

Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative
Report to City Council
Public Safety, Human Services and Education Committee
August 4, 2009

I. Highlights

Youth Are Being Served: Just one month after the official launch of the Initiative, eligible youth are being served through the intake and referral system, contracted services and community partners.

- a. **233 Total Youth Referred to Networks & Enrolled:** Southwest – 67; Central – 19; Southeast – 25; and SYEP – 122 (not broken down by neighborhood yet).
- b. **80 Youth Case Managed:** Approximately 70 eligible youth were transferred to the Initiative from Seattle Team for Youth when STFY ended and the Initiative case management officially began.
- c. **201 Youth Employed:** 91 youth placed in SYEP 7-week traditional sites; 13 youth in SYEP internships funded through other sources; 30 youth placed through Out of School program; 35 youth placed through King County Court/Minority Business and Youth Alliance; 19 youth placed in SYEP group projects; 13 youth placed with Stimulus funds (see Attachment A for more detail).
- d. **700 Youth Attended All City Teen Party:** This number includes some Initiative-enrolled youth and other potential future referrals to the Initiative. Co-sponsored by the City of Seattle, Seaspot Media Group and Showbox SoDo, the party filled a gap for positive youth gatherings at a time when high schools have cancelled their end-of-year parties. All youth had to sign a pledge of peace in order to receive a free ticket to the party (see Attachment B). Showbox SoDo donated the venue and their full staff of 100 to work the event. Approximately 100 community volunteers served as chaperones, including Another Way Out (the Initiative's street outreach team, Initiative Director and Parks and Recreation staff). The party was deemed a huge success by all who participated. A small scuffle was dispersed rapidly with no injuries or arrests.

II. Contract Status, Funding Disbursed and Funding Pursued

- a. **Contract Status:** All Initiative components have either been executed or are under contract with the exception of the database (see Attachment C). Six proposals were submitted on July 27 for the database. We are working with DoIT to conduct additional information gathering before a provider is selected.
- b. **Funding Disbursed:** As of July 29, 2009, \$723,248 has been disbursed on the various elements of the Initiative (see Attachment D).
- c. **Funding Pursued:** The Initiative is charged with securing \$1 million in funding to support the two-year budget. As of this date, a total of \$3,197,216 has been pursued to support and/or enhance the workplan of the Initiative (see Attachment E).

III. Network Collaborative Trainings and Community Partnership Building

The Neighborhood Networks and City agency partners organized collaborative trainings that included Initiative members and community partners. Initial trainings have been successful in bringing together the Initiative's diverse groups and institutions to build relationships and collaboration on the mutual goal of reducing youth violence.

- a. **Critical Incident Response Table Top Training:** More than 50 people attended representing SPD, Parks, Street Outreach, Harborview Medical Center, case management agencies and neighborhood networks. The training, facilitated by Grant Tietje of SPD Emergency Management, was the first full operational run-through of the actions and interactions of the participating entities in the event of a critical incident. The training laid the foundation for the cooperation and collaboration among agencies that has been put to the test in recent days with positive results.
- b. **Ethics Training:** This training was held by the Urban League to provide the final training needed for the Street Outreach Team to be deployed in Critical Incident Response. Twenty-two agencies participated, including 14 agencies not funded by the Initiative but serving similar youth.
- c. **Conflict Resolution & Team Building training:** HSD contracted a training team which had done training for the Initiative previously with great reviews. Conflict Resolution was open to both Initiative and other agencies including King County. Team Building focused on the Initiative team, now numbering about 50 staff among the agencies and SPD. In addition to learning facilitation skills, the group got to know each other and began to build relationships and trust that will be needed for the Initiative to be successful. The team found it valuable to the extent that they asked to be convened in full on a quarterly basis.
- d. **Critical Incident Response Follow-Up from D.C.:** The training was a follow-up by the Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative that originally hosted and trained the group from Seattle, including then Assistant Chief Diaz and street outreach members to learn about their outreach model. This three-day training introduced Initiative staff to the full model which includes family-centered, solution-focused case management. It also strengthened the relationship between the D.C. and Seattle initiatives and will allow for future consultation and information sharing. The most common comment made throughout the training by our trainers was that Seattle is light years ahead of where D.C. was at this stage.

