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### **Minnesota Department of Public Safety**

#### Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention

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#### Dear Governor Carlson and Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention is pleased to present this report pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §299A.30.

We are particularly pleased to highlight within these pages examples of programs operating in selected Minnesota communities. These programs are representative of the exemplary work being conducted throughout our state in an effort to improve the safety and livability of our communities. We are proud to have partnered with these programs as well as hundreds of others throughout Minnesota.

In addition to highlighting outstanding community-based programs, we have featured the first winners of the newly established Minnesota Peace Prize. The report also contains a description of the activities of the staff during this past year, as well as a description of the funding allocations for drug-abuse prevention, violence prevention, and community capacity-building efforts statewide.

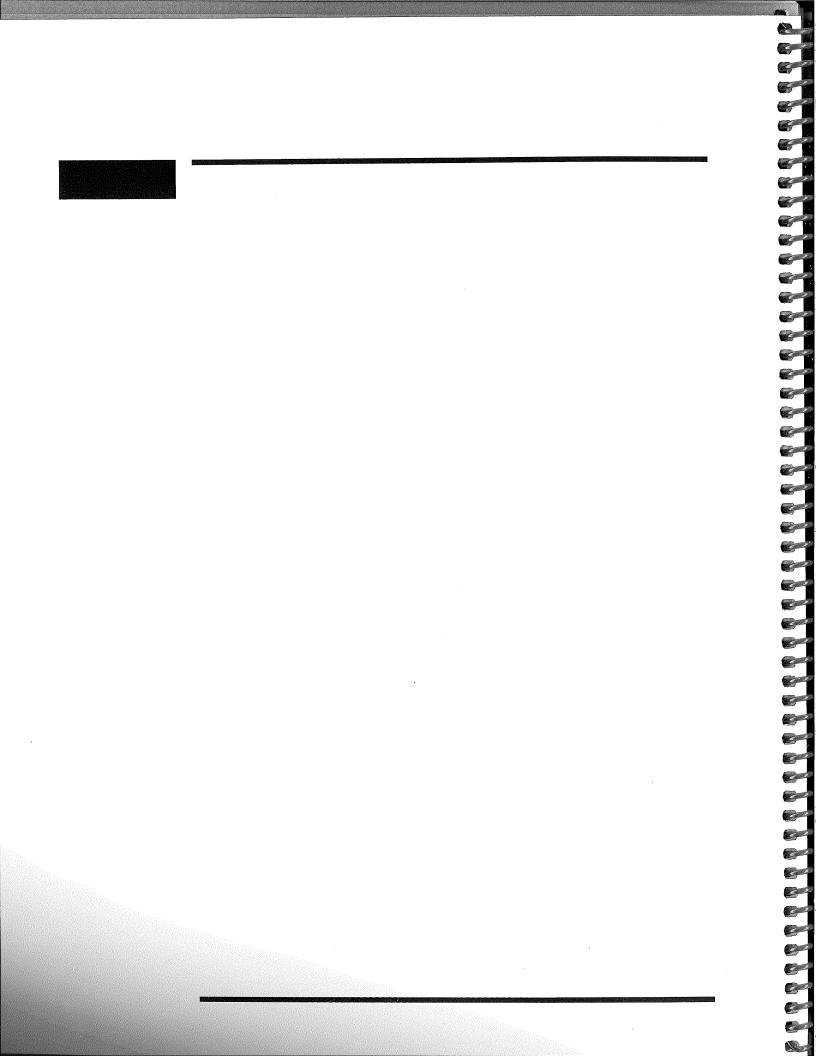
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## I. INTRODUCTION

#### Mission

The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention serves as a catalyst for statewide approaches to prevention of violence and drug abuse through identifying causes, recommending policies, and coordinating statewide and community strategies. We assist state and local governments, public and nonprofit agencies, community organizations and the legislature. We promote healthy communities by bringing together diverse groups, facilitating the exchange of ideas and by providing funds to implement successful strategies and test promising initiatives.

#### An Overview

Since its inception, the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention has had an evolving and expanding focus, encompassing drug abuse, crime, violence, and their root causes.

Established in 1989 as the Office of Drug Policy, the new body was modeled after the Federal Office of National Drug Control Policy. The Office's original legislative charge was to develop and promote policies designed to reduce drug abuse.

Shortly after the Office was created, the State Planning Agency transferred to it the administration of two funding programs: the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Program and the Federal Governor's Drug Free Schools and Communities Discretionary Grants Program. In 1990, the Minnesota Legislature authorized additional funding for community grant programs and gave the administration of these funds to the Office. In 1991, the administration of the Drug Free Schools and Communities funds was transferred to the Department of Education.

In 1992, the Minnesota Legislature amended the Office's purpose to include violence prevention and changed its name to the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention. The Office is now responsible for establishing drug abuse and violence prevention policy for Minnesota, coordinating violence and

drug-abuse prevention activities, and administering approximately \$11 million in federal and state grants to state, local and nonprofit agencies.

This expanding definition has been accompanied by a continual evolution of strategies to address these problems and respond to the changing national and state mandates. Over the last five years, our vision and mission have grown and developed as we have worked to carry out our legislative mandates and form partnerships with Minnesota communities to address the problems of drug abuse, crime and violence.

In 1995, the Minnesota Legislature created the Department of Children, Families and Learning. The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, as well as the Chemical Abuse and Violence Prevention Council, are scheduled to leave the Department of Public Safety and become part of this newly created department in July 1996.

## The Chemical Abuse and Violence Prevention Council

Throughout our history, the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention has worked in close collaboration with the Chemical Abuse and Violence Prevention Council. The Council has 19 members, 10 of whom are appointed by the governor. Seven members of the Council are representatives of those state agencies that have a special role to play in the prevention of both violence and chemical abuse. The remaining two members are from the state legislature; one from the House, and one from the Senate. The Council, working with the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, serves as an advisory body to the governor and legislature in the area of chemical abuse and violence prevention policy, programs and services.

We begin this year's report with highlights from selected programs funded through the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention. These programs demonstrate the array of positive, focused, community capacity-building efforts underway throughout our state. We cannot think of a better way to demonstrate how our mission becomes reality in Minnesota communities.

## II. Program Highlights

here are many outstanding programs funded through the Office of

Drug Policy and Violence Prevention. The six that we have chosen to

highlight here embody the vitality so characteristic of communities

that are using today's strengths to build a positive future.

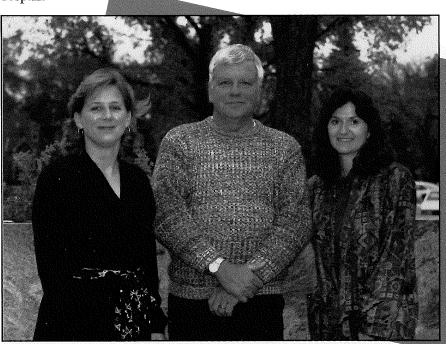
You'll first read about three separate, but integrated programs in Moorhead. The three are the Moorhead Healthy Community Initiative, Moorhead Community-Based Policing, and the Moorhead Drug Task Force. The Moorhead programs illustrate the range of community-based activities funded by ODPVP grants.

From the northwestern part of the state, we'll move down to the metro area and shine some light on Dayton's Bluff, Thunder Spirit Lodge, and a unique collaboration involving six suburban communities.

As you read about these people and programs, you'll likely be struck, as we are, by the energy and dedication that is their hallmark. Another hallmark, and a newer one, is that the focus of these activities is on community resources, not community problems. The people you'll read about on these pages are looking ahead to a shared vision of their community. They have made a conscious choice to fill their days with hope, not despair.

The Earth does not belong to us. We belong to the Earth. For we did not weave the web of life; we are merely strands within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves"

Chief Seattle, 1854



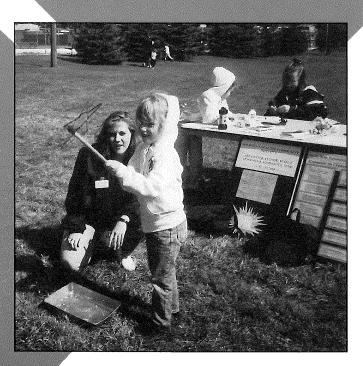
Nancy Taralson (left), Lt. Mike McCarthy, and Dianna Hatfield have their eyes on Moorhead's future.

## Moorhead Healthy Community Initiative





Art projects and bubbles capture a young audience at a Moorhead block club party. Adults collected information about asset development while the children played.



t takes a whole village to raise a child." The statement has

become folk wisdom. And what it conveys has never been more true than in today's challenging times. The Moorhead Healthy Community Initiative (MHCI) has taken the philosophy behind the proverb to heart. And it is inviting all Moorhead residents to become part of the 'village.'

Becoming a 'villager' means helping to create an environment for Moorhead youth that helps them grow into healthy adults. That can mean something as simple as parents making sure they always know where their children are; or adults mentoring young people who are not family members; or people volunteering their time to work with youth organizations.

And there's more than proverbial wisdom behind the Moorhead program. The city's call to action is also based on contemporary data collected by Search Institute. The Institute's research shows that young people today, no matter what their family background, are generally less prepared than their parents were to take their place in society as healthy, well-functioning adults. Search concludes that to handle the complexity of today's world, children need a broad array of internal strengths, or 'developmental assets.'

As defined by Search, there are 30 assets, which fall into six broad areas: support (from family, other adults, school); boundaries (parental standards, discipline); structured time (music

lessons, extra-curricular activities, religious affiliations); educational commitment (school performance, motivation); positive values (concern for others); and social competencies (decision-making skills, self-esteem). The Institute's data showed that young people who had a high number of these assets were much less likely to engage in risky behaviors and violence, or to become suicidal or depressed. They were also much more likely to succeed in school.

Moorhead educators and community leaders, concerned about the city's youth, liked the idea of asset building and in March 1994 formed a steering committee to bring it to life. Today, that vision is being carried out through the Moorhead Healthy Community Initiative. Funded by a grant from the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, the MHCI has hired a coordinator, chosen a Board of Directors, and developed a comprehensive plan for asset building in the city.

Dianna Hatfield wears the coordinator's hat. Hatfield radiates energy for the program. "Every citizen has a role to play

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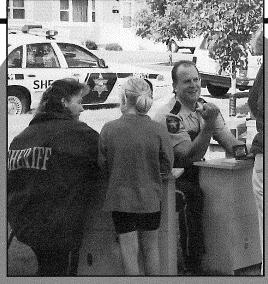
Hatfield sees the asset concept as a move away from the blame game. "Let's find something to do besides blaming the parents," she says. "The Initiative's focus is health promotion and its mission really involves raising the asset base for the whole community."

During the planning that preceded the creation of MCHI, Search conducted a survey of all the 6th to 12th graders in Moorhead's public schools. The survey showed Moorhead students averaged 16.8 out of the 30 assets. MCHI has set a goal of moving that number up to the 20 to 25 asset range for the majority of Moorhead youngsters.

The MHCI's Board of Directors is personally taking on the challenge of raising that asset range. The board members are spearheading asset teams, each of which focuses on creating the environment for a particular asset to flourish in Moorhead's youth. The first asset teams are focused on after-school activities, inter-generational resources, positive parenting, neighborhoods, positive youth development, values, and youth service.

An indication of the community's support of the teams came at a recent board meeting, when one of the directors reported enlisting eight asset team members in just one day.

Talking about the teams and the many other ways Moorhead residents can take part in the Initiative, Hatfield says, "We're giving people a way to do something. It's exciting that there is so much enthusiasm for something that is research based." To illustrate her point, Hatfield recalls the 70-year-old woman who stood up at one of the Initiative's community briefings and said, "This gives me a way to be involved."



## Moorhead Community Policing



Left: Clay County deputies take part in a Safe Day party for the city's block clubs. Right: Moorhead juveniles clean up graffiti.

Mancy Taralson is the Crime Prevention Coordinator for the

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community policing idea in Moorhead. Taralson describes her job in a

straightforward manner. "We're trying to involve the citizens with

the police department. Community policing is really about creating a

police-citizen partnership."

The department decided to focus on block clubs as one of the main ways to get that partnership going. Block clubs not only strengthen neighborhoods, they also give the police contacts. "If we have a problem in a neighborhood that has a

block club," Taralson says, "we've already identified the people to go to for assistance."

There are now 15 block clubs in Moorhead, and 40 block captains.

"We are realizing the value of the landlord or resident manager to the community. They have a lot of information and influence about what goes on in their buildings."

Nancy Taralson, Moorhead Police Department Taralson goes to all block club meetings and sends out a monthly newsletter to the clubs. Produced in an inexpensive bulletin format, the newsletter is filled with Crime Watch ideas and an activity update describing what the clubs are doing.

Crime Watch signs make it apparent which neighborhoods have organized a block club. The production and installation of the signs are a concrete example of how the police-citizen partnership works. The signs are paid for by the block club and installed by the city in locations chosen by club members.

Another facet of the community policing program involves landlords. "We are realizing the value of the landlord or resident manager to the community," Taralson says. "They have a lot of information and influence about what goes on in their buildings." Working with the Minnesota Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, the department has so far trained 73 landlords and resident managers in ways to keep illegal activities out of their properties.

The training concentrates on sound property management, applicant screening, recognizing illegal activities, and upgrading security in and around the building. The last part of the program requires the landlords to enlist tenants to be the eyes and ears of the building. The police department hosts a crime prevention seminar and each landlord must provide incentives for their tenants to attend.

When the landlords complete the program, they can display Minnesota Crime Free Multi-Housing Program signs

and advertise their participation in the program. Taralson says the program signs have expiration dates. "They have to be renewed every year to make sure the building is continuing to follow program guidelines. The renewal tags are like license plate stickers. They'll be in a different color each year so it will be easy to see if they are up-to-date."

In another benefit for landlords in a college town, the police department gives a list of the buildings in the program to parents looking for safe student housing.

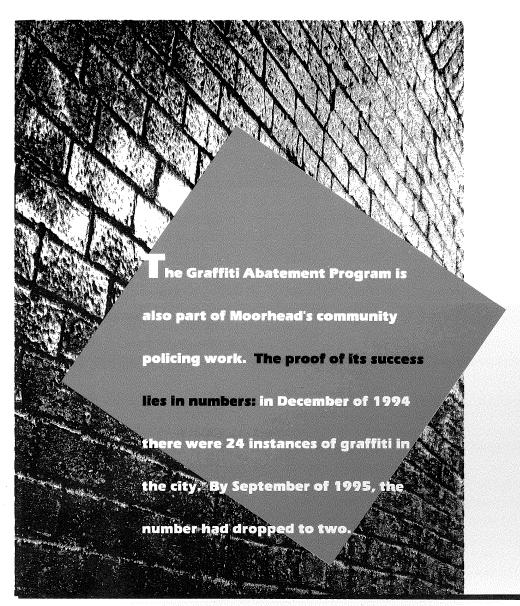
Since the start of the landlord training, the department has been receiving more tips on drug-related activities from both landlords and tenants. In addition, two landlords have donated space for police department substations in their buildings. The substations are not staffed, but work well as neutral meeting places for police and citizens — especially in cases of domestic violence. Police also use the stations for dictating reports and as headquarters for a bicycle patrol.

