



DUARTE YOUTH and FAMILY MASTER PLAN

Report Card

The Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan, created in 2010, includes 66 Action Steps grouped into nine common themes: Safety, Health, Programs and Services, Connecting Youth, Teen Center, Diversity, Education, Coordination of Services, and Implementation of the YFMP. These are intended to move the community towards enhancing programs and services for youth and families. Each of the 66 Action Steps includes a recommended priority rating, with benchmarks for measuring progress. Designated initiators within the community are responsible for the implementation of Action Steps.

This report is being presented as a summary of progress to date regarding the implementation of the Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan.



Youth and Family Master Plan Mission

To develop a supportive environment, Duarte is committed to ensuring safe neighborhoods, fostering unity, and promoting dialogue among youth and families from diverse cultural, religious, social, economic, and educational backgrounds. This commitment promotes use and provision of necessary educational, recreational and positive activities, as well as support services in the community to meet the wide range of needs of young people and their families. Our goal is to provide nurturing opportunities for safe practices that support young people in becoming responsible members of the community through the attainment of environmental, physical and mental health.



December 2013

Youth & Family Committee Membership

Lupe Valerio - Chair
Eddie Howard - Vice Chair
Lillian Cabral
Tamala Kelly
Nick Lopez
Elsa Moreno
Natasha Martinez
Cesar Monsalve - Staff Liaison

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Youth & Family Committee Duties and Functions

- Work with key community stake-holders to implement portions of the YFMP.
- Promote the YFMP at various community events.
- Prepare an annual YFMP Report Card to the City Council, School Board and community that measures the progress achieved with each Action Step in Duarte's YFMP.
- Such other duties as may be specified from time to time by majority vote of the City Council.

Youth & Family Committee Meetings

Every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Duarte Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

If you are interested in serving on the Committee or a Task Group, please call (626) 357-7931.

2013 “Immediate” Top Ten Prioritized Action Steps

ENSURING THAT YOUTH AND FAMILIES FEEL SAFE

Action Step 6: Implement additional sheriff’s patrol checks in neighborhoods, both in the City and in unincorporated areas.

Benchmark: Patrol checks implemented
Initiator: Public Safety Department

Benchmark Progress: The L.A. County Sheriff’s Department and the Duarte Public Safety Department coordinate patrol checks as requested or needed to deter and prevent crime. They closely monitor crime trends throughout the City and deploy resources based on those trends. The unincorporated area has a dedicated Special Assignment Deputy who covers that area and deploys resources in a similar manner.

Action Step 10: Explore establishing Neighborhood Watch programs in the unincorporated neighborhoods adjacent to Duarte.

Benchmark: Establishment of a Neighborhood Watch program
Initiator: LA County Sheriff’s Department

Benchmark Progress: The L.A. County Special Assignment Deputy, April Nelson, is in charge of Neighborhood Watch in the county unincorporated area. A recent deployment of COPS teams in the area emphasized the recruitment of neighborhood watch block captains in the area.

Action Step 11: Develop a “walking school bus” whereby parents and neighbors volunteer to walk groups of students to and from school.

Benchmark: Creation of program
Initiator: DUSD and Public Safety Department

Benchmark Progress: The district has implemented a walking school bus for the past two years at Royal Oaks school (at 2 locations that are of high volume pedestrian student traffic). The adults who supervise students in the walking school bus are proctors paid by DUSD.

The Public Safety Department developed and implemented, along with DUSD, a walking school bus for Royal Oaks School.

CONNECTING YOUTH TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO SERVICES

Action Step 30: Utilize the annual California Department of Education’s Healthy Kids Survey results for Duarte to measure the state of assets for Duarte youth.

Benchmark: Incorporation of survey results in the YFMP annual report card
Initiator: DUSD and Youth & Family Committee

Benchmark Progress: DUSD administration is analyzing Healthy Kids Survey Results, conducted over 2 survey administration years (2009-2010 and 2011-2012) to determine next steps to address student wellness issues.

The Y & F Committee has only now received the survey results as of November. The Committee will also begin to analyze the data.

