Operationalizing the Blueprint for Action

Recommended Convener:	**Hennepin County Corrections Department**
Recommendation:	Increase the capacity of Hennepin County's truancy intervention program for students with mental health and chemical dependency issues so that these young people have the added support and resources to stay in school. (2I)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	To be determined after October 2008 installation of software.
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation:	To strengthen cross jurisdictional mechanisms so that different parts of the juvenile justice system can better coordinate services and support systems for young offenders. (3A)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	To be determined after June 2008 installation of software.
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation	Expand the scope and increase the funding of juvenile probation to better integrate young offenders back into the community. (3B)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Determine number of cases/assessments conducted in targeted neighborhoods to potentially leverage resources.
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation:	Decrease re-offense rates by better connecting young offenders to educational opportunities, employment skills and health care services. (3D)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Develop listing of opportunities, track the number of youth offenders using these services.
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation:	Expand restorative justice programs for youth offenders that have shown to effectively reduce re-offenses by re-integrating offenders into their respective communities.
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Restorative justice programs will be identified and examined in June 2008 and providers will be in place by 2009. (3E)
Process:	***Best Practice***

Recommendation:	Strengthen and expand after care models to ensure that each youth returning from out of home placement has a comprehensive plan to re-enter their community. (3F)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Develop listing of opportunities, track the number of youth offenders using these services.
Process:	***Best Practice***

Recommendation:	Expand options for youth within the Juvenile Justice System to include comprehensive and intense behavioral training and therapy for young offenders and their families. (3H)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Identify current training and therapy options, increase sentencing options, track number of youth served through these options.
Process:	***Best Practice***

Recommended Convener:	**Juvenile Supervision Center**
Recommendation:	Provide focused attention and resources toward early intervention with juvenile supervision and service center and maintaining the Police Department's juvenile unit. (2B)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Track juvenile offences and school attendance, number served by juvenile supervision center.
Process:	***Best Practice***

Recommended Convener:	**Minneapolis Employment & Training Partnership**
Recommendation:	Increase the number of employers providing jobs through the city's STEP-UP program thereby enabling more youth the opportunity for employment in a constructive, engaged environment. (1B)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increased number of vendors providing employment, increased number of youth served
Process:	***Community Innovation***

Recommendation:	Find meaningful employment for young people who may be more difficult to employ by expanding summer employment programs for at-risk youth. In addition, expand the City's STEP-UP program and better connect

	county employment opportunities with youth in the justice system. (2A)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increased number of vendors providing employment, increased number of youth served.
Process:	***Community Innovation***

Recommended Convener:	**Minneapolis Public Health & Family Support**
Recommendation:	Increase the number of training and support programs available for parents of teenagers so that they have the knowledge, tools, education and resources to detect early signs of potential violent behavior. (1I & 2H)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Creation of training programs, number of parents served
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation:	Increase teenage pregnancy prevention programs in Minneapolis so tends do not become parents before they have completed their own education or before they are prepared to take on the responsibility of raising children. (1J)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Teacher trainings on teen pregnancy prevention resources, implementation of prevention curricula by school, youth worker training on sexual health issues
Process:	***Promising Practice***
Recommendation:	Reduce the number of subsequent pregnancies until high school/GED completed by connecting every young family and their child with quality health, childcare, education and other parenting resources. (1K)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Implementation of case management protocols, reduce second pregnancies to 19% by 2011, increase school enrollment of pregnant and parenting teens.
Process:	***Promising Practice***
Recommendation:	Provide young people who have an incarcerated parent with additional adult support by creating mentor programs that match these youth with individualized support. (2J)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Determine number of children between the ages of 7-15 who have an incarcerated parent. Assess how do we effectively serve this group.
Process:	***Promising Practice***

Recommendation	Expand street level outreach that engages families and reconnects youth exhibiting risky behavior with quality education and employment opportunities. (2K)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Number of households served, outcomes of families who are served.
Process:	***Community Innovation***

Recommendation:	Develop culturally appropriate rites of passage to support a more comprehensive process for youth offenders to re-enter the community. (3G)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Development of culturally specific programs, number of youth connected to such programs, reduced recidivism rates among youth served.
Process:	***Community Innovation***

