

## CHILDREN, TEENS AND FAMILIES

Goal: *Develop a comprehensive approach to services for children, teens, and families by strengthening collaboration among City departments, schools, businesses and community networks.*

The following work objectives will be accomplished through the collaboration of Community and Cultural Services, City Manager's Office, Information Systems, Environmental and Public Works Management, Library, Planning and Community Development, Fire, Police, Resource Management, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), Santa Monica College and community networks.

**Work Objective (1):** Develop policies and programs that enhance the well-being of children, teens and families in Santa Monica.

### Major Action Steps:

- (1) Complete a community profile and long-range human services plan with a focus on children, teens and families. (FY 1999-00)
- (2) Prepare a comprehensive Child Care Nexus Analysis to address child care issues as they relate to new development in Santa Monica; include inventory of existing resources, community outreach, nexus study, and strategies. (Beginning FY 1999-00)
- (3) Continue participation in the citywide Lifelong Learning Community Network to support developmental opportunities from early childhood through adulthood. (FY 1999-00)
- (4) Work with youth to identify their preferences for a youth-oriented publication or Web site. (FY 1999-00)
- (5) Develop supervision, training and evaluation procedures for City employees providing youth services to ensure retention of qualified staff and delivery of quality programs. (Beginning FY 1999-00)
- (6) Develop an evaluation component for City-funded youth programs and services. (Beginning FY 2000-01)
- (7) Expand opportunities for homework help and tutorial assistance including the potential for technology/cyber centers and develop a coordinated plan for providing the services at park, library, school, and community sites. (Beginning FY 1999-00)
  - Continue improvement of homework and tutorial programs for youth by expanding and training volunteers through the Santa Monica Tutorial Network.
  - Evaluate the possible service components, create a plan and budget for each technology/cyber site, and promote and market the program when operational.
  - Work with the design team for the Santa Monica Library Expansion Project to incorporate the features of the local program into its facility improvement plans.
- (8) Identify a site, develop plans and secure funding for a permanent skate park in Santa Monica. (Beginning FY 1999-00)

- (9) In collaboration with the SMMUSD, identify opportunities for programming Santa Monica School District playgrounds and fields for use by families during non-school hours and incorporate appropriate security and maintenance needs in the development of joint use agreements. (Beginning FY 1999-00)
- (10) Expand environmental education classes to three CREST school sites and develop a nutrition education curriculum for the CREST Program. (FY 1999-00)

**Work Objective (2):** Improve opportunities and expand resources to help older youth and young adults (ages 14-25) acquire the skills, knowledge, and experiences for employment, career options, and community involvement.

Major Action Steps:

- (1) In partnership with school and community organizations, develop and implement a new funding initiative to support leadership development, mentors, job readiness, entrepreneurial activities, and other strategies to assist under-served older youth and young adults (ages 16-25). (Beginning FY 1999-00)
- (2) Expand programs for older youth at the Police Activities League, including a late night program on weekends, expansion of computer lab programs, and enhanced outreach and coordination at Olympic High School. (FY 1999-00)
- (3) Continue to recruit and train at least nine individuals for the Information Navigator program and strengthen customer services and technology training for youth. (FY 1999-00)
- (4) In partnership with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, provide a program to increase guidance and supervision to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system and assist youth who are serving probation. (Beginning FY 1999-00)
- (5) Incorporate the needs of older youth in Virginia Avenue Park expansion. (Beginning FY 1999-00)
- (6) Develop a mentoring program between youth and neighborhood patrol officers and identify linkages with community-based organizations to support Pico Neighborhood youths. (Beginning FY 1999-00)