

Dropout Prevention Action Planning Worksheet

Summit State/Community:	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Date and Location of Summit	October 15, 2008 at Cox Convention Center in Downtown Oklahoma City
Geographical Area Covered by Summit:	Oklahoma City Public School District
Date Worksheet Submitted to APA:	
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Current Graduation Rate:	Oklahoma State: 97.2%
Vision & Goal	
Vision Statement:	Every student in Oklahoma County will graduate from High School with resources and skills for life, work and/or further education.
10-Year Goal:	To reduce Oklahoma County's dropout rate by __%. OR __% will graduate from high school and __% will continue their education with postsecondary education. OR <i>DRAFT</i>
Solutions	
Strengthening Schools	The community and Oklahoma City School District Superintendent's office believes in reconnecting schools and more specifically the teachers with the community. This would include raising parent's expectations of what schools should and do provide. This also would include developing a system where unhappy parents can have their voice heard easier.
Supporting Students	The community and Oklahoma City School District Superintendent's office will incorporate mentors and graduation coaches into the schools and student's lives. Provide student listening sessions and develop a Superintendent Student Advisory Committee. In addition, make afterschool programs available to all students.
Building Effective Policies	The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber has and currently supports policies important to implementing education reform. Some of the policies include: increased instruction time, higher education, aggressive curriculum and distinct flexibility. The Oklahoma City Public School District Superintendent's office also believes in reforming policies that would provide students benefits that are as valuable as private school benefits.
Employing Data Systems	The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and Oklahoma Business and Education Coalition (OBEC) have supported creation of a student records system that would comply with the No Child Left Behind law by helping keep track of students progress. The system would help monitor students who move in and out of district and monitor graduation rates. A uniform, statewide student records system and model to provide greater transparency and objectivity in the state education data and accountability systems is now also being supported by the Chamber and OBEC.



Timeline	Actions									
	Getting Organized		Knowledge Building		Action Planning		Building Public Will		Sustaining Momentum	
	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks	Activities	Benchmarks
Done Pre- or During Summit	Summit Planning Committee held bimonthly planning meetings to plan and discuss the October 15th Summit.	Students identified and brought in for summit from various schools in the OKC and Western Heights School Districts.	Local Statistics gathered and analyzed to select participating schools	Students added to planning committee for a student's point of view and summit participating students were invited to summit.	Students were facilitated and brought in for summit from various schools in the OKC and Western Heights School Districts to tell community leaders why they or their peers do/will drop out.	Students identified and prioritized reasons for dropping out of school.	Students tell why they drop out or why their peers do/will drop out. Also, provide suggestions on how to keep students in school.	Active Community Business Leaders were identified and brought to listen about the problem. OK Lt. Governor, OKC Superintendent, OKC Mayor and OKC Schools Chairman attended along with multiple media stations.	Planning committee meets directly following summit to layout outline for implementation plan.	Outline developed and next planning meeting scheduled.
0-3 Months After Summit	An Implementation committee has began to be identified and creating subcommittees for each implementation focus area.	Implementation Committee Chairs have been identified for each subcommittee.	Summit "Dropout reasons" were reviewed to see what overlapped.	Discovered common reasons and produced summary of findings.	Begin working on Action Plan for America's Promise.	First Draft of action worksheet circulated to implementation committee for review.	Inviting new community leaders to participate on subcommittees and continue to fill media interested with facts on the summit and issue.	Media coverage and support from the Greater OKC Chamber in their publications about the issue and efforts.	Chairs developed subcommittee member list and contacted potential members to participate.	Implementation subcommittees set to meet for the first time and begin setting goals and priorities.
4-6 Months After Summit	Implementation Committee and subcommittees will be convened by United Way and committee and subcommittee chairs.	Implementation subcommittees will developed goals and objectives in their focus area to move closer to an implementation plan	Implementation subcommittees work to develop Community Report to educate community on status of problem and what we could do about it	# of buy in from community leaders and stakeholders	Implementation plans will be worked on in implementation subcommittees	Implementation subcommittee's suggested plans are up for first review by implementation committee	Implementation subcommittees begin to create relationships and new partnerships	# of new committed or interested partnerships	Implementation subcommittee continue to move forward and include if necessary new stakeholders in committee work	# of stakeholders on focus area committees
7-12 Months After Summit	Implementation and subcommittees are continued to be convened by United Way.	Goals and Objectives are identified in each focus area and the committees develop action steps to achieve goals.	Implementation subcommittees continue work to develop Community Report	# of buy in from community leaders and stakeholders	A Community Report is beginning to shape and will be released upon completion	When Community Report (Implementation Plan and Community ED piece) is released.	Once report is released secure partnerships that agree to in some way carry out the plan.	# of new committed and active partnerships	Community Report continues to be spread among community and used to educate community. Initiatives and programs will start to create with community partners.	# partners interested or willing to take task to begin developing change, program or initiative to improve the OK drop out rate.

2 Years After Summit					Community Partners using report to start programs and initiatives as suggested and based on info from report	Initial impact of programs and initiatives on drop out rate				
5 Years After Summit					Programs and Initiatives are in full swing and continuing to improve. United Way continues to support effective programs in anyway necessary	Graduation and Dropout rate status of and status of uniform data tracking system.				
10 Years After Summit					Proven programs become precedents for how to engage students to graduate form school. Programs expand to areas unreached.	Successful high schools are used as examples for how they improved their graduation and dropout rates				

<p>How can the America's Promise Alliance best support you in your dropout prevention work?</p>	<p>America's Promise can provide the most local drop-out and graduation statistics for our community. In addition, provide news or information for funding opportunities to support Student Success initiatives.</p>
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<p>Please provide a roster of individuals and organizations committed to being part of the team that will implement this plan, and provide the phone # and email address for the on-going point of contact.</p>	<p>Point of Contact: Blair Schoeb, United Way of Central Oklahoma, 405.523.3532, bschoeb@unitedwayokc.org Implementation Committee: Nancy Sharrock, Oklahoma AmeriCorps; Drew Dungan, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce; Cindy Schmidt, Oklahoma City Public Schools; Mark Jenkins; Beth Shortt, Leadership Oklahoma City; Debi Martin, City Council Office; Heather Elmenhorst, United Way of Cental Oklahoma; AT&T</p>
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