

**Wilmington Community Advisory Council for
Youth Violence Prevention and Positive Youth Development (formerly the CDC Community Advisory Council)**

Pilot Project Implementation Progress Report – September 2017

Recommendation/Pilot	Progress	Next Steps
<p>1. Foster violence free environments and promoting opportunities and connections to trusted adults for all youth - Universal Services.</p>		
<p>a. Expand the capacity of community centers to offer year round programs with evidence-based or promising practices aimed at violence prevention and positive youth development.</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Daphne Warner (lead), Karyl Rattay, Kevin Kelley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Safe Haven” Extended Hours centers operated from June 6 to mid-September; Hick Anderson Community Center was funded to continue extended hours until late November/early December. • DHSS Community Partner Support Unit regularly visits the community centers to assist staff in connecting families to needed services. • Seventeen community centers/youth serving organizations funded by DSCYF/PBH have started providing afterschool programming for this school year. • Summer Learning Collaborative reported progress in results in reading improvement for children participating in the 11 community center summer programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to continue to look for funding for the community centers to be able offer extended hours through out the year • Evaluation on “Safe Haven” extended hours sites is being completed and will be released later this year
<p>b. Develop a learning community for schools and community organizations to offer professional development, training, and technical assistance on evidence-based/promising practices, performance measurement, trauma informed practice, social and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSCYF will be convening the community centers/youth serving organizations funded for Safe Havens/Extended Hours, Afterschool, and Summer programs to form a learning community that will meet quarterly to receive training on evidence-based practice such as the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to explore other funding sources to provide train the trainer sessions on trauma informed practice and brain science

<p>emotional learning, and cultural competency.</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Daphne Warner (lead), Karyl Rattay, Kevin Kelley</p>	<p>Botvin social skills curriculum for working with youth; to network and share information on community resources; and to explore opportunities for collaboration; sessions are planned for November 2017, March 2018, and May 2018.</p>	
<p>c. Invest in a year round employment “earn and learn” program for youth from 16 to 24, including summer employment, work-based learning and service opportunities, and “soft” and “hard” skill development.</p> <p>Council Members Involved - Ty Jones (lead), Ray Fitzgerald</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSS is developing partnerships with private employers to provide subsidized employment to TANF and TANF-like adults. • The City recognized 23 youth of the 450 youth employed this summer through the Summer Youth Employment Program for outstanding performance and guaranteed them jobs for the Summer 2018. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to align City, County, and United Way efforts for youth employment going forward • Need to explore recruiting more private employers to hire youth during the summer and year round • Awaiting results of evaluation of pilot with 10 City youth who were able to connect their summer work experience with Delaware Pathways in their schools • Need to formalize engagement with Delaware Pathways to Prosperity initiative • United Way is pursuing funding from Citi Foundation to increase workforce development support for the 16 to 24 year old population
<p>2. Intervene with youth at the first sign of risk – Selected Services.</p>		
<p>a. Build a multi-tiered identification and service referral system to identify youth at varying levels of risk based on specific criteria, and connect them to needed services with case management or care coordination. Pilot with a health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work group accepted the three-tiered model and Problem Solving framework as the basis for the model they will recommend for identifying youth who are experiencing challenges and engaging them in appropriate interventions based on their needs; the process flow is based on providing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSCYF is currently seeking an opportunity to provide training on the Urban ACES to community based organizations working in the PBHS Summer and After School Programs •

<p>care provider, middle or high school, or community school.</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Gwen Angalet (lead), Daphne Warner, Teri Lawler, Nancy Dietz, Matt Swanson, Raye Jones Avery with support from Alisia Drew</p>	<p>proactive student supports using evidence-based practices in child development, social emotional learning, and trauma informed practices; model is in place at Stanton Middle School and will inform the development of one or more pilots in City schools; will meet with community centers to work on adapting the model for use in the centers; is identifying a tool for recognizing age appropriate behavior in children and youth.</p>	
<p>b. Build capacity of schools and community centers to embed trauma informed practice in their programs and to have more on-site social work and behavioral health supports. (Combined with 1b)</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Daphne Warner (lead), Karyl Rattay, Kevin Kelley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE is engaged in implementation planning for the Compassionate Connection Partnership with expanded technical assistance and coaching being provided to four traditional elementary and one middle schools in Wilmington identified for improvement; received a NEA grant to support efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teri Lawler is being trained to provide more advanced trauma informed practice and will be able to train schools and youth serving organizations in those practices • Need more resources to provide more in-depth skill development training and coaching • Awaiting communication on the status of the federal grant application submitted by the United Way with the Peter Spencer Family Life Foundation and Christina School District for funding to expand the Freedom School to Bayard Middle School
<p>3. Restore youth who have gone down the wrong path – Indicated Services.</p>		
<p>a. Develop a one-stop “Youth Wellness Center” at two community centers, modeled after the Hope Commission Achievement Center, to help youth transitioning backed to their communities from out of home settings or between the youth and adult service systems. The intent would be to have two Youth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City is working with UD Partnership for Community Health and other community partners to provide expanded services and programs at Hicks Anderson Community Center; St. Francis will be sending their van to the center one day per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could possibly pursue HUD or State Bond Bill request for capital funding • Explore health services for the West Center City community with Christiana Care and Nemours • UD Partnership for Community Health is exploring providing health education

