

COMMUNITY COALITION



Champaign County Community Coalition Action Plan

Champaign County Board Meeting - April 9, 2019

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PURPOSE and FOUNDATION

The Community Coalition is a collaborative initiative involving governmental partners, park districts, education, law enforcement, mental health, community organizations, and individual community members working together to address and solve community problems of mutual concern.

VISION and MISSION

VISION: To provide a network of organizations and stakeholders that improve the lives of youth and their families resulting in youth who are empowered and safe, to promote effective law enforcement and positive police-community relations, and to support greater knowledge/use of the resources available.

MISSION: To lead the process of analyzing and identifying the needs and strengths of the community at large and facilitating collaboration with an array of organizations to provide interventions to youth and families.

Collaborative County-Wide Approach

The Executive Committee members and Coalition partners continue to meet monthly to discuss the ongoing challenges prevalent in communities throughout Champaign County.

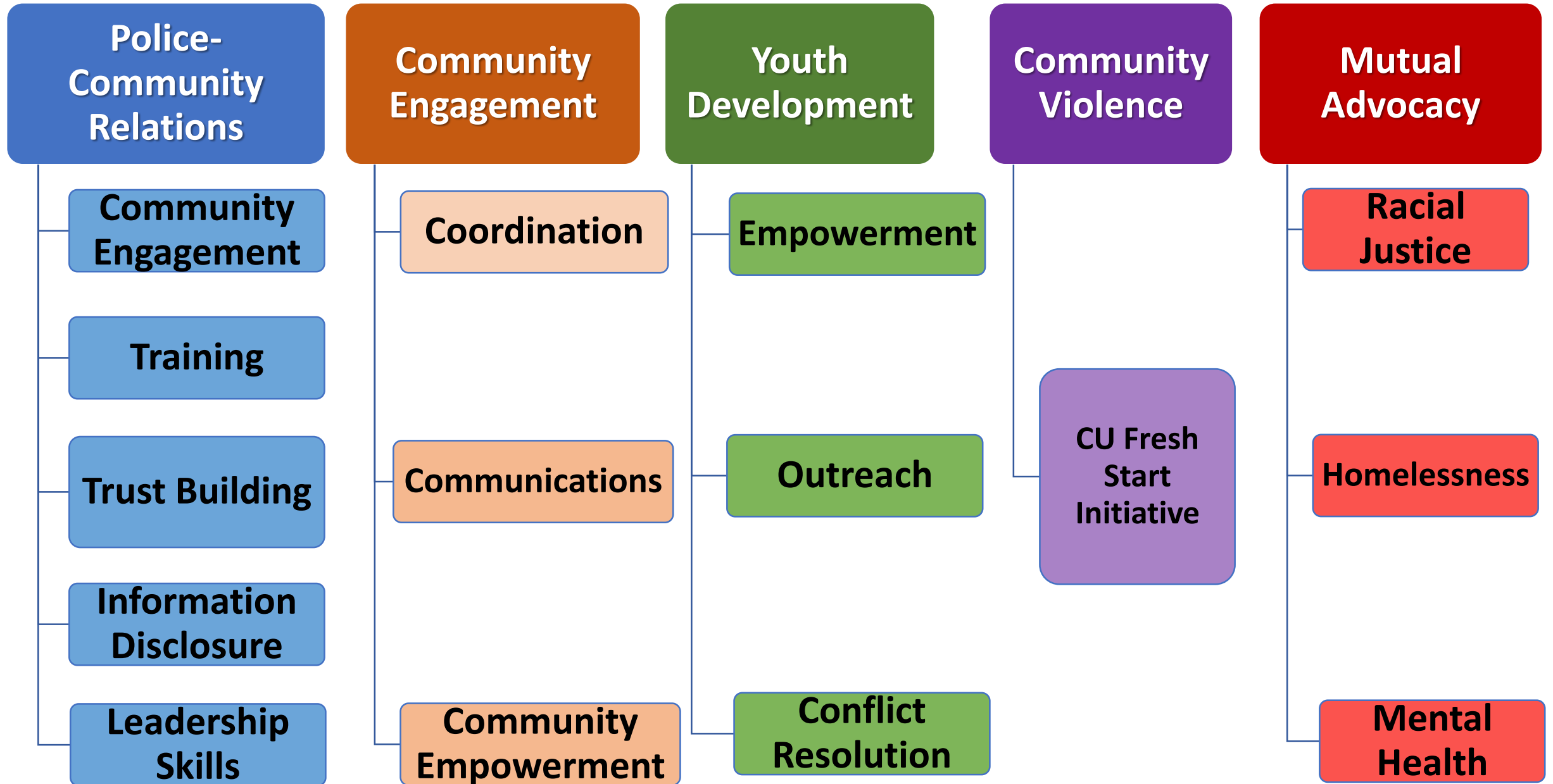
It is imperative that there remains a collaborative, community-wide approach in the goal-focused areas: Community Partnerships; Police-Community Relations; Healthy Youth and Families; and Youth Development.

