

California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program

35 Recipients | Total of \$9,215,000 State Fiscal Year 2011

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City of Anaheim (\$250,000): The City of Anaheim will continue to collaborate with the Anaheim Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Probation Department, Community Service Programs, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Orange County to implement an evidence-based, collaborative approach to gang prevention, education, community building, intervention, and suppression activities in targeted areas. In collaboration with its key stakeholders and service providers, Anaheim will blend and enhance resources to: create safe and drug-free asset rich schools; remove barriers to learning; promote pro-social leadership skills; provide parents with effective skills, tools, and support that will promote healthy childhood development practices and minimize gang influences on their children; and train teachers and school support staff to identify gang behavior and students most at-risk of adopting the gang life style.

Town of Apple Valley (\$249,798): The Town of Apple Valley CalGRIP Program involves a multi-dimensional attack on gang violence and related criminal activities. It coordinates with regional law enforcement agencies, the Apple Valley School Police, San Bernardino Gang Task Force and the District Attorney's Office. The Program will also incorporate the Apple Valley Police Activities League, a community youth-based organization. Apple Valley CalGRIP provides for a visible and sustained increase in gang suppression in target areas resulting in an overall school safety enhancement benefit. The Botvin "Life Skills Training" program will be implemented to a minimum of 50 juveniles which focuses on tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana prevention among teams.

City of Carpentaria (\$245,148): The Carpentaria CalGRIP Program is a comprehensive approach to gang reduction that serves 800 youth. The Program targets the general school population including, after-school programs, and conflict mediation. Mentoring and mental health/behavioral counseling provide services to younger children with behavioral problems before these turn into serious delinquency issues and gang involvement. Teen Court, Reconnecting Youth Program, and Substance Abuse Treatment services intervene with gang-involved students or those exhibiting high-risk behaviors. Identified gang members will receive targeted case management services. This Program works closely with Sheriff and Probation Officers to support their suppression efforts utilizing their knowledge of local gang members/families to identify youth who need Program services.

City of East Palo Alto (\$250,000): : The Program approach is based on two evidence-based practices: the Safe Community Partnership strategy, and Operation Ceasefire. The Program builds upon the existing law enforcement partnerships with San Mateo County agencies to systematically dismantle gang activity in East Palo Alto, and other targeted cities in San Mateo County. Program activities include: reducing gun violence; a collaboration with state/federal law enforcement agencies to target illegal gun sales, purchase and possession; using faith-based and community-based agencies to visit gang members to offer services and assistance; and development of a unified law enforcement message that communicates directly to members of targeted gangs that violence will not be tolerated, backing the message up by "pulling every lever" legally available when violence occurs.

City of Escondido (\$250,000): The Escondido GRIP Task Force Initiative encompasses the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program's (OJJDP) evidence-based Comprehensive Gang Model and the research-based Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) approach. The strategy is a combination of prevention, intervention and suppression activities such as: Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings and Youth Court/Diversion hearings held twice a month; parent's notification of a child at-risk of gang involvement, and referral to resources (i.e. workshops targeting parents of first time offenders and at-risk students; career days; work-ready training; job shadowing opportunities and professional portfolios, interviewing and communication skills); community meetings are held twice a year to educate the community on the gang issue and receive input.

City of Fillmore (\$250,000): The Transformation Works-Fillmore (TW-F) models the nationally recognized "Chicago Ceasefire" Program with the goal of reducing and preventing gang and youth violence. The TW-F reaches over 40% of documented gang members, associates, and/or at high-risk of becoming gang involved in their targeted area. The TW-F provides the City of Fillmore and unincorporated areas of Rancho Sespe and Piru with gang prevention programs (case management, education, and job training services), intervention programs (reentry programs, gang awareness, anger management classes); and suppression activities (probation/parole searches, police contacts, and arrests). The Ventura County Sheriff's Office collaborative approach for the TW-F activities is to provide positive alternatives for targeted youth and reduce gang and youth violence.