Action Step 40: Expand the role of Mayor’s Youth Council through programs such as a Duarte Youth Summit, City budget input, and annual state of youth surveys to City Council.

Benchmark: Expanded role established
Initiators: City Council

Benchmark Progress: In 2013 the Duarte Mayor’s Youth Council (MYC) conducted a new survey that targeted gathering information on Teen Center programs that had the most participation, what new programs youth would like to see offered at the Teen Center and feedback on current special events offered at the Teen Center. The results of the survey are available.

The Annual Youth Summit, planned and coordinated by the youth, returned to Duarte and over 2/3rds of the 300 participants were Duarte youth. The MYC also hosted an annual Teen Community Movie Night featuring an outdoor movie, free barbecue, local teen-friendly vendors, and a dance competition. Budget reductions have impacted the MYC’s work with the Youth Summit, and college tour trips. A survey of teens was completed in November.

Action Steps For 2014

All 30 “Immediate” Action Steps have been featured on the last three Report Cards with varying success in implementation. The focus for 2014 will be to revisit the “Immediate” Action Steps that still need to be implemented and begin to focus on the 25 “Short Term” steps.

RE-ENERGIZING THE DUARTE TEEN CENTER

Action Step 43: Re-focus on staff training and development to ensure that Teen Center staff have strong youth development and asset development skills and are seen as dynamic and caring among teens.

Benchmark: Staff training and development programs implemented

Initiators: Parks and Recreation Department

Benchmark Progress: Teen Center staff members attend department trainings on Diversity Awareness and Respectful Work Environments conducted by the Teen Center Supervisor. Staff also attends department trainings on Emergency Preparedness, Blood Borne Pathogens, CPR and First Aid, attend monthly staff meetings, receive ongoing individual coaching and training by the Teen Center Supervisor, are well trained in incident response and act as the lead when the Supervisor is not present, thereby promoting professional growth and skills enhancement. They are provided the opportunity to be the lead coordinator on special events with the Teen Center Supervisor. Staff is trained on coordinating large-scale Teen Center events.

Teen Center staff volunteer as NAACP ACTSO program mentors and coordinate the successful Boys Night Out and Girls Night Out programs for DHS students promoting positive self-esteem, good decision-making and peer bonding. Staff also work weekly programs including a cooking class, flag football, fitness and hip hop dance. These classes are a big draw for the teens in part due to their strong relationships to the Teen Center staff.



Mayor's Youth Council

Initiator Success Story: Duarte Teen Center Mayor's Youth Council

The Duarte Teen Center's Mayor's Youth Council is a great success story and it is important to highlight its unique success because it is primarily driven by the passion and dedication of the teens that make up the council. Under the direction, guidance and mentoring by Duarte Teen Center Supervisor Marilyn Mays, the council of teens conduct formal meetings and review, plan, coordinate and make informed decisions with Duarte teen's best interests in mind. They have succeeded in organizing a variety of programs: In 2011 the Duarte Mayor's Youth Council took the initiative on the coordination of a Duarte/Monrovia Youth Summit; a special event designed and coordinated by the teens themselves with adult guidance as a conference for teens where they can network, attend educational and fun sessions and be inspired by guest speakers and special programs. The 1st event was held at Northview Intermediate School and the Performing Arts Center located there. Over 100 youth participated and it featured workshops on a variety of topics relevant to high school and middle school youth. In 2012 the Youth Summit was held in Monrovia and had participation of over 400 youth. In 2013 the Summit returned to Duarte and more than two thirds of the 300 participants were Duarte youth but with less Monrovia youth.

The Duarte Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) also hosts an annual Teen Community Movie night that has drawn between 100-300 participants each year. This event features an outdoor movie, free barbecue, local teen friendly vendors, and a dance competition. At this event the MYC also has a MYC recruitment information booth to promote youth to apply for the MYC and gather feedback on issues that are important to their peers. The MYC also provides input to the Duarte City Council when provided the opportunity to do so. Over the past two years the budget for the Mayor's Youth Council was reduced due to the economy's impact on the City's budget. This has reduced the council's ability to financially assist with the planning for the Youth Summit and additionally their college campus tour trips have ended. Currently, the MYC is hard at work planning the 2014 Youth Summit to be held in Monrovia.

