

# 2007

## VALUES

- Diversity
- Inclusiveness
- Economic Equity
- Social Well-Being

## EQUITY IN OPPORTUNITY

## ROLES

- Information
- Neutral Convener
- Capacity Builder

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Wages
- Education
- Workforce Development
- Affordable Housing \*
- Early Education & Care
- Community Health (Behav.) \*
- Transportation \*
- Strong Leadership

## From 2006 CAN Retreat

- Crosscutting Issues:  
Affordable Housing,  
Behavioral Health,  
Transportation
- Educating the Community  
On Economic benefits of taking  
action – *Return of investment*
- Supporting the Issue Area Groups

## GOALS

- • New linkages among Issues
- • Enhanced Informing of the  
community on the issues
- • Strengthen Can Partners'  
capacity to deal w/the issues



# Cross-Cutting Issues

- **Affordable Housing**

- City of Austin NHCD, Housingworks and CAN in progress of discussing formation of **inclusive** housing planning group to work on:
  - Coordination of housing planning initiatives (over 15 identified)
  - Regional (5 County) map of housing
  - Community indicators for housing
  - Snapshot of housing, including regional trends that impact Travis County
  - Market Study addressing housing demand, existing supply, projections
  - Update “Through the Roof” Report (current status of housing, progress made on recommendations, new best practices, tools, resources)
- Meeting scheduled with Envision Central Texas, AARO, HousingWorks, and CAN to identify potential roles and support



# Cross-Cutting Issues

- **Behavioral Health**

- CAN assisted in IAG merger of Adult Mental Health Planning Partnership and Substance Abuse Planning Partnership
- Behavioral Health Planning Partnership wrote a request to WorkSource to start classes; \$40,000 of funding secured to begin Spanish command classes for front-line behavioral health staff
- CAN assisting in convening coordination of behavioral health public awareness initiatives
- Behavioral health groups presenting at *Children's Optimal Health Initiative* in July and at *CAN Community Council* in June identified need to convene the faith-based community around solutions.
- CAN will be assisting to coordinate a forum of the faith-based community around behavioral health issues to identify how to strengthen linkages to better serve populations in need.



# Cross-Cutting Issues

- **Transportation**

- CAN Information Guide: Central Texas Transportation Organizations provides:
  - Brief **overview of 34** state, regional, local, authoritative, and other transportation related organizations in Central Texas
  - Brief analysis of each group's goals and role in regional or local planning.
- CAN convening transportation focus groups with services providers to better identify needs.
  - 4 focus groups already convened
    - Hurricane Response Case Managers
    - Faith-In-Action Caregivers
    - Basic Needs Coalition
    - Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
  - 3 focus groups to be convened
    - General Interest Focus Group on 7/19/07
    - Health Focus Group (sponsored by St. David's) on 7/20/07
    - Homeless Taskforce (7/20/07)



# Supporting IAGs

- **CAN staff attend IAG meetings and assist with linkages to other IAGs/initiatives**
- **IAG leaders convening every other month**
  - Next meeting to be held at WorkSource on July 25<sup>th</sup>
- **CAN Community Council hosting forums to address issues related to indicators / equity in opportunity**
- **FAQs**
  - Basic Needs
  - Aging Services
- **CAN newsletter / CAN-supported websites**



# Supporting IAGs

## **CAN Issue Area Groups - 2007**

- Aging Services Council\*
- Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas\*
- Behavioral Health Planning Partnership\* (merger of Adult Mental Health Planning Partnership and Substance Abuse Planning Partnership)
- Central Texas After-school Network
- Child and Youth Mental Health Planning Partnership\*
- Developmental Disabilities Planning Partnership\*
- Early Education and Care Planning Group (connected to Success by 6)
- Ending Community Homelessness\*
- HousingWorks
- Ready by 21 Coalition (focus youth 14-21 years)\*
- Re-entry Roundtable
- Victim Services Task Force\*

**\* CAN-supported websites**



# Supporting IAGs

- **IAG Guidelines and Designation Process developed**
- **Groups Requesting Official CAN Designation**
  - Literacy Coalition of Central Texas
  - Regional Transportation Coordinating Committee
- **Ad-Hoc Issue Area Groups**
  - E3 Alliance (education)
  - Public Safety Planner Network
- **Issues without an Identified Issue Area Group**
  - Physical Health
  - Workforce Development
  - Disabilities (other than developmental disabilities)
  - Immigrants (although it appears that the Immigrant Services Network of Austin could serve this purpose)