City of Fresno (\$250,000): the 2011 CalGRIP Program supports the continuance of case management services to participants in the Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative and Fresno Ceasefire Program. The Community-Based Organization, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission-Clinic (FCEOC), has augmented its tattoo removal services with GRIP Program participants. The FCEOC identifies program compliant participants within the Local Conservation Corp, Incarcerated Youth Program, SOUL Charter School, and Workforce Connection, and refers them to the tattoo removal program for treatment. These FCEOC programs actively engage gang affiliated youth in the tattoo removal program as they work toward removing themselves from gangs. These participants while participating in their FCEOC development plan conduct required volunteer community service hours as well.

City of Gilroy (\$250,000): Gilroy's Cal GRIP Program, modeled after "Operation Peacekeeper," incorporates three law enforcement agencies partnering with six community-based organizations to identify youth at risk of committing gang-related crimes and provides them the necessary tools to avoid living a gang lifestyle. The identified at-risk youth, are provided services such as: mental health, substance abuse, tattoo removal, truancy program, education program, job training, mentorship, Aggression Replacement Training (ART), and family/individual counseling services. The Law Enforcement agencies and Victory Outreach also serve as backup to the Youth Gang Task Force Officers who act as violence interrupters suppressing key gang members before violence breaks out.

City of Indio (\$250,000): Suppression and Prevention services are provided at five after-school sites through the implementation of the evidence-base program, Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST). The LST shows proven results in reducing substance abuse, and provides a multi-faceted approach offering youth a unique opportunity to strengthen and develop their skill set across the spectrum. Learning objectives include; personal self-management, general social skills, conflict resolution, financial literacy, positive family interaction, educational support, coping with stress and anxiety, decision making skills, and assertiveness skills.

City of Lodi (\$250,000): The Lodi CalGRIP Program seeks to dismantle, disrupt and displace Norteno and Sureno gangs in our community; persuade teenagers from engaging in gang activity; and deter young adults from entering the gang lifestyle. The Program incorporates a comprehensive strategy that enhances the cities ability to reduce group violence by suppressing gang crimes, accessing valuable community resources, reducing blight, and improving housing quality in the target area. The City of Lodi has employed two new youth outreach workers who model their gang intervention efforts after the Operation Ceasefire/Peacekeeper Programs. Also utilizing the Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT) Program to provide after-school homework support, and utilize youth outreach workers to engage and refer families/individuals to various social services. In addition, the police conduct saturation patrols in the target area, schedule major enforcement operations, and conduct forum 'Call-Ins' as an intervention measure for gang members and individuals at risk for becoming gang member.

City of Lompoc (\$250,000): The Lompoc Cal GRIP Program is a coordinated system of service delivery targeting identified juvenile gang members and those youth at-risk for gang involvement as the highest priorities for the local juvenile justice system. The primary strategy is to: assist one student and family at a time; see an overall reduction in gang membership and activity; and increase educational goals through a comprehensive strategy of intervention, re-entry, education/skills training and family support; substance abuse support; and to provide intensive case management to all participants. All eligible families of youth are connected with programs and resources from Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County; All eligible families will take part in 'Project Toward No Drug Abuse,' and youth are connected to 'Youth Corp' Job opportunities.

City of Long Beach (\$250,000): The Long Beach Cal GRIP, Project Workforce, will provide one hundred at-risk young adults, ages 16-24 with educational and workforce skills to prepare them for finding living wage jobs. It will provide supportive services in health, life skills, education, leadership, and workforce development through a community multi-service center approach with case management to ensure completion of referrals to community partners. Services provided are: GED and high school diploma, creation of an 'Individual Strategy Plan,' technology training, job training, expungement workshops, incentives for achievements, and pro bono attorney assistance for removed from gang injunction list. Services are available during day and evening hour to provide pro-social activities at times not normally available.

City of Los Angeles (\$1,000,000): The City of Los Angeles' CalGRIP Program provides and supports direct services to at-risk young people, gang-involved youth and their families, and the overall community. Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa's gang reduction strategy for the City of Los Angeles consists of six interrelated approaches: 1) Primary Prevention, 2) Secondary Prevention, 3) Family Case Management Services for gang-involved young people, 4) Crisis Response Services directed at violence interruption, 5) engagement with the community and, 6) Suppression. The Program plays an important role in communicating public awareness about risk factors associated with gangs, and coordinates efforts across multiple stakeholders within and outside the communities most affected by gang violence.

