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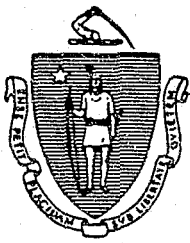
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
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June 30, 1993

Dear Community Leader:

As Attorney General, I have made the identification and development of solutions to urban crime and violence one of my highest priorities. In an effort to assist in the development of effective initiatives, I hosted a conference last year to encourage all the leadership within a city to participate in formulating local solutions to violence.

Since that time, I have met with many of you in your communities around the state and have had the opportunity to see first hand many of the successful collaborations you have initiated. These efforts are both exciting and encouraging. Today's conference is designed to spotlight some of these efforts. The solutions to the terrible problems of crime and violence can be found within our own communities. Some of the programs you will hear about today are proof of this.

I look forward to discussing these efforts with you today and working with you on these initiatives in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SH" or "Harshbarger", written over the printed name.

Scott Harshbarger

**Scott Harshbarger
Attorney General**

URBAN VIOLENCE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

June 30, 1993

AGENDA

8:30 - 9:10 a.m.

COFFEE & REGISTRATION

9:10 - 9:30 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

**Scott Harshbarger
Attorney General**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY MODEL

Fitchburg Safe & Healthy Neighborhood Coalition

Jeffrey A. Bean, Mayor

**Carolyn D. Dallas, Executive Director,
Cleghorn Neighborhood Center**

**Brian T. Angus, Director,
Fitchburg/Leominster CAC**

**Adrian L. Ford, Chief Administrator,
Three Pyramids, Inc.**

Kathleen McDermott, Executive Director, MOC, Inc.

10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

**Ira Jackson, Senior Vice President,
Bank of Boston**

**Alice Jelin, President,
School/Business Partnership Services**

11:15 - 11:30 a.m.

BREAK

Conference Agenda

Continued

11:30 - 12:45 p.m.

SCHOOL MODELS

Student Conflict Resolution Experts (SCORE) Program

Kathleen Grant, Coordinator,
Mediation Services

Alice Comack, Director,
Somerville Mediation Program

April Conley, Student,
Somerville High School

Marie Bernard, Graduate,
Somerville High School

Dating Violence Prevention Education Program

Brent Larrabee, Chief of Police,
Framingham

Dr. Eugene F. Thayer, Superintendent,
Framingham School Department

12:45 - 1:00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

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URBAN VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESOURCE DIRECTORY

The Office of the Attorney General in cooperation with the Department of Public Health are in the process of compiling a statewide urban violence prevention resource directory. If you have not already submitted information about your program and would like to be listed in this directory, please contact Nicole Payne at the Attorney General's office. Nicole can be reached at (617) 727-2200. The deadline for submitting information is July 16, 1993.

The materials contained in this manual were submitted by conference participants and other organizations that offer violence prevention programs. These materials were written and compiled by each organization and their inclusion in this manual does not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Attorney General.

This manual does not represent a comprehensive picture of programs in the Commonwealth. It is a collection of programs meant to demonstrate various approaches to violence prevention. There are many other successful ongoing initiatives throughout the state.

Neighborhood/Community Models

FITCHBURG SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS COALITION

COALITION MEETING

Friday, February 26, 1993

CARLISLE EDUCATION CENTER

FITCHBURG SAFE & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

Community Development Through Neighborhood Empowerment

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Olga Roche, Area Director
Mass. Dept. of Social Services

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Fitchburg Public Schools

Jenny Santiago, Managing Sec.
Legal Assistance of Cent. Mass.

Edward Tillinghast, President
Elm Street Neighborhood Assn.

Michael Tyner, Exec. Director
Children's Aid & Family Services

FITCHBURG SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION: To promote healthy and safe neighborhoods that produce individual and community well-being through neighborhood empowerment.

GOAL: To organize the resources within the City of Fitchburg to plan, to organize, to develop, to implement, and to sustain a community-wide partnership which:

- 1) supports neighborhood associations,
- 2) addresses the causes and conditions of poverty,
- 3) initiates neighborhood based prevention strategies in the areas of violence, substance abuse and other such harmful activities, and
- 4) encompasses efforts that empower individuals to jointly act on issues of Family Stability, Health, Public Safety, Equal Opportunity, Education, and Economic Opportunity.

Adopted February 14, 1992

FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH EMPLOYMENT I, II + III

This Project ran successfully in 1992 and has recently been refunded for this summer. The project is a collaborative effort to bring Youth employment and education opportunities into neighborhood settings. Participating agencies have included the Fitchburg Spanish Center, the YMCA, the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center, the LUK Crisis Center and the Montachusett Opportunity Council. Also this summer, due to the cooperation of the Fitchburg Public Schools, a feeding program will be offered.

CLEGHORN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COORDINATOR

An Association Coordinator has been spreading of information about the association and membership recruitment continues.

Pa' Lante Latino

A three year project designed to prevent potential gang activity and related drug-use. Working with Latino Youth (14 to 16) who are in danger of dropping out of school or who show early signs of drug use, the project will involve participants in a series of learning experiences that will build self-esteem, see them through graduation from High School, and prepare them for careers as interpreters in the health care industry. The Carlisle Education Center serves as lead Agency, other project participants include the LUK Crisis Center, the Fitchburg Spanish Center, Burbank and Leominster Hospitals, Women's Medical Center, the Montachusett Opportunity Council and the North Central Regional Employment Board.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

A consultant to the Health Committee has been chosen, and negotiations are in progress.

CITY WIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATOR

A coordinator working to increase involvement in the neighborhood associations.

POLICE/COMMUNITY MULTI-CULTURAL DIVERSITY TRAINING

The project will train 5-7 police officers to be trainers for the remainder of the police force in multi-cultural community relationships. This is step 1 in a much longer process toward a more cooperative police-community relationship for public safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Coalition has secured funding for use by the Neighborhood Association. Funds may be used for mailing, printing, youth activities and adult activities which serve to increase resident involvement in Neighborhood Associations.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANT

For a community-wide violence awareness campaign and neighborhood response program.

FITCHBURG SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Summer Youth Activity Information Sheet
- Time For A Change - Diversity/Education Forum Flyer
- Building Safer Neighborhood Forum Flyer
- Committee Updates
 - Diversity/Human Rights/Racism
 - Public Safety
 - Economic Opportunity
 - Health
 - Neighborhood Organizing

FITCHBURG SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

CHRONOLOGY OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	RAISED	FUNDED	ATTENDED
February - October, 1991	Inception			
November 1, 1991	Mass CAP Directors Coalition Seed Funding		1,000	
November 23, 1991	First meeting of the Coalition			51
December 15, 1991	MOC commits 1/2 time staffperson to Coalition		20,000	
February 14, 1992	Coalition adopts Mission Statement			62
May 14, 1992	Remedies for Racial Inequality Forum	700		131
June 9, 1992	Safe Neighborhoods - Affecting Change Forum	2,100		61
May - June, 1992	Pools and Playground Fund Raising	7,500		
July, 1992	Summer Neighborhood Youth Employment Grant		78,000	
August, 1992	Teen Forum	1,250		53
September, 1992	Pa' Lante at risk youth grant		210,000	
September, 1992	Neighborhood Youth Employment Grant extended		4,500	
October 15, 1992	Georgette Watson Drop-A-Dime Forum			65
November 18, 1992	Neighborhood Youth Forum with Georgette Watson	150		104
November 19, 1992	Ward 2 Neighborhood Association Donation	10,000		
December 15, 1992	MOC renews 1/2 time staff commitment		20,000	
March, 1993	Community Health Center Donation	15,000		
April, 1993	Multi Cultural Police/Community Training Grant		7,500	
May 3, 1993	City Wide Neighborhood Coordinator Funded		19,000	
May 26, 1993	Health Forum on Community Health Networks	100		40
May 26, 1993	Time For A Change - Education/Diversity Forum	900		140
May - June, 1993	Summer Youth Fund Raising	6,200*		
June, 1993	Summer Youth Employment Grant - refunded		45,000	
June 7, 1993	Attorney General's Violence Prevention Grant		2,000	
June 16, 1993	Building Safer Neighborhoods Forum	400		97
July, 1993	Summer Feeding Program Initiated			
August 1, 1993	Neighborhood Association (CDBG) Funding		15,000	
September, 1993	Youth Employment Grant - After School Extension		81,000	

DRAFT OF COALITION STRUCTURE

FITCHBURG SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

The FSHNC is a group of concerned citizens and providers dedicated to work together in finding effective and creative means of ensuring a safer and healthier Fitchburg community.

INITIATION

The group organized in 1991 with the all-out effort to enhance all elements of the large and diverse community - committed to working a ten years process to mobilizing, organizing, and stimulating participation and active involvement - to collaborate in addressing the common needs of neighborhoods through an action oriented multidisciplinary collaboration.

MEMBERSHIP

The coalition membership is made of concern individuals that include providers, parents, leaders, youth, consumers and government officials. It also includes representation of the private and non-for profit sector. Led by a chair with support of two co-chairs and steering committee.

MISSION

FSHNC mission is to promote healthy and safe neighborhoods that produce individual and community well being through neighborhood empowerment.

GOALS

FSHNC goal is to organize the resources within the city of Fitchburg to plan, to organize, to develop, to implement, and to sustain a community wide collaboration which:

- supports neighborhood associations development
- addresses the causes and conditions of poverty through the enhancement of neighborhoods social and economic infrastructure
- initiates neighborhood based prevention strategies in the areas of violence, substance abuse and other harmful activities
- encompasses efforts that empower individuals to jointly act on issues of Family Stability, Public Safety, Equal Opportunity, Education, and Economic Opportunity.

FOCUS

FSHNC's focus is to mobilize and actively involve individuals, families, leaders and providers to:

- designs and implements mechanism to identify community needs determine by neighborhoods residence
- develop community resources and programs to address social and economic needs and increase interagency linkages/collaboration
- provide a vehicle for neighborhood unity and increase community opportunity for advancements.
- stimulate the planning and development of activities, projects and programs in a collaborative manner.

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

FSHNC's membership comprised of a balanced representation of the community providers, service institutions, leaders, neighborhoods, constituencies and families. The membership is open to all individuals who support the coalition mission and commit themselves to actively participate in its implementation. All active members are encouraged to recruit new members and introduce the coalition mission/agenda to all sectors of the community.

FSHNC's full membership will meet four to six times a year. Additional meetings will be schedule by the coalition co-chairs as needed in order to act upon an issue or recommendations presented to or by the steering committee. The role of the coalition membership is to promote the coalition and to advocate for its mission/agenda. The coalition membership will act as the decision making body and vote on business decisions based on a consensus of the group present at the meeting. The motions will be presented by the coalition co-chairs and outcomes/recommendations will appear in the minutes to be distributed to all coalition members.

STEERING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

FSHN Steering Committee's role is to: identify strategies to address community issues/needs; plan, coordinate; and implement activities to meet the needs of the community and develop and monitor the coalition operational budget. THE steering committee should have representatives from each of the coalition subcommittees, neighborhood associations, staff and consultants. THE committee will meet on a monthly basis and as needed. THE committee chairs, secretary and treasurer will be selected through a nomination process and elected by the full membership. Officers serve a one year term and are eligible for re-election. Officials can only be re-elected to their positions for a total of two consecutive terms * (Need to develop duties/responsibilities for each official position.)

COALITION RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

FSHNC Resource Development: The coalition will promote the collaboration of community agencies in order to respond to: the need for funding proposals, activities, forums, training's, etc., and to maximize utilization of community resources. Funding allocated to the coalition will be deposited in the coalition account and expenditures will need to be approved by the steering committee. The committee will develop an annual operational budget which will incorporate all subcommittees' needs for resources.

COALITION CONSULTANTS/ADVISORS

FSHNC Consultants: The coalition consultants' role is to market and promote the coalition mission, provide technical assistance and resources to build the coalition infrastructure, generate programmatic ideas for activities and projects, support subcommittees and develop resources.

COALITION STAFF

FSHNC Coordinator: Job description in draft format. See attachment.

COALITION WORK PLAN

Year one objectives (1992)

- development of mission statement and goals
- recruitment of membership
- secure funding and hiring of part time coalition coordinator
- organization of coalition membership into subcommittees
- assist in the organization of neighborhoods association

Accomplishment of year one

- development of organization structure and work plan
- secure active membership of # from
- secure funding of \$26,000 from Governor's Alliance for Community Project Planner to work with Coalition and Planning Department
- establish formal partnership with Carlisle Education Center to address issues of community safety and substance abuse with funding of \$10,000
- raised \$4000 for summer city-wide basketball league for 350 youth from the business community.
- wrote grant proposal for \$70,000 in collaboration with 3 community agencies to the Regional Employment Board for 45 youth at risk
- raised \$3,000 to provide summer recreation programs and keep city pools open for youth and families activities
- funded \$13,000 by the local CAP agency coordination and Technical Assistance
- received funding of \$200,000 in conjunction with CEC for Latino youth gang and substance abuse prevention and training in medical translation
- sponsored a variety of forums, workshops and speakers to promote social/economic change through city neighborhoods

Year two Objective (1993)

- develop a strong and viable organization structure for the coalition
- develop community initiatives through the subcommittees to address neighborhoods social and economic infrastructure
- develop a diversified resource base to support subcommittees initiatives
- design and implement a marketing public information plan to promote the coalition
- develop a public safety plan with neighborhoods and police department
- increase the coalition membership with representation of both the business sector and neighborhood residents
- provide support and technical assistance to each neighborhood associations in order to revitalize their agenda and actively involve residents

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1992 Pools and Playground Funds Report

Income

Donations Received \$ 7,150.

Total \$ 7,150

Expenditures

Summer Youth Basketball League \$ 4,000.

City Playground Program \$ 1,170.

Neighborhood Youth Activities \$ 780.

Commitment

Toward Life Guard Training for
Neighborhood Youth (See Note) \$ 1,200.

Total \$ 7,150.

NOTE: Last year only the Parkhill Pool opened. The Coolidge Pool did not open due to a shortage of Life Guards. Although the city allocated money for the Life Guard positions, certified candidates were not available. The Coalition has allocated the remainder of the funds raised last year to pay for Life Guard Training for target neighborhood youth. This would meet two goals. It would provide a greater pool of Life Guard applicants and it would afford an employment opportunity to low-income or minority youth.

March 22, 1993

Priority 3

Local Beach Trips

\$ 800

This fund would pay for bus expenses from specific target area sites to Leominster State Forest. This allows inner city youth to get out of the city to swim and enjoy the forest. Volunteer chaperones accompany the youth and box lunches are provided. The only expense not covered is the bus/transportation cost.

This year the Coalition is raising \$800. to pay for 16 beach trips.

Priority 4

Neighborhood Association Youth Activity

\$ 2,070

The Coalition is working with the Neighborhood Association to help them make an impact on the families and residents. Every Neighborhood Association has stated a desire to provide healthy recreational activities for youths. Last summer, the Coalition helped send kids from Cleghorn on a Mountain Links program. We paid for youths from the Public Housing development - Green Acres Village - to visit the New England Science Center. We paid the cost of a Polaroid and Pizza party in the Elm St. Neighborhood. In every case, the adult and youth volunteers who organized these trips and events said the lack of funds was the primary barrier preventing them from doing more.

This is a case of helping neighbors to help neighbors. In doing so, the youths benefit directly, and the Neighborhood Association is strengthened. A strong Neighborhood Association helps deter crime, helps develop neighborhood pride, which leads to cleaner streets, and in general creates safer and healthier environments to live in.

The goal is to sponsor 9 trips, at an average cost of \$150. per trip (Total \$1,350.) and 12 Neighborhood activities at an average cost of \$60. each (Total \$720.).

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SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITY PRIORITY SHEET

Priority 1

Summer Basketball League

\$ 4,000

The Basketball League, operated by Three Pyramids and the Montachusett Opportunity Council, had over 350 participants last summer in three boys and two girls divisions. The league heavily recruits in targeted areas and from human service agencies. For these reasons, the league has a very high percentage of low-income and minority players. Many of the participants are not regular participants in other organized athletics.

This summer, attempts are being made to integrate the messages of violence prevention/mediation, substance abuse prevention and other health and safety issues into the league via training of coaches and referees.

The league raises funds by seeking sponsors for teams and other smaller activities, but it had not been successful in raising the amount of funding necessary for this extensive program.

The \$4,000. provided to the league last summer allowed them to add a girls division and expand the boys division, resulting in participation in the league doubling.

Again this year, the Coalition has set a goal of raising \$4,000. for the basketball league.

