

Groups

Education

- HOPE
Very successful GA program that uses money from the state lottery to pay college tuition for thousands of GA students; [New York Times 9/8/96; Newsweek 2/3/97].
- SOS
Support Our Students is a community based after-school program that steers youths into positive activities--participation has already been proven to improve students' academic performance [Council of State Governments; Innovations 1996].
- Allies for Education
Parents for Public Schools creates a constituency of public school advocates to increase parental involvement in more than 40 communities nationwide; to many, the program is a success; [Education Week 9/4/96].
- Homeless Students
Phoenix, AZ's Thomas J. Pappas Regional Education Center serves as a magnet school for homeless students in the Phoenix area; adult mentors are paired with students to provide stability; [Educational Leadership 11/96].
- Read With Me
A carry-home library and parental involvement program used in KY and VA; it aims to introduce children to literature at a young age; [Children Today 96].
- Women's Science Mentoring Program
Proposal to use the Internet to mentor female students in the science field throughout the US's college and university campuses; plans include approximately 100 universities and 5,000 students; [Nature 8/1/96].
- Neighborhood Longhorns Program
UT Austin developed a program by which college students and eight- to fourteen-year-olds are brought together to bridge the gap between college students and younger students; [Hispanic 3/96].
- Computer Recycling
Computer recycling is surprisingly quick, easy, and inexpensive; [PC World 9/95].
- Summerbridge
Nation-wide student-encouragement program, led by high school and college students; the program stresses perseverance; [Black Collegian 10/96].
- Smoky Hill High School
Personal advocates are provided for students who are caught "in the spiral of poor behavior;" [Education Digest 9/96].
- Escambia, FL
Care teams of volunteers from local churches and synagogues assist "special needs families" with personal/financial problems to ensure the children have a greater chance of success in school; [Educational Leadership 4/96].
- VA Volunteer Tutorial
Charlottesville-based program that places students in a one-on-one situation with

- tutors to promote youth literacy; [Reading Teacher 12/96-1/97].
- Reaching Success through Involvement (RSI)
Seventeen US schools across the nation use this program which directly involves students in the improvement of their schools; the program requires influential adult members and leaders within the school system to participate and foster a learning community; [Education Digest 12/96].

Housing/Homeless/Hunger

- Orange Hecker Gardens
NJ state government, working in cooperation with private banks, provides low-rate construction loans and subsidies for developers to build homes for lower-income families; emphasis on restoring older, decaying neighborhoods; NJ Gov. Whitman is a strong proponent [New York Times 1/26/97].
- AZ Statewide Gleaning Project
Links food bank warehouses with farmers who have an excess of perishable crops; [Council of State Governments; Innovations 1996].
- Rehab Mission
Successful Houston homeless shelter that caters to adults aged 50-62 years old; run by Isha Salas, a former telecommunications executive; [Family Circle 10/8/96].
- Homeless Pregnant Women
In conjunction with the Better Homes Fund and the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, an organization has been created to assist the special needs of homeless, pregnant women; [American Journal of Orthopsychiatry 10/95].
- Ugly Quilts
San Francisco organization that makes quilts for homeless citizens--over 5300 have been distributed; [Family Circle 11/21/95].

Community

- SEEK
MI program that is aimed at children who have an incarcerated parent--making them at risk for delinquency, dropping out of school, etc.; [Council of State Governments; Innovations 1996].
- Neighborhood Based Supervision Program
WA Dept. Of Corrections places community corrections officers in community police substations where they work with local residents; [Council of State Governments; Innovations 1996].
- Thugbusters
NYC-based organization with over 36,000 participants that work together to rid their neighborhoods of crime; [New York 3/13/95].
- Fishing School
Successful D.C. program that rescues children from dangerous living conditions, led by Tom Lewis, who "fishes" for these inner-city, at-risk youths; [People Weekly 9/30/96].

- Back the Blue
Cincinnati based program, sponsored by local radio station WKRC, that hosts neighborhood parties every Saturday throughout the summer to promote community/police relations; [Billboard 6/19/95].

Alcohol

- Alcohol Vendors Unite
Santa Rosa, CA alcohol vendors, in conjunction with addiction professionals, united to curb youth alcohol abuse; the collaborative program is successful; [Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Weekly 2/596].
- Creating Lasting Connections
A program developed by the KY Council on Prevention and Education that concentrates on the importance of parental involvement in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse with their children; [Addiction Letter 4/95].
- EASY
Cumberland, RI's community substance abuse prevention task force's Eliminate Alcohol Sales to Youth (EASY) program reduced the sales of alcohol to minors; [Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Weekly 10/14/96].