City of Modesto (\$250,000): Project S.A.F.E., based on the Operation CeaseFire model, targets at-risk youth ages 14-24 involved in violent gang activity. Members of law enforcement and the community come together at a 'Call-In' where groups of gang members are offered opportunities to better their lives and to stop the violence. The message presented at the 'Call-In' is a united message from both law enforcement and the community stating, "The community wants the violence to stop." Project S.A.F.E. provides each attendee an opportunity to receive help in: finishing or furthering their education, employment training assistance, tutoring, mental health services, paid work experience, clothing and other material items and services. Participants are required to contact the intake coordinator to request participation in the program. If a gang commits a violent act, law enforcement conducts suppression operations targeting the specific gang.

City of Montebello (\$200,000): The City of Montebello Police Department and the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation have taken the lead in creating the Montebello Youth Initiative, which is modeled after the evidence-based Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program. This Program creates a community-centered effort where law enforcement and community-based organizations combine efforts to provide a comprehensive plan geared toward addressing youth delinquency within the city. The

Program implements a recreational/extracurricular fishing program, and is focused on providing youth a positive self-image and perception of their community in an effort to reduce the probability of their involvement in gang and juvenile delinquent activity. The Montebello Police Department involved in the suppression component, conducts increased gang patrols, identifies at-risk youth exhibiting juvenile delinquent tendencies, and directs them to the recreational program.

City of Oakland (\$243,758): The evidence-based 'Call-In' Program is a collaborative multi-jurisdictional partnership that includes the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Alameda County District Attorney Office, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Probation, City of Oakland, Department of Human Services, Division of Adult Parole Operation, and Oakland Community Organization. Probationers and parolees from Oakland's most violent beats will be identified to participate in 'Call-In' sessions with local law enforcement, community members, and employers. The message stated by all is that, "violent crime will not be tolerated." 'Call-in' sessions are conducted every other month and 'Follow-UP' sessions are conducted in the community where participants will receive case management, mentoring, employment training, and other services and referrals.

City of Oceanside (\$250,000): The Oceanside Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (GRIP) Program is focused on the Mesa Margarita area in Northeast Oceanside. Program activities include: targeted enforcement patrol, research and preparation of gang injunction paperwork, and service of injunction notifications. The Program also funds the Vista Community Clinic's, Project REACH at the Libby Lake Community Center in the target area to provide youth development services. Other programs and services provided are the 'Guiding Good Choices' for parents, 'Project Toward No Drug Abuse' Program, and three area outreach activities. The object is to provide a safe environment for at-risk youth in the Libby Lake neighborhood of Mesa Margarita, and improve their ability to make better choices, avoid gang involvement, drugs, and other delinquent behavior. The Program also provides residents with increased knowledge of and availability of participation in programs, community support of police activities, and cooperation with police in the target area.

City of Orange (\$250,000): The City of Orange is working in partnership with the Orange Unified School District, Orange Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Friendly Center, a community-based organization, Saddleback Church, a faith-based organization, Case Management Service, and a Licensed Clinical Psychologist at Pepperdine University, to unify and expand existing resources, in an effort to: 1) implement evidence-based coordinated and targeted gang prevention, intervention, and suppression techniques; 2) demand and maintain safe, gang-free schools; 3) remove obstacles and barriers that hinder learning; 4) promote socialized leadership skills; 5) educate parents by providing effective skills, tools, and support that will sponsor healthy childhood development practices, and minimize gang influences on children and; 6) inform and train teachers and school support staff to identify gang behavior and students who are at-risk of adopting gang life styles.

Town of Paradise (\$194,250): The Paradise GRIP Project brings together the Paradise Police Department, Paradise Unified School District (PUSD) and Boys & Girls Club (BGC) to provide a School Resources Officer and BGC staff to work daily with high-risk children. The Project targets at-risk youth residing in Paradise, and attending or reentering schools from Juvenile Hall. The Project mobilizes community-based partners to examine the gang and youth violence problems, and assist with implementation of this Project through referrals, services and tracking. This Project consists of four elements: a continuation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Schools Initiative; provide continued services related to drug and alcohol abuse, suspension, truancy, expulsion, violence, and family support; connect youth to employment and volunteer opportunities; enhance a law enforcement partnerships, and invest in additional evidence-based programs Aggression Replacement Training (ART), and Project Learn.

