



Community Action Network

Working together to build
a community of equity
and opportunity.





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.



Proposed 2009 CAN Work Plan

Major Initiatives:

- Community-wide Dashboard
- Compact for Children & Youth
- Maximize public assistance enrollment to draw down more federal funds



Community-Wide Dashboard RC Motion from 10/10/08

“The CAN Resource Council asks CAN staff to facilitate the development of a proposed CAN Community Dashboard for adoption by the Resource Council in 2009, with the expectation that Resource Council and Executive Committee members will contribute to the process according to their unique abilities (for example, contributing ideas, designating a liaison to provide feedback to staff and/or participation of staff on workgroup).

CAN staff will facilitate the development of a dashboard taking the following steps:

- Create a workgroup that will solicit appropriate participation and input from the CAN partners, councils and the community,
- Addressing proposed approach to using the Dashboard, and
- Reporting back to and seeking guidance through the process from the Executive Committee and the Resource Council.”



Community-Wide Dashboard

Goal: Enhance the community's well-being by developing a community-wide dashboard that provides a common framework for taking action together and for measuring our progress toward achieving a common vision.

Scope of Work: Guide a collaborative process to develop a CAN community-wide dashboard. The dashboard will provide a short list of prioritized indicators that measures whether we are moving closer to our community vision.

Partners may use the dashboard to identify inter-related issues and key problems that require collaborative solutions. A trend in the wrong direction will serve as a “warning light” to conduct further analysis. Partners and stakeholders may use the dashboard to consider how their individual plans and activities impact the larger picture. The dashboard will also help increase community awareness.

Deliverables:

- Draft community-wide dashboard for consideration by the CAN Resource Council.
- Draft process for maintaining and sharing the dashboard with the community.

Project Completion Date: Sept. 11, 2009





Community-Wide Dashboard Proposed Work Plan

Qtr 1	2/13/09	CAN Resource Council	Consider (for approval) goals, scope of work, and deliverables for initiative.
	02/27/09	Dashboard Steering Committee (DSC)	Draft criteria and timeline for creation of dashboard for RC consideration.
	03/13/09	CAN Resource Council	Consider (for approval) dashboard criteria and timeline.
Qtr 2	04/09	DSC	Develop a short list (20 – 30) of overarching community-wide indicators.
	05/08/09	CAN Resource Council	Update on progress made & RC feedback.
	06/09	DSC	Develop final draft of indicators for the dashboard for RC consideration.
Qtr 3	07/10/09	CAN Resource Council	Consider (for approval) dashboard indicators.
	08/09	DSC	Develop proposal for maintaining/sharing dashboard.
	09/11/09	CAN Resource Council	Consider (for approval) process for maintaining/sharing dashboard.



Compact for Children & Youth

RC Motion from 11/14/08

“That the Resource Council demonstrate its support for the Ready By 21 dashboard of outcomes and indicators for youth and encourage all CAN Partners to work through the Administrative Team, or independently, to identify how their individual organizations can support the goals of Ready By 21, and to also identify staff to work with Ready By 21 to jointly develop a “Compact for Youth” and report back to the Resource Council in January.”



Compact for Children & Youth

Goals: Enhance the well-being of children and youth through the development of a “compact” that provides a common framework for CAN partner organizations and other key stakeholders to collectively improve outcomes for this population.

Scope of Work: Guide a collaborative process to develop a Compact for Children and Youth. Compact will help identify the role each CAN partner will play within a common framework including agreed upon common goals and priority outcomes and indicators.

Deliverables:

- Draft Community Compact for Children and Youth for consideration by the CAN Resource Council.

Project Completion Date: December 12, 2009





Compact for Children & Youth Proposed Work Plan

Qtr 1	2/13/09	CAN Resource Council	Consider (for approval) goals, scope of work, and deliverables related to Compact for Children & Youth.
	2/20/09	CAN Partner Leadership (subset)	Review draft process for development of Compact based on RC feedback from 2/13/09.
	2/09 3/09	CAN Partner representatives (staff)	Consider adopting the ReadyBy21 outcomes and indicators as the framework for the development of a Compact for Children & Youth. Provide feedback to CAN Resource Council representatives.
Qtr 2	4/09	CAN Partner Leadership (subset)	Finalize draft process for development of Compact for consideration by the CAN Resource Council.
	6/12/09	CAN Resource Council	Consider (for approval) draft process for development of Compact.
Qtr 3	7/10/09 9/13/09	CAN Resource Council	Update on progress made to develop draft Compact.
Qtr 4	12/11/09	CAN Resource Council	Review (for approval) Draft Compact for Children & Youth



Note: Executive Committee will be updated monthly. Community Council will receive updates at the pleasure of the Chair.



Maximize Public Assistance

9/12/08 RC Meeting Action

- Community Council made a recommendation that Resource Council members work together to enroll more people in Travis County in public assistance programs.
- Resource Council Chair asked staff to review the issue and bring information and strategic options to the Resource Council.



Maximize Public Assistance

Goals: Increase enrollment of eligible individuals in public assistance programs including TANF, Food Stamps, Medicaid, and Chip and draw down federal dollars to our community to assist those in need.

Scope of Work: Guide process to develop inventory of current initiatives and identify short-term and long-term strategies for optimizing public assistance outreach, eligibility, and advocacy.

Deliverables:

- Concise inventory of current initiatives to optimize public assistance, outreach, eligibility and advocacy efforts.
- Draft community-wide plan for maximizing public assistance enrollment and funding that provides a vision, common goals, strategies (short-term and long-term), and identified organizations willing to commit their resources and efforts towards implementing the plan.

Project Completion Date: November 13, 2009





Maximize Public Assistance Proposed Work Plan

Qtr 1	2/2/09	No Wrong Door Workgroup	Draft goals, scope of work and deliverables for consideration by the CAN RC on 2/13/09.
	2/13/09	CAN Resource Council (RC)	Consider (for approval) goals, scope of work, and deliverables for initiative.
	3/09	No Wrong Door Workgroup	Begin to compile inventory of efforts to optimize public assistance outreach, eligibility, and advocacy efforts. Identify short-term tasks. Begin to develop process and timeline for development of a community-wide vision and long-term plan.
Qtr 2	4/09 & 5/09	No Wrong Door Workgroup	Follow-up on inventory, short-term tasks, and process to develop vision and long-term plan.
Qtr 3	6/12/09	CAN RC	Update on progress made.
	7/09	No Wrong Door Workgroup	Convene broader group of key stakeholders to develop vision and identify long-term strategies.
	8/09 9/09	No Wrong Door Workgroup	Develop draft plan based on input of stakeholders in 7/09.
Qtr 4	9/11/09	CAN RC	Review draft plan to be shared at CAN Retreat.
	10/09	CAN Retreat	Obtain feedback on draft community-wide plan.
	11/13/09	CAN RC	Consider (for approval) draft community-wide plan.