The Graffiti Abatement Program is also part of Moorhead's community policing work. In recent years, graffiti has become an increasing problem in the city. The department set up the abatement program in December of 1994. The proof of its success lies in numbers: in December of 1994 there were 24 instances of graffiti in the city. By September of 1995, the number had dropped to two.

The program works quickly and well. When officers or residents spot graffiti, they report it to the department. Taralson sends a notice to the property owners giving them three days to get rid of the graffiti. If they fail to do so, the

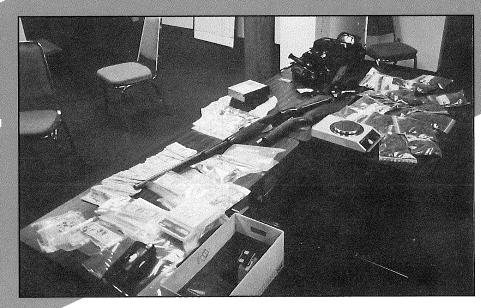
department takes care of the problem and charges the owners for the work. Community Liaison Officer Jeff Garcia uses area juveniles who have been assigned community service to do the actual clean-up. The kids also get involved in other work projects. A dividend from this program is the positive impact that the community liaison officers can have on the juveniles assigned to the graffiti clean-up.

Many of the community policing activities overlap with those of the Healthy Community Initiative. Taralson and Dianna Hatfield work closely to keep in touch and coordinate work on their various projects. The community policing program has set its sights on safer neighborhoods and increased citizen involvement in crime prevention. Achieving those goals will also build developmental assets for Moorhead youth.



# Red River Valley Drug Task Force

Money, drugs and weapons confiscated in a successful operation run by the RRVDTF



ve never seen something that has results as quickly as this."

Moorhead Police Lt. Mike McCarthy is talking about the combination of community policing and the area's drug task force. "It's been the quietest summer we've ever had," McCarthy says. "There've been no felony assault investigations."

McCarthy attributes the quiet summer to a major sweep of drug dealers carried out by the Red River Valley Drug Task Force and property cleanups fostered by the community policing program. He's quick to add that a strong commitment by the

political structure lies behind the success of both efforts.

The 'major sweep' described by McCarthy pulled in eight Via Lobos gang members in federal indictments during 1995. Coming from Chicago and Texas, the Via Lobos had pushed other gangs out of Moorhead, so their arrests resulted in an immediate drop in area drug traffic. The case took over two years to wrap up and is a prime example of what gets the attention of the regional drug task force.

The Red River Valley Drug Task Force targets mid-to-upper-level dealers, conspiracies, and money-laundering cases. The local agencies focus on street-level dealers. Minnesota officers on the interagency force are from Moorhead and Clay County. The North Dakota contingent comes from Fargo, West Fargo and Cass County.

A grant from the Edward J. Bryne Memorial Fund keeps Minnesota in the task force. Distributed through the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, the grant pays for an officer from the Moorhead Police Department and the Clay County Sheriff's Department to work full-time on the task force. "Without the grant, we just couldn't afford to participate," says McCarthy. Before the establishment of the area task force, the North Dakota and Minnesota agencies were all working piecemeal. "We knew that drugs needed work, but other things took priority."

The interstate effort also enlists federal agencies. The task force has its headquarters at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) office in Fargo and works closely with that agency. It keeps close ties with the Internal Revenue Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Border Patrol, and the U.S. District Attorney's Office in

Fargo. In fact, almost all the task force's cases wind up before the federal court in Fargo.

The extensive, interagency cooperation means that the task force has been able to meet its goal of 36 prosecutions per year in all but one of the last five years. "We send agents all over the U.S.," says McCarthy. "For instance, we can send agents to Denver to follow up on a case that started in Fargo."

The IRS connection comes into play in the money-laundering cases. Search warrants drawn by the task force are for drugs, paraphernalia, money and records. It's that last item that draws the attention of the IRS, who can follow the traces of drug money that's been washed through legitimate businesses. In some cases, agents will actually go through garbage dumps to get old records.

Confiscation of assets (real property, money) gets divided up among all the agencies that worked on a case. That means Moorhead doesn't get a lot back, but what does come in goes right into the task force work. McCarthy was recently able to purchase portable radios and cell telephones for task force officers with money from property seizures.

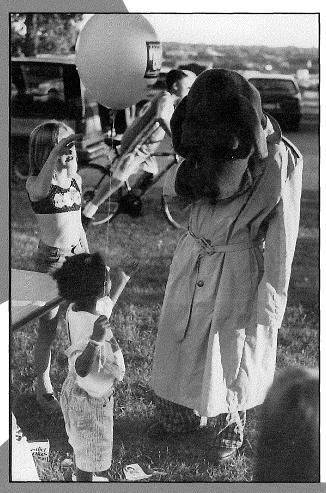
The task force works because several cities are cooperating to reduce the flow of drugs into the region. The citizens of Moorhead are using that same wisdom as Healthy Communities Initiative, Community Policing, and the Red River Valley Drug Task Force work in concert to create a safer, healthier city.

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Red River Valley Drug Task Force

## Dayton's Bluff Center for Civic Life





Dayton's Bluff residents participate in the 12th Annual National Night Out.



Dayton's Bluff is one of St. Paul's oldest neighborhoods. Perched on the edge of the Mississippi River bluff, looking west over the city, the area contains many century-old, beautifully detailed homes. It also contains blocks with vacant houses, a mobile population, crime and drug use. In a grant application for ODPVP funds, Community Organizer Susan Omoto wrote, "The predominate feeling among residents toward their corner of the city has changed from self-assured safety to fear and isolation."

The isolation and fear were the driving force in the community's choice of goals for the use of grant funds. The Dayton's Bluff Center for Civic Life applied for grants to "reinfranchise neighborhood residents and create a sense of unity ... by encouraging community involvement."

The Center for Civic Life is proud of what it has been able to accomplish with ODPVP grant monies. One of the first activities the Center undertook was to support and strengthen block clubs. There are now a thousand area residents who are active in Dayton's Bluff block clubs — and new clubs are constantly being formed. Five of the block clubs now coordinate a Halloween Home Tour, which attracted 500 visitors to the Bluffs in its first year. The clubs see the tour as a way to attract new residents and cement bonds among neighbors.

The population of the neighborhood is highly mobile. The turnover rate for

Dayton's Bluff Elementary School has been as high as 85 percent. With that much mobility, the neighborhood has its share of landlord/tenant disputes. But instead of focusing on problem landlords or tenants, Dayton's Bluff now hosts an annual Landlord and Tenant Recognition Dinner. In 1995, 15 landlords were nominated as Most Appreciated Landlord of the Year, and five tenants nominated as Most Appreciated Tenant. There were no losers; every nominee received an award certificate from the person who had nominated them. The dinner is part of a mosaic Dayton's Bluff is building to foster a sense of community.

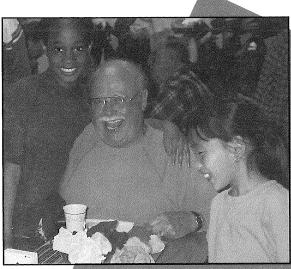
Another piece of the mosaic is National Night Out, when residents turn out in force to show their support for crime prevention activities. In 1995, ambulance tours hosted by the fire department, visits with the St. Paul Police Mounted Patrol and McGruff the Crime Dog, picnics, neighborhood walks, and a band concert

were all part of the celebration. After sunset, residents gathered in Mounds Park to commemorate the loss of police officers Tim Jones and Ron Ryan Jr. by "lighting the night" with candles, flashlights and lanterns. A welcome followup to the celebration came when the National Association of Town Watch recognized Dayton's Bluff for "outstanding participation in the 12th Annual National Night Out."

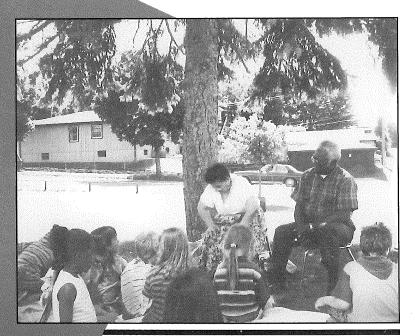
One of the many creative ways that Dayton's Bluff has used its grant funds is its Linking Lifetimes intergenerational project work. The idea began with the recruitment of foreign-born elders, who visited the two local elementary schools to share their life stories. Dayton's Bluff elders who were born in Mexico, Latvia,

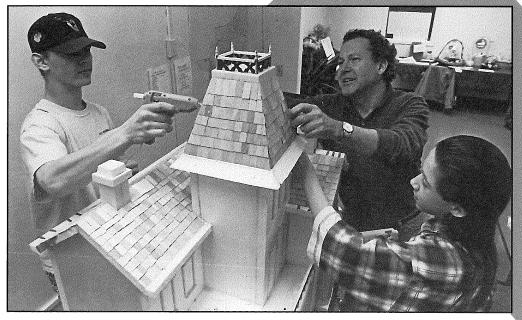
Denmark, and Italy visited the classrooms. Some wore native costumes and brought traditional foods. Seniors born in this country also shared their stories. The program's goal was to promote better race relations through intercultural interaction and provide mentoring relationships for troubled youth. The youngsters were fascinated with the stories they heard and the lessons the elders passed along. Teachers from the Dayton's Bluff Elementary School and All Nations Magnet School have incorporated the program into their curriculum.

In another intergenerational project, seniors visit Dayton's Bluff classrooms and teach the youngsters how to play cribbage. The children learn numbers and social skills from the seniors along with the rules of the game. Omoto says that in



Community seniors share cribbage skills and life stories with neighborhood children.





The Historic House on a Stick project gave area juveniles a chance to develop job skills. (Photo courtesy of the East Side Review.)

return for their time, the seniors have use of the community center room for their own card playing. "They are giving something back to the community when they work with the youngsters. And everyone has a good time."

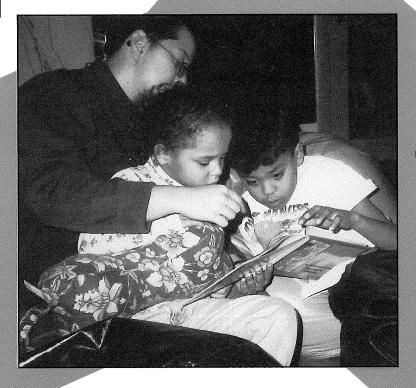
Omoto has the highest hopes for another intergenerational project that began when juvenile diversion officers came looking for community service ideas. The community council had already decided to create models of historic neighborhood buildings that had been torn down. The project was dubbed "Historic House on a Stick." Five teenage boys who needed to complete court-mandated public service were enlisted to work on the models. "They learned more than model-making skills," says Omoto. "They learned the importance of being on time for a job, following through, and discipline."

Those who did well on the Historic House on a Stick project were hired by a newly created YouthWork program to help renovate houses purchased from HUD. The teens worked with area contractors to renovate the houses. Omoto is proud to say that the housing project was not subsidized by taxes. The first house was bought in July 1995, and within four months, three houses had been completely rehabilitated and sold.

"It's a real win-win situation," Omoto says. The boys learn construction skills and develop self-esteem, and the neighborhood sees abandoned houses turn into good, affordable housing. Residents would like to see the YouthWorks program develop into a permanent project for the community.

Omoto has praise for the flexibility of the ODPVP grant structure. As with the Historic House on a Stick project, that flexibility has enabled Dayton's Bluff residents to put their creativity to full use and let projects evolve as circumstances change.

Thunder Spirit Lodge is the only facility in the country to offer an afterschool program for FAS/FAE children.



# Thunder Spirit Lodge

t's hard to get beyond the pain of diagnosis." The words are from

Joyce Glass, executive director of Thunder Spirit Lodge. The diagnosis she's referring to is fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) or fetal alcohol effects (FAE).

Glass understands only too well the pain involved in learning one's child has been harmed by alcohol before its birth. She and her husband, Dan, are the biological, foster and adoptive parents of children with fetal alcohol disabilities.

In a poem written for an informational phamplet on FAS, Joyce Glass speaks for all mothers of FAS/FAE children: "My child, the child I wanted, waited for and

finally delivered. This beautiful tiny person that held all my dreams, my next generation. My child has an alcohol-related disability. How will I tell his father? His grandparents, the Aunties and Uncles and Church? What will the neighbors think? How will I tell my child?"

The anguish and compassion in those questions are driving Glass to reach out to

other families affected by FAS. And it is through her efforts, together with a small, hard-working group of people in St. Paul's Native American community, that Thunder Spirit Lodge now offers help for families with FAS or FAE children. That help, which is funded by a grant from the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, is offered to all affected children and their families — not just those of Native American heritage. "We need to have children love all ancestors and transfer it to their behavior," Glass says.

In fact, Thunder Spirit Lodge is now the only facility in the country to have an after-school program for FAS children. It also runs a support group for their parents, who need to be able to talk about the problems they and their children face. Right now, the support group is composed primarily of mothers. The lodge is planning to start another group for fathers.

Speaking about the need for contact with the parents, Glass says, "Fetal alcohol is a full-family disability. Parents want someone to talk to about the problems they face. Without information and support, it is far too easy to isolate themselves and their children."

Providing information about fetal alcohol disabilities is a major component of Thunder Spirit Lodge's program. Glass regularly speaks on the subject at classes, conferences, and other meetings around Minnesota. She is also called upon to speak at national conferences, a recognition of her growing expertise on the issue.

Combating the misinformation on fetal alcohol disabilities is part of Glass's message. "These are disabilities caused

by a parent or parents who were drinking at some time during conception or pregnancy. Often people are still of the mistaken belief that a woman must drink heavily during pregnancy to affect her child, and that it is only a woman's problem. Science has and is proving neither to be true."

In brochures produced by Thunder Spirit Lodge, in conversations with parents, in training with professionals, Glass cites the newest research: There is no safe amount of alcohol consumption for a pregnant woman. Sperm deformed by alcohol can cause harm to the fetus. Alcohol causes more permanent damage to an unborn child than any illegal drug, including cocaine. FAS/FAE does not mean mental retardation.

