Community Partners Meeting
September 30, 2015
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
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

Collective Impact

1. Common Agenda
2. Shared Measurement
3. Mutually Reinforcing Activities
4. Continuous Communication
GPS4Kids 2015 Timeline

Winter/Spring 2015

- Community Partner Meeting
- Survey of 24 Coalitions
- Community Partner Meeting
- Advocacy Breakfast with Karen Pittman
- Survey Data Review & Integration
- Community Partner Meeting

Summer 2015

- Community Partner Meeting
- Data Identification & Matching
- Community Outreach & Refining Options
- Community Partner Meeting

Fall 2015

- Community Partner Meeting

Accomplishments

What’s Next
FALL UPDATE: Community Outreach
GPS4Kids’ 50+ Community Partners strong & growing
FALL UPDATE: Community Outreach
WCA is raising GPS4Kids awareness across social media

@wca4kids
#GPS4Kids
FALL UPDATE: GPS4Kids will create a shared action agenda after we refine options today.

Community Partner Meeting

Fall 2015 Forum

GPS4Kids
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

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

- Youth Development
- Youth Employment
- Child Care
- Substance Abuse
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
- 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
Data Indicators Review

LIMARIE CABRERA, DIRECTOR OF DATA ANALYSIS
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
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!
What makes the cut?

CORA GREENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Our selection criteria so far

- Is it measurable?
- 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
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