



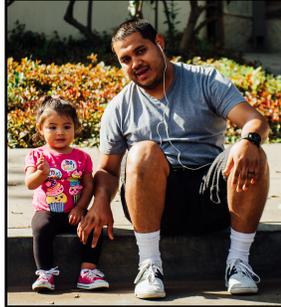
DUARTE YOUTH and FAMILY MASTER PLAN

Report Card

December 2014

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.

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.

Youth & Family Committee Membership

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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 6:30 p.m. in the Duarte Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

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).

2014 Revised Action Steps

ENSURING THAT YOUTH AND FAMILIES FEEL SAFE

Action Step 1: Conduct a series of community and neighborhood meetings to provide factual information about safety issues and gang activities within the community and to develop a stronger relationship between the community and law enforcement

Benchmark: Initiate the meetings within six months of adoption of the YFMP
Initiator: Public Safety Department

Benchmark Progress: The Duarte Public Safety Department conducted 18 neighborhood Watch meetings and participated in over 47 outreach events in 2014. Deputies and staff visited 18 neighborhoods and talked one on one with over 400 residents regarding specific issues to that area, informed them of crime trends, and provided them with crime prevention tips.

We have continued to enhance community participation through Nextdoor.com. At the time of our last report in 2013 there were a total of 594 residents. Year-to-date 1,031 residents are communicating, a nearly 74% increase in this service. Additionally, the department communicates with over 1,100 residents who receive email alerts through duartecrimetips@lasd.org. This free electronic information system educates residents on crime trends, home burglaries as they occur, and has improved the sense of community among residents. It averages of 4 emails/Nextdoor posts a month.

Special events help foster positive relationships between law enforcement and residents in our most at-risk neighborhoods. In the spring we hosted two community movie nights at Maxwell and Beardslee schools. Movies were shown on a 30ft. inflatable movie screen and a free BBQ dinner was provided. We also brought service providers out to meet neighbors. In the fall, in collaboration with the Duarte Teen Center, a Teen Movie Night was held. The combined participation for all of the events was over 1,000 residents.

In collaboration with Duarte Kiwanis and local faith community organizations we conducted two clean-ups in the Lena Valenzuela Park area and Goodall Avenue.

Jan to October 2014

Community Outreach	Total
New Block Captains	6
NW Meetings	18
New E-Mail Alert Sign ups	62
Web & E-mail Alerts	42
Special Events	47

Action Step 2: Establish an ongoing community task force that includes public safety representatives, School District representatives, City representatives, and community at large representatives to define the scope of gang activity, identify best practices, and put in place an action plan to address gang related activity in the community

Benchmark: A decrease in real and perceived gang activity in the community
Initiator: LA County Sheriff's Department

Benchmark Progress: The Community Mediation Team, (CMT) has continued to meet regularly at the Duarte Public Safety Office and has served as the advisory council to the Board of State Community Corrections CAL G.R.I.P. (Gang Reduction and Intervention Program) that has funded Duarte's Public Safety Crime Prevention/Intervention/Reintegration Programs for 3 grant periods 2010-2012/2013-2015/2013-2014.

The most recent program proposal will fund our efforts for three additional consecutive years of prevention, intervention and reintegration programming. It will start in 2015 and expand sustainable programs, which will serve areas including the cities of Duarte, Monrovia and adjacent unincorporated areas of Duarte and Monrovia.

The City of Duarte received national recognition for its work with the CMT in 2014. Duarte was awarded first place in the Diversity Award from the National League of Cities.

Programs have implemented best practices and engaged with regional partners as well as the faith community to create a sustainable program in the community. Gang crime has continued to decline.

Gang Crime

AGAINST PERSONS						
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
13	17	39	25	22	11	
AGAINST PROPERTY						
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
22	29	47	35	9	6	
TOTAL						
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
35	46	86	60	31	17	

Includes city of Duarte and county areas-

Action Step 3: Explore allocating a percentage of law enforcement funding to be designated for youth development/prevention programs, sheriff's/youth relationships, and the development of a teen court program

Benchmark: Increase in youth development and prevention programs
Initiator: Public Safety Department

Benchmark Progress: The focus in this area continued to be sustaining and expanding current programming despite budget cuts. Best practices in and around California have been reflected in the modifications in our programming. We have stayed competitive in this expansion by working with early prevention and higher risk populations and requiring partner organizations to implement evidence-based programming with grant proposals to offset costs.