It does mean there has been damage to the central nervous system. FAS/FAE children are often hyperactive, have poor social boundaries and lack self control. They often can't make connections between cause and effect. Without intervention, many of them end up in the criminal justice system — as perpetrators or victims.

Thunder Spirit Lodge works to help parents learn skills to calm their children and provide the structure they need to manage their lives. "They mature later than other children," Glass says. "If we can provide structure around them until the mid-to-late 20s, they seem to start slowing down and become better able to control themselves."

The Lodge has offered a variety of tools to help parents create that structure and for children to learn boundaries and self control. Among the disciplines that have proved useful to families have been "Fetal alcohol is a full-family disability. Parents want someone to talk to about the problems they face. Without information and support, it is far too easy to isolate themselves and their children."

Joyce Glass, Thunder Spirit Lodge karate, acupuncture, healing touch therapy, and most recently, Tai Chi. John Meyers, a Board member who taught karate for Thunder Spirit, thinks that body work makes better neurological connections for the children and increases their long-term memory.

The Lodge also offers consultation services for families who cannot bring their children in for the after-school program or support group. In some cases, this involves grandparents who are raising their grandchildren because their FAS/ FAE biological or adopted offspring don't have the skills to parent. In other cases, parents are concerned about adult children who are being victimized. Whatever the issue, Thunder Spirit passes on all the information that may be of help to the families. For many callers, just finding someone they can talk to, someone who understands the chaos that accompanies living with FAS/FAE children, is a gift in itself.

To make sure that she stays abreast of emerging data on fetal alcohol, Glass is setting up an E-Mail exchange with Dr. Ann Pythowicz Streissguth, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences with the University of Washington Medical School in Seattle. The ongoing dialogue will enable Thunder Spirit Lodge to incorporate Streissguth's expertise into its program. In turn, the hands-on experience gained through the Lodge's contact with children and families will help Streissguth do measurement studies on what strategies work with the FAS/FAE population.

Looking at the broad scope of Thunder Spirit Lodge's mission, Glass reflects on the importance of moving past the stigma so often associated with FAS/FAE, of getting the prevention message out to people of child-bearing age, and of helping families with affected children take the chaos out of their home lives.

With her eye on the future, Glass remarks, "When we start to talk about fetal alcohol with the same respect that we have for Down's syndrome and epilepsy, then we will have made a big impact on prevention."

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## Northwest Metro Drug Task Force



From left: Crystal Police Chief Jim Mossey, Hopkins Police Chief Earl Johnson, Crystal Police Lt. Richard Gautsch, and Airport Police Chief Jim Welna announce the successful conclusion of a cooperative drug investigation at a news conference in Hopkins. (Photo courtesy of Minnesota Sun Publications.)

Crystal resident looked out his window last summer and saw some suspicious activity going on between two cars parked behind a neighboring fourplex. The resident called the local police and said he suspected a drug deal. Within three minutes a squad car arrived at the scene, in time to stop one of the vehicles from leaving the area.

That incident typifies the strategy used by the Northwest Metro Drug Task Force to send out a "drug dealers not welcome" message throughout six suburban communities. Using a grant from the Edward J. Bryne Memorial Fund, the cities of Crystal, Golden Valley, Hopkins, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park are pooling their resources to make sure that drug dealers don't get a foothold in their communities.

Each of the cities has assigned an officer full time to the task force. The

When they know dealers are involved in a location, the task force will keep going back till the dealers get the "you're not welcome here" message.

Northwest Metro Drug Task Force collaboration is much more effective than individual programs run by each of the six communities. And that's the reason the Bryne Memorial Fund was established. Named after a federal narcotics agent who was killed in the line of duty, the grants were set up to encourage interagency cooperation and communication in antidrug activities.

"We primarily focus on short-term investigations," says Lieutenant Richard Gautsch, Crystal Police Department. "When we get a complaint from a citizen, we'll do surveillance, execute a search warrant, and move in quickly."

Sometimes search warrants come up dry. When they know dealers are involved in a location, the task force will keep going back till the dealers get the "you're not welcome here" message. Gautsch remembers one such case where there was a house that people were afraid to walk past. There'd been a stabbing, an assault with a handgun, and loud parties at night. Neighbors were putting their homes up for sale. The task force targeted the house for continued searches and surveillance until the drug activities stopped.

Gautsch, who handles administrative duties for the task force, says its six officers form a tight team. They identify trouble spots in each of the six communities and prioritize their activities on the cases with the greatest potential for violence. In one case, they had identified a residential hotel that was being used for drug dealing. Task force officers rented a van and backed up to the hotel as if someone was moving in. When the van's rear doors opened, officers spilled out and within seconds had the building secured. Some of the cases the task force works on

involve substantial amounts of confiscated drugs, weapons, or money. The seizures of money go back into the program. "The drug dealers are major sponsors of programs targeting them," Gautsch says, with evident satisfaction.

Although most task force activity starts within the six communities, officers follow any case where they can get a major bust. To do so, they cooperate with other metro task forces, the IRS, DEA, FBI, Hennepin County, and Minneapolis. Last summer, they followed a tip from the airport police and wound up making one of the biggest confiscations of illegal drugs in Twin Cities history.

Task force officers stacked up the confiscated material at Hopkins City Hall and held a news conference to announce the successful conclusion of the case. The seized materials made a great photo opportunity for the media: one pound of methamphetamine, one-and-a-half pounds of pure cocaine, 659 pounds of marijuana in brick form, \$27,000 in cash, a 9mm handgun and a shotgun. Officers estimated the uncut value of the drugs at \$1.5 million.

A drug seizure that big is good news. It may not be as flashy, but the strengthened cooperation among the six cities is also good news. "During the last seven years, we've been able to establish a regular channel of communication that can be used for more than anti-drug activities," Gautsch says. "This program has gone beyond being an experiment. To have a joint operation with this amount of longevity is great."

## III. The Minnesota Peace Prize



An historic moment: The winners of the first Minnesota Peace from the audience following award ceremonies at the Minnesota History Center. From left: Chi Lu, accepting for the Southeast Asian **Community Coalition**; (third from left) Nikole Turner; and (third from right) Donald Streufert. Lt. Gov. Goanne Benson (right) made the presentations.

n environment where peacemaking is valued is an important

component in developing strong violence prevention programs.

Minnesota took a step forward in creating this environment during

1995 when the state established the Minnesota Peace Prize.

The creation of a Minnesota Peace Prize was first discussed in the 1991 Governor's Commission on Violent Crimes. Senator Tom Neuville, Northfield, suggested the idea as a way to publically recognize the efforts of Minnesotans to promote peace.

Lieutenant Governor Joanne E. Benson, who co-chaired the 1991 commission as a senator from St. Cloud, carried the idea to fruition through her role as chair of the Violence Prevention Interagency Task Force. The first Minnesota Peace Prize awards were presented by the lieutenant governor in ceremonies at the Minnesota History Center on October 23, 1995.



Lt. Gov. Benson and Nikole Turner. Turner won the individual youth award for her work with the Thomas-Dale Biock Club

Right: Donald
Streufert talks about creating an environment for peace. Below:
Members and friends of the Southeast
Asian Coalition join
Lt. Gov. Benson after the ceremonies. From left: Chi Lu, Benson, Project Director Mayjoua Ly, Quy Dam, and Kim Dettner.





Benson organized the Violence Prevention Interagency Task Force in March 1995. Composed of representatives from state agencies, the group's charge was to implement recommendations contained in the 1995 Violence Prevention Advisory Task Force Report. The group decided to pursue five major initiatives, which included the development of a coordinated public promotion/media awareness campaign targeted at violence prevention. The concept of the Minnesota Peace Prize Awards became the centerpiece and initial step of a public awareness campaign focused on violence prevention.

The task force decided that three awards will be presented each year in recognition of demonstrated leadership and a long-term commitment to promoting peace and preventing violence. Two of the awards will go to individuals in an adult and a youth category; the third award will go to an organization.

Staff from the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention carried out the work involved in establishing criteria for the Peace Prize, collecting and screening entries, and making arrangements for the awards ceremonies. The criteria developed for the Minnesota Peace Prize Awards are:

- *leadership* in violence prevention initiatives;
- *creativity* in developing strategies for violence prevention;
- *commitment* to long-term involvement that promotes change; and
- demonstrated impact on the community.

The specially designed award is a unique crystal figurine of a dove mounted upon a marble base with the recipient's name in raised lettering bordered with olive branches. Both the dove and the olive branches are symbols representing peace. The recipients of the first annual Minnesota Peace Prize awards were Nikole Turner, Donald Streufert, and the Southeast Asian Community Coalition for Youth and Families.

Turner won in the individual/youth category. A senior at St. Paul Central High School, Turner is active in the student council and is the leader of the Thomas-Dale Block Club's Youth Leadership Academy. Earlier in the year, Turner won the 1995 PeaceMaker Award from the City of Saint Paul Safe City & Peace Program. Turner says she will always be willing to step forward to involve young people in efforts to promote nonviolence.

Streufert was the winner in the individual/ adult category. Since losing his daughter to an act of violence, Streufert has dedicated his life to violence prevention. He was instrumental in the development of the Pathways to Peace & Safety Initiative at the Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids and was a key person in the formation of the Center for Reducing Rural Violence, where he is now director. Struefert is active in promoting public policies that support violence prevention and works to organize citizens at the local level for efforts that will reduce violence and create peace in Minnesota communities.

The peace prize's organizational category was awarded to the Southeast Asian Community Coalition for Youth and

Families. The coalition is based in St. Paul and includes eight Mutual Assistance Associations. Organizations in the Coalition are: Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women in Minnesota, Hmong American Partnership, Hmong Youth Association of Minnesota, Lao Assistance Center, Lao Family Community, United Cambodian Association of Minnesota, Vietnamese Social Services and Women's Association of Hmong and Lao.

This is the first Minnesota coalition of Southeast Asian organizations joining together to prevent juvenile violence and advocate for communities. The coalition is a resource for the City of St. Paul and for the state. Members work independently in their communities, but also deliver joint services with staff from agencies and other mainstream organizations.



From left: Lt. Gov. Benson, Donald Streufert, Chief Administrative Law Judge Kevin Johnson and Senator Tom Neuville. Benson and Johnson cochaired the 1991 Governor's Commission on Violent Crimes.

## IV. Extent of Chemical Abuse and Violence in Minnesota

#### **Chemical Use And Abuse**

Minnesota's prevention efforts seem to be paying off in some areas.

While there continues to be significant cause for concern, progress has

been made in reducing alcohol use by young people. The 1995

Student Survey found that alcohol use declined across the state

between 1989 and 1995. The reduced use was associated with a

change in attitude; teens were showing less acceptance of drinking.

The survey also showed that tobacco use increased for students at all grade levels, with proportionally greater increases seen for younger students. Minnesota students were smoking cigarettes at higher rates than their counterparts nationally. The largest increase in substance use was seen for marijuana, but marijuana use among students in Minnesota is somewhat lower than the national rate. Inhalant use and the use of LSD or other hallucinogens also increased; similar increases for these drugs were also reported in national surveys.

The 1995 survey results were consistent with those in previous years on one key finding: adolescents with serious family problems and those who have been abused were much more likely than other students to use alcohol and other drugs, particularly at more harmful levels. They were also much more likely to engage in antisocial and self-injurious behaviors, and to initiate sexual activity earlier.

Very different profiles distinguish adolescents who do not report risk behaviors from those for whom risk behaviors were pervasive. This finding has important implications for prevention efforts, particularly those which target alcohol and other drug use among youth. Many prevention programs and most public service announcements aim to deter initiation of drinking or drug use. These serve a worthy purpose and should continue. It is clear, however, that more effort is needed to reach young people who are already abusing alcohol and other drugs.

The Minnesota Student Survey results support the following recommendations:

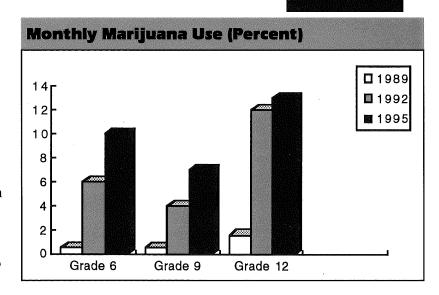
- Reinforce home, school, and community efforts that are working to deter adolescents from harmful and risky behavior.
- Tobacco use among adolescents must receive greater attention.

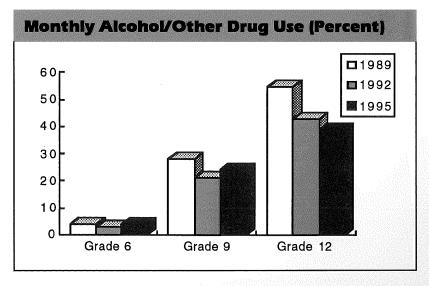
- Alcohol use must be a continued focus of prevention efforts.
- More effective, coordinated intervention services for young people who demonstrate high-risk behavior(s) must be developed and made accessible.
- Continued research is essential to understand the effects of risk factors on academic performance.

In 1989, the Department of Human Services conducted a household survey to determine the extent of the drug problem in Minnesota.

- Sixty percent of Minnesota's adults were current users of alcohol (once a month or more), with 19 percent reporting problems associated with their use of alcohol.
- By contrast, only 3 percent of Minnesota's adults (10 percent of those in core cities) were current users of illicit drugs, with 2 percent reporting problems associated with the use of illicit drugs.

In August of 1995, the Minnesota
Department of Health issued the report,
Alcohol Use in Minnesota: Extent and
Cost. According to the report, "Alcohol is
the most widely used drug in Minnesota
and is centrally related to a number of
persistent threats to public health,
including: Unintentional injuries such as
burns, falls, drownings, and motor vehicle
crashes; violent acts such as homicide,
suicide, and personal assault; chronic
diseases such as cancer, digestive disease,
and cardiovascular disease; unintended
pregnancies and sexually transmitted





diseases; and alcohol-related birth defects. In 1991, approximately 1,581 deaths in Minnesota were alcohol-related. These deaths translate to over 34,000 years of potential life lost. Four in ten alcohol-related deaths (41 percent) were due to injury or acts of violence. Overall, young people accounted for a disproportionate share of alcohol-related deaths. Whereas children, adolescents and young adults accounted for only 5 percent of deaths

"About 75
percent of all
youth suicide
victims have at
one time
abused drugs or
alcohol. One
study found
that alcohol
was present in
the blood of
half of
adolescent
suicide victims."

