

National League of Cities **ATTACHMENT 1**
City Platform For Strengthening Families And Improving Outcomes For Children and Youth

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I. Essential "Infrastructure" for Sustained Progress		
<p>1) Identify needs, opportunities, and priorities for future action through a city commission, mayor's task force, or other group that brings together leaders from the public, private, and non-profit sectors as well as parents and other community residents.</p>	<p><u>City Council</u> Council Committee on Youth and Children: This committee was established to identify and review issues important to health and well-being of the children and youth in our community. Makes recommendations to City Council for action.</p> <p>First 5 Santa Barbara County/Children & Families Commission: Councilmember sits on commission.</p> <p><u>Library</u> Youth Services participates in Kids Network – a county-wide agency whose mission is to prioritize needs of county youth and suggest actions. Also member of County Child Abuse Committee.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: provide afterschool youth programming to elementary, junior high, and high schools. Programming and transportation is free to all participating youth.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> 12 out of 17 department citizen advisory</p>	<p><u>City Council</u> Santa Barbara 2030 General Plan Update: Incorporate priorities related to youth and families.</p>

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	<p>committees, including the Park and Recreation Commission, focus on programs and services important to the health and well-being of children and youth and the community.</p>	
<p>2) Promote effective city-school collaboration through regular meetings between the mayor and/or city council, school board, and school superintendent that focus on shared priorities and the development of joint plans of action.</p>	<p><u>City of Santa Barbara/Santa Barbara School Districts:</u> The City and the Districts have enjoyed a strong partnership over many years, and through the Joint Use Agreement have jointly funded afterschool programs and capital improvements, and provided facilities to support each other’s missions.</p> <p>The City Council and Districts Board of Education meet semi-annually to discuss and act on issues of mutual concern, particularly as related to programs and services offered under the Joint Use Agreement for students.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Meets quarterly with the principal of Santa Barbara Junior High School as part of the grant funded School Community Policing Program.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> District and department managers meet regularly and effectively on joint use of</p>	<p><u>City Council / Board of Education</u> Work to establish a plan of action to meet current and future afterschool program needs.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Would like to have regular meetings scheduled with City Council, School Board, and District administration.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities and Teen Programs: Continue to seek opportunities to expand afterschool and summer recreation programs at elementary and junior high schools to provide engaging and positive activities for youth.</p>

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	<p>properties and services.</p> <p>Youth Activities: Provides collaborative school based youth partnership after school programs at 10 elementary and 4 junior high schools. City and District staff meet regularly on service, including Parks and Recreation staff, principals, After school Parent Advisory Groups, Joint Use Committee, Healthy Start Program Director, Asst. Superintendents as needed.</p> <p>Afterschool and summer recreation programs at elementary and junior high schools expanded to provide engaging and positive activities for youth.</p> <p>Youth Sports: Schedules and monitors school sports fields for community use to insure equitable access to youth sports organizations. Coordinates youth sports programs on school campuses as part of the after school program.</p> <p><u>Fire Department</u> SBFD is working with the Santa Barbara School District to create a district wide disaster preparedness plan that could be adapted to all 15 local campuses. Additionally SBFD is working with some campuses individually, with site specific disaster preparedness and staff training.</p>	

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	<p><u>Library</u> Youth Services works cooperatively with local school districts - County Education office to implement joint activities. The library provides online homework tools and reference resources such as "Live Homework Help" that are referenced on the front page of the County schools portal. Training sessions on these resources are offered to school staff. The library also provides a summer reading program for 4000+ students each summer(@1500 within city limits).</p> <p><u>Public Works</u> Santa Barbara School District Recycling Committee includes City staff, City Council representative, School Board member, teacher, student, custodial staff, PTA and parent representatives.</p>	
<p>3) Encourage and support youth voice, engagement, and leadership through a mayor's youth council, appointment of youth to municipal boards and committees, and/or community-wide youth summits.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Teens: The City currently has a Youth Council as well as a Youth Internship program which allows high school teens to sit on City boards and commission as a non-voting member. A Youth Intern has been appointed to serve on the Park and Recreation Commission for the past 8 years. Two youth interns have been appointed to participate in Plan Santa Barbara, the process to update the City's</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Teens: Work to appoint more youth interns to other City boards and commissions. To improve communication with the School District, consider establishing a joint school/City youth board to enable more shared information between schools, ASB reps and City youth boards.</p>

