

# Communities of Opportunity Initiative

Community Progress Report

April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010

Due July 15, 2010

Name of Community: Warren County

Local Champion: Family of Families Family Connection

Date: June 30, 2010

Co-Op Strategies	List Measures of Success, (Or Barriers If Applicable)	Action Items Completed for Each Strategy	Provide a Brief Description of Issues and Action Items to be Addressed Next Quarter
1.) Increase awareness (community wide) as to how drugs affect everyone	1.) Public drug awareness programs are attended by 15% of communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Developed school program-Used Too Good For Drugs and violence program to increase Drug awareness among youth.</li> <li>2) Use community gatherings and programs to distribute drug awareness materials</li> <li>3) Developed Senior program- Taught health and awareness classes to senior citizens</li> <li>4) Organized Parent group called Circle of Care to increase involvement.</li> <li>5) Committee development program for Circle of Care was held on November 9, 2009 88 women and girls attended.</li> <li>6) Distributed drug awareness materials to all students in the school system including head start and the local daycares during red ribbon week.</li> <li>7) Organized Women support Group for Battery women facing social ills related to drug abuse.</li> </ol>	Quality of life and the local police department are working together to present a series of town hall meeting increasing the awareness of underage drinking and the use of Alcohol tobacco and other drugs. And how this is affecting our community. The first meeting was attended by the news media and was showed on three local TV stations and was also attended by a large crowd of parents and youth.

<p>2.) Improve quality and visibility of law enforcement</p>	<p>3.) Police dept. adds two new officers within 2 year period</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Purchased new drug dog, which is working out quite well.</li> <li>2) Completed and submitted two Grant proposals to improve quality and visibility of law enforcement.</li> <li>3) Completed plan to start an annual local fundraiser to improve the quality and visibility of the local law enforcement.</li> </ol>	<p>Local resource committee is currently researching how to raise local funds to improve the quality and visibility of the law enforcement. Trainings on how to start a five star campaign will be attended by two citizens that will train other resource committee members.</p>
<p>4.) Provide treatment for drug users to give an alternative for incarceration,</p>	<p>Identify nearby treatment centers and look into recruiting a local treatment center</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increased the knowledge of local ministers through ministerial council on the dire need for drug treatment and counseling in our community.</li> <li>2) During a series of meeting it was discovered that several ministers would like to be trained to understand drug prevention and strategies to prevent and intervene in the community process.</li> <li>3) The local Men in Action attended the Michael Basen Million Mentor meeting at Paine College to learn how to work with our youth in saving them from drugs and violence</li> </ol>	<p>Family Connection and Quality of Life has ordered the adult curriculum from the Mendez Foundation to teach adults how to train youth in Too Good For Drug and Violence program.</p> <p>Parents will be trained how to recognize changes and other factors that indicates that youth or adults may be using drugs.</p>
<p>5.) Identify financial resources to assist in dealing with the drug problem</p>	<p>Write at least five grants in this year that will provide resources that will assist in dealing with the drug problem.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Attended the Georgia School of Alcohol and Addiction Studies in Savannah Georgia to receive certification in prevention. Received information and training on how to prepare a community proposal to gain assistance and funding to combat Alcohol tobacco and other Drugs in local communities.</li> <li>2.) Two Family Connection Collaborative members received Prevention</li> </ol>	<p>The youth leadership Council is assisting the local police department and the Quality of life Association in presenting a series of Town hall meetings on Underage Drinking and other alcohol, tobacco, and other drug awareness.</p>

		<p>Credentials from PCCG and are now certified to teach Drug Prevention to other community Members.</p> <p>3.) Four members of the local collaborative attended the national youth at Risk convention in savannah to learn strategies on how to help our youth stay in school, avoid violence, and increase their ability to graduate and attend college.</p> <p>4.) A youth Leadership council has been trained on several topics to share in their peer-to-peer network.</p> <p>5.) The youth Leadership Council, the local Police Department, The mayor and City Council, The Board of Education, the board of Commissioners and the Quality of life Association For Warren County Hosted (3) Town Hall Meeting during the second quarter of this year. The town hall meeting addressed: Underage drinking, gang violence and increasing parental involvement. Curfews for youth were also set during this quarter.</p>	<p>The local youth leadership summer camps will focus on training to include alcohol tobacco and other drugs. There will be four camps held during the months of June and July starting with Camp Be your best , a local Christian camp and two 4-H camps. The annual youth retreat is also being planned by the Seed of Success program.</p> <p>The local collaborative is working with the housing authority to host a back to school kickoff that will focus on drug use prevention and gang violence prevention. A team of agency heads and parents will be trained to implement this program. A target date has been set for this august.</p>