<u>Suicide</u>, Robert Emmet Long, Ed., 1995 from all causes, these Minnesotans (younger than 34) accounted for 17 percent of all alcohol-related fatalities. In 1991, the economic cost of alcohol use in Minnesota totaled \$1.74 billion, or nearly \$400 for every resident of the state. This figure includes: (1) direct health care costs; (2) indirect mortality costs; (3) indirect morbidity costs; (4) fetal alcohol syndrome costs; and (5) non-health sector costs. The potential cost of alcohol use is further magnified when considering emotional and social costs to individuals, families and communities."

According to the April 1995 Department of Human Services Chemical Dependency Division report, entitled Drug Abuse Trends in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Area, alcohol continues to be the most widely abused substance in the metropolitan area. The report goes on to note the following trends:

- Cocaine continues to be a major problem in the Twin Cities area. While the Minneapolis/St. Paul area has the lowest rate of cocaine hospital emergencies of any metropolitan area reporting on the national Drug Abuse Warning Network, the medical, social, and legal consequences of cocaine abuse persist in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Cocaine-related deaths declined slightly from 1993 to 1994, and cocaine treatment admissions were stable from 1992 to 1994, representing 17 percent of total drug treatment admissions.
- Heroin trends have risen slightly, and law enforcement sources report increasing activity involving highpurity white heroin. Minneapolis/St.

Paul, however, continues to have the lowest population-based rate of heroin hospital emergencies of any cities reporting on the Drug Abuse Warning Network.

- Marijuana use appears to be rising. The marijuana supply consists of both indoor grown and imported, typically from Mexico.
- During the spring of 1995 numerous law enforcement sources described an explosion in the methamphetamine availability with large amounts entering the metro area and other parts of the state, primarily from Mexico.
- Numerous suburban chemical health specialists reported the increased availability and abuse of LSD (acid) by both middle school and high school students.

#### **Crime and Violence**

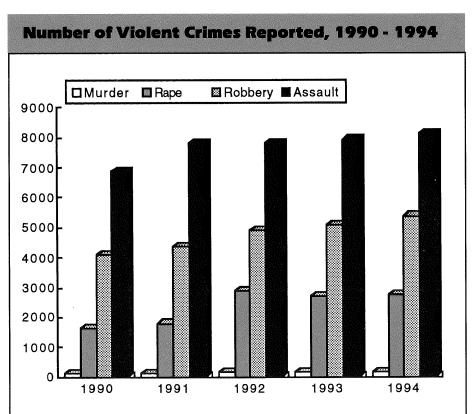
Minnesotans have tended to focus attention on homicide, guns, and gangs when addressing the issue of violence. While homicides constitute the most severe acts of violence, the numerical data clearly indicates that family violence (child maltreatment and domestic violence) is a more prevalent problem in Minnesota. Family violence incidents far outnumber homicides. A report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Selected Resources on Elder Abuse: An Annotated Bibliography for Researchers and Educators, states that: "Americans live in a violent society. The American family and American home are perhaps as violent or more violent than any other single American institution or setting."

The most frightening aspect of violence is

that much of it is not randomly committed by strangers or "on the streets." Rather, people are most at risk of being victimized by persons they know and trust: parents, children, spouses, other relatives, friends, and coworkers. As long as people are not safe from violence in their own homes, or from being victimized by persons who "love" them or work with them, we will not make progress in reducing the incidence of violence in our state. We know that family violence perpetuates the increasing cycle of violence that confronts our communities. We must call on citizens to change individual behaviors and work to create health and safety in our communities so that peace can thrive in our midst.

The most recent comprehensive statistics for crime and violence in Minnesota are:

- Criminal offenses for 1994 totaled 199,362, which represents a decline from 1993 of .16 percent when total offenses were 199,691.
- Violent crimes rose about 3.4 percent and continued to account for 8 percent of all crime in Minnesota. Nationwide, there was a 4 percent decrease in the number of violent crimes in 1994, based on figures released by the FBI in May 1995.



#### **Department of Public Safety Data**

Murder:	Increased by 2 percent (145 in 1993 to 148 in 1994) Increased by 20 percent since 1990 25 percent (42) of the offenders were between the ages of 15-19 years of age and 75 percent (128) were male				
Rape:	Increased 1.8 percent (2,713 in 1993 to 2,762 in 1994) Increased by 68 percent since 1990				
Robbery:	Increased 5.6 percent (5,085 in 1993 to 5,370 in 1994) Increased by 31 percent since 1990				
Agg. Assault:	Increased 2.5 percent (7,923 in 1993 to 8,124 in 1994) Increased by 18 percent since 1990				

- Adult arrests increased 6.1 percent (143,395 in 1993 to 152,149 in 1994).
- Juvenile arrests increased 23 percent (51,497 in 1993 to 63,499 in 1994).
- Child maltreatment reports in Minnesota increased 103 percent from 1985 to 1992.
- Orders for Protection increased 32 percent from 1989 to 1994. (9,767 in 1989 to 12,870 in 1994).
- In 1995, 15 percent of students in sixth grade reported they had been physically abused or had witnessed abuse involving other family members. In ninth grade, it was 19 percent, and in twelfth grade, it was 14 percent. (Minnesota Student Survey 1995)
- In 1995, 15 percent of twelfth grade girls and 4 percent of twelfth grade boys

- reported being victims of sexual abuse. Fourteen percent of ninth grade girls reported sexual abuse, as did 4 percent of the boys. In sixth grade, the reports of sexual abuse were 7 percent for girls and 3 percent for boys. (Minnesota Student Survey 1995)
- In 1995, 23 percent of twelfth grade students reported having been in a physical fight within the past year. In ninth grade it was 40 percent, and in sixth grade, 41 percent of the students reported involvement in a physical fight during the year. (Minnesota Student Survey 1995)

While Minnesota continues to be one of the healthiest and safest states in our country, we must actively work to prevent crime, chemical abuse, and violence if we are to provide our citizens with a high quality of life and our children with hope for a bright future. mericans live in a violent society. The American

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or more violent than any other single American

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Selected Resources on Elder Abuse: An Annotated Bibliography, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1991.

## Minnesota Crime/Violence Statistics, 1994

Type of Crime or Violence	Total	Rate (per 100,000	Average per day
		people)	
Aggravated Assault	8,124	178	22.0
Other Assault	48,125	1,054	132.0
Bias-motivated Crimes • Racial (76%) • Sexual Orientation (13%)	282	6	0.8
Child Maltreatment*+^ • Neglect 4,187 • Physical Abuse 1,208 • Sexual Abuse 6,680 • Emotional Abuse 408	11,064	249	30.3
Domestic Violence**  • Orders for Protection 12,870++	(estimate) 132,000	2,946	361.0
Driving under the Influence	27,809	609	76.0
Homicide	148	3.2	0.4
Missing Children • Cases active at year end 3,322	14,066	308	39.0
Narcotics	13,141	288	36.0
Property Crimes			
Burglary	36,111	791	99.0
• Larceny	130,839	2,865	358.0
• Arson	1,301	28	3.0
Motor Theft	14,321	314	39.0
• Vandalism	68,711	1,505	188.0
Sexual Offenses			
• Rape	2,762	60	7.0
• Prostitution	923	. 20	2.5
• Other Sex Offenses	3,516	77	10.0
Robbery	5,370	118	14.0
Suicide+++^	498	11	1.4
Vulnerable Adult Maltreatment+* • Abuse 448 • Neglect 645	1,093	24	3.0
Workplace Assaults++++	1,094	24	3.0



#### Sources:

Except as indicated below, Minnesota Department of Public Safety Statistics.

- Minnesota
   Department of
   Human Services
   Statistics
- ++ Minnesota
  Supreme Court
  Statistics
- +++ Minnesota
  Department of
  Health Statistics
- +++++ Minnesota
  Occupational
  Health and
  Safety
  Administration
  (Worker's Comp
  Claims)
- \* Preliminary Data
- \*\* Minnesota
  Department of
  Corrections
  Statistics
- \ 1993 Data

## V. Violence Prevention Update

'Violence is words and actions that hurt people. Violence is the abusive or unjust exercise of power, intimidation. harassment. and/or the threatened or actual use of force which results in or has a high likelihood of causing hurt, fear, injury, suffering or death."

Violence
Prevention
Advisory Task
Force
Report, 1995

The 1995 Report of the Violence Prevention Advisory Task Force and the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention provided several recommendations to the State Legislature and state agencies.

Since the report was completed in January of 1995, the Office of Drug

Policy and Violence Prevention has been working in cooperation with

other state agencies and the Executive Office of the Governor and

Lieutenant Governor to identify specific ways to implement the

findings of the report.

A major focus of the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention has been to organize and staff the Lieutenant Governor's Violence Prevention Interagency Task Force. Formed in the spring of 1995, the Task Force is made up of state agency representatives. The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention is also a collaborator in the Governor's Task Force on Violence as a Public Health Problem and supports many local initiatives that address violence prevention.

### Violence Prevention Interagency Task Force

The Violence Prevention Interagency Task Force adopted the following mission statement and goals:

#### **Mission Statement:**

Identify and implement methods in which state government can provide leadership to promote safe, healthy, nurturing communities and prevent violence. 

#### Goals:

- 1. Promotion: Develop and foster the qualities of nonviolence that children, families and communities need to thrive.
- 2. Prevention: Support efforts to prevent violence and increase public awareness for all Minnesota citizens.
- 3. Protection: Assure the public safety of all citizens.
- 4. Partnerships: Support and strengthen local coalitions of families, schools, and communities to promote nonviolent solutions to problems.

5. Public climate: Promote nontolerance for violence in all aspects of Minnesota society.

The Task Force is pursuing initiatives in the following areas:

Development of a Model Workplace Violence Prevention Policy and Plan for all state agencies/departments within state government.

The Department of Employee Relations, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Revenue, hosted two all-day workshops in early November to assist agencies/ departments in the development of their respective policies and plans. Each agency and department will submit a workplace violence prevention policy and plan to the Department of Employee Relations by April 30, 1996.

Development of a statewide coordinated public promotion/ media awareness campaign targeted at violence prevention.

The Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with representatives from the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Department of Economic Security, Minnesota Planning, and the Department of Children, Families and Learning, coordinated the development of the Minnesota Peace Prize Award on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

The Task Force is in the process of developing a public promotion/media awareness campaign to begin in late 1996.

The Task Force is seeking partners and funders to join in the statewide campaign.

The following objectives have been developed for the media campaign.

- Raise awareness about violence, linkages between types of violence and violence prevention.
- Increase knowledge of violence and violence prevention.
- Foster attitudes toward nontolerance and nonacceptance of violence.
- Demonstrate the benefits of behavior/ attitude changes.
- Demonstrate skills for alternatives to violence (i.e., parenting skills, crisis nurseries, parent support programs, etc.)
- Increase opportunities for intervention.
- Reduce the incidence of violence in the future.

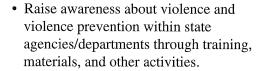
Formulation of a state government commitment to a philosophical shift that places a priority on the prevention of violence.

The Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, Department of Health, and Department of Economic Security, is coordinating a plan of action to:

 Create a workplace environment that promotes the idea of state employees as peace workers. "America has long had a love affair with violence and guns. It's our history, we teach it to all of our young."

Geoffrey Canada, <u>Fist, Stick, Knife,</u> <u>Gun,</u> 1995 "More than three-fourths of all homicides in the U.S. occur between persons who are relatives or personal acquaintences."

Ronald M. and Stephen T. Holmes, <u>Murder in America,</u> 1994



- Increase financial resources dedicated to violence prevention wherever possible.
- Promote employee volunteerism and provide incentives to employees who volunteer in their communities.

The plan of action will be completed in early 1996.

Coordination of a cooperative violence prevention legislative initiative in 1997.

The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention (which will be merging into the Department of Children, Families and Learning in 1996) will coordinate a cooperative violence prevention legislative initiative for the 1997 legislative session. Work on developing this initiative will begin in 1996.

Development of a Central State Prevention Information/Outreach Network that promotes community development.

Minnesota Planning, in conjunction with several other multi-service agencies, will institute a plan by mid-1996 to improve and enhance positive-based, prevention-focused data collection, develop a coordinated community-based technical assistance plan, and expand the statewide capacity of Minnesota Planning's data collection and resource-sharing network through technological advancements. In

addition, a Community Action Team has been organized to develop a collaborative approach to community outreach by state agencies/departments. The team will help communities achieve maximum utilization of the statewide data network described above for the purposes of responding to community issues and promoting community development, as well as serving as a conduit of community organization efforts to the state.

# Governor's Task Force on Violence as a Public Health Problem

The Governor's Task Force on Violence as a Public Health Problem will be submitting a report to the governor in early 1996 that will call for action by health communities, insurers, and providers to address the following: primary prevention, practice guidelines, health plan coverage and payments, workplace violence, data collection and research, information and referral, education and training, coordination with other violence prevention initiatives, funding, and a health care coalition on violence prevention. The report includes a Health Care Coalition Contract on Violence.

### **Costs of Violence**

The Allina Foundation, in direct response to issues raised in the 1995 Violence Prevention Advisory Task Force Report, released a Request for Proposals to conduct research on the health care costs associated with violence. The contracts will be awarded in early 1996.

### **Public Education**

The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention conducted numerous violence prevention workshops at conferences and community organizations during the year and distributed 5,000 copies of the 1995 Violence Prevention Report. The Office has also provided expanded access to the Report on the Internet.

During 1995, the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention developed 12 two-page fact sheets on the following topics:

What We Can Do To Stop
Violence
Alcohol, Drugs and Violence
Bias Crimes
Child Maltreatment
Domestic Violence
Elder Maltreatment
Homicide
Missing Children

Rape Robbery Suicide Workplace Violence

Fact sheets on the following topics are being developed:

Parent Education
Mentoring
Crisis Support
Home Visiting
Alternatives to Incarceration
Adolescent Violence
Gang Violence
School Violence
Interpersonal Communications
Awareness And Education

To receive copies of the fact sheets, call the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention at (612) 297-7311, or contact the University of Minnesota Children, Youth, and Families Consortium at (612) 626-1212 or via the Internet at http://www.fsci.umn.edu/cyfc. (See appendix for an example of the fact sheet format.)

of all the acts of violence experienced by U.S.

residents age 12 or older, 15 percent occur in the

workplace."