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	<p>General Plan. Additionally, Youth Council holds youth speak outs several times a year on issues of concern to teens and youth. A community youth summit is being considered by one of the youth coalitions.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: The Youth Leadership council includes junior and senior high school students who meet weekly to plan and execute community service projects. This program prepares youth for future college and employment opportunities.</p>	
<p>4) Measure progress over time through the use of a community “scorecard” or set of benchmarks that tracks key outcomes and places them within the context of a broader report on the status of children, youth, and families.</p>	<p><u>City Council</u> Receives a status report on afterschool and other joint use programs at the semi-annual Council/School Board meeting.</p> <p><u>City Administration</u> City-wide performance measurement program in place, with benchmarking against similar sized communities. Program performance data is reviewed quarterly, and updated annually with each fiscal plan adopted by City Council.</p> <p><u>Library</u> Youth Services staff participates in Kids Network’s strategic planning sessions that review and outline priorities for youth based on policy themes. The Network</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> City and School District staff to collaborate on a needs and interests survey to parents and children on afterschool programs. Results will be presented to the City/School Board joint meeting for action, with the intent of expanding afterschool services to meet community needs.</p>

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	<p>produces the annual Children's Scorecard with UCSB that is made available in the library.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Track attendance through Kid Trax Data Base with program quality tracked as part of grant reporting.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Several "benchmarks" are being developed as part of the "Key Indicators" document, part of the City's Performance Measurement Program. Data on youth services and programs is tracked and analyzed through the department P3 program.</p> <p>Youth Activities: UCSB Teacher Education Program conducts the A-OK afterschool program's annual report to the State Board of Education.</p>	
<p>II. Key Action Steps to Consider</p>		
<p><i>Early Childhood Development</i></p>		
<p>1) Work with local United Ways and other community groups to prepare educational kits offering tips for new parents in the most commonly spoken languages, and distribute them through local hospitals and physicians.</p>	<p><u>Library</u> Youth Services Outreach administers Reach Out and Read programs at two clinics with books and parenting materials distributed in Spanish and English.</p>	
<p>2) Provide information for parents that helps them find and assess the quality of available child care and preschool options, utilizing both print</p>	<p><u>Parks and Recreation</u> Staff are members of the multi-agency Downtown Child Care Collaborative whose</p>	<p><u>Parks and Recreation</u> Seek opportunities to establish Child Care Cooperatives to enhance affordable</p>

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<p>and web-based materials developed in partnership with community agencies.</p>	<p>purpose is to explore options for improving child care options for parents working in the downtown core. A survey of available facilities and community needs will be completed in the coming year.</p> <p><u>Library</u> In addition to library books on evaluating preschool options, library staff use 211, Child Care and Referral, SBParents.com, County schools' website and other resources to provide parents with information</p>	<p>options for working parents in or near the workplace.</p>
<p>3) Offer family literacy activities appropriate for families from diverse cultures and backgrounds in community-based settings such as public libraries.</p>	<p><u>Library</u> Adult Literacy: Provides a "Families for Literacy" component that meets at local libraries with activities and education. We also have a collaboration with the local dual language school to provide poetry literacy activities in 2 -4th grade classes that include parent participation.</p> <p>Youth Services: Provides regular bi-lingual story times at four libraries and the bookmobile and at 30 local federal, state or private preschool classes. We also attend parent meetings at many local preschools to present literacy and library materials. Once a year, library staff partners with Healthy Start to provide a "Joy of Reading" workshop for parents and children. Attendance is always over 100:</p>	<p><u>Library</u> We see a continuing need to reach the small family home care providers with literacy activities or materials. Healthy Start's family advocate program is a model that could be expanded to help in this area.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Community Services: Currently there are no arts or dance classes offered in Spanish. The Department will advertise to solicit bi-lingual independent contractors for enrichment programs which can be offered at community centers.</p>

