



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

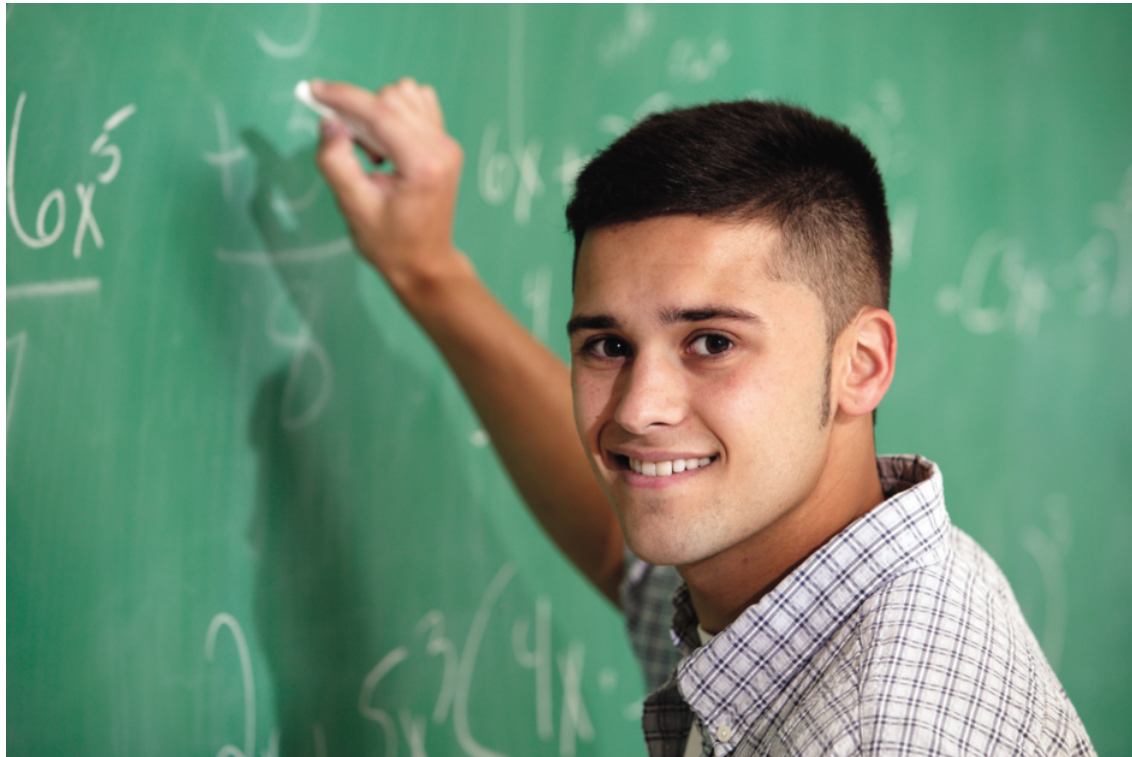
Learning		Working		Thriving		Connecting & Leading	
Early Ed		Livable Wages		Public Safety			
P-16 Ed		Workforce Dev.		Basic Needs			
After School Programs			Housing		Civic Engagement		
Literacy				Physical Health			
Transportation				Behavioral Health			
Special Populations							

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

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- **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, Child & 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