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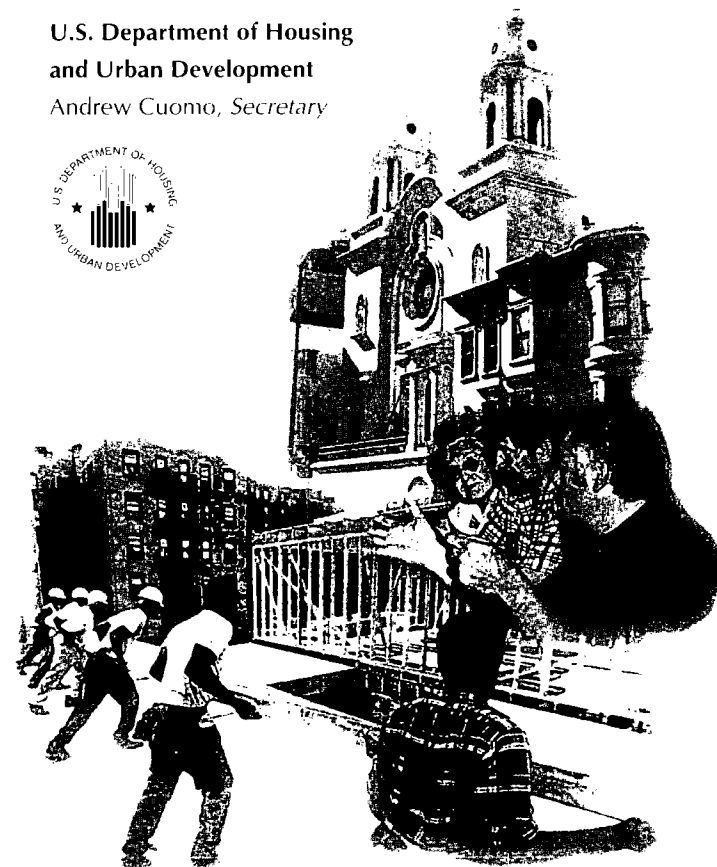
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This exciting new Center provides a direct HUD link to grassroots groups confronting poverty and housing needs in our communities.

—Secretary Andrew Cuomo

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development long has been involved in efforts relating to community and faith-based groups. In fact, many of HUD's current programs grew out of the vision and activities of such groups.

As we move toward the millennium, HUD is committed to helping empower those who are poor, powerless and, often, homeless. It is from this commitment that HUD's new Center will work with community-based and interfaith partners.

The mission of the Center is to focus, integrate, and intensify HUD's efforts in working with:

- Community development corporations
- Interfaith organizations

- Community organizing networks
- Other nonprofit groups

By working together, we can maximize the use and impact of our mutual resources in building strong communities for the 21st century.

Under Secretary Cuomo's leadership, the overarching mission of the "new HUD" is to restore the public trust and empower communities—not from the top down, but from the bottom up. Although not a new funding source, the Center, in working with community/faith-based groups, will:

- Broaden and intensify HUD outreach efforts
- Offer greater access to HUD's "table"



- Work to solve problems through new and stronger partnerships
- Maximize the use of available resources
- Serve as a referral source to HUD information, programs, and technical assistance
- Identify and promote "best-practice" models of innovative, effective programs and partnerships with community and faith-based groups



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Father Fred Kammer, President
Catholic Charities
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Dear Father Kammer:

In October, President and Mrs. Clinton convened the White House Conference on Philanthropy. As a result of this meeting, President Clinton created a new federal interagency task force charged with examining the relationship between nonprofit organizations and the federal government. This task force is also charged with developing a public inventory of best practices in existing collaborations between Federal agency programs and nonprofits.

Enclosed is the Executive Memorandum creating the President's task force and the questionnaire we recently distributed to federal agencies as a means to gather information about their relationships with the nonprofit world. Please note that along with an agency survey, the President's directive calls for consultation with leaders in the nonprofit sector. In this spirit we are asking for your assistance in exploring nonprofit/federal agency collaborations from the nonprofit point of view.

We are writing to ask if you would be willing to survey your membership on their experiences collaborating with Federal agencies. We hope to understand what existing collaborations are working, which do not, and what may work for the future. If you choose to complete this task, you may wish to use our agency inventory as a model for surveying your own membership, or you may wish to create an inventory better suited to your organization. The input of your members would be of great help to us as we consider what issues to bring before the task force.

Task force staff will be meeting March 15th to frame an agenda for the initial task force meeting this spring. It would be helpful to receive your input by that date. If you have any questions about this inventory, or the work of the Task force, please call MaryEllen McGuire at 202/456-2016.

Thank you for your willingness to help us with this initiative.

Sincerely,

Shirley S. Sagawa
Office of the First Lady

Ellen McCulloch-Lovell
White House Millennium Council

Survey Questions for Federal Departments and Agencies

Introduction

- A. Define your relationship to nonprofits - in what ways does your agency interact with nonprofit organizations?

Technical Assistance/Training

- A. What types of technical assistance/training do you provide nonprofit organizations (e.g., management support)?
- B. Who provides the assistance? Provide some examples of technical assistance providers who your agency views as models for successful TA design and delivery. What are some of the characteristics that make these providers successful? What are the limits of these providers?
- C. What types of technical assistance or training are not currently being provided but should be?
- D. If applicable, list other ways your agency improves the efficacy of the nonprofit organizations it works with?