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	<p>library staff model reading behaviors and children receive free books. This year, with a pilot grant from the California State Library's "Early Learning with Families Initiative", the library has conducted two 6 week sessions of a parent-child program encouraging early reading and interaction with 3-5 year olds. The program was given once in English and once in Spanish and concentrated on parental connection and staff modeling.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Community Services: A variety of adult activities that include ESL and consumer assistance is provided to low income and Spanish speaking residents through Community Centers.</p>	
<p><i>Youth Development</i></p>		
<p>4) Enlist youth to map local resources and needs, and support other youth-led service activities that tap the potential of young people as community assets.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Staff participate in the Santa Barbara Youth Coalition to incorporate the 40 Developmental Assets into department youth programs.</p> <p>Teen Programs: City has an Alcohol prevention youth coalition (ADAP) that has been used to assess information as it relates to alcohol and drug prevention needs. Activities are youth led.</p>	<p><u>Library</u> Coordinated effort to subtly use the 40 developmental assets as a tool whenever groups are working with local teens.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Teens: With the vast parks in SB, recommend creation of more collaborative outdoor activities for teens to promote safe use of park facilities.</p>

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	<p>Community Services provides an outlet for school and Probation Department-based community service obligations.</p> <p>Youth Activities: Project Renaissance provides support activities for young people and “at-risk” youth to tap into artistic potential of youth and graffiti artists.</p> <p><u>Library</u> Youth Services staff works with “City at Peace” and other area youth groups to provide programs for the public that highlight youth as assets to the community.</p> <p><u>Public Works</u> Working with Youth Enrichment Adventure (YEA) program to develop a youth sustainability team that will work with schools to reduce, reuse and recycle. City provides “Suggested Routes to School Maps” for use in the schools.</p>	<p>Expansion of programs geared to junior high youth is a community priority.</p> <p><u>Public Works</u> Formal policy adoption of Safe Routes to School program by City Schools.</p>
<p>5) Identify and improve safe places for children to play and youth to get together in every neighborhood in order to promote physical activity, healthy development, and positive interactions with peers.</p>	<p><u>Community Development</u> Through the City’s Human Services funding process, we will continue to provide grants to child care providers who serve low-income families and to youth activity programs for at-risk youth, such as CAC, Storyteller, S. B. Family Care Center, S.B. YMCA, Primo Boxing and Boy’s and Girl’s Club.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: Whenever possible, expand elementary and junior high afterschool and summer programs to engage children in safe, physically active activities. Teen Programs: Wherever possible, expand year round and summer programs to engage junior high and older teens in</p>

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	<p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Provide programs at sites deemed neutral to both residents on the East and West sides of Santa Barbara. Free transportation is also providing, insuring that the kids are not walking great distances to reach programs.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Park and Facility Improvement Projects: The department is undertaking a number of capital improvement projects to improve parks and facilities, especially those which are used heavily by children such as Ortega Park, Bohnett Park, Carrillo Recreation Center, and the Teen Center. Teens: City opened a new Teen Center providing youth ages 12-18 with a safe, fun, and supervised place to hang out, take classes, or talk with friends. Youth Activities: Afterschool and summer programs have been added in certain Eastside and Westside neighborhoods to provide alternative activities for youth living in neighborhoods experiencing an increase in gang type behaviors. New funding provided to expand elementary and junior high afterschool programs, and campus-based summer programs provided to</p>	<p>positive activities. Recommend creation of collaborative outdoor activities for teens to promote safe use of park facilities.</p>