City of Parlier (\$250,000): The Communities of Hope builds on existing anti-gang initiative by employing a four-pronged approach towards improving the learning and living conditions of area at-risk youth and their families: 1) develop character and self-worth in area youth attending local public schools; 2) scale up current gang suppression activities; 3) combat juvenile substance abuse using the 'Communities That Care Model;' 4) inform the public and rally public support by deploying a wide-scale community outreach program. Parlier, Sanger and Del Rey form the target region for anti-gang activities proposed by this Project. Youth Center of America hosts community meetings and trainings designed to diminish substance abuse; Integral Community Solutions Institutes hosts workshops designed to inform the public about gang involvement, and provide solutions to families and individuals coping with members at-risk of joining gangs; Family Leadership Inc. builds character development and self-worth by training parents to build 40 Developmental assets; and the Parlier and Sanger Police Departments have increased gang suppression activities in both communities.

City of Rancho Cordova (\$250,000): The Rancho Cordova Police Department combats gang activity by taking a proactive approach with the 4-Point Gang Prevention Plan: Intervention, Prevention, Suppression and Continuance. An integral part of the 4-Point Plan is the youth services provided by the Rancho Cordova Police Activities League (PAL). Using the resources within the community, such as schools, social services, faith-based, and athletic organizations, PAL is instrumental in providing a safe, positive, and mentoring environment for at-risk youth. The PAL Program established three prevention/educational school programs on subjects including: gang awareness, substance abuse, and drinking and driving. The PAL has also established outdoor events, coordinates weekly evening events, and the Youth Leadership Council, which requires attendance, behavior and school grade accountability, and participation in community service projects. The Folsom/Cordova Community partnership expands its

mentoring program to at-risk youth who have incarcerated parents or guardians. The Rancho Cordova Police Department established a "Neighborhood Watch" program in the target area, utilizing multi-jurisdictional task forces to pursue gang eradication; including warrant, probation and parole sweeps, increased patrol presence, and the utilization of a Problem Oriented Policing Deputy.

City of Richmond (\$250,000): The West Contra Costa Mentoring Partnership brings together youth-serving community-based organizations (CBO) in Richmond and West Contra Costa County to provide intensive one-on-one mentoring for youth between the ages of 11-18 who are at-risk of gang involvement. The mentoring project utilizes the evidence-based, Big Brother Big Sister Program model. Recruiting, screening, training, and tracking of mentors are provided by the highly experienced mentoring organization 'Be A Mentor.' The Be A Mentor organization works closely with CBO partners to match mentors with youth who have been assessed and determined to be at-risk of gang involvement, and appropriate for mentoring. The CBO partners provide case management for each mentor-mentee pair to facilitate communication between youth, parents, and mentors; also provide problem-solving, and track progress. Youth who participate are provided with skill-building activities; work readiness training and 120 hours of subsidized employment; and recreational activities at CBO site to build relationships.

City of Riverside (\$249,990): The City of Riverside CalGRIP Program targets three zip codes in the city with a high number of at-risk youth, high crime, low performance in schools, and substance abuse. Middle/junior high students are provided with the evidence-based Botvin Life Skills Training (LST) Program, wraparound family services, case management, and workforce training and development. The objective of the Program is to reduce crime in the three targeted areas; Operation New Hope provides families with culturally competent case management services; and the San Bernardino National Forest Association Urban Conservation Corps provides educational enrichment programming, technical workforce training, work experience and placement services. Youth participating in the programming receive a monthly stipend.

City of Sacramento (\$249,953): The GRIP Program is designed to improve literacy, strengthen job skills, and increase mentoring opportunities in the target area. The main thrust of the effort is to implement 'Project Learn' at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Sacramento. 'Project Learn' is supplemented with the 'Sacramento READS! 3rd Grade Literacy Campaign' for first through third graders and 'Summer at City Hall,' an internship program through 'WayUp Sacramento' for high school students. These organizations are part of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, and pursue the goals found within Sacramento's Strategic Plan for Gang Prevention.

