Community Needs, Outcomes, and Goals

Children’s Well being
Community of Interest

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
2008/09 Planning Process

May 17, 2007
Agenda

- Vision of World Class Community
- Community Goals
  - Current State of the Community
  - What we’ve learned from assessments
  - What needs are currently being met
  - Desired Community Outcomes
  - Status of 2006/07 Community goals
  - Proposed Community goals for 2008/09 and Measures of Success
- County’s Role
Community Vision

Washtenaw County is the best place to be a child
Children’s well-being encompasses our worst nightmares ...
And our fondest aspirations for the future...
What is the current state of the community?
Washtenaw County Youth by Age Group
As of 7/1/2003 (SEMCOG)

51% Male - 49% Female (Total of 73,390)
Washtenaw County Household by Type

(SOURCE: 2000 Census)

- Other Adult Households: 23,302 (19%)
- Householder Living Alone: 37,025 (29%)
- Family w/ No Children In Home: 30,630 (24%)
- Family w/ Children under age 18: 27,581 (22%)
- Single Mother w/Children under age 18: 7,188 (6%)
Washtenaw County By Race
(SOURCE: 2000 Census)

- White 77.4%
- Black 12.3%
- Asian 6.3%
- Other 1.0%
- Biracial 2.6%
Washtenaw County Annual Household Income in 1999 (SOURCE: 2000 Census)

Number of Households
(Median: $70,393)
## Washtenaw County Dept. of Human Services Medical Assistance Food Assistance and Family Independence Program Caseloads Fiscal Year - 2002 through 2006

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<th>Year</th>
<th>FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM</th>
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<td>911</td>
<td>4240</td>
<td>8616</td>
<td>13,767</td>
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<td>1372</td>
<td>8928</td>
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Good News, Bad News

- Teens: fewer arrests; fewer babies, more high school graduates, fewer deaths
- Child abuse and foster care up 17% from FY 1995
- 24.5% receive subsidized school lunch
- Child health outcomes “stagnated”

- www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliks.cgi
- milhs.org/goto/MI_Data_Book_2006
- http://www.kidscount.org/sld/databook.jsp
What have we learned from our local community & customer assessments?
Methods for Assessments:

- Public hearings, focus groups and customer surveys
- Provider feedback surveys
- YHIP and other survey instruments
- Local Census data compared to state and national data
- Public Health database
- Each department’s own statistics
- Collaborative Community Needs Assessments
Strategic Plans & Assessments: All on the County website

- **Health Improvement Plan (HIP)**
  ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_health/hip/index.html

- **Human Services Community Council Plan for Well Being**
  ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/hgcc/hscplan.pdf

- **Building Restorative Communities Strategic Plan**
  ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/hgcc/workandprojects/BRC.html

- **Youth Development Initiative**
  watt.ewashtenaw.org

- **Community Needs Assessment**
  ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/community_collaborative/community_needs_assessment.html
Learnings from assessments include:

- Complex causes require complex interventions (collaboration)
- Focusing on strengths is more effective than focusing on deficits (customer empowerment)
- Effective strategies can be replicated (data driven programming)
- Services to Children must involve the customer, service providers and the community (inclusiveness and customer empowerment)
- Prevention occurs at every level, from every service provider, from every citizen (root causes)
What needs are currently being met?
County Mandates

- Mandated services for children are typically involuntary, except for some health mandates.
- Both involuntary and voluntary public services offered to children are highly regulated:
  - By laws, regulations, administrative rules
  - By professional standards and national accreditation bodies
  - By funders’ requirements
Mandated services are defined in state and federal law

Such as:

- “Juvenile Code” of Michigan Court Rules of 1985
- P.A. 116 and P.A. 235
- Supreme Court rules
- Many other state and federal regulations
Legal Matters of abuse/neglect or delinquency also involve:

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutor
- Public Defender
- Private attorneys

As well as:

- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
- Hospitals, many other service providers
- Education Sector
- Citizens and the Community
Court responsibilities mandated by law include:

- Legal proceedings regarding delinquent children under the age of 17
- Legal proceedings of dependent (neglected/abused) children under age 18
- Judicial oversight and supervision of delinquent court wards to age 18
- Judicial oversight of dependent court wards
- Termination of parental rights
- Adoption
Local Priorities

- Are generally voluntary services
  - To support mandated services (may or may not be court ordered services)
  - To meet Board priorities, particularly to address root causes
Children’s Well Being and Outside Agency Funds

- General Fund Grants to support Board priorities
- Community Outcomes and best practices are detailed in the published plans
Head Start

- Preschool education
- Family intervention
- Root cause: to prevent poverty
Employment Training Community Services

- Summer youth employment
- Pre-employment skills
- GED
- Other services
Managed care
- Immunizations and periodic screenings (vision, hearing, STDs)
- Health Education and Health Promotion
- Women’s, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Mental Health Services including Huron Valley Child Guidance Clinic
- Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention
Educational Services

- MSU Extension
  - 4-H Youth Leadership
  - Family Strengths
  - Food and Nutrition Education
Child Care Fund – Court

- CASA
- Student Advocate
- Sex Offender Treatment
- Juvenile Drug Court
- Night Surveillance
- Prevention
- Intensive Probation
Child Care Fund - FIA

- Wraparound
- Neighborhood Based Foster Parent Recruitment
- Parent/Teen Advocacy
- Multisystemic therapy
- Educational Advocacy
- Family Reunification
- Family Group Decision Making
Juvenile Detention Program
Day Break Substance Abuse Treatment Program
Education for Court Involved Youth through Washtenaw Intermediate School District
Other local priorities include:

- Prosecutor’s diversion program
- Domestic violence programs
- Homelessness programs
- Numerous child-related programs offered by county departments, such as the Child Death Review Team and the youth development initiative
What are the root causes?

