

**Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative  
Report to Public Safety and Education Committee  
August 4, 2010 Update**

**1. Enrolled Youth: Neighborhood Networks contracted for 800 youth enrolled in the Initiative**

As of July 19, 2010 there were **938 youth enrolled in the Initiative**. The breakdown of these youth is as follows:

<b>Network</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central	227	17	0	<b>244</b>
Southeast	332	2	2	<b>336</b>
Southwest	379	73	0	<b>452</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1032</b>

Gender breakdown by Network:

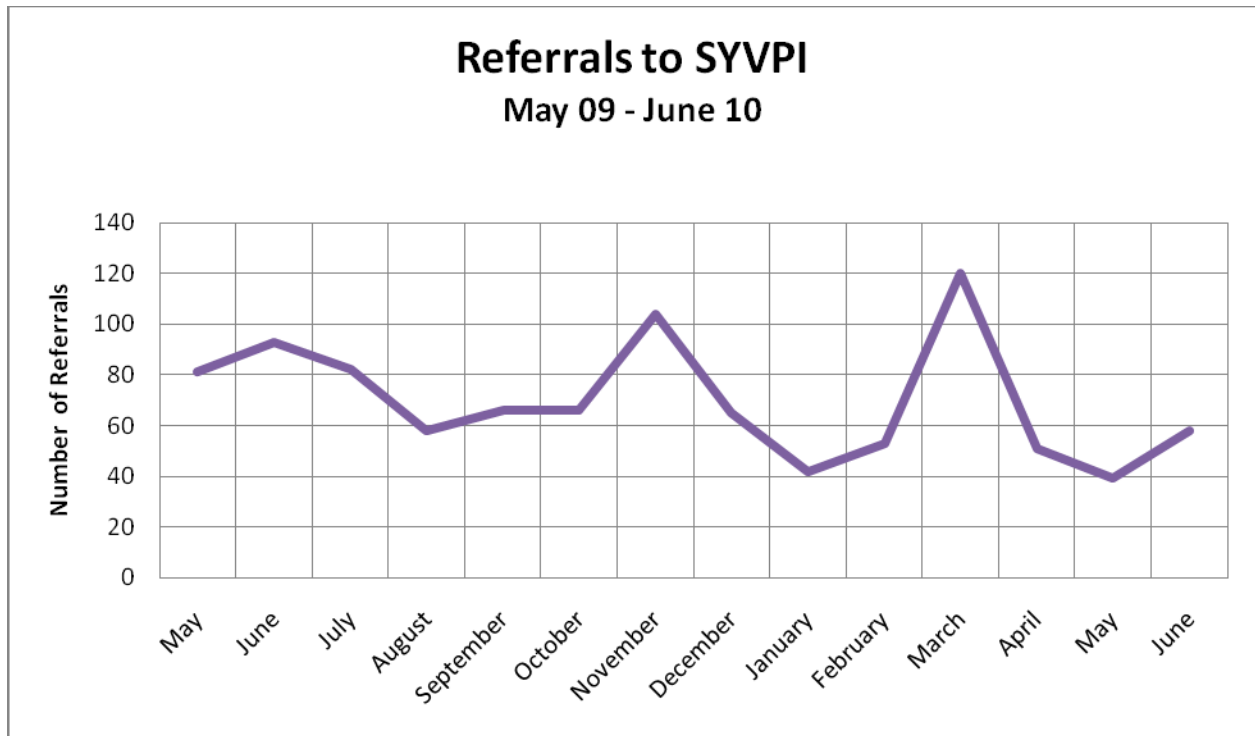
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Male	132	204	274	<b>610</b>
Female	111	132	173	<b>416</b>
Unrecorded	1	0	5	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>1032</b>

Ethnicity breakdown as self-reported by youth. Includes duplicated numbers as youth may report more than one ethnicity:

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>Total</b>
African	27	22	24	<b>73</b>
African American	127	161	113	<b>401</b>
Asian	5	32	67	<b>104</b>
Caucasian	14	10	65	<b>89</b>
Hispanic	37	51	111	<b>199</b>
Native American	11	12	30	<b>53</b>
Native Hawaii	5	5	43	<b>53</b>
Other	6	19	9	<b>34</b>
Unknown	2	3	11	<b>16</b>
Unrecorded	10	21	2	<b>33</b>

