Community-Based Safety and L.A. Unified: Mapping the Landscape

Analysis per Community Safety Resolution (Res-023-22/23)



Regular Meeting, May 7, 2024

Independent Analysis Unit

Governing Board of Education

Los Angeles Unified School District

Agenda

- I. What the IAU did
- II. Community-based safety and L.A. Unified
- III. Recommendations and considerations
- IV. Conclusion

IAU Report on Res-023-22/23



Task

"conduct a landscape analysis that reviews which organizations are providing services, what they are providing, and data previously compiled regarding community-based safety approaches"



Questions

What organizations provide community-based safety related services?

In what ways are District partnerships related to community-based safety successful? What are some challenges to successful District partnerships?



Data collection

Convening (listening session)

Conducted internal/external interviews

Compiled list of organizations

Internet research

Literature review



Analysis and reporting

Assessed challenges and opportunities with current/past successful/failed partnerships

Presented and discussed with the School Safety Committee, BSAP steering committee, and the School Culture, Climate and Safety task force

Shared draft report with District staff and Board

*Public report forthcoming

What is community-based safety?

An approach to enhancing and maintaining public safety that **actively involves the community**, regards **violence as a public health** issue, sees **criminalization and incarceration as ineffective and harmful**, and seeks to strengthen the "social determinates of safety," which include components of **healthy communities** such as safe parks, affordable housing, and economic opportunity.

Service examples

- Community violence intervention
- Diversion
- Counseling
- Academic support
- Safe passages
- mentoring

Example entities/orgs

- L.A. City's Gang Reduction and Youth Development
- Small CBOs
- LA County's Dept.
 of Youth
 Development
- Intermediary non-profits

MEETING BASIC NEEDS * BELONGING * PREVENTION * INTERVENTION

Community-Based Public Safety Organizations

Sectors

Government Agencies

LA County Department of Youth
Development (DYD)
Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)
Justice, Care, and Opportunities
Department (JCOD)
Los Angeles Mayor's office of Gang
Reduction and Youth Development
Los Angeles Relice Department Los Angeles Police Department Public Defender's Office

Labor

AFSCME Local 685 SEIU 99 / 721 UTLA Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association

Intermediary **Organizations**

Latino Coalition for Community Leadership/Healing Urban Barrios (LCCL/HUB) Community Partners

School Reform/Organization al Support

Center for Powerful Public Schools Partnership for LA Schools Seneca Family of Agencies

Higher Education

Loyola Law Center for Juvenile Law and Policy UCLA Bunche Center
USC Children's Data Network

Foundations

California Community **Foundation** Liberty Hill Foundation Conrad N. Hilton **Foundation** LA 84 Foundation

Advocacy/Community Organizing

Catalyst CA (formerly Advancement Project)/Urban Peace Institute Community Based Public Safety Collective Community Coalition (CoCo)
Inner City Struggle
Labor Community Strategy Center Police Free Schools Coalition Students Deserve

Community-Based Organizations 2nd Call—South LA and

Pasadena Boys2Gentlemen-South LA Brothers Sons Selves-LA & Long Beach Centinela Youth Services-Centinela Valley Champions in Service-Valley Strong Shoulders Agency-Vermont Knolls Watts Life United-Watts

Services/programs/practices

Parent Involvement

Mentoring/Social

Emotional Support

Bridge Builders Foundation Concerned Black Men LA Equation 2 Success, Inc. City Lights Gateway

Detours Mentoring Group

Foundation

Educate CA
Parent Ed Bridge Foundatio
United Parents and Stude
(UPAS) Legacý LA

General Youth Services

Boys and Girls Clubs Volunteers of America, Los Angeles YMCA Metropolitan

Enrichment Activities

Afterschool All Stars Amazing Grace Conservatory ArtworxLA The After School Interscholastic Sports Academy (ASISA) Cooking with Gabby El Centro Del Pueblo El Nido Family Centers **Gump Nation** New Hope Academy of Change Soledad Enrichment Action STEM to the Future Youth Business Alliance

Safe Passages H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation

Achieve Initiative Foundation Yancy Life Transition

Drug Prevention/Treatment

Asian American Drug Abuse Program Alliance for Community Empowerment Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley

Victim services/ Wellness/ **General Social**

Srvcs

Alliance for Community Empowerment Do Good Daniels Jenesse Center Sistah Friends

Academic/Career **Supports**

New Hope Academy of Change

College Bound 4 Kids STEM to the Future Children's Institute

Gang Intervention

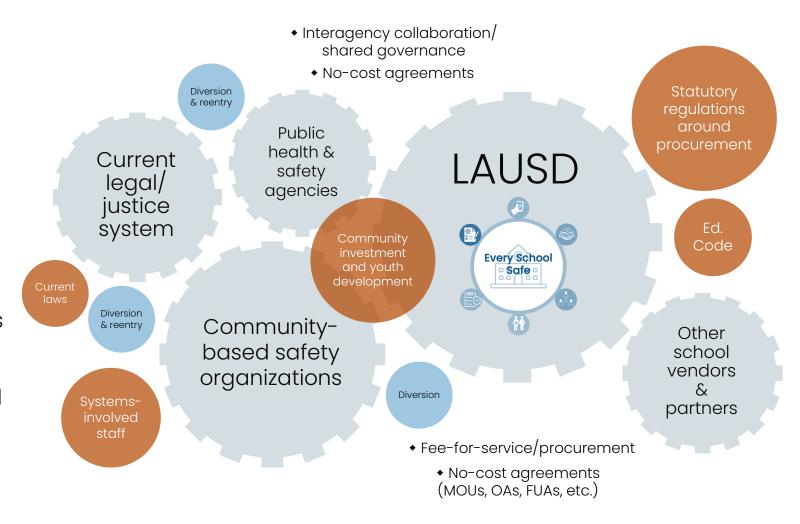
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Community Violence Intervention

Southern California Crossroads Inner City Visions

Community-based safety (CBS) is a multi-sector endeavor

- Achieving communitybased safety entails coordination and investment from multiple public entities
- Community-based safety
 (CBS) and school safety
 ecosystems are complex:
 CBS organizations provide
 services in different places
 and ways, following their
 own logics and
 procedures and governed
 by different statutes



Types of relationships/partnerships

Recommendations

- Monitor the execution and use of refreshed BSAP bench.
- Ease the MOU process for community partners and schools by improving web-based information and automation.
- Encourage schools to add
 representatives from communitybased organizations to School Safety
 Committees and other ways to use the
 Integrated Safe School Plan (ISSP)
 update process to assess needs for
 and integrate safe passages and other
 community-based safety programs
 and practices into school operations.

- Improve procurement website or communication to vendors and providers.
- Monitor and evaluate the quality and effectiveness of safe passages programs and providers to inform implementation and scale-up
- Encourage the creation of a multiagency network organization that can centralize oversight and coordination of disparate community-based safety programs and initiatives and build capacity among community-based organizations.

Future Considerations



Funding – no single, large state or federal funding source; grants usually go to organizations



Staffing – external providers vs. in-house not clear at this time



Independent landscape analysis – may be justified if a specific need or gap is identified in the future

Key Takeaways

- Community-Based safety is a multi-sector, collaborative, long-term process and practice; not solely an L.A. Unified initiative
- The District can continue to improve the services it delivers at school sites;
- It can also improve partnering and collaboration through improving internal processes