We are developing an MOA with (non Initiative-funded) El Centro de la Raza for case management. While not selected through the RFI process to serve as a case management agency for the Initiative, El Centro secured other funding for a case manager and requested to participate in the Initiative alongside the other agencies. They offered to comply with all of the same reporting and training requirements. We are using this as a model or pilot partnership to develop the protocols by which non-Initiative-funded agencies can provide services to Initiative youth and be included in our database and trainings.

IV. Community Outreach and Presentations

The Director and Neighborhood Network Coordinators have made numerous presentations to community groups and service providers who are seeking information about the Initiative and ways to partner with us. The frequency of the requests for presentations and for Initiative representatives to be present at community meetings and conferences is indicative of the high level of interest and hope being raised by

the Initiative (see Attachment F). Additionally, the team attends other meetings where Initiative presence is requested without a presentation.

V. SPD

- a. **School Emphasis Officers Update:** School Emphasis Officers have been assigned to summer school and community sites in the target neighborhoods during the summer break. Officers have participated in a GREAT training, the Initiative Team Building training and both Critical Incident Response trainings (table top and D.C. team).

VI. Upcoming Plans

- a. **Neighborhood Community Outreach Meetings:** The Neighborhood Networks are planning community outreach meetings to be held in each neighborhood regular basis. The first three meetings are planned for September. The meetings are aimed at getting accurate information about the Initiative out to community residents and providing opportunities for involvement in the Initiative. Youth will be invited, and separate meetings with youth will also be organized. Additionally, citywide community outreach meetings will be held in January and June with the June meeting scheduled for the Annual Report to the Community.
- b. **Neighborhood Network Advisory Councils:** The Neighborhood Networks are identifying individuals to become members of the three Neighborhood Network Advisory Councils. They are seeking representation from schools, parents, youth, businesses and the faith community.
- c. **Citywide Youth Advisory Group:** The Neighborhood Networks are planning to convene a citywide youth advisory group that will be youth-led and action focused. It was decided to organize one citywide group rather than three neighborhood-based groups to promote and model collaboration. The first meeting of the youth group will be held in late September and will meet monthly.

VII. Appendices

- a. Youth Employment Placement Outcomes
- b. Peace Pledge
- c. Contracts status
- d. Funding disbursements
- e. Non-City Funding pursued
- f. Presentations to Community & Media

SYVPI EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT OUTCOMES (as of July 28, 2009)

Seattle Youth Employment Program

Activity	Planned Participant Goals	Actual Participants Placed (as of 7/6)	Active Participants (as of 7/28)
SYEP Summer Internships Seven-week internships where youth are placed individually in work sites to gain pre-employment training and develop the readiness for employment.	72	96	91
SYEP Summer Internships through other fund sources SYVPI-eligible youth were prioritized for services. See description above.	0	14	13
Out of School Services – Center for Career Alternatives & Metrocenter YMCA Education, training, and employment services for out-of-school youth, ages 16 to 17. Re-enrollment in school or achievement of a GED is strongly encouraged.	30	30*	30*
King County Superior Court/Minority Business and Youth Alliance Superior Court will serve SYVPI youth on probation or parole by providing employment and training opportunities.	50	35*	35*
SYEP Group Projects Powerful Voices A prevention and intervention program for adolescent girls involved in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system. The model develops girls' leadership and community building skills through employment experiences and work-readiness training. Southwest Youth and Family Services The project exposes high-risk older youth to writing, publication, and marketing by creating a literary magazine called <i>The Boot</i> to express life experiences and values then participate in public readings.	23	20	19
Subtotals	175	195	188
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus)	45	34 16-17 year old: 14 participants 18+ year old: 20 participants	32 16-17 year old: 13 participants 18+ year old: 19 participants
TOTALS	220	229	220

*This is a projected figure as providers can enroll participants until 12/31/09.

