



National Association of Planning Councils

Initiatives and Interventions Addressing Health and Social Indicators in the United States

National Association of Planning Councils Initiatives Survey Results – for www.socialindicators.com

Initiative title: **Community Youth Development Program**

City and state: **Dallas County, TEXAS**

Indicators addressed: Crime rate

Purpose, goals, and outcomes: To prevent children and youth from entering the juvenile justice system.

Description: CYD engages children and youth in two of the highest crime rate zip codes in meaningful non-school hour activities with adults as mentors and coaches. Youth are mentored on academics and encouraged to stay in school, while gaining life skills and learning leadership skills.

When it began: September 1995

Geographic area covered: Dallas County, Texas

Changes in the community condition as a result of this initiative: The crime rate in the two zip codes covered by the CYD program have dropped by 20%. 99.9% of the children participating in CYD have not entered the juvenile justice system. Several have graduated and gone on to college or entered the military.

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