Community Partners Meeting
September 30, 2015

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Agenda

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

GPS4Kids Overview & Updates

Preparing for the Forum on November 11th

- Finding a Common Language
- Data Indicators Review
- What makes the cut?
- Refine Root Causes & Local Conditions
- Convert Causes into Proactive Statements
- Review GPS4Kids Forum Agenda

NEXT STEPS

INTRODUCTIONS

Name & Organization

In one word:

What do all children in Westchester need?

ELIZABETH ALMONTE, GPS4KIDS PROJECT MANAGER

GPS4Kids Overview & Fall Updates

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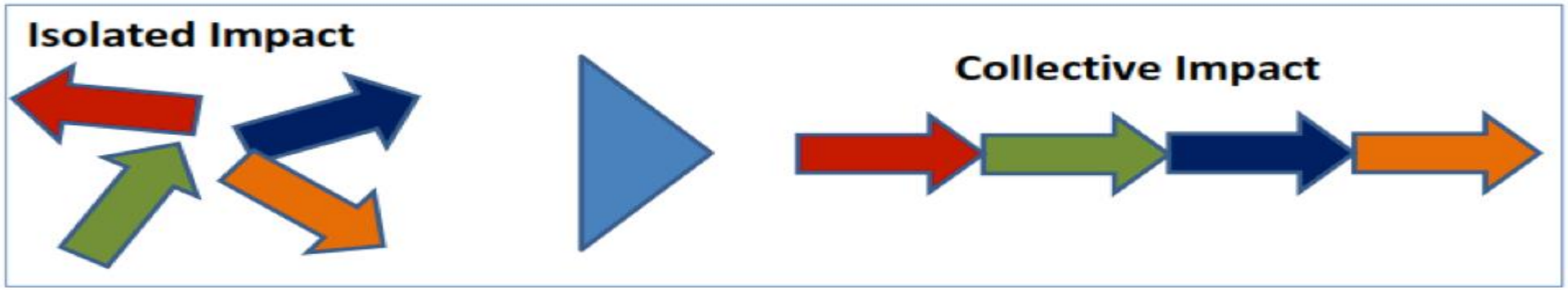
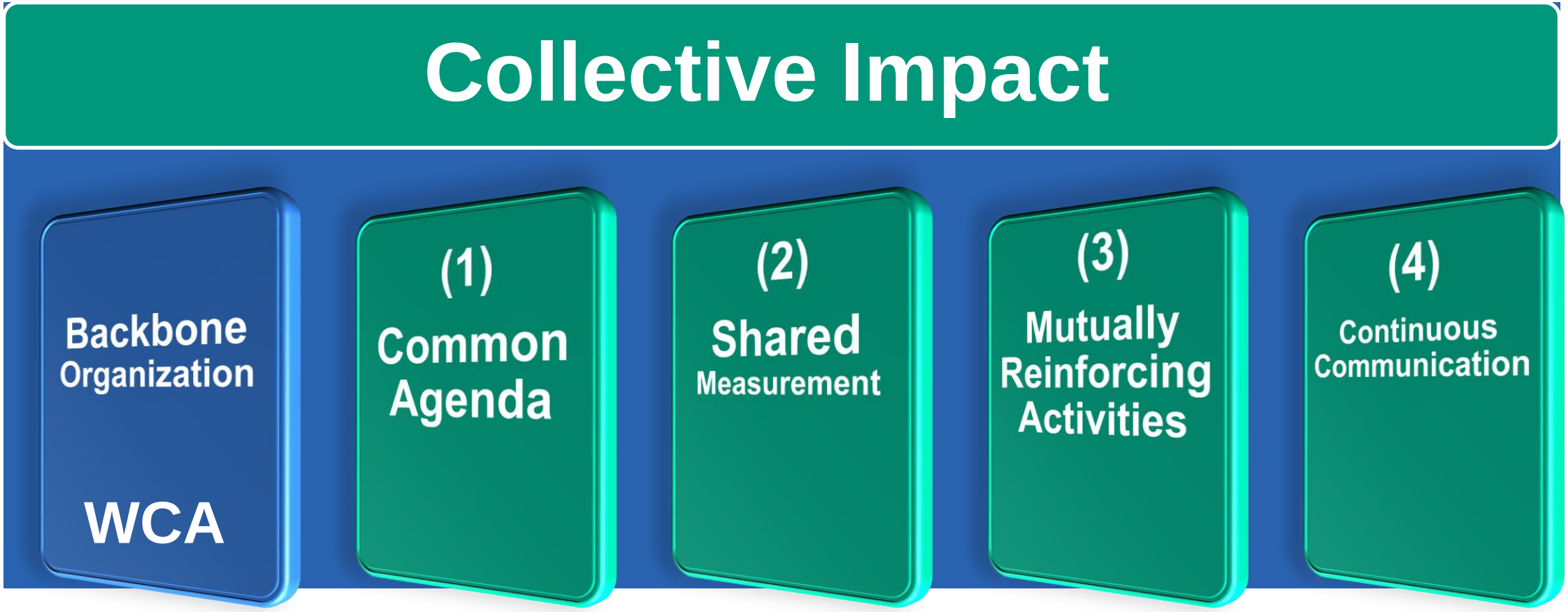
Collective Impact:

nonprofits, businesses, government and citizens solving a social problem together.

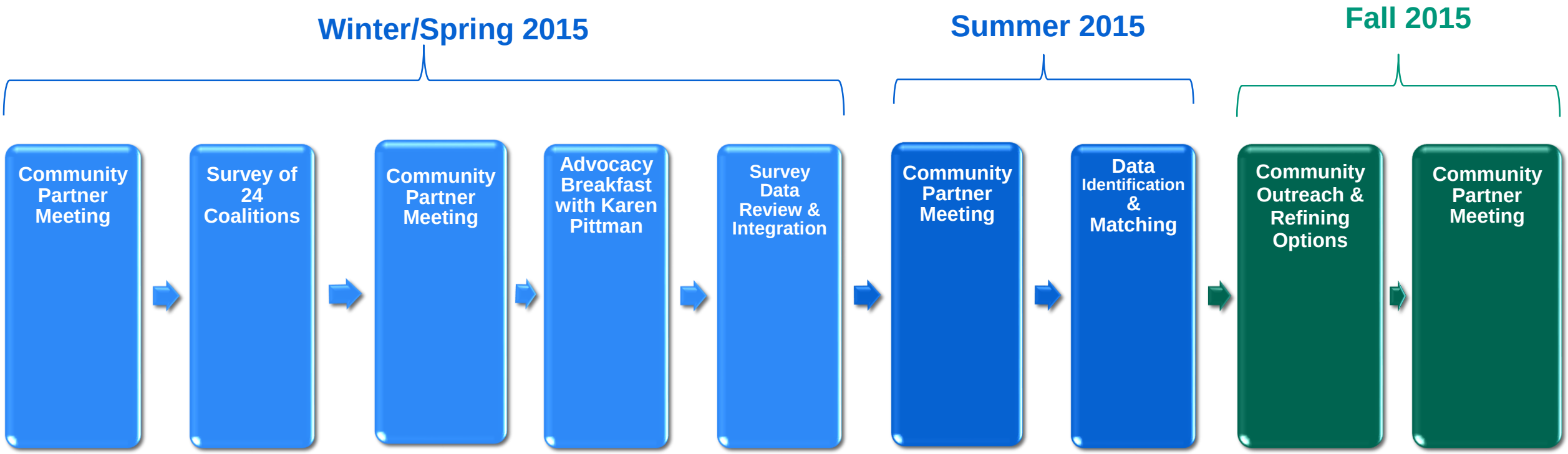


REMINDER: GPS4Kids Collective Impact for Westchester's Children

REMINDER: WCA leads 4 essential elements for GPS4Kids



GPS4Kids 2015 Timeline



----------Accomplishments----------

--------What's Next------

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FALL UPDATE: Community Outreach
GPS4Kids' 50+ Community Partners strong & growing

Family Services of Westchester

THE FROG ROCK FOUNDATION
Improving outcomes for children

Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network

Andrus Children's Center
NURTURE HOPE IN A CHILD AND THE WORLD FLOURISHES

Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc.
INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

WJCS Westchester Jewish Community Services

WESTHAB
Building Communities. Changing Lives.

NETWORK FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

the children's village
Keeping Children Safe and Families Together

EL CENTRO HISPANO, INC.
CHANGING LIVES
SINCE 1974

HISPANIC RESOURCE CENTER

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NEW ROCHELLE

City of White Plains YOUTH BUREAU WPYB

eliminating racism empowering women
ywca
white plains & central westchester

United Way
United Way of Westchester and Putnam

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY
MAKING THE CASE FOR HUMANITY

The Westchester Bank

WESTCOP
Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.

Student Assistance Services
"Supporting Students And Families For A Healthy Future"

communityhealth
Hudson River HealthCare, Inc.

