



Community Action Network Community Council

A community voice for policy.

Community Action Network is...

a collaboration of agencies, organizations and individuals who work together to enhance the social, health, educational and economic well-being of Central Texas.



CAN Partner Organizations

- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Austin Community College
- Austin ISD
- Austin Travis County Integral Care
- Central Health
- Capital Metro
- City of Austin
- Community Justice Council
- Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT)
- One Voice Central Texas
- Seton Family of Hospitals
- St. David's Foundation
- St. Edward's University
- Travis County
- United Way Capital Area
- University of Texas at Austin
- Workforce Solutions – Capital Area

Policy, Community, and Service

Policy
makers

- CAN Board of Directors - elected officials and policy makers representing each CAN partner organization

Community
members

- CAN Community Council – self-appointed board of community members with an annual application and election process

Service
providers

- Issue Area Groups and Implementation Teams - professionals who serve our community through agencies or non-profit organizations

Role of Community Council

- ▶ The Community Council provides a communication link between the community at large and the CAN Board of Directors. Its duties are to:
 - ▶ Act as a liaison between the CAN Board of Directors and the community.
 - ▶ Raise community awareness about issues by providing a non-partisan forum for the exchange of information on community conditions and efforts to address needs.
 - ▶ Foster, encourage and enhance collaborative efforts whenever possible.
 - ▶ Consider the impacts of recommended collaborative strategies on vulnerable populations and across issue areas.
 - ▶ Report and make recommendations to the CAN Board of Directors.
 - ▶ Encourage community involvement in assessment, planning, and implementation processes.

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CAN Community Dashboard

- ▶ Key socio-economic indicators that, when considered together and tracked over time, offer a snapshot of our community's well-being and help identify areas where collective attention and action are needed.



CAN Community Dashboard

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Community Council 2011

1/6/11	Dashboard highlights of 2010 and CAN Work Plan Discussion of CC agenda for 2011	Community Council
2/24/11	Single Moms – barriers to educational success Travis County Snapshot of Community Conditions	ACC & Jerimiah Project Travis Co. Research & Planning
3/21/11	Results from new Pre-k indicator Early education initiatives AISD new intervention framework	E3 Alliance United Way Success by 6 AISD Student Support
4/18/11	High school career tracks ACC Workforce education	AISD ACC
5/16/11	Deliberation	Community Council
6/20/11	Health and Behavioral Health	ATCIC, Central Health, Chronic Disease Coalition

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7/18/11	Connecting Families to Resources	Central Health CAFB, CAN
8/15/11	Housing	TBD
9/19/11	Adult Education: ABE, GED, ESL Economic Development Pathway to Prosperity	ACC Hispanic Chamber Workforce Solutions
Oct	Deliberation	Community Council
Nov	NO MEETING (CAN Retreat)	
12/19/11	Election of new Community Council members, Discussion of 2012 agenda	Community Council



Workforce Education

- ▶ How do CAN Partners Austin ISD and Austin Community College prepare students for employment?
- ▶ What are the barriers to success – both for the students and for the institutions?
- ▶ How could our community help students and institutions overcome these barriers?

