

Healthy Communities: A Youth Gang Prevention Strategy



For Gresham and East Multnomah County

Introduction

Gang violence in East Multnomah County has steadily increased since 2000. The Gresham Police Department's highest priority has become keeping gang violence in check. They commit a high level of police resources to gang enforcement and coordinate with law enforcement and community partners, yet have not been able to reduce the level of violence, even during winter months that usually bring decreased activity.

Although hard data on numbers of youth involved is not available, both police and social service staff report that gang membership in the area is increasing. Members are younger – middle school age teens are now not uncommon in gangs – and girls are becoming more involved.

Partners in the community feel that they are battling major social and economic issues, including poverty, the language and cultural needs of immigrant families, and the devastating effect of drug use on youth. There are not enough resources committed to law enforcement, schools or social services to successfully address these issues. In fact, these supports continue to be cut as federal, state and local funding diminishes.

This report represents a step toward addressing youth gang violence for Gresham and East County. It documents what is now being done to prevent and reduce youth gang violence, and makes key recommendations to fill existing gaps.

This report was developed in coordination with *Healthy Communities: A Youth Gang Prevention Strategy for Portland and Multnomah County*. To learn more about Portland or countywide issues and services, please see that plan.

Demographics

Gang violence has been an issue in East County (east of 162nd) and the Gresham area for about 15 years, but over recent years has been growing. Police now estimate about 1,000 youth and young adults are involved, including about 400 members, 400 involved on the fringes, and an additional 200 gang-affected youth, such as siblings.

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The Rockwood neighborhood has been particularly affected by gang issues, due to the affordable rents, proximity to the MAX line, and change in the area's demographics. The resulting violence has created a threat for families in the area, especially for those with children at risk for being attracted to gangs.

Rockwood's high density of multi-family, low-cost and subsidized rental housing serves a population that is poorer, and has higher unemployment, less education and a higher proportion of children than average for Multnomah County.

Poverty Factors Comparison (based on 2000 census)

	Multnomah County	Gresham	Rockwood
Below poverty level	12.7%	12.5%	19.5%
Unemployed	6.4%	6.4%	8.1%
Adults with less than a high school education	14.4%	16.9%	26.6%
Children under age 18	28.3%	36.3%	41.4%

Rockwood is more ethnically diverse than Multnomah County as a whole. Much of this diversity results from recent immigration of Latinos, as well as Russian and Eastern European refugees (who do not show on the chart below as an ethnic group). Both language and cultural barriers are issues for many recent immigrant families.

Population & Ethnicity Comparisons (based on 2000 census)

	Multnomah County	Gresham	Rockwood
Total population	660,486	90,158	28,836
White	76.5%	78.3%	68.3%
Hispanic	7.5%	12.3%	20.1%
Asian	5.6%	2.8%	3.4%
African American	5.3%	1.7%	3.2%
Native American	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%
Other	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%

In the 2004 report, *Latino Youth Gang Violence in Multnomah County*¹, an analysis of census data showed that Latinos are the fastest growing ethnic group in the County. From 1990 to 2000, the Latino population grew 170%, compared to 13% growth of the overall population. Latinos made up 7.5% of the county's population in 2000. Twenty-six percent of the County's Latino population lived in poverty, compared to 10% of Anglos. Of area Spanish speakers surveyed, 41% said they did not speak English, or did not speak it well.

History

In the summer of 1989, gang activity arrived in downtown Gresham with the MAX light rail line. Initial incidents involved Blood/Crip type activity, often by white youth dressing up and acting out to imitate Los Angeles gangs. Gang activity quickly settled into the Rockwood neighborhood, and also migrated into the schools, where a group of about 30 white middle-class students from

¹ *Latino Youth Gang Violence in Multnomah County: Understanding the Problem, Shaping the Future*, Latino Gang Violence Prevention Task Force of Multnomah County, Commissioner Serena Cruz's Office, May 2004

Centennial High School (called Posse 91, for they year they would supposedly graduate) shocked the community with a series of burglaries, vandalism and brutal beatings.

During the early 90s, white supremacist, African American, Latino and Asian gangs were also active in the area, and trouble continued to occur at MAX line stops. Robberies and attacks associated with “starter jackets” were common, emulating Los Angeles gang activity. The Gresham Police Department, through partnership with the Multnomah County Sheriff, responded by creating a Rockwood Safety Action Team, including a new neighborhood community policing office.

