



Work Group Worksheet

Drafting of Recommendations



Topic Area: Public Safety

Goal: To develop, promote and maintain safer communities in Cumberland County.

Suggested Strategies:

Strengthen partnerships between agencies, community groups, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, etc.

Identify existing or establish central information source that would maintain prevention/intervention data, resources, and tracking of outcomes

Identify and explore possible integration of agency assessments and plans that address prevention and intervention needs for at-risk youths and families

Prioritize youth programming for prevention and intervention

Identify population(s) in need and service gaps

Promote countywide coordination of community policing and proactive law enforcement strategies that would improve the quality of life of those impacted by crime

Form task force to explore effective intervention models to assist law enforcement agencies utilizing station house adjustments, etc.

Establish research methods and evaluation tools to determine baseline data

To facilitate county-wide community or "town" meetings that promote resident involvement

Accountability Measure(s):

Hold 10 monthly collaborative meetings within one year, including county Department of Public Safety Freeholder Liaison

Conduct a pre-test and post-test survey to assess county resident safety concerns/issues; Establish a baseline by way of statistics (i.e. UCR, NCVRS, county agency assessments, etc.)

Increase age-specific (up to age 21) youth participation in out of school programming/recreational programs by 50% within two years

Hold 10 "town meetings", within each municipality or township, at an easily accessible location, with transportation provided, within one year

Facilitate quarterly meetings with all police departments/barracks to initiate county-wide community policing strategies

Child safety signs to be implemented in all neighborhoods as identified by residents within six months