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	<p>engage children in safe, physically active activities.</p> <p>Library: With the help of the local Junior League, the children's area of the Eastside branch library was totally renovated with more computers and more reading material for children of all ages.</p>	
<p>6) Expand opportunities for youth participation and leadership through programs offered by city recreation departments, libraries, museums, and other youth-serving organizations.</p>	<p>Library Volunteer Program: Uses teen volunteers to help with library programs and learn job and organizational skills. Over 100 teens help children and parents with the Summer Reading Program.</p> <p>Police Department Police Activities League: Provides a Youth Leadership Council.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation The department has 22 co-sponsor agreements with community based organizations which share the department's mission to improve the lives of our youth and families. Teens: City does have Youth Council, Youth Coalition, and some junior youth counselor programs, etc. Active Adults & Classes offers youth art and dance classes, however, these programs are not 'child care', nor do they have scholarships available.</p>	<p>Library Teen Advisory group to help library provide better programming and material for the teenage user.</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Teens: Recommend the development of a Youth Collaborative consisting of youth representatives from varied youth-serving agencies that would meet and talk about youth issues, activities and unmet needs (i.e., youth representatives from Youth Council, Boys/Girls Club, YMCA). Recommend a revision or return of Youth Job Apprenticeship Program. Community Services: Insure sustainability, and provide increased funding, for youth employment and job training programs. Youth Activities: More spaces, outreach to low-income families and scholarships.</p>

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	<p>Youth Activities: Junior Counselor Orientation and Training Program offered for teens 12 – 15 years of age at several Parks and Recreation summer camps.</p> <p>Youth Sports: Offers free afterschool sport leagues for elementary and junior high participants.</p> <p>Community Services: Youth apprentice program expanded from 40 to 80 youth, with jobs offered through the Parks and Recreation Department.</p> <p>Additional job and opportunities being identified throughout City departments.</p>	
<p><i>Education and Afterschool</i></p>		
<p>7) Encourage family involvement in schools by sponsoring “First Day” celebrations and providing release time for city employees when they attend parent-teacher conferences or other school events.</p>	<p><u>City Employee MOUs</u> Provide release time for parents to attend parent-teacher conferences and other school events.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: A-OK has a funded end of the year celebration/presentation or performance/potluck dinner.</p>	<p><u>Park & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: Consider RAP to host an awards celebration/family day/bouncer party prior to the end of the school year or at the beginning of the school year. RAP carnivals to include families.</p>
<p>8) Develop a blueprint for how the city, schools, business leaders, community groups, and parents will work together to support and improve student achievement, high school completion, and post-secondary access.</p>	<p><u>Airport</u> The Airport is an Adopt-A-School partner with Isla Vista Elementary School. The Airport Department also participates in career day programs at both elementary and high school levels. The Department also offers an aviation education program</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: Current grid of elementary district programs that support academic achievement</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Proposing a</p>

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	<p>at its Visitor's Center where airport tours and age-appropriate aviation and science topics are presented. In addition a "Future Flyers" program for GATE and other selected elementary school students. This six week program is held at the school site with the Airport's education coordinator and different aviation and science topics are presented each week. At the end of the program students are offered airplane rides through the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles' Program.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Youth Leadership Council has a college preparedness conference called, "Life After High School" which prepares students for the college application process.</p> <p><u>Community Development</u> Through the City's Human Services funding process, we will continue to provide grants for youth education programs, such as Planned Parenthood.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> The department partners with Endowment for Youth and other youth organizations whose mission is to promote greater academic success for</p>	<p>Parent Project in collaboration with the Council on Drug and Alcohol to provide parents with resources to help support their children in Junior High and High School PAL is also starting a college scholarship fund.</p>

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	<p>teens.</p> <p>Teens: Teen Programs is working with Project Excel to assist youth of color to attend college – we are working with their mentoring activities. Community Services through its Youth Apprenticeship Program provides youth with on-the-job training to prepare them for job and school-related success.</p> <p>Youth Activities: A-OK and measurable outcomes as reported to the State Dept. of ED by UCSB per SB City Schools.</p> <p>Community Services: In addition to the Youth Apprentice Program, collaborates with community partners to offer grant-funded youth job training and employment programs.</p> <p><u>Public Works</u></p> <p>Water Resources Division: Implements a youth water education program including classroom presentations for K-9 grades.</p> <p><u>Library</u></p> <p>Youth Services: Librarian chairs the Santa Barbara Educator’s Roundtable – a consortium of 28 museums and other agencies with an educational component and programs. All these agencies work with area schools and local businesses to provide a variety of educational experiences, student jobs and career</p>	