City of Champaign is the lead organization for the coordination of the Coalition and is responsible for the overall administrative responsibilities and daily coordination of all Coalition partners and activities.



Coalition partners and members from all over Champaign County pack the meeting room at the Champaign Public Library each month.

Strategic Priorities (2019)



Priority:

Police
Community
Relations

**AREAS OF FOCUS AND
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**



21st Century Policing

- Civilian Review Boards
- Use of Force Review
- Body Cameras
- Human Relations Commission
- Youth Academy's
- Oversight City Councils
- IDOT
- Assessment Complaint Process

Priority:

Community
Engagement

**AREAS OF FOCUS AND
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**





*Walk As
One
Support
for
Coalition
partner
activities*

Coordination

- *Monthly Coalition Meetings- Average 100 participants*



Neighborhood / Community Meetings



*Over 30
Community-
wide
Events*



Reason for cheer: Carnival celebrates cleaning up of Urbana neighborhood

Sat, 08/11/2018 - 7:00am | Mary Schenk

URBANA — After several months of being homeless, Giovanna Dibenedetto found a place to live in southeast Urbana almost two years ago.

The 50-year-old woman, raising two granddaughters with special needs, was taken aback by the words of the first neighbor she met: "Welcome to the ghetto, where nobody cares about us."

"That was before the shootings," she said, referring to three in pretty quick succession in late 2016 in the area she calls home: Silver and Vawter streets.



Photo by: Rick Danzl/The News-Gazette

Giovanna Dibenedetto, (front-second from right) with several of her neighbors on Friday Aug. 10, 2018, involved in setting up carnival in a "challenged" neighborhood that had three targeted shootings last summer and none this summer. Party is set for most of day Saturday with games, live music, DJ, free food.

Trauma & Mental Health Training



*Over 83
unique
trainings
with 647
participants*

Priority:

Youth
Development

**AREAS OF FOCUS AND
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**



Champaign County Community Coalition
2018 Summer Initiatives
Champaign County Mental Health Board

623 youth participated in partnership programming

40 High school youth provided with 8 weeks of employment and employment skills training

41 youth participated STEM focused “street college” learning activities and robotics development

214 teens participated in weekly midnight basketball and adult mentoring

110 youth participated in a PEACE Project program developed in cooperation with the University of Illinois Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

45 youth participated in weekly fine arts and music related activities

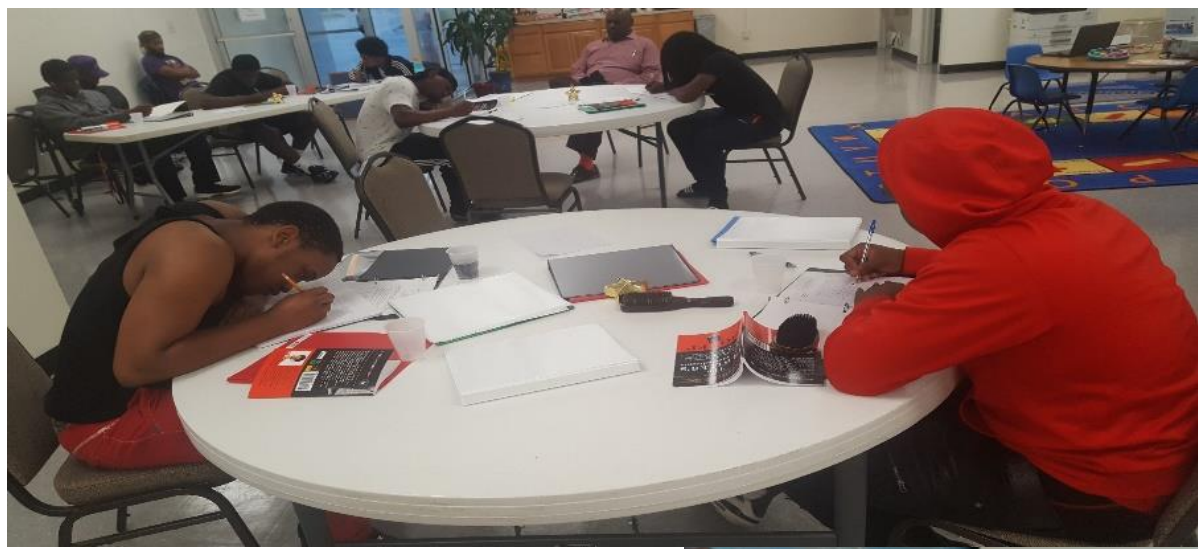
17 Youth participated in “Girls Only” program focusing on social and emotional skill development and reading comprehension and fluency skills

