

Co-Op: Grady County

Community Improvement Strategy: Drug-Use Prevention and Youth Development

Grady County desires to improve all its citizens' quality of life by reducing the amount of drug use within the county and providing more positive youth development programs in the county.

Drugs have become a major problem, as a consequence of poverty in Grady County. Community Leaders believe tackling the drug issue in Grady County will serve to accomplish multiple community goals. Currently, Grady County does not have any type of Drug Prevention Program or a system to provide data categorizing types of drug related arrests, even though it is believed that 95% of all incarcerations are drug related. Grady County's violent crime rate for ages 17 or older has steadily increased from 78 cases in 2006 to 90 cases in 2007 and the other crimes (burglaries, etc.) have increased from 788 in 2006 to 795 in 2007. Anecdotally, these crimes have also been related to drug use.

The community has also shown concerns about the number of reported child abuse cases. Even though the number of substantiated incidences of child abuse and neglect has decreased from 100 in 2007 to 59 in 2008, the Department of Children & Family Services reported the majority of cases are drug related. It is the community's desire to provide constructive youth development experiences through the creation of a Boys and Girls Club, as well as offering positive activities and programs in which the youth can be involved, in order to effect positive change in the future leaders of Grady County.

Strategy:

Over the two year period, Grady County will accomplish the following:

1. Create drug reduction committee/task force to do research on local drug use issues and state and national substance abuse prevention programming.
2. Deliver substance abuse prevention programming for youth and adults throughout the county.
3. Collect substance abuse arrest data to make Grady County aware of drug use statistics.
4. Solicit pledges from various county organizations to have a drug free county.
5. Offer positive youth & family programs to the community by creating a Boys and Girls club and offering the 40 Developmental Assets programming.

Measurements of Success:

The community will measure its success at the end of two years, by:

1. Provide a compatible data system categorizing the number of arrest cases with the City and County provide substance abuse prevention programs.
2. Deliver various substance abuse prevention programs such as Red Ribbon Week in the local schools and Drugs Don't Work for area businesses.
3. Reduce substantiated child abuse and neglect cases from 59 to 49 cases and identify the number of substance abuse related cases.
4. Bring a Boys & Girls Club to the community.
5. Present 40 Developmental Assets program to the one middle school system and one high school and three churches.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

| Issue Addressed | Action Item | Responsible Local Partners | Responsible State Partners | Cost Estimate | Possible Funding Sources | Starting and ending dates for completion of action item |
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| Substance abuse programs | Create community drug reduction Committee to gather information and report statistics to recruit help | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, DJJ, Drug/DUI Court, churches, civic organizations City Council | N/A | N/A | N/A | November 2009 |
| Substance abuse programs | Have local community groups make a commitment to reduce drug use and sales in Grady County and sign a resolution to illustrate a united front against drugs in Grady County | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, churches, civic organizations, neighborhood associations, elected officials, local governments | N/A | N/A | N/A | January 2010- April 2010 |
| Substance abuse programs | Research programs and grants, etc. throughout the state and nation for successful programs. Investigate Georgia Chamber of Commerce's "Drugs Don't Work" program. | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, Community Drug Reduction Committee | Georgia Chamber of Commerce | N/A | N/A | October 2009 – December 2009 |

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| Substance abuse programs | Encourage employers to adopt stricter drug policies and “Drugs Don’t Work” drug-free workplace policies. | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, Community Drug Reduction Committee | Georgia Chamber of Commerce | N/A | N/A | April 2010 - ongoing |
| Substance abuse programs | Interview school board and educators about drug use and stats to determine in school issues. Determine how the Drug Reduction Committee can help with awareness and prevention. | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, Community Drug Reduction Committee | N/A | N/A | N/A | March 2010– April 2010 |
| Substance abuse programs | Develop in-school programming such as “Red Ribbon Week” | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, Community Drug Reduction Committee | http://www.imdrugfree.com/ , Partnership for a Drug Free America, Drug Abuse Resistance Education – D.A.R.E., SADD, MADD, My Safe and Drug Free Schools | To be determined | Co-Opportunity Grant, local board of education | Start planning in February 2010 (Red ribbon week typically is scheduled the last full week of October) |
| Substance arrest Data System | Investigate expansion of law enforcement (look into the Weed & Seed program) | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, Community Drug Reduction Committee | U.S. Department of Justice | To be determined | Co-Opportunity Grant & seek State or Fed Grant for administrative assistance. | January 2010- February 2010 |
| Substance arrest Data System | Work with City and County’s office on their data systems to create reports of the break down of types of | Nola Daughtry, Harry Young, Sheriff and Keith Sandefur, Police Chief, Grady County Sheriffs | Grady County Children & Youth Coordinating Council, Governor's Office for Children and Families | N/A | Co-Opportunity Grants | November 2009- January 2010 |

