

**CDC Community Advisory Council
Accelerating Youth Violence Prevention and Positive Development: A Call to Action**

Pilot Project Implementation Progress Report - August 2017

Recommendation/Pilot	Progress	Next Steps
1. Foster violence free environments and promoting opportunities and connections to trusted adults for all youth - Universal Services.		
<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 – Vilicia Cade, Kevin Kelley, Daphne Warner, Susan Ccyk, Sec. Walker, A.J. Roop, Karyl Rattay, Coley Harris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Hours “Safe Haven” centers opened June 6 and will run until September; 11 sites total with 10 funded by DSCYF and one funded by the City Summer Learning Collab worked with 11 sites in the City this summer; will expand to two additional sites in 2018; operated a special academy for middle school students which operates at Salesianum High School DSCYF/PBH are funding after school and summer programming in 17 centers/youth serving organizations for FY 18 incorporating CDC Council recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will hear about status of grants applications to OJJDP and SAMSHA in September Need to address that not all of the Extended Hours Safe Haven Centers are open on weekends
<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 emotional learning, and cultural competency. (Planning for 1b, 2a, and 2b should be integrated.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSCYF will be convening the community centers/youth serving organizations funded for Extended Hours/Safe Havens, Afterschool, and Summer programs to form a learning community that will meet quarterly to receive training on evidence-based practice such as the Botvin social skills curriculum for working with youth; to network and share information on community resources; and to explore opportunities for collaboration 	<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>Council Members Involved – Daphne Warner, Teri Lawler, Greg Williams</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>Lead – Ty Jones in collaboration with Kevin Kelley and Earl Campbell</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Vilicia Cade, Raye Jones Avery; Henry Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 450 youth employed in the City Summer Youth Employment Program completed their work assignments for this summer • United Way provided asset development and other workforce development training to the City’s youth workers • DOE in partnership with the United Way worked with City to implement a pilot to help 10 youth enrolled in the SYEP to connect their summer work experience with the Delaware Pathways they are enrolled in at their school, Howard High School; the pilot is currently being evaluated • DSS is developing partnerships with private employers to provide subsidized employment to TANF and TANF-like adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Grants need to be pursued to support increased 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 care provider, middle or high</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>school, or community school. (Note: would need to address data sharing protocol.) (Planning for 1b, 2a, 2b, and 5 should be integrated.)</p> <p>Council Members Involved – Daphne Warner, Teri Lawler, Susan Cycyk, Wes Southall, Nancy Dietz, Matt Swanson, Raye Jones Avery</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 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. (Planning for 1b, 2a, and 2b should be integrated.)</p> <p>Lead - TBD Council Members Involved – Teri Lawler, Dorrell Green, Daphne Warner, Wes Southall, Ray Fitzgerald</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned that Medicaid will pay for behavioral health services in community centers to Medicaid eligible children if the providers have a private space for meetings and secure file storage • DOE has started 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; Director of the initiative started in August • DHSS Community Partner Support Team is visiting the community centers on a regular basis to provide more support to hard-to-reach families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Wellness Centers, one for 10-15 year olds and one for 16-24 year olds.</p> <p>Lead – Kevin Kelley Council Members Involved - Vilicia Cade, Rita Landgraf, Karyl Rattay, Henry Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City working with Christina School District to set up center –based school suspension centers at the Youth Empowerment Program Center and the Hicks Anderson Community Center • City 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 • City worked with YRS to engage some youth from Mowlds and Snowden Cottages in the SYEP as part of their reentry process • 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"> • Should explore creating Corporate Save Houses such as Chase the Dream (4th and Pine Streets) • Could possibly pursue HUD or State Bond Bill request for capital funding • Explore health services for the West Center City community with Christina Care and Nemours
<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.</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; first event was a Community Clean Up Day on the Westside • City is working with the West Center City community on a plan to revitalize 	<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?)

<p>Lead - Henry Smith Council Members Involved – Kevin Kelley, Ashley Biden, Dr. Medinilla, Dr. Chen, Ty Jones, Tom Ogden, Kevin Kelley</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• City is exploring the development of a “drop in” center to support the enforcement of the youth curfew ordinance; center would provide a safe place when WPD could take youth who have been picked up for curfew violation until their parents could be reached• City is revitalizing the Community Policing Child Development initiative to work with children who have witnessed or been victimized in a violent act in their neighborhood• DHSS Community Partner Support Unit is visiting community centers to share information about the APEX initiative to help youth who have been adjudicated learn about how to get their records expunged	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• 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
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Castle County is opening 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 	
<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.</p> <p>Lead - Matt Swanson Council Members Involved - Dorrell Green, Ray Fitzgerald</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 	<p>In additional to reallocating existing resources where possible, DOE is applying for funding to support implementation of the Partnership.</p>
<p>b. Develop a Children’s Cabinet Council.</p> <p>Lead - Dr. Walker, Sec. Bunting and Molly Magarik</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members have made a commitment to updating their agencies’ program and service information on the Delaware 211 data base updated • 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,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current efforts underway with UD, DTI, and Delaware Information Network 	

<p>DOL, DOJ, hospital systems, community organizations, and local government.</p> <p>Lead – Rita Landgraf and Sec. Walker Council Members Involved - Henry Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor’s Family Services Cabinet Council is looking at how to address the need to share client data among the agencies to improve the integration of services; has concluded that the data sharing technology is in place; focus is on structuring the MOUs to address the client privacy requirements; 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 	
<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>Lead – Dorrell Green and Vilicia Cade Council Members Involved – Susan Bunting, Ashley Biden, Corry Wright</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 	