

OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY (ONS)

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ONS OVERVIEW

The Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) builds partnerships and initiatives that produce greater neighborhood and community well-being. ONS works to develop, focus, connect and sustain human service delivery and associated resources on behalf of carefully selected members of the community with a high chance of either “being shot or being a shooter” in the immediate future.

ONS 18-Month Benchmarks

- Developed the ONS infrastructure;
- Developed and implemented the City's street outreach strategy;
- Co-created the Richmond Community Wellness Collaborative (RCWC);
- Awarded CalGRIP 08/10 and CalGRIP 09/11 Grants (\$800,000);
- Creation of Community-based Cognitive Behavioral Change Groups;
- Provided technical assistance and training opportunities for Richmond service providers;
- Created regional network of street outreach and intervention activities;
- Co-sponsored three Richmond Youth Sports Camps
- Serves as the City's lead agency for the California Cities Gang Prevention Network (CCGPN);
- Provide supports to returning Parolees through the PACT (Parole and Community Team);
- Co-facilitates the "Richmond Project" at San Quentin State Prison;
- Partnership and development of city's "Caught in the Crossfire" hospital peer-based gunshot intervention model

STREET AND SCHOOL OUTREACH

Approach and Principles

ENGAGEMENT

Presence - in carefully selected neighborhood areas (attention, connection, relation)

MODEL/EXAMPLE

Modeling healthy behavior, BEING a friend, a father or mother figure

CONNECTOR

Street Level Broadcasting of resource opportunities, connector/broker to other services

SUPPORTIVE

On-call 24/7 – Availability

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR TRAINING

Life Skills for Peace

STREET AND SCHOOL OUTREACH

DAY-to-DAY ACTIVITY

- Identify those most likely to shoot and/or be shot
- Begin to make street level contact and provide individual attention
- Identify high-risk repeat offenders
- Begin to make street level contact and provide individual attention
- Provide street-based counseling and support
- Continue street level contact and individual attention
- Connect to ONS Life Skills Opportunities
- Continue street level contacts and individual attention
- Make Service Referrals and provide follow-up
- Conduct Even More Street level Contact and individual attention
- Refer to Case Management Services (CalGRIP & RCWC)
- Conduct Additional Street level Contact and individual attention as needed

STREET AND SCHOOL OUTREACH BACKSTORY

ON BEHALF OF THE ONS FOCUS GROUP POPULATION:

- Human Service Prospecting/Capacity Assessments
- Mapping & keeping a current human resources data base
- Identifying GAPS in existing human service opportunities
- Tracing antagonisms and alliances
- Gather information useful towards implementing retaliation reduction/prevention strategies
- Build relationships with "hotspot" residents
- Create problem-solving partnerships (Neighborhood Council -9 Initiative)

COORDINATION OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Richmond Community Wellness Collaborative

- Supported by California Gang Reduction and Intervention Dollars (CalGRIP)
- Expands non-governmental school based and street outreach opportunities
- Allows for CULTURALLY COMPETENT Case Management Services
- Supports Community Based Workforce Development Alternatives
- Builds Entrepreneurial Boot Camp

PROVIDES SERVICE COORDINATION/REFERRALS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Educational Support/Literacy Services
- Pre-employment training Opportunities
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Services
- Transitional Housing
- Court Advocacy
- Life Skills Training
- 24/7 Crisis Response Teams

COORDINATION OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Neighborhood House of North Richmond
- Opportunity West
- North Richmond Youth Build/CHDC
- North Richmond Young Adult Empowerment Center
- K.L. Hampton Group
- Community Based Employment Collaborative
- The Vernon Williams Group
- 21st Century Mentors
- IMPACT
- Bay Area Peace Keepers

- WCCUSD
- CCC Office of Education
- John Muir Trauma Center
- City of Richmond Recreation
- City of Richmond Employment & Training
- Regional Law Enforcement Agencies

**STREET OUTREACH STRATEGY
EVALUATION
CONSIDERATIONS...**