



# Community Action Network

Working together to build  
a community of equity  
and opportunity.





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## 2008 CAN Accomplishments and Plans for 2009



# Strengthened Organization

- Solidified CAN Team with key staff hires
- Recruited talent that enhanced communication & research competencies
- Built up CAN Budget reserves from \$17,000 to over \$46,000
- Relocated to new office with more space



# Enhanced Tools and Effectiveness

- Enhanced website tools
- Started caction.org redesign process
- Implemented new communication strategy and tools (CANews)



# Clarified CAN Vision

Our richly diverse community will be healthy, safe, educated, just and compassionate where all people work together to achieve their full potential and celebrate their lives.





# Ideal Statements – Our Common Community Vision (rev 11/20/08)

- **Learning & Working**
  - We have the education, skills and opportunities to achieve our full potential and lead meaningful, joyful lives.
  - We have adequate income, resources and supports to live independent lives.
- **Thriving**
  - We live in a community where the basic needs of all are met.
  - We live in affordable and stable housing with access to open space and public amenities.
  - We live, work, learn and play in accessible, safe, clean and healthy physical environments.
  - We have safe, affordable, accessible and reliable transportation.
  - We have adequate nutrition and achieve and maintain optimal physical and behavioral health.
  - We are free from abuse, neglect, crime, violence and injustice.
- **Connecting & Leading**
  - We respect and value diversity.
  - We are aware, socially connected, and contribute to our neighborhoods, individual communities, and the community at large.
  - We have the opportunity and willingness to lead by utilizing our talents, passions and interests to improve the community.



# Clarified Scope of Issues

## LEARNING

- Early Education & Care
- P – 16
- Literacy / Basic Skills

## WORKING

- Economic Well-being
- Jobs with Livable Wages
- Workforce Development

**Also... Aging • Children & Youth  
Homeless • Immigrants • Victims  
Persons with Disabilities •  
Re- entry Population •  
Veterans**

## THRIVING

- Basic Needs
- Housing
- Healthy Environment
- Transportation
- Food / Nutrition
- Health / Behavioral Health
- Public Safety

## CONNECTING / LEADING

- Diverse / Inclusive Community
- Community Engagement
- Leadership



# Clarified CAN's Role

- Enhance awareness of issues.
- Strengthen partnerships and connect efforts.
- Facilitate development of collaborative strategies.
- Mobilize action by reporting on progress made to improve the community's well-being.



# Clarified CAN Structure & Roles of CAN Bodies

Learning

Working

Thriving

Connecting/Leading





# Revisited CAN Mission

To achieve sustainable social, health, educational and economic **outcomes** through engaging the community in a planning and implementation **process** that coordinates and optimizes public, private, individual actions and **resources.**



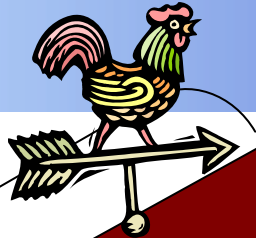
# Agreed to Develop Community Dashboard

A common framework for taking  
action together, and for  
measuring our progress toward  
achieving a common vision.



# Gauge Progress Towards Achievement of Vision

CAN Community Dashboard



3 – 5 Indicators

- Examples:**
- Trend in % of children who enter kindergarten developmentally behind
  - Trend in % ninth graders who do not graduate
  - Trend in % of families unable to meet basic financial needs
  - Trend in % preventable ER visits

Ideal Statements

Community Goals & Indicators

<b>Learning</b>	<b>Working</b>	<b>Thriving</b>	<b>Connecting &amp; Leading</b>
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Early Ed

Livable Wages

Public Safety

P-16 Ed

Workforce Dev.