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	possibilities	
<p>9) Establish a local afterschool coalition or task force, including both city agencies and community-based providers that works to identify new funding sources and create quality standards for afterschool programs.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Currently a chapter is being developed of the CAL Afterschool Consortium, a network of all afterschool providers to share information and improve programs. Staff regularly participates in afterschool program training opportunities.</p>	
<p><i>Health and Safety</i></p>		
<p>10) Partner with local health care providers, pharmacies, and other interested groups to highlight the availability of federal and state-funded health insurance for children and their families.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: Healthy Start family advocates partner with A-OK and Campership Alliance.</p> <p><u>Library</u> <u>Distributes printed insurance material from local neighborhood clinics to our patrons.</u></p>	
<p>11) Publicize local efforts to recruit foster and adoptive families for children who have lost their parents or cannot safely live at home.</p>	<p><u>Community Development</u> Through the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding process, we will continue to provide grants to support and house run-away children, such as Noah's Anchorage.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: Healthy Start family resource center at 5 A-OK elementary schools.</p>	
<p>12) Work with school and law enforcement</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u></p>	

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<p>officials, social service agencies, and community or faith-based groups to reduce truancy and keep children safe and on track in school.</p>	<p>Teen Programs: The Santa Barbara Youth Council sponsors youth speak outs on issues of interest to teens, including truancy, suicide, alcohol and drug use, etc.</p> <p><u>Fire Department</u> SBFD is committed to keeping children and families safe by providing age appropriate fire safety education in schools. SBFD reaches all 3 graders with the Fire Safety House, an experiential educational tool. All children in State funded pre-school with general fire safety education, including firefighter turn-out demo. We also participate in the Safety Town program annually and many other individual requests from teachers for classroom presentations.</p> <p><u>Library</u> Youth Services: Developing protocols and training staff to deal with truancy and behavior problems in the library. We work with the schools and the police department to help determine a proper course of action with youth at risk.</p>	
<p><i>Youth in Transition</i></p>		
<p>13) Establish or support a mentoring initiative that connects young people to caring adults, recruiting volunteers from municipal agencies, local businesses, faith communities, fraternal organizations, and civic groups.</p>	<p><u>Community Development</u> Through the City's Human Services funding process, we will continue to provide grants to non-profit mentoring programs, such as Big Brothers/Big</p>	

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	<p>Sisters.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Partners with Fighting Back Mentorship Program that provides mentors to at risk youth as part of the SCPP grant at Santa Barbara Junior High.</p> <p><u>Fire Department</u> SBFD worked with the Santa Barbara County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Mentor program. Groups of high-risk teenagers have had workshops about careers in the fire service as well is equipment demonstrations and station tours.</p> <p>We have also worked with the Los Prietos Boys Camp – a juvenile detention facility. We share with them workshops about careers in the fire service as well is equipment demonstrations, station tours and CPR instruction. And the LP Boys help SBFD with maintenance of training facilities, set-up and tear-down of several of our annual events.</p>	
<p>14) Support the development of alternative high schools and other options for struggling students that emphasize rigor, relevance, and relationships while responding to their diverse needs.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Community Services: Recruits youth at risk for the Youth Apprentice Program, providing job training and placement. Teen Programs: Provides opportunities</p>	

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	<p>for community service and involvement with various youth boards and coalitions.</p>	
<p>15) Build stronger linkages among key institutions (e.g., police departments, city human service agencies, juvenile courts, and foster care agencies) to help vulnerable youth, including those leaving systems of public care, children of immigrants, homeless youth, and pregnant or parenting teens.</p>	<p><u>Community Development</u> Through the City's Human Services funding process, we will continue to provide grants to support and treat abused/neglected children, such as Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM), Court Appointment Special Advocates (CASA) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: park of a community policing project with the Council on Drug and Alcohol, and the School District to provide programs and mentors to children identified by the Youth Specialists to be "at-risk." Campership Alliance provides over 300 summer scholarships to verified low-income youth, including transportation to and from the camps.</p> <p><u>Library</u> Alliance with PAL to spread the word about "Live Homework Help" and other resources at its new tutoring center</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: Co sponsorship agreement with PAL including support for A-OK and Campership Alliance.</p>	<p><u>Library</u> Youth Services: Would like to partner with CALM and CASA to provide reading material and other resources for their programs.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Youth Activities: Mariah Messer (former A-OK Coordinator) is starting a program for young ladies in the judicial system to receive referrals, services, counseling and mentoring. Linking with Mariah in some capacity.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Submitting a grant for gang prevention including Council on Drug and Alcohol mentorship program, PAL afterschool programs, a parent resource program, and the First Steps gang prevention curriculum to be taught to 5th and 6th graders of the Title 1 elementary schools.</p>