Relationship With Nonprofits

- A. What types of services do nonprofits that you partner with provide (health, human services)?
- B. Are there any model relationships that are particularly effective in achieving the critical goals of your department/agency?
- C. Can you identify any significant obstacles that hinder more effective relationships between federal agencies and nonprofits?

Public Policy

- A. Do you have a working relationship with nonprofits when it comes to developing public policy (e.g., regulatory and budgetary matters)?
- B. If so, please provide some examples of collaborative activities and describe what worked well and why you think it worked well.
- C. If not, what are the barriers to developing a working relationship with nonprofits on public policy matters?
- D. What do you think can be done to hurdle the barriers or strengthen the relationships with

nonprofits when developing public policy?

Foundations

- A. Do you have a working relationship with foundations or other private donors?
- B. If so, please provide some examples of collaborative activities and describe what worked well and why you think it worked well.
- C. If not, what are the barriers to developing a working relationship with foundations and other donors?
- D. What do you think can be done to hurdle these barriers or strengthen relationships with foundations and other donors?

Resources

- A. What resources do you provide to the nonprofit community (e.g., grants, in-kind services- if possible give amounts)?
- B. How can nonprofits find out about the resources that you make available to them?
- C. Do you provide any support services to help nonprofits comply with cost principles and administrative requirements (e.g., Circular A-122, Circular A-133)? If so, what are these?
- D. What steps is the department/agency taking to comply with the new Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act, particularly in regards to streamlining grant applications and reporting requirements?

Communication

- A. How do you reach nonprofits to inform them of departmental/agency information? Do you have any form of regular communication? If so, what form does it take?
- B. Does your web site provide information specifically for nonprofits to use? If so, what are some examples of how your web site responds to nonprofit needs? Does your department/agency participate in the Nonprofit Gateway <<http://www.nonprofit.gov>>? If so, what types of resources does it take to keep information current?
- C. What changes would you suggest to improve communications with nonprofits?

Competition

- A. To what extent does the department/agency require nonprofit participation in the delivery of services?

B. Please provide examples of contracts/grants/services that your agency formerly provided through nonprofit contractors/grantees but that are now provided by for-profit grantees/contractors. Why did this change occur?

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 22, 1999

October 22, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Supporting the Role of Nonprofit Organizations:
 Interagency Task Force on Nonprofits and
 Government

The United States is the most generous Nation on Earth. In 1998, an estimated \$175 billion was given by American individuals, communities, foundations, corporations, and other private philanthropies to a wide variety of causes and organizations. Individuals accounted for 85 percent of all contributions in 1998 and their giving has increased by almost one-third since 1995. And over the next 20 years, approximately \$12 trillion in wealth is expected to be transferred from one generation to the next -- more than \$1 trillion of which will flow to nonprofit organizations through charitable giving.

In many cases it is nonprofit organizations that convert philanthropy into results -- helping people in need, providing health care and educating our Nation's youth. The nonprofit sector is an integral component of our national life, encompassing more than one and a half million organizations with operating expenditures in excess of \$600 billion. But more telling than the dollar figures is the new spirit of service and civic activism that nonprofits of every kind are now exhibiting. We are today in the midst of a nonprofit boom, a time when the activities of this sector are becoming ever more creative and entrepreneurial.

Nonprofits are uniquely able to identify problems, mobilize fresh thinking and energy, care for those in need on a human scale, and promote social change at the community level. As this sector grows in size and importance, there is an ever greater opportunity to forge partnerships that include Government, nonprofit groups, businesses, and citizens to address pressing public problems. There are already many ways that nonprofits work closely with the Federal Government. For example, Federal grant programs from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health assist non-profit research

institutions that search for cures to cancer. And the Corporation for National Service works with nonprofits throughout the Nation to provide after-school and tutoring programs. Our challenge in this time of burgeoning social entrepreneurship is to encourage Government, nonprofits, and others to work together more meaningfully.

Therefore, today I direct the Assistants to the President for Domestic Policy and Economic Policy and the Chief of Staff to the First Lady to convene an Interagency Task Force on Nonprofits and Government ("Task Force"). The purpose of this Task Force will be twofold: first, to identify current forms of collaboration between the Federal Government and nonprofits; and second, to evaluate ways this collaboration can be improved.

Structure of the Task Force

The Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, and the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to the First Lady will jointly Chair the Task Force. The Office of the Vice President, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Council of Economic Advisers will be regular participants.

The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) Secretary of the Treasury
- (2) Attorney General
- (3) Secretary of the Interior
- (4) Secretary of Agriculture
- (5) Secretary of Commerce
- (6) Secretary of Labor
- (7) Secretary of Health and Human Services
- (8) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- (9) Secretary of Transportation
- (10) Secretary of Education
- (11) Administrator of the Small Business Administration
- (12) Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for
National and Community Service

The Chairs of the Task Force may add such other officials and independent agencies as they deem appropriate to further the purposes of this effort or to participate in specific aspects of it. The Chairs, after consultation with Task Force members, will appoint staff members to coordinate the Task Force's efforts. The Chairs may call upon the participating agencies for logistical support to the Task Force, as necessary. Members of the Task Force may delegate their responsibilities under this memorandum to subordinates. During its work, the Task Force will consult regularly with the nonprofit sector.

