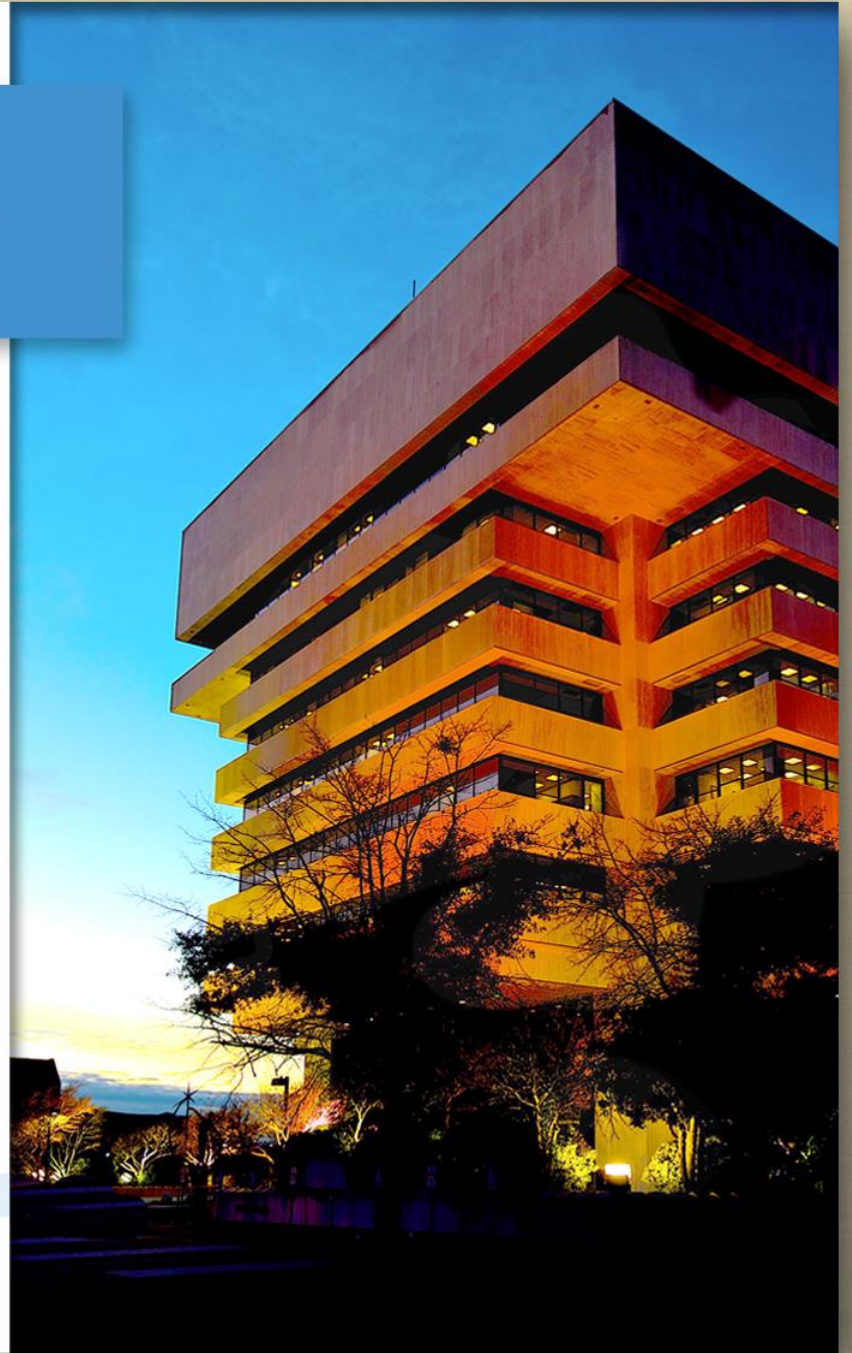


HAMPTON VA

# Update to City's Approach to Youth Violence

January 11, 2017



# All Hands on Deck Approach

- HPD has a definite role to play
- Enforcement is only one facet
- Prevention and Intervention are equally important
- Every department of the City has been asked to contribute
- Will briefly summarize some of the efforts in Human Services, Parks Recreation and Leisure Services, Economic Development and Youth Violence Prevention

