



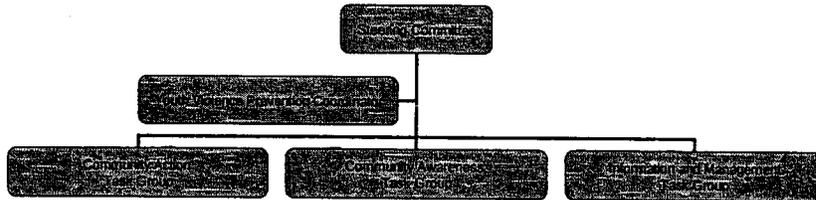
# Montgomery County Gang Prevention Initiative

Structure, Priorities and Needs  
*presented to the*  
*Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission*  
*Thursday, March 23, 2006*

## Structure

- Montgomery County Gang Prevention Steering Committee
  - Co-chair: Carolyn W. Colvin, Director, DHHS
  - Co-chair: J. Thomas Manger, Chief, Police
- Three operational Task Groups:
  - Community Action Task Group
  - Community Awareness Task Group
  - Information Management Task Group
- Youth Violence Coordinator
  - Luis Cardona

## Gang Prevention Initiative



## Priorities

- Crossroads Youth Opportunities Center
- Strengthening intelligence gathering & information sharing
- Assembling the Youth Leadership Council
- Supporting enhancements to the youth services delivery system/the Youth Provider Council

## Priorities

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- Increased availability of community services for at-risk youth in schools
- Building after school and employment opportunities for affected youth
- Increasing community awareness and education

## Outreach and Coordination

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- Training for service providers and education staff
- Community awareness and educational events
- Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Street Outreach Network (FY 2007 request)
- Tattoo Removal Services
- High School Wellness Centers (FY 2007 request)

## County Funding

- **FY 2006 Approved County Funding**
  - **\$83,390** to HHS for Youth Violence Coordinator position
  - **\$250,000** to HHS for Crossroads Youth Opportunities Center
  - **\$62,250** to Police Department for Gang Sergeant
  - **\$3,976,259** to MCPS for Extended Day and Extended Year Programs, Reduction in Class Size, Collaborative Action Process, Evening High School

## County Funding

- **FY 2007 Requested Funding**
  - **\$260,000** to HHS for Street Outreach Network
  - **\$131,670** to HHS for High School Wellness Centers
  - **\$62,500** to DED for Youth Employment Initiative
  - **\$300,000** to Identity, Inc., to support services to at-risk Latino youth
  - **\$250,000** to MCPS for community anti-violence programs.

## Federal Funding

- **FY 2006 – 2007 Funding Awards**
  - **\$364,000** from OJJDP for Crossroads Youth Opportunities Center
- **FY 2007 – 2008 Funding Awards**
  - **\$1,000,000** from BJA for Crossroads, Centralized Police Unit, After school Programs, Community Awareness, Employment Training and Diversion, Gang Correctional Officer

## Federal Funding

- **FY 2007 Earmark Request**
  - \$486,900 for Centralized Gang Unit
  - \$1,400,000 for After school Programs
  - \$1,000,000 for High School Wellness Centers
  - \$3,050,000 for Youth Opportunities Centers
  - \$260,000 for Street Outreach Network

## Gaps and Barriers

- Translation of materials and coordinated communications between community and county officials.
- Limitations of existing data and fragmented data collection/sharing processes
- Issues of confidentiality

## Gaps and Barriers

- Expense associated with shared data systems
- Organizational cultures are often difficult to navigate
- Impact of immigration issues on intervention strategies

## How CJCC Can Help...

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- Support Federal & County funding requests
- Facilitate cooperation among agencies
- Provide collaboration, support and leadership that foster partnerships and cooperative information sharing
- Identify additional partners and resources to promote the gang prevention effort

## Feedback

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- Group Discussion