Objectives of the Task Force

The Task Force will:

1. Develop a public inventory of "best practices" in existing collaborations between Federal agency programs and nonprofit organizations. In cooperation with the nonprofit sector, the Task Force will work to apply these leading models to other Government efforts. For example, cross-agency initiatives that reflect the community-wide focus of many nonprofits could be highlighted and replicated. The Task Force will also examine ways that Federal agencies can better draw upon the experience and innovations of nonprofits in the development of public policy.
2. Evaluate data and research trends on nonprofits and philanthropy. Understanding the significance of the relationship between the nonprofit and Government sectors requires an understanding of the impact that the nonprofit sector has on the economy and on public policy. For example, the Council of Economic Advisers should undertake an analysis of existing data from the private and nonprofit sectors concerning the role of philanthropy in our economy, including an examination of the factors that affect giving and an investigation of trends that are likely to affect future giving. The Task Force will also coordinate agency efforts to identify the contributions made by the nonprofit sector and information regarding philanthropic activity.
3. Develop further policy responses. The Task Force will meet to discuss new findings and to consider new or modified Administration policy responses. For example, the Task Force will work with the non-profit sector and others to explore ways to encourage philanthropy and service, efforts to help nonprofits develop and grow (including "venture philanthropy"), opportunities for closer collaboration on research and in meeting local needs, and ways to reduce governmental barriers to innovative nonprofit enterprises.

From time to time, the Task Force will report to me on the results of its efforts.

General Provisions

This memorandum is intended only for internal management of the executive branch. This memorandum is not intended, and should not be construed, to create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or its employees. This memorandum shall not be construed to create any right to judicial review involving the compliance or noncompliance with this memorandum by the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any other person.

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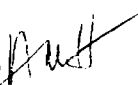


Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

July 11, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mary Ellen C. McGuire
Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady and Assistant Director of
Research
The White House

FROM: Ann M. Harkins 
Chief of Staff to the Attorney General

SUBJECT: Non-Profit Task Force: Nominations for Exemplary DOJ Partnerships

I am submitting the following four recommendations for "non-profit/government partnership" recognition: 5 Goals 4 Kids; The Department's Children Exposed to Violence Initiative (CEVI); Operation Weed & Seed -- Building Safer Communities Through Local Partnerships; and Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative.

5 Goals 4 Kids

This initiative is submitted for recognition in categories IV, Leveraging Resources, and V, Sharing Information. The Department of Justice's Initiative "5 Goals 4 Kids: A Coalition to Prevent Youth Violence" was intended to build "partnerships" between federal agencies and the non-profit sector through sharing information and leveraging resources to ensure that children and teens become healthy, law-abiding members of their communities. 5 Goals 4 Kids illustrates the Department's efforts to combine its existing resources with the resources of a non-profit, youth-based organizations and other federal agencies to implement a goal essential to providing health-care coverage to the nation's uninsured children.

CEVI

The Children's Mental Health Alliance (CMHA) and The I Am Your Child Foundation (IAYCF) have provided valuable assistance to furthering the mission of CEVI. The category of "Model Partnerships and Approaches to Working with the Non-Profit Sector" that best reflects both entities' work with CEVI is category IV, Leveraging Resources. Both organizations have sponsored CEVI programs and events, and both have used their resources and networks to promote CEVI policy objectives and programs.

Launched by President Clinton in December 1998, the Children Exposed to Violence Initiative is designed to coordinate and expand upon the Justice Department's policies and programs relating to children exposed to violence in order to improve the justice system's approach and communities' responses to child crime victims and witnesses. CEVI focuses public attention on the abuse and violence that affects the lives of too many children, and challenges federal, state, and local law enforcement -- in partnership with families, communities, social service agencies, child protective services, mental and physical health care providers, schools, courts, the private sector, non-profit organizations, and federal, state, and local government leaders -- to improve prevention, intervention, and accountability efforts addressing children exposed to violence.

CEVI has five objectives: (1) justice system/law enforcement reform; (2) legislative reform; (3) program support and development; (4) public awareness/community outreach; and (5) a new parenting initiative for 2000. To achieve these goals, CEVI is committed to: developing better **prevention** strategies; supporting appropriate **intervention** programs; and improving offender **accountability**.

1. The Children's Mental Health Alliance:

As part of the "public awareness/community outreach" component of CEVI, the Department sponsored Safe from the Start: The National Summit on Children Exposed to Violence in June 1999. The three-day summit brought together experts across disciplines to create a national Call to Action addressing children exposed to violence. At the close of the Summit, the Deputy Attorney General challenged participants to heed the call and sponsor local, state, and regional Safe from the Start summits around the country. The purpose of these "follow up" summits is to implement the law enforcement, legislative, and programmatic CEVI strategies and to solidify multi-disciplinary community partnerships dedicated to innovative prevention and intervention models.

The Children's Mental Health Alliance was a key convener, organizer, and co-host of the national summit and has taken the lead in organizing a series of state summits, including Safe from the Start Summits on Children Exposed to Violence in New York and Florida. In addition, CMHA collaborated on the creation of the CEVI National Action Plan for communities (to be printed this summer). CMHA was instrumental in the development and production of "Through My Eyes," the Department's award-winning video on children exposed to violence that has wide-spread distribution among professionals and community leaders focusing on child maltreatment. Moreover, CMHA has provided valuable assistance to the Department-funded National Center for Children Exposed to Violence housed at the Yale Child Study Center. To the best of our knowledge, CMHA has received no grants or funding from DOJ and CMHA has not been reimbursed for their valuable participation in CEVI.