There was a lull in gang activity in the mid-90s. When a police levy failed in 1996, the Rockwood community policing office was closed.

During the late 90s, gentrification in Portland displaced a large number of low-income housing units; as a result, a number of low-income families relocated to Gresham, including African American families, especially to the Rockwood area. At the same time, a large number of Latino families moved to the area. Individuals in both groups brought the gang problems of their prior communities with them. As gang activity began to rise in 1999, the Gresham Police Department formed a part-time gang unit and began working with other law enforcement and community partners to combat the problem.

In 2000, concerned partners gathered to examine the issue, and quickly realized that despite their efforts, gang violence was rising and a more focused effort was needed. A Steering Committee started meeting in March 2001 with the leadership of then Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Kelley, working to gain recognition as a federally recognized Weed & Seed site, with a goal of “weeding” out violence and “seeding” positive youth behavior.

Christmas 2001 brought a double homicide, when two Latino youths age 15 and 17 were shot point blank in front of Thrifty Auto at 190th and Burnside. In summer 2002, two men were shot to death in front of their children by a known gang member, in what was believed to be a case of mistaken identity. These incidents further galvanized local resolve to address the gang issue, and led to formation of a full-time Gresham Police Gang Enforcement Team.

The Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee was formally recognized by the US Department of Justice in January 2002, and immediately applied for funding, which was received in October 2002.

In spring 2002, Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz convened the Latino Gang Violence Prevention Task Force, composed of broad membership concerned about reducing and preventing youth involvement in gangs and gang violence. Gresham law enforcement and social service representatives were active members. A program manager from El Programa Hispano co-chaired the Task Force’s Outreach Committee, which alternated meetings in Gresham and at Villa Clara Vista in Portland. Among other tasks, the Outreach Committee surveyed Latino teens and families to learn about their concerns and challenges.

In early 2004, the Task Force issued their report, *Latino Youth Gang Violence in Multnomah County*. The report provides a demographic profile of the Latino population in Multnomah County, reviews the Latino youth gang issue, assesses school and community response to youth gangs, and makes recommendations, which have been incorporated into the Portland/Multnomah plan; those needing implementation specifically in East County are also in this plan.

In October 2002, the Gresham Police increased staffing for their part time Gresham Gang Enforcement Team (Gresham GET) to two full-time officers.

As of 2004, the Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee has worked together for over two years and has gathered an impressive array of partners from law enforcement, government and

non-profit agencies. Representatives of business, schools, health care, the faith community, neighborhood associations and citizens also participate. This group forms the nucleus of shared planning to address youth gang issues for the Rockwood neighborhood, and provides a place to discuss the larger Gresham/East County context as well.

The Gresham Police Department shares leadership on the youth gang issue. Chief Piluso participates on the Project Safe Neighborhood Executive Committee, and has agreed to chair a new Safety Action Team to reduce youth gang violence in the Rockwood neighborhood. Coordination is further enhanced by the Chief's service on the executive committee for Rockwood Weed & Seed, and as chair of the Multnomah County Commission for Children, Families and the Community. Police Gang Enforcement Team members actively work with law enforcement partners – other local police departments, the Multnomah County Sheriff, the District Attorney's Office, Federal Prosecutor's Office, and Parole and Probation staff – to address law enforcement issues, and are active in planning with the community to reduce youth gang membership and gang violence overall.

Gresham Police are working to develop an accurate way to measure gang activity. The following indirect measures are often used as indicative of gang activity, but more correctly represent a general level of community violence, including domestic violence, gang violence, burglaries and other crimes; shots fired may include reports of cars backfiring or fireworks.

Gang Violence Indicators: City of Gresham

Indicator	Jan. to Dec. 2003	Jan. to April 2003	Jan. to April 2004
Shots Fired (reports)	283	71	77
Aggravated Assaults (cases)	158	36	32

These broad measures do not demonstrate a significant change in the level of community violence in Gresham in the past year. Long-term measurement of indicators specific to gang violence, compiled from all East County jurisdictions, would provide a more accurate picture.

Youth Gangs in Gresham/ East County

The Gresham Police Department defines a **gang** using State Department of Justice guidelines, which may be summarized as, a group where there is a reasonable suspicion that members have conspired to or committed crimes: as part of a pattern of street crimes, to attract attention or enhance the gang's standing, to benefit the gang, to announce the existence of the gang or its territory, or in response to the race, color, national origin, sexual preference, or gang association of a victim.

