

SUMMARY OF INITIATIVES

Each workshop group was asked to come up with an initiative to meet the community's needs for Collaborative Building/Sustainability and an initiative for Community Violence/Trauma Informed Care. They were asked to address these seven questions:

1. What initiative would you suggest that would improve/expand your region's efforts to respond to these issues?
2. Who would implement the initiative?
3. What kind of impact do you believe this initiative would have on the community?
4. What kind of systemic change would this initiative have within the community?
5. What did your table mates offer that would strengthen this initiative for this issue?
6. What funding source would be needed or could it be done without depending on funding?
7. Can it be done with volunteers and/or agency agreements?

These groups collaborated on a total of fifty-two initiatives. The trend found through out most, if not all, of these initiatives was increased education of the community. Some groups wanted to educate teachers, while others wanted to educate law enforcement officers or political and religious leaders either about collaborating or about the issue of community violence.

Generally, the initiatives created to deal with Community Violence/Trauma Informed Care, while still holding education in high regard, found a need to change the way people view and deal with crime. Some of these focused on changing the terminology used when dealing with violence while others wanted to change school curriculum to include coping with violence, anger management, and a system for early identification of trauma.

Overall, the initiatives created to deal with Collaborative Building/Sustainability focused more on the community empowering itself and banding together to create a "culture of caring" while "educating the educators". Some of the other initiatives for Collaborative Building/Sustainability wanted to make information for community services more easily accessible to the public so the public could help themselves. The collaboration of all of these concerned groups have created some ingenious initiatives and hopefully these will inspire change in our community.

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