CMHA's mission is to inform teachers, pediatricians, parents, policy makers, and caregivers of the latest scientific information about early childhood development, its application to child-rearing, and the root causes of child abuse and neglect. CMHA strives to improve collaboration among scientists, clinicians, law enforcement, community leaders and public planners in the areas of parenting, teacher training, and juvenile justice, and to bring together members of communities that care about our children's futures.

The Children's Mental Health Alliance web site is: www.cmhalliance.org. The Director is Pamela Sicher Cantor. She can be reached at: 212-879-5244.

2. The I Am Your Child Foundation:

Like CMHA, the I Am Your Child Foundation (IAYC) was instrumental in planning the National Safe from the Start Summit and various regional summits, including the 1,000 person Safe from the Start Summit in California last month. Through its work with the Prop. 10 Commission, IAYC has committed to help convene six additional regional summits within California. IAYC also has been a key collaborator in the new CEVI Parenting Initiative. IAYC has committed to spear-head an effort to provide parenting information to all federal employees and to all new parents in a targeted number of states, including the District of Columbia.

IAYC's mission is to create a library of parenting resources available to the public, including videos on child development, discipline, child care, safety, and early literacy. IAYC focuses on the key years of "0 - 3" and the importance of utilizing brain development theory in establishing public policies relating to young children. IAYC furthers CEVI's mission by: raising public awareness and promoting citizen engagement regarding the importance of the first three years of life; providing families with young children the information and resources they need to promote healthy development and school readiness; uniting and expanding the work being done on the national, state and local levels to provide comprehensive, integrated early childhood development programs that include health care, quality child care, parent education, and intervention programs for families at risk; and increasing the public's support of providing quality resources and services to families with young children. To the best of our knowledge, IAYC has received no grants or funding from DOJ, and IAYC has not been reimbursed for their valuable participation in CEVI.

The I Am Your Child web site is: www.iamyourchild.org. The Director is Ellen Gilbert. She can be reached at: 310-285-2385.

Operation Weed & Seed

The Department is nominating Operation Weed and Seed (Weed and Seed) for recognition in Category I, Providing Better Services. Operation Weed and Seed is a comprehensive, multi-agency approach, coordinated through local United States Attorney Offices and includes public and private local partners in law enforcement, crime prevention, and

community revitalization in more than 200 economically distressed communities throughout the country. Nonprofit organizations play an integral role in developing effective anti-crime and neighborhood building strategies.

Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative

The Department is nominating this initiative for categories III, Allowing input into the policymaking process and IV, Leveraging Resources. The Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative (Strategic Approaches) is a unique partnership among the United States Attorneys, local law enforcement, a research partner, and the community -- including the faith/non-profit community whose goal is to reduce targeted crime in communities. This partnership has led to a reduction in targeted crime in Strategic Approaches' specified neighborhoods.

If you have any questions regarding these nominations, please contact Daphene R. McFerren (202/514-2927), Counsel to the Attorney General, or me (202/514-3892).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

5 GOALS 4 KIDS

Office of the Attorney General

Category for Model Partnership Working with the Non-Profit Sector

IV. Leveraging Resources and V. Sharing Information.

The Department of Justice's Initiative "5 Goals 4 Kids: A Coalition to Prevent Youth Violence" was intended to build "partnerships" between federal agencies and the non-profit sector through sharing information and leveraging resources to ensure that children and teens become healthy, law-abiding members of their communities. The initiative's goals are: 1) to develop new programs in at least 200 communities to teach gun owners about safe, responsible gun ownership; and to stop the unauthorized, unsupervised access of children to guns; 2) to reduce truancy by at least one-third in 200 schools across the nation; 3) to create engaging after-school opportunities for at least 100,000 more children; 4) to ensure that at least 100,000 more children will participate in effective programs to prevent and discourage drug and alcohol use; and 5) to help enroll at least 500,000 uninsured state children in state children's health insurance programs (SCHIP).¹ Although the 5 Goals 4 Kids Initiative has no independent source of funding, the Department worked with a coalition that includes the United Way of America (UWA), youth-based organizations and other federal agencies, such as the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), on the goals.

The 5 Goals 4 Kids work on SCHIP illustrates the Department's work with UWA, its local affiliates, community-based youth organizations and other federal agencies to help ensure that our nation's uninsured children are covered by health insurance. Through the leadership of UWA and the Department of Justice, 5 Goals for Kids launched a national back-to-school outreach campaign in the fall of 1998. This campaign inspired national organizations, including HHS, the Department of Education, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Hospital Association, the Children's Defense Fund, and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, to work together with community-based organizations and – to disseminate information on SCHIP to hundreds of thousands of families of uninsured children. Due to the success of this national "partnership," local United Ways have pledged to enroll more than 750,000 children in the SCHIP and there has been a dramatic increase in the number of local United Ways applying for, and receiving, grants from UWA to focus on children's health and SCHIP outreach.

