

City of San Diego
Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
Executive Directors Report
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To: Commissioners
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Subject: Executive Directors Report

Goal 4: *Identify capacity-building and funding sources for agencies and organizations with existing effective and promising gang prevention and intervention programs/strategies that they can apply for on a neighborhood basis.*

Grant Support Update

The Commission implements its mission by facilitating local community-based organization collaborations to apply for funds and supports these efforts by also providing support letters.

The Commission sent letters of support for the following organizations:

1. San Diego Office of Education/Juvenile Court Schools application to the Office of Juvenile Justice Programs for the Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Reentry Program. Their program will be called Pathway to Success.
2. Fulfillment Worship Center who applied for the Department of Labor Employment and Training Grant for Prisoner Re-entry Services

Currently Commission staff is part of a multi agency work group led by the San Diego Workforce Partnership that is developing the Youth Development Office. This project was initiated by the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) and co-facilitated by the San Diego Police Department. Recently the Mayor announced its formation. California Endowment is funding its startup. The multiagency workgroup is working on sustainability funding through a Byrne Grant application.

The YDO will be a crucial coordinating force to enable participating agencies to align their strategic plans and funding strategies to ensure seamless sequencing and integration of youth services. Through facilitation, coordination and results reporting, the YDO will promote ongoing integration and collaboration to streamline services and ensure that youth development is a routine consideration in San Diego program and policy development. Goals of the initiative over the next three years are:

1. Increased collaboration among public, non-profit, and philanthropic youth-focused organizations and advisory commissions.
2. Increased targeting of coordinated youth development strategies in communities with high levels of need.
3. Increased awareness and policy focus by systems leaders and youth development stakeholders on the elements of a seamless lifespan youth development continuum.
4. Increased collaboration of public agencies and community based organizations in coordinating state or federal level funding proposals that support youth development.

Increased ability of youth-focused agencies and organizations to track individual and collective impact in improving youth development outcomes along the lifespan continuum

Initiatives Update

FOCUS for 2011-2012 (page 11): *Support integration of services*

The April 25th Gang Prevention Summit had over 300 people in attendance. We did a Survey Monkey survey afterwards and 55 respondents participated. The summit was rated a excellent and the majority of the attendees enjoyed the workshops. Everyone found Dr. Robert Ross from the California Endowment moving and inspiring . The summit accomplished the intended goal of sharing information, providing learning opportunities and encouraging organizations to connect with each other.