

Youth Gang Reduction & Intervention (YGRIP) Initiative

Presentation
Woodland City Council
July 7, 2015

Executive Summary

- YGRIP Initiative is designed as a collaborative involving local community agencies:

WJUSD

Probation Department

District Attorney's Office

Woodland Police Department

Yolo County YMCA

YCOE

Sheriff's Department,

Public Defender's Office

Community Services Dept.,

Chamber of Commerce.

- The original initiative began in August of 2011
- After hiring the YGRIP Coordinator in December of 2014, the most recent initiative efforts were started again in January of 2014.

Purpose of YGRIP

- The development of a collaborative initiative extending across agencies, to address increasing concerns regarding youth violence and gang participation will better support a safe community and provide effective services to the City of Woodland.
- YGRIP will be responsible for making recommendations for the development and implementation of systemic, evidence-based strategies targeted toward supporting at-risk youth and their families.
- Emphasis is on involving conventional professional partners coupled with the engagement of community and faith-based organizations that share a common interest in reducing youth gang membership and curtailing youth violence.

Woodland's Mission Statement

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Youth Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Initiative 2014-15

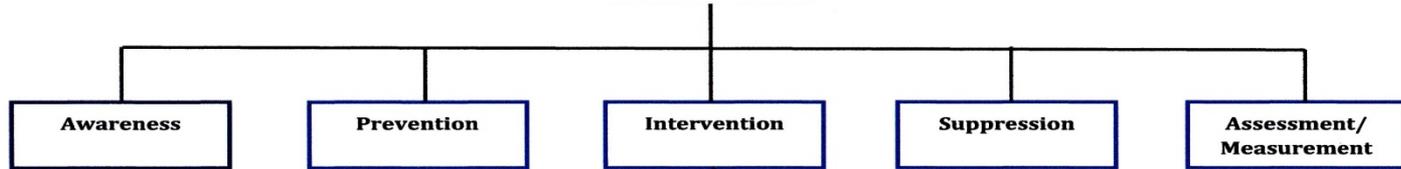
VISION

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MISSION

Decrease youth violence and gang participation by strengthening the organizational infrastructure and partnerships within the City of Woodland.