# Hampton Department of Human Services




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- Has three separate Divisions with programs
    - Healthy Families Partnership
    - Social Services
    - Children's Services Act (CSA)
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# Healthy Families Partnership

- Healthy Families Partnership - offers the following programs
  - Healthy Start
  - Infant Toddler Connection
  - Parenting Programs
  - Mayor's Book Club
  - School Age Programs


# Healthy Start

- Home visiting program
  - Offers families emotional support and guidance
  - Promotes positive parenting and school readiness
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# Infant Toddler Connection

- Provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays

# Parenting Programs

- Playgroup
  - Parent Education
  - Out-of-School Time
  - Young Family Center
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# Playgroup

- Helps toddlers and preschoolers grow:
  - Socially
  - Emotionally
  - Intellectually

# Parent Education

- Classes and workshops provide adults with the information they need to raise children who are Ready by 21 for a successful and engaged life
- Not just for parents experiencing issues
- For anyone who is interested in learning new ways to help their children be as successful as possible

# Out-of-School Time

- Offer programs to promote the success of school age children

# Young Family Center

- Library based resource center
- Offers residents educational materials on:
  - Child growth and development
  - Parenting
  - Family management


# Mayor's Book Club

- Early literacy activities for pre-school, kindergarten and first graders
- Approximately 2,100 books distributed to schools in Hampton
- Books are distributed in school-based programs


# School Age Programs

- Offers before and after school programs promoting the health of school age children in the following areas:
  - Social
  - Physical
  - Educational
  - Emotional

# Healthy Families Services

- For more information on any of the Healthy Families programs:
  - Please visit the City's Website; or
  - Contact: Chenequa Hayden,  
Administrator 757-727-2612
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# Social Services Programs

- Medicaid
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
  - Virginia's Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW)
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# Medicaid

- State and Federal partnership
- Provides medical coverage to eligible needy persons
- Designed to improve the health of people who might otherwise go without medical care for themselves and their children

# Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Families (SNAP)

- Formerly known as Food Stamps
- Protects against hunger
- Enables low-income families to buy nutritious food
- Uses an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card

# Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

- Formerly known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- Eligible families receive monthly stipends to meet their basic needs (\$474 for 4 people)
- Designed to develop the self sufficiency of recipients
- Designed to move recipients to work
- Designed to be a temporary form of assistance

# Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW)

- Reduces long term dependence on welfare
- Emphasizes personal responsibility
- Enhances opportunities for personal initiative and self-sufficiency by promoting the value of work
- Requires all able-bodied recipients of TANF who do not meet an exemption to participate in work activity
- Assists participants in developing job skills


# Social Services Programs

- For further information on Social Services programs please contact the office of Social Services
- Contact: Wanda Rogers, Director,  
757-727-1955

# Children's Services Act (CSA)

- Serves at risk youth and their families and utilizes a collaborative system of services and funding that is child centered, family focused and community based
- Balanced Approach to Success and Empowerment (BASE)
- Truancy Response Team (TRT)
- TANF Assessment and Planning Team (TAPT)

# Balanced Approach to Success and Empowerment (BASE)

- Creates and sustains a system of supports
  - Purpose is to eliminate barriers to:
    - Attendance
    - Engagement
    - Achievement
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# Truancy Response Team (TRT)


- Collaborative, multi-disciplinary, child-specific team
- Thoroughly assesses and addresses the root causes of truancy
- Provides specific steps to be taken by the child, family, school, and community to support school attendance



# TANF Assessment and Planning Team (TAPT)

- Utilizes a best practices system of care approach to collaborate with families and community partners
- Promotes positive outcomes in home, school and community
- Develops a plan of intervention and support to individuals impacted by significant financial and life stressors