ENSURING THAT YOUTH AND FAMILIES FEEL SAFE (CONTINUED)

From 2009 to 2013 the City of Duarte Public Safety Department was one of three cities in Los Angeles County to be awarded the competitive California GRIP (Gang Reduction & Intervention) grant for the implementation of a Prevention and Intervention Programs, which emphasized on early prevention and intervention. In 2014 Duarte Public Safety applied to expand this grant into 2015-2017. The goal is to continue to employ a multi-dimensional approach to gang prevention and intervention in Duarte and the unincorporated areas by working with at-risk and high-risk youth between the ages of 5 and 18, and incorporating reintegration services for young adults 17-25 alongside their family and community. Out of 45 applicants, Duarte's evidence-based anti-gang project was one of 19 awarded.

Prior programs have positively impacted the City's prevention efforts with a 49% reduction in juvenile arrests (see chart below). L. A. County Probation also reported a significant reduction in gang recruitment with fewer of Duarte's minors being institutionalized in probation camps.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
53	77	78	158	109	54	49	63	31

Juvenile Arrests (Including the County Area)

Current funding will allow Duarte Schools to continue to have a School Resource Deputy. This deputy works to build positive relationships with students, parents, school officials and community members in order to maintain safety in schools and the community. Additionally, this special assignment deputy attends specific school and community events and is part of special anti-gang and drug programs.

It will also bring back another Probation Officer for a total of two, whose focus is on early prevention and intervention. We have been operating with one officer since 2006. These two officers will coordinate services with parents, schools, courts, law enforcement, and community partners. They act as role models, mentors, and advocates for students, and assist to equip families with the skills and services they need to be successful.

Four main partner organizations are included in the grant: the Flintridge Center, the Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills, the Santa Anita Family YMCA and Southland Sings. These non-profit organizations support families with after-school care, positive summer programming, and evidence-based programming proven to assist in prevention, intervention, and reintegration efforts by providing juveniles and young adults with positive alternatives. The grant funds will enable the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA to expand their services and provide additional positive pro-social activities to families in need. Southland Sings will deliver art-therapy based programs to help in early prevention, primary and secondary intervention. The Flintridge Center will expand reintegration services in the surrounding communities of Duarte, Monrovia, and unincorporated areas.

Other youth programs funded were Duarte Boxing, two Public Safety Youth Group Mentorship Programs, DART, (Duarte Area Resource Team) CHYLL (Caring Helping Youth Leading in Life), expansion of Duarte Dance and Art and adding an evidence based curriculum and evaluation plans to track the impact of these programs.

Action Step 5: Develop a more collaborative approach to providing substance abuse prevention and treatment programs for youth, and create new programs where needed.

Benchmark: *There are expanded opportunities to access these programs*

Initiator: Foothill Family Service

Benchmark Progress: Foothill Family Service began conducting 2 groups at Mt. Olive School focusing on substance abuse treatment, and helping teens make informed choices about substance use. For one of these groups, the evidenced based practice called "Seeking Safety" is used to enhance the group. In addition, a staff member of Foothill Family Service serves as a mentor to Mt. Olive students.

Action Step 6: Implement additional sheriff's patrol checks in neighborhoods, both in the City and in the unincorporated area

Benchmark: *Patrol checks implemented*

Initiator: Public Safety Department

Benchmark Progress: A dedicated Sergeant helps coordinate extra patrol as needed in addition to reaching out to Volunteers on Patrol who help alleviate the work of units who may be tied up with calls. We offer vacation checks as requested by community members.

ENHANCING ACCESS TO HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Action Step 14: Implement and support programs that focus on good health practices such as a community garden, environmental stewardship, and a community farmers market

Benchmark: *Additional programs are initiated*

Initiator: Parks and Recreation Department

Benchmark Progress: The Parks and Recreation Department has collaborated with the City Manager's Office to finalize the lease of City of Hope land for the purpose of constructing a future Community Garden. The construction of a drought tolerant demonstration garden received funding and will be built soon and funding is now being sought for the Community Garden.

