

Cordova Community Collaborative

Youth Action 2007-2008

By increasing positive opportunities and support for youth in Rancho Cordova, we are making long-term, meaningful change for our community.

Opportunities for Youth to Serve as Leaders

>> We will create a community-wide Youth Advisory Council, which will give young people an opportunity to develop a youth policy agenda and represent Rancho Cordova youth while working with local government and policy-makers.

Innovative Youth Programs

>> Youth will oversee our coalition's mini-grants program. During this first year, we will provide a grant to Soil Born Farm Urban Agriculture Project, which operates the 25-acre American River Farm. With this mini-grant, 30 youth from Cordova High School and Mills Middle School will have the opportunity to participate in an innovative program at the farm to learn about health, nutrition and the environment.

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

>> We will develop a database of youth volunteer opportunities in Rancho Cordova and create a volunteer network of youth and adults. We also will work with organizations that offer youth volunteer opportunities to ensure they practice youth development principles.

Positive, Meaningful Relationships Between Youth and Adults

>> We will increase the number of caring, responsible adults to mentor and get involved with youth in Rancho Cordova.

Cordova Community Collaborative is a Community Action coalition of Sierra Health Foundation's REACH youth program.

The Community Action coalitions of El Dorado Hills, Galt, Meadowview, Rancho Cordova, South Sacramento, West Sacramento and Woodland are taking these steps to make long-term changes for youth:

Preparing For Change By

- > building awareness, knowledge, involvement and commitment among all community members

Making Community Change By

- > finding ways to help families, organizations and individuals support youth
- > including youth in planning and decision making
- > increasing the number of opportunities for youth
- > increasing the quality of developmental activities for youth
- > creating policies and realigning resources that support youth

Providing Youth What They Need to Succeed

- > nutrition, health and shelter
- > physical and emotional safety
- > supportive relationships with adults and peers
- > meaningful opportunities for leadership and community involvement
- > challenging and engaging activities to build skills

So That Youth Will

- > learn to be productive
- > learn to connect
- > learn to navigate

So Youth Become Adults Who

- > are economically self-sufficient
- > have healthy family and social relationships
- > are involved in community

Get involved with the
Cordova Community Collaborative!
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