**Monthly Referrals:**

	2009	2010
January		42
February		53
March		120
April		51
May	81	39
June	93	58
July	82	
August	58	
September	66	
October	66	
November	104	
December	65	



2. Case Management: Contracted to serve 385 youth in 2010 (includes 2009 carry-over)

Neighborhood Network: Network Summary  
 Reporting Period: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Case Management Agency	Referrals	Intake & Assessment	Signed Service Plan	ACHIEVED INDICATORS
Atlantic Street Center	115	70	70	34
Center for Career Alternatives	108	55	41	12
Consejo	61	36	32	24
Powerful Voices	35	27	23	25
SafeFutures Youth Center	34	29	27	27
Southwest Youth & Family Services	168	99	99	72
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>Partner Agency</b>				
El Centro de la Raza	60	31	31	33
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>227</b>

3. A.R.T.: Southwest Youth and Family Services

Aggression Replacement Training (A.R.T.) is a 30-hour classroom program, taught by two certified A.R.T. Trainers to groups of 8 – 12 youth. Classes are scheduled three days a week for a period of 10 weeks. A.R.T. is broken down into three segments: **Anger control** – participants learn what triggers their anger and how to control it; **Skill-streaming behavior** – participants learn a series of pro-social skills through modeling, role playing, and performance feedback; and **Moral reasoning** – participants work through cognitive conflict through “dilemma discussion groups.”

**2010 A.R.T. Summary (Current Status)**

A.R.T. is currently in its second round for 2010. Three classes were held in the spring and three are currently underway. The current classes are:

- Southeast Network at Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club: 8 participants
- Southwest Network at Southwest Youth and Family Services: 8 participants
- Central Network at Atlantic Street Center: 5 participants

Reporting Period: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Milestones and Performance Commitments	Actual
# Referred	120
# Enrolled	54
# of youth who complete A.R.T.	13

The requirements for A.R.T. are rigorous and meet specific standards as an evidence-based program. In the process between when a referral is made to the program and when they are enrolled, youth receive a full explanation of the requirements and their attendance at an orientation is required. This is the phase at which many youth and/or parents decide that it is too great a commitment so the actual enrollment numbers reflect this drop-off. We are working to provide more information up front so that youth and families are fully apprised of the commitment required to attend A.R.T. Southwest Youth and Family Services that is providing A.R.T. has also worked with the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) who will accept attendance in A.R.T. as the required Behavioral Modification program some students need in order to be re-admitted to school. This has enhanced the Initiative's collaboration with SPS and provided additional incentives for youth to complete the program.

**4. Mentoring: Contracts with the 4C Coalition and Big Brothers Big Sisters.**

The 4C Coalition provides community-based mentoring in community settings with Initiative-enrolled and Initiative-eligible youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system or are victims of violence. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound (BBBS) provides site- /community-based mentoring of Initiative-eligible middle school-aged youth who are at risk of multiple suspensions for violent incidents or chronic truancy. Both contracts are outcome-based and began in July 2009.

**Reporting Period: July 1 2009 – June 30, 2010**

	<b>4C Coalition</b>	<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters</b>
<b>Milestones and Performance Commitments (shaded)</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Referrals Received	109	91
Matches Made	33	33
Matches Lasting 3 Months	23	16
Matches Lasting 6 Months	n/a	n/a
Matches Lasting 12 Months	n/a	n/a

**5. Department of Parks & Recreation Youth Centers:**

All three *Power of Place* Extended Hours Programs are now being implemented in the SYVPI neighborhoods. The following chart notes start dates of the programs and the duplicated and unduplicated numbers of youth served by each site to date.

Power of Place Extended Hours Program	Start Date	Total Number of Participants (Duplicated)	Total Number of Initiative-Enrolled Participants (unduplicated)
		July Update	July Update
Garfield Teen Life Center	September 20, 2009	821	184
Rainier Community Center	January 25, 2010	660	114
Southwest Teen Center	February 8, 2010	337	179
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,818</b>	<b>477</b>

**6. Neighborhood Matching Fund: Four projects in implementation in January 2010 cycle.**

In 2009, 219 youth were served by 13 Neighborhood Matching Fund projects. In 2010 to date, 45 youth have been served. Some projects have not yet started, so additional youth will be served by this cohort.