IMPROVING COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Action Step 63: Actively encourage more involvement in community activities and events by City and School District officials, teachers, law enforcement personnel and City staff to demonstrate their connection to and support of the community

Benchmark: Increase in participation levels

Initiators: City of Duarte, Duarte Unified School District, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Benchmark Progress: The Duarte Public Safety Office consists of both city staff and sworn LA County Sheriff personnel who work together in their commitment to ongoing and proactive communication with our neighborhoods, businesses and community based organizations and to strengthen our public safety practices. They spearhead over 15 community outreach programs and participate in over 30 additional events that take place every year. Additionally, volunteer youth from DART (Duarte Area Resource Team), CHYLL (Caring Helping Youth Leading in Life) and the DUSD Law Enforcement ROP class, work alongside Deputies at community events throughout the year. Deputies also participate in team building activities with youth including fun field trips or college visit trips. Grant funding allowed two part-time outreach consultants to join the Public Safety crime prevention efforts in 2014. They have worked with hundreds of high-risk individuals and conducted one-on-one training for over 40 youth. Their goal is to help their caseload reintegrate into our community from incarceration.

Three Resource Fairs were held this year in Pamela Park which developed into more intense Skills 4 Success Workshops. At these workshops students from the Community Day School and young adults in the community were served. This workshop has developed into an elective course which started this December 2014 at Mt. Olive School.

In the fall and spring of 2014, religious based organizations and community members were offered violence prevention, gang and drug awareness training w members in partnership with the Flintridge Center. Attendance was low so In 2015 this workshop will be offered at Duarte Unified School for school staff to increase awareness.

Grant funding will also allow our community outreach events expansion into the county and Monrovia areas and include more at-risk population. Staff is briefed weekly on the importance of community outreach and continuing to emphasize these goals and expectations.



Initiator Success Story: Duarte Public Safety Office Cal Grip Grant

The City of Duarte Public Safety Department has been awarded a \$325,171 competitive state grant under the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program to sustain its gang prevention, intervention, and expand reintegration programs for 2015. Out of 45 applicants for funding, Duarte was one of 19 awardees. A portion of the grant will provide the Duarte Prevention, Intervention, Reintegration Project with the funds necessary to continue the services of Los Angeles County Probation and the Sheriff's departments and the City of Duarte's School Resource Deputy. Funds will also support the Duarte Public Safety and Teen Center youth outreach programs, including the Duarte Boxing Gym, and the Duarte Dance and Arts programming which will now serve the Duarte Teen Center, Pamela Park, and Mt. Olive School. Four main partner organizations are included in the grant: the Flintridge Center, the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Anita, the Santa Anita Family YMCA, and Southland Sings. The grant funds will enable the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA to expand their services. Southland Sings will deliver art therapy-based programs to help in early prevention, and primary and secondary intervention. The Flintridge Center will expand reintegration services in the surrounding communities of Duarte, Monrovia, and unincorporated areas. The focus of the Duarte Prevention, Intervention and Reintegration Project is to reduce gang membership, gang related crime, and juvenile arrests by working closely with at-risk youth, parents, and teachers. The goal is to ultimately achieve a 25% overall reduction in the aforementioned areas during the life of the grant. The City of Duarte's School Resource Deputy acts as an ambassador for the LA County Sheriff Department within Duarte schools, works to build positive relationships with students, parents, school officials, and community members and attends specific school and community events and is part of special anti-gang and drug programs. Duarte's Probation Officers focus on early prevention and intervention and coordinate services with parents, schools, courts, law enforcement, and community partners.

ENHANCING PROGRAMS & SERVICES THAT BENEFIT YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Action Step 23: Explore conducting a strategic study of existing Duarte Public Library services to determine the potential of enhancing the hours of operation, technology, atmosphere, children's programming and physical plant at the library

Benchmark: Completion of study and implementation of enhancements to the library

Initiators: City Council, City Manager, LA County Public Library

Benchmark Progress: The Duarte Library has offered community programs that meet the educational, informational and recreational needs of families, such as: Toddler & Preschool Story Time, School Age Programming, Teen Programming, and Family Place Parent/Child Workshops that feature local resource specialists such as a child development expert.

Initiators

The development and the ongoing efforts to implement 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.

- 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

* Special Recognition Award

Initiator Highlight: Duarte Library

The Duarte Library has offered community programs that meet the educational, informational and recreational needs of families, such as: Toddler & Preschool Story Time, School Age Programming, Teen Programming, and Family Place Parent/Child Workshops that feature local resource specialists such as a child development expert. One example of these successful programs included 1-2-3 Play With Me that was presented every Monday in September, providing an opportunity for parents and caregivers to spend one-on-one time with their children up to age 3-1/2 years of age. Activities included art activity time together and an opportunity to meet other parents and children in an educational, creative and safe environment. Additionally community resource professionals were on hand to answer questions and discuss topics such as child development, health, nutrition, and early literacy. The After School Library Club also included activities in October, November and December including Lego play days, Halloween and Thanksgiving story days, and Literacy and Learning days with the mayor of Duarte all for children 5-12 years old.