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	<p>Partner with the Campership Alliance to provide summer camperships for disadvantaged youth.</p> <p><u>Fire Department</u> Child Passenger Safety Program educates parents about the proper use and installation of safety seats. Parents whose car seats need to be replaced (for the proper fit) can be issued a new seat at a reduced cost, through this program.</p>	
<p><i>Family Economic Success</i></p>		
<p>16) Launch or support a citywide campaign to help ensure that low-income working families receive the federal Earned Income Credit and other key benefits for which they may be eligible.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Community Services: Community Services offers yearly assistance relating to Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program, Earned Income Credit, SSI, and MediCal services.</p>	
<p>17) Support or sponsor financial literacy courses or personal financial counseling to help families develop savings plans, repair credit, avoid predatory lenders, and plan for homeownership.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Community Services: Community Services sponsors or hosts a variety of workshops to assist families on meeting their basic human needs. <i>Note: experience with financial planning classes set a precedent, under advisement from the City Attorney's Office, that the Parks & Recreation Department should not be in the 'financial advising' business.</i></p>	

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<p>18) Provide transitional jobs for disadvantaged youth and adults who need temporary, wage-based employment as a stepping stone to develop work skills and enter the regular labor market.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Parks: Contracts with Work Incorporated to provide work opportunities for disabled individuals. Community Services: Community Services offers a re-entry employment training program for adults over 55 years of age and on-the-job training for youth from 14 to 24 years of age. Recreation: In collaboration with the School District, a City-wide mentorship and job shadowing program will be promoted in the Fall of 2007. <u>Waterfront:</u> Work Incorporated. Provides work opportunities for disabled individuals in the Harbor area.</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Community Services: Recommend establishing a paid internship in each division recreation for a disadvantaged youth to develop work skills and increase interest in the recreation field.</p>
<p><i>Neighborhoods and Community</i></p>		
<p>19) Sponsor street fairs, neighborhood celebrations, and multi-cultural community events to bring families together and build stronger ties among neighbors.</p>	<p><u>Fire Department</u> Organizes and promotes the annual "Teaming up for Safety" Safety Fair. The Safety Fair brings together all Emergency Services Providers from the City of Santa Barbara for a FREE family friendly day filled with safety activities and opportunities for children and families to meet the ESP in a non-emergency situation. Some of the activities include; finger printing, helmet fitting, car-seat checks, boating safety, fire safety and</p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> <u>Public Works</u> Prioritize staff participation in Walk & Bike to School Day events. Formal policy adoption by school districts of the Safe Routes to School Program. Formal funding of Safe Routes to School Program by school districts.</p>

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	<p>many more.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Works with community organizations to present over 75 special events a year in City parks. Events include festivals, walks and, runs.</p> <p>Cultural Arts: Provides a summer concert series of 13 concerts held at two City parks are safe places for children to play. These concerts are free and geared toward families in the community.</p> <p>Community Services: Community Center Advisory Committees sponsor a variety of cultural and informational events through street festival, music presentations, and forums. Host holiday dinners for low income families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, including Santa and gifts for all of the children. Hosting informal neighborhood gatherings to encourage neighbors to meet neighbors.</p> <p>Teen Programs: The Teen Choreography Showcase is an example of an event, centered on dance, bringing artists within the teen community together. Working with the County, Casa de la Raza, and the Community Action</p>	