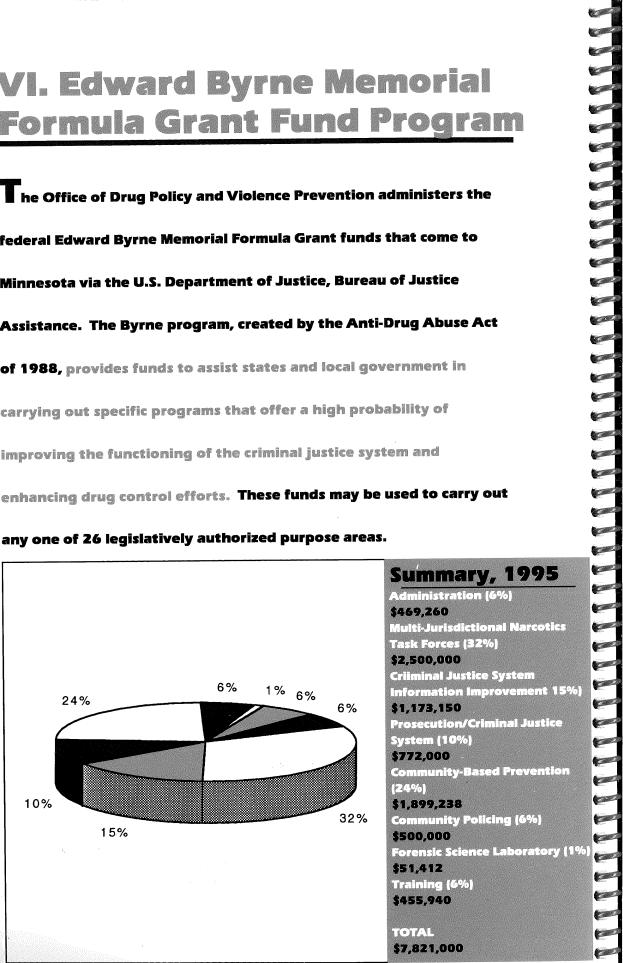
Violence and Theft in the Workplace: Crime Data Brief, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1994.

### VI. Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Fund Program

he Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention administers the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant funds that come to Minnesota via the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Byrne program, created by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, provides funds to assist states and local government in carrying out specific programs that offer a high probability of improving the functioning of the criminal justice system and enhancing drug control efforts. These funds may be used to carry out any one of 26 legislatively authorized purpose areas.

Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant: Program, FY 1995 Spending Plan

Summary of **Program** Categories Supported by the Formula Grant Program



**(300)** 

### **Edward Byrne** Memorial Formula **Grant Program Individual Program** Briefs

### Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 30 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$2,500,000

PURPOSE AREA:

2

FISCAL YEAR:

1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

To increase the identification and arrest of violators of narcotics laws through enhanced interagency cooperation by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- · To develop interagency agreements among two or more law enforcement agencies in different jurisdictions.
- To increase the amount of law enforcement expertise available statewide for investigation of narcotics cases.
- To increase the availability of intelligence information on illegal narcotics activity between law enforcement agencies.

### Forensic Science Laboratory

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 1 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$51,412

PURPOSE AREA:

21 1995

FISCAL YEAR: PROGRAM GOAL

To increase the speed with which drug evidence is processed and results are provided to law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Develop processes for reducing instrument down
- · Increase amount of time scientists have available for analysis of samples.

### **Narcotics Officer Training**

**Program** 

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 1 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$55,440

PURPOSE AREA:

21

FISCAL YEAR:

1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

To increase the overall knowledge and ability of patrol officers to recognize potential drug traffickers. To increase the investigative skills of officers assigned to narcotics investigation.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To develop and deliver, on an ongoing basis, training programs designed to assist patrol officers in recognizing the indicators of potential drug traffickers.
- To develop and deliver, on an ongoing basis, training on effective undercover investigative techniques.
- To develop and deliver, on an ongoing basis, training for multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force coordinators.
- To increase the number of instructors available to provide training for narcotics officers.
- To develop a statewide association of narcotics officers that provides ongoing opportunities for professional networking, support and training.

### **Continuing Legal Education**

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 1 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$15,000

PURPOSE AREA:

FISCAL YEAR:

1995

### **GOAL**

To increase the likelihood of successful prosecution of drug offenders by enhancing the practice skills of prosecuting attorneys.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- · To provide one two-day session on narcotics prosecution.
- To provide written material summarizing all training topics covered in the two-day session for distribution to those attorneys who attend the session, as well as attorneys who can not attend
- To prepare and provide a written syllabus to compliment the subject areas covered in the twoday session.

### **Specialized Narcotics Prosecution** Services

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 5 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$600,000

PURPOSE AREA:

2

FISCAL YEAR:

PROGRAM GOAL

1995

To successfully prosecute drug offenders in heavily populated Minnesota jurisdictions.

### **OBJECTIVES**

• To provide County Attorney's Offices in heavily populated areas of Minnesota with the resources to enable them to prosecute a high volume of cases.

### **Trial Practices Program**

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 2 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$37,500

PURPOSE AREA:

2.

FISCAL YEAR:

1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

To ensure that drug cases are prosecuted effectively and aggressively, while maintaining adequate representation for indigent citizens accused of committing a drug-related offense.

### **OBJECTIVES**

· To improve the trial skills of prosecutors and public defenders.

### **Gang Intervention**

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 2 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$50,000

PURPOSE AREA:

7A

FISCAL YEAR:

1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

To eradicate gang behavior in Ramsey County. **OBJECTIVES** 

- To develop a collaborative, interagency process to improve gang prevention, intervention and suppression activities.
- Develop cooperative working relationships among the various professionals who interact with youth.

### **Criminal Justice Information**

### System Improvement

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 1 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$391,050

PURPOSE AREA:

FISCAL YEAR:

1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

The establishment of a useable, reliable, accurate statewide criminal justice information system in Minnesota.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To establish guidelines for the development of a criminal justice records system that can be utilized appropriately by all professionals within the criminal justice community.
- · To reduce backlogs in data entry.
- To automate data entry processes.
- · To establish a data system that allows for Minnesota's participation in the Felon Identification in Firearms Sales program.
- · To establish a data system that allows Minnesota to automatically report pertinent information to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- · Improve the accuracy and timeliness of data entry.

### **Alternative Sentencing Program**

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 1 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$122,000

PURPOSE AREA:

2.

FISCAL YEAR:

1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

To prevent recidivism among juvenile and young adults represented by public defenders and convicted of drug offenses.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- · To provide juveniles and young adults with assessment services to determine proper placement alternatives.
- · To provide sentencing options for the court which include opportunities for treatment and rehabilitation.
- To have at least one staff person assigned to each judicial district in Minnesota to provide dispositional alternative services for juveniles and young adults represented by public defenders.

### Community-Based Crime

Prevention

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 15 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$1,899,238

PURPOSE AREA: 4
FISCAL YEAR: 1995

PROGRAM GOAL

To improve neighborhood livability and safety.  $\label{eq:objectives} \textbf{OBJECTIVES}$ 

- Assist local communities with drug and crime control efforts.
- Mobilize communities to reduce the factors that create the risk of adolescent alcohol and drug abuse and violent behavior.
- · Improve police/community relations.

### **Community Policing**

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 3 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$500,000

PURPOSE AREA: 4 FISCAL YEAR: 1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

To reduce the incidence of crime and drug abuse through the formation of partnerships between police agencies and community members.

### **OBJECTIVES**

To further the philosophy of Community
 Oriented Policing as a vehicle for creating and
 maintaining police/community partnerships in
 Minnesota.

### **Targeted Training**

NUMBER OF PROJECTS FUNDED: 2 - 5 FEDERAL COST OF THE PROGRAM: \$348,000

PURPOSE AREA: 4 FISCAL YEAR: 1995

### PROGRAM GOAL

To improve the response to crime victims by criminal justice system professionals. To increase the cultural competency of grantee agency staff.

### **OBJECTIVES**

• To provide training opportunities focused specifically in two areas: (1) Response of the criminal justice system to crime victims, and (2) Inclusivity and diversity training for grantee agency staff.

# VII. Prevention and Intervention Initiatives

The Minnesota Legislature provides approximately \$2,200,000 per year for community crime prevention and intervention initiatives. These funds are provided per Minnesota statutes 299A.35 for programming in the following categories:

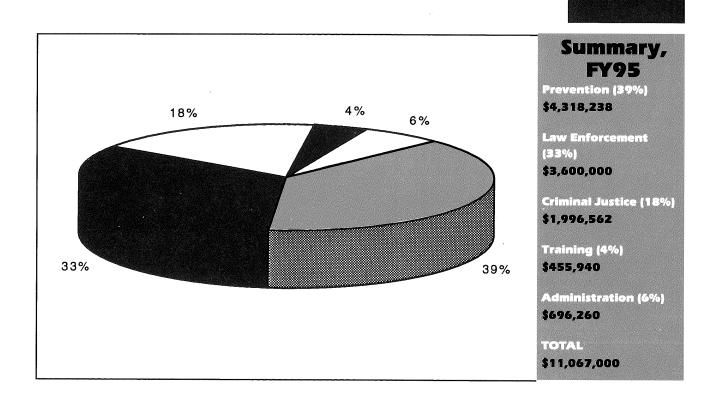
- Programs to provide security systems for residential buildings serving lowincome persons, elderly persons, and persons who have physical or mental disabilities.
- Community-based programs designed to discourage young people from involvement in unlawful drug or street gang activities.
- Neighborhood block clubs and innovative community-based crime watch programs.
- Community-based programs designed to enrich the educational, cultural, or recreational opportunities of at-risk elementary or secondary school-age youth, including programs designed to keep at-risk youth from dropping out of school, and encourage school dropouts to return to school.
- Support services for a municipal curfew enforcement program, including but not limited to rent for drop-off centers, staff, supplies, equipment, and the referral of children who may be abused or neglected.
- Community-based programs designed to intervene with juvenile offenders who are identified as likely to engage in repeated criminal activity in the future unless intervention is undertaken.

- Community-based collaboratives that coordinate five or more programs designed to enrich the educational, cultural, or recreational opportunities of at-risk elementary or secondary school age youth, including programs designed to keep at-risk youth from dropping out of school, and to encourage school dropouts to return to school.
- Programs that are proven successful at increasing the rate of graduation from secondary school and the rate of postsecondary education attendance for high-risk students.
- Other community-based crime prevention programs that are innovative and encourage substantial involvement by members of the community served by the program.

### Summary of State and Federal Funding Administered by the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention

A pie chart and table on the following page provides a summary of the state and federal funding administered by ODPVP in fiscal year 1995. Sixty percent of funding goes to programming in the metro area of the state, and 40 percent goes to programming in the rural areas of the state.

See the appendices for a complete listing of all current grant initiatives.



### Minnesota's Coordinated Funding Procedure

The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention continues to work diligently with other state agencies that receive federal and state funds to reduce drug use and prevent violence. Our common goal is to establish innovative and effective ways to distribute these funds. Many of these dollars are committed to community-based efforts. In order to maximize our limited resources, promote coordination and reduce fragmentation,

Minnesota has centralized the funding streams and simplified access by creating a Community Prevention and Intervention Funding Process.

The Community Prevention and Intervention Funding Process integrates funds from a variety of state and federal grant programs addressing community crime and drug and violence prevention activities. This new process has eased funding access for communities and facilitated increased statewide coordination of funds.

### VIII. Program Evaluation

State agencies and local communities are increasingly interested in

reliable ways to document problem areas that need to be addressed,

focus resources, and measure progress over time. In recent years,

substantial progress toward this goal has been achieved.

# Information for Action: The Substance Abuse Monitoring System and Community Assessment and Action Networks.

This model was developed through a grant from the Chemical Abuse Violence Prevention Council (CAVPC) to the Minnesota Department of Human Services - Chemical Dependency Division. The Information for Action Initiative provides a framework for collecting and monitoring substanceabuse-related indicators from multiple sources to assist in decision making about how to reduce drug- and alcohol-related problems and promote chemical health. This tool was completed in June of 1995. It will allow us to assess areas of need and measure changes over time, so that we may direct funding and technical assistance resources accordingly.

### **Minnesota Student Survey**

The Minnesota Student Survey was first administered in 1989 to students in grades 6, 9, and 12, and was repeated in 1992 and 1995. The goal of the survey is to establish a standardized mechanism for evaluating students' concerns and problem behaviors across communities and over time. The survey includes a number of significant indicators that measure drug use and family violence. These indicators provide an excellent

barometer of the effectiveness of prevention efforts statewide. We will utilize the information to plan, direct, and coordinate our efforts and resources. The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention has recently entered into a joint program with the Department of Children, Families and Learning to develop evaluation measures that can be used by community-based projects funded through our respective departments. These evaluation tools are being tailored to measure the impact of diverse programs addressing multiple community problems. This evaluation will comprise two primary activities: evaluation and evaluation training. Sixty-five organizations receiving grants will be provided opportunities to attend training relating to outcome evaluation of community-based organizations. The first of these training sessions was held in March of 1995 and was provided at four sites across the state.

The evaluation activities target 42 grants for output, process, and outcome evaluation. These grantees will provide evaluation data focused primarily on output data. Data will be analyzed on a quarterly basis beginning the third quarter of 1995. A final report will be provided by January 31, 1997.

The Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention is playing a central role in the development and implementation of a comprehensive evaluation system for use in Minnesota's prevention programming. The system will offer a strategy for identifying and examining an array of measurable outcomes and indicators to provide Minnesota's public policy makers, state administrators, service providers, and the general public with important information regarding the state's progress toward broad statewide goals for children and families. The system will be developed for use by June 30, 1996.