Priority 2

Playground Program

\$ 1,130

The city funds playground workers and provides supplies for the activities at the playgrounds. However, during rainy periods these activities can not be operated. The coalition plans to provide a rainy day fund for bowling or rollerskating so the youth will still be provided recreational activity.

The playground program traditionally holds an end of summer outing at Whalom Park. Working with Whalom Park, a reduced cost is available to the program but the cost of the trip is not funded through the city.

This year the Coalition has set a goal of raising \$1,130 (\$730 for the Whalom Trip, and 4 Rainy Days at \$100 each).

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SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITY INFORMATION SHEET

The Problem

For the youth of Fitchburg, especially those from poorer families, there is limited recreational activities available during the summer. Without additional funds, the Summer Youth Basketball league will find it difficult to continue, the city's playground program will not have a rainy day fund or money for the traditional year-ending trip to Whalom Park, and Neighborhood Associations would be forced to divert energies from organizing youth trips and activities to raising money.

The Solution

The Safe and Healthy Neighborhood Coalition is raising funds to support summer neighborhood youth activities. We plan to raise \$8,000. This will provide funds for 12 Field trips, 12 Neighborhood Activities, and 16 local beach trips for target area neighborhood youths. It will provide funds for 4 rainy day activities and the end of summer Whalom Park trip for the city's playground program. It will provide base funding to insure the summer basketball league operates.

Where

Neighborhood Associations, operating in the areas of Cleghorn, Water St., South Fitchburg, Elm St., Green Acres and the College area, will have access to the youth activity and trip funds. The Basketball League plays their games at the North St. Courts; players are from all over the city. The city's playground program operates in areas throughout the city.

How to help

Make a (tax-deductible) donation to the account listed below, then consider encouraging your friends, colleagues and others at you workplace or in your neighborhood to make a donation.

Donations should be made to:

Summer Youth Activity Account
c/o Cleghorn Neighborhood Center
85 Fairmount St.
Fitchburg, MA 01420

This account has been set up on behalf of the Fitchburg Safe and Healthy Neighborhood Coalition by the Cleghorn Neighborhood Center. All donations are tax-deductible.

Again, consider what choices the youth of Fitchburg will have when they hit the streets on the hottest days of July and August.

**SUPPORT SUMMER YOUTH
NEIGHBORHOOD AND PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES**

DIVERSITY / HUMAN RIGHTS / RACISM COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The committee will be assisting with implementation of the recommendations of the recently completed Minority Needs Assessment. The committee is a functioning Task Force of the city's Human Rights Commission.

CURRENT ACTIONS:

The committee is working with the School Department and Fitchburg State College to run a forum on May 26 that will focus on the Fitchburg School System and the recommendations made in the Minority Needs Assessment. At the forum, time will be available for people to come together and begin to design concrete action strategies for a proposal to the School Committee.

WHAT'S NEXT:

The Education Forum is seen as the first in a series of forums that will focus on the various topics addressed in the Minority Needs Assessment. Specifically, forums to address minority concerns will be held on Human Services, Public Service, Health Care and Private Industry.

MEETINGS:

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 PM, usually in the offices of Three Pyramids, 66 Day St.

Economic Opportunity Committee

Co-Chairpersons: Carole McFarland,
FSC - Upward Bound Program

Adrian Ford 342-6011
Three Pyramids

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The Committee has been working with the Police Department to design a community policing plan that fosters community - police cooperation.

CURRENT ACTIONS:

A proposal has been developed, in cooperation with the Carlisle Education Center, and submitted to the New England Telephone Foundation. If funded, the proposal would pay for training and assistance in developing a Community Policing manual.

A forum is being planned for June 16. At this forum, successful neighborhood-based strategies for dealing with escalating crime and violence will be presented. Following this, time will be provided for participants to join focus groups to begin to set an agenda for Public Safety Committee.

WHAT'S NEXT:

The police training is being designed and a survey of police officers is being conducted in anticipation of funding.

A community forum on the issue of community - police cooperation in addressing issues of neighborhood crime and violence is planned for June 16.

MEETINGS:

The full Health Committee meets once a month. (All meetings are scheduled at the end of the previous meeting.)

Public Safety Committee

Chairperson: Anna Farrell 342-2919 ...
Battered Women's Resources

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The committee has decided to work on A) Business Development, B) Job Creation and C) Business Expansion with an emphasis on Youth Employment Opportunities and Neighborhood Economic Development.

CURRENT ACTIONS:

A program is being put together that will present opportunities for financing of small businesses.

A survey is to be distributed throughout the neighborhoods seeking information on what kinds of businesses people would like to see in their neighborhoods; and trying to identify potential entrepreneurs to start businesses in vacant neighborhood storefronts.

WHAT'S NEXT:

Committee will be developing information and an agenda for business creation workshops. Also, distribution of the economic development survey and compilation of results.

MEETINGS:

Meetings are scheduled at the end of previous meetings. Normally will meet approximately once per month.

Economic Opportunity Committee

Co-Chairpersons: Richard Fusco, CPA

Leasa Segura 342-9561
Community Development Corporation
of Fitchburg

HEALTH COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The Health Committee formed two sub-committees, the first on establishing a Community Health Center and the second to address issues of Access or Barriers to health care.

CURRENT ACTIONS:

The Community Health Center sub-committee has developed and distributed a Request-For-Proposals in order to identify a consultant who would assist the committee in applying for Federal Funds and establishing a Center. The Committee has received a commitment of \$15,000 (+/-) to pay for the consultant from Burbank Hospital.

The Access sub-committee has generated a listing of commonly acknowledged barriers to Health Care. They are developing a process for validating the information as well as trying to identify ways to break down the barriers.

WHAT'S NEXT:

The Community Health Center sub-committee will be selecting a consultant. Following this, some of the more detailed work necessary to establish a Center will begin.

The Access sub-committee has begun a series of meetings with those responsible for easing barriers to health care. It has also opened discussions with U Mass. Medical Center around the possibility of participating in a scientific study of barriers to Health Care.

MEETINGS:

The full Health Committee meets about once a month; each sub-committee meets once a month. (All meetings are scheduled at the end of the previous meeting.)

Health Committee

Chairperson: Kathy McDermott 342-7013
Montachusett Opportunity Council

Community Health Center sub-committee

Chairperson: Sue O'Brien 345-6272
Pro-Health

Access sub-committee

Chairperson: Lynne Man 342-6013
Diversified VNA

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

This committee provides a place for leaders of Neighborhood Associations to come together and share information. The Coalition has received funding for a Neighborhood Coordinator position. This position will be available to neighborhood groups to assist with organizing efforts. Also, some funds will be made available directly to Neighborhood Associations.

The committee has established a sub-committee to assist young leaders within the city to plan and run a "Youth Summit". This will be a full day of activity with a message.

The committee works to see that Neighborhood Associations are included in city-wide activities, especially during the planning.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The Health Committee formed two sub-committees, the first on establishing a Community Health Center and the second to address issues of Access or Barriers to health care.

DIVERSITY / HUMAN RIGHTS / RACISM COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The committee will be assisting with implementation of the recommendations of the recently completed Minority Needs Assessment. The committee is a functioning Task Force of the city's Human Rights Commission.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The committee has decided to work on A) Business Development, B) Job Creation and C) Business Expansion with an emphasis on Youth Employment Opportunities and Neighborhood Economic Development.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

UPDATE:

The Committee has been working with the Police Department to design a community policing plan that fosters community - police cooperation.

¡Pa' lante Latino!

¡Pa' lante Latino en Fitchburg
Chico y Chica entre 15 y 16 años

Para chicos entre 17 y 18 años de Fitchburg
o Chicas entre 19 y 20 años de Fitchburg

Conviértete en un líder en el campo médico.

- Con tu lenguaje y cultura, podrás ayudar a tu gente.
- Ayuda a abrir las puertas del hospital a la comunidad latina.
- Aprende a ser intérprete para los que te necesitan.

Para más información:
llama al Centro Hispano
en Fitchburg

345-1882

y pregunta por el Programa
¡Pa' Lante!

**Fecha Límite
Marzo 5, 1993**

NET (Neighborhood Employment Training for Fitchburg Youth), is a federally funded (Department of Health & Human Services) 3-year project designed to prevent potential gang activity and related drug use and abuse in Fitchburg. Working with Latino young people ages 14 to 16 who are in danger of dropping out of school or who show early signs of experimentation with alcohol or other drugs, the project will involve participants in a series of learning experiences that will build self-esteem, see them through graduation from high school, and prepare them for careers as interpreters in health care settings. The project will provide employment readiness experiences, specific substance abuse prevention activities, training in a specific set of skills needed by the health care community, and assist these young people to envision a useful and productive future for themselves. Combined these activities will enhance the employment prospects of the participants, and provide much needed access to services for the Latino community of Fitchburg.

Since October of 1992, project staff have been developing program structures, designing program activities, and as of February 1993, the project has entered the implementation phase of the project. We are presently in the midst of recruiting up to 30 young people to participate in the project. Potential participants must be Latino youth who are Fitchburg residents, ages 14 to 16, who can demonstrate a sufficient command of both Spanish and English, and who are interested in working in health care settings. We hope to base our recruitment efforts on as broad an outreach into the Latino community as we can possibly achieve. From this larger pool of eligible applicants we will select our participants and hope to begin project activities before the end of March 1993.

NET is a collaborative effort that has grown out of the involvement of the Carlisle Education Center with the Safe and Healthy Neighborhood Coalition of Fitchburg, and which seeks to bring together the resources of a variety of agencies and institutions to address the potential problem of youth gangs, and the very real problems posed by the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs. The primary project participants are: LUK Inc., The Fitchburg Spanish Council, Burbank Hospital, Leominster Hospital, Women's Medical Associates of North Central Massachusetts, and the Carlisle Education Center. In addition the project has received invaluable assistance from the Safe and Healthy Neighborhood Coalition, the Montachusett Opportunity Council, and the North Central Regional Employment Board.

BUILDING SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS:

A Cooperative Response

Join in a coming together of friends, neighbors and concerned citizens to exchange ideas and develop an action plan to make our community and neighborhoods a safer place for our families and children.

Keynote Speaker: **Georgette Watson,**
Director, Governor's Alliance Against Drugs
Founder, Drop-A-Dime Neighborhood Program

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

in the cafeteria of the
McKAY CAMPUS SCHOOL
(Fitchburg State College)

Moderator: Anna Farrell, Battered Women's Resources

Participants:

Mayor Jeffrey Bean
City of Fitchburg

George Scott
Human Rights Commission

Chief Edward Gallant
Fitchburg Police Department

Luke Conry
Fitchburg City Council

Judge Timothy Hillman
Fitchburg Court

Gilberto Rivera
Fitchburg Spanish Center

Dan Flynn
Fitchburg State College

Adrian Ford
Three Pyramids

Tania Garcia
Carlisle Education Center

GET INVOLVED WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR CONCERNS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND THEIR FUTURE. HELP PLAN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT FOR CONFRONTING THE ISSUES. STAY INVOLVED TO INSURE THIS IS JUST A FIRST STEP.

FREE BUFFET DINNER BEING SERVED FROM 5:00 TO 5:45 PM

This is one of a series of forums providing public input on the findings and recommendations of the Minority Needs Assessment. It is Co-Sponsored by the Public Safety Committee and the Diversity, Human Rights and Racism Committee of the Safe and Healthy Neighborhood Coalition, the Battered Women's Resources Center, the Montachusett Opportunity Council, the Fitchburg Spanish Council, the Fitchburg Police Department, the Carlisle Education Center, Fitchburg State College, LUK and Three Pyramids. Also, the Neighborhood Associations of Elm Street, Ward 2 Cleghorn, Ward 5B, South Fitchburg and the Tenants Association of Green Acres Village.

Time For a *Change*

Making schools work for all children

Help develop an **ACTION PLAN**
to improve our schools for ALL students

When: **Wednesday, May 26, 5:00-9:00pm**

Where: **McKay Campus School Cafeteria
Fitchburg State College**

What: Join fellow citizens in exchanging ideas and making recommendations for action plans to make schools work for all children. Includes (*free*): Film, Keynote Speech, Dinner, and Planning Group. The outcomes will include plans to improve school.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Peter Negroni, Superintendent,
Springfield Public Schools

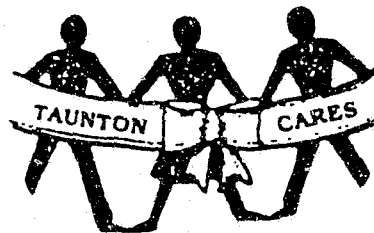
Free Buffet 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Why: Come help provide ideas to help our schools meet multicultural, literacy, and academic needs of our students. This is a positive attempt to encourage our educators and our city to provide quality education for all of our students. We can do it if we all work together!

This is the first of a series of forums providing public input on the findings and recommendations of the Minority Needs Assessment. This forum is designed to address the educational findings of the study. It is co-sponsored by the Fitchburg Public School System, the Diversity, Human Rights and Racism Committee of the Safe and Healthy Neighborhood Coalition, The Fitchburg Human Rights Commission, the Fitchburg State College Literacy Corps, and the Institute for the Healing of Racism of Fitchburg State College's Professional Development Center.

TAUNTON

CARES





CITY OF TAUNTON
MASSACHUSETTS

ROBERT G. NUNES, MAYOR

Telephone (508) 821-1000

P R O C L A M A T I O N

CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

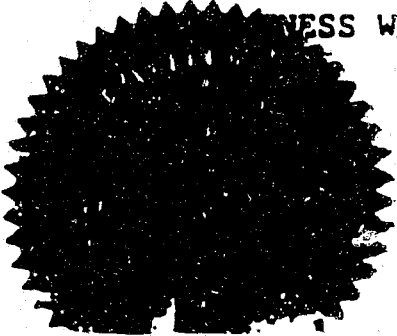
- WHEREAS: The administration of the City of Taunton is aware that crime and violence continues to rise throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS: The administration recognized this impact and developed the Mayor's Safety Commission, a coalition of community members who's mission is to provide the citizens of Taunton with educational and prevention programming in an effort to reduce and eliminate crime and violence in the City of Taunton; and
- WHEREAS: The Mayor's Safety Commission has realized that education regarding the root causes of crime and violence will aid in the prevention of violent acts; and
- WHEREAS: The Mayor's Safety Commission envisions the need for citizens input and action to reduce and eliminate crime and violence in the City of Taunton;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR ROBERT G. NUNES AND MEMBERS OF THE TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, do hereby proclaim March 24, 1993 through April 2, 1993, as

CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

and urge all citizens of Taunton to participate in the special programs offered to community members and to become involved in future programming to reduce and eliminate crime and violence in our neighborhoods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the City of Taunton, this twenty-third day of March, 1993.


Robert G. Nunes
ROBERT G. NUNES.

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TAUNTON

COMMUNITY AWARENESS RESULTS IN EVERYONE'S SAFETY
COMMUNITY FORUM, MARCH 24, 1993

MULCAHEY SCHOOL 7:00P.M.

- 6:30 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
- 7:00 INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR: ROBERT L. CAMMARATA
- 7:00 OPENING REMARKS: MAYOR ROBERT G. NUNES
- 7:10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY PAUL WALSH
- 7:30-7:50 INTRODUCTION WITH BRIEF BACKGROUND OF
DOROTHY WALSH
- DIRECTION TO WORKSHOPS
- 8:00 - 9:00 WORKSHOPS
1. FORMATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS
WILL STAY HERE IN THE CAFETERIA
 2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
 - A. INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY: CLASS ROOM 1ST. FL. #4
 - B. CHILDREN/ELDERLY: CLASS ROOM 1ST. FL. #3
 3. CONFLICT RESOLUTION THROUGH MEDIATION
CLASS ROOM 1ST. FL. # 6
 4. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PREVENTION
CLASS ROOM 2ND. FL. # 27
 5. SCHOOL PROGRAMS
 - A. SCHOOL LAW: CLASS ROOM 2ND # 25
 - B. FAMILY CONFLICT: CLASS ROOM 2ND # 26
- 9:00 - 9:30 REPORT FROM WORKSHOPS
SERIES OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 7, 1993
TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 6:00 P.M.

TAUNTON CARES

WORKSHOPS

1. NEIGHBORHOODS: This workshop will develop a partnership between the Taunton Police Department and the citizens of Taunton in order to provide a safe environment in our community. The establishment of Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the City of Taunton will have a significant impact on reducing crime.