Levels of gang activity and youth violence have increased overall throughout Multnomah County in recent years:

- Although white and Asian gangs have reduced levels of activity, white supremacist gangs, often linked to the methamphetamine trade, have a high potential for violence.
- Both African American and Latino gangs have increased activity over the past three years.
- African American gang violence is concentrated in north/northeast Portland, where members are often involved in crack cocaine distribution.
- Latino gang activity occurs countywide, especially east of 122nd and in the Gresham/Rockwood area, but local gangs are linked with other Latino gangs throughout the state.

In the Gresham area, Latino gangs occupy 80 to 90% of law enforcement's gang response and community concern. Outreach workers observe that younger and younger Latino youth are joining gangs, with middle-school teens not uncommon as members. There are an increasing number of girls involved, both associated with gang members and in female gangs.

African American gang activity continues to be a problem, with gang members often moving between NE Portland and the Rockwood area. Russian and Eastern European immigrant gangs have formed rivalries, and participate in drug crimes and smaller level property crimes such as car theft and chop shops. Asian gang activity periodically surfaces. According to Gresham police, white supremacist gangs, and the white teen "emulation" gangs of the 90s, do not appear to be active in the area at this time.

Law enforcement officials say there are likely as many as 1,000 individuals involved in gangs in Gresham/East County. Many juveniles involved in gangs are not "known" to the system; police and the community become aware of their activities through tagging and other crimes.

The following definitions have been developed to provide consistency within this report:

Gang - a group that any local law enforcement agency has identified as a gang.

Gang member - an individual that any local law enforcement agency has identified as a gang member.

Gang-involved - an individual who is a gang member, or drifts in and out of gang membership, or hangs out with gangs.

Gang-affected - an individual whose life is affected by gangs, by living with, emulating, or being in close social or physical proximity to gang members.

At-risk - an individual whose family, social, economic, ethnic, school and peer relationships puts them at risk for becoming gang-affected or gang-involved.

Historically, three factors have correlated most strongly with youth involvement in gang violence in Multnomah County: presence of gang members in the youth's home or community environment; drug possession and/or selling; and gun possession.

Latino Youth Gang Violence in Multnomah County cites the complex factors that put Latino youth at risk for being involved with violence: having delinquent peers, parental neglect, lack of monitoring, being in a gang or associating with gang members, and for females, sexual abuse at home. The report also states that the higher school drop out rate for Latino youth – double that of other students – and higher suspension and expulsion statistics for Latino students are factors associated with the growth of youth gangs.

In the *Latino Youth Gang Violence* report, words were shared from local Latino youth about some of the challenges they face. At a March 2004 forum in NE Portland, African American youth talked about why youth join gangs. Many themes were held in common: youth said they experienced discrimination, and had too few opportunities to find jobs or experience positive adult support.

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Everyone agrees that youth need good family support. Children and youth need effective parenting and role models. They need ongoing contact with "pro-social" adults: adults who make a fundamental investment in the child's life, attend to the child's basic needs, keep the child involved in school, and provide a model for successful family relationships and community life.

Children and youth also need to live in safe neighborhoods, succeed in school, and have a reasonable expectation of an economically viable job.

Youth need programs that intervene in and redirect high-risk behavior when it occurs; if they live in a family that is gang-involved, they will need more intensive intervention. Enforcement of the law, reduced availability of drugs and guns, and supervision and rehabilitation of both youth and adult offenders, are all essential. Neighbors must work with law enforcement and community agencies to identify those involved in violence and the neighborhood drug trade.

Equally important are the means to coordinate our efforts. All partners need to know what is happening, who is taking the lead in each arena, and how to work together to be more effective.

Many compare the effort to reduce gang violence to a public health model, where there is a need to continually provide prevention services, monitor indicators, and take rapid action to halt outbreaks. In the late 90s, when visible symptoms of gang violence were reduced and budgets were tight, preventive measures were cut back system-wide; now increasing incidents of gang violence create a need for coordinated efforts to prevent a more serious outbreak.

Therefore, we have developed the following *Healthy Communities* framework to reflect all the elements that have been identified as essential in preventing and successfully reducing levels of youth gang violence.

Healthy Communities Framework



Policy makers face an ongoing challenge in deciding where to invest resources for the best effect, especially in times of constrained funding. But it is clear that high-risk youth often need support in multiple areas to avoid becoming involved in gangs and gang violence.

