

# Community Solutions Plan (December 2007)

**Community Solutions Vision:** Improve people’s lives by creating lasting change in community conditions

**Kids Matter Value Statement:** We value a community where all infants, children, and teens are nurtured physically and mentally and are provided with opportunities to succeed in school, develop functional life skills, are safe from harm, and reach their maximum potential.

**Families Matter Value Statement:** We value a community where all individuals and families have opportunities for education and life-long learning, remain self-sufficient, access needed community resources to meet healthcare and basic needs, have support for healthy lifestyles, and live in a safe environment.

**Community Matters Value Statement:** We value a community that is unified through community life, maximizes and shares resources and information, promotes volunteerism and civic involvement, embraces diversity, education, health and wellness, and is a safe place to live.

**Community Outcomes:** *“What needs to be accomplished to achieve our ultimate Community Solutions Vision?”*

<b>SELF-SUFFICIENCY</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>SAFETY</b>
<p><u>Outcome Statement:</u> People will have access to basic needs such as food and housing, and individuals who are able to work are self-sufficient through gainful employment with livable wages and other assets.</p> <p><u>Outcome #1:</u> Increase the number of people who reside in stable and affordable housing. <u>Outcome #2:</u> Increase the number of people who are financially self-sufficient. <u>Outcome #3:</u> Increase the number of people who consume adequate and nutritious food.</p>	<p><u>Outcome Statement:</u> People will have access to and benefit from early education, high school graduation, basic skills training, post-high school education and life-long learning.</p> <p><u>Outcome #1:</u> Increase the number of children ready for kindergarten. <u>Outcome #2:</u> Increase the number of people who graduate from high school. <u>Outcome #3:</u> Increase the skills and competencies of adults.</p>	<p><u>Outcome Statement:</u> People will live healthy lives through emphasis on prevention, as well as access to needed healthcare.</p> <p><u>Outcome #1:</u> Increase the number of people who practice preventative healthcare. <u>Outcome #2:</u> Decrease the number of people treated for preventable diseases. <u>Outcome #3:</u> Increase the number of people who have access to quality, affordable and timely healthcare.</p>	<p><u>Outcome Statement:</u> People will be safe in their homes, schools and neighborhoods, and live in a community free of abuse, neglect, violence, and crime.</p> <p><u>Outcome #1:</u> Decrease the number of neglect and abuse incidents. <u>Outcome #2:</u> Decrease the number of violent crimes against people. <u>Outcome #3:</u> Increase neighborhood safety.</p>

**Community Processes:** *“What essential processes must our community excel at to achieve our outcomes and ultimately our vision?”*

<b>Regional Planning – Emphasis on Prevention and Root Causes</b>	<b>Resources Structured for Effectiveness and Efficiency</b>	<b>Formation of Partnerships and Strategic Alliances</b>	<b>Availability/Awareness of Community Resources</b>
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**Community Behaviors and Actions:** *“What needs to be changed/strengthened to achieve the community processes above?”*

<b>Education about Local Needs</b>	<b>Wide-scale Collaboration and Mobilization</b>	<b>Communication and Coordination among Service Providers</b>	<b>Diversity and Inclusiveness</b>	<b>Promotion of Community Involvement</b>
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