The Workshop Presenters will include:

Neighborhood Watch: Captain Richard Pimental, TPD
Sargent Edward Duarte, TPD

Crime Stoppers: Detective David Charbonneau, TPD

Community Policing: Captain Richard Pimental, TPD

2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: A combined group of human service professionals will present guidance, options and information on the topic of domestic violence.

The Workshop Presenters will include:

Female Victims: Jean Farnham, New Hope

Victim Witness Program: Michelle Stanton, Director
Phyllis Livingstone, Advocate
District Attorney's Office

Counseling for Male Batterers: Atty. Beth Gebhardt,

Children's Issues: Alfred Baptista, DSS

Elder Protective Services: Helen Turner
Bristol Elder Services

3. CONFLICT RESOLUTION THROUGH MEDIATION: Conflict is a natural process. Mediation offers a way for families or peers to work together to resolve disagreements and problems. This workshop will help participants understand mediation and to observe mediation skills being used to resolve conflict.

The Workshop Presenters will include:

Maryellen Kernen, LICSW Coordinator, ComCare
Coordinator of School-Based Programs
Deborah Pruitt, M.Ed, Associate Director,
ComCare, Mediation Trainer
Jean Faucett, Coordinator, Peer Mediation, Durfee
Lisa Dupont, Family Counselor, Mediation Trainer

4. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PREVENTION: The 'Together We Can' Program is a community based substance abuse prevention planning process resulting in a local Prevention Plan. The Taunton Plan has been completed by a group of concerned citizens of Taunton. Members of this group will present the TWC process and the completed Plan. The presenters will then request community involvement to address the strategies.

The Workshop Presenters will include:

Deborah Brown, Drug Education Coordinator,
Taunton Public Schools
David Soto, Greater Taunton Council on
Alcoholism/Hispanic Intervention Program
Keith Crochiere, The EAP Network
Priscilla Holmes, Pathways Prevention Center/
CHS, Inc.

5. TAUNTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS: A substantial number of teenagers today witness or experience some form of violence, whether it be at-home battering, marital problems or child abuse. Some young men and women already act violently in their peer relationships especially with persons with whom they are close. Some young people have learned to accept such behavior as inevitable. Because of these conflicting experiences, teenagers are often searching for role models and for values to guide them through the daily decision-making process. This is an ideal time to present alternatives to the patterns of violence that they may have experienced at both home and school.

The Workshop Presenters will include:

"Family Conflicts - Common Sense, Common
Courtesy, Parents and Respect"
Mr. Mark Mainella
New England Institute of Technology

What Parents Should Know About School Law
Mr. Thomas Whalen, Professor
Bridgewater State College

TAUNTON CARES SERIES OF EVENTS

TAUNTON CARES in conjunction with the TAUNTON HOUSING AUTHORITY and the TAUNTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS will sponsor a city wide poster contest during the month of April for children in grades K - 4.

WEDNESDAY, March 24, 1993
Mulcahey Middle School & Martin Middle School

'Gang Peace', a group of Boston area former gang members, will hold small group discussions with students attending Mulcahey and Martin Middle Schools. This program is funded through the Drug Free Schools & Communities Grant.

THURSDAY, March 25, 1993, 7:00 p.m.
Bennett School, 37 North Walker Street

A 'Keeping Our Kids OK!' presentation will be provided by the Freedom from Chemical Dependency Foundation. This program is sponsored by the Bennett School PTO and it is for parents of children in grades K - 4. The presentation will focus on children, especially fourth graders, who may show symptoms or ask questions of early alcohol and drug use. Contact Pamela Devereaux Clift, School Adjustment Counselor, at 821-1245 for further information.

SATURDAY, March 27, 1993, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Taunton YMCA, 71 Cohannet Street

A fun-filled day of exciting health and fitness related activities designed for the entire family will be held at the Taunton YMCA. The program was developed to celebrate YMCA National Healthy Kids Day. Youth aerobic classes, a nutritional seminar, pool activities and fitness oriented games will be offered to children ages 4 - 12. This Day was developed to create an awareness of how important it is for parents to encourage physical activity, healthy eating and good health habits in their children at a very early age. For more information, contact the Taunton YMCA at 823-3320.

MONDAY, March 29, 1993, 1:30 p.m.
Taunton Council on Aging, 30 Olney Street

District Attorney Paul Walsh and Thomas Gibney, Director of Education Programs for the District Attorney's Office, will present a Senior Scam Workshop. This Program alerts seniors as to the many different types of scams that are targeted toward elders. The D.A. will inform elders as to how to protect themselves from becoming a victim. (This program will be offered again on April 1, 1993, 1:30 p.m. at the Lee Terrace Community Center, Cedar Street)

TUESDAY, March 30, 1993, 1:30 p.m.
Taunton Council On Aging, 30 Olney Street

Bristol Elder Services, Inc. will have Helen Turner, Protective Services Worker and Lisa Ouellette Kurowski, Elder At Risk Worker, speak on the issues of Elder Protective Services/Elder Abuse and the Elder At Risk Program.

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1993, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Taunton Boys & Girls Club, 31 Court Street

A Pancake Breakfast will be held for human service providers and interested citizens. The guest speaker will be Mr. James Cox, Director of Urban Services from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. He will discuss youth violence, suggestions to curb violence and talk about successful programming that has reduced youth violence in other communities across the country. Those who wish to attend must RSVP by Friday, March 26, 1993 to the Taunton Boys & Girls Club or the city of Taunton Department of Human Services.

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1993, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Taunton Public Schools

District Attorney Paul Walsh and the Bristol Alliance will have former Boston Celtic and Providence College basketball star, Ernie DiGregorio, meet with the children in all of our middle schools to play basketball and to talk with them about making the right decision: Not to use drugs.

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1993, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Taunton Boys & Girls Club, 31 Court Street

The Taunton Boys & Girls Club will have their doors open for their doors, at no

charge, to all children age 8-12 in our community to encourage them to participate in positive programs such as recreation, swimming and crafts. Special programs will also be offered to show children that it is more positive and safer to play 'war ball' in the gym rather than a game of war on the streets.

WEDNESDAY, March 31, 1993, 7:00 p.m.

'Parent Night'

Taunton Boys & Girls Club, 31 Court Street

District Attorney Paul Walsh and Thomas Gibney, Director of Education Programs for the District Attorney's Office, will present a program to parents on the topics of Drug Recognition, Drug Paraphernalia and Host Liability.

THURSDAY, April 1, 1993, 1:30 p.m.

Lee Terrace Community Center, Cedar Street

District Attorney Paul Walsh and Thomas Gibney, Director of Education Programs for the District Attorney's Office, will again present the Senior Scam Program for elders of our community.

THURSDAY, April 1, 1993, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Taunton Boys & Girls Club, 31 Court Street

The Taunton Boys & Girls Club will again open their doors, at no charge, for youth ages 13-17, with another series of special programs showing them that they can participate in programs within their community that are safe and fun.

FRIDAY, April 2, 1993, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Taunton Public Schools

Former Celtic and Providence College basketball star, Ernie DiGregorio, will complete his presentations in grades 5 - 8.

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 1993, 6:00 p.m.

Taunton Police Department, 18 Pleasant Street

Neighborhood Crime Watch follow-up meeting.

Public/Private Partnerships

INFORMATION

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY



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INNER CITY TASK FORCE

The "Inner City Task Force," an initiative of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA), was convened in April, 1986 as MHFA began to confront what we believe is the last great opportunity to reclaim the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston as viable, safe living environments. The Task Force is our response to residents' pleas to help in dealing with pervasive and intransigent issues of crime, substance abuse and economic decline as MHFA embarks on the financing of over \$100 million of housing rehabilitation in these neighborhoods. We believe that the Task Force is the first effort of its kind by a housing finance agency in this country.

Background of the Granite Properties

In 1986, nearly 2,000 units of HUD-foreclosed rental housing--commonly known as the "Granite Properties"--were to be sold by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to new owners who would rehabilitate and manage the housing. Following extensive negotiation with HUD by many local parties, the properties were prepared for sale to nonprofit community development corporations (CDC's) supported by the Boston Housing Partnership, or to profit-motivated developers with strong experience in managing inner-city property and with strong ties to the community.

Located on scattered sites in the Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods of Boston, the housing was largely occupied, yet in a severe state of disrepair. Originally built at the turn of the century and rehabilitated in the late 1960's, the properties suffered from insufficient subsidy and private owner mismanagement. The redevelopment and financing process is complex: MHFA is providing mortgage financing for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the majority of the Granite packages with HUD 221(d)(4) Coinsurance. The housing units are assisted with Section 8 Property Disposition subsidy, and MHFA will sell approximately \$100 million of taxable and tax-exempt bonds for both the construction and permanent financing.

The Task Force

The goal of the Task Force, chaired by Eleanor G. White, MHFA Deputy Director, is to make fundamental improvements in the quality of life in the neighborhoods looking beyond the repair of bricks and mortar and focusing upon problems of crime and drug trafficking. To MHFA, this approach makes good business sense, as it minimizes the Agency's and the bondholders' risk. Experience has also shown that crime, lack of city services, poor management oversight, and inadequate tenant involvement is what doomed past efforts to improve these properties.

Membership on the Task Force draws upon the public and private sectors, with expertise not only in housing, but in law enforcement and social services. Regular participants include: MHFA, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development, and HUD; the City of Boston Police Department and the Mayor's Office; the Boston Affordable Housing Coalition and tenants; the Boston Housing Partnership and the CDC's; Greater Boston Legal Services; and private housing developers, management agents, clergy, medical/social agencies and many others.

Essential lines of communication and accountability have been established among tenants, developers and public officials. The Task Force, which meets monthly with an average of 75 people in attendance, has addressed a number of issues. Crime, especially drug-related crime, is at the top of the list of problems which plague the Granites. As a result of Task Force discussions, and continuing attention and follow-up:

- . Boston Police Department resources and staffing have increased by at least 25% in the area. A "Power Patrol," the reinstatement of foot patrols for the first time in 10 years, and the opening of a new police station, have resulted in a dramatic increase in arrests and in increased (and visible) police presence in the area.
- . MHFA retained the services of retired Police Deputy Superintendent Martin Mulkern to act as a liaison among the Police, the tenants, and property owners and management agents to coordinate crime investigations and to track arrest results.
- . The Governor directed the State Drug Lab to give priority to the analysis of confiscated substances and paraphernalia in Granite area arrests and investigations, to assist in the prosecution of such cases, and has provided increased funding and staff to the Lab. Backlogs have been reduced from several months previously to a current backlog of 1 week.

- . A judicial sub-committee of the Task Force in its analysis of the court system has recommended the redistribution of resources and the assignment of additional judges to area courts, and/or the establishment of special drug sessions, in light of the large volume and the seriousness of the caseload.
- . MHFA commissioned the creation of a practical "how-to" manual, "Successful Evictions from MHFA housing for Misconduct and Criminal Activity," and conducted several follow-up training sessions for owners and managers of MHFA-financed housing. Greater Boston Legal Services has provided significant assistance in this training and has assured that the rights of law-abiding tenants will be protected.

MHFA's highly-successful Tenants Assistance Program (TAP) will continue to play a significant role in the Granites. This program sensitizes property managers and their staffs to the issues and spill-over effects of alcoholism and substance abuse. Access to community resources, social services, counseling, referrals, and training are provided to the tenants and the housing providers.

The Task Force has proven to be enormously successful in both mobilizing tenant energy and advice and in holding public officials accountable in dealing with these problems. A Western Massachusetts Inner City Task Force began meeting in Springfield in June, 1988 as well as a New Bedford Inner City Task Force was established in February, 1990, both chaired by Eleanor White.

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

YOUTH RESIDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (YOUTH-RAP)

MHFA's Youth Resident Activities Program (Youth-RAP) grew out of the concerns expressed by housing managers about the lack of resources for young people living in MHFA properties in Boston neighborhoods. These were expressed to us at the Boston Inner City Task Force meetings, monthly meetings convened to bring together the parties most interested in a holistic approach to the issues of owning and managing inner city properties; and by management company liaisons active in MHFA's Tenant Assistance Program (TAP).

We were told an obvious story--that kids who have no access to organized recreational activities or jobs are the kids whose energy is expended in housing complexes, doing things we'd rather not have them do. The combination of federal, state and local budget cuts for recreational and job programs, along with the recession in the local economy, meant that the summer of 1991 had the potential for trouble.

MHFA decided to put the question to the owners and managers of inner city property: what is needed for the kids in your development? We got answers that addressed the needs of different age groups, and that met the capacities of different companies to operate youth programs.

In the summer of 1991, seven programs started up at MHFA properties. Over 200 younger children participated in organized recreational activities and field trips, and 60 young people were employed in a variety of jobs. Some were daycamp counselors, some were office workers. The majority of teens employed participated in on-site workcrew programs.

Workcrews were established by three companies. Teens were trained in painting, plastering, and wallboarding. They renovated a stairway where someone had painted "THE SUMMER OF 91 IS GOING TO BE HELL" on the treads, and made the entrance attractive. They went into apartments where evicted tenants had left behind years of dirt and mess, cleaned stoves and refrigerators, repainted and repaired the unit and made it ready for rental. They scraped graffiti off walls and fences, and repainted the outside of a building.

The results of these efforts went far beyond the economic effect of these kids' very small paychecks. The young people involved took a new interest in the place they live. The relationship between residents--kids and parents-- and management became more positive. Neighbors noticed that young people were making a positive difference.

Kids who lived at different properties, who may have never met because of turf issues, worked together and became friends.

At one CDC, the young people who learned apartment cleaning and renovation skills have started a small business that markets these services to other buildings and other management companies. One original member of the team has enrolled full-time in college and two others are working part-time and taking college courses part-time. This model has proven so successful that it is now being replicated at two additional sites.

For many of the CDCs involved, the Youth-RAP projects have built the capacity of the organization to interact with residents in a new way, not around rents but around building a sense of community and partnership.

The program has also resulted in cost savings. In its first six months, the workcrew saved Codman CDC over \$6,000 redoing 11 apartments; the Fields Corner CDC estimates a savings of \$7,200. Managers have commented on the noticable reduction in graffiti, and on the kids' vigilance in preventing damages to the work they've done in public areas.

MHFA originally committed \$221,000 to this project. Seven programs started in the summer of 1991. Three more after-school, evening and weekend programs started in September. The Boston Private Industry Council--a voluntary association of Boston business leaders who are committed to quality public education and jobs for youth--joined with us by making funds available for fifteen of the summer jobs to go to Boston Public High School students.

The success of the original programs led the MHFA Board to commit additional funds to the expansion of Youth-RAP to a year-round model, for an annual expenditure in FY92 of approximately \$350,000, which will extend the original programs and add four additional pilot projects.

The Agency anticipates expanding the program to sites in two other urban centers--Springfield and New Bedford--for the summer of 1992. We believe these funds are well spent as an investment in young people and quality housing.

Contact: MHFA Youth-RAP
 (617) 451-3480 x 520

SAUGUS BUSINESS-EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE, INC.

Mission Statement

The Saugus Business-Education Collaborative, Inc. has been established to encourage collaboration between the community, particularly the business community, and the public schools (K-12). The "collaborative" will supplement the educational opportunities and support options currently available to our students. As part of this collaborative effort, the following goals have been established:

- to raise public awareness regarding the programs and services currently being provided by the "collaborative" as well as those being planned.
- to provide opportunities and forums for businessmen, businesswomen, and educators to meet in order to determine and act upon school and business needs and to plan new collaborative efforts.
- to provide community resource based learning experiences for our students.
- to establish, support and seek funding for creative mini-grant programs for innovative school-related programs which are to be outside of normal school activities.
- to serve as a conduit where requested for existing programs and develop new programs that supplement existing public school programs.

School Models



Student Conflict Resolution Experts

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

The Massachusetts Department of the Attorney General (DAG) is currently involved in a project to promote the use of mediation to reduce violent conflict in urban schools in Massachusetts. In 1989, based on positive reports from other urban school mediation projects in the country, the DAG developed a pilot project, the Student Conflict Resolution Experts (SCORE)* program, in the Commonwealth as part of a greater effort to deal with today's violent school climate. Since then, students in SCORE who were trained in mediation and violence prevention skills have demonstrated their ability to resolve disputes among their peers.

As a result of the success of two pilot programs, the DAG now provides SCORE funding to six community mediation programs - in Boston, Fall River, Lowell, Somerville, Springfield and Worcester - which now operate SCORE programs in a total of ten high schools and seven middle schools.

In addition to providing funding, the Department of the Attorney General also offers training and training materials for peer mediators and on-going technical assistance for staff of all SCORE programs. The DAG also collects statistics and other data from each program for future evaluation.