SUMMER 2009

ALL CITY TEEN DANCE PARTY FOR PEACE

WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 16TH, 2009 – 9PM – 12 AM WHERE: Showbox Sodo 1700 1st Ave S., Seattle, WA 98134

Participant/Sponsor Pledge Form

Peace Pledge:

I _____, commit to a peaceful summer in Seattle. I aim to be a part of the solution to ending youth violence. I will be a positive member of my community and will encourage my friends and others to do the same by being a leader amongst my peers. I understand that this FREE event is a privilege for me to attend and hold myself accountable for making positive choices at the event.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

School Attended 2008/2009 School Year: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Email: _____

Social Networking Site Contact (choose all that apply):

Myspace: _____ Facebook: _____

Twitter: _____ Other: _____

Sponsor Pledge:

I know and believe the person listed above deserves to be a part of this event. I am confident that he/she will represent me in a manner deserving of my sponsorship.

Signed _____ Dated: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization _____ Position: _____

EMAIL: _____ OFFICE/CELL: () _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO RECEIVE TICKETS FOR EVENT. THIS FORM WILL BE USED AT THE VIP TO CHECK IN - A TICKET ALONE DOES NOT GAIN ENTRY - TICKET IS NON - TRANSFERABLE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CONTACT: CARA ATCHISON – 206.290.1515 / cara.atchison@seaspotpromo.com

**Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative
Contracts Status
As of July 29, 2009**

Neighborhood Network Coordination

Urban League

Southwest Youth and Family Services

Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club consortium

Status

executed

under contract

under contract

Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

Southwest Youth and Family Services

executed

Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters

4C Coalition

executed

executed

Case Management

Atlantic Street Center

Center for Career Alternatives

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Powerful Voices

Safe Futures

Southwest Youth and Family Services

executed

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executed

Neighborhood Matching Fund

Black on Black Crime Prevention

Youth 180

Game Recognize Game

2nd year sustaining funding2nd year sustaining funding2nd year sustaining funding

Horn of Africa (Versatility program)

YMCA Alive and Free (Youth Advocates)

Life Enrichment Group (Young Kings & Queens of Seattle)

Enhanced Interactions Media Group (RSJ Youth Media Project)

SWYFS (Pacific Islander Youth Culture Project)

Small & Simple grant

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7/29/2009

Funding Disbursements
Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (Initiative)

Initiative Element	2009 Budget	2009 Expenditures to date	2010 Budget	Notes
Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) Youth Initiatives	\$180,000	\$0	\$184,860	\$65K awarded via April 09 cycle to 5 organizations. ¹ Youth currently being served but organizations haven't been billed yet for services. Remaining projects to be awarded in Aug. 09.
Sustaining of NMF Youth Initiatives	\$75,000	\$0	\$77,325	\$70K awarded to three agencies (Youth 180, Game Recognize Game, Black on Black Crime Prevention Coalition) in April '09 and youth are currently receiving services through these grass roots efforts. No billing has yet been received.
Youth Center Coordinators	\$157,500	\$0	\$277,290	Hiring process underway; three positions expected to start Aug. 18-20
Street Outreach	\$232,829	\$93,090	\$331,721	Central network contract for street outreach services issued in February 2009.
Recreation	\$111,000	\$6,550	\$139,672	Programming began in summer 2009
Neighborhood Network Coordinators	\$256,667	\$58,187	\$338,910	Central network (Urban League) contract issued at beginning of year; SW contract (SW Youth & Family Services) has been signed and SE contract (Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club) to be signed by early August 2009.
Intake/Screeners	\$173,333	\$25,221	\$246,480	Intake/screening for Central network contract awarded at beginning of year; SE and SW contracts awarded this summer (see note above). Intake/screening services for all agencies has begun.
Case Management	\$966,715	\$265,717	\$718,900	As of end of July, 80-85 youth are receiving Case Management services. 6 agencies selected to provide case management services
Mentorship	\$130,000	\$3,808	\$133,510	Two contracts awarded (Big Brother Big Sister of Puget Sound; Four C Coalition)
Anger Management	\$190,000	\$0	\$195,130	1 contract awarded (SW Youth & Family Svcs) but City has not been billed yet .
Youth Employment	\$552,000	\$4,738	\$566,904	188 youth hired as of 7/28/09. 13 additional hired with separate Stimulus funds.
Contract Management	\$112,000	\$45,817	\$115,024	
Initiative Director	\$159,800	\$31,456	\$164,115	Initiative Director hired April 2009.
Initiative Database	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	Database vendor solicitation process underway.
Initiative Implementation	\$50,000	\$15,276	\$0	
School Emphasis Officers	\$446,000	\$170,051	\$458,042	4 emphasis officers started in schools in March 2009. Officers were transferred from other assignments.
Emphasis Patrols	\$93,875	\$3,337	\$96,410	Patrols scheduled as needed at youth centers.
Totals	\$3,936,719	\$723,248	\$4,044,293	