Recommended Convener:	**Minneapolis Foundation**
Recommendation:	Work with local experts and youth to devise a public information campaign to address youth violence. (4A)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	To be conceptualized, funded and implemented in 2008
Process:	***Promising Practice***

Recommended Convener:	**Minneapolis Police Department**
Recommendation:	Re-establish Minneapolis Police liaison in public schools to give young people opportunities to build positive relationships with the police department. (1E)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increase number of police liaisons in schools, track involvement of liaisons in discipline incidents
Process:	***Promising Practice***

Recommendation:	Implement a comprehensive assessment tool that identifies a juvenile's mental and other health needs and connects youth to available services without risking self incrimination. (3C)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increased number of juveniles assessed, referred, and improved outcomes for youth served.
Process:	***Promising Practice***

Recommended Convener:	**Minneapolis Public Schools**
Recommendation:	Support alternatives to suspension and expulsion as a way to determine effective tools and policies to address violent incidents. (2F)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Implementation of alternatives, number of students served, increased school attendance and success of these students.
Process:	***Best Practice***

Recommended Convener:	**Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak**
Recommendation:	Ensure a trusted adult is in the life of every young person in Minneapolis by increasing the number of quality mentoring opportunities for young people of all ages and backgrounds. (1A)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increased number of available mentors, increased number of youth served, agencies using standards of effective practice.
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation:	Take the lead in discussing the issue of youth violence with other mayors and policy makers to form a national coalition against youth violence. (4B)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increased participation in a national coalition, track policy and legislative outcomes.
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation:	Support sensible gun laws and work to change community perceptions around the acceptance of guns. (4C)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Changes in legislation, reduced number of juvenile arrests involving firearms.
Process:	***Promising Practice***

Recommended Convener:	**Youth Coordinating Board**
Recommendation:	Strengthen the coordination of public and private youth programs, services and opportunities. (1C)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Implementation of resource sharing about opportunities, number of agencies identified, number participating in resource sharing.
Process:	***Promising Practice***

Recommendation:	Increase the number of high quality community based programs, services and opportunities, including leadership training. Equip these organizations and their leaders with the skills needed to direct youth towards positive alternatives. (1D)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Identification and implementation of a curriculum increase the number of agencies participating.
Process:	***Best Practice***
Recommendation:	Provide year round Youth Are Here bus service as a means of reliable transportation for young people. (1F)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Secure funding for the project; track the number of youth served and agencies participating.
Process:	***Community Innovation***
Recommendation:	Give young people safe spaces for activities during out of school times by increasing the hours when Library, Park and School buildings are open. (1G)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increased service hours tracked by location.
Process:	***Best Practice***

Recommended Convener:	**Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator**
Recommendation:	Provide consistent, effective and meaningful violence prevention training by developing a shared curriculum and coordinated training program for schools, parks and libraries. (1H)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Implementation of curriculum, number of trainings performed.
Process:	***Community Innovation***
Recommendation:	Develop a standard protocol/standard operating procedures and train adults to use in parks, schools and healthcare in the aftermath of critical violent incidents for education purposes to de-escalate future incidents. (2C)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Implementation of curriculum, number of trainings performed, number of adults trained.
Process:	***Promising Practice***

Recommendation:	Establish and promote a youth help line to give young people a safe, confidential way to report trouble or seek help. (2D)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Track calls to helpline and determine if outcomes can be evaluated.
Process:	***Community Innovation***

Recommendation:	Establish policies and training making every library, park and school a non-violence environments and to reinforce a culture of non-violence. (2E)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Adoption of shared policies on non-violence.
Process:	***Community Innovation***

Recommendation:	Provide young people with consistent and effective support by creating a common definition of risky behavior and coordinating a set of actions to be shared/used by a wide range of stakeholders. (2G)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Development of risk assessment and protocol for follow-up, number of adults trained in protocol.
Process:	***Community Innovation***

Recommendation:	Ensure support systems for youth offenders are extended to strengthen the families these youth come from and return to. (3I)
Preliminary Benchmarks:	Increase the number of families connected to support systems, reduce recidivism of youth of identified families.
Process:	***Best Practice***