

Topic Area: **Education**

Goal #1:

Expose children to career (Vocational, business, professional) opportunities during younger years.

Suggested Strategies:

- a. Increase number of Field Trips
- b. Develop Summer camps that encourage choices
- c. Advocate for policies affecting transportation
- d. Summer internships
- e. Partnerships with business as sponsors
- f. Government Career Day
- g. Take your child to work day

Accountability Measure(s):

- 1. Pre and post Surveys
- 2. Attendance records
- 3. Career Interest surveys
- 4. Existing data from community agencies- data from vocational opportunities- need vs. availability



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Goal #4:
Empower/change/impact family dynamics through educating all professionals on the dynamics of poverty and the development of relationships.

- Suggested Strategies:**
- a. Training- ongoing, certification
 - b. Exposure
 - c. Higher education for all- certification for teachers

- Accountability Measure(s):**
- 1. Survey- Needs assessment of community
 - 2. Survey business' regarding employment of individuals/families at or below poverty level

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Goal #2: Increase availability and quality of childcare for infants through school age children.

Suggested Strategies:

- a. Develop community assessment of childcare services
- b. Training for the child care provider- ongoing and consistent
- c. Incentives (financial)
- d. Advocacy for quality childcare
- e. Advocate employer provided child care
- f. Establish funding for accreditation
- g. Establish local awards of recognition for childcare centers –
 “board of certification”
- h. Recruit and train new providers

Accountability Measure(s):

- 1. Number of children who are not retained in kindergarten
- 2. Number of “recognized” centers
- 3. Number of centers added to community

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Goal #3: Educate the community on availability of resources.

Suggested Strategies:

- a. Advertising
- b. Community mapping
- c. Directory
- d. Word of mouth
- e. Training for those providing direct service
- f. Neighborhood centers
- g. Utilize TV and radio
- h. Connect adults with educational opportunities
- i. Research what other states are doing and succeeding at it

Accountability Measure(s):

- 1. Survey, Community assessment
- 2. Number of individuals producing a living wage
- 3. Number of individuals enrolled in programs
- 4. Number of programs successfully operating in the community



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Goal #5:
Reduce the number of school drop outs and increase participation in lifelong learning.

- Suggested Strategies:**
- a. Incentive programs
 - b. Mentoring
 - c. Mentoring teams including business partners
 - d. Provide school age children with community internships
 - e. Increase business participation
 - f. Create or utilize community/school centers- link family success centers

- Accountability Measure(s):**
- a. Increase the number of participants in lifelong learning programs
 - b. Survey students who have dropped out to address reasons