National Roundtable on Positive Youth Development and Faith-Based Services

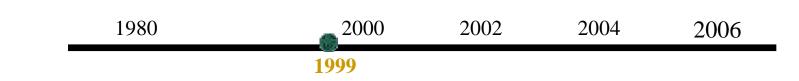
"The Orange County Connection"

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Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention (OCSAPN)

Founded in 1980 to promote and enhance the quality, quantity, coordination, and cooperation of positive youth development programs and prevention services in OC



Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention (OCSAPN)

- Invited Dr. Peter Benson in September of 1999 to address community members about 40 developmental assets
- Since then OCDE has coordinated numerous trainings
 - 150 trainers in Orange County
 - 5000 people trained on asset development model





Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)

Youth Development Framework (YDF)

- 2000 received funding from OCHCA to introduce and assess youth development principles and practices in elementary & junior high schools in La Habra, California
- The research components of the YDF was called the "API Study: Academics & Prevention Inseparable"

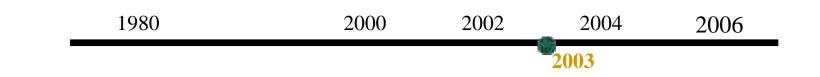
Key Findings from the API Study

- Students not exposed to consistent prevention & youth development activities showed a significant **decrease** in commitment to learning.
- Students who were exposed to consistent prevention & youth development activities showed a significant **increase** in their test scores & commitment to learning.
- 3. Students who were exposed to consistent prevention & youth development activities reported that they were **more** connected to teachers, school, & community.
- Students who were exposed to consistent prevention & youth development activities reported feeling safer in school.
- 5. Teachers' attitude toward their work environment & level of involvement with youth showed improvement when promoting a positive school culture & empowering students at their school.



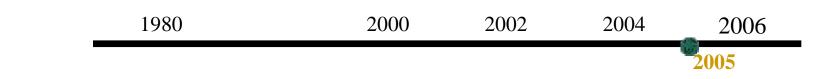
Community Service Programs (CSP)

- In 2000, CSP started a countywide Faith Coalition to build bridges of understanding & collaboration between faith communities and prevention organizations in the County
 - Hosted 7 Asset Development Trainings
 - Faith vs. ATOD summit
 - Funded by the OCHCA in 2005



Boys & Girls Club of Westminster

In 2003, GRIP program to coordinate gang prevention and youth development strategies



Community Service Programs (CSP)

In 2005 CSP started Project Faith in Youth to strengthen the capacities of faith communities in OC to integrate ATOD prevention into their congregations



United Way of Orange County

- Last year, adopted "Keeping Kids on Track" initiative
 - Trained 24 grant funded community agencies over the past 2 years



- Created in 2003 to promote prevention of early exposure to violence among children
- In 2007 youth development strategies, including the Asset Building approach in all their trainings

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