City of Salinas (\$250,000): The Early Intervention Parenting, Mentoring and Youth Outreach Program provides extensive and intense parenting education for families of youth who are at-risk or are involved in gangs. Utilizing the Partners' for Peace, Strengthening Families evidence-based model, the parenting education component will equip youth with skills for anger management and emotional regulation, as well as further strengthen parents' positive communication and conflict resolution skills. The mentoring and youth outreach components of the program will provide social early intervention geared specifically to youth who are involved in gangs utilizing OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model reaching out and engaging gang-involved youth, and providing gang intervention, violence mediation, pro-socialization activities, and linking them with the conventional world and needed services.

City & County of San Francisco (\$250,000): The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) in collaboration with the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF), the Community Response Network (CRN), and the Youth Guidance Center Improvement Committee (YGCIC) provide gang awareness presentations, targeted enforcement, violence intervention services, GED education, transitional counseling, and referrals to alternatives to gang involvement. YGCIC also provides additional supplies for students, and maintains a list of new students for the Early Morning Study Academy. DCYF and CRN utilizing outreach workers, work with gang leaders and 'shot callers' to call for truces and mediate street level conflicts, increase awareness of risks and cost associated with street violence, and refer at-risk youth to alternatives to negative street associations. The SFPD and the Department of Health Crisis Response Services assist in a coordinated crisis response to violence and provide referrals to wrap around support services.

City of San Jose (\$250,000): The City of San Jose's CalGRIP Program, the Reentry Aftercare Services Program, is a collaboration design that builds off the existing infrastructure and strengths of the Probation Departments Reentry Assistance Program (RAP), the City's Mayors Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) – BEST Gang Prevention and Interventions Services Program, and the City Work2Future Program. The BEST Program will target their services in the areas of: 1) all youth will receive proactive case management services to assure youth and their families immediately access, engage and receive the benefits of the BEST and other community services, including school re-enrollment as appropriate; 2) gang impacted youth will receive Gang Intervention and Redirect Services to provide crisis intervention services, reduce gang influence/involvement; 3) all youth who have not received or benefited from Cognitive Behavior Intervention (CBI), will receive CBI to teach new pro-social thinking, behaviors, and life skills; and 4) all youth who could benefit from Education-Job-Career Development Services will receive remedial education and job preparation/training services to facilitate their transition to the world of work and a new sustaining lifestyle.

City of San Juan Bautista (\$250,000): The Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Project targets youth K-12 for prevention and intervention activities, and gang members at large for suppression activities; in an effort to reduce youth and gang violence in the schools and the community. This project addresses local identified needs using the BEST practices and evidence-based programming with local regional oversight from the Gang Prevention Policy Committee. The goals of this program are to reduce youth violence and gang issues by targeting youth in the school setting in order to achieve a high impact with economical application of resources.

City of San Marcos (\$99,809): The San Marcos GRIP pilot services three schools in the San Marco Unified School District. Services include; individual assessment of students and families with appropriate intervention and referrals; parenting classes; homework and after school activities; career services; and participation in a regional North County Comprehensive Gang Initiative Steering Committee. The Program includes active participation from Mental Health Systems Inc. (MHS), San Marcos Unified School District, San Diego Sheriff Department, City of San Marcos, Escondido COMPACT, and the San Marcos Boys & Girls Club to develop communication tools and programs that prevent gang participation, intervenes with youth and teens living in gang territories, and promotes healthy alternatives to gang participation. After completing an assessment, youth are referred to appropriate groups facilitated by MHS staff at the school sites including, Life Skills evidenced-based curriculum, Anger Management/Teen Domestic Violence and Choices, and Challenges/Decision Making. Parents are also involved in multi-family groups including, Teaching Parenting the Positive Discipline Way.

City of Soledad (\$250,000): Empowering So. Monterey County Cities for Peace (Empowerent4Peace) is a collaborative effort between the Cities of Soledad, Greenfield, King and Gonzales; Monterey County Probation Department/Silver Star Resource Center; Sun Street; and South Monterey County School Districts to reduce gang activity and involvement by implementing evidence-based and research-based prevention and intervention programs. Empowerent4Peace intervenes with young adults and juveniles directly exposed to gang activity, providing referrals for job training and placement, and mobilizing the communities of South Monterey County. Its objectives are to: 1) implement community outreach methods from the Cease Fire Model; 2) Intervention services are provided by Peachmakers and Hopeboyz serving as violence interrupters; 3) Scale up community-based activities and provide life skills training for youth and parents; and 4) dramatically reduce the violent crime committed by gang members through regional multi-jurisdictional gang suppression operations targeting violent offenders.

