

Creating Collaborations for Change:

**How Public and Private Agencies
Can Work Together to Support
Children and Families**



MONTCLAIR



Getting Started

Name

Job Position

What did you like to do after school when you were in elementary school?



The real winners in life are the people who look at every situation with an expectation that they can make it work or make it better.

-Barbara Pletcher



The Montclair Community Collaborative and the Strategic Planning Process

Collaboration is a process by which individuals and organizations make a formal ongoing commitment to work together to accomplish a common mission.

A Strategic Plan can guide this process through a jointly created Mission, Objectives, Strategies and Action Plans.



Collaboration

So what...

History/Background

Why Strategic Planning is
important to us...



Conduct the First Planning Session

- Beliefs
- Mission
- Critical issues
- Objectives
- Strategies



The Draft Plan

- Communicate the Draft Plan
- Form Action Teams to create Action Plans



The first and most important thing about goals is having one.

-Geoffrey Abert



How the After School Program Evolved from the Strategic Plan

Mission: The mission of the Montclair Community Collaborative, a determined, dynamic partnership, is to **guarantee a progressive, quality community for all** by working together as diverse, committed individuals and organizations.



How the After School Program Evolved from the Strategic Plan

Objective: All youth of Montclair will be responsible and successful and have a sense of purpose and direction as measured by personal and educational achievement, and social, cultural and civic participation.



How the After School Program Evolved from the Strategic Plan

Strategy: Design and implement programs, activities, and events for youth and in partnership with youth.

Action Plan: Create an after school program in all elementary and middle schools in Montclair.



The Result

The program is a partnership between the Ontario-Montclair School District and City of Montclair. Started through the Montclair Community Collaborative, Montclair ASP helps meet the multifaceted needs of children after school.



The Result

The original collaborative vision was to create a place where elementary and middle school students could safely participate in a variety of enrichment and recreation activities while receiving academic support. Today over 1200 students are served daily during the school year. Montclair ASP services are provided by school and City staff on 11 school sites and in an apartment complex.



After School Programs in Montclair for 2011-12

Participating Schools

Elementary Schools

El Camino

Howard

Kingsley

Lehigh

Mission

Monte Vista

Montera

Moreno

Ramona



After School Programs in Montclair for 2011-12

Middle Schools

Serrano

Vernon

Community Partner

San Antonio Vista Apartments



San Antonio Vista Apartments

Partnership with National Core Renaissance and the
Hope Through Housing Foundation

- **Philosophy:** "Serving Families Where They Live"

- **Vision:** Youth are academically competitive and prepared for lifelong learning.

- **Strategy:** To provide after school enrichment programming for youth in grades K-12, that includes tutoring and homework assistance, violence prevention strategies, supervised access to computers, nutrition, physical education, and family services.



San Antonio Vista Apartments

Objectives

- Program staff are well-trained and deliver high quality programs that meet program benchmarks.
- Youth are better prepared for their school day as a result of program participation.
- Youth believe they are capable of learning new things and persist at difficult tasks.
- Youth are emotionally healthy.
- Parents are engaged in their children's learning.



Services Provided by the Partnership between District and City (MCC)

The Collaborative provides a range of services to ASP children and families who may need additional supports including:

- **Medical Services**

- Two Clinics (Full Service and Immunizations)

- Health Insurance Enrollment (Assistors)

- **Mental Health Services**

- Community Partners

- District Services



Services Provided by the Partnership between District and City (MCC)

- **Basic Needs**

Food, Kids Pack, Holiday Baskets, Clothing, Shelter

- **Parent Education and Adult Education**

Second Step, ESL, Computer Classes

- **Nutrition Education**

Por La Vida

- **Case Management**

These support services are provided on school campuses and at nearby City facilities.



Name Your Potential Partners

- City Departments
- School Districts
- Youth serving organizations
- Colleges and Universities
- Businesses
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Hospitals, Clinics and HMOs
- United Ways



How It Works in Our Community

1. Communication occurs between ASP Learning Coordinator and School Outreach Consultant.
2. Referral is completed by city or school staff member for identified student need and given to MCC Family Services Lead Case Manager.
3. Parent is contacted by a case manager assigned by MCC and child and/or family is linked to or provided the assistance.



What It Takes for a Successful Collaboration

1. Right People
2. Mutual Respect
3. Shared Vision
4. Fun



What you already know
is merely a good
departure point.

-Keorapetse Kgositsile



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