

Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)
Safe Places Work Group Meeting
Monday, August 6, 2007; 2:-3:30 PM
United Way of Metro Nashville
250 Venture Circle, Nashville, TN
MINUTES

Present: Lorraine Greene, James Johnson, Rev. Neely Williams, Rev. Minnie Mitchell, Vicente Samaniego, Dan Surface, Paul Juarez, Rebecca Miller, and Brandon Hill.

Meeting Opened: 2:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 3: 30 pm

Chairing: James Johnson

Agenda	Discussion	Outcome
Welcome	James Johnson	Members briefly introduced themselves
Short-Term Wins Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rebecca Miller gave a brief overview of Information collected from various resource guides- 211, 411, IMF, followed by a discussion on better ways to collect data in a useful way. ➤ There was a brief discussion about input given at the last coalition meeting and finding ways link youth to safe places identified (e.g., oasis center, faith-based orgs and/or churches). ➤ America’s Promise “Safe Places” discussion- increasing our scope of safe places by going beyond tradition ones (e.g., recreation) and even teaching youth “history of violence” or violence in other place (Uganda vs. US stats) to put things in perspective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a <i>public health conceptual model</i> that will help with a process on how to get started. • Finding out how local orgs. link to each other/inform others of “safe places” services for youth. • Start thinking on how our work can help with the development of a “Centralized Community Response System”.
Safe Places- youth perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Brandon Hill discussed some of the preliminary finding of Safe Places from Asset Mapping Research of 8 focus groups completed. ➤ Some of the key findings have been that what are youth saying about safe places differs drastically than that of what adults think of safe places. Youth’s definition of safe places has concentrated on people in their lives, not necessarily a physical location. ➤ Youth focus on finding a relationship/comfort when thinking of safety and while some locations (e.g., centers, churches) have been mentioned, most rely on friends and family’ home for safe places. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the final focus group is completed (end of August 2007), all data will be compiled, analyzed, and reported back to the coalition meeting on Oct 12, and to the respective work group meeting. • Additional work for next cycle could include separating youth by gender/racial groups/kids with learning disabilities. Doing study during the school year.

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Specialized “safe places” referral process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There was a brief discussion about finding ways to locate and meeting w/ collaborative partners in the community that provide “safe place” services to youth. ➤ Finding better ways of looking at what is currently available to help develop a process of responding to a crisis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start thinking of current available resources; formal/informal orgs that provide services target at youth.
Available training for partners/orgs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There was a brief discussion on current available training at Metro Police about crisis intervention training; however, it quickly became apparent that although there are numerous trainings available, we need to “re-think” about what we are specifically looking for. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to go back and think about specific types of “crisis intervention” training we want to accomplish short term win #2. • Pro-active, not Re-active training.
Next Meeting	Next meeting to be determined- <i>Tentatively scheduled for Monday, Sept 17, 2-3 pm at United Way</i> of Nashville.	Further details TBA via email.