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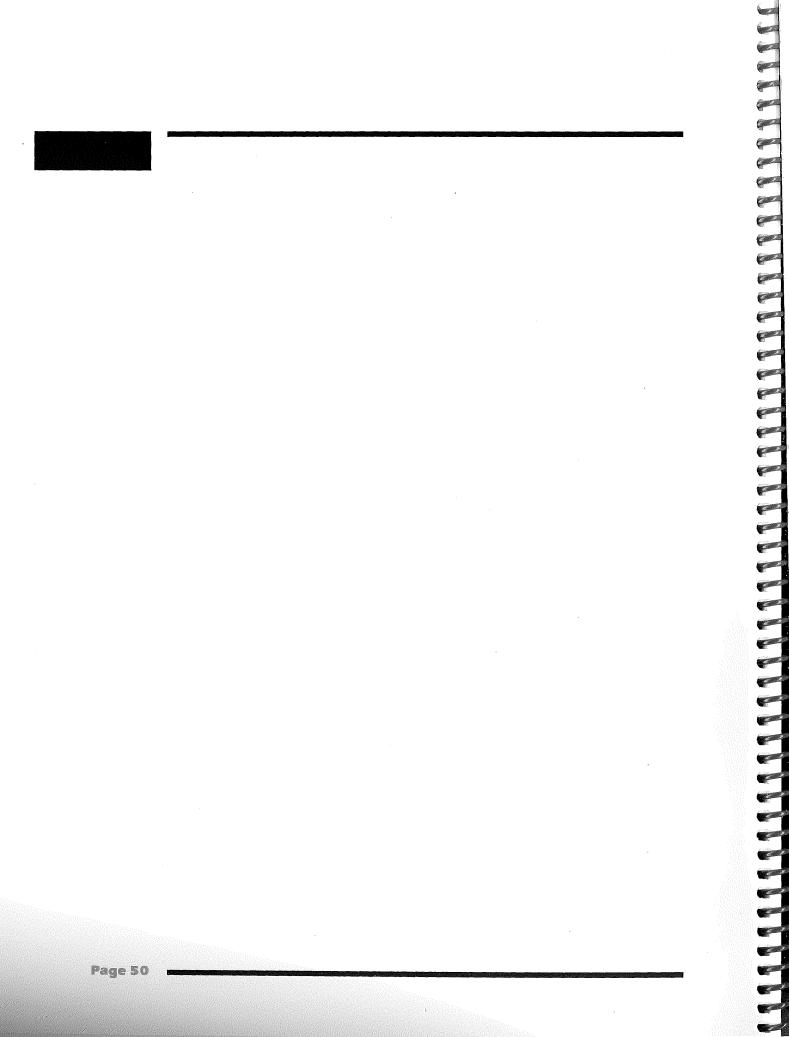
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# Appendix B: Community Program Funding, 1995-96

# High-Risk Youth and Community Crime and Drug Prevention

### Wilder Forest®

Amherst Wilder Foundation 14189 Ostlund Trail North Marine on St. Croix MN 55047 Colin R Wesaw 612-433-5198 612-433-3083 (fax)

Service Area: Statewide

### **Program Description:**

This program will establish youth councils in the 11 Minnesota American Indian Reservations, St. Paul, and Minneapolis communities and will include leadership and prevention camps, outdoor experiential activities, and teaching of leadership skills, self esteem and alcohol and drug awareness.

### **April's Shelter®**

502 Beltrami Avenue Bemidji MN 56601 Judy Selby 218-751-8717

Service Area: Beltrami, Cass, Roseau, Hubbard, Clearwater

### **Program Description:**

This project provides stable housing and support services to pregnant teens and young adult mothers.

### B T Bombers Boxing Club®

440 Thomas Avenue St. Paul MN 55103 717 Carroll Avenue St Paul MN 55104 Clem Tucker 612-293-8079 612-292-3711 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

B T Bombers Boxing Club provides a safe environment for high-risk, central city youth that includes an educational program, recreational activities, positive role models, and boxing instruction.

### Parents Anonymous of Isanti County\* Cambridge-Isanti Schools District #911

315 7th Lane NE Cambridge MN 55008 Deb Wright-Hendricks 612-689-2796 612-689-6200 (fax)

Service Area: Isanti

### **Program Description:**

Parents Anonymous of Isanti County, in collaboration with District 911 Early Childhood Family Education, offers a self-help education/ support group for parents in Cambridge, MN, as well as for incarcerated parents and young adults. Services will be expanded to include services for children. Many of the 60 families served are single parent households with limited incomes and inadequate transportation.

### Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative®

401 Fourth Street E Chaska MN 55318 Maddy Wagner 612-368-8807 612-368-8858 (fax)

Service Area: Carver, Scott

### **Program Description:**

The Juvenile Entrepreneurship Program for pre-and post-adjudicated youth provides support, guidance, entrepreneurship training, and helps youth start small businesses.

### Central Minnesota

**Educational Coop. Service Unit®** 

P.O. Box 1576 St. Cloud MN 56302 Dixie Waller-Anderson 612-255-4927

Service Area: Wright, Sherburne, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Pine, Kanabec

## These projects are funded through:

- MN Department of Education, Office of Community Collaboration, 612-296-6082
- MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, 612-297-7311
- Funded by both Departments

### **Program Description:**

The Family & Youth Collaborative will develop or expand programs in five communities to prevent, decrease, or intervene on violence and high-risk behaviors; activities include the DARE program; weekend, after school, and summer activities; Teen Advisory Board; peer mediation; community service programs for youth; and theater groups.

#### Central Neighborhood Improvement Assoc.®

310 East 38th Street, #228 Minneapolis MN 55409 Jana L Metge 612-822-3302 612-824-0791 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

Project will involve youth from the Central Neighborhood of South Minneapolis in community revitalization efforts via creation of a youth committee, participation in youth economic development projects, creation of community mural and garden.

### Chippewa County Family Services®

Community Services Building Montevideo MN 56265 Yellow Medicine County Family Services Courthouse Granite Falls MN 56241 Mary Potter 612-564-2211 612-564-4435 (fax)

Service Area: Chippewa, Yellow Medicine

### **Program Description:**

This project will expand the Home and Community Based Services program by adding a Life Skills Worker position to enhance or add the following: life skills training, counseling, parent support group, youth support group.

### Chosen Valley Public School\*

205 Union Street NE Chatfield MN 55923 Bela Schellenberg 507-867-4210 507-867-3147 (fax) Service Area: Fillmore, Olmsted, Winona

### **Program Description:**

Chosen Valley School System is expanding their violence prevention efforts to help at-risk youth and families. Parenting programs will target at-risk families with additional support services, including transportation and child care to encourage participation. In collaboration with Dover-Eyota Schools, Chosen Valley will provide group counseling, mediation training, and alternative wilderness activities for at-risk youth as well as piloting an evening area learning center.

### Circle of Discipline®

3653 Chicago Avenue S Minneapolis MN 55407 Diana Spiess 612-459-0097

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

Community-based, volunteer-driven Circle of Discipline utilizes boxing and martial arts programming to develop alternatives for high-risk youth; build sense of 'family'; encourage positive development, conflict resolution, school attendance, and job placement.

### **Dakota County Community Services®**

33 Wentworth Avenue E, Suite 315 West St Paul MN 55118 Mary Jo Heieren 612-891-7231 612-891-7282 (fax)

**Service Area:** Dakota, Scott, LeSueur, Sibley, Carver, Goodhue

### **Program Description:**

This project will implement the curriculum Crossroads (for teens) and Roadmaps (for parents), which are designed to provide concrete steps for changing thought and behavior patterns associated with delinquent behavior. Crossroads is targeted for youth on probation.

### Dayton's Bluff

### **District 4 Community Council®**

281 Maria Avenue St Paul MN 55106 612-772-2075 612-774-3510 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

This project seeks to increase the sense of unity in Dayton's Bluff by strengthening existing and developing new block clubs and by developing an intercultural/intergenerational mentoring program.

### **District 2 Community Council®**

2169 Stillwater Avenue St Paul MN 55119 Jacquelyn J Geier 612-731-6842 612-731-0194 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

The Community Council will expand the existing Teen Council and arts education program. The teen council will receive training in conflict resolution, harassment prevention, cultural education, and will develop teen-to-teen outreach and recreational activities.

### Duluth School District #709\*

**Nettleton Magnet School** 

108 Sixth Street E Duluth MN 55805-1739 Stephanie Heilig 218-722-3961

Service Area: St Louis

### **Program Description:**

Nettleton Magnet School, located in the central hillside of Duluth, is committed to becoming a school with zero tolerance for violence. Over 600 youth and their families will be involved in programs including parent/child communication training, peer helpers, a parent resource library, and afterschool activities promoting positive peer

interactions. The year's activities will culminate in a Peace Festival involving school and community members.

### Elk River School District #728\*

Community Education 1230 School Street NW Elk River MN 55330 Charlie Blesener 612-241-3520 612-241-3521 (fax)

**Service Area:** Sherburne, Wright, Anoka, Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

Over 900 Elk River students will be taught skills related to mediating differences in non-violent ways. The peer mediation program will be complemented by "Proud to be a Parent,", a parent education program, recreational activities for families, and an adolescent crisis intervention team.

### Ely Community Resource, Inc.\*

PO Box 374 103 E. Chapman St Ely MN 55731 Patricia J Zupancich 218-365-5254

Service Area: St Louis

### **Program Description:**

Be the Best! (Building Esteem, Support, and Trust) targets high-risk youth, ages five to 12 experiencing problems including academic failure and social isolation. Of the 175 participants, at least 60 percent will be high-risk youth and their caregivers. Be the Best! will provide friendship groups, service learning opportunities, child-parent activities, and an adult-child mentoring program.

### Falcon Heights, City of

2077 Larpenteur Avenue W Falcon Heights MN 55113 Connie Lanners Bernardy 6840 Siverts Lane Fridley MN 55432 612-574-7427 612-572-2315 (fax)



through:

- \* MN Department of Education, Office of Community Collaboration, 612-296-6082
- MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Policy & Violence Prevention, 612-297-7311
- ^ Funded by both Departments

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

The Mayor's Commission Against Drugs sustains a coalition comprised of representatives from Falcon Heights, Roseville, Lauderdale, and Little Canada to create and maintain a safe and chemically healthy community. Activities include conflict resolution training, a newsletter, student involvement in planning and action councils, and developing strategies to minimize access to alcohol.

### Family Service St Croix\*

216 West Myrtle Street Stillwater MN 55082 Tom Yuska 612-730-1046 612-439-4894 (fax)

Service Area: Washington

### **Program Description:**

As part of a multi-year strategy to address concerns over juvenile crime and lack of opportunities for high risk youth in Landfall, MN, at least 35 elementary and middle-school youth will participate in the Art & Science Discovery Program provided by the Science Museum of MN and the Museum Magnet School. Youth will engage in computer-based artistic expression, explore scientific phenomenon and procedures, and investigate how art can enhance science learning.

### Faribault Community Services\*

15 Division Street W Faribault MN 55021 Connie Nelson 507-334-2239 507-334-3130 (fax)

Service Area: Rice

### **Program Description:**

The Family Learning Program will break the cycle of at-risk behaviors passed from generation to generation by targeting young parents under the age of twenty-one and their pre-school children. Parents will be helped to complete their basic education, provided parenting training, and connected to community resources as needed. Parent-child programs are included in the program's services.

### Fillmore School District #2198\*

Box 599 Harmony MN 55939 Kerry Kading 507-886-6464 507-886-6642 (fax)

Service Area: Fillmore

### **Program Description:**

Teens Nurturing Teens is a leadership skill building program for students at Fillmore Central High School, grades 9-12. Through peer empowerment and peer helping training, TNT youth will help approximately 200 of their peers avoid problems with drugs, violence, and crime.

### Harrison Neighborhood Association®

1901 Glenwood Avenue North Minneapolis MN 55405 Marcia Glancy 612-274-4849

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

Project goals are to empower residents, increase livability, increase safety, and deter crime in Hawthorne Neighborhood in North Minneapolis. Activities include newsletters, block clubs, family recreational programs, parenting skills workshops, youth activities, and parent support groups.

### **Hennepin County**

### **Department of Community Corrections**\*

C-2353 Government Center Minneapolis MN 55487 Hennepin County Juvenile Probation Div. 626 Sixth Street S Minneapolis MN 55415-1574 Bob Mowatt 612-348-3683 612-348-6598 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

Project Work Entry will provide comprehensive career and employability training to selected 14-19 year olds on probation. Activities will include academic and vocational assessment, employability skills training, and case management employment services.

### Hibbing School District #701°

800 21st Street E Hibbing MN 55746 Hibbing High School Chemical Health 800 21st Street E Hibbing MN 55746 Patty Miller 218-262-4666 218-263-5021

Service Area: St Louis

### **Program Description:**

This project will provide the following services that are currently lacking for high-risk youth: curfew enforcement; part-time school social worker; mentor program; open gym on weekends.

### Intermedia Arts Minnesota\*

425 Ontario Street SE Minneapolis MN 55414 James Bradley 612-627-4444 612-627-4111 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin, Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

In partnership with Pillsbury Neighborhood Services, Walker Art Center and others, Intermedia Arts will develop an ongoing performance group and mentoring program for 50 adolescent African-American males. The group's work will address racism and a variety of issues of concern to young African-American men.

### **Intermediate District 287\***

1820 Xenium Lane N Plymouth MN 55441 West Metro Education Center 6800 Cedar Lake Road St Louis Park MN 55426 Vince Svaldi 612-593-1181 612-593-1271 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

West Metro Education Center, serving the western metro area of Minneapolis, is opening the PRO- Teens classrooms to help 150 highly aggressive youth increase their academic success and mental health. Programs provided include academic, mental health, community service activities, and urban and wilderness exploration programs.

### **Jackson County**

### Family Services Network\*

310 Sherman Street, PO Box 67 Jackson MN 56143 Bob Charnecki 507-847-4000 507-847-5616 (fax)

Service Area: Jackson

### **Program Description:**

Jackson County Family Services Network will provide coordination and training to family and youth service providers regarding cultural diversity. Interpreters will be identified and made available as liaisons for youth and their families to reduce school and family barriers to problem solving.

### Janet Rico Teen Center\*

2100 Emerson Avenue N Minneapolis MN 55411 Steven Boots 612-529-9248

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

The Janet Rico Teen Center in North Minneapolis, is a volunteer-driven neighborhood center working to develop "working relationships" among neighborhood adolescents, staff and other support agencies. Staff and volunteers assist teens in maintaining positive peer relationships, community service opportunities, intergenerational and interracial awareness activities and advocacy services.

### KINSHIP of the Park Rapids Area

P.O. Box 282 Park Rapids, MN 56470 218-732-9513 Carolyn Spangler

**Service Area:** Lake George, Nevis, Osage, and Park Rapids

## These projects are funded through:

- \* MN Department of Education, Office of Community Collaboration, 612-296-6082
- MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Policy & Violence Prevention, 612-297-7311
- ^ Funded by both Departments

### **Program Description:**

The KINSHIP program is a volunteer mentoring program that provides supportive friendships for children between the ages of 6-18 with adults on a one-to-one basis. Its goal is to provide a service to the Lake George, Nevis, Osage and Park Rapids communities that is preventative and targets children who for a variety of reasons need an adult in their life other than a parent.

#### Lake of the Woods School District #390

Lake of the Woods School PO Box 310 Baudette MN 56623 Becky Hanson 218-634-2056 218-634-2467 (fax)

Service Area: Lake of the Woods

### **Program Description:**

A grassroots, collaborative team will plan and implement a peer helper program for the 870 students in Lake of the Woods Schools.

### Lao Family Community of MN Inco

320 University Avenue W St Paul MN 55103 Sharon Nelson 612-221-0069 612-221-0276 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey, Hennepin

#### **Program Description:**

Project will expand the Hmong Improvisation Project which produces bicultural/bilingual plays about substance abuse and dependency issues in Hmong families.