The Gresham/East County Plan

This plan incorporates City of Gresham strategies, and countywide strategies that apply to East County. There is a focus on the Rockwood area, where the majority of gang activity occurs.

Key community partners were convened under leadership of the Gresham Police Chief Carla Piluso to develop this plan. Partners were asked to:

- Identify what is currently being done to prevent or reduce youth gang violence.
- Assess whether current efforts are effective and should be continued.
- Assess what needs to be in place, and identify gaps.
- Recommend priority programs to be implemented when budgets allow.

The Healthy Communities framework was used to structure the plan, providing an outline for listing strategies that are currently in place to prevent and reduce gang violence, and targeted specifically to at-risk, gang-affected, or gang-involved youth. For each strategy, the lead agency (in normal type) and key partners (*in italics*) are identified.

Priority recommendations for implementation when resources become available are at the end of each section. Recommendations may include increasing funds for current programs to serve more youth, restoring strategies that were dropped due to lack of funding, or instituting new strategies that we agree are needed but which cannot be funded right now.

Using the public health model allowed partners to review strategies in a comprehensive way, looking at all three areas for adequacy – prevention, monitoring indicators, and taking rapid action to prevent outbreaks. A balance was sought among these in the final recommendations.

The Gresham/East County planning committee recommends an annual review of current efforts and progress on implementing recommendations, as a part of LPSCC's annual review process.

Gresham/East County Youth Gang Strategies Steering Committee:

Chair: Chief Carla Piluso, Gresham Police Department

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Youth Gang Prevention Strategies

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I. Supportive, Coordinated Institutions

Religious institutions, business leaders and owners, government officials and agencies, non-profit organizations and neighborhood associations and groups are all a part of creating and sustaining a healthy community. Coordination of their policies, funding and efforts is essential to effectively address gang violence.

Current strategies:

<p>A. The Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) is sponsoring development of this Gresham/ East County plan as well as an updated Portland/ Multnomah Youth Gang Prevention Strategies plan.</p>	<p>Local Public Safety Coordinating Council; <i>county-wide law enforcement, court, and community safety partners</i></p>
<p>B. A federal Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant helps coordinate law enforcement response to increase successful prosecution of gun crimes, and funds specific law enforcement and community efforts to reduce gun crime and violence, including strategies in East County.</p>	<p>US Attorney's Office; <i>Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, District Attorney's Office, other partners</i></p>
<p>C. The Gresham Police Department's Gang Enforcement Team provides a focus for planning and coordination with local and regional law enforcement, and participates with community groups.</p>	<p>Gresham Police Department/ Gang Enforcement Team (Gresham GET)</p>
<p>D. The Rockwood Weed & Seed Steering Committee brings partners together to analyze community needs and develop, fund and implement strategies to "weed" out crime and "seed" opportunity for youth in the challenged Rockwood neighborhood. Subcommittees on law enforcement/ community policing, prevention/ intervention/ treatment, and neighborhood restoration, plan and oversee this work.</p> <p>The Police Activities League (PAL) of Greater Portland houses this federal Department of Justice funded program; Multnomah County serves as fiscal agent.</p> <p>The Rockwood Weed & Seed boundaries are I-84 on the north, 162nd on the west and 202nd on the east; the south boundary is Division.</p>	<p>Rockwood Weed & Seed; <i>Gresham Police Department, MC Community Court, MC Department of Community Justice, MC Health Department, MC Deputy D.A.s, MC Library, Oregon Employment Department, US Attorney's Office, School Districts, Gresham Business and Industry Affairs Team, El Programa Hispano, Eastwind, Human Solutions, Kaiser, Metropolitan Family Services, PAL, Freedom Foursquare Church, Portland Lutheran School, People for Parks, citizens, and other partners.</i></p>
<p>E. School Districts jointly fund an Intergovernmental Liaison to coordinate school efforts and responses with the work of other public agencies.</p>	<p>Centennial, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds School Districts</p>

Recommendations:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue efforts to involve all key partners in planning and coordinating efforts, e.g. by expanding participation of the faith and business communities. |
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2. Revitalize the community collaboration group (the former Outreach Subcommittee of the Latino Youth Gang Violence Task Force, plus new members) to address Latino gang involvement and violence (being started in May 2004).
3. Increase law enforcement partnerships to develop standard gang-involvement definitions and measures, and multi-jurisdictional approaches to gang-violence suppression.
4. The Gresham Police Department will begin using new gang disposition codes to track gang-related activity in the area.
5. Continue to promote networking of agencies, departments and services to enhance an efficient, coordinated community response to gang issues.