The Initiative's commitment to the first national school-based SCHIP enrollment effort helped focus attention on school-based outreach efforts and served as a catalyst for a national strategy to make school-based enrollment the foundation for SCHIP enrollment. In the fall of 1999, the Initiative's lead organizations extended their support to local schools by helping to

¹ Under SCHIP, states may, with HHS approval, 1) design their own programs to provide health insurance to need kids and/or 2) expand their existing Medicaid programs to cover kids from low income families above the federal poverty level.

staff the "National Summit on School-Based Outreach for SCHIP," which was spearheaded by HHS and the Department of Education. As a result of this Summit, school districts across the country are developing plans to enroll children in SCHIP during annual school enrollment and school lunch enrollment, as well as back-to-school nights. Although it is difficult to trace the effect of outreach activities on SCHIP application and successful enrollment, we are confident that the Department's Initiative has made a significant contribution to SCHIP awareness and the SCHIP strategy for enrollment. Nationwide, more than 2 million of the 10 million uninsured children in the United States have been enrolled in SCHIP.

CONTACT

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The United States Department of Justice CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE INITIATIVE



On December 29, 1998, President Clinton launched the Children Exposed to Violence Initiative, sponsored by the United States Department of Justice and directed by Deputy Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. Under Deputy Attorney General Holder's leadership, the Initiative has expanded into a full multi-agency, multi-disciplinary effort designed to reduce child maltreatment across America.

"By working together, we have already made significant progress against crime and violence in this country. I believe we are on a course to make even greater gains in the future. As long as we continue to place America's children at the center of our attention, America will remain prosperous, united, and strong well in to the 21st century."

- President William Jefferson Clinton

"The key to any prevention or intervention strategy is to start early and start smart."

- Deputy Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr.

THE MISSION

The Children Exposed to Violence Initiative (CEVI) is designed to coordinate and expand upon the Justice Department's policies and programs relating to children exposed to violence in order to improve the justice system's approach and communities' responses to child crime victims and witnesses. CEVI focuses public attention on the abuse and violence that affects the lives of too many children, and challenges federal, state, and local law enforcement -- in partnership with families, communities, social service agencies, child protective services, mental and physical health care providers, schools, courts, the private sector, and federal, state, and local government leaders -- to improve prevention, intervention, and accountability efforts addressing children exposed to violence.

THE NEED

Children exposed to violence carry the violence with them throughout their lives. Child victims and witnesses are more likely to suffer repeat victimization, and they are much more likely to become juvenile and adult offenders. Approximately 33% of crime victims are children. In 1998, child protective service agencies investigated 2.8 million reports of child abuse, of which approximately 900,000 were substantiated. Of the 22.3 million children currently between the age of 12 and 17, 1.8 million have been the victim of a serious sexual assault; 3.9 million have been the victim of a serious physical assault; and 9 million have witnessed serious violence. Police encounter ½ million children during domestic violence arrests. Being abused or neglected as a child increases the likelihood of arrest as a juvenile by 53% and the likelihood of arrest for a violent crime as an adult by 38%. A tragic cycle of violence plagues child crime victims and witnesses, by yielding repeat victimization and creating juvenile and adult offenders.

THE RESPONSE

The Justice Department's Children Exposed to Violence Initiative offers some much-needed solutions.

CEVI has five objectives: (1) justice system reform; (2) legislative reform; (3) program support; (4) public awareness; and (5) a parenting initiative for 2000.

To achieve these goals, the CEVI is committed to:

- * developing better **prevention** strategies
- * supporting appropriate **intervention** programs
- * improving offender **accountability**.

PREVENTION

- Support programs that focus on early childhood development and disseminate public information on responsible parenting and appropriate discipline.
- Support home visitation programs that provide assistance to at-risk families and improve parenting skills.
- Recognize the link between domestic violence and children exposed to violence and work to support adult victims in abusive households.
- Promote tolerance training and teach alternative dispute resolution skills in schools.
- Support efforts to keep guns out of criminals' hands and out of children's hands.
- Support multi-disciplinary violence prevention efforts that unite law enforcement, mental health, social services, schools, and communities.

INTERVENTION

- Support the National Center on Children Exposed to Violence at the Yale Child Study Center to serve as an information clearinghouse of the effects of violence on children, develop a public awareness campaign; support Safe Start grantee and child development / community policing (CD-CP) replication sites.
- Bolster training efforts to improve the handling of cases involving child victims and witnesses at every stage of the criminal justice system - by police, prosecutors, judges, victim/witness specialists, child advocates, investigators, and court personnel.
- Fund \$10 million in Safe Start grants to 12 communities across the country to support and strengthen model multi-disciplinary prevention/intervention efforts addressing children exposed to violence.
- Support and promote the expansion of: law enforcement training, prosecutor training, victim assistance programs, child death review teams, children's advocacy centers, model dependency courts, crimes against children units, and Safe Kids/Safe Streets Programs.
- Develop and distribute training videos and materials that highlight model practices to improve the criminal justice system's response to children exposed to violence.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Reform federal and state legislation to better meet the needs of child victims and witnesses and prevent re-victimization by the criminal justice system. Promote the use of child-friendly practices including testimony via closed-circuit television, appointment of guardians-ad-litem, limitations on the number of child interviews, and the use of testimonial aids.
- Reform federal and state legislation to hold perpetrators of violence against children accountable for their acts. Promote changes to felony murder statutes and rules of evidence that break down the barriers to prosecuting defendants who kill children through abuse and neglect.