DEVELOPING CULTURAL AND DIVERSITY APPRECIATION

Action Step 47: Develop programs and events for youth within schools and the community that focus on cultural and diversity appreciation by utilizing “best practice” examples available from resources such as the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center.

Benchmark: Additional programs and events implemented

Initiators: Duarte Unified School District, City of Duarte

Benchmark Progress: Duarte High School has a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender club that meets with an advisor and helps to promote diversity appreciation on campus. There are also designated “safe zone” areas on campus for LGBT students. These safe zones promote non-discrimination and further appreciation of LGBT students in the community. Each of the school sites implement school and community events that focus on cultural awareness and diversity appreciation. Examples of these activities include the Black History Month celebration at Maxwell, the Black History Month Community Celebration at Andres Duarte, art exhibits at the district office and the LA County Fair, Cinco De Mayo celebrations, You Matter Week at Northview, the 6th grade Yes We Can Transition Event, the Link

Crew at Northview Intermediate School, and numerous activities throughout the year at all sites to increase diversity appreciation.

The Duarte Teen Center hosts annual events and programs that promote and celebrate cultural diversity including It’s a Small World after all Week-Event highlighting different countries, their traditions & foods. Cesar Chavez & Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest, Cinco de Mayo Event, Teen Cultural Awareness Training, Winter Holiday Festival-celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics of the Mind Competition, Race Unity March, Teen Olympics Week- Teens compete representing Olympic games countries, NAACP Youth Council-promoting civil rights education, civic engagement, and social justice for youth of color.



Initiator Highlight: Duarte Unified School District

From the Youth and Family Master Plan’s inception, the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) has set a great example for other “Initiators” to follow and has been an important and critical component. Not only has DUSD made strides towards implementing the Action Steps prioritized in this year’s top 10 list, DUSD has worked towards implementing many of the Immediate, Short Term and Long Term Action Steps attributed to them. With a hefty 22 of the 66 Action Steps, DUSD is making the effort necessary to fulfill the commitment made towards Duarte’s youth and families; a commitment made by all the Initiators included in the Youth and Family Master Plan. As an example, DUSD’s efforts in art expression locations and programs and in grant acquisition, falling under Action Steps 24 and 25, presents the young people in Duarte with great opportunities for artistic freedom to learn and enjoy. The Music Matters program, the construction of the Blackbox Theater and the multi-use Choir/Dance Studio is allowing for learning opportunities in the areas of the arts. DUSD’s focus on grant acquisition including the recent awarding of the Mr. Holland’s Opus/Green Foundation \$98,000 grant, along with the Share the Vision, Music Matters grants and many more, has enabled the district to receive over \$2,700,000 in grants since 2011, directly affecting the well being of the community’s children, thereby fulfilling many elements included in the Master Plan. Though work is still needed in different areas, DUSD will be used as a successful example of the merits of the Master Plan and continued accomplishments towards implementation will be expected.

IMPROVING COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Action Step 61: Continue to utilize existing forms of communication including flyers, newsletters, etc. to have a broad-based approach to information distribution and ensure that all materials incorporate bilingual language.

Benchmark: Level of distribution is maintained or enhanced

Initiators: All program providers

Benchmark Progress: The City of Duarte and Duarte Parks and Recreation Department utilizes a series of communication tools including various forms of printed materials: flyers, brochures, newsletters, the Duarte Chamber View newspaper and the comprehensive Duarte City News publication that includes news and updates for Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, City Council, City Manager's Office and more. Social media such as Nextdoor, Twitter, etc. is used, websites including accessduarte.com, duarteyouth.com, dctvduarte.com and more are used as well as cable (Channel 3) and electronic signage when possible. Many of the mediums are bi-lingual including the accessduarte.com website and some flyers and publications are also published in Spanish. Additionally, most flyers include a phone number and contact information in Spanish and bilingual speaking employees prepared to assist.

Action Step 62: Ensure that City websites, School District websites and other significant community websites are updated regularly.