II. Capable Families

Families – with their diverse cultural, ethnic, age and economic compositions – are the primary front-line caregivers and role models for children and youth. Increasing families’ capacity to effectively raise their children is essential to preventing gang violence. Every child needs ongoing contact with “pro-social” adults: adults who make a fundamental investment in the child’s life, attend to the child’s basic needs, keep the child involved in school, and provide a model for successful and meaningful family relationships and community life. Services below are specifically for gang prevention or targeted to families of at-risk youth.

Current strategies:

A. Case managers for at-risk and gang-affected youth provide family support and parenting classes, using County funds. Eastwind serves all youth and El Programa Hispano provides culturally specific services for Latino youth, helping families with basic needs, domestic violence, mental health and parenting. (See section VI.)	Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships; <i>Eastwind, El Programa Hispano</i>
B. Through the State-funded Healthy Start program, Health Department nurses screen first-time parents at local hospitals, and link at-risk infants and their parents with county or subcontracted Healthy Start intensive in-home parenting education, case management, abuse prevention and addiction services.	Multnomah County Health Department; <i>Insights for Teen Parents, IRCO, Morrison Center, Desarrollo Integral de la Familia</i>
C. Rockwood Weed & Seed is planning a small family involvement program to begin October 2004, using supplemental funds, targeted for high-risk youth and their families to help parents reconnect with their kids.	Rockwood Weed & Seed.

Recommendations:

1. Increase resources to existing programs to educate parents in the Latino community and parents of other at-risk youth about raising their children to achieve success in school and avoid gang membership.
2. Increase resources to existing programs to work with the younger siblings and families of gang-involved youth.

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| 3. Work with County agencies to: advocate for a change in statewide children’s assessment tool to identify a child’s risk of becoming gang-affected; provide training to early childhood specialists and screeners, allowing them to identify a young child’s risk of being gang-affected, especially when living with gang-involved adults or youth; and link young children and their gang-involved families with the early intervention services, e.g. Healthy Start. |
| 4. Identify when a gang-involved individual has children in the home; reach out to the family and children to reduce later gang involvement. |

III. Safe Neighborhoods

Creating neighborhoods that are safe and vital places to live and work requires the combined efforts of residents, area businesses, law enforcement, the faith community, clubs and civic groups, non-profit agencies and other community organizations.

Current strategies:

PLANNING	
A. A PSN-initiated Safety Action Committee is being developed in Gresham/East County under leadership of Police Chief Piluso, to involve neighbors, police, probation/parole and social services agencies in developing strategies to reduce crime and violence. A PSU researcher and the PSN media team will support these efforts.	Project Safe Neighborhoods; Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office; Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Rockwood Weed & Seed, Portland State University, other partners
B. With PSN funding through the District Attorney’s office, El Programa Hispano coordinates a Latino Safety Task Force , formed of Rockwood residents, to develop a response to concerns about their neighborhood raised by recent surveys.	Project Safe Neighborhoods, Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office; El <i>Programa Hispano</i> , neighborhood residents
C. The Rockwood-West Gresham Urban Renewal District Plan was adopted November 2003 for job creation and neighborhood revitalization. The plan’s goals include improving the Rockwood Town Center, creating new public safety, parks, recreation and other community service facilities, increasing the availability of quality housing, improving industrial and commercial areas to create and retain family wage jobs, and improving transportation.	Rockwood-West Gresham Urban Renewal Redevelopment Commission (GRDC); GRDC Advisory Committee
D. Rockwood area Neighborhood Associations are working to inform residents of crime and safety issues, and recruit participants for neighborhood watch activities	Rockwood, Centennial and North Gresham Neighborhood Associations
LAW ENFORCEMENT	
E. Gresham Police have started Neighborhood Watch and Apartment Watch programs, training neighborhoods to set up a program, with a goal of citywide representation.	Gresham Police Department; neighborhoods, apartment complexes, residents, volunteers