- **Good News:**
  Cutting edge research about violence, brain development, health and prevention

- **Bad News:**
  Persistence of poverty, lack of opportunity, and lack of resources
Desired Community Outcomes

New Framework

- Caring Adults and Families
- Safe Places
- Healthy Start
- Marketable Skills
- Community Advocacy & Youth as Resources
## 2006/07- 08/09 Work Plan Goals:
### Caring Adults and Families

Goal Area 1: Caring Adults and Families - Ensure that every youth in Washtenaw County has a relationship with one or more caring adults in the home, school and community

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<td>Increase the numbers of youth who are matched with adult mentors and/or adult leaders</td>
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**Results (NEW):**
Mentor Coalition recruits 88 new mentors in 2006.

2007-09:
Recruit 100 new mentors each year county wide

**Results (NEW):**
93% of youth in 4-H Youth development report having positive relationship with an adult leader in 2006.

2007-09:
Maintain 93% rate and increase surveys returned by 20%.
### 2006/07 – 08/09 Work Plan Goals:

**Safe Places**

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<td><strong>Outcome 2B:</strong> Create a network of safe places for children and youth while at home, in school and out of school</td>
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<td><strong>Indicator 2B.1</strong> Complete Youth Mapping of safe places in Washtenaw County</td>
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2006/07 Work Plan Goals: Healthy Start

Goal Area 3: Healthy Start – Ensure provision of appropriate pre and post natal care, ongoing medical/dental and mental health care, adoption of a healthy lifestyle, and avoidance of drugs, alcohol and other drugs

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|          | Results: (NEW) 61% redemption rate of Project Fresh Coupon Books provided to WIC families (2006 season) encouraged via MSUE nutrition education | Indicator 3D.1: (NEW) 70% redemption rate of Project Fresh Coupon Books (2007 season). |
2006/07 – 2008/09 Work Plan Goals:
Marketable Skills

Goal Area 4: Marketable Skills - Provide opportunities to gain the skills necessary to be self-sufficient and challenged in a stable career

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## 2006/07 – 08/09 Work Plan Goals:

**Community Advocacy and Youth as Resources**

| Goal Area 5: Community Advocacy & Youth as Resources (NEW Goal) |  |
|---|---|---|
| **2006/07 OUTCOME** | **2006/07 RESULTS** | **2008/09 OUTCOME** |
| **Outcome 5A:** Establish the county’s youth development initiative |  |  |
| Indicator 5A | Develop Washtenaw Area Teens for Tomorrow | Indicator 5A.1: (NEW) WATT to partner with a larger Community Collaborative of Washtenaw County (CCWC) youth development initiative |
|  | 2005 Strategic Plan implemented |  |
| **Outcome 5B:** (NEW) Create new opportunities for youth and parents to participate in county/department operations |  |  |
| Indicator 5B.1: (NEW) Maintain/increase current participation and create new, more diverse and more meaningful opportunities |  |  |
Washtenaw County’s Leadership Role

Collaborative Initiatives:

Community Collaborative of Washtenaw County
- Funder’s Forum
- Success by Six
- Strong Families/Safe Children
- Building Restorative Communities
- Washtenaw Area Teens for Tomorrow (WATT)
- Health Improvement Plan
- Blueprint for Aging
- Ten Year Plan - homelessness
**Purpose:** To achieve common objectives and measurable results for Washtenaw’s early childhood system of programs, services, and supports for all children from birth to age five.

**27 person Steering Committee:** Supported by WISD, United Way, Washtenaw County, AAACF

**Five Key Target Areas:**
- Public Awareness
- Health Care Access
- Training & Skill-building
- Parent Support
- Resource Connection
New Literacy Coalition

- Supports Success by Six
- Low literacy affects the ability to make a positive contribution as parents, employees and community members.

Literacy Breakfast
May 22 at 8:00 a.m.
Morris Lawrence bldg.
Literacy Plan rolled out.

27,000 or 12% of Washtenaw adults have low literacy skills
Collaborative Services and Programs:

- Wraparound services for cross-system high risk youth
- 211 Information Line for all citizens
- Juvenile Drug Court – substance abuse services for juveniles
- Child Advocacy Center for criminal child sexual abuse
- Casey Youth Initiative for youth aging out of foster care
- Family to Family foster home recruitment
- Mentor Coalition
- Integrated Health/Mental Health Care
- Child Death Review Team
- Community Youth Mapping
- Early Detection and Intervention for the Prevention of Psychosis (EDIPP) (NEW)
Community Youth Mapping (CYM) is a national model developed by the AED Center for Youth Development. 
www.communityyouthmapping.org

CYM is a catalyst to mobilize youth and adults as they identify resources and opportunities that exist in their community that may not be found in traditional directories.

Local CYM is a partnership of MSU Extension, Ypsilanti Youth Empowered to Act and Judson Center funded by Children’s Well-being.
Commissioner Engagement

Question & Answer Session