Benchmark: Websites are kept up to date
Initiators: Website Managers

Benchmark Progress: The City of Duarte updates its website several times a week depending on the flow of news. Upcoming events, activities, programs and important information is announced regularly and links are available for the recently updated DUSD website, Chamber of Commerce website and others. The City is currently in the process of revamping its website with a new look and enhanced security features.

Action Step 64: Create and maintain a community-wide calendar of events available for wide distribution that youth, families, community members and others can access readily, including on the internet.

Benchmark: Creation and maintenance of the calendar of events

Initiators: Chamber of Commerce

Benchmark Progress: The Duarte Chamber of Commerce website now includes a community event calendar. Users can submit the information about their upcoming event for inclusion on the calendar. Users can include the type and name of the event, the dates & times, contact information and any other important facts for announcement.

The City of Duarte also maintains various forms of calendar displays including Charter Communications Channel #3, Nissan of Duarte Electronic Sign, DCTV, accessduarte.com, Duarte City News, etc. The policy is that the City must be a co-sponsor or sponsor of the event in order to display the event on any one of these options.

Initiators

The development and the ongoing implementation of the Youth and Family Master Plan Action Steps involved a great number of dedicated individuals and organizations designated as "Initiators" who were entrusted with the implementation of the Action Steps. Outreach to "Initiators" who have been less involved recently will be one of the goals for 2014.

- City of Duarte
- Duarte Chamber of Commerce
- Duarte City Council
- Duarte Community Coordinating Council
- Duarte Community Development Department
- Duarte Elks Lodge
- Duarte Healthy Cities Collaborative
- Duarte High School ROP
- Duarte Library
- Duarte Ministerial Association
- Duarte Parks and Recreation Department
- Duarte Public Safety Department
- Duarte Unified School District
- Duarte Youth & Family Committee
- Foothill Family Service
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Maryvale
- Santa Anita Family YMCA
- Website Coordinators
- Westminster Gardens

2014 YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE GOALS

- Encourage Initiators to include a link on their websites to the Youth and Family Master Plan and Report Card for easy access by their patrons.
- Fund Development Task Group will complete the non-profit status process.
- Add a minimum of 3 new Youth and Family Committee members.
- Do more outreach to clergy and faith-based groups to include them as active participants.
- Engage Maryvale to once again be an active member of the Youth and Family Committee and to fulfill their commitment to the master plan.
- Organize 1-3 community meetings.
- Promote the Every Child Is Our Child slogan.





Every Child Is Our Child Logo

The “Every Child Is Our Child” logo is an adaptation to the youth-created Master Plan logo. Action Step 28 encourages the community to: Adopt “Every Child is Our Child” as a community slogan to promote community-wide commitment to asset development and community unity, and base all public and nonprofit youth programs on an asset development model.

With asset development as a model in our community, youth and adults learn to live life to the fullest through service, leadership, relationships, character and personal development. Through the use of this logo, the Youth and Family Committee envisions Duarte as being a successful example of the “it takes a village” principle.



2013-14 Mid-Year Budget Report

The City of Duarte allocated \$4,000 total to the Youth & Family Committee for all efforts associated with promoting the Master Plan and a one time cost for the establishment of a non-profit foundation.

Non-Profit Foundation:

- * \$2,000 for application & legal fees for non-profit status.

Supplies & Materials:

- * \$1,000 Community meetings series, promotions, meals, prizes
- * \$800 Annual Report Card printing
- * \$200 Miscellaneous costs



Because of bullying, you may never know that he is...

Super funny

Giving

Extraordinarily intelligent

Trustworthy

Kind

Compassionate

Athletic

and loved by family

Help Stop Bullying!

Bullying is not cool

Bullying hurts

Bullying keeps you from getting to know interesting & fun people







If you are being bullied, don't remain silent, talk to someone you trust, a friend, teacher, parent, pastor, counselor.

And remember... YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL!



Initiator Success Story: Duarte Unified School District Music Program

Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) received 67 musical instruments from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, which donates new and refurbished instruments to under-served music programs. The funding for these instruments, valued to be worth \$97,693, was generously provided by The Green Foundation. DUSD has also entered a formal long-term partnership with the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation to support the on-going development of the district's music education programs.