30 Rantoul youth participated in leadership development daily recreation activities, field trips and youth development activities

15 Youth participated in an intensive trauma training, de-escalation training, college exploration, and academic enhancement activities

111 youth participated in daily sports and mentoring activities through the First String program





GOAL GETTERS



Priority:

Community
Violence

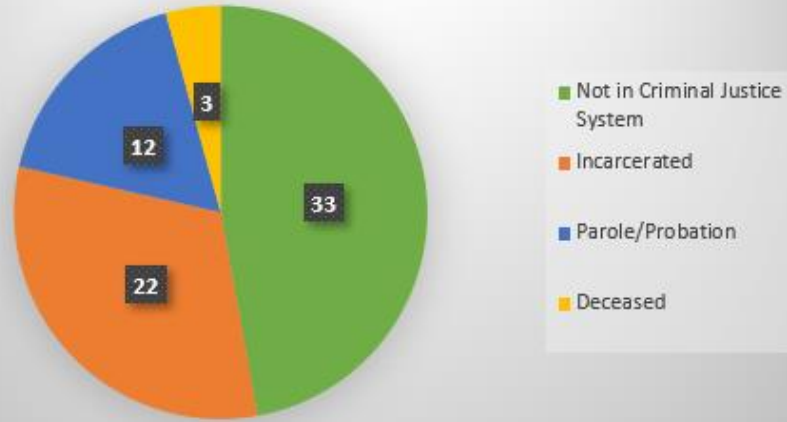
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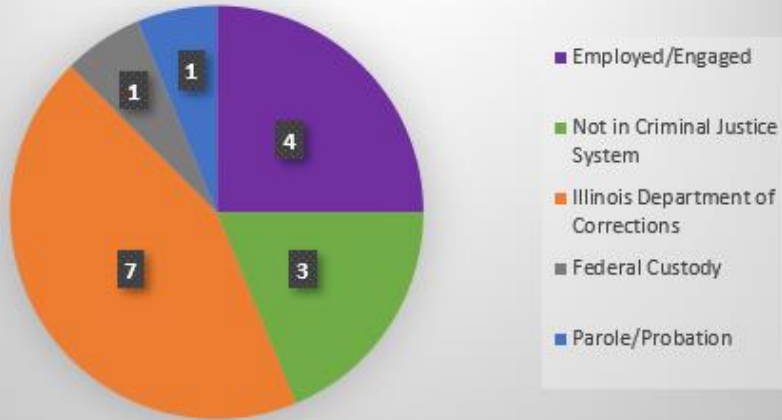
June 28 Town Hall Meeting



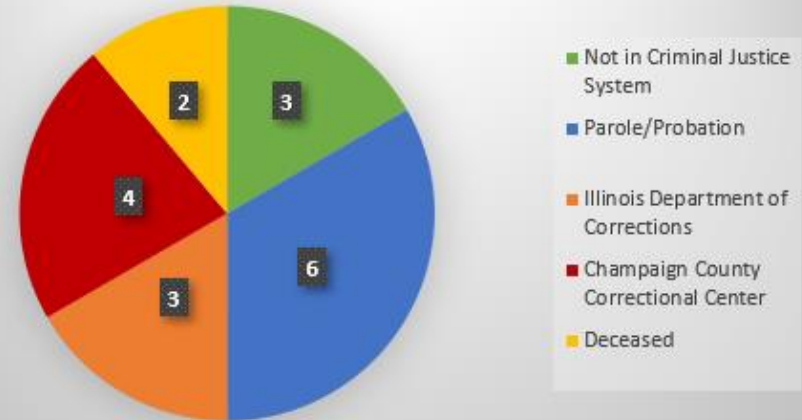
70 Fresh Start Candidates



16 Engaged in Services



18 Declined Services



Priority:

Mutual
Advocacy

**AREAS OF FOCUS AND
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**



Mental Health Awareness & Education

I READ I COUNT

Health Care Initiative

Youth Assessment Center

Racial & Social Justice