City of Stanton (\$250,000): Stanton GRIP's primary delivery of intervention and prevention services includes four area schools (K-6th grade), and the surrounding community. The three strategic approaches include: 1) creating community awareness; 2) promoting education; and 3) initiating law enforcement programs to deter youths, in particular grades 4th - 6th, from joining gangs. The collaboration of the Orange County Sheriff, Orange County Probation, Magnolia School District, Garden Grove Unified School District, Boys & Girls Club of Stanton, Big Brother Big Sister of Orange County, Pure Game, and the Parks & Recreation Services Department of Stanton allows for a comprehensive, formidable level of expertise and activities. Creating Community Awareness and Education Prevention promotes knowledge and awareness of gang education; school attendance, and academic achievement; law enforcement programs improve parental supervision abilities and accessibility to community resources, provides truancy and curfew sweeps in conjunction with the schools and community-based organization; and case management services includes: mentoring, counseling programs, crisis counseling, academic enrichment services, sports and nutrition programs, out of school structured and supervised activities, and medical assistance.

City of Union City (\$241,541): The Union City Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Program (YVPIP) was formed in July 2009 using the Boston Ceasefire program model to reduce gang-related and general youth violence using street outreach and coordination with law enforcement agencies to identify and engage high-risk and parolee/probationer youth ages 14-24. Using a case management approach, 'wrap-around' client services includes mental health/counseling, physical health referrals, educational support, job training and placement, and family support.

City of Vista (\$250,000): The goal of the Vista GRIP Program is to reduce gang involvement in the Townsite neighborhood by implementing targeted prevention, intervention and suppression efforts. The Intervention Team prevents young people from joining gangs by implementing the GREAT curriculum to 4th and 5th graders. Services are expanded to include the Step-Up Mentoring Program, Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART), and the Intervention Team services in middle school to assist those already emulating or becoming involved with gang activity. Guiding Good Choices involves parents and caregivers through parent meetings, and contact with program staff. Law Enforcement enforce standardized truancy laws, curfew, and other related laws; coupled with providing resources to families, and target all youth at two targeted schools. Suppression efforts are focused on reducing gang activity in the neighborhood.

City of Watsonville (\$250,000): The City of Watsonville Police Department (WPD) in collaboration with the Pajaro Valley Prevention Services (PVPSA), Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD), and the Santa Cruz Gang Task Force (GTF) provide gang prevention, intervention, and suppression activities to reduce gang activity in the target area. The goal of the program is to enhance protection factors through wraparound services that include; PVPSA providing case management and counseling services, while PVPA with the assistance of the WPD and PVUSD providing prevention and intervention services to youth and families through four 2-hour sessions of the evidence-based program Guiding Good Choices. The WPD Police Activities League

provides mentors and recreational activities; WPD and GTF focus violence suppression efforts on habitual chronic gang offenders, thus enhancing protective factors that will reduce gang involvement and substance abuse in the target area.

City of Whittier (\$240,756): Partnering with the East Whittier City School District, Skills Foundation and SPIRITT family Services; the City of Whittier provides gang prevention and intervention activities to students, 10-14 years of age. The Community Advisory Resources and Education (C.A.R.E.) Council will continually assess and address student needs as they arise. The Advisory Council is comprised of agencies representing law enforcement (WPD, and Los Angeles County Sheriff), probation, mental health, substance abuse, education, and various community members. Activities include: a Discipline Action Team to reduce incidents of physical violence, bullying and harassment; the Olweus Program is incorporated to reduce behaviors related to risk factors of bullying; the GREAT Program curriculum will be implemented to produce knowledge, attitudinal and behavioral changes; the Why Try Program is a strength-based approach to helping youth overcome challenges and improve outcomes in the areas of truancy, disruptive behavior, and academics.