The National Summit

As part of the Children Exposed to Violence Initiative, the Department of Justice convened *Safe from the Start: The National Summit on Children Exposed to Violence* in June 1999. The summit brought together experts in law enforcement, child development, medicine, mental health, domestic violence, education, and the media to: (1) identify model prevention, intervention, and accountability practices; and (2) develop a *Safe from the Start: National Action Plan* to address the needs of child crime victims and witnesses.

The Regional Summits

After a successful National Summit, Deputy Attorney General Holder challenged state and local leaders to convene state-wide summits to address the issue of children exposed to violence from a regional prospective. Among the dozen states to heed this call were:

- ◇ **Massachusetts:** *Safe from the Start Youth Violence Summit:* Community Dialog on Safe Schools/Neighborhoods
- ◇ **Oregon:** *Safe from the Start:* Stop the Cycle of Violence
- ◇ **Illinois:** *Safe from the Start:* Illinois Summit on Children Exposed to Violence
- ◇ **New York:** *Safe from the Start:* New York Summit on Children Exposed to Violence
- ◇ **Connecticut:** Grand Opening of the National Center on Children Exposed to Violence
- ◇ **California:** *Safe from the Start:* A Statewide Symposium on Making Communities Safe for Children

CEVI has produced a number of resource materials on issues relating to children exposed to violence*:

- ✓ *CEVI: Recommendations for State Legislation:* a monograph for state legislative reforms, including model legislation addressing offender accountability, evidence rules, and the special needs of children within the criminal justice system.
- ✓ *Breaking the Cycle of Violence: Recommendations to Improve the Criminal Justice Response to Child Victims and Witnesses:* a monograph for justice system/law enforcement reform that discusses (1) the impact of violence on children and addresses the special needs of child victims in the justice system, and (2) highlights best practices and recommendations of model law enforcement reforms relating to child victims and witnesses.
- ✓ *CEVI Resource Bulletin:* a guide which identifies training and funding resources that promote technical assistance and training programs for agents, prosecutors, victim/witness coordinators, child interview specialists, advocates and judges.
- ✓ *Federal Resources Guide At-A-Glance:* a comprehensive guide to all program funding within the Justice Department, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other federal agencies. The guide includes a description of, eligibility for, and directions on obtaining all federal grants, funds and services.
- ✓ *Through My Eyes:* a video depicting the effects of child abuse and neglect from the victims' perspectives. With commentary from child psychologists and art therapists, the video helps viewers understand the trauma children experience when they are the victims of child abuse, when they watch violence in their streets, and when they observe domestic violence with their families.
- ✓ *Responding to Child Victims and Witnesses Video Series:* a four-part video series and resource guide on innovative criminal justice practices for working with child victims and witnesses, designed for criminal justice professionals, community practitioners, and policy makers concerned about children exposed to violence.
- ✓ *Safe from the Start Action Plan:* a forthcoming publication formalizing the findings of the National Summit. The Action Plan surveys general areas for action, identifies resources, and highlights model programs addressing the needs of child victims and witnesses.

* publications available through the Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center: (800) 627-6872 or <http://www.ncjrs.org>

CLEARINGHOUSES, RESOURCES, & INFORMATION CENTERS

National Center on Children Exposed to Violence

230 South Frontage Road
New Haven, CT 06520-7900
(phone) 877-496-2238
www.nccev.org

Child Help, Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

American Prof. Society on the Abuse of Children

407 South Dearborn, Suite 1300
Chicago, IL 60605
(phone) 312-554-0166
(fax) 312-554-0919
www.apsac.com

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 550
Arlington, VA 22201
(phone) 800-843-5678
(fax) 703-235-4067
www.missingkids.com

National Center for Victims of Crime

2111 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201
(phone) 703-276-2880
(fax) 703-276-2889
www.ncvc.org

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information

PO Box 1182
Washington, D.C. 20013-1182
(phone) 800-394-3366
(fax) 703-385-7565
www.calib.com/nccanch

National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth

PO Box 13505
Silver Spring, MD 20311-3505
(phone) 301-608-8098
(fax) 301-608-8721
www.acf.dhhs.gov/

Partnership Against Violence Network

www.pavnet.org

Department of Justice, Parenting web site

www.parentingresources.ncjrs.org

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse/National Criminals Justice Reference Service

Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20849-6000
(phone) 800-638-8736
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www.ncjrs.org

National Organization for Victim Assistance

1757 Park Road, NW
Washington, D.C. 20010
(phone) 800-879-6682
(fax) 202-462-2255
www.try-nova.org

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

6400 Flank Drive, Suite 1300
Harrisburg, PA 17112-2778
(phone) 800-537-2238
(TTY) 800-533-2508
(fax) 717-545-9456

National Safe Schools Resource Center

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory
101 South Main Street, Suite 500
Portland, OR 97204-3297
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Office for Victims of Crime Resource Center

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National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse

99 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 510
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(fax) 703-549-6259
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National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

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www.nca-online.org

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III. Allowing input in to the policymaking process, and IV. Leveraging Resources.

The Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative (Strategic Approaches) is a unique partnership among the United States Attorneys, local law enforcement, a research partner, and the community -- including the faith/non-profit community. While the main goal of the Strategic Approaches sites (Winston-Salem, NC; Memphis, TN; Indianapolis, IA; Portland, OR; New Haven, CT) is to reduce targeted crime, all have realized that accomplishing such a goal requires partnering with the community and faith-based organizations. The Middle District of North Carolina (Winston-Salem and High Point, NC) has a particularly promising relationship with community leaders, including clergy which achieves the goals of providing better services to the community; allowing input into the criminal justice policy process; and fostering information sharing. All this has led to reductions in targeted crime in Strategic Approaches' specified neighborhoods.