# Children's Services Acts Services

- For more information on CSA Services please contact:
  - Elizabeth “Betsy” Clark, CSA Administrator
  - 757-727-1742
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# Parks Recreation and Leisure Services




# Parks Recreation and Leisure Services

- Community Centers
- Performing & Creative Arts Center
- After School Activities
- The Youth & Teen Programs:
  - It's Cool
  - Totally Cool
  - Late Night in Hampton
  - Find the Leader From Within
  - Give an Assist Beyond Basketball

# PRLS Facilities

- Hampton has:
- 4 Community Centers
- 2 Neighborhood Centers
- 1 Therapeutic Center
- 1 Performing & Creative Arts Center
- All offer a wide range of cultural and educational opportunities for Youth and Teens daily between 2 PM – 6 PM


# Examples of After School Activities

- Basketball
  - Volleyball
  - Teen Clubs
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Swimming
  - Homework Assistance
  - And much more
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# Examples of Seasonal Activities


- After School Programs
  - Dances
  - Field Trips
  - Fitness Classes
  - Hip-Hop Programs
  - Leadership Training
  - Open Gym
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# Examples of Seasonal Activities

- Open Mic
  - Open Stage
  - Pool
  - Camps
  - Teen Zone
  - Teen Lounge
  - Video Game Tournaments
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# Youth Athletic Leagues

- Provides youth with opportunities to participate in a wide variety of organized athletic competition
  - Football
  - Basketball
  - Soccer
  - Cheerleading
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# Parks Recreation and Leisure Services Facilities Contacts

- Northampton Community Center- Cathy Morris (757) 825-4805
- West Hampton Community Center- Randall String (757) 896-4687
- Fort Monroe Community Center- Petrice Richards (757) 727-6831
- Little England Cultural Center- Lee Davis (757) 727-0821
- YH Thomas Community Center- Sean Slaughter (757) 727-1200

# Parks Recreation and Leisure Services Facilities Contacts

- North Phoebus Community Center-  
Michelle Ellison (757) 727-1160
- Athletics Division- DeRocke Croom (757)  
224-6605
- Performing & Creative Arts Center- Hugo  
Morrison (757) 766-1510
- Therapeutic Recreation Center- Stephanie  
Stacy (757) 728-1710

# PRLS Youth & Teen Program

- Will be offered at all community centers
- To engage 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders in activities that promote:
  - Social awareness
  - Health and wellness
  - Life skills
  - Arts and culture
  - Fun
  - Improved quality of life

# PRLS Youth & Teen Program New Initiatives

- PRLS is exploring the possibility of implementing the following new initiatives:
- It's Cool
- Totally Cool
- Late Night in Hampton
- Find the Leader Within
- Give an Assist Beyond Basketball

# It's Cool

- After school program for youth ages 5 to 12
- Foster youth development in a safe and caring environment
- Confront the realities of today by using virtual opportunities to:
- Engage in critical thinking
- Exercise decision-making skills

# Totally Cool

- Out of Austin, TX
- For teens, grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Totally Cool, Totally Art (TCTA)
- Free after school art program
- A chance to explore the wonders of self-expression through a multitude of mediums

# Late Night In Hampton

- Selective Friday and Saturday Nights 7 PM – Midnight
- For teens 13 – 19
- Recreation based program
- Focus on positive teen interactions and engagement in a supportive and safe environment



# Find the Leader From Within

- For teens
- Teaches life skills
- Incorporate social-emotional learning
- Explore difficult topics teens encounter daily (violence, gang awareness, planning for the future, etc.)
- A safe place to practice problem solving and use of critical thinking skills

# Give an Assist Beyond Basketball

- Volunteer Program
- Inviting individuals, community organizations and business groups to partner with PRLS to help the city's parks, playground and athletics facilities flourish through volunteerism
- Volunteer opportunities would be available on a one-time or ongoing basis

# Economic Development




# Economic Development

- Working with workforce development organizations, external and internal stakeholders to ensure that unemployed and underemployed citizens are able to benefit from existing programs that can help them achieve full employment.
- Working to enhance the connectivity between Hampton businesses and citizens to fill job opening.
- The point of contact for these initiatives is Pam Croom (757-728-5171).