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	<p>Commission to offer a teen concert series at the Santa Barbara Courthouse Summer of 2007.</p> <p>Several art receptions showcasing teen art take place each year. Youth Activities: Works with various partners to provide numerous youth and family oriented sports, holiday, and other special events.</p> <p>Participate in "Lights On Afterschool" a national event to provide awareness and support afterschool programs.</p> <p><u>Library</u></p> <p>Preschool story times are provided each week at library facilities in both English and Spanish. In the summer, there is an 8 week Summer Reading Program with 3,000-4,000 children participating in reading activities and weekly programs. The Eastside branch has a cultural art grant to present ethnic celebrations and family events.</p> <p><u>Public Works</u></p> <p>Looking Good Santa Barbara: Provides opportunities through the Adopt-A-Block program and organized neighborhood families to participate in creating cleaner and safer neighborhoods.</p>	

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	<p>City sponsors Walk and Bike to School Day events coordinated by Coalition for Sustainable Transportation's Safe Routes to School Program.</p> <p>City provides financial support for Safe Routes to School Program.</p> <p>City Public Works and Police Departments provide staff time to educate families on safe walking and bicycling in the schools and at community events.</p> <p><u>Waterfront</u> Harbor and Seafood Festival is held annually, bringing neighborhoods, businesses, visitors and residents together.</p> <p><u>Neighborhood Improvement Task Force</u> Interdepartmental team identified issues and concerns within specific neighborhoods, outreaches to the community, develops and implements action plans for improving conditions.</p> <p><u>Police Department</u> Police Activities League: Hosts a Christmas dinner which serve dinner to over 60 verified low income families and provides presents to all children in attendance. Participates in 2 parades for</p>	

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	<p>Fiesta and July 4th, provides a game booth at Boo at the Zoo, a booth at the Safety Fair, and sponsors the annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt with City Parks and Recreation.</p>	
<p>20) Create joint-use agreements with school districts and forge partnerships between school leaders and community-based groups to turn schools into centers of community life.</p>	<p><u>Library</u> Bookmobile: This summer, the library partnered with United Way's Fun in the Sun program to provide weekly Bookmobile visits and a free book distribution. The Bookmobile is also visiting school sites hosting Parks and Recreation Summer camps. The library partners with a number of schools to provide class visits, training in online resources and preschool story times. With other members of the SB Educator's Roundtable, it provides a passport program that gives each K-6 student in Santa Barbara schools a free adult and child's admission to 30 museums and agencies for a six month period. The annual teen poetry contest forges contacts with the junior high and the high school teachers and students and provides a wonderful evening of poetry for the community.</p> <p><u>Parks & Recreation</u></p>	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u> Recreation Mgt: Recommend better communication and ability to work with school district with target audience. Regular and consistent opportunities to meet with students; opportunity to be a part of school orientation and offer programs at school sites. Youth Activities: Add programming for High School.</p>

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	<p>The City has joint use agreements with Santa Barbara School Districts and Santa Barbara City College. Additional agreements are in place to provide jointly funded elementary and junior high afterschool programs, field scheduling, and Park Ranger patrol services on school campuses.</p> <p>The Parks and Recreation Department has over 20 co-sponsorship agreements with community partners to further enhance recreation programs for the community.</p> <p>To provide expanded recreational opportunities in campus based recreation programs, staff is working with the District to facilitate more collaborations with youth service providers as co-sponsors.</p>	
<p>21) Hold media events, community forums, and site visits to local programs serving children, youth, and families as a way of keeping their needs in the spotlight.</p>	<p><u>Library</u> Congressional visit by Lois Capps to Reach Out and Read program at clinic to highlight literacy needs of young children. Arranged bookmobile visits to Fun in the Sun sites for their 8 week summer program.</p> <p>The library takes part in local community events – Children’s Festival, Baby Fair, Salsa Festival, Earth Day, etc. We also attend career and volunteer days at each high school.</p>	<p><u>Library</u> Need for comprehensive calendar of events for youth.</p>

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	<p><u>Parks & Recreation</u></p> <p>Community Services: Community Services enters into collaborative efforts with non-profits and business to bring attention to the need for healthy lifestyles and nutrition.</p> <p>Youth Activities: Site visits have been done in the past for A-OK and RAP.</p> <p><u>Public Works</u></p> <p>Art From Scrap - publish and pull-out recycling education.</p> <p><u>Waterfront</u></p> <p>Host Patrol Boat tours for school age children. Work with local school teachers and programs.</p>	