A new RFP was issued in January 2010 and four projects are currently funded in this round of NMF funding. A joint orientation for the SYVPI-NMF awardees was held on March 31 to strengthen the linkages and referral process between NMF and the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. For 2010, the following chart lists the first round of awards of Neighborhood Matching Fund grants for the Initiative.

Project Name	Organization	Grant
<b>January Round</b>		
1-2-3 Man Up- Loyal to Life Youth Academy	Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle	\$12,000
Chief Sealth Mural Project	West Seattle YMCA @ Chief Sealth	\$5,000
Got It Right! No Excuses Project	Dog Face, Inc. Training Program	\$14,700
Southeast Violence Prevention Community Resource Conference	Changing Habits and Motivating Personal Self-esteem (CHAMPS) Resource and Service Center	\$12,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,700</b>

The second round of NMF projects will be managed by SYVPI given the limited staffing available in DON. It was delayed because we did not have a final decision on mid-year 2010 budget cuts. We now anticipate a fall RFP release for projects that will carry over into 2011.

**7. Sustaining Projects:**

OFE's budget will include \$77,000 for Sustaining Funds in 2010. These funds will be managed by HSD. Their staff are currently in discussions with the three 2009 grantees to identify their organizational needs for 2010. The SYVPI budget for 2011-2012 will not include the Sustaining Fund so no plans are underway to create any additional guidelines or protocols.

**8. School Emphasis Officers**

The SEO component was launched in spring of 2009 with a focus on conflict mediation, mentoring and referrals to the Initiative. The officers are working in Mercer, Washington, Denny and Aki Kurose Middle Schools. As of the week ending July 27, 2010, SEOs have reported the following:

Activity	Amount
Mediations	147
Referrals to the Initiative	128
Out of Network Referrals	30
Home Visits	98

**9. Employment:**

The types of placements currently underway or scheduled for the remainder of 2010 are listed below.

Activity	Participant Slots Available
<b>SYEP Summer Internships</b>	80
<b>Out-of-School Youth Services</b> (services focused on out-of-school but not limited to that group)	
Center for Career Alternatives	15
Metrocenter YMCA	15
King County Superior Court/Minority Business and Youth Alliance	32
<b>SYEP Group Projects</b>	
Powerful Voices	20
Southwest Youth and Family Services	10
<b>SYEP School Year Program</b> (academic-focused services) These numbers are duplicated as the year round participants are selected from the summer program.	20
<b>Subtotal continued opportunities</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>New in 2010</b>	
SYEP Tier 2 Internships	20
SPS-CWEST	15
Service Learning/Pre-employment	75
Youth Venture Social Entrepreneurship	15
<b>Subtotal new opportunities</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>297</b>

The summer component of youth employment services is currently underway. To date, 217 youth have been placed in the contracted programs or internships. Additional youth will be placed in the year round programs throughout the rest of the year. The Service Learning opportunities will be managed by the three Neighborhood Networks to support community projects in each area.

#### **10. Evaluation & Data System Development**

The Initiative is receiving free technical assistance in evaluation through its membership in Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth (UNITY), a project of the Prevention Institute based in California and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The California Wellness Foundation. UNITY is designed to strengthen and support cities in preventing violence before it occurs and to help sustain these efforts. As a member of the UNITY network, the SYVPI has access to the technical assistance and training on evaluation of violence prevention efforts from the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center, UCLA School of Public Health. Billie Weiss, Director of the Research Center and her team are assisting the SYVPI to identify a comparison city to be used in evaluating the effectiveness of Seattle's Initiative. Additionally, Tony Gomez, Manager of the Violence and Injury Prevention with the Department of Public Health-Seattle & King County is assisting in the recruitment and management of interns to work on the evaluation. Currently, the Initiative is seeking funding to support the cost of the interns and miscellaneous expenses related to the evaluation.

To collect local evidence on effectiveness the SYVPI has contracted for the development of a linked data system for three types of uses including direct case management, performance assessment and reporting on outcomes and evaluation. A project director has been contracted to manage the development process with the vendor, Adsystem. A data system project team comprised of representatives from the different investment areas is working with the vendor to align the database with the Initiative's business practices.

Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with both the Seattle Police Department and the King County Juvenile Court to share data for the purposes of evaluation. We are currently designing the tables of information to be shared so that full anonymity of the youth is maintained and the data can be used for multidimensional evaluation. For example, we are designing the tables so that we can review the arrest record data in connection to gender, age, ethnicity, and services received from the Initiative, among other variables.