The newest development in the SCORE project is the development of a peer mediation program within Massachusetts' juvenile correction system, the Department of Youth Services (DYS). Youth are being trained to mediate disputes occurring within DHS and will be offered the opportunity to mediate with local community and school mediation programs when they return to their communities.

The positive agreements resulting from SCORE mediations indicate a clear benefit to the schools and students who participate. From comments of trained peer mediators, it's apparent that the effects go beyond the walls of schools to the homes and communities of those involved. As one of the mediators said after he was trained, "The training taught me how to deal with people, how to cope."

For further information, contact Kathleen Grant, Mediation Services Coordinator, Attorney General's Office, 727-2200.

*SCORE is a program sponsored by the Massachusetts Attorney General and is not affiliated with any private business enterprise.

THE PROGRAM MODEL:

A unique aspect of the Attorney General's SCORE programs is that grants are given to well-established community mediation programs rather than to individual schools or school systems. This model was developed in an effort to enhance the long-term stability of the SCORE school mediation programs: Mediation expertise is guaranteed because the community mediation programs hire and supervise the mediation coordinators who work at the schools, and on-going funding is not affected by cuts in local education budgets. The mediation expertise is especially important when the school programs get involved in disputes involving sensitive racial issues or potentially violent situations.

THE PEER MEDIATORS:

Mediators are chosen who show enthusiasm for resolving conflict in more positive ways and who represent a true cross-section of the student body, including negative and positive leaders. We also look for bi-lingual mediators who could, if necessary, mediate in the language of the disputants. Most of the mediators chosen have been sophomores and juniors although a few seniors and freshman are usually accepted.

Since 9/89, 194 students have been trained as mediators.

THE TRAINING:

Experienced trainers from the Attorney General's Office and the community mediation program conduct 20 - 25 hours of training in mediation skills for the peer mediators and interested teachers. The training involves role plays, skill-building exercises and games which are all designed to provide an enjoyable if somewhat intense learning experience.



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THE TRAINING (cont'):

The DAG has developed a mediation training manual and several role plays geared toward young people. Graduation ceremonies are usually held in the school auditorium, in front of the student body, with the Attorney General and other officials on hand to both congratulate the mediators and to promote the use of mediation throughout the school.

THE MEDIATIONS:

Of the 315 disputes mediated by SCORE mediators in the first two and a half years of operation, 125 (40%) involved physical fights, 73 involved threats and the balance involved primarily harassment, name-calling and rumors. Overall, 17% of the disputes involved racial issues, although one high school experienced racial issues in 41% of its cases.

Most of the disputes mediated occurred between students who knew each other but were not friends (153), 87 occurred between friends, only 14 involved boyfriends and girlfriends.

The majority of the disputes that were mediated were referred by the administration (155), 57 were referred by students directly involved in the disputes, 78 were referred by counselors or teachers, 21 were referred by other students.

An average of 3 parties were involved in each dispute, however, several disputes involved 5 to 16 parties. Of the 995 students who used mediation, 60% were girls (in one high school, 89% of the participants were young women.)

In two and a half years, 302 of the 315 mediations performed by peer mediators resulted in agreements and only a handful of these agreements have been broken.

Not included in these statistics are an additional 300 disputes that were mediated by SCORE coordinators before their programs had trained peer mediators available.



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THE FUNDING:

Funding for the SCORE programs comes from specially ear-marked settlement monies received by the DAG from successful litigations. The DAG requires that its funding be matched by funds from private foundations, school departments or local businesses. The schools with SCORE programs are asked to provide in-kind contributions in the form of office space, telephones, copying, etc.

In choosing sites for the SCORE programs, the DAG looks for: 1. highly populated urban areas; 2. cities with at least one viable community mediation program; and 3. cities with a high incidence of violent crime. Once a city is chosen as a potential site, requests for proposals are sent to all community mediation programs serving that city.

THE RESULTS:

The comments of the young people after they have received mediation training (see attached evaluation) and the many examples reported to us of mediators putting their skills to work at home with their parents or siblings and in their communities with friends or neighbors, tells us that training young people in mediation skills gives them valuable life skills that can prevent violence.

The statistics reported above show that school mediation programs can successfully resolve school-based conflict. It is our hope in the future to conduct research that will look at the long-term effects of a school mediation program on school climate and on the lives of peer mediators.



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MEDIATION ANECDOTES

The Scheduled Fight

News of a possible afternoon fight came to the attention of many staff members at the school. The Coordinator received referrals from a Guidance Counselor, an art teacher, and an Assistant Principal.

Two girls were "scheduled" to fight. The Assistant Principal met with both girls and they agreed to try mediation. Two female mediators were chosen to match the two parties in gender and grade level.

The girls arrived quite angry. They sat at opposite ends of the table from one another. The session revealed that rumors were responsible for the pending fight and that neither had really wanted to fight the other.

Results: Agreement was reached. The girls left together, actually skipping down the hall. Subsequent follow-up revealed that the two were still friends and when rumors were started, they were able to speak to each other before jumping to conclusions.

The Truce

In April, 6 white students and 3 black (Haitian) students who had been involved in many fights over the school year were asked if they would be willing to come to the mediation table to work out a truce. They all agreed.

Before the mediation, each group was asked to agree to certain groundrules: no weapons; no acts of intimidation; and to make a serious effort to work out their issues. Again, both groups agreed.



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The case was mediated by the white, female Coordinator and a Haitian male peer mediator. The mediation lasted 3 hours, all but 15 minutes of which took place in a joint session with all participants present.

They talked about many things including styles of fighting (one-on-one versus jumping); racism, including name-calling and what calling someone a "nigger" really means; what the consequences could be if they continued to fight. They were all well aware that someone could eventually be killed.

Both groups said that they did not want to fight and they agreed they would leave one another alone. One of the Haitian students was uncomfortable about an agreement that said only this. He felt they had to work things out so that they could say hello and perhaps play ball if they saw each other.

All participants agreed to sign an agreement that stated these things.

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MEDIATION TRAINING EVALUATIONS

CLINT: The training taught me how to deal with people, how to cope. This is something I wouldn't have learned anywhere else.
I got to meet students I never would have met otherwise.

IRVELT: We learned more here than we would in two weeks of classes. We didn't feel like we had a teacher behind us all the time, no one judging us.
There was no racism among us, so I think we can help others fight racism in this school.

WIDY: I learned that there are two sides. Now when my friends have trouble with other kids, instead of telling them to fight back, I'm thinking about how the other person is feeling. I know he has a "story" too.

CHRIS: I find that now I'm always thinking about how people are feeling - even when I don't want to - I can't ignore it.

GABE: This was good because different races got along - the whole school should do it.
I learned how to deal with people and not to give my opinion about what they should do.
We learned to work as teammates, make decisions together.

CAROLYN: It really makes me see there are two sides. I can't be so opinionated.

MAX: I learned a lot about different people. It's good to help my school stop fighting.
Gabe and I stopped a fight the other day. Two girls were fighting and we went up to them and talked to each of them alone. We told them they should go to mediation.

KRISTIN: It has changed me - I'm more reasonable. I think things will be less difficult at home - knowing there are two sides.

DANNIE: I learned patience and how to keep my opinion to myself. Also, I'm more able to get up and speak in front of people.

TEYA: You brought reality into the training - about what's really going on out there. I felt useless before about all the violence; now I feel that being neutral can help. (Five of Teya's friends were killed this year)



THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SPRINGFIELD

EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM (ESP)

Parent and Student Information

Packet

I N T R O D U C T I O N

The Emergency Services Program (ESP) is known for its willingness to accept difficult students, and to provide these students with a rigorous academic, social and behavioral program. Our goal is to help students achieve their "personal best" academically, socially and emotionally. In order for education to take place, the safety of both staff and students is a basic requirement. Education is often taught by example and staff has made a commitment to treat students with dignity and respect. The same is expected of our students in terms of how they treat other students, staff and most important, themselves.

ESP teaches students how to handle oneself in difficult situations, and how to resolve conflict situations. Much of what is taught and learned at ESP has to do with choices. One of the most difficult lessons students learn at ESP is that they have choices, and that they are responsible for those choices.

The type of problems brought to ESP by our students guarantee that crisis situations will occur. These situations provide opportunities for choices and the staff is involved in the process along with the student. The importance of safety and respect for both students and staff is the goal of all conflict resolutions.

Behavior Management is utilized to assure that a situation is handled in the least intrusive manner. Using the proven and practiced techniques of non-violent crisis intervention, a student is offered a clear set of options concerning his/her behavior. Frequent parent/guardian communication is required so that a student is aware that he/she is accountable for his behavior.

There are a number of options that may apply to a given situation. Time outs, writing assignments, loss of points and suspensions (in and out of school) deal with the vast majority of student behavior problems. If an incident is more serious, a treatment assessment situation will be held and a meeting with parent/guardian will occur.

It should be noted that ESP, if at all possible, avoids out of school suspensions as a consequence. ESP will terminate a student only if his/her behavior becomes dangerous to himself/herself or others.

ESP also operates with an open door policy in dealing with the management and containment of a disruptive or threatening student. In essence, a student who is clearly escalating in terms of defiant, disruptive behavior and who refuses staff requests to de-escalate the situation, will be asked to leave the school.

property. Similarly, if a student is intent upon leaving the building, and the staff person dealing with the student feels he/she is competent to get home in a safe manner, we will not stop him/her. The parent/guardian will be notified if such a situation occurs, immediately by phone and later in writing. The student and the parent/guardian will need to deal with appropriate staff before he can return to school. Staff will complete and file an incident report in the student's record.

It should be noted that if a student is asked to leave the building or the property, and he/she refuses, the police will be called and asked to deal with the student's trespassing.

Obviously, there are exceptions to this rule. Elementary students, and young adolescents will be stopped and not allowed to leave the building. If a student is judged to be a danger to himself/herself or others, he/she will be stopped and restrained until his/her behavior is under control. Again, parents will be notified by phone and in writing immediately.

There are situations where restraint is necessary and will be used. The ESP restraint policy involves a team approach with an identified leader and the use of practiced techniques of non violent crisis intervention. There is a stated procedure for initiating a restraint and a stated procedure for ending a restraint.

If a restraint lasts more than ten minutes, a senior staff person must be asked to evaluate the situation. This supervisor must return every fifteen minutes and must document in the incident report the need to continue the procedure.

Police will be called if ESP staff cannot subdue and calm a student. Parents will be notified by phone immediately and later in writing. This written report will be filed in the student's record with copies to the parent/guardian, program director and the local public school ETL.

There have been remarkably few restraints at ESP given the history and behavior of students prior to admission. It is extremely rare for students to interfere with a staff intervention involving another student. The vast majority of restraints situations are resolved quickly and without major incident.

Safety is taken very seriously at ESP by both staff and students. The basic requirement that we treat each other with respect applies particularly to crisis and restraint situations. It is our goal to help a student regain control of his behavior in a respectful and safe manner.



THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS of SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM (ESP)

ESP provides a short-term, highly-structured alternative special education placement for Chapter 766 students who in their current educational setting, present a "clear danger to themselves or others", or "whose conduct is so disruptive as to prevent education from taking place in their current special education programs at the public school level." Chapter 766 students cannot be placed into the ESP without prior parental / legal guardian consent and approval of the Director of Special Education. Placements into ESP may not be used in conjunction with, or in lieu of, suspension.

All students who are referred to this program must be re-evaluated under the provisions of Chapter 766 within 15 school days from their date of entry to the ESP. A Team meeting will subsequently be held in order to determine the most appropriate special education placement to best serve the students' educational needs. ESP provides intensive specialized academic and clinical services to address both the emotional and educational needs of the students. The program is designed to serve Chapter 766 school-age youth, who are currently either living at home, in foster care or awaiting an Out-of-District placement for the reasons outlined below:

Major Program Goals:

1. to provide a safe, structured and predictable environment where students can learn to control their behavior and engage in productive academic remediation and learning;
2. to provide containment, diagnostic services, assessment, and advocacy in addition to receiving the Special Education services outlined in their current IEP.
3. to respond quickly to children within a variety of prototypes who cannot be maintained in their present Special Education setting.
4. to enable the successful reintegration of the students into the Springfield Public Schools, or transition into more appropriate Special Education program placements outside the public schools, as deemed appropriate by the Evaluation Team.

The Assessment Center

Beginning with SY 1992/93, in addition to an expansion of our Emergency Services Program (ESP), a new Assessment Center has been established as an additional service for both regular and special education students who receive automatic thirty (30) day suspensions as outlined in the SY 1992/93 Student Handbook, for students suspended for weapons violations, staff assault, and/or possession of illegal drugs (see new SY 1992/93 Student Discipline Policy).

Based upon the experience gathered during the past three years with the Emergency Services Program (formerly Compass), the new Assessment Center will serve three basic purposes:

- a) in the past, many of the requests for ESP placements involved weapons possessions, an assignment which was inappropriate for the basic purpose of the ESP, as outlined in page 1 of this report, and which additionally resulted in many inappropriate referrals to Chapter 766;
- b) by referring all students suspended for weapons, staff assaults and/or drug violations directly to the Assessment Center, the System is able to provide both evaluations and educational services to these students during their thirty (30) day suspension period. Chapter 766 students, whose disabilities are not related to the suspendable behavior described above, additionally are able to receive the special education services contained in their IEP, beginning with the 11th day of suspension (contingent upon prior approval of DOE) from the Sped Teachers in the Emergency Services Program.
- c) by involving Chapter 766 students in the Assessment Center Program, many referrals for Out-of-District placements, have been avoided in favor of modifying the student's behavior in order that he/she may return to their original Chapter 766 program, or a new program placement based upon the re-evaluation of the student while he/she is in attendance at the Assessment Center Program.

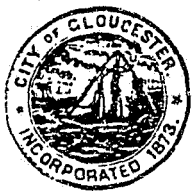
In order to maintain program effectiveness, the following procedures are suggested for the thirty (30) day suspension period involving a weapon:

- 1) In each case that involves a weapon charge, the suspended student will be referred to the Assessment Center. After the initial intake process, a social, psychological and educational assessment will be completed during the next 10-15 days. During this time the student will continue his/her academic program as designed by the sending school and will participate in violence prevention and awareness curriculum training.

NOTE: Chapter 766 students who receive automatic thirty (30) day suspensions and are subsequently assigned to the Assessment Center under the School Committee Policy, shall begin receiving their Special Education services on the 11th day of suspension either through the Assessment Center or ESP, in accordance to Chapter 766 regulations.

- 2) At the end of this period, regular education students will either be placed in an External Alternative classroom for the remaining suspension period, if any, or may return to his/her sending school with educational or counseling recommendations based on the assessments completed while at the center. Any regular education students who are referred for a special education evaluation while attending the Assessment Center Program will remain in such program until a fifteen (15) Day Emergency Team Meeting is conducted by personnel from the sending school. Upon parental acceptance of the resulting IEP, should such student be found to have "Special Needs" under the Eligibility Standards of Chapter 766, such student shall immediately be placed in the Special Education programs outlined in his/her IEP. Should no such opening be available following acceptance of the IEP by the parent, the student will receive educational instruction from staff in the ESP until such recommended special education placement is located.
- 3) All such assignments to the Assessment Center of a current Special Education student under existing School Committee policy shall count as days of suspensions under the Regulations of Chapter 766. Attendance in such program beyond ten (10) cumulative days of suspension in any one school year shall require DOE approval.
- 4) As mentioned previously, all students referred to the Assessment Center will spend part of their thirty (30) day suspension period receiving psychological evaluations, weapons deprogramming, and participating in discussion with police authorities, court representatives, and social service agency staff. All parents and guardians will participate in these evaluative and deprogramming efforts, and they will be required to be part of the child's rehabilitation.

Additional Materials



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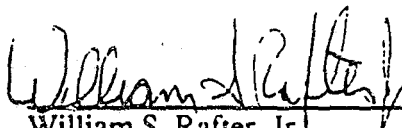
February 12, 1993

Dear Citizens:

Gloucester can, once again, be proud of our efforts to fight the problem of illegal drug abuse. With the combined cooperation of the Mayor's Drug Task Force, NUVA Inc., the Police Department, Cape Ann Drop-a-Dime, and the Citizens, the City has made significant progress in addressing this problem.

The Cape Ann Drop-a-Dime program, which is now in its fourth year, provides a network for citizens to report illegal drug activity. Because of the support by the City and the public, the results have been outstanding. Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime will be expanding it's coverage to help report crimes including domestic violence and child abuse.