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| | drug related incarcerations. | Office & City of Cairo Police office | | | | |
| Boys & Girls Club | Work with Thomasville Boys & Girls club to become a unit. Create a Board. | Nola Daughtry, Elected officials, Grady County & Youth Coord. Council, churches youth directors, elementary & middle school administrators, experienced Boys & Girl Club interest | Boys & Girls Club of America | Minimum of \$300,000 Operating Budget | Individuals, corporate, grants, civic organizations, churches. | September 2009 |
| Boys & Girls Club | Facility donated by City of Cairo/Holder Park – City Council approval | Nola Daughtry, City Council | Boys & Girls Club of America | N/A | City Council | September 2009 |
| Boys & Girls Club | Sign Agreement & Installation of Board members with Thomasville Boys & Girls Club | Nola Daughtry, Elected official, Grady County & Youth Coord. Council, churches youth directors, elementary & middle school administrators, experienced Boys & Girl Club interest | Boys & Girls Club of America | N/A | N/A | October 6, 2009 |
| Boys & Girls Club | Hire Director and part time employees | Nola Daughtry, Cairo/Grady County Boys & Girls Club Pres. & Hiring committee | Boys & Girls Club of America | N/A | Boys & Girls Club of Cairo/Grady County | October 2009- November 2009 |

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| Boys & Girls Club | Founders Campaign in the community for Operational Budget | Nola Daughtry, Cairo/Grady County Boys & Girls Club Board & Volunteers | Boys & Girls Club of America | To be determined | Boys & Girls Club of Cairo/Grady County | September 2009 through 2011 |
| Boys & Girls Club | Registration for students 6-14 age | Nola Daughtry, Cairo/Grady County Boys & Girls Club Board & Volunteers | Boys & Girls Club of America | N/A | Boys & Girls Club of Grady County | November 2009 |
| Boys & Girls Club | Opening Day | Nola Daughtry, Cairo/Grady County Boys & Girls Club Board & Volunteers | Boys & Girls Club of America | N/A | Boys & Girls Club of Grady County | December 1, 2009 |
| Boys & Girls Club | Grand Opening | Nola Daughtry, Cairo/Grady County Boys & Girls Club Board & Volunteers | Boys & Girls Club of America | N/A | Boys & Girls Club of Grady County | December 12, 2009 |
| 40 Assets for Youth Development & Community/Businesses | Form a committee | Nola Daughtry, Churches, middle schools, youth civic organizations. Chamber of Commerce | Grady County Children & Youth Coord. Council, | N/A | Clay Bostick Foundation | January 2010 |
| 40 Assets for Youth Development & Community/Businesses | Research for Training materials | Nola Daughtry, Churches, middle schools, youth civic organizations. Chamber of Commerce | Grady County Children & Youth Coord. Council, | N/A | Clay Bostick Foundation | February -March 2010 |
| 40 Assets for Youth Development & Community/Businesses | Training on materials | Nola Daughtry | Grady County Children & Youth Coord. Council | N/A | Clay Bostick Foundation | April- May 2010 |

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| 40 Assets for Youth Development & Community/Businesses | Presentations of the 40 Assets to churches | Nola Daughtry | Grady County Children & Youth Coord. Council | N/A | Clay Bostick Foundation | June 2010 |
| 40 Assets for Youth Development & Community/Businesses | Presentation of the 40 Assets to Board of Education and Schools | Nola Daughtry | Grady County Children & Youth Coord. Council | N/A | Clay Bostick Foundation | July 2010 |
| 40 Assets for Youth Development & Community/Businesses | Presentations of the 40 Assets to Business | Nola Daughtry | Grady County Children & Youth Coord. Council | N/A | Clay Bostick Foundation | August – September 2010 |
| 40 Assets for Youth Development & Community/Businesses | Newsletters email to business and churches. Advertise weekly newsletters in paper. | Nola Daughtry | Grady County Children & Youth Coord. Council | N/A | Clay Bostick Foundation | August 2010 - weekly |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto Agree to adopt the Grady County Community Improvement Strategy.

FOR THE RECIPIENT

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

By: _____
Chair, County

By: _____
Program Coordinator

By: _____
Mayor, City