

Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)
Safe Places Work Group Meeting
Monday, January 28, 2008
Oasis Center, 1221 16th Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37212
2:00-3:00 PM

Present: Maxine Chandler-Auguste, Minnie Mitchell, Susan Shaw, Stephanie Davis, Rev. Neely Williams, Jim Williamson, Vicente Samaniego, and Paul Juarez.

Meeting Opened: 2:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 3: 30 pm

Chairing: Vicente Samaniego

Agenda	Discussion	Outcome
Welcome	There were several new members; hence, we gave them an opportunity to introduce themselves and tell us about their activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members introduced themselves. • Stephanie accepted co-chair nomination.
Overview and updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There was a brief discussion and overview about the short-term wins and previous conversations with youth about safe places. Safe places are not always a geographic location, but an individual/person. ➤ Susan Shaw gave a brief overview of Safe Places Program at Oasis Center: Oasis Center brought Safe Place to Middle Tennessee in 1986. The idea is a simple one: communities can increase young people’s access to help by creating portals to safety in the neighborhoods where they live, learn, work, and play. Any young person in Davidson, Williamson, and Sumner Counties can get help through Safe Place by walking into one of the Safe Place sites throughout those counties. The readily recognizable yellow and black signs designate sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a list of service providers that youth consider safe place persons. • Contact Susan Shaw 615-327-4455 for question and/or presentation at school regarding safe places program. • We will try to get other youth involved (e.g., “Teens making a change”) in the community asset mapping focus group discussion. • Send out an email announcement requesting nominates for co-chair for this work group, and announcing Stephanie Davis’ acceptance of one of the co-chairs position. • Create a brief guide on safe places.
Discussion on a new initiative- moving to action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There was a brief discussion on ideas that came out of the coalition meeting and new things the work group can work on including: Given the results of the focus groups, there is crucial need to get teaches involved in our discussion. ➤ While our focus will be on limiting access to guns for youth, we will have ongoing discussion on all new ideas addressed at the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put the 411 Resource Directory on the MPSD server to teachers can access it. • Expand Safe Place program to “I am a Safe Place Person” • Get major phone providers (e.g., sprint) to text youth during after-school hours about safe places.

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Moving to action (continue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthen partnerships with faith leaders by revisiting our approach to identifying youth violence prevention initiative being used by faith organizations (i.e. churches ministries). ➤ Create a brief questionnaire to assess some of the activities being used to address youth and violence and which organizations are supporting such activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create small card with basic info on safe places on the front and blank on the back for youth to fill out themselves. • Schedule meetings in locations accessible for teaches, such as on site at schools. • Engage local agencies, business, and churches in community messaging about youth violence prevention • Neely Williams will create a draft of the questionnaire to be used. Submit for feedback to work group members and test final product with IMF pastors and faith leaders.
Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Find out what local law enforcement agencies are doing with confiscated guns to make sure those guns don't get back in the community. ➤ Look at ways different ways to get the safe place message to our youth either with major cell phone companies, through the neighborhood associations, and/or by asking agencies, businesses, and churches to put the message on a visible location (e.g., window) ➤ Rev. Williams will contact local churches and find out how many of them have youth programs and get contact info for them. ➤ We need to create a resource list of safe places or safe place persons with some definition of what youth mean by safe places. ➤ We need to have meetings when teachers and school personnel can attend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Mitchell will communicate with Metro Police regarding confiscated guns and what local law enforcement agencies are doing with them. • Stephanie will look into finding out how we might be able to include the message in the back of sport event tickets. • Create small card for youth to enter information of 'their' safe place person. • Stephanie can bring the resource list to her Feb 6 & 19th meetings. • Schedule meetings after 2:30 and rotate between schools.
Adjourn and Next Meeting	Next meeting is <i>scheduled</i> for Monday, Feb. 25, 2008 . Location and time TBD by Stephanie Davis.	Further details TBA via email.