Our thanks is extended to Eric Radack for his outstanding efforts in establishing this program.


William S. Rafter, Jr.
Mayor

CAPE ANN DROP-A-DIME

*Serving the Communities of Greater Cape Ann with
the Toll-Free, 24 Hour Anonymous Tipline to Report
Drug-related Crime, 1-800-660-DIME*

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February 17, 1993

Citizens of Gloucester and The Mayor's Drug Task Force

Dear Citizens:

Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime owes its success to the citizens of Gloucester and Greater Cape Ann. We are deeply indebted to the hundreds of people who took the time to make a stand against drug-related crime by calling 1-800-660-DIME. By calling you have broken the code of fear and silence that drug-trafficking and addiction imposes on society. Our heartfelt thanks also to the men and women of the Gloucester Police Department and the investigative units of the Cape Ann Regional Drug Strike Force for listening and responding to the needs of the community that have been channeled through Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime.

Drop-A-Dime is proud to be a partner in the Gloucester Prevention Network, and is grateful to Director Phil Salzman and his staff for their technical and financial assistance. Special thanks are owed to Chuck Peterson, former Director of Human Resources at Gorton's, for his farsightedness in providing the initial funding for this program. Gorton's continues to be a strong supporter of CADAD by providing vital operating funds and by participating in public awareness campaigns.

CADAD owes its existence to the support of NUVA Executive Director Ron Morin and his staff. Since 1988 NUVA has given Drop-A-Dime an institutional "berth", and the recently formalized relationship continues in a creative, cooperative spirit.

Drop-A-Dime welcomes and thanks the founding members of our Community Board of Directors; Sal Cuomo, Elsa Parsons, Tim Perry, State Representative Bruce Tarr, and City Councillor Peg Witek, for their on-going contributions. We acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of Mayor William Rafter who guided the creation of the Community Board.

Special recognition is owed to Ileen Graham, recently-appointed as CADAD's Assistant Director, for her dedication to the program's success in the areas of community outreach and the creation of our data storage and analysis software.

Thanks are also due to members of the business community that have donated in-kind goods and services which have contributed to the success of the program. Fleet Bank, Favazza-Johnson Insurance Agency, Chisholm & Hunt, Gloucester Graphics and NYNEX have all played an important role in supporting Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime's ability to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Eric Radack

INTRODUCTION

Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime was created by the Mayor's Drug Task Force in 1988 as a program that could empower and enable the citizens of Gloucester and Cape Ann to participate in the movement against drug-related crime in our neighborhoods, streets, schools and places of work and recreation. This Third Annual Report documents a year of hard work by citizens, law enforcement agencies and the network of community programs which are dedicated to the creation of a safer and healthier society.

Having achieved the public trust, the program has gone on to become an effective partner in anti-crime and substance abuse prevention efforts. While recording another year of increased public use of the anti-crime tip-line and the remarkable follow-through of area law enforcement departments, this Report also indicates that there remains much to be done in confronting the realities of drug-related crime. Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime must continue to evolve in terms of the breadth of its mission and service to the community. In order to be of maximal usefulness, the program needs to be able to respond to changing patterns of criminal activity and priorities of public safety.

The Report's conclusion contains a list of program goals and public policy recommendations which attend the enlargement of Drop-A-Dime's mandate. CADAD is progressing in its advocacy for violent crime prevention and reporting, and as a voice for humane public policy at the interface of law enforcement and public health in the area of drug policy. We also believe that Drop-A-Dime has an instrumental role to play in the development of community policing and other proactive responses to crime in Gloucester and the region.

Thanks to the Gloucester Prevention Network and its coalitions of involved citizens, community activism and awareness is at an unprecedented level. The third year statistics of this program confirm the public's willingness to confront drug trafficking and related crime. The 26% increase in crime-reporting through Drop-A-Dime can be attributed to the community's frustration with the status quo of chronic drug-trafficking in neighborhoods, places of work and public areas.

Callers to Drop-A-Dime represent a desire "to be of help", in the words of one person. Callers include citizens who are concerned for the safety of neighborhood children, as with the person who said, "I am a resident - I have kids -and I want something done about (the drug dealing)". Tragically, child neglect and abuse is often mentioned in homes where drug-dealing is alleged; one concerned resident said that, "these people have to be stopped, there are children involved!" Many callers to Drop-A-Dime reflect the concerns of people in recovery from substance addiction as with the caller who said, "I am trying to do my part--trying to be clean (of drugs)". People in recovery, like all citizens, have a fundamental right not to be harassed by drug dealers in Gloucester and other communities.

Fear is a common theme expressed by people calling Drop-A-Dime for assistance. Callers fear the degradation of neighborhoods and society that is wrought by drug-traffickers and the disease of addiction. Some callers fear for the lives of their family and friends as with the caller who said: (the drug dealer) "might try to kill me, my family or someone dear to me". Another person said that s/he was "trying to save a friend" by calling Drop-A-Dime.

Public appreciation of the Drop-A-Dime anti-crime line was best articulated by the caller who said, "Thanks for listening".

Elsewhere in this report please take note of the 4 page addendum "Voices from the Community" which includes a selection of verbatim extracts taken from the third year CADAD log-book.

A YEAR OF GROWTH

The third year of Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime's operation saw a 26% increase in tip-line reporting and a 35% increase in overall calls (including routine queries, operational calls and media calls). This was due, in part, to a high-visibility public awareness campaign which featured the "NO DEAL." slogan. Public service announcements, bumper stickers and pay phone stickers carried the message of citizen activism throughout Essex County and beyond. The tip-line passed along reports of alleged criminal activity in 25 Massachusetts

cities and towns, 5 states and 3 foreign countries. CADAD worked cooperatively with area police departments as well as with the Drug Enforcement Administration, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The United States Coast Guard and the Massachusetts Department of Social Services.

The "NO DEAL." campaign was supported by a wide range of businesses, organizations, and public agencies which included Cape Ann Markets, Gloucester Waste Management, Gorton's, the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, the Gloucester Housing Authority, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Gloucester Council on Aging, CATA, the Gloucester Prevention Network, area police departments as well as dozens of small businesses on Cape Ann and the North Shore.

Media coverage in the Boston Globe Northweekly section, the Gloucester Daily Times, New England Cablevision's Community Access channel and WBOQ-FM added to the public's awareness of a program that was achieving quantifiable results. The Boston Globe and the FOX Network's "A Current Affair" requested CADAD's input on the civil rights ramifications of the Lawrence Police Department's initial blockading of a neighborhood in an effort to eliminate drug trafficking. Drop-A-Dime was also mentioned by the Gloucester Daily Times as a resource that heroin-users could avail themselves of to report the possible introduction of a deadly synthetic form of heroin into Cape Ann. CADAD's efforts to educate the public regarding the need to create pilot needle-exchange programs to prevent the transmission of the AIDS virus in Massachusetts received coverage by the Ottaway News Service.

Public awareness of CADAD was significantly enhanced by the creation, at Drop-A-Dime's urging, of a new heading in the NYNEX white pages "Self Help Guide" which is titled "Crime Reporting". CADAD was the first to be listed under this category which is expected to be replicated throughout the state. CADAD has been consulting with the New England Telephone Company regarding the implications of the recently-introduced Caller I.D. service for anonymous crime reporting lines. At our suggestion, NET has said that it will convene a meeting of affected programs to discuss a public relations strategy that will assure the public that callers' anonymity will not be violated.

CADAD's crime-reporting line does not, and will never utilize caller I.D. Our callers' right to anonymity is a principle upon which this public service was founded.

CADAD was instrumental in coordinating the efforts of the Gloucester Police detectives and school and social services administrators to deal with difficult situations involving drug-dealing and children-at-risk. This kind of problem-solving exemplifies what can be done when a community identifies problem areas and coordinates resources.

A new initiative to increase the reporting of

drug-related crime on the waterfront was launched with the full cooperation of the Coast Guard and the GPN's Water Safety Coalition. As is clear from this year's crime location statistics, the waterfront continues to be significantly underreported (3%).

As a part of community outreach CADAD was represented at meetings of the Gloucester City Council, the AIDS Action Committee, Massachusetts Citizens Citizens to Prevent Handgun Violence, Boston Drop-A-Dime, the GPN Steering and Public Awareness Committees, The Young Men's Coalition, the Unitarian Church community forum and the Cape Ann Regional Drug Strike force.

The improvement of CADAD's data storage and analysis software program has made crime-reporting statistics more accessible and useful. Information about drug-related crimes as reported to CADAD has been requested by the office of Sen. Kerry, the Regional Drug Strike Force, the Gloucester Prevention Network, the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs and the City of Gloucester. These statistics continue to be of value both in terms of community evaluation and the development of prevention strategies. To the general public, the verifiable follow-through of local police departments serves to empirically demonstrate that the program works. To our knowledge, Gloucester's DAD is the only program of its kind that conducts a case-by-case review with police investigators to determine what the follow-up has been on crime-line reports.

Broadened public awareness, close cooperation with law enforcement agencies, community networking and outreach have produced one of the busiest crime-reporting lines in Massachusetts. At a time when Gloucester has had to make deep budget cuts, it is clear that the work of Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime is highly cost-effective. The (estimated) \$16,250 budget that is provided by grants from the Gloucester Prevention Network/Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and Gorton's has provided for the operation of a versatile model for crime and substance abuse prevention which will continue to adapt to the evolving needs of our City and the region.

During the past year, the founding of the CADAD Community Board of Directors has created a democratic structure for future policy-making and program staffing. The expansion of the Community Board will also provide for greater representation from the neighborhoods, workplaces and businesses of Gloucester and Cape Ann. CADAD's formal inclusion under NUVA's organizational "umbrella" confers stability and access to resources upon the program and carries on the positive relationship that was begun in 1988.

THE STATISTICAL YEAR IN REVIEW

As previously noted, the CADAD crime-reporting line activity has increased in terms of the total number of in-coming calls (+35%) and crime reports (+26%). As in previous years the majority of callers (81%) are reporting drug-related crime in Gloucester.

The methodology used for compiling arrest statistics is a series of interviews conducted with the detective-liaison to the Drop-A-Dime program in each of the law enforcement agencies that receives reports. Arrest data is randomly checked against the published police notes in the Gloucester Daily Times and is cross-checked between police departments. CADAD is in the process of defining its (non-mandated) reporting relationship with the Dept. of Social Services. According to preliminary discussions, this will result in the ability of CADAD to compile follow-up data with regard to alleged child abuse and neglect situations for future reports. CADAD has also been sharing related data with Skye Alexander at the Gloucester Prevention Network, a partnership that will improve our tracking of multi-year trends in drug-related arrests.

The number of arrests related to CADAD tips in the third year was 37, which when calculated against the total number of tips (191) results in a 19.5% arrests/tips ratio. This constitutes a 1.5 % gain over the previous year and is a remarkable achievement which can be attributed to the on-going regional cooperation of area police departments and the activity of CADAD and other crime-reporting lines. 40% (76) of the remaining tips are currently under investigation.

It is important to note the following: The 10 most-reported suspects were mentioned in 18% (35) tips, and the 10 most-reported locations (where crimes were alleged to have taken place) were mentioned in 32% (62) tips. These figures make it clear that community-police coordination could be highly effective in targetting these individuals and locations. Two large apartment complexes (one public and one private) account for 9% of the tips. Again, this information indicates that resident-police problem-solving partnership may make the difference in preventing crime in what have been problem areas. To the credit of the police, 10% of the 10 most reported suspects were arrested during the period covered in this report.

The incidence of reporting allegations of child abuse

Statistical Summary

1989 - 90* 1990 - 91 1991 - 92**

Total Number of Calls*	478	474	641
Average # of Calls/month	40	39.5	53
Total Number of Reports	131	133	191
Total Number of Arrests	14	24	37
Percentage of Tips Related to Arrests	10.69%	18.05%	19.5%

Drugs Reported

Cocaine	42%	26%	35%
Heroin	12%	29%	26%
Marijuana	27%	32%	24%
Percosets	7%	4%	3%
Xanax	4%	4%	2%
LSD	1%	3%	1%
Other	7%	2%	10%
	100%	100%	100%

Locations Reported

Public Establishment	16%	12%	7%
Residential	69%	66%	68%
Workplace	4%	1%	5%
Street	10%	14%	15%
Schools	1%	6%	2%
Waterfront		1%	3%
	100%	100%	100%

Reports Involving Children

Potential Child Abuse	3%	6%	7%
Child at Risk			13%

Reports Including Other

Crimes ****(Percent of Total)	5%	10%	6%
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Multiple reports on Suspects

(Percent of total reports individual suspects reported 2 or more times)	21%:9	25%:8	23%
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Multiple reports on locations

(Percent of reports on locations reported 2 or more times)	37%	35%	35%
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* Total # of calls includes all incoming messages, (Tips, operational calls, and monitoring)

** Statistical year is November 1 - October 31

*** 35% increase over 1990 - 91

**** Other crimes alleged include: larceny, burglary, child abuse, assault, prostitution, animal abuse

or neglect and children at risk has increased slightly during the third year. This is the first year that we are tracking the "children at risk" category which refers to the total number of times that callers mention concern for children exposed to drug-related crime.

As has been previously noted, we consider the level of reporting of water-front crime to be considerably below what has been expected by law enforcement authorities. Increasing the flow of information on drug-related crime in the harbor, in the fisheries, and at ramps, marinas and docks will remain a priority in the 4th year of the program.

During the 3 years of the program's reporting, there has been a steady decrease in the level of reported drug-dealing in public establishments (primarily bars) and a concomitant increase in reported crimes in the streets. This may be a result of increased police pressure and community awareness.

The level of reporting of drug-related crimes in residences has remained almost even during the three years. Over 1/3 (35%) of the residences were reported 2 or more times, which again indicates the potential for community-police proactive coordination.

The levels of illegal drugs being reported to CADAD indicates a shift upwards for cocaine (35%) with heroin (26%) and marijuana (24%) moving down relative to the second year. These data are the most difficult to interpret and to correlate with regional and national trends. It is clear, however, that Class A and B drugs constitute 61% of the crime reports in which illegal substances were identified. This prevalence must reinforce the need to deal with the trafficking and use of these highly addictive and socially-destructive drugs.

We conclude that illegal drug trafficking and use and related crime has remained at a relatively constant level despite the high number of arrests and the activism of the community. These efforts by the police and community have nevertheless made business-as-usual for drug-dealers far more difficult. The community-police partnership also provides a barrier to the introduction of highly-addictive "designer" drugs and crack cocaine to the Cape Ann area. Effective law enforcement in partnership with the community has also prevented the organization, thus far, of drug gangs.

Our deficiencies in reducing drug-related crime in problem areas (isolated rural locations, large housing complexes and the waterfront) need to be confronted via a strategy of community policing. We must also move to reduce demand for illegal addictive substances by seeking new avenues for treatment and outreach.

Our analysis reveals the efforts of a dedicated and effective municipal police department which has been aided by a citizenry that says NO DEAL to drug-related crime.

GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: YEAR FOUR

I. PROGRAM GOALS AND INITIATIVES:

1. Address areas of deficient reporting in partnership with the police, community agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard and the residents of Gloucester and Cape Ann, specifically targetting the waterfront and points of access.
2. Develop proactive community policing strategies in combination with the Gloucester Police Department, community agencies and the public to address "problem-areas" of crime in our community. This might include technical assistance for in-service training programs involving the police and community workers.
3. Expand the mission of the CADAD crime-line to encourage the confidential reporting of child abuse and neglect and crimes of violence, especially crimes perpetrated against women. CADAD will coordinate its efforts with governmental and non-governmental organizations that advocate for women and children in regard to violence and abuse.
4. CADAD will work with citizens and residents seeking creative methods of crime prevention, with a special focus on violence. CADAD will participate in community forums and trainings related to conflict resolution and prevention strategies.
5. The Program will seek to increase the reporting of illegal weapons, and especially weapons that have been or may be used in the perpetration of crime. CADAD will work to educate the public regarding the danger of military "assault" weapons (semi-automatics) in our City and State.
6. CADAD will continue to improve its data storage and retrieval system. Our goal is be be able to provide more thorough and timely statistical evaluation of the program. Drop-A-Dime also seeks to improve its communications system to provide for a series of secure electronic mail "boxes" which will enable the program to institute a 4-language

answering system (English, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish) and to segregate crime reporting calls from in-coming business and operational calls. The program will seek donations of office space and equipment so as to improve the efficiency and security of our operations.