### Le Sueur-Henderson Schools District #2397 \*

115 1/2 Fifth Street N LeSueur MN 56058 Arlyss Graff 612-665-6422 612-665-6858 (fax)

Service Area: Sibley

### **Program Description:**

A community planning team, initiated by parent volunteers, will establish a youth center in Henderson to address the lack of afterschool options for youth in the community. The planning team, including youth and other community organizations, will develop the operating plan for the center and supervise the start-up period.

### Legal Rights Center, Inc.\*

808 East Franklin Avenue Minneapolis MN 55404 Robyn L. Noyed 612-871-4886 612-871-4889 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

At least 60 truant Minneapolis youth and their families will be involved in the Legal Rights Center's family mediation program to identify the underlying problems relating to young person's truancy, develop and implement an intervention plan, and mediate conflicts. Youth enrolled at Four Winds School, Franklin Middle School and Henry High School will be participants. The program includes participation of two successful culturally specific programs, Black Mediation Council and Council of Elders Mediation Panel.

### Lutheran Social Service of MN®

9239 Idaho Street Duluth MN 55808 Cathy Bergh 218-626-2726 218-626-1667 (fax)

Service Area: St Louis

### **Program Description:**

The Oh No! Eighteen program serves high-risk youth that are not eligible for services elsewhere. Activities include support groups, drug prevention education, independent living skill instruction, communication exercises and job seeking skill instruction.

### Lyndale Neighborhood Association®

3536 Nicollet Avenue South Minneapolis MN 55408 Sean Gosiewski 612-824-0521

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

The new Youth and Family Program Coordinator will work with the neighborhood youth, parents and residents of a public housing high rise in this south Minneapolis neighborhood, to identify and address youth needs.

### Madelia Schools District #837\* High School SADD

320 Buck Avenue SE Madelia MN 56062 Gladys Neiman 507-642-3232 507-642-3622 (fax)

Service Area: Watonwan

### **Program Description:**

This project will provide positive opportunities for at-risk Hispanic students and empower them to educate others regarding cultural diversity and prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

### Minneapolis Youth Diversion Program Project Offstreets\*

1905 Third Avenue S Minneapolis MN Sharon Byers 612-348-2980 612-348-7682 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin, Ramsey

#### **Program Description:**

Minneapolis Youth Diversion Program will help 50 homeless youth access services to stabilize their lives. In addition, they will develop a community advisory council consisting of service providers and youth to provide consultation, increase collaboration, and provide advocacy for youth.

### Minneapolis, City of^

350 Fifth Street S Minneapolis MN 55415 310 1/2 City Hall Minneapolis MN 55415 Donna Harris 612-673-2885 612-673-2108 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

This project will develop an enforcement and diversion program for youth curfew/truancy violators in Minneapolis through a community coalition involving city programs, schools and community organizations.

### Minnesota Extension Service/Goodhue County\*

Courthouse Room 105 509 5th Street West Red Wing MN 55066-2540 Kathleen A. Olson 612-385-3100 612-385-3258 (fax)

Service Area: Goodhue

### **Program Description:**

"Kids-Handle With Care" is a project in Goodhue County designed to help reverse the societal acceptance of physical punishment by teaching alternative discipline styles through public awareness and parent education. A series of community-wide activities are planned including parent-child workshops in each of the six school districts in the county, "Peace" day camps for youth grades K-5, middle and high school retreats emphasizing conflict resolution, and training for parents in positive discipline.

### Moorhead, City of®

500 Center Avenue Moorhead MN 56560Scott Hutchins 218-299-5370 218-299-5399 (fax)

Service Area: Clay



## These projects are funded through:

- \* MN Department of Education, Office of Community Collaboration, 612-296-6082
- MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Policy & Violence Prevention, 612-297-7311
- ^ Funded by both Departments

### **Program Description:**

This community mobilization project seeks to increase the developmental assets of youth; design, implement and sustain a community wide initiative to develop consensus and core values; design, implement, and sustain a community wide service initiative in which children and teenagers engage in service, thereby strengthening the assets and infrastructure of the community.

#### Nett Lake School District #707®

13090 Westley Drive Nett Lake MN 55722-8122 Ray Toutloff 218-757-3102 218-757-3330 (fax)

Service Area: St Louis, Koochiching

### **Program Description:**

This project's goal is to reduce youth crime and drug use by providing after school, weekend, and summer activities; and peer tutoring for Nett Lake youth.

### North Hennepin Mediation Project®

3300 County Road 10, Suite 212 Brooklyn Center MN 55429 Veronica V Lukes 612-561-0033 612-561-0266 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

The program provides mediation services to first-time juvenile offenders and their victims with the purpose of 1) showing the juvenile how the victim was affected by their actions, and 2) developing consequences for the offenders to avoid reccurance of illegal behavior.

### Northwest Youth & Family Services\*

1775 Old Hwy #8, Suite #101 New Brighton MN 55112 Jeanne Thompson 612-636-5448 612-636-1584 (fax) Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

A partnership including Northwest Youth & Family Services, Ramsey County Sheriff Dept., Northwest YMCA, Mounds View Public School and Roseville Area Schools will provide an afterschool-evening drop-in program and youth activity center for about 500 middle school, high-risk youth, ages ten to 15. In addition to recreational activities, programs provided will include employment opportunities at the Center, training in conflict resolution and peer mediation for youth volunteers, and involvement in a neighborhood Crime Watch Project.

### Old Arizona Collaborative Inc.\*

2821 Nicollet Avenue Minneapolis MN 55408 Darcy Knight 612-871-0050 612-871-0355 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

The Arizona Bridge Project is an afterschool/ summer program designed to provide at-risk, 14-18 year olds from the Whittier and Phillips neighborhoods in Minneapolis, a safe and supportive environment to learn, while offering a "bridge" for working parents whose schedules may not allow them to be at home at the end of the school day or during the summer months. More than 200 youth will participate in activities including performing and visual arts classes, tutoring, mentoring, and internships with commercial and non-profit arts professionals.

### Osakis Schools District #213\*

PO Box X Osakis MN 56360 Connie Ferris 612-859-2192 612-859-2835 (fax)

Service Area: Douglas, Todd

### **Program Description:**

Osakis School District is initiating a violence and pregnancy prevention program, Respect Begins

with Me. Youth, teachers, administrators and parents will participate in workshops, appropriate curriculum will be identified and used in all classrooms, and peer mentorship activities will occur in grades five through twelve. Issues addressed will include healthy, respectful male/female interaction, sexual harassment, sexual abstinence and pregnancy prevention.

### Owatonna Community Education\*

Owatonna Schools District #761 122 East McKinley Street Owatonna MN 55060 Debbie McDermott-Johnson 507-455-0180

Service Area: Steele

### **Program Description:**

A community-wide task force is initiating "Kids First," a youth enrichment program to meet a list of needs prioritized by 300 young people. Task force members will pool financial resources and personnel to provide afterschool and summer activities for the community's youth.

### People of Phillips®

1014 East Franklin Avenue Minneapolis MN 55404 Donn J. Vargas 612-874-1711 612-874-7605 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

Youth leaders will work with adult mentors to develop a youth center concept, organize youth center events, and develop and operate micro business ventures in the Phillips Neighborhood of South Minneapolis.

#### Pine Point School\*

P.O. Box 61 Ponsford MN 56575 Diane Lehse 218-573-3550 218-573-3718 (fax) Service Area: Becker

### **Program Description:**

Pine Point School, on the White Earth Indian Reservation, will continue and expand efforts to prevent, decrease or intervene in violence and related high-risk behaviors of youth, while providing education on self-esteem, conflict resolution, violence prevention and prevention of harassment. Examples of activities planned include youth recreation programs, parenting classes, youth and family counseling, and traditional Ojibway ceremonies.

Prior Lake - Savage Area - ISD #719\*

PO Box 539 Prior Lake MN 55372 Jerry Spies 612-447-2185 612-440-1096 (fax)

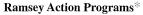
Service Area: Scott

### **Program Description:**

Prior Lake School District will expand their violence prevention services to include a resource center for parents, training and support for parents of at-risk high school youth, and peer mediation and conflict resolution training for youth grades 4-12. These services result from recommendations made by the community's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Violence Prevention which focuses on increasing violence prevention resources in the community, public education, and increased collaboration.

## These projects are funded through:

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215 Sixth Street E St Paul MN 55101 Side by Side Institute Minneapolis/St Paul 2020 First Avenue S Minneapolis MN 55404 Roger L Clarke 612-874-6253 612-870-8851 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin, Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

Through the sponsorship of Ramsey Action Programs, Side by Side Institute will provide youth leadership, diversion, and anti-violence programs with a strong culturally competent emphasis on restoration of at-risk, Hennepin County African-American youth. Services include a six-week residential leadership program, job-seeking assistance, parent support, and academic assistance.

#### Region VIII North Welfare®

PO Box 44 Ivanhoe MN 56142 Susan R Sik 507-694-1452 507-694-1198 (fax)

Service Area: Lincoln

### **Program Description:**

This is an education program and support group for youth at risk of developing psychoactive substance abuse or dependence and their families. SADD youth volunteers will provide childcare for participating families.

### Robbinsdale ISD #281\*

4148 Winnetka Avenue North New Hope MN 55428 Plymouth Middle School Tom Henderlite 612-535-1790

Service Area: Hennepin

**Program Description:** 

Suspended Off the Streets, (SOS), is a program designed for middle school students, grades 6-8, who are suspended out of school. An SOS coordinator will supervise youth in community service activity for the duration of their suspension, providing safe, supervised activities for youth.

#### Rosemount, City of

2875 145th Street W Rosemount MN 55068 Rosemount Community Center 13885 South Robert Trail Rosemount MN 55068 Jim Topitzhofer 612-322-6003 612-322-6080 (fax)

Service Area: Dakota

### **Program Description:**

The Rosemount Partnership Program is a community mobilization project initiated by single-parent residents of low income, subsidized rental properties. Activities include promoting youth involvement in various types of programming, professional and volunteer training, and the development of a Community Based Task Force.

### Southwest/West Central ECSU #991®

PO Box 1087 Marshall MN 56258 Kandiyohi County Community Corrections 321 Fifth Street SW Willmar MN 56201 Jay Keift 612-231-6222

Service Area: Kandiyohi

### **Program Description:**

Embracing Resilient Youth is an area collaborative that proposes to implement a pilot mentoring project to work with first time juvenile offenders and at-risk 4th graders to improve academic performance, create a connection between the youth and the community, reduce criminal activity, and increase cultural power and pride.

### St Joseph's Home for Children\*

1121 46th Street E Minneapolis MN 55407 Michael Favor 612-827-9310 612-827-7954 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

The Community Support Program is an early inhome intervention program that will provide at-risk youth with tutoring, vocational education and social skills training to reduce the need for out-of-home placements and school failure. Parent support groups will be available as well. This is a cooperative venture between St. Joseph's Home for Children, Minneapolis Public Schools, Hennepin County Community Services and other youth and family agencies to help participating families stabilize their lives.

#### St Paul Schools District #625\*

740 York Avenue St Paul MN 55106 Verne M Melberg 612-293-5275 612-293-5279 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

Home visitor services will be made available to 200 families in the Frogtown and Payne-Phalen neighborhoods of St. Paul through the Family Resource Centers. The Centers provide support and parenting education, counseling, child care, health screening and referrals to at-risk families. Home visitors strengthen and empower families and thereby strengthen the community, reducing the risks of community crime, drug use, and violence.

### Thomas-Dale Block Clubs, Inc

689 Dale Street N St Paul MN 55103 Johnny Howard 612-292-0761 612-224-7348 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

This community mobilization project will develop

and implement an organized public information campaign to inform the public about suspicious and criminal activity, to convey a zero tolerance message, and to initiate a criminal activity information phone line.

### Thunder Spirit Lodge®

565 Kent Street St Paul MN 55103 Joyce Glass 612-290-2484

Service Area: Ramsey, Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

This 'Special Voices' program is a comprehensive approach to prevention and crime reduction through training of professionals, parents, and others regarding fetal alcohol syndrome/fetal alcohol effects and through direct services to FAS/FAE families.

#### Walker-West Music Academy\*

777 Selby Avenue St Paul Mn 55104 Grant West 612-224-2929

Service Area: Hennepin, Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

Walker Music Academy, in collaboration with St. Paul human service organizations, will provide group and individual artistic opportunities for atrisk youth to increase their leadership skills, anger management skills, awareness of cultural diversity and cultural pride, and increase their community involvement. The heart of the program will be involving 100 youth in instrumental, keyboard, vocal and movement education. At least 100 youth will participate.

### West Seventh Community Center, Inco

265 Oneida Street St Paul MN 55102 James E Smith 612-298-5729

Service Area: Ramsey



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### **Program Description:**

The Sibley Manor Consortium will work to increase and stabilize healthy relationships among youth of diverse cultures and their families by providing educational and social activities that increase self-esteem, understanding, and tolerance of participants.

### West Seventh Community Center, Inc

265 Oneida Street St Paul MN 55102 Ann Fendorf 612-298-5493 612-298-5729 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

The West Seventh Community Center will provide afterschool and summer programming for high-risk youth, ages 9-14, living in the neighborhood.

### West Side Citizens Organization

625 Stryker Avenue St Paul MN 55107 Teens Networking Together Armando Cavozos 612-293-1708 612-293-0115 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

Teens Networking Together is a program for youth, ages 12-21 years old, focusing on youth empowerment and leadership development. TNT began in 1990 on St. Paul's West Side as youth began to organize to address racism, violence, drugs, alcohol and other problems facing them and their community. At least 50 youth will assume leadership roles and plan recreational activities, educational programs, and community service projects.

### YWCA of Duluth\*

202 W Second St Duluth MN 55802 Karen R. Diver 218-722-7425

Service Area: St Louis

### **Program Description:**

The YWCA Youth Program is designed to address and meet the needs of approximately 300 at-risk youth living in the Central and East Hillside neighborhoods of Duluth. The program provides educational and recreational activities afterschool, in the evening, and on weekends free of charge to children ages six and up. Activities include classes in cultural diversity, homework tutoring, performing arts classes, sailing and canoeing as well as Kids' Corner, Teen Nights, Girl Power and Summer DayCamp.

### YWCA of Minneapolis

1130 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis MN 55403 Kim Sundet Vanderwall 612-332-0501 612-332-0500 (fax)

Service Area: Hennepin

### **Program Description:**

Girl's Resolution and Prevention Project is a diversion program for girls involved in or at risk of being involved in the juvenile justice system. The program contains the four phases of diversion, prevention, wellness, and independence. 