"Youth and their families don't often see police officers, probation officers, clergy, and community workers standing together at their door, so it tells them right away something different is going on," says Rick Pender of the Department of Community Corrections. But that's just what happens in *Operation Reach*, an ongoing effort aimed at reinforcing the "stop the violence" message communicated to Strategic Approaches' identified offenders at face-to-face meetings. At these face-to-face meetings, the law enforcement community stands side-by-side with community leaders to deliver a stern message and also to offer services. Evidence suggests that this approach is reducing crime while building public trust and confidence in the criminal justice system.

For example, in High Point, North Carolina, homicides fell 69 percent from 1997 to 1999, and assaults with firearms dropped by 43 percent. Over the same time period, citizen complaints fell by 45 percent.

The Strategic Approaches initiative is being replicated in five sites in fiscal year 2000: Albuquerque, New Mexico; Atlanta, Georgia; Buffalo, New York; Detroit, Michigan; and St. Louis, Missouri.

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OPERATION WEED & SEED - BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES THROUGH LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

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I. Providing Better Services

One of Department of Justice's most extensive community-based programs is Operation Weed and Seed, which is a comprehensive, multi-agency approach, coordinated through local United States Attorney Offices and includes public and private local partners in law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization in more than 200 areas throughout the country. Operation Weed and Seed is located in high crime and economically distressed communities. It compliments other federal government initiatives such as the Empowerment Zone or 21st Century Learning. Nonprofit organizations play an integral role in developing effective anti-crime and neighborhood building strategies.

Each Weed and Seed community works in partnership to "weed out" violent crime and drug abuse and to "seed" improvements by bringing housing, social services, youth programs, substance abuse treatment and economic development to a neighborhood. Long before these communities receive any funding for the project, they must bring partners to the table to develop a strategy that aimed at addressing crime and revitalizing the neighborhood. Once they are "officially recognized" as a Weed and Seed site, the Department provides funding and technical assistance, and works with the local neighborhoods to assist them in the implementation of their strategic plans.

In 1994, the Northwest Austin Council (NAC), a grassroots community organization committed to mobilizing residents to take action on issues that directly affect their lives, launched a three month community planning process to bring Weed & Seed to Austin. NAC, described below, is a nonprofit that demonstrates how this partnership -- between public and private participants -- is making a difference in making their neighborhood a safer place to live and work. .

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BACKGROUND

Austin received official recognition as a Weed & Seed community in April 1995. Austin's Weed & Seed site was also selected as one of seven sites nationally to receive six Americorps members under the JustServe program. Weed & Seed status also helped open the doors for support from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Illinois State Board of Education, Chicago Board of Education, City of Chicago West Side Empowerment Zone, United Way Crusade of Mercy, Polk Brothers Fund, Shorebank Neighborhood Institute, and others.

TARGET AREA

The target area comprises most of Austin, a community of 114,079 people on Chicago's far westside. Predominantly African American (90%), Austin is a diverse mix of homeowners and tenants, working class and low-income families, and nearly ¾ of the residents are under the age of 25. The 15th (Austin) Chicago Police District was selected as a prototype district in 1992 for the introduction of community policing in Chicago, based on its history of successful community/ law enforcement partnerships. In 1994, the Northwest Austin Council (NAC), a grassroots community organization committed to mobilizing residents to take action on issues that directly affect their lives, launched a three month community planning process to bring Weed & Seed to Austin. Memoranda of Understanding were signed by more than 40 partners. With NAC serving as the lead agency, the community designed the strategies and partnerships with a bottom-up approach. They work with a Steering Committee composed of law enforcement and court personnel, elected officials (federal, state, and local), community organizations and development corporations, business leaders, school and hospital representatives, social service providers, and local resident leaders.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Weeding policy is directed by the Law Enforcement Task Force, under the leadership of the US Attorney for Northern Illinois, FBI, and the 15th District Chicago Police Department. The Task Force focuses on investigations and operations aimed at eliminating or minimizing operations of target gangs.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community policing is carried out in cooperation with *CAPS Chicago Alternative Policing Strategies* and includes organizing community residents to becoming strong partners with the police. Tactics include S.O.S—Smoke-Out the Sellers—in which a large group of residents take over an area infested with open air drug markets. Other activities include court advocacy on problem buildings or specific criminal cases, beautification efforts, city service campaigns, and regular citizen

"street walks" to take back the streets from drug dealers.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION

In addition, the Weed & Seed Neighborhood Restoration Committee, under the leadership of South Shore Bank in Austin, has helped mobilize a campaign for city infrastructure repairs and housing improvements in a partially blighted area surrounding Austin High School and the Safe Haven. Many victories have already been achieved, and the coalition of lenders, community residents, other businesses, police, community organizations, developers, social service providers, and political officials is now launching a democratic community planning process to create and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan.

PREVENTION/INTERVENTION/TREATMENT

NAC operates a Safe Haven program at Austin High School on weekdays between the hours of 4:00-8:00 PM for youth (and their parents) between the ages of 6-19. There is a mandatory homework assistance/education period, followed by a variety of activities including basketball, swimming, softball, karate, dance, arts and crafts, choir, Spanish, reading/discussion groups, conflict resolution exercises, youth speak-outs, and field trips. The "Sounds of Safe Haven" choir performed at the 1997 annual Weed & Seed conference in St. Louis. A Kids House program opened this winter, where a small group of children and mentors take part in family-type learning and play activities, including a family-style meal.