7. Cape Ann Drop-A-Dime will continue to work closely with the Gloucester Prevention Network and other community agencies to reduce substance abuse and related crime.

8. The program will continue to advocate on a local and state-wide level for the adoption of policies and services which will provide for treatment and education strategies in dealing with the twin epidemics of substance abuse and AIDS. CADAD will continue to be involved in outreach to other community "safe neighborhood" and anti-crime organizations in an effort to achieve balance at the interface of public health and law enforcement policies.

9. Drop-A-Dime will seek additional funding in the \$3,000-\$5,000 range to support new initiatives in crime prevention and reporting. Funding will be used to support outside technical assistance, public relations campaigns, enhanced tele-communications and software, and for increased staff time.

10. CADAD reaffirms its commitment to working in partnership with the community to create a society in which citizens are able to live, learn, work and recreate without the fear of violence and drug-related crime.

II. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. CADAD believes that the long-term interests of Gloucester are best served by the development of a community policing strategy which prioritizes community-police problem-solving and partnerships as a strategy for preventing crime.

2. Public safety in in the city and the state are served by the adoption of a ban on semi-automatic weapons, firearms which are typically involved in drug-related crimes. Such a prohibition would also improve the safety of police officers in the line of duty.

. Increased funding for substance abuse prevention-

education and treatment at the Federal and State levels. Education and treatment should become the first priority in the government's demand reduction strategy.

4. Law enforcement should shift its emphasis and resources on all levels to the detection and interdiction of criminals trafficking in Class A and B drugs--heroin and cocaine--the most highly addictive and socially destructive illegal substances with a deemphasis on the enforcement of laws related to the possession of small amounts of Class D --marijuana. According to a recent study of the American Bar Association our courts and our jails are in gridlock because of the overload of cases related to low-level drug offenses and mandatory sentencing. In a period a very limited public revenues, law enforcement should be concentrated on removing the most dangerous elements from our society--those who perpetrate violent crimes and the traffickers in highly addictive illegal drugs.

5. CADAD reaffirms its support for the creation of pilot clean needle programs in Massachusetts as a way of preventing the transmission of the AIDS virus via the I.V. drug-using population. Well-designed needle-exchange programs have been shown to reduce the HIV infection rate for IV drug-users, their partners and unborn children. Such programs can also provide a "bridge" to counselling and treatment for addicted persons, thereby taking them out of the cycle of addiction and crime. Needle-exchange programs in combination with counselling and treatment-on-demand have the potential of reaching the so-called "hard-core" population of addicts. The New Haven Dept. of Police Services reported to CADAD that the creation of that city's needle exchange program has resulted in no increase in drug-related crime. CADAD believes that the community must humanize our relationship with the addicts that are still "out there" by creating new avenues for disease-free living.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

**PROCLAMATION/PRESS CONFERENCE
WITH**

**MAYOR KEVIN SULLIVAN
COMMISSIONER DAVID MULLIGAN
CHIEF ALLEN COLE
JOSEPH COTTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER
KATHY ANASTOS/ZORAIDA LEBRON, LAVPP CHAIRS**

**THE LAWRENCE ADOLESCENT VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE KICK-OFF OF
THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK**

**THE LAWRENCE CAMPAGNONE COMMON
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST. 1992
4:30 - 5:00 pm**

SEMANA DE PREVENCION DE VIOLENCIA

**PROCLAMACION/CONFERENCIA DE PRENSA
CON**

**ALCALDE KEVIN SULLIVAN
COMISIONADO DE SALUD, DAVID MULLIGAN
DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO DEL CENTRO SICOLOGICO, JOSEPH COTTON
JEFE DE LA POLICIA, ALLEN COLE
OFICIALES DE LA COALICION,
KATHY ANASTOS Y ZORAIDA LEBRON**

**EL PROYECTO DE PREVENCION DE VIOLENCIA ENTRE ADOLESCENTES DE
LAWRENCE LES INVITA A SU CEREMONIA DE INICIACION DE LA
"SEMANA DE PREVENCION DE VIOLENCIA"**

**PARQUE DE LAS ARDILLAS/CAMPAGNONE COMMON
DOMINGO, NOVIEMBRE 1RO, 1992
4:30-5:00 pm**

LAWRENCE ADOLESCENT VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT

The Psychological Center

MISSION STATEMENT

Violence in any form is unacceptable. We the members of the Lawrence Adolescent Violence Prevention Project are committed to the elimination of violence by engaging our entire community in activities and programs which help us choose productive options when facing life's day-to-day challenges.

Violencia en cualquier forma es inaceptable. Nosotros, los miembros del Proyecto de Jovenes de Prevencion de Violencia de Lawrence estamos comprometidos a eliminar la violencia a traves de la participacion de toda la comunidad en actividades y programas que nos ayuden a escoger opciones productivas cuando enfrentamos los desafios diarios de la vida.

**Approved version by the Violence Prevention Task Force,
March 18, 1992.**

VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKS

SPONSORS

**The Lawrence Violence Prevention Coalition
The Psychological Center
The Governor's Alliance Against Drugs
The Lawrence Community Partnership
PODER
The Lawrence Youth Center JCA
Asociacion de Profesionales Latinos
The Lawrence Housing Authorities
The Lawrence Teachers Union
Senior Citizens Center**

SUPPORTERS

**Mayor Kevin Sullivan
The Prevention Network
The Lawrence Youth Commission
The Lawrence School Department
The Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting Coalition
The Boys and Girls Club
The Lawrence Police Department
AMES Department Stores
PENNS Pharmacy
Los Trinitarios Club
Regional Occupant Protection Project/NECCO
The Eagle Tribune
Assumption/Evangelical Church
Lawrence YMCA
The Joey Fournier Victim Services**

**L A W R E N C E
A BETTER PLACE TO GROW**

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER-LAWRENCE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT

Sunday 6	INCREASE THE PEACE - VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK AUMENTEMOS LA PAZ - SEMANA DE PREVENCIÓN DE VIOLENCIA PURPLE & WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN
Monday 7	PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - 1:00 PM SCREAMING WITH PLEASURE! Sponsored by The Lawrence Community Partnership
Tuesday 8	CHOOSE ACTION AND CHANGE COMMUNITY PRESENTATION 3:00-5:00 PM AT LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Wednesday 9	STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM WORCESTER MARRIOTT, 10 LINCOLN SQUARE, WORCESTER, MA
Thursday 10	COME JOIN US AT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER'S PREVENTION NETWORK OPEN HOUSE (Noon to 3:00 PM) PANEL ON WOMEN'S ISSUES (3:00 TO 5:00 PM)
Friday 11	ACTIVITIES TO BE ANNOUNCED
Saturday 12	ARTS AT THE COMMON - SNACKS & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY FROM 1:00-4:00 PM We will provide artwork materials for your creativity! JOIN US!! Sponsored by Violence Prevention Project

Week of June 6, 1993



INCREASE THE PEACE/AUMENTEMOS LA PAZ
Statewide Violence Prevention Week June 6-12, 1993

During the Week **School Activities

*** Kane School**

Conflict Resolution Program/Mediation Training of 20 teachers and 30 students.

*** Lawrence High School**

Mediation Program. Training of 50 Peer Leaders on Violence Prevention and Related Issues.

*** Oliver School**

Students will have activities related to theme of "Increase The Peace/Aumentemos La Paz"

*** Students of grades 6,7,8 of the Lawrence School System will:**

-Monitor TV programs and log acts of violence.

-Hold class discussions to analyze thier findings during the Health Classes.

Contact person for School activities Peg Burton, 975-5926.

*****Agencies and Community Groups**

*** Lawrence Adolescent Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. Workshops for youth, contact person Marie Coll, 685-4000.**

*** Lawrence Youth Commission. Parent Mobilization Project, Workshops for parents, contact person Luz Santana, 683-9963.**

*** Lawrence Community Partnership. Group discussions with participants of Youth Redirection Program. Contact person Nelson Rivera, 683-9963.**

*** Greater Lawrence Community Action Council. Arlington Neighborhood, Methuen, Basketball Tournament and Block Party. Contact person Susan Perault 681-4975.**

*** Elder Service of Merrimack Valley. Purple/White Ribbon Campaign. Contact person Kathy Anastopoulos, 683-7747.**

*** Women Resource Center. Purple/White Ribbon Campaign, Jackie Barrous, 688-5302.**

The Gray House Story

The Gray House, Inc., is a multi-functional neighborhood center located in the Memorial Square Neighborhood of Springfield's North End, an immigrant neighborhood largely Hispanic in its make-up. In the late 70s, five Sisters of Saint Joseph and their friends grew increasingly conscious of the plight of their neighbors. They began to dream of a new response to those needs. An old gray house, vacant and vandalized, became the site of their dream.

In 1982, they acquired the 17-room house for \$500 at a public auction. With the help of grants, private donations, and volunteerism, hundreds of people brought the Gray House into being. In the fall of 1984, the doors were officially opened for neighborhood programs with the specific purpose of providing for the civic, social, and educational welfare of people in need of supportive services.

Five years after initiating programs, the Gray House was cited by the Massachusetts House of Representatives for "providing five years of outstanding services to the residents of the North End." Gray House continually strives to better the lives of the residents of the North End by offering programs such as an Emergency Food Pantry, Used Clothing Store, Elders' Lunch Program, Classes in English as a Second Language, and Youth Programs. All our clients are from lower-income families and most are from the North End.

The Gray House is administered by a volunteer Board of Directors and two full-time staff persons. Another 50 volunteers help run all programs and sustain Gray House as a "Place Where Peace Is Lived and Learned."

The Gray House is a self-sustaining, publicly supported organization. Funding is sought from individuals, organizations, trusts and grants. All donations are tax deductible.

Directions

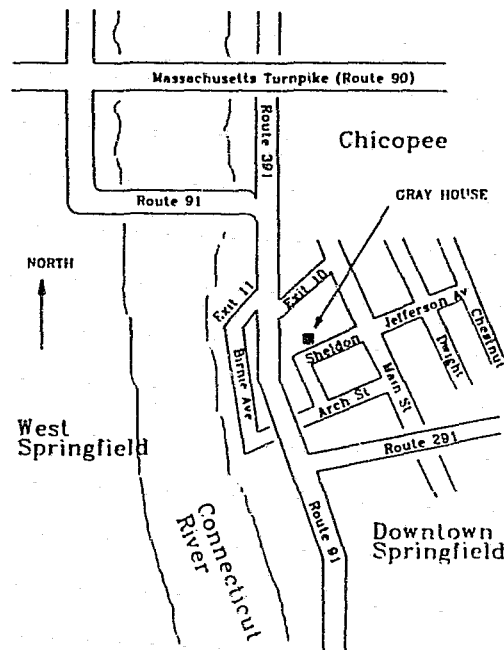
Located on Sheldon Street in the North End of Springfield, MA, the Gray House is accessible from any direction:

From the South

Take Interstate 91 Exit 10 (Main Street). Take a right at the end of the off-ramp and head south on Main Street. Take a right onto Sheldon Street at the first set of Lights.

From the North

Take Interstate 91 Exit 11 (Birnie Avenue). Take a left at the end of the off-ramp and head north on Birnie Avenue. Take the second left (Arch Street) and another immediate left onto Sheldon Street.



Gray House, Inc.

*Under the Caring and Sharing Umbrella of the
Catholic Stewardship Appeal*

A Place Where Peace



Is Lived and Learned

Gray
House Inc.

22 Sheldon Street
Springfield, MA 01107
413/734-6696

**In the North End of Springfield
You Will Find . . .**

A Provider for Basic Needs

**A Source for Emotional Support,
Advocacy, Information and Referral**

Adult English as a Second Language

**A Provider of Basic
Educational Opportunities**

Youth Groups
(Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts,
Teen Group, Summer Day Camp)

**A Center for Social
and
Recreational Activities**

**Used Clothing Store
Emergency Food Pantry**

Gray House has developed a volunteer clothing distribution program into a small business venture. We have been able to teach employment skills that have helped individuals enter the work force and encouraged them to further their education. At the same time, we offer clothing at a minimal cost to our neighbors.

Donations of food and clothing are always welcome.

Elders' Lunch Program



Facts:

- ... FBI statistics estimate that a woman is abused every 18 seconds in the United States.
- ... Major studies agree that between 33% and 50% of all American households experience some form of domestic violence.
- ... Family violence occurs among every race, ethnic group and socio-economic level.
- ... Battering is a learned behavior that can be unlearned.
- ... Anyone can learn new and different ways of dealing with their anger.
- ... Violence in families passes from generation to generation.
- ... Once started, domestic violence tends to escalate.
- ... Children, whether physically abused themselves or witnesses to the abuse of their mothers, are also victims of domestic violence.

**YOU CAN STOP VIOLENCE IN
YOUR LIFE.**

You have choices:

When you're angry—there are alternatives to violence:

- ... **LEAVE THE SITUATION.** Go for a walk, or even better for a run. Sometimes the best thing is to be alone. The walking or running is a good way to use up some energy.
- ... **CALL A FRIEND.** For men it is very difficult to admit that we need to talk to someone, but many times that is exactly what we need. Calling a friend will give you time to think about what you are doing and a chance to get your head straight.
- ... **YELL.** This is a good way to release pent-up feelings. This is also best done alone so that it cannot be taken as a threat.

These are suggestions to cope in a crisis—*not* the solution. We can help you help yourself to stop the violence. If you have ever faced this problem—you are not alone.

CALL US TODAY.

ANGER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR MEN

THE MEN'S COUNSELING PROGRAM

**Richard Hoebel
(413) 698-3383**

If you . . .

- ... are violent with your mate
- ... feel tired of how you respond when you're angry
- ... feel pent up and anxious

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

A man who becomes abusive is not the rare individual, nor is he insane. He shares this problem with many men.

Battering is so common that it cannot be considered only a personal problem. Many men have learned that violence is an acceptable way of solving problems and that they have a right to hit women. These beliefs are supported by violence in the news and entertainment media, in society at large and by the structure of family life.

It is important for men to begin to talk about their experience with violence toward women—why it starts, what leads to it, how it affects individuals and what can be done to stop it.

What we do:

We offer a 12-week educational program that

- ... defines the problem of family violence
- ... provides a safe environment to share experiences with others in similar situations
- ... examines and discusses what causes anger
- ... teaches new ways of dealing with anger
- ... provides referral and support for the man wanting to change

...

We offer community education and training on domestic violence for

- ... community groups
- ... agencies
- ... church groups
- ... schools

Want to . . .

- ... get more information?
- ... make a referral?
- ... talk to someone?
- ... take a positive step in your life?

CALL US

We will respect your privacy in every way

All information is treated confidentially

To admit to a problem takes courage. We will support you in every way we can. The first call is often the most difficult step—but one only you can make.

Fees are based on a sliding scale.



Supplemental aspects of the program include individual, group and crisis counseling; educational testing; and instruction in realistic life-survival skills.

The program includes a three-day solo camping experience, providing each participant with a time for reflection and an opportunity to practice outdoor living skills acquired during prior days in the program.

A real chance for a new beginning is the end result of the total experience. Most youths find a new way of survival — that of self-discipline and reliance; perseverance and pride.



Staffing

The program is staffed by experienced outdoor leaders from around the world. Each group of nine youths is supervised by an Assistant Course Director, an Instructor and an Assistant Instructor.

Support staff include teachers, counselors, administrators, kitchen, clerical, maintenance and medical staff.



For additional information, write:

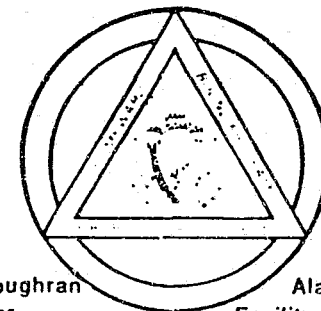
Homeward Bound
Off Rte. 6A
Brewster, Massachusetts 02631

or

Public Relations
Department of Youth Services
Fort Point Place
27-43 Wormwood Street, Suite 400
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Homeward Bound Wilderness Program

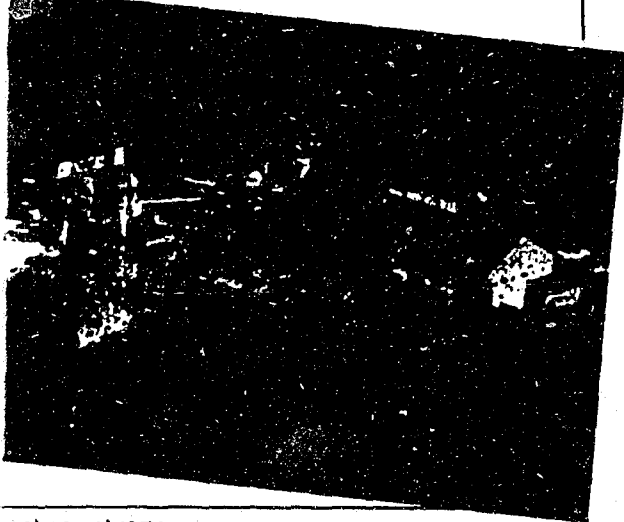
BREWSTER, MASSACHUSETTS



Edward J. Loughran
Commissioner
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Alan A. Colle
Facility Administrator

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Aerial view of camp

The Homeward Bound Wilderness Program is a highly structured 26-day outdoor experiential education program for court-acquainted male adolescents which also offers some courses for girls. The program is now based at the Stephen L. French Youth Forestry Camp on 26 acres inside Nickerson State Park, Brewster, Massachusetts. The program is operated by the Department of Youth Services. Approximately 350 youths participate each year. In operation year-round since 1970, Homeward Bound continues to evolve and expand experiences for each participant.