### YWCA of St Paul

198 Western Avenue N St Paul MN 55337 Jane Bates 612-222-3741 612-222-6307 (fax)

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

The YWCA of St. Paul's SELF Program (Self Esteem and Leadership Fulfillment) is a comprehensive, proactive, community-based program that builds girls' self-esteem to enable them to enjoy strong self-confidence, establish and maintain healthy relationships, and act toward others in non-

threatening, non-violent ways. A minimum of 260 girls will participate in educational, enrichment and recreational activities sponsored by six St. Paul schools.

### Youth Express®

1429 Marshall Avenue St Paul MN 55104 Jim Kelley 612-659-0613

Service Area: Ramsey

### **Program Description:**

This project will develop and operate a youthdirected business (bike shop) to assist youth in developing marketable work skills, selfconfidence, and the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of business operation.

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# Appendix C: Community Program Funding, 1994-95

### 1994 - 1995 Community Policing Grantees

Bemidji Department of Public Safety Chief Bob Tell 613 Minnesota Avenue NW Bemidji, MN 56601

(218) 751-9111

**Project Description:** City-wide community policing project.

**Duluth Police Department** 

Peggy Johnson 411 W. First Street, Room 104 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 723-3230

**Project Description:** This community policing project is to improve quality of life for West End residents and businesses.

**Eagan Police Department** 

Tom Schoenecker 3830 Pilot Knob Road Eagan, MN 55123 (612) 681-4700

**Project Description:** This grant supports department-wide training in city-wide community policing.

Minneapolis, City of

Bud Emerson 217 S. 3rd Street Minneapolis, MN 55401-2139 (612) 673-2818

**Project Description:** This project will improve communication and understanding between Minneapolis police and the Southeast Asian community through recruiting, education and outreach to address Southeast Asian crime and safety issues effectively.

St. Paul Police Department

Chief Wm. Finney 100 E. 11th Street St. Paul, MN 55101 (612) 291-3588

**Project Description:** The goal of this project is to establish police substations in transitional neighborhoods as a means of enhancing neighborhood stability and security.

1994 - 1995 Community Crime and Drug Prevention Grantees

Greater Minnesota

Alexandria I.S.D. #206

Susan Scarborough 1401 Jefferson Street Alexandria, MN 56308 (612) 762-2149

**Project Description:** Special Friends program will match older students to mentor younger students.

Belle Plaine I.S.D. #716

Tom Lubovich 220 S. Market Belle Plaine, MN 56011 (612) 564-2211

**Project Description:** Alternative activities for youth involving city council; exploration of creating youth center and collaborative activities with youth and the police department.

**Chippewa County Family Services** 

Mary Potter Community Services Building Montevideo, MN 56265 (612) 564-2211

**Project Description:** Collaboration of court services and family services to provide in-home based services to families of youth involved with community corrections.

These projects are funded through:

MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Policy & Violence Prevention, 612-297-7311

### Hibbing I.S.D. #701

Patty Miller 800 E 21st Street Hibbing, MN 55746 (218) 262-4666

**Project Description:** A community policing project at two housing projects.

### Pillager Public School

Kathy LaShomb P.O. Box 38 Pillager, MN 56473 (218)746-3406

**Program Description:** Project will build a ropes adventure course and offer an adventure curriculum to at-risk youth, involving educators, law enforcement, and parents.

### Rape and Abuse Crisis Center

Beth Haseltine 317 N. 8th Street P.O. Box 2984 Fargo ND 58108 (701) 293-9424

Project Description: Program will train educators, law enforcement, and nurses on the relationship of child abuse and domestic violence to alcohol and other drugs. Support groups for victims and a domestic Violence Intervention Team will be organized. Services will be provided in Clay, Wilkin, Becker, and Norman Counties.

### **Rochester Area Learning Center**

Patricia Mohn 615 S.W. 7th Street Rochester, MN 55902 (507) 285-8595

**Project Description:** A collaborative effort to provide gang resistance education, substance abuse and violence prevention education, self-esteem and anger control classes, conflict resolution, mediation and conciliation training, and parent education to alternative school youth and families.

### **Southwest Mental Health Center**

Connie Connell 2 Roundwind Road Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-9500

**Project Description:** Intervention program designed for families with youth in grades 6-9 who've entered the juvenile justice or county social service system.

### Watonwan County Extension Service

Mary Ann Bannerman Watonwan County Courthouse St. James, MN 56081 (507) 375-1275

**Project Description:** Big Buddy program for 25 at-risk youth.

### Willmar Public Schools I.S.D. #347

Bill Gulbrandsen 611 W. 5th Street Willmar, MN 56201 (612) 235-5114 x 204

**Project Description:** A comprehensive vocational evaluation and career planning program for schoolage youth incarcerated at the Prairie Lakes Detention Center.

### Metropolitan Area

### Aurora St. Anthony Block Club/Mothers United

Sheree Ellis 770 University Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104 (612) 224-7538

**Project Description:** Drop-in center with programming in arts, sports, and personal development.

### **District 2 Community Council**

Jacquelyn Geier 2169 Stillwater Avenue St. Paul, MN 55119 (612) 731-6842

**Project Description:** Project to provide educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities for youth in the northeastern neighborhoods of St. Paul.

### Family Services St. Croix

Tom Yuska 216 W. Myrtle Street Stillwater, MN 55082 (612) 439-4840

**Project Description:** Project to assist the mobile home community of Landfall to develop a community bicycle workshop program for 35 resident youths ages 9-18. The workshop will offer classes in bike repair and weekly bike rides/tours. The incentive is to earn a refurbished bike through the workshop and community service.

### **Hamline Midway Coalition**

Susan Marschalk 570 Asbury Street, Suite 304A St. Paul, MN 55104 (612) 646-1986

**Project Description:** Tenant Organizing Project (TOP) to encourage participation of renters in community decision making and increase their stake in the neighborhood. Program also offers neighborhood residents training in mediation skills, self-defense, and child safety.

### **Hmong Pacific Association Inc.**

Eng Her 776 E. 7th Street, Suite 102 St. Paul, MN 55106 (612) 778-8937

**Project Description:** An employment and training program which provides job training, basic skills remediation, job placement, job mentoring, and follow-up.

### **Lutheran Social Services (One)**

Bethany Crisis Center Cathy Bergh 9239 Idaho Street Duluth, MN 55808 (218) 626-2726

**Project Description:** The Oh No! Eighteen program includes vocational and personal goal setting, community service opportunities, and adventure/recreational outings for alternative high school students.

### **Minnesota Humanities Commission**

Cheryl Dixon 26 E. Exchange Street St. Paul, MN 55101 (612) 224-5739

**Project Description:** Continue Motheread program; prevention education for pregnant teens through multicultural children's literature.

### **Minnesota Citizens Council on Crime and Justice**

Richard Ericson 822 S. 3rd Street, Suite 100 Minneapolis, MN 55415 (612) 340-5432

**Project Description:** The council will coordinate and expand the Turn Off the Violence campaign statewide; implement a family mediation program with truants; and, in collaboration with the Friend to Child Program, will establish an African-American mentorship program for truant youth.

### **Neighborhood House Association**

Sandra Fuller 179 E. Robie Street St. Paul, MN 55107 (612) 227-9291

Project Description: The West Side Youth Coalition will provide prevention and diversion to at-risk youth and conduct/facilitate parent outreach and information services to parents of at-risk youth.

### Payne-Phalen Planning Council

Julie Swanson 1014 Payne Avenue St. Paul, MN 55101 (612) 774-5234

**Project Description:** To maintain and provide support to the 130 block clubs in District 5; will educate and empower residents, youth, landlords, apartment managers and business owners.

### **Inner City Youth Collaborative**

Angela Carter 919 Fremont Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55411 (612) 374-4342

**Project Description:** The Minneapolis Kids Project, a youth outreach and education project sponsored by the Inner City Youth Collaborative, will provide employment, academic skills development, and entrepreneurial business development to five neighborhoods.

### St. Louis Park Schools

Barry Dunayer 6425 W. 33rd Street St. Louis Park, MN 55426 (612) 928-6435

**Project Description:** Project designed to meet the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of high-risk youth, grades 5-9.

### St. Paul Police Department

Meredith Vogland 100 E. 11th Street St. Paul, MN 55101 (612) 298-5991

**Project Description:** A collaboration of the police department, area community councils, block clubs, parks and recreation, Totem Town and others to redirect youth from vandalizing public and private property. Youth will work with professional artists to design and paint murals and develop their artistic talents.

### The City, Inc.

Mike Loud 1545 E. Lake Street Minneapolis, MN 55407 (612) 724-3689

**Project Description:** The American Indian Adolescent Chemical Health program provides individual and family outreach counseling, and cultural events/activities.

### West Side Citizens Organization

Sue Nipe 625 Stryker Avenue St. Paul, MN 55107 (612) 293-1708

**Project Description:** Funds will support a part-time bilingual block clubs organizer.

#### Youth Express

Jim Kelley 1429 Marshall Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104 (612) 659-0613

**Project Description:** Expansion of youth-driven program offering employment enrichment (job referral service) and community service (educational workshops).

### 1994 - 1995 Municipal Curfew Enforcement Grants

### **Bloomington Police Department**

Paul McCullough 2215 W. Old Shakopee Road Bloomington, MN 55431 (612) 881-2333

**Project Description:** This collaborative effort between the Bloomington Police Department and Storefront/Youth Action will set up a drop-off center, detain curfew violators, and provide initial and follow-up assessments.

Pillsbury Neighborhood Services/Unity Center

Marya Hart 3501 Chicago Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55407 (612) 529-9267

Project Description: Project provides community-based intervention services for first-time curfew violators and their families, as well as establishing multi-disciplinary advisory groups and a pilot diversion project to provide post-adjudicated intervention, assessment, supportive services, and increase the law enforcement response to curfew violations in the 4th Precinct of north Minneapolis.

St. Paul Police Department

Chief Wm. Finney 100 E. 11th Street St. Paul, MN 55101 (612) 292-2588

**Project Description:** Intervention and diversion projects to include individual assessment of youth charged with curfew violations, follow-up services for youth charged and their families, and connecting youth violators with on-going structured activities.



# **Appendix D: Sample Violence- Prevention Fact Sheet**



Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention

### VIOLENCE PREVENTION

WHAT CAN WE DO TO STOP VIOLENCE?

Violence is words and actions that hurt people. Violence is the abusive or unjust exercise of power. intimidation. harassment and/or the threatened or actual use of force which results in or has a high likelihood of causing hurt, fear, injury, suffering or death.

All sectors of the community -government, schools, families, religious institutions, businesses, cultural institutions. health-care providers, and youth groups must be involved in violence prevention.

Even though the problem of violence can seem overwhelming, there are steps that each of us can take to prevent violence.

### 1. Change the personal factors that contribute to violence.

Think about the messages in your language and ensure the use of nonviolent words or phrases.

Lower your stress level and learn to cope peacefully with stress.

Learn to cope appropriately with anger and rage.

Build and improve supportive relationships with others.

Complete a high school education and seek higher education or further training.

Improve your interpersonal and communication skills.

Foster individual responsibility and accountability.

If alcohol or drug consumption is contributing to violence in your life or the lives of those around you, seek treatment or support.

Be involved in positive and constructive activities.

Reduce your work hours and allow for time with your family and friends.

### 2. Keep your family free of violence.

Learn positive, nonviolent ways to resolve conflicts with your family members and others.

Balance work and family time.

Take parent education or child development classes.

Encourage and support your children.

Discipline your children in a consistent, nonviolent manner.

Be a positive role model for your children.

Discourage your children from acting in a violent manner.

Provide a consistent, stable home life for your children.

### 3. Keep your workplace free of violence.

Promote and practice a workplace environment of open communication and respect where profanity, threats, harassment and other types of violence are not tolerated.

Report any suspicious incidents that occur in the workplace.

Supervisors and managers should respond to incidents that are indicative of a potential problem.

Take part in conflict resolution classes, interpersonal communication training, employee safety programs and employee assistance programs at your workplace.

Support or establish a violence-free campaign at your workplace.

### 4. Foster a greater sense of community.

Strengthen efforts that foster, support and maintain human relationships and connectedness among families, cultures, organizations and communities.

Develop the strengths, assets and capabilities of all individuals, families and communities.

Support efforts to get to know your neighbors, such as neighborhood gatherings or community projects. Foster mutual respect and human dignity for all people.

Prevention is essentially a local activity, giving communities a vested interest in violence prevention and increasing the commitment to positive change.

Violence prevention must be done in concert with efforts to assure public safety. If citizens do not feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods, preventing violence will be difficult.

Violence prevention must eliminate the risk factors that lead to violence and strengthen the protective factors that resist violence.

Violence prevention flourishes when a constellation of protective factors and policies combine to produce positive outcomes,

### 5. Educate yourself and others on violence and violence prevention.

Learn the facts about different types of violence.

Learn about various violence prevention efforts.

Support increased education and awareness of violence and violence prevention.

### 6. Work to change the conditions in which violence is rooted.

Racism Disability discrimination

Sexism Classism

Homophobia Religious bigotry

Ageism

### 7. Work to end those institutional factors that affect violence.

Povert

Unemployment, overemployment, underemployment, and inflexible work hours

Overcrowded, unsafe, and poorly designed housing and schools

Negative peer pressure

Media promotion of violence

Societal ambivalence toward violence

Easy access to weapons

Lack of after-school activities for youth.

Proliferation of hate groups

### 8. Volunteer your time in some way that prevents violence.

Seek a group working to prevent violence and give of your time and/or money.

Look to those near you for volunteer possibilities. Help a friend, neighbor, or relative who is a parent or parent figure by offering to babysit, supply transportation, run errands, read a book to a child or simply listen when support is needed.

### 9. Take some precautions against being a victim of violence.

Recognize the warning signs of rage and violence in interpersonal relationships.

Plan your activities ahead of time.

Trust your instincts.

Be aware of your surroundings.

Walk with a confident attitude.

Learn basic self-defense.

Know where your children are at all times.

Ensure the safe supervision of your children.

Make sure your children know their home phone number and address and are familiar with their home neighborhood.

Know about your children's habits, friends, favorite places, and other interests and activities.

Have recent photos and/or videos of your children and their medical and dental records on hand.

### 10. Reach out for help if you cannot cope with a life situation.

Parents or other caregivers who feel they cannot cope with their responsibilities should contact a community assistance hotline, talk with a doctor or social worker, or join a support group.

Seek help to cope with your own issues of victimization or abusive tendencies.

### 11. Encourage decision-makers to be a voice for violence prevention.

Promote nontolerance of violence in your community.

Support and advocate for violence-prevention programs.

Promote public policies that support children and families.

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