# Youth Violence Prevention



# Youth Violence Prevention

- Grassroots Grants
  - Summer Youth Employment Program
  - Developing Resource Guide
  - Life Skills Pilot Projects at Davis and Syms
  - Camp Prospect
  - Virginia Rules
  - Cultural Climate Task Force
  - Community Response Team
  - Urgency of Now Symposium
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# Grassroots Grants

- Total of \$60,000 available for awards
- Proposal must benefit youth in the City of Hampton
- New programs or expansion of existing programs
- Proposal should utilize evidence based strategies that address youth violence
- Proposal should have a clear sustainability plan

# Summer Youth Employment Program

- Provides employment and soft skills training to youth in the City of Hampton during the summer
- Helps to:
- Reinforce work ethic
- Provides soft skill, work readiness, self-sufficiency and self-esteem
- Provides work experience



# Developing a Resource Guide

- Collaborative effort with: Youth Violence Prevention, Information Technology, Marketing Inc., Hampton City Schools and Hampton Police Division
- Developing a web based resource guide
- Provide the programs and services available in the community for citizens and youth
- Organizations will enter the information and will receive reminders to update the information

# Life Skills Pilot Projects

- Partnership with Hampton City Schools and Youth Violence Prevention
- YVP Coordinators implemented the Life Skills Curriculum during last quarter with student groups at Davis and Syms Middle Schools
- Both sites have requested a continued partnership and development of a conversation series to continue engagement

# Camp Prospect

- Partnership with the Hampton Fire & Rescue Division, YVP and the Title I Program at Davis Middle School
- Group mentoring program for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Designed to improve communication and decision making skills

# Virginia Rules

- Partnership with the Hampton Police Division, YVP and Parks Recreation and Leisure Services Department
- Implement the Virginia Rules Curriculum during Spring Break Programs that are being held at Community Centers
- Will prepare eligible students for the week long camp in July


# Phoebus Pilot Partnership

- Partnership with the Faith Based Community, Community Development, YVP and Parks Recreation and Leisure Services Department
- To improve the appearance of North Phoebus Community Center
- To build on the positives of the community center
- To respond to some of the concerns raised by young people who participate in the community center programming

# Culture and Climate Task Force

- Partnership with Hampton City Schools
- This is an HCS Task Force where YVP is participating
- Aimed at connecting young people with programs funded by the mini grants and other community programs offered by outside agencies

# Community Response Team

- Partnership with Hampton Police Division and the Faith Based Community
  - Focus is to address trauma after violence occurs in the community
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# Community Basketball Tournament Spring Break

- Partnership with Hampton Police Division, Parks Recreation and Leisure Services, Community Development, Citizens Unity Commission, Stop n Pop, 50 Strong and citizens.



# Studying Best Practices

- Looking across the country to find best practices in reducing youth violence
- Utilizing best practices to examine how we deliver services and find where there is room for improvement
- May suggest changes in service delivery in any department to the Manager based on proven best practices


# Serving as a Connector

- Serves as a connector between government, faith based, private, non-profit, business and other community interest in providing services to the youth to prevent youth violence

# Urgency of Now Symposium

- Theme: Disrupting the Culture of Violence
- Faith Community Dialogue and Resource Fair
- Working with Newport News and Gang Violence Prevention on youth engagement
- Exploring Public Health Approach, Cure Violence (Interrupters), Ceasefire, & Emergency Room Interventions
- Mentoring- culturally appropriate and effective
- Addressing trauma for all effected by violence

# Urgency of Now Symposium

- Open to the Public
  - Hampton Roads Convention Center
  - February 15, 2017
  - Doors Open at 5:00 PM
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# Summary

- This was not an exhaustive list of efforts only a representative sample
- Adopting an “All Hands on Deck Approach”
- Government is committed to doing our part
- Will have to be a complete community effort
- One of the major factors in the success of young people is having a caring committed adult in their lives

# Questions?