¹ Horn of Africa Services, Enhanced Interactions Media Grp., Life Enrichment Grp, Alive & Free Youth Advocates, SW Youth & Family Services

Non-City funding pursued

	Amount	Term
Byrne Local Formula - awarded		
Three AmeriCorps JustServe volunteers will supplement Dept of Parks & Recreation staff at the three youth centers and Langston Hughes Cultural Center	\$42,000	1 year
One VISTA volunteer will work in support of the Urban League's street outreach efforts.	\$12,000	1 year
Byrne State Formula – awarded		
Overtime funding to support joint youth violence/gang operations by police departments from Seattle, Auburn, Renton, Des Moines, Federal Way, Tukwila, Kent and Port of Seattle.	\$254,229	1 year
Add a trainer position that will work with all law enforcement agencies in King County to address their gang issues; and retain three Sheriff's deputies that work gang/youth violence.	\$394,201	1 year
Add a policy position to assist SPD in setting up systems that will monitor the data needed to support the Department's Initiative efforts.	\$116,416	1 year
Summer Youth Employment Services – awarded		
Provide employment and training to 13 Initiative-eligible youth aged 16-17.	\$42,601	1 year
Byrne Competitive - no definitive award date		
Pair SPD officers with King County Juvenile Court probation officers, who will proactively patrol to ensure that offenders are adhering to their probation conditions.	\$217,714	2 years
Apply the "High Point Initiative" model against youth violence in one of the Initiative's neighborhoods. The model focuses the attention of the community, law enforcement and prosecution on frequent, youthful offenders and sends the message that their behavior will not be tolerated.	\$434,860	2 years
Law enforcement overtime to allow SPD participation in the Critical Incident Response and to allow law enforcement officers throughout the region to patrol in tandem with other jurisdictions.	\$272,608	2 years
Develop a training curriculum for community outreach workers.	\$45,000	2 years
Provide support to the project through coordination of the multiple strategies and multiple jurisdictions and data analysis.	\$416,226	2 years
OJJDP Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Grant – Application under review for September award		
The Project is intended to enhance the existing 4C and JRA mentoring programs serving court-involved youth at risk of reoffending and their siblings by connecting the parents and families of mentees to mentors and their families.	\$496,084	3 years
Federal Appropriation - Included in Senate appropriation bill		
Develop mentor recruitment campaign; train and assign mentors to high-risk youth; develop Web-based tool to track youth participation and success in programs intended to reduce their likelihood to commit violence.	\$300,000	1 year
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - Application submitted in response to invitation from Foundation		
City has been invited by the Foundation to apply for a grant to generally support the work of the Initiative.	\$150,000	1 year
TOTAL	\$3,197,216	

**SEATTLE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE
PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY & MEDIA**
May 1, 2009 to July 30, 2009