The treatment philosophy of Homeward Bound has its roots in the concept of experiential education — learning by doing. A youth who may have experienced significant failure is given the opportunity to discover pride in accomplishment, a heightened self-image and the importance of trust in peers and appropriate adults.



The goal of the program is to present its participants with the opportunity to increase self-respect through self-discipline and to experience the satisfaction of overcoming challenging physical and psychological obstacles through individual and group effort.



The program's basic activities — pullboating, obstacles, hiking, camping, rock climbing, canoeing, and cross country skiing on both Cape Cod and the Appalachian Trail in Western Massachusetts — result in an encounter with nature previously unknown to most participants.



Licensed by the Mass. Department of Public Health and approved by the Mass. Department of Mental Health and the Mass. Department of Public Welfare, B.F. & C.R. has met stringent requirements of staffing patterns, 24 hour answering service coverage, intake procedures, utilization and peer reviews, record-keeping and all other requirements established to insure the highest level of client care.

B.F. & C.R. has been approved by the Mass. Department of Public Welfare, Medicaid Division, as an evaluation facility for special needs children under the provisions of Chapter 766. Certain special needs children are regularly referred for this service by school systems in the area. B.F. & C.R. is also approved by the Department of Public Health as a treatment facility for D.W.I. second offenders.

We accept many insurance plans including Medicaid and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. A sliding fee scale is available.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR VIOLENT PARTNER

1. Why do men come to B.F. & C.R.?

Usually, a man calls B.F. & C.R. after his partner has left, threatened to leave, or obtained a Restraining and Vacate Order from the Court which bars him entering the home.

2. Can he really change?

Yes, but only if he gets help and keeps working on it.

3. Am I to blame for his Violence?

ABSOLUTELY NOT. The primary goal is to help each man accept responsibility for his violent and controlling behavior.

4. Doesn't drinking cause him to be violent?

No. Alcohol and drugs may escalate the severity of the violence or give the abuser a convenient excuse, "It wasn't me; it was the alcohol."

5. What if he's sorry?

Many men who are violent are sorry about it afterwards, but this doesn't mean he'll stop being violent.

6. Should I leave him?

Your first consideration should be your safety and the safety of your children. **YOU WOULD NOT BE HELPING YOURSELF — OR YOUR PARTNER — BY REMAINING IN A VIOLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM



BROCKTON FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC.

18 Newton Street
Brockton, MA 02401

(508) 582-6172

SERVICES PROVIDED

WOMEN:

- Ind. Counseling
- Support Groups
- Resources
- Referrals
- Co-parent Group

MEN:

- Co-parent Group
- Brockton, Dedham, Plymouth Treatment Program for Men Who Batter
- Adolescent Batterers Program

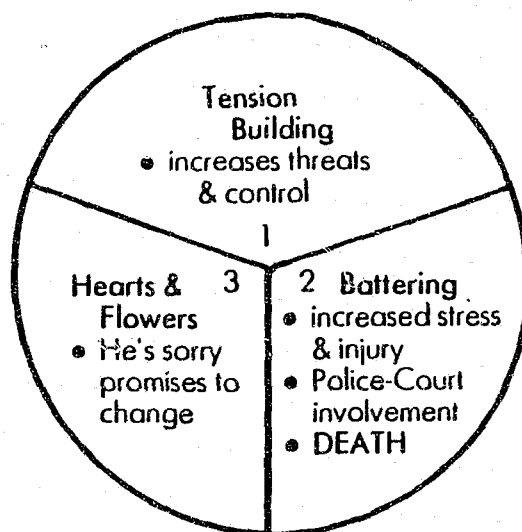
CHILDREN:

- Groups for Children who witness Domestic Violence
- Ind. Counseling
- Visitation Center
 - On-site Supervised
 - On-site Unsupervised
 - Neutral drop-off or pick-up

Fees: We accept many insurance plans, including Medicaid.

A sliding fee scale is available.

- The Visitation Center is on a sliding-fee scale, per visit.



You Stay Because:

- Anywhere you go, he finds you.
- He told you if you leave, he'd kill you, take your children or harass your parents.
- He tells you he's sorry, he'll change.
- You're embarrassed.
- You don't have any money.
- You have no where to go.
- You believe it's your fault or that your children need their father.

The Men Who Batter:

- Jealous
- Controlling
- Low self-esteem
- Learned violence in childhood household
- Self-centered
- MANIPULATIVE

MYTH: Once a battered woman always a battered woman

ACT: There is a growing community awareness of the plight of battered women and their children. We offer counseling programs and support groups and referrals which provide safety.

MYTH: Alcohol abuse causes violence.

ACT: Drinking lowers control. According to statistics, one-third of batterers do not drink. One-third have an alcohol problem but batter when they are sober or drunk.

MYTH: My children only see and hear the violence, they are not hurt.

ACT: Children raised in homes where there is domestic violence often grow up to be abusive partners or to abuse their own children, or inadvertently get injured.

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Brockton Family & Community Resources, Inc. is licensed by the Department of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services to provide outpatient services.

We accept many insurance plans including Medicaid and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. A sliding fee scale is available.

Brockton Family & Community Resources, Inc.
18 Newton Street
Brockton, MA 02401

THE VISITATION CENTER

A program for Battered Women and their
Children and divorced or separated Parents.



Brockton Family and Community Resources, Inc.

18 Newton Street
Brockton, MA 02401
(508) 583-6498

Providing a safe, structured alternative to unsupervised visits. The Visitation Center offers a warm, friendly atmosphere where children of any age may visit their non-custodial co-parent. The Brockton Family and Community Resources, Inc. Visitation Center was created to help families that have difficulty interacting in a non-threatening, appropriate manner. As The Visitation Center is uniquely structured to provide safety to both the custodial parent and the children, parents must abide by the policies set forth in The Visitation Center groundrules.

WHO CAN THE VISITATION CENTER HELP?:

There are many situations that are appropriate: on-going physical, emotional or verbal abuse by the non-custodial parent; threats to remove a child from the state or country; when help is needed to increase effective parenting skills; or, suspected drug or alcohol abuse.

WHAT CAN THE VISITATION CENTER OFFER ME?:

The staff at The Visitation Center recognize that each family requires special attention:

- **Consultations:** Parents, attorneys or therapists may request consultation with a staff visitation specialist to arrange for visitation.
- **Neutral drop-off/pick-up:** The custodial parent/guardian brings the child to The Visitation Center. The non-custodial parent, using separate parking and entrance areas, pick-up the children and return them to the Center at a specified time. The exchange is made by a visitation specialist.

threat of abduction is reported to the Court, visits may be held at The Visitation Center. These visits are loosely monitored by a Visitation Supervisor.

- **Supervised visits:** Visits are held at The Visitation Center and are closely monitored by a supervisor who observes and listens at all times. Supervisors participate in the visit to assist teaching appropriate parenting skills and to intervene when necessary.

At the end of each visit, the visiting parent must remain in The Center for a minimum of 15 minutes after the children have left the building.

All communication by the parents is done through a visitation supervisor, protecting children and custodial parents from further physical and emotional abuse, intimidation and control.

DO I HAVE TO BE COURT ORDERED?:

Although most families involved in The Visitation Center are Court ordered, any family may self-refer and a visitation specialist is available to assist in designing appropriate services.

WHO IS A VISITATION SUPERVISOR?:

The Visitation Supervisor is a voluntary para-professional, trained to monitor and appropriately intervene during visits and whose primary concern is the safety and well-being of your child. Visitation Supervisors are present to educate parents and encourage healthy parent/child relationships. Visitation Supervisors are trained to terminate a visit should inappropriate behavior occur or if a child voluntarily

tion Supervisors accurately record notes from each visit which may be subpoenaed for use in Court testimony.

HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?:

A sliding fee scale based on income is available to all participants. Court ordered families are assigned payment responsibility by the Court. Minimal fees are also charged for collateral contacts, such as preparation of reports and consultations with Attorneys, therapists and Guardian ad Litem. Visitation Services are **NOT** covered by insurance.

WHERE IS THE VISITATION CENTER?:

The Visitation Center is housed within Brockton Family and Community Resources, Inc., a non-profit, community mental health clinic. Licensed by the State of Massachusetts, BF & CR offers a wide range of clinical services to children, adolescents and adults including diagnostic evaluations, psychological testing, outpatient psychotherapy. The Domestic Violence Intervention Program, a State Certified Batterer's Treatment Program, a Sexual Abuse Team and a State Licensed Substance Abuse Program.

For more information, please call our visitation Specialist between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday at (508) 583-6428.

The Visitation Center is partially funded by The Massachusetts Bar Foundation, Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance and The Mayor's Office of the City of Brockton.

DOMESTIC
ABUSE
AFFECTS
YOU



**DOMESTIC ABUSE
INTERVENTION
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PROGRAMS IN PLACE

MEN AGAINST VIOLENCE GROUP

This group is designed for men who are interested in ending their violence. This is a structured treatment group that looks at an individual's use of violence. Topics addressed will include the use of power and control, communication skills, anger management, gender roles, accepting responsibility without excuses.

WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE GROUP

This group is designed for women to gain control of their lives, to break defeating patterns of behavior, to gain understanding of the facts around domestic violence, and to create alternatives, to build self esteem. Free child care.

INDIVIDUAL & COUPLES TREATMENT

This treatment is provided situationally depending on the need, threat or to assess risk.

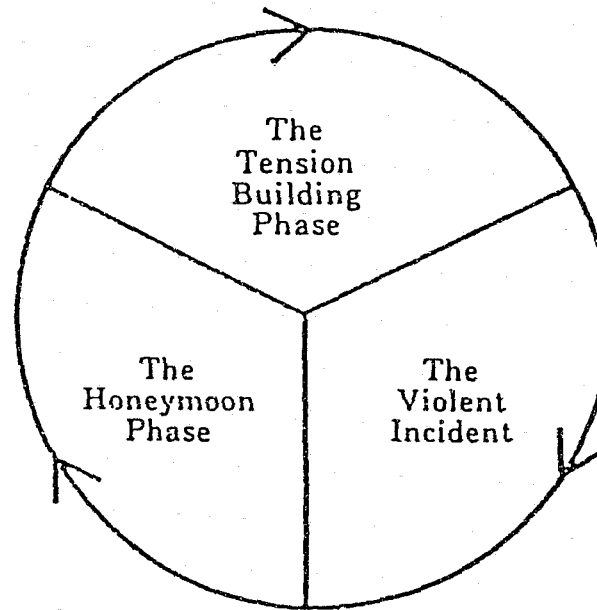
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- **COUPLES GROUPS:** designed for those who have been involved in the MAV and WAV. The purpose is to allow individuals to experience new and positive ways to engage in relationships.
- **BATTERING PARENTS:** an educational and support group designed to stop abusive behavior intergenerationally... to stop the cycle of violence to children.

THE CYCLE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

Violence within families often follow a fairly predictable pattern; it does not occur at random times. This pattern consists of three phases:

1. the tension building phase
2. the violent incident
3. the honeymoon phase



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ASSUMPTIONS
KNOWLEDGE
VALUES
VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

BRIGHTSIDE offers a comprehensive program to deal with domestic violence fulfilling its' commitment to provide intervention and prevention services to families.



For Information Call:
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Minimum fee required for groups

BRIGHTSIDE DOMESTIC ABUSE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Coordinators:

Linda Beck, M.A., LSW,
Senior Social Worker

James Harpe, M. Ed

**If you know a woman who is
being beaten or threatened . . . A
friend, sister, mother, neighbor.**

- Don't ignore it. Acknowledge your awareness of the abusive situation to her privately. Be there as a friend, as a good, non-judgmental listener. Give her support to express her hurt and anger, and allow her to make her own decisions.
- Let her know that she is not the only woman being battered and that no one deserves to be beaten.
- Find out if she is physically hurt. Help her to go to the hospital to check for injuries.
- If she has decided to leave home, help her look for a place to live.
- Invite her to stay with you in an emergency, if you think you both will be safe.
- Help provide transportation and child-care.
- Let her know that resources are available, including the programs listed in this brochure, that can provide emergency housing for her and her children, counseling, and legal information.
- Help her to report the assault to the police, if she chooses to do so.
- Accompany her to district, probate, or superior court to obtain protective orders under the Abuse Prevention Act. Available without a lawyer, these orders can prohibit the batterer from further abusing her, require the batterer to leave the house and stay away, and provide her with the custody of her children, as well as other measures.
- Give her a copy of this brochure.

**WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER OF
GREATER NEWBURYPORT
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HELP!

**for abused women
& their children**

**465-2155
24-HOUR HOTLINE**



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Did you realize ...?

Every 18 seconds a woman is beaten in her home. This figure **only** represents assaults reported to the police — not including those that go unreported.

Physical and psychological abuse toward women is a universal problem in this country today. There are no barriers — it affects all age groups, all economic classes and women of all races and cultural backgrounds.

• Battered women are as diverse as women themselves. It is a myth to think she fits a definable pattern or stereotype.

• The Abuse Prevention Act entitles women to emergency protective coverage through the State's court system.

The Women's Crisis Center of Greater Newburyport

The center was established in November of 1982 to address the need for a resource center to help battered women and their children in the greater Newburyport area. Most battered women, in order to leave a violent situation, need safety and support. They need recognition that their experience is shared by others. Our purpose is to provide this support.

- MEMBER AGENCY UNITED WAY OF MERRIMACK VALLEY, INC.
- FUNDED BY DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES
- FUNDED BY CARLISLE FOUNDATION

Our Objective and Services

Our overall objective is to eliminate violence against women by supporting and increasing the community's awareness on the subject of battering.

Our goal is to work toward achieving a society in which domestic violence no longer exists, and to help women rebuild their lives. This will be achieved by offering the following services:

- Outreach education to schools and community groups.
- Strongly supporting women through the courts and with the police, and supporting effective legislation.
- 24-Hour Hotline — To insure that an understanding and helpful listener is available at all times. All of our hotline volunteers have completed an intensive training program at The Center.
- One-on-one Support Counseling — To assist the woman in planning action.
- Support Groups — Child Care available.
- Legal Advocacy — To inform the woman of her rights with police/courts, and social services. Court Advocates available daily, Monday through Friday.
- Referral and Information — To assist the woman in finding services that can help.
- Short-term Emergency Shelter — to provide refuge for the woman and her children.



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How You Can Help

- Participation in our fund-raising activities.
- Volunteer on the Hotline or advocate in court.
- Providing your home as a short-term shelter.
- Your tax-deductible contribution is critical to our work at The Center. Please make checks payable to the Women's Crisis Center of Greater Newburyport.

YES, I'd like to help ...

- ☐ Participate in fund raising efforts.
- ☐ Volunteer as Court Advocate or on the Hotline.
- ☐ Providing my home as a short-term shelter.
- ☐ Tax-deductible contribution.

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Prevention ONE is one of eight regional prevention centers funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Prevention ONE believes that strong and healthy communities are built by concerned individuals who join together to change conditions around them — to promote an environment in which people are offered positive alternatives and encouraged to make healthy choices.

Our prevention specialists promote wellness by increasing knowledge and understanding of alcohol and other drugs along with developing positive life skills.