F. Gresham Police coordinate a “ Graffiti Busters ” program; a hotline collects reports, and police provide training and supplies to local volunteer groups to clean up graffiti.	Gresham Police Department; local volunteer groups
G. The Gresham Police Gang Enforcement Team and other officers actively participate in neighborhood safety planning committees.	Gresham Police Department
H. Three Deputy District Attorneys are in Gresham, a Deputy D.A. responsible for misdemeanor trials and community court (stationed at the Gresham Courthouse), a Neighborhood D.A., and a PSN-funded Deputy D.A. for juvenile gun-related crime throughout the County (both stationed with the Gresham Police).	Project Safe Neighborhoods; District Attorney’s Office
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
I. The Rockwood Weed & Seed program channels federal Department of Justice funds, which are used for: police overtime for bike patrols, curfew sweeps, park patrols and response to gang violence and crime; Gresham Community Court; Safe Haven and youth program support; prevention and intervention efforts; graffiti clean-up.	Rockwood Weed & Seed; <i>Gresham Police Department, Gresham Community Court, Police Activities League/ Youth Center (Safe Haven)</i>

Recommendations:

1. Better involve community residents in their neighborhood associations and community activities.
2. Increase involvement of the key neighborhood associations, and the coalition of neighborhood associations, in addressing youth violence issues.
3. Create dialogue and close collaboration between neighbors, police, parole/probation and outreach workers to identify neighborhood issues, help neighbors solve problems, and create strategies at the neighborhood level.
4. Work with Multnomah County Aging and Disabilities Services: to train “Gatekeepers” to watch for signs of gang and drug activity at homes of frail elders or people with disabilities, and to refer for follow-up services; and to help elderly women and men know how to be safe in their neighborhoods, and where needed, how to find affordable, safe housing (rather than stay in homes where drug dealing is an issue).
5. Link with Chambers of Commerce, Business Associations and the City of Gresham Business Assistance Coordinator to conduct outreach to businesses to let them know what they can do to discourage gang activities.

IV. Basic Needs

The basic needs of all people are for adequate food, housing, clothing, transportation and medical care. Many people also need some type of social services or supports, or treatment for substance use. For children and youth, basic needs also include positive adult supervision and caregiving appropriate to the child’s age. Basic needs are sometimes called “wrap around” services, because no treatment or intervention is likely to be effective if basic needs are not met.

In Oregon’s poor economic environment, the ability of families to meet their basic needs continues to erode. Recent cuts and caps to essential programs – such as the Oregon Health Plan – and the continued shortage of family wage jobs only increase this problem. When youth and families lack adequate food, a stable place to live, or coverage for drug and alcohol treatment, it is also more difficult to steer at-risk youth away from gang involvement.

Current strategies:

<p>A. Referrals to basic needs and wrap-around services provided by State DHS and local agencies are made by an array of professionals: gang outreach workers, school safety officers, school teachers and administrative staff, SUN school staff, etc.</p>	<p>State Department of Human Services (DHS) programs (e.g. food stamps, Oregon Health Plan); <i>local County and non-profit service providers</i></p>
<p>B. Several local agencies provide basic need services such as food and shelter for area residents.</p>	<p>SnowCap, Human Solutions, Salvation Army, El Programa Hispano</p>
<p>C. Youth nutrition services (the free school lunch program and summer food program) are provided at schools with a high proportion of low-income youth.</p>	<p>Centennial, Corbett, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds School Districts</p>

Recommendations:

<p>1. Increase or restore funding for basic needs to provide more families with adequate food, housing, health care and transportation, to be delivered through current providers</p>
<p>2. Provide case managers with flexible funding so they have resources to help families of at-risk youth</p>

V. Success in School

A good education is essential for success in adult life. Providing this education is the primary role of the public school system, but schools increasingly must also provide – or partner with others to provide – services to assure that children and youth are able to take advantage of this educational opportunity. It is also critical to keep youth in school; suspension or expulsion of high-risk youth increases the likelihood of youth participating in gangs or violence.

Current strategies:

<p>GOVERNMENT</p>	
<p>A. All schools in the County grades K to 8 may refer children to the School Attendance Initiative (SAI) program. Staff contact the student and family, assess barriers, link to needed resources and monitor outcomes.</p>	<p>Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships</p>
<p>SCHOOLS</p>	
<p>B. Schools throughout the County use the eSiS software to track attendance and may also use it to notify parents.</p>	<p>Centennial, Corbett, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds School Districts</p>
<p>C. Each High School decides on the programs it will use to monitor and improve attendance; most have attendance clerks, monitors and security.</p>	<p>Barlow, Centennial, Corbett, Gresham and Reynolds High Schools</p>