Other prevention, intervention, and treatment efforts include:

The *West Side Community Drug Court*-Two years in the planning, the Drug Court opened in January, 1997, and provides a diversionary program for adult first-time offenders arrested in Police Districts 11, 15, and 25 on the West Side for drug related misdemeanors. Participants take part in a program consisting of drug education classes, individual counseling from a certified addiction counselor and referrals to treatment, GED and job training, and job programs. Those who successfully complete program requirements (68% to date) have charges dismissed and are eligible to get the arrest expunged from their record.

The *Weed & Seed Treatment Campaign*. -An offshoot of the West Side Community Drug Court, community organizations and substance abuse providers launched a campaign treatment for addicts seeking recovery. The campaign involves mobilizing Austin residents and members of the broad recovering community to press for greater resources for neighborhood-based treatment.

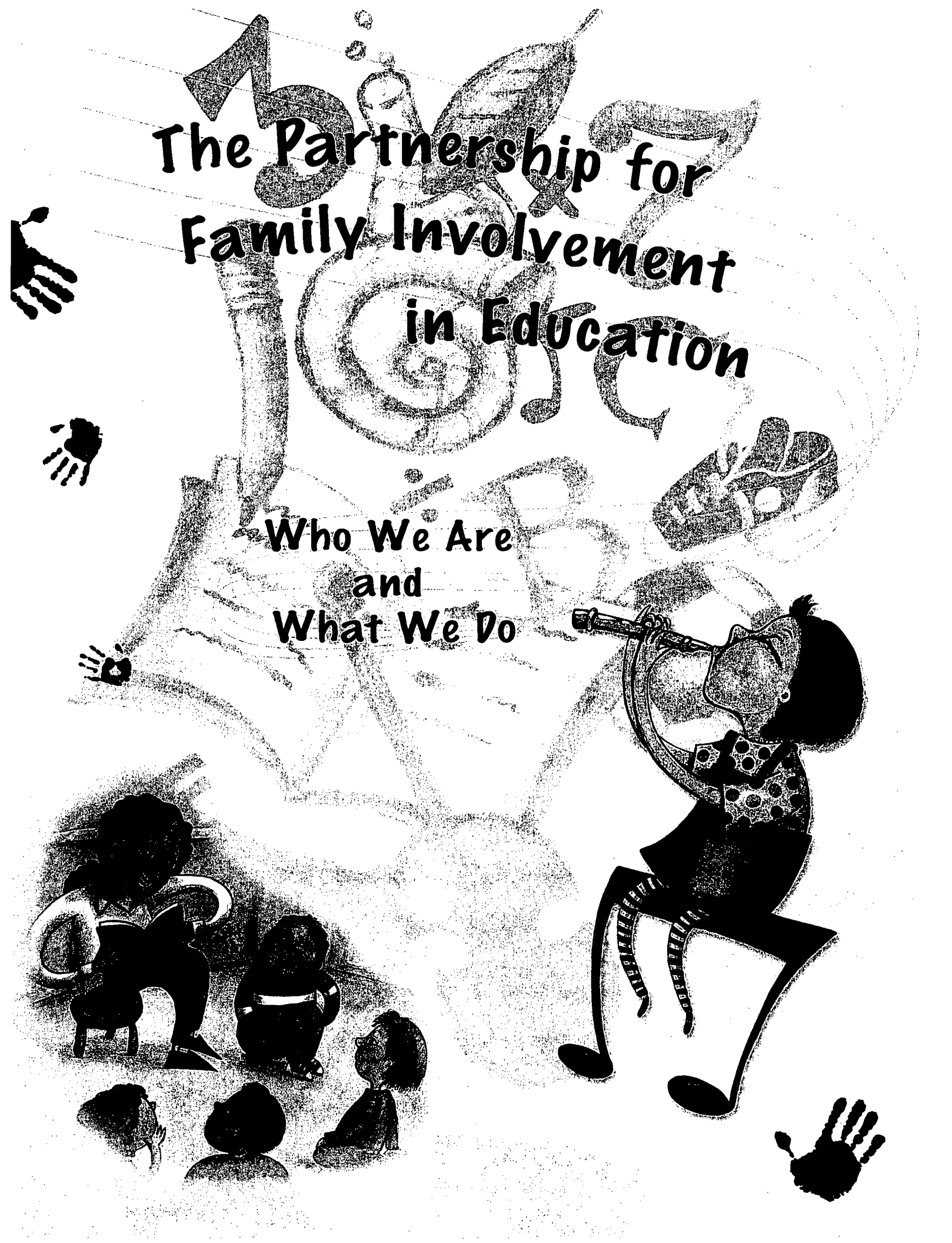
Weed & Seed Gang Prevention/ Intervention Initiative.-In this special emphasis initiative under Weed & Seed, NAC has pulled together the Austin Gang Task Force and uses a combination of approaches, including street work and intervention with at risk youth, along with leadership development and organizing work. A youth leadership project is being organized to provide real alternatives to young people seeking alternatives to gang lifestyles.

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The Partnership for Family Involvement in Education

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and
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