

# 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

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Get involved with the  
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