D. Each public school has access to flexible funds to improve students' success in school, through strategies such as mentoring. Decisions on the priorities for the use of these funds are made by each school.	Centennial, Corbett, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds School District schools
E. Alternative Schools serve high-risk youth who have difficulty in the standard classroom, have been expelled, or are on probation. Some of these schools offer an enhanced package of services to youth.	East County alternative schools include: Alpha High School, Centennial Learning Center, Helensview High School, Reynolds Learning Academy, Springwater Trail High School
F. The DCJ Londer Learning Center provides ESL and GED courses for young adults on probation and parole.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
G. The school at Donald E. Long detention facility provides a GED education and testing for youth who are not planning on returning to high school.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
PARENTS	
H. A Latino Parent's Association has recently formed at Reynolds High School.	Reynolds High Latino parents, El Programa Hispano
COMMUNITY	
I. Social and Support Services for Educational Success (SSSES), funded through the School-Age Policy Framework, are provided by culturally specific providers for at-risk youth in East County (as well as county-wide).	Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships; <i>El Programa Hispano (Latino)</i> , <i>IRCO (Slavic and Asian)</i> , <i>SEI (African American)</i>
J. El Programa Hispano provides Latino Student Retention services with School-Age Policy Framework funding, providing case management, mentoring, after school activities and education for high-risk Latino youth.	Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships; <i>El Programa Hispano</i>

Recommendations:

1. Develop improved responses to troubling youth behaviors in school, limiting suspensions/expulsions, thus reducing unsupervised youth in the community.
2. Explore increased use of in-school suspension as a form of discipline, currently an available option in Gresham-Barlow, Centennial and Reynolds high schools.
3. Insure that an array of culturally appropriate alternative school programs is available for East County students.
4. Explore the LISTOS GED model (funded by PPS, operated by OCHA) for use in East County; there is no East County GED program through a culturally specific provider for Hispanic or Slavic youth.
5. Provide education for parents (in the parent's language) on their responsibility to send their child to school.
6. Provide education for parents on how to work with the school: what their rights are, how to meet with the teacher and find out how their child is doing, how to be involved in discipline, how to challenge a decision.
7. Provide someone at schools who is responsible and able to help families on-site.

8. Create culturally-specific parent leadership groups at schools to support success of non-majority youth, initially for Latino youth, later adding groups for Slavic youth, Asian youth, and the culture of poverty.
9. Get all partners who work with culturally specific communities (especially those receiving government funding) to help identify and involve community leadership in working collaboratively with schools.

VI. Gang Prevention and Intervention

Gang prevention services for children and youth are designed to directly affect their choice of future behaviors, and help prevent negative choices in their lives, including drug use, gang affiliation, crime and violence. Gang intervention services work with gang-involved youth to help them leave the gang and make better life choices.

Current strategies:

POLICE	
A. School Safety/Resource Officers (school police) are stationed at: Gresham High School and HB Lee Middle School (Gresham Police Department); Reynolds High and Walt Morey Middle Schools (Troutdale Police Dept.), Reynolds Middle School (Fairview Police Dept.); Reynolds, Barlow and Corbett High Schools (Multnomah County Sheriff's Office). Positions are funded by the school districts or the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.	Corbett, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds School Districts; <i>Gresham Police Department, Fairview Police Department, Troutdale Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office</i>
B. Gresham Police provide training about gangs and gang issues to about three groups a month, e.g. superintendents, school staff, neighborhood groups. DCJ Gang Unit staff often participate in these trainings.	Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice Adult and Juvenile Gang Units
C. Gresham Gang Unit Officers have a 'pocket card' to distribute to potentially gang-affected youth. The card is in Spanish & English and provides referral names and phone numbers to call if you want to get 'out'.	Gresham Police Department, Rockwood Weed & Seed; <i>Eastwind, El Programa Hispano, Morrison Center, MC Dept. of Community Justice, Tualatin Valley Centers</i>
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
D. Gang outreach and prevention is provided in the Rockwood area for gang involved and at-risk youth with 3 bilingual staff, 1 at El Programa Hispano and 2 at Eastwind. Funded by the Office of Schools and Community Partnerships, services are: case management (60 youth), gang prevention education for schools, and youth activities (200-500 youth per year). Activities include: tutorial help, links to volunteers, hangout center, vocation and recreational field trips, summer camp.	Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships; <i>Eastwind; El Programa Hispano</i>