Basic Needs

After School Programs

Housing

Civic Engagement

Literacy

Physical Health

Transportation

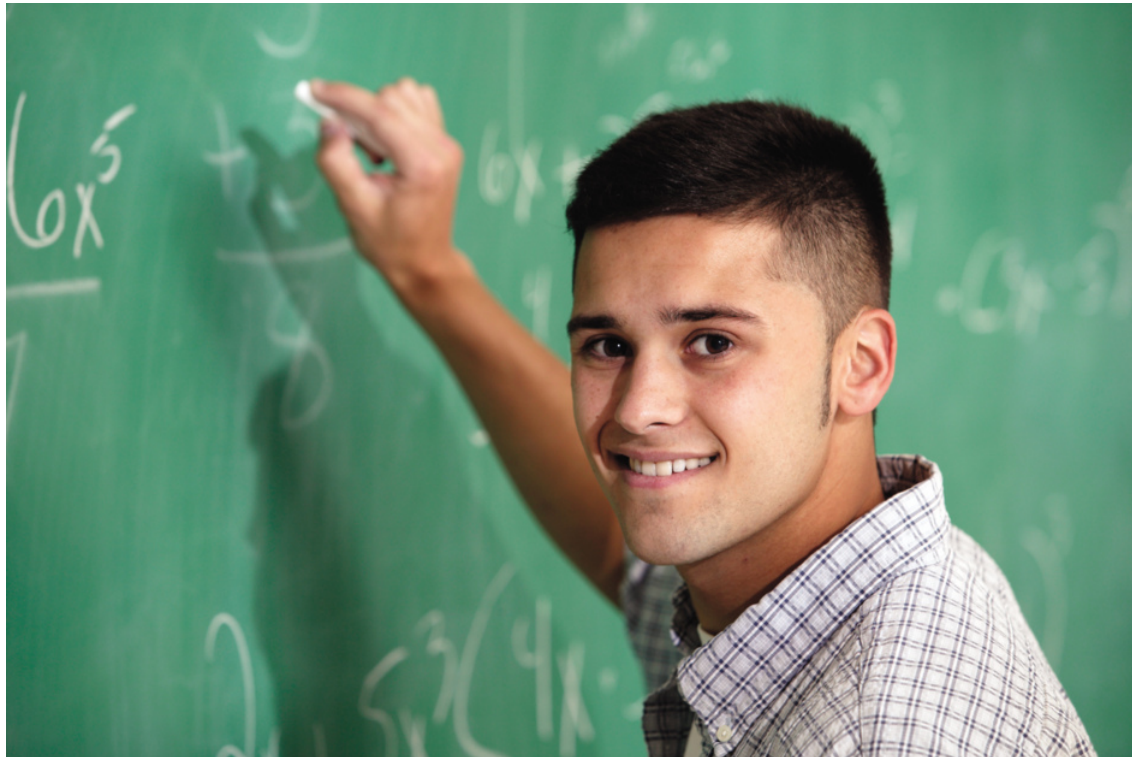
Behavioral Health

Special Populations

Issue-specific Dashboards



# Agreed to Work Together on Compact for Children & Youth





# Agreed to Work Together on Public Assistance Efforts

- No Wrong Door approach
- Enhance public outreach, information, awareness, eligibility, application process





# Enhanced Awareness of Community's Issues

- Spring 2008 Community Conditions Report
- Fall 2008 Community Conditions Report
- Developmental Disabilities FAQ

Thanks to Assessment Review Committee!!



# Enhanced Awareness of Community's Issues

## 10 Televised Community Council Forums

- January 2008 – Basic Needs
- March & April 2008 – Housing
- May 2008 – Early Education & Care
- June 2008 – Cap Metro Fare and  
ATCMHMR Planning Initiatives
- August 2008 – State Budget Outlook



# Enhanced Awareness of Community's Issues

- **September 2008** – Education & E3 Alliance
- **October 2008** – Teen Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infections
- **November 2008** - Community Conditions Overview and Developmental Disabilities
- **December 2008** – Employment Assistance



# Strengthened CAN Admin Team with New Recruits





# Recognized Leaders and Volunteers

## Butler Awards

- **Leadership:** Lt. Craig Cannon, Austin Police Department
- **Bridge Builder:** Ann Stafford, Spansion
- **Spirit of Collaboration:** Family Eldercare's Summer Fan Drive



Thanks to Public Awareness Comm.



# Supported Issue Area Collaborative Efforts

- Aging Service Council
- Austin/Travis County Victims Services Task Force
- Basic Needs Coalition
- Behavioral Health Planning Partnership (PP)
- Central Texas After-School Network
- Child & Youth Mental Health PP
- Developmental Disabilities PP
- Ending Community Homelessness Coalition
- Early Education & Care/ Success by 6
- HousingWorks
- Literacy Coalition of Central Texas
- Ready by 21
- Re-Entry Roundtable
- Regional Transit Coordination Committee



# Examples of Issue Area Group Efforts

- IAG Leadership & Planning Committee
- Reentry housing inventory initiatives
- Developmental Disabilities FAQ
- CTAN Breakfast of Champions
- Victim's Services Task Force Retreat



# Examples of Issue Area Group Efforts

- RTCC \$1.5 million JARC & New Freedom grant process
- RTCC regional transportation leaders forum
- ReadyBy21 Initiatives: Dashboard, YSM, Quality Counts, Compact for Children & Youth
- National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Forum, Resource Fair



# Examples of Issue Area Group Efforts

- Children and Youth Mental Health Summit
- Central Texas Workforce Education Summit
- HousingWorks Housing and Education Summit
- Aging Services initiatives



# Thank You CAN Partners

- Austin Area Human Services Association
- Austin Area Interreligious Ministries
- Austin Chamber of Commerce
- Austin Community College
- Austin Independent School District
- Austin Travis County MHMR Center
- Capital Metro
- City of Austin
- Community Justice Council
- Integrated Care Collaboration
- Seton Family of Hospitals
- St. David's Community Health Foundation
- St. Edward's University
- Travis County
- Travis County Healthcare District
- United Way Capital Area
- University of Texas at Austin
- Workforce Solutions - Capital Area





# 2009 Major Initiatives

- Community-wide Dashboard
- Compact for Children & Youth
- No Wrong Door – Enhancing outreach and eligibility for public assistance
- Impacts of Census Changes on Community Planning



# 2009 Initiatives – Ongoing Activities

- Community Conditions Report – Oct '09
- Weekly CANews
- FAQs (Re-entry, Victims, Behavioral Health, Children & Youth Mental Health)
- Support Issue Area Group efforts
- Support Partner planning efforts
  - City's master planning initiative
  - Regional Health Initiative (Critical Condition)
  - AISD/ReadyBy21 Youth Services Mapping initiative
  - Housing forums