

COATESVILLE YOUTH INITIATIVE FACT SHEET



Mission

The Coatesville Youth Initiative fosters collaboration among community residents, youth, area businesses, nonprofit and county agencies, youth-serving organizations, the Coatesville Area School District and other educational entities to enhance the knowledge and skills of our youth as a means to build strong character so they may reach their fullest potential.

Coatesville Youth Initiative Organizational Structure

The Coatesville Youth Initiative is governed by a Board of Directors who will serve as the governing body guiding the overall direction of the CYI Director, monitoring initiative and work group progress, review funding opportunities and acting as the fiscally responsible body of the organization.

Any person interested in the mission of the Coatesville Youth Initiative can become part of the Steering Committee.

Working Groups (subcommittees)

Based on stakeholders' perspectives, focus groups, and quantitative data, the following targeted priority areas were selected during the community planning process.

1. Greater Parental Engagement

- Create opportunities for families to spend time with one another, develop a network of support, and have access to workshops and resources that increase family and caregiver engagement.

2. Pathways Beyond High School

- Ensure students and their families have access to the information they need to effectively matriculate through the CASD and get to high school graduation with a plan.

3. Out-of-School Time Task Force

- Create a network of youth organizations and programs working together to coordinate programming, communication, scheduling and improved service delivery and lay the foundation for the development of a recreation center

4. Community Outreach Work Group

- Promote the Coatesville Youth Initiative and the *Communities That Care* system, educates the key Leaders, stakeholders and the public about the work of the CYI and identifies opportunities to celebrate success.

5. Juvenile Justice Collaborative

- Develop a coordinated approach to diverting young people at risk of becoming engaged in the juvenile justice system, and helping those already in the system to successfully reintegrate into school and community.

The working groups reflect each targeted priority area identified during the community planning process. Each working group is comprised of CYI Steering Committee and Board Members focused on completing the approved goals or tasks.

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How frequently does the Coatesville Youth Initiative Steering Committee meet?

The Coatesville Youth Initiative Steering Committee meets every other month. Working groups meet monthly.

Get Involved:

- 1. Join the Coatesville Youth Initiative Steering Committee** (community board)
 - We meet every other month.
 - We're open to anyone who is interested!
- 2. Join one of the five Work Groups & Committees**
 - We meet as needed (average = one to two times per month).
 - We're open to anyone who is interested!
- 3. Tell your children and your neighbors' children about the great opportunities we offer:**
 - **The Game Changers Youth Advisory Council** empowers youth by providing them with an organized structure and opportunity to let their voices be heard and to have a meaningful, positive impact.
- 4. Lead a Youth Leadership Workshop:**

CYI utilizes community representatives to serve as guest speakers and workshop leaders during our summer youth program. Would you like to share your expertise and skills with our youth? Please give us a call to discuss how you can help.
- 5. Donate!**

CYI accepts tax-deductible donations of all amounts. Please call us to discuss giving opportunities. Big or small, your contribution will go a long way towards helping the CYI carry out our mission and expand our programs.
- 6. Communicate with your kids on a regular basis and focus on preventing problems in the first place rather than waiting until you have to intervene later.**

Utilize the County's free information and referral service: ReferWeb at <http://www.referweb.net/chesco/> .

Coatesville Youth Initiative Community Plan

The full Community Plan or Executive Summary can be downloaded at http://www.brandywinefoundation.org/grants_cyi.asp

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