Community Meetings Series

The Youth & Family Committee introduced an ambitious effort to conduct a series of Community Meetings as both a means of introducing the Master Plan to the community and as a conduit to provide an introduction to various organization and the family services that they provide. Meetings were held in the evenings at Royal Oaks, Andres Duarte and Maxwell Elementary Schools. Refreshments and information tables were provided and the Committee received full cooperation and assistance from each school's principal. Attendance to these meetings was low and though the few residents who did attend received very useful and valuable information and resources, the Committee has concluded that though the effort was worthy it would be more successful in the future to provide this information during already successful existing events and programs.

ENSURING THAT YOUTH AND FAMILIES FEEL SAFE

Action Step 9: The School District and City should adopt a zero tolerance policy against bullying and harassment and initiate additional education programs as well as provide training for staff in this area

Benchmark: *Policies adopted and training conducted*
Initiators: *Duarte Unified School District, City of Duarte, Sheriff's Department*

Benchmark Progress: Northview Intermediate has implemented the WEB program, where everyone belongs, in which each 7th grade student is matched to an 8th grade mentor student. This 8th grade mentor student serves as a point person and a positive supporter to our 7th grade students. Northview continues to be proactive against bullying utilizing the purple box, which is an anonymous reporting system for students to report bullying to a counselor, each teacher proactively addresses bullying of any type in their classrooms, and the Outreach Consultant and Counselor implement an internet education program throughout the year, that focuses on avoiding cyber-bullying and safe internet practices. All staff are trained to address any bullying observed or reported on campus.

ENHANCING ACCESS TO HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Action Step 12: The City and the School District should adopt policies and programs that promote healthy nutrition and physical fitness

Benchmark: *Adoption of new policies and the implementation of new programs*
Initiators: *City of Duarte, Duarte Unified School District*

Benchmark Progress: This school year, Northview Intermediate has the distinct honor of being one of 3 schools in the state to be awarded a grant from the Governor's Council on Fitness. This generous grant (approximately \$100,000) was used to furnish a state-of-the-art fitness lab. Each year, Northview's PTSA also supports the campaign for fitness, and hosts a jog-a-thon to help students fundraise through fitness. All PE Teachers follow state standards to incorporate a diverse and comprehensive PE program.

ENHANCING PROGRAMS & SERVICES THAT BENEFIT YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Action Step 22: Increase after-school, youth sports, enrichment, and recreation programs for the older elementary school and intermediate school age group

Benchmark: *Creation of additional programs for this age group*
Initiators: *Duarte Unified School District, Parks and Recreation Department*

ENHANCING PROGRAMS & SERVICES THAT BENEFIT YOUTH AND FAMILIES CONTINUED

Benchmark Progress: Northview Intermediate School has several after-school activity options for students to include year round sports: Flag football, girl's volleyball, girl's softball, boy's and girls soccer, boy's volleyball, and girl's and boy's basketball. Northview also offers tutoring after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Think Together is active at all the sites K-8.

Action Step 24: Support the establishment of a location(s) where youth can participate in art expression (art studio, dance studio, photography, writing, graffiti art wall, etc.)

Benchmark: *Number of activities established*
Initiators: *Parks and Recreation Department, Duarte Unified School District*

Benchmark Progress: Northview has an Art lab in which students work on their art projects throughout the year.

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*
Initiators: *Duarte Unified School District, Youth & Family Committee*

Benchmark Progress: Much work was done in this area, and may be an action step needing revision.

Action Step 32: Develop a community-wide effort to promote and increase parent involvement in schools, sports, and recreational activities for their children

Benchmark: *Parent involvement in activities increases*
Initiators: *Duarte Unified School District, City of Duarte, community agencies*

Benchmark Progress: DUSD has a new and improved website and Facebook page that serves as an effective communication tool for district and school activities and events. Each school site utilizes School Wires and/or Edline (online student information updating system) in which they are able to access information about their child's progress and classes. Schools also utilize Blackboard to consistently update parents with telephone callout messages and announcements. Each site has a new and improved Facebook page in which they are able to communicate with and update stakeholders about school functions, events and activities. School sites utilize their PTSAs and various parent groups to inform and invite increased parent participation in school culture. The district makes use of Title 1 federal funds to support parent education programs.