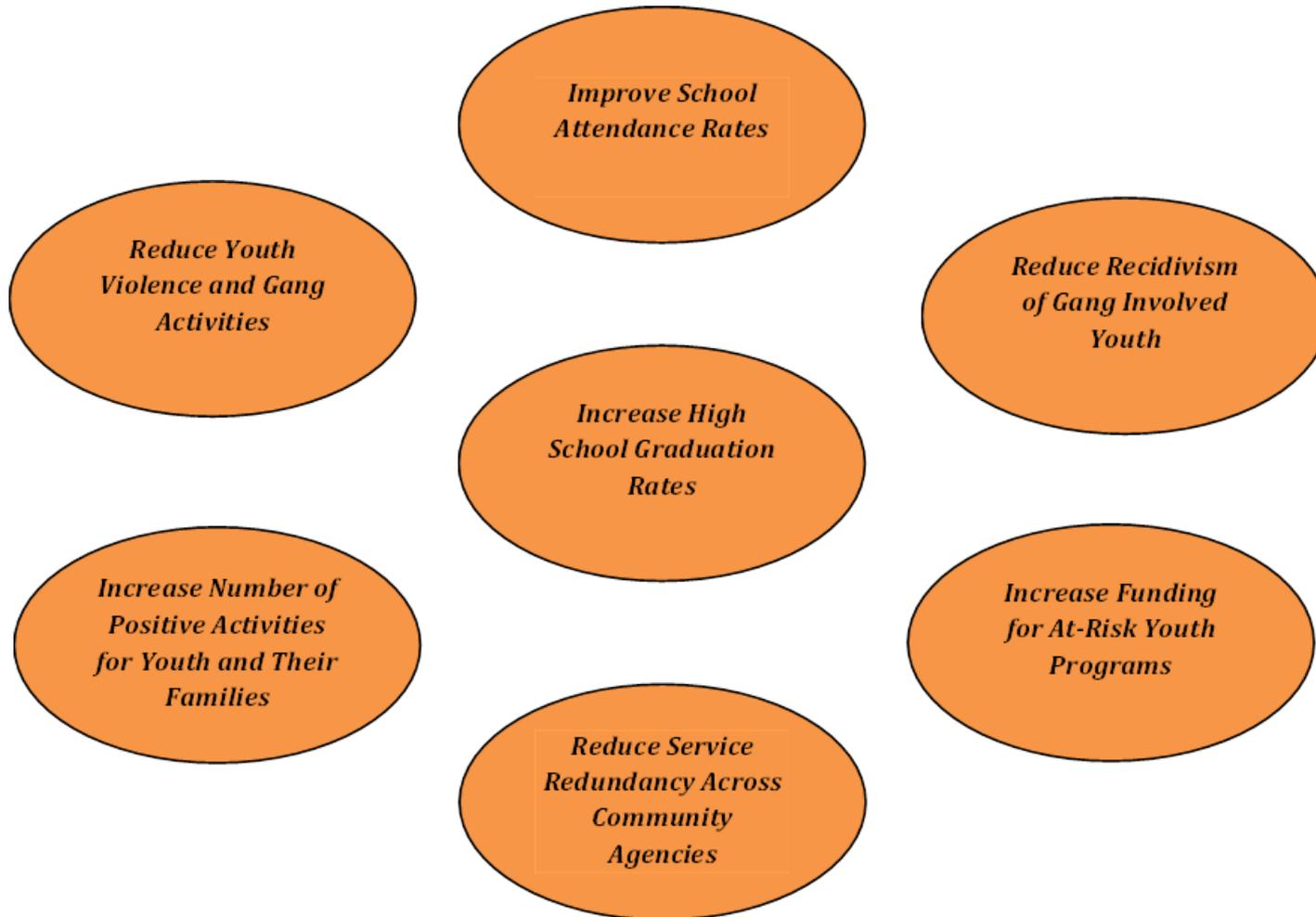
STRATEGIC GOALS



ACTIVITIES

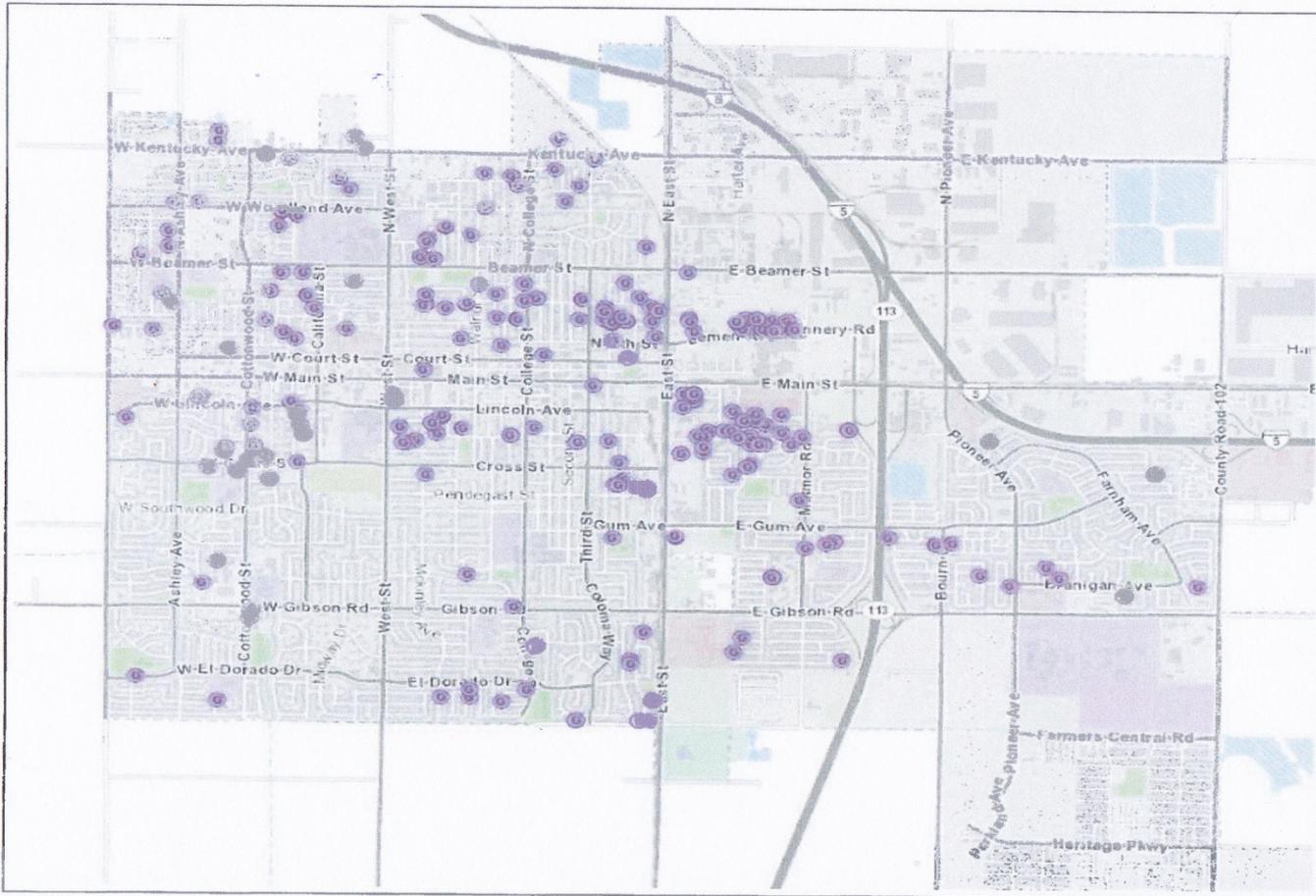


Indicators of Success



Structure of Woodland's Initiative

- *The Steering Committee* - provides leadership and direction by setting policies, goals and objectives and by monitoring the effectiveness of the initiative. Meets monthly.
- *The Operational Team* - reports to the Steering Committee and will carry out the activities and strategies of the initiative. The Operational Team will consist of “front line” representatives from various community agencies, work with students and families based on referrals, and map out needs, strategies and impact of their work as it relates to the YGRIP Initiative.