Student Advocacy
Getting Kids on Track to School Success

FALL UPDATE: Community Outreach
WCA is raising GPS4Kids awareness across social media

@wca4kids
#GPS4Kids

facebook

Instagram

twitter

FALL UPDATE: GPS4Kids will create a shared action agenda after we refine options today

Community Partner Meeting

Fall 2015

Forum

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GATHERING POLICY SOLUTIONS

8am to 6pm
Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Westchester Marriott Hotel

Facilitator: Chris Bui (Talk Back, 2008)

Finding a Common Language

ALLISON LAKE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

June 25, 2015 Community Partners Meeting

Community Partner Meeting

GPS4Kids set out to dissect 4 recurring issues facing Westchester's children with 30+ Community Partners:

- Youth Development
- Youth Employment
- Child Care
- Substance Abuse

RECAP: June 25, 2015 Community Partners Meeting

Community Partner Meeting

Summer 2015

Clustering

GPS4Kids compiled a list of 65 root causes and local conditions identified by community partners under the top 4 issues into 8 common cause clusters:

1. Access/Opportunities
2. Family Conditions
3. Funding
4. Infrastructure
5. Lack of Readiness
6. Perceptions
7. Quality
8. Structural Issues

GPS4KIDS Common Cause Summary

	Root Causes or Local Conditions	Youth Development	Youth Employment	Child Care	Substance Abuse	Name the Cluster
Cluster 1	Resistance to move funds for early education- R			X		Funding
	Childcare is not offered as employment benefit- R			X		
	NYS doesn't contribute at the same level as other states			X		
	Operating costs are high in Westchester			X		
	Insurance (urban areas)				X	
	It's expensive/people can't afford- R			X		
	Higher quality requires more funding			X		
	Westchester perceived as wealthy; People can't afford: cost of living is high and wages are low- R			X		
Cluster 2	Lengthy Wait List (Medicaid urban areas)				X	Infrastructure
	Lack of Affordable Housing				X	
	Transportation (urban areas)				X	
	Challenges with Transportation/Lack of Understanding on how to use public transportation (bus routes)- R	X				
	Suburban layout makes it difficult for children to use public transportation	X				
Cluster 3	Parents haven't always found quality childcare- R			X		Quality
	Lack of culturally competent providers (urban areas)				X	
	Youth aren't adequately prepared for jobs/higher education; 1. academics, 2. soft skills- R		X			
Cluster 4	Smaller Towns: lack of available locations			X		Opportunities/Access
	Competition for jobs that youth are actually qualified for- R		X			
	The jobs we're preparing kids for don't match economy's needs- R		X			
	Lack of job opportunities (even if adequately prepared)		X			
	Lack of mentorship, positive influence/support		X			
	Access to mental health services (wait list urban)				X	
	Availability of drugs and alcohol- R				X	
	Lack of access/opportunities in high-need areas		X			
	Types of programs offered using libraries for places for youth programs (ask the youth!)	X				

RECAP: Summer 2015 Data Identification & Matching

Data Identification & Matching

for all Root Causes & Local Conditions from the Common Cause Activity

- WCA requested and applied all partner feedback received
- WCA identified possible data indicators and sources
- WCA invited community partners to identify data and sources for the remaining root causes/local conditions

GPS4KIDS Common Cause Summary

	Root Causes or Local Conditions	Is data accessible?	Easy to Select Data Indicator?	Conduct Poll?	If so, where/data source?	(1=Easy to 3=Hard)	Youth Development	Youth Employment	Child Care	Substance Abuse	Name the Cluster
Cluster 1	Resistance to move funds for early education- R	N							X		Funding
	Childcare is not offered as employment benefit- R	Y	Y	X	Child Care Council/Busir	3			X		
	NYS doesn't contribute at the same level as other states	Y	Y		Fed/State/County Budge	3			X		
	Operating costs are high in Westchester	Y	Y	X	Economic Census (limite	2			X		
	Insurance (urban areas)	N	Y	X	Economic Census ??? / Ir	3				X	
	It's expensive/people can't afford- R	Y	Y	X	ACS/Child Care Council	2			X		
	Higher quality requires more funding	N							X		
	Westchester perceived as wealthy; People can't afford: cost of living is high and wages are low- R	Y/N	N	X					X		
Cluster 2	Lengthy Wait List (Medicaid urban areas)	N		X	DOH	3				X	Infrastructure
	Lack of Affordable Housing	Y	Y		ACS/Westchester Reside	2				X	
	Transportation (urban areas)	Y	Y		WCGIS/WCDOT	1				X	
	Challenges with Transportation/Lack of Understanding on how to use public transportation (bus routes)- R	Y/N	Y	X	WCGIS/WCDOT	3	X				
	Suburban layout makes it difficult for children to use public transportation	Y	Y		WalkScore/WC GIS	1	X				
Cluster 3	Parents haven't always found quality childcare- R	N		X					X		Quality
	Lack of culturally competent providers (urban areas)	N		X						X	
	Youth aren't adequately prepared for jobs/higher education; 1. academics, 2. soft skills- R	Y/N	Y	X	NYSED/National Student Clearinghouse	1		X			
	Smaller Towns: lack of available locations	Y	Y		Child Care	2			X		
	Competition for jobs that youth are actually qualified for- R	N						X			
	The jobs we're preparing kids for don't match economy's needs- R	Y	N			3		X			
	Lack of job opportunities (even if adequately prepared)	Y	Y		BLS, ACS	2		X			
	Lack of mentorship, positive influence/support	N						X			
	Access to mental health services (wait list urban)	N - Not Public	Y		DCMH	3				X	
	Availability of drugs and alcohol- R	Y	N		data.ny.gov	2				X	

