Serrano**
- Evaluation – Training and Technical Support to CBO's – **Dr. Jill Sharkey**
- Youth Services Inventory – **Tracy Lang Wood**
- Coordinator's Work Plan – **Saul Serrano**

* Programs supporting My Brother's (and Sister's) Keeper Initiative

By the Numbers:

- Youth with Gang Terms and Conditions decrease
 - **2009 – 245 youth**
 - **2014 – 118 youth**
 - California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention Funds (Board of State and Community Corrections)
 - **\$3.3** Million in funds to the region 2009-2015
- 449** Youth served intervention programs
- 3186** Youth served in school prevention
- 3635 Total youth** served in region from 2009 to 2015
- 396** Parents served

Service Providers Network – 18 Partner Agencies

- Alternative to Violence Project (AVP)
- AllforOne
- Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)
- Casa de la Raza
- Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM)
- California Student Opportunity Access Program (Cal SOAP)
- City of SB Police Activities League
- City of SB Parks & Recreations – Youth Employment Programs, Teen Coalition
- Community Action Commission – Youth Programs
- Conflict Solution Center
- County of Santa Barbara District Attorney's Truancy Program
- County of Santa Barbara Probation Department
- County of Santa Barbara Workforce Development Board
- Freedom 4 Youth
- Life in Focus Education
- Santa Barbara Unified School District – La Cuesta High School
- UCSB – Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
- Youth Interactive

Questions and Answers

- Board of Supervisors Feedback

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