Prevention ONE services are available for:

- Business & industry
- Clergy
- Community groups
- Health professionals
- Human service providers
- Law enforcement providers
- Parent groups
- School personnel
- Students

Prevention ONE offers:

- Community development
- Training & education
- Consultation & technical assistance

Materials and services are available in English and Spanish.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Prevention ONE offers training and education programs in the following areas:

- AIDS/HIV education
- Alcohol and other drug education
 - Alcoholism & chemical dependency
 - Chemical dependency & the family
 - Children of alcoholics/addicts
 - Smoking prevention
 - Substance abuse awareness
- Community prevention strategies
- Drug-free Workplace Act
- Life skills (coping skills: decision-making, stress management, self-esteem enhancement, etc.)
- Parenting skills & support networks
- School programs
 - Curriculum training
 - Peer leadership
 - Prom/graduation safety
 - Student assistance programs
 - Teacher training
- Violence prevention

Individual and group meetings, training, lectures and workshops are based upon participants' specific needs.

CONSULTATION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Prevention ONE assists communities, schools, businesses and agencies in the development and implementation of comprehensive prevention programs including:

- Community development
- Curriculum design
- Policy development
- Resource referrals

RESOURCE LIBRARY

Our extensive lending library contains a variety of materials on substance abuse issues, AIDS and other health-related topics in both English and Spanish.

- Books
- Curricula
- Newsletters & journals
- Informational literature
- Videos & films

The library is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A video/film guide is available upon request. Reservations are required for borrowing videos and films.

Previewing resource materials may be arranged by calling (413) 584-3880 for an appointment.

Consultation on the effective use of materials is available.

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West End House



History

The West End House, originally a dream, became reality for Boston's West End.

The West End House was established in 1906 by James J. Storrow to fulfill his dream of providing a social outlet for the underprivileged boys of Boston's West End.

Born in 1864, Storrow was raised by a wealthy family. As he matured, he recognized a need for a place where less privileged youth could be taught values and have fun—a need for the West End House.

Storrow's dream became reality for the youth of Boston's West End in 1906. Storrow devoted the later years of his life to the advancement of the West End House. He spent considerable quality time with the boys at the Club, as well as inviting them into his home and taking them camping. As a result, their intellectual, social, and athletic development was enhanced.

These boys, who were predominantly from immigrant, low-income families, were welcomed into the West End House. These men of the future were taught values; they learned not only how to fit into society, but also how to improve it.

Many devoted figures helped foster the traditional goals and procedures that are still followed today. The first West End House directors, Mitch Frieman and Jack Burnes, taught the boys loyalty to one another and to the

West End House.

Today, the West End House, now in Allston, is open to both boys and girls; and a Boys Camp was established in Maine in 1908. The West End House Corporation and Alumni Association were created in the 1920's to direct the organization's affairs and financial future. The West End House Auxiliary was founded in 1936 to supplement and extend the services of the West End House through methods such as fund raising.

Although the West End House has diversified over the years, it still adheres to Storrow's basic principle—to instill a sense of morality into today's youth. As Storrow himself would say: "When one's body and mind are in harmony, the individual is whole."



The original West End House, in 1906, was located at 9 Eaton St., in Boston's West End.

Front cover: the present West End House

Boys and Girls Club

The West End House, established originally for boys, has diversified into a club for girls as well. The goals of the Club are for the happiness and growth of this youth and to make them perform as sensible and well-adjusted adults.

The building's facilities are available for members year round. For example, there are swimming lessons and a swim team coached by qualified instructors in the heated, Olympic size pool; and a varsity size gym for the boys and girls basketball teams, neighborhood basketball teams, as well as those teams that compete in leagues and tournaments.



A local boys and girls basketball team competes in a Saturday morning game in the West End House gym.

Also available for members are: a library stocked with books, an arts and crafts room, a photography dark room, a weightlifting room, conference rooms, and boys and girls shower rooms. Also available is a lounge area equipped with current magazines and a television. We didn't forget that these children want to have fun—there is also a games room with pool tables, bumper pool, ping pong, and other games.

The Boys and Girls Club also holds many special events, such as annual apple picking,

circus trips, and parties on holidays (such as Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day). The Boys and Girls Club has not forgotten how special summer is for these young members, so we set up special programs that will make the summer memorable.

Because these children also want to help others, teen groups have been organized for civic purposes such as helping the homeless and raising funds for club programs.

Because we want these activities to be fun with a purpose, our staff members pay special attention to each member.

West End House Camp

On the waters of East Parsonsfield, Maine lies one of the oldest residential camps in the United States—the West End House Camp.

Founded in 1908, the Camp adds a new dimension to the West End House. This beautiful facility, located about one hundred miles northwest of Boston, gives boys a chance to get away from the city for the summer and get in touch with nature.



Campers and counselors meet in the "Council Ring" at the West End House Camp

This special summer program, which is appreciated by both newcomers and veterans alike, believes that competition and activity are very important for youth.

The Camp's values follow the spirit of the original West End House: morality and loyalty. The weeks these boys spend away at the camp are both an enjoyable and a beneficial learning experience.

The Camp's facilities are geared towards athletic activities, such as basketball on full size indoor and outdoor courts, canoeing, sailing, swimming, waterskiing, softball, soccer, volleyball, archery, and tennis. Field trips are also very popular among the boys, and are often planned. Most important, these boys are given the opportunity to make friends—the kinds of friends that can be made only at summer camp.

The West End House Camp is open to all boys age 8-14 for a two, four, six, or eight-week session. The camp takes 120 boys at one time. The session fee is flexible, based on family income.

Alumni Association

Former members are an active, caring force.

As the "back-bone" of the West End House, the Alumni Association remains an active group. These adults dedicate themselves to the advancement of programs they feel enhanced their childhoods.



An Alumni Board Committee listens to a report from one of the Club staff members.

The West End House Alumni Association was founded in 1929, and is one of the oldest and largest of the 1,000 boys and girls clubs in the country.

Through the years, the Alumni Association has helped maintain the image of the West End House. Its Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of each month, and decides and builds the future of the West End House.

West End House Auxiliary



Auxiliary officers award a scholarship check to a recent recipient.

The Auxiliary gives about \$4,000 a year in scholarship grants for boys and girls, as well as about \$3,000 a year to the West End House Boys and Girls Club.

The Auxiliary is composed of wives and sisters of West End House adult members. These women care about the West End House, and make that organization's prosperity their goal.

The West End House, a Charter member of Boys Clubs of America, is a private, non-profit corporation that is managed by a group of trustees.

The bulk of its support comes from endowment funds, fund raising activities and, most importantly, from individual donations.

tance violence render it unlikely to be affected by punitive, after-the-fact interventions that have traditionally been delegated to the criminal justice system. The public health approach emphasizes the potential use of "learning opportunities" to introduce and explore the prevention message, including the hospital setting.

The Violence Prevention Project participates in a multi-disciplinary Victim Care Services team at Boston City Hospital designed to provide services to pediatric patients admitted as a result of an intentional injury. Under the supervision of the Department of Child Psychiatry, credentialed staff of the Violence Prevention Project provide:

- review and assessment of the incident with the patient
- education regarding violence and homicide
- review of patient's conflict resolution strategies and introduction of non-violence conflict resolution skills
- referrals to appropriate community and hospital-based agencies, and
- review of strategies for staying "safe" upon discharge.

This psycho-educational approach provides patients an opportunity to reflect on the circumstances that resulted in their injury and hospitalization. It also provides them time to think about ways to prevent a reoccurrence. The project staff have an opportunity to gain more specific information regarding intentional injury which assists in the development of effective educational materials to be used in the community and with youth at risk for violence.

cessful public health campaign. To support and reinforce the prevention message the project has developed and implemented a mass media campaign using the slogan: *Friends for Life — Don't Let Friends Fight*. The intent is to remind young people of the impact of peer pressure and the responsibility friends have for helping to defuse conflict situations.

Since its inception the project has been on the "cutting edge" of program development and implementation relative to the public health approach to violence prevention. Among those initiatives are:

- Peer Leadership training
- Camp Counselor training
- Emergency room staff training
- Coalition development
- Advocacy and consultation with city, state and nationally based organizations
- Bi-lingual material development

We pursue these initiatives with the intent of reducing homicide and intentional injury among youth, as well as providing an entry point for these youth into the social and health care service system.

Violence Prevention Project

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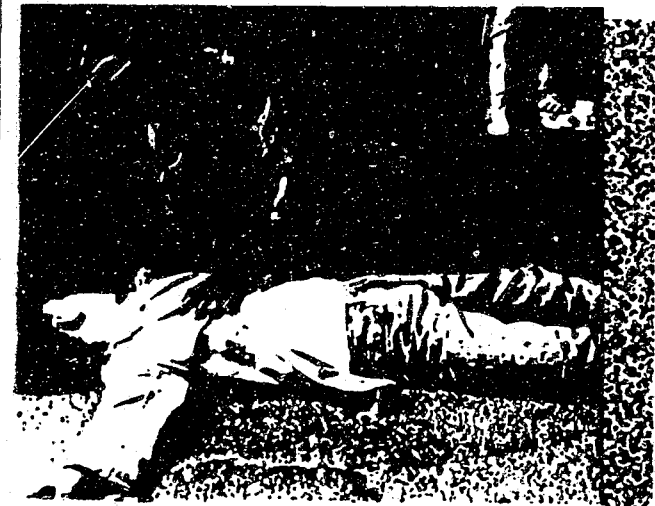
PREVENTION

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BOSTON DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HOSPITALS**

Like a call for help echoing through the streets of Boston, the gunshot rang true. In responding to this reality of escalating violence the Violence Prevention Program was founded in 1986 to actively work at decreasing interpersonal violence among adolescents.

Too often the lives of teenagers are wasted over incidents most of us consider trivial — an insult, a rumor, a long stare. Homicide is the second leading cause of death for adolescents. For many of these young people, saving face is all-important. They know of only one way to resolve their anger, and that is by striking out, often with grave consequences. Perhaps most terrifying about adolescent violence is that the victims are not strangers or even enemies. They are acquaintances, buddies, and best friends.

The Violence Prevention Project is a multifaceted program of the Division of Public Health, Boston Department of Health and Hospitals. It is aimed at reaching teenagers involved at all levels of violence — whether it is in the school, on the streets, or in the home.



Sixty-three percent of Boston's high school students have been victimized at least once. What is the classroom doing to stop this? *The Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents* is a ten-session course that addresses the growing problems of acquaintance violence among young people. The curriculum, based on the work of Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, is founded on the longstanding premise that violence can be stopped before it is started. It is designed to:

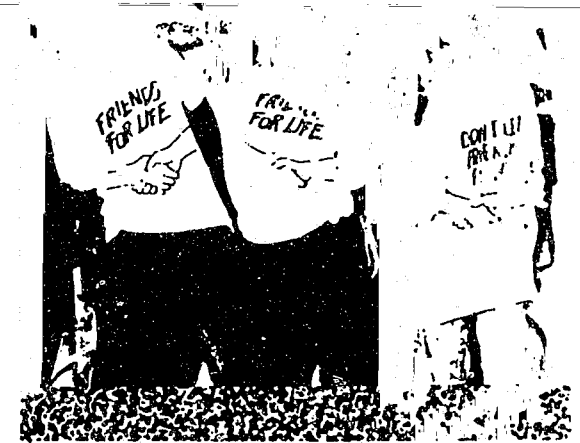
- acknowledge anger as a normal and natural emotion
- provide hard-hitting facts that alert students to their high risk of being either the victim or the perpetrator of an act of violence
- create a need in students to find alternatives to fighting by discussing the potential gains and losses
- offer positive ways to deal with anger and arguments
- allow students to analyze the precursors of a fight and to practice conflict resolution through role-playing and videotaping.

The Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents can be effectively incorporated into high and middle school educational programs. It is the first step toward making adolescents realize their true responsibility to themselves and the community. But it is the community that must implement further steps.

Taking it to the streets

The Boston homicide rate is two times the national rate, and some neighborhoods are even higher. How is the community changing this fact?

The largest component of the Violence Prevention Project is geared toward



community-based primary prevention education. As many community settings as possible are used to deliver the violence prevention educational message. In this manner, the community is "saturated", and the message is reinforced.

Multi-service centers, recreation programs, and housing developments each provide positive environments for the teenagers to learn, play, and grow. Police, courts, clergy, and neighborhood health centers offer the social support these adolescents need in order to be constructive in society.

The community agency staff responsible for these services are trained in the violence prevention curriculum philosophy. Brainstorming sessions help staff members develop common goals and needs so that they might better address the problems they face. This benefits both the community and the adolescents they are helping. Initially, these services were piloted in two neighborhoods, South Boston and Roxbury. As of 1990 the program received support from the Mayor's Safe Neighborhood Plan and therefore expanded its service area to encompass all neighborhoods of Boston.

History and Purpose

The Center for Creative Alternatives is modeled after Delancey Street, a nationally acclaimed rehabilitation program for ex-offenders. Delancey Street is now in its 18th year and provides employment and housing for more than 800 residents in San Francisco and other cities across the country. In contrast, Massachusetts provides little support for ex-offenders and has one of the highest recidivism rates in the country. Many ex-offenders who live in urban areas are without transportation, family support, or housing. The absence of fundamental support needs often leads to crisis. Ex-offenders respond out of desperation, resort to crime, and recapitulate maladaptive behavioral patterns.

The Center was created as a combined effort by two ex-offenders and two community members who were united by their long history of prison experience. They share a vision of a supportive organization that will provide meaningful employment opportunities and economic independence for ex-offenders. The focus is on improving self-esteem and developing healthy ways to cope with the systematic status degradation. By offering ex-offenders employment training and job skills, and the opportunity to be an integral part of the business enterprises, we hope to foster self-reliance, confidence, and independence. The approach, therefore, stresses individual and collective accountability.



In the last decade, the incarceration rate for women in America has tripled. Massachusetts has one maximum state correctional facility for women at Framingham and plans currently exist to increase the number of prison facilities throughout the state. Statistical research confirms that the majority of women are incarcerated for minor offenses for what are termed "victimless crimes" such as prostitution and substance abuse. In general, education, job training opportunities, and programs are less available for female offenders within the walls. Most women are mothers with children and their needs differ from male offenders. When these women return to the community many times they return to shelters, joining the ranks of the homeless. Thus, the cycle of crime and recidivism continue with no end in sight.

The Center is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Your support and donation is tax deductible and most appreciated.

The Center for Creative Alternatives

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In The Company of Women

"Empowerment Through Enterprise"

A Unique Gift and Clothing Shop
operated by

The Center for Creative Alternatives

Profits returned to a violence
prevention program



In The Company of Women

In the Company of Women, a gift and second hand clothing shop for women opened February 8, 1993 and is the Center's first business enterprise. Women from Charlotte House in Boston, a halfway house, were interviewed and hired for employment in the shop. Training includes bookkeeping, elemarketing, management, retail and nventory recording. Suppliers have been elected and contracts signed. The women ave had the opportunity to participate in reating the shop from the beginning. They elped to paint, refurbish, and coordinate the shop design and arrangement along with other aspects of the business. They are being offered an opportunity to advance from sales clerks to management positions. As the shop advances in profits the employees will earn ulgher wages.

One of the goals of our training is to ntroduce all employees to computer technol-ogy. With the understanding that not all persons will have the interest to use their computer skills as a beginning for a career, he Center seeks to allow employees the opportunity to learn the basics preferably of word processing and data base management. The Center is affiliated with the Boston Computer Society and receives technological assistance from a member of the Advisory Board.



Part of the emphasis of the shop will be to inform its' customers about the suppliers. For example, developmentally disabled women will be represented as well as women with AIDS, homeless women, women from third world countries, and Native American women. Social and economic statistics regarding women in the workforce will accompany another section.

"Magic is changing nothing into something, one thing into another, an idea into action form. Changing a piece of clay from the body of Mother Earth into a form that touches the heart of a stranger is magic. If you look for magic to be unusual or bigger than yourself, you may never realize how very near it is. It is your heartbeat, your breath, your vision, your voice and especially the Earth below your feet."

Debbi Berrow



Violence Prevention

Profits from *In the Company of Women* will be returned to a violence prevention program called **Alternatives to Violence**. A.V.P. was designed by the Quakers in New York in 1975 at the request of prisoners working with youths at risk. It is an experiential program which teaches conflict resolution and helps to build community through affirmation, communication, and cooperation. It is a program for professionals and community members and draws its participants and trainers from all walks of life. In service training is offered to agencies and community organizations.

Ex-offenders, often times victims of violence themselves, are trained as members of the facilitator team, bringing their insight to community workshops.

A.V.P. is an intensive learning experience offering workshops on three levels:

- Basic Workshop
- Advanced Workshop
- Trainers Workshop

For anyone interested in more information please call (617) 277-8660 or write PO Box 971, Islington, MA 02090.