Tobacco

- Woodridge, IL
Experts repeatedly praise the Woodridge, IL program that prevents the use of tobacco products by local youths; the program is based on an ordinance that forbids and strictly punishes the sale of tobacco to youths; many other communities have adopted the seven-year-old program; [New York Times 11/29/96].

Health

- Prevention of HIV in Women and Infants Demonstration Projects
The Community Mobilization Framework encourages widespread assistance around a common health initiative; [Public Health Reports 1996]
- Children's Mental Health Plan
TX program that involves 10 state and local mental health agencies to help adolescents with severe behavioral, emotional, and psychiatric disorders; [Council of State Governments; Innovations 1996].
- Smart Start
Initiated in NC to address the developmental and medical needs of preschool children; [Council of State Governments; Innovations 1996].
- SAVE-A-Shelter
An initiative that offers physicians and families the opportunity to work together to heal the pain of domestic violence; [American Medical News 9/23/96].

Environment

- Cool Communities Program

Hundreds of trees were planted in Dade Co., FL during a marathon tree planting project; [American Forests Spring 1996].

- Neighborhood Cleanup Program
CT program that combats illegal dumping in urban centers with the use of local citizens; [Council of State Governments; Innovations 1996].

Crime Prevention

- Cellular Citizens' Crime Watch Project
Many Dade Co., FL communities have witnessed a significant decrease in major crime with the inception of the coalition--all of whom are armed with cellular phones; results based on a FL International University study [American City & County 4/96].
- C.O.P.S.
Community Oriented Policing Stations in Polk Co., FL allow citizens to contact specially-trained community officers via cellular phones; [Education Week 9/4/96].
- Mighty Moms
Inaugurated in MN's Mall of America, the program incorporates local mothers with mall security; the women work for five-hour-shifts; [New York Times 12/19/96].
- Alternative to Detention
NYC-run program that is aimed at redirecting youths from crime, involving them in counseling, group activities, and education instead of typical probation requirements, 1100 teenagers currently participate; [New York Times 11/2/96].
- Life Skills
A drug prevention and education program aimed at elementary-aged students; [Time 12/11/96].
- San Diego Crime Commission, Photography
San Diego Crime Commission; photographs of community crime can assist law enforcement agents; example of three photographs used to catch criminals is provided; [Petersen's Photographic 4/96].
- Youth Empowerment for Success Mentoring Program
NYC-based program that introduces professionals to minority-group boys who have been brought to juvenile court for various reasons, such as truancy; the program is run by the Children's Aid Society; [New York Times 1/18/97].
- Cop Next Door
Columbia, SC program that provides police officers with low-interest mortgage loans who are willing to live in high-crime or deteriorating neighborhoods; [Policy Review 4/96].
- Interwatch
A modern doorman-to-police system in the Upper East Side is credited with the foiling of several crimes--it will be expanded to Queens; [New York Times 2/7/97].
- CITY

AL's youth day treatment program (Community Intensive Treatment for Youth, CITY) that works to rehabilitate young law offenders; [Corrections Today 8/96].

- Neutral Zone

A community-based gang prevention and intervention program developed in Mountlake Terrace, WA provides an effective alternative to traditional law enforcement approaches that typically rely on police crackdowns and curfews to regulate gang activity; [Crime and Delinquency 4/96].

Elderly

- Elder Person's Estate Unit

LAPD program investigates and prosecutes swindlers who prey on the elderly; the EPEU--part of the Bunco/Forgery Division--works with the county's Fiduciary Abuse Specialist Team (FAST); program is lauded as a success; [Aging 96].

- CO Springs Police Dept.

Volunteer organization that assists elderly victims of crime or those who are involved in crimes (auto accidents, etc.); [FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin 2/96].

- Triad

A crime prevention program used in over 230 communities and 25 states that uses retired citizens to help law enforcement agents better serve their needs; [Modern Maturity 4/96].

Employment

- WOMEN Unlimited

Successful NYC-based organization that matches midlevel female managers with high-ranking men and women at other companies; initial studies reveal the program is a success; [Working Woman 1/96].

- Project Zero

MI program that has successfully placed unemployed, welfare recipients into jobs; [Public Welfare Fall 1996].

- First Step

NYC-based program that teaches unemployed, homeless women valuable interviewing skills; the program provides clothing and other necessities for the job hunt; [Good Housekeeping 4/96].

- MN Family Loan Program

Enables low-income families to receive low-interest loans, allowing them to remain employed or in school; [Public Welfare Spring 1996].