Date	Event	Host	Presenter
5/2/09	2009 Young Professional Development Summit – SYVPI youth panel / mentorship	Seattle Urban League Young Professionals	Jamila Taylor Derrick Dotson
5/3/09	Living Cities Briefing w/ Marian Urquilla	OFE	Holly Miller Mariko Lockhart Jamila Taylor
5/19/09	Southeast Youth Service Provider Meeting	Southeast Youth Service Provider	Jamila Taylor Outreach Team
5/21/09	Oversight Board Meeting	Office of Police Accountability	Jamila Taylor Outreach Team
5/21/09	Minority Business and Youth Alliance Briefing	Minority Business and Youth Alliance	Jamila Taylor Outreach Team
5/21/09	Interagency Schools Briefing w/ Ina Howell	SPS	Jamila Taylor
5/26/09	Black on Black Crime Prevention Coalition Briefing w/ Vincent Taylor	Black on Black Crime Prevention Coalition	Jamila Taylor
5/26/09	Meeting with Wyking Garrett and United for Youth Coalition	United for Youth Coalition	Mariko Lockhart
5/27/09	1 st Annual Training Conference “Preparing for the Unexpected”	National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives & Black Law Enforcement of Washington	Mariko Lockhart
5/28/09	East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition Meeting	East Precinct Crime Prevention Coalition	Mariko Lockhart Jamila Taylor Doug Carey
5/29/09	African American Males Advisory Group	Seattle Public Schools	Jamila Taylor
6/2/09	Gang Violence: Real Problems and Real Solutions for Puget Sound	Thomas C. Wales Foundation	CM Burgess Mariko Lockhart
6/2/09	Panel discussion on youth violence with Enrique Cerna	KCTS 9	CM Burgess Mariko Lockhart
6/3/09	Leschi Community Meeting		Jamila Taylor Jeron Gates (Parks/Rec)
6/3/09	SW Youth Violence Prevention Meeting		Robert Gant
6/9/09	Briefing on City of Seattle Priorities to Foundation Leaders	Mayor’s Office	Mariko Lockhart Sid Sidorowicz

Date	Event	Host	Presenter
6/12/09	King County Police Activities League Briefing (with Adrian Diaz & Reid Johnson)	KC Police Activities League	Jamila Taylor
6/12/09	Seattle Jobs Initiative Briefing	SJI	Jamila Taylor Robert Gant
6/12/09	Briefing to Portland Youth Violence Prevention Program	Portland Youth Violence Prevention Program	Betsy Graef Mariko Lockhart
6/15/09	City Council Town Hall Meeting	City Council	CM Burgess Mariko Lockhart
6/16/09	King County Mental Health Briefing		Jamila Taylor
6/17/09	"Call to Action Mentor Rally"	4c Coalition & Seattle Cares Mentoring Movement	Mariko Lockhart
6/25/09	Seattle Public Schools Family Support Meeting	SPS	Jamila Taylor Ariam Fesaha (Intake & Referral Specialist)
6/25/09	Interview with Steve Scher, KUOW	KUOW	Mariko Lockhart
6/25/09	City Council Town Hall Meeting	City Council	CM Burgess Mariko Lockhart
6/26/09	Critical Incident Response	SYVPI	Mariko Lockhart
7/1/09	Service Coordination Meeting	Juvenile Court	Mariko Lockhart Jamila Taylor Robert Gant
7/1/09	Coalition of WS Human Service Providers Network Meeting	Coalition of WS Human Service Providers Network	Robert Gant
7/2/09	JJOMP Oversight Committee/Juvenile Detention Oversight Committee Meeting	JJOMP	Mariko Lockhart Jamila Taylor
7/6/09	Q13 TV News Interview with Lara Yamada		Mariko Lockhart Jamila Taylor
7/6/09 Approx.	Interview with The Skanner Newspaper		Mariko Lockhart Jamila Taylor
7/7/09	Inspiring Hope and Making Change	Mayor's Office	Mariko Lockhart Jamila Taylor Robert Gant Rick Dupree
7/13/09	Garfield Campus Advisory Council Meeting	Garfield Campus Advisory Council	Mariko Lockhart
7/21/09	Team Building Training	Human Services Department	Mariko Lockhart
7/30/09	Young Adult Services Meeting	Seattle Jobs Initiative	Mariko Lockhart Jerome Welch