DEVELOPING CULTURAL AND DIVERSITY APPRECIATION

Action Step 45: Implement additional school and community events that focus on cultural awareness and diversity appreciation (food events, dance events, art exhibits, etc.)

Benchmark: *New events are implemented*
Initiators: Duarte Unified School District, City of Duarte

Benchmark Progress: 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, dances throughout the year at multiple sites, to name a few.

Action Step 47: Develop programs and events for youth within the 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 & Justice (NCCJ) and the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center

Benchmark: Additional programs and events implemented
Initiators: Duarte Unified School District, City of Duarte

Benchmark Progress: Northview is currently becoming a Positive Behavior Intervention System School (PBIS), which is a best practices behavior shaping program that is nationally recognized in positively addressing behavior modification in schools.



Lady Falcons Soar to CIF Volleyball Championships

Congratulations go out to the Duarte High School Girls Volleyball Team for an amazing season and for making the CIF Volleyball Championship finals for the first time in the school’s long history. The Falcons (26-9) were coming off of two thrilling come-from-behind victories against Anaheim and Desert High, with both matches being played to five sets. Duarte’s Lady Falcons battled to the very end, and even though they suffered a heartbreaking defeat to Cate High School in the final game, the Duarte community is very proud of them! This team made history for Duarte High School and brought school spirit to the highest level in years. The Duarte High School Lady Falcons athletes are examples of what determination looks like and feels like for all to follow.

Initiator Success Story Highlights: Duarte Unified School District

1. The mentor program called Shoulder-Tapped Empowered Protégé or S.T.E.P. is going strong and allows for DUSD students to be mentored in a safe and helpful way. The program is designed to be flexible for the mentor. More mentors are needed and Naelh Othman is the contact.
2. Several Measure E School Bond projects have been completed including Valley View School walkway decking replacement, Maxwell School & Northview School new building, cafeteria kitchen expansion and modernization, DHS new stadium, Science Lab, team and Weight Room.
3. DHS and City of Hope grant-funded effort for 14 students hired to do lab work this summer.

2014-15 Mid-Year Budget Report

The City of Duarte allocated \$2,000 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.

- * \$1,000 for application & legal fees for non-profit status.
- * \$800 Annual Report Card printing
- * \$200 Miscellaneous costs



Foothill Family Service

Building Brighter Futures for Children and Families

Initiator Highlight: Foothill Family Service

Foothill Family Service (FFS) Duarte Family Center is located at the old Bank West building at 1801 Huntington Drive and recently completed a massive expansion and renovation project after purchasing the entire building for their activities. FFS provides the following services to the Duarte community: Individual Therapy, Support Groups, Play Therapy, Social Skills Groups, Family Therapy, Intensive In-Home Services, Parenting Education And Support, Anger Management Groups, Case Management, Batterer's Treatment Groups, School-Based Counseling, Teacher Consultations, Medication Support, Substance Abuse Treatment Groups For Teens, Psychological Testing, Positive Role Models For Teens and more. The expansion to the building includes a new welcoming main entrance with an ADA accessible ramp, 12 individual therapy rooms, 3 family therapy and support group meeting rooms, 2 parent/child interaction therapy rooms and 2 intake rooms. Additionally, a 30-person occupancy community meeting room has been added as well as a children's activity corner, a small business center and technology wing. Lastly, the facility now has 46 workspaces available for staff to work. FFS has definitely taken the idea of providing services for families to a whole new level and is now firmly embedded in the Duarte community and is poised to provide services for many years to come.



Make A Difference By Volunteering!

Serving on the Youth and Family Committee is fulfilling and fun! Get involved in steering the Duarte community towards better Public Safety, Recreation and educational opportunities.

For More Information, please call 357-7931 ext. 203.

For additional volunteer opportunities, please call Duarte's Promise 357-7931 ext. 260.

2015 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.
- Continue efforts to form a non-profit Foundation.
- Continue to recruit new Youth and Family Committee members with a focus on teen 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.
- Schedule presentations and increase Committee visibility and presence at established events, programs and community meetings.
- Promote the Every Child Is Our Child slogan.
- Generate metrics on Initiator success in implementing the Master Plan.



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.