

Community Focus Group

EDUCATION IS A CIVIL RIGHT (ECR)



Vision Statement: Create productive, contributing citizens in a healthy community environment.

Mission Statement: To empower families to unite, educate, and rebuild a thriving community

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“Education is the New Currency of the 21st Century.”

~ Joe Madison ~

Overview



- Education Is A Civil Right (ECR) Initiative – Push for Community Involvement
- Formation of Community Focus Group (CFG)
- CFG Crisis Intervention Process
 - Identify – Survey– Recommend– Develop – Implement
- Community Involvement Is Key!
- Summary

“Education is a Civil Right” (ECR) Push For Community Involvement



- ECR’s Toolkit Provides Direction On What We (The Community) Can Do:
 - Raise awareness
 - Increase community engagement in public education
 - Enlist parents and other community members to work as advocates for improved student achievement

Click on the link below and read all the details about ECR:

<http://www.educationisacivilright.com/>

Community Focus Group (CFG)



- First Meeting (May 17, 2011)
- The meetings are open to everyone concerned
- Meetings (every other Tuesday; 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.; CARE)



CFG Crisis Intervention Process

- Identify
- Survey
- Recommend
- Develop
- Implement

- **Identify**
 - Needs, Resources, Stakeholders, Members' Strengths, SWOT
- **Survey**
 - Research, Collect Data, Make contacts and Analyze
- **Recommend**
 - List Best Approaches and Determine Prioritization
- **Develop**
 - Create and or Refine Approaches Into Programs Based On The Prioritization List
- **Implement**
 - Action, follow through, assess by continually repeating the process

Community Involvement Is Key!



- Continue bi-monthly meetings
- Solicit tutors from the community (churches; sororities; fraternities; businesses)
- Develop proposal for long term sustainment for:
 - Tutors (also solicit high school and college students)
 - Case Managers/Parent Liaisons (individuals to engage with the whole family to determine needs and link them to available resources)

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“Education is a Civil Right” Initiative



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“Realize and Recognize (R&R)”

“CHOOSE TO CARE”

~ Cynthia Gillion ~