DUSD is currently mobilizing to implement a comprehensive district-wide K-12 music education program, and the donation from The Green and Holland's Opus Foundations will be used to sustain and expand the band programs at the secondary level. The instruments donated to Duarte High School and Northview School are a much welcome relief since both school band programs had been making do for many years with a limited inventory of instruments that were old and in poor condition, and increased enrollment in the secondary music programs made it necessary for students to share with many unable to afford to purchase or rent an instrument from a private vendor. Maintaining an inventory of instruments supplied by the schools for students to borrow is essential for the success and expansion of the music programs.

The school principals and band Instructors at both recipient schools were directly involved in the application process. DUSD is also privileged to be joining an exclusive group of districts from across the nation selected by the Holland's Opus Foundation as a Music Education Commitment Partner. DUSD and the Foundation will be collaborating to sustain, protect, and further develop music education in Duarte. "I am elated that the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation has recognized our district's commitment to building and expanding the music programs in our schools. The partnership with the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation is a priceless opportunity that we are thrilled to begin," said Superintendent Terry Nichols.

Thank You for the Music Tribute!

Honoring the Mr. Holland's Opus & Green Foundations



Friday, November 8, 2013

Falcon Field

Half-Time Show Dedication

Performed by the DHS Marching Band

Please join us to pay tribute to the Mr. Holland's Opus & Green Foundations for awarding Duarte High School and Northview brand new instruments and for their commitment to keeping music alive in DUSD!



Informacion En Espanol

El Plan Maestro de Familia y Juventud de Duarte (Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan), creado en 2010, incluye 66 pasos de acción agrupadas en nueve temas comunes: seguridad, salud, programas y servicios, la conexión de la Juventud, Centro Juvenil, Diversidad, Educación, Coordinación de Servicios, y la aplicación del Plan. Cada uno de los 66 Pasos de Acción incluye una clasificación de prioridad recomendada, con puntos de referencia para medir el progreso. Iniciadores designados dentro de la comunidad son responsables de la ejecución de los pasos de acción. Este reporte se presenta para medir los progresos del Plan para 2013.

Para mas informacion en Espanol por favor llame (626) 357-7931.

Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan Implementation

Action Step 66: The City Council should create a "Youth & Family Committee" as a standing committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and charge it with monitoring, promoting, and evaluating the implementation of the Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan (YFMP).

Results of Summer 2013 Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan Questionnaire

1. Have you heard of the Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan?
 - a. Yes: 15
 - b. No: 50

2. Have you heard of the Every Child Is Our Child Campaign developed by the Youth and Family Master Plan Committee?
 - a. Yes: 11
 - b. No: 51

3. Which of the following activities would you be willing to take part in if you knew you could help make a difference in the life of a child?
 - a. Volunteering at youth events: 43
 - b. Tutoring: 21
 - c. Donations: 16
 - d. Mentoring: 21

4. Do you know any Duarte youth or families in need of any of the following essential items or services?
 - a. Food: 24
 - b. Clothing: 18
 - c. Financial Assistance for Utilities: 15
 - d. Housing: 12
 - e. Medical Care: 17
 - f. College Guidance: 15
 - g. English Language classes: 12
 - h. Other needs not listed: Child care, school supplies when you don't qualify for assistance thru the unity center in Monrovia (Both parents work)

5. If you have any needs or concerns that you feel the Committee or the City can address please list them here:
 - Having more classes available during the weekends
 - High school counselors need to get more involved
 - Cigarette education and prevention
 - Duarte families in need of school supplies and clothing
 - Concerns about how to access services
 - Mentoring

45 of the 65 people surveyed provided contact information, stating that they'd like to help make a difference in the life of a child.

The Youth and Family Master Plan Committee made the survey available at the 2013 concert series. Survey results demonstrate a need for further outreach to the community and more Initiator involvement. Survey participants who provided contact information will be contacted to attend future meetings with the goal of getting them involved in meeting some of the Action Steps.