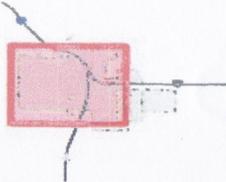


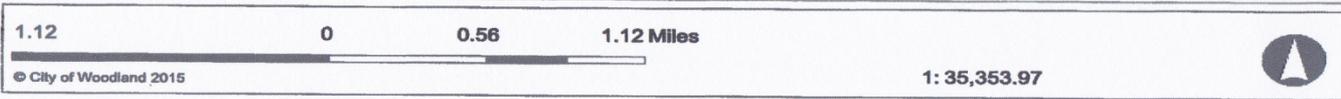


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Legend

- Validated Gang Member



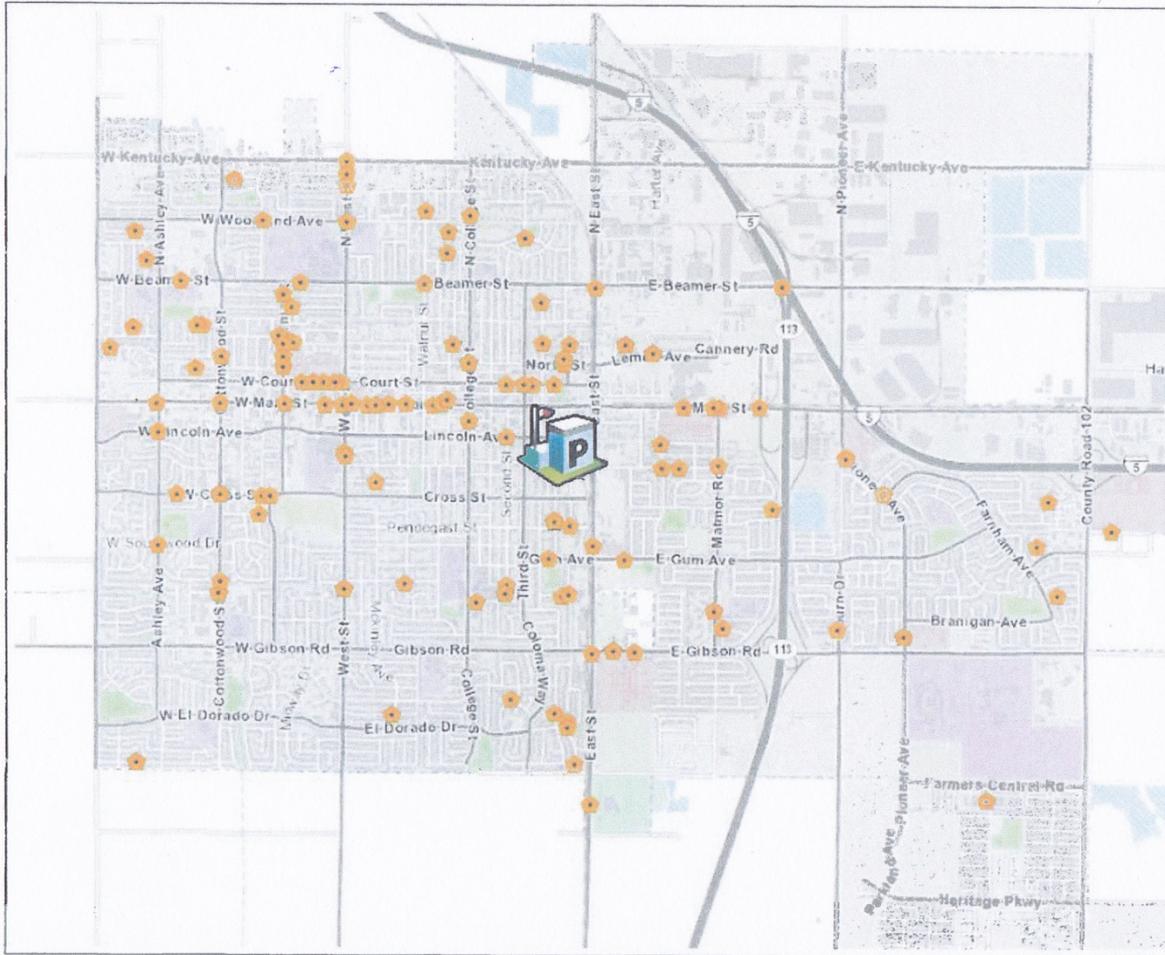




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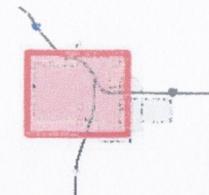
-  Police Station
-  Gang Activity - 2013



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Key Accomplishments

- Established teams to carry out the initiative: Planning Team, Steering Committee, Operational Team
- Completed YGRIP Brochure
- Completed Yolo County Resource Guide
- Established YGRIP Webpage
- Established Referral Form (About 20 students referred at elementary, middle and high schools, including Esparto Unified School District referral)
- Developed YGRIP Work plan using current YGRIP Goals and Objectives
- Delivered presentations to Chamber of Commerce, Retired Teachers Association, Woodland Ecumenical group, Yolo County Gang Conference
- GREAT Program serving fourth graders in three elementary schools

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- Four Week Summer Program serving close to 20 at-risk youth (Led by Lt. Heath Parsons, Woodland PD)
- Presentation to Esparto Community School
- CalGRIP grant completed but not funded
- Defined problem with data from schools, probation department, law enforcement
- Began discussions and reached agreement on implementing Woodland Police Activities League (PAL) Chapter
- Began discussions and secured office space for return of Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program

Next Steps

- Develop Case Manager capacity
- Establish Mentor Program
- Establish Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program
- Begin Police Athletic League (Currently developing work plan led by Heath Parsons)
- Establish Speaker's Bureau
- Update Webpage
- Update Goals and Objectives
- Revise YGRIP Coordinator Position to include meeting with youth and parents
- Continue to seek funding (CalGRIP, Other sources)
- Revise Referral Form and present to Yolo County Office of Education and WJUSD administrators
- Gather input on gang issue using community and student surveys

Next Steps

- Develop parent education trainings/workshops
- Continue to review and monitor data to refine scope of problem

The Starfish Story

A young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean. “Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?” he asks. “Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don’t throw them further in they will die.” “But, old man, don’t you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it!

You can’t possibly save them all. You can’t even save one-tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won’t make any difference at all.” The old man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and threw it into the sea.



“It made a difference to that one.”