E. Gender specific and culturally specific services for gang-affected Latino youth (1 staff at El Programa Hispano) and African American youth, and for girls and their families, are funded by the Office of Schools and Community Partnerships	Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships; <i>El Programa Hispano, Youth Employment Institute (YEI)</i>
F. Goals for Kids is beginning at some HAP housing sites to provide case management support (1 FTE countywide) for 6 th to 8 th graders to stay in middle school, and incentives such as a matched account for college tuition.	Housing Authority of Portland/ Goals for Kids

Recommendations:

1. Enhance basic public support to adequately fund police youth gang violence prevention and intervention efforts.
2. Continue to explore grants and partnerships to enhance police effectiveness in preventing and intervening with youth gang violence.
3. Increase communication among the school safety officers (school police) for east county school districts, and between school safety officers and Gresham Gang Enforcement Team.
4. Increase appropriate sharing of information between school districts and the Police Gang Enforcement Team to facilitate successful intervention with gang members and gang-involved youth.
5. Increase resources for outreach and prevention, and include a budget to work with the family in addition to serving the youth.

VII. Youth Activities

Children and youth need activities they can participate in after school and during the summer, particularly when there is a lack of adult supervision. Parks, police and service providers are all doing some work to develop a plan for safe summer activities available to low-income youth. Below are programs targeted to at-risk, gang-affected and gang-involved youth.

Current strategies:

GOVERNMENT SERVICES	
A. Department of Community Justice staff (1 FTE) provide community activities such as soccer games and clubs, with participation of community groups, and spring break and summer activities such as a ropes course and camps.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice; <i>Police Activities League, El Programa Hispano, Eastwind</i>
B. Federal JBAG funds (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) support the “ Summer Boost ” educational and recreational program for youth at high academic risk.	City of Gresham Police Department
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
C. Police Activities League (PAL) provides year-round activities through the PAL Youth Center in Gresham, and spring break and summer youth camps for youth who cannot afford other camp activities.	Police Activities League (PAL)

D. Four area SUN schools which have high numbers of gang-affected youth provide after-school activities.	Alder & Davis elementary schools, and Centennial & HB Lee middle schools in Rockwood; plus Hall & East Gresham elementary schools.
E. Area school districts' summer food programs are often linked to recreational and educational activities to increase attractiveness and participation by area youth.	School Districts; <i>SUN Schools</i> , <i>Police Activities League (PAL)</i> , <i>Human Solutions</i> , <i>Migrant Education</i> , <i>Mt. Hood Community College/ Head Start</i>

Recommendations

1. Increase the number and capacity of activities that combine fun with pro-social learning, which are safe enough to allow participation of high-risk and gang-involved youth.
2. Develop programming at Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) facilities for 14 –18 old youth.
3. Expand the availability of summer activities that allow for the separation of low-risk and high-risk youth, so that each group can participate safely.
4. Expand outreach to include more youth of color in activities, sports and recreation provided by community agencies and organizations.
5. Continue to work toward the development of a Sports Park; explore additional opportunities to create a community center and/or new soccer and sports fields.

VIII. Available Employment

Youth need not only an education, but also assistance with developing job skills and obtaining employment. Youth may want or need to work during high school. The following list focuses on employment targeted to high-risk youth.

Current strategies:

COMMUNITY	
A. Youth Employment Institute (YEI) has one staff person in East County to help place young people in jobs .	Youth Employment Institute (YEI)
B. YEI's Gang Affected Girls program has one staff person in East County to link young women to mentorship and work experience ; EI Programa Hispano subcontracts to serve Latino young women (20 girls).	Youth Employment Institute/ Gang Affected Girls; EI Programa Hispano

Recommendations:

1. Partner with schools, parts, city departments and others to create work experience opportunities for school credit.
2. Create internships and mentorships for high-risk youth to gain job experience.
3. Link with the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) Youth Entrepreneur's program to explore entrepreneurial opportunities for gang involved youth to start their own enterprises, like "Homeboys Inc." in California, or an updated Junior Achievement model; consider potential ties to an international marketplace and franchise opportunities.

IX. Alcohol & Drugs, and Gun Intervention

Community-wide strategies that reduce the use of alcohol and drugs by youth, and availability of guns to youth, are also needed. Treatment for alcohol and drug dependency designed specifically for youth is essential.

Current strategies:

ALCOHOL & DRUGS	
A. Alcohol and Drug Treatment for youth is provided locally by the Morrison Center.	Multnomah County Human Services; <i>Morrison Center</i>
B. Multnomah County A&D funds Morrison Center for 2 Alcohol and Drug