GPS4KIDS Common Cause Summary

	Root Causes or Local Conditions	Who can provide the relevant data indicator(s)?	What is the source for the data indicator(s)?	COMMENTS	Common Clusters
Cluster 1	Resistance to move funds for early education- R				Funding
	Childcare is not offered as employment benefit- R	WCA			
	NYS doesn't contribute at the same level as other states	WCA			
	Operating costs are high in Westchester	WCA			
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	Smaller Towns: lack of available locations	WCA			
	Competition for jobs that youth are actually qualified for- R				
	The jobs we're preparing kids for don't match economy's needs- R				
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Data Indicators Review

LIMARIE CABRERA, DIRECTOR OF DATA ANALYSIS

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COUNT it. BREAK it. TRACK it.

COUNT IT

- Is it measureable?
- Is there a reliable, trustworthy data source?

BREAK IT

- Can you break it down by?
  - Community
  - Race/Ethnicity
  - Age Group

TRACK IT

- Can the indicators be tracked over time?
  - Timely, regular publication is best
  - Otherwise, additional data collection is needed.

Sometimes
MULTIPLE
INDICATORS
are needed to get
an accurate count.

We may have to **BUILD AND MOVE** the needle!

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What makes the cut?

CORA GREENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our selection criteria so far

- Is it measureable?
- Are relevant data metric/indicator(s) accessible?
- Can we quantify progress over time?

What criteria did we miss?

GROUP ACTIVITY

Using our selection criteria:

1) determine if any root causes and local conditions (from our original list of 65) should make our cut

2) If so, list the data indicators & source(s) available or proxies we can use in the absence of data

Convert Causes into Proactive Statements?

SARAH YERGEAU, PROGRAM & POLICY ASSOCIATE

BREAKOUT GROUP ACTIVITY

Common Language- Group Vote

Do we want to convert our root causes and local condition statements into positive proactive statements?

1) If **YES**, convert final list in breakout groups

FROM: "Lack of affordable housing"

TO: "We need to create more affordable housing."

FROM: "Child care is not offered as an employment benefit"

TO: "Child care should be offered as an employment benefit."

Review GPS4Kids Forum Agenda

CORA GREENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GPS4Kids Forum Objectives

- Why GPS4Kids?
- Tell our story
- Encourage transparency / your voice is heard
- Create a sense of ownership
- Build excitement about next steps
- Ensure commitment- WCA & Community Partners
- Set achievable goals in a realistic time frame

GPS4Kids Forum Program Review- 11/11

8am to 9am REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9am to 12pm OUR COMMON GROUND

- **High –energy activity**: **youth-led (sample)**
- **Big Ideas Box** (throughout the day)
- **Outcome:** maximize participant engagement to help prioritize root causes + local conditions and any necessary additions via **real-time electronic voting**

12pm to 1pm LUNCH

1pm to 5pm OUR SHARED AGENDA

- **Group Exercises: youth-led**
- **Table Leaders** will facilitate interactive breakout group discussions
- **Outcome:** develop common starting points and an action agenda

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5pm to 6pm CELEBRATORY RECEPTION

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Identify Leadership Roles for Community Partners at the GPS4Kids Forum

NEXT STEPS

ELIZABETH ALMONTE, GPS4KIDS PROJECT MANAGER

GPS4Kids Forum Outreach

- Youth / Families
- Faith-based organizations
- Men’s groups
- Hispanic & African-American associations
- Sponsors

Questions

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