<p>Wellness Centers, one for 10-15 year olds and one for 16-24 year olds.</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Henry Smith (lead), Corry Wright, Kevin Kelley, Ty Jones, W. Southall with support from Alisia Drew, Vanity Sanders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STRIVE, an educational non-profit that provides leadership development to youth, is exploring a collaboration with Kingswood Community Center, the City, and other community youth-serving organizations to develop a “teen center” in Northeast Wilmington. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> workshops at Hicks Anderson and Rt. 9 Library in the future. • Significant funding needs to be raised to support the development of a teen center.
<p>4. Protect children and youth from violence in the community.</p>		
<p>a. Increase support for outreach programs that engage the community in creating and sustaining a culture and environment that prevents violence and promotes positive development, including de-escalation of conflicts and retaliation. (Work on a community intervention team to deescalate conflicts and retaliation will be combined with 3a)</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Wes Southall with support from Vanity Sanders, Alisia Drew</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way in partnership with the City has launched the FACTS initiative, a youth-led campaign to draw attention to the positive events and assets in the community to help and support youth and their families. • City is working with the West Center City community on a plan to revitalize that neighborhood; have started with dedicating four WPD officers, doing more trash removal, increasing programming at West Center City’s Hicks Anderson Community Center, and support from the DHSS Community Partner Support Unit and the Porter State Service Center to connect families to needed services. • DOL has launched a mobile unit to help community residents to connect to job training and employment opportunities; mobile unit will be regularly visiting community centers and schools throughout the City. • DSCYF in partnership with Victims Services and the City is launching a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting to be held with partners who are interested in developing a comprehensive community intervention response team to work with youth and adults to deescalate crises, prevent violence, and promote positive development; exploring technical assistance from the federal Department of Justice. (Could DPH’s National Violent Death Reporting System funding potentially support work on this pilot?) • Need to check on discussions with the Wilmington Police Department on engaging a youth victim specialist • Need to continue to work with Christiana Care and other hospitals on addressing trauma and violence prevention • Explore opportunities for collaboration with UD and Blue Print Communities, and Federal Home Loan Bank – Philadelphia/Pittsburg. • Working on developing a robust social media platform for FACTS to communicate and build support for efforts

	<p>Youth Response Unit to work with children and youth who have witnessed or been victimized in a violent act in their neighborhood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Castle County opened the Route 9 Library & Innovation Center in September; will serve as both a library, as well as a community and educational space with programs for youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Castle County examining how they can utilize the Route 9 Library & Innovation Center to provide more services, more programs, and more opportunities to local youth
<p>5. Integrate services.</p>		
<p>a. Develop and pilot a model for integration of direct student services and student data sharing among school districts, schools, DSCYF, DHSS, DOL, DOJ, hospital systems, community organizations, and local government. Pilot model in selected schools. Coordinate work with the development of a youth master plan for the City of Wilmington. (Combined with 2a and 6a)</p> <p>Council Members involved – Ray Fitzgerald (lead), Rita Landraf, Sec. Walker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE has launched the Compassionate Connections Partnership team to provide training and coaching to the five traditional public schools in the City, starting this Fall; the partnership will focus on embedding trauma informed practice and appropriate academic strategies and on integration of services to meet the needs of the children and families using the City Connects model; received funding from NEA to support efforts. • Delaware Center for Justice has been funded to engage a social worker to provide evidence-based programming and intensive case management support to 7-10 youth at high risk as identified by their former teachers transitioning to Bayard Middle School during the school day and then afterschool in community centers; currently working to finalize an MOU with the Christina School District for the initiative. 	<p>City to connect with National League of Cities for technical assistance on youth master plan</p>

<p>b. Develop a Children’s Cabinet Council.</p> <p>Council members involved – Ray Fitzgerald in support of Sec. Walker, Dorrell Green in support of Sec. Bunting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Carney’s Family Services Cabinet Council is working on coordinating the efforts of State agencies on trauma informed practices and ACEs. • FSCC is exploring how to partner more closely with Delaware 211 on helping families access services easily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSCC is working on how member agencies can better integrate their efforts on working with high risk families that they service in common.
<p>6. Address policy issues that have unintended consequences for youth</p>		
<p>a. Facilitate the sharing of youth specific data among school districts, schools, DSCYF, DHSS, DOL, DOJ, hospital systems, community organizations, and local government.</p> <p>Council Members involved - Ray Fitzgerald (lead), Rita Landgraf, and Sec. Walker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current efforts are underway with UD, DTI, and Delaware Health Information Network. • Governor’s Family Services Cabinet Council is working how to share client data among the agencies to improve the integration of services; applied for technical assistance from Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy at UPenn; conducted a site visit to Allegheny County, PA to learn about how they have addressed the legal issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHSS is exploring the development of a data warehouse • DHSS is examining how to structure MOUs to address client privacy issues • Sen. Coon may be a resource on federal policy issues • Patty Brennan with NIH could be a resource on “big data”
<p>b. Examine school policies and remove barriers that impact youth completing their education, including reentering school from alternative settings and school codes of conduct and disciplinary action.</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Vilicia Cade (lead), Dorrell Green, Raye Avery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina School District meeting with school leaders, City, and community based organizations to develop “Alternatives to Suspension” programs. • City hosted a college fair with 10 Historic Black Colleges and Universities for over 650 youth from 22 local schools; 100 of those youth received offers from the colleges and universities to which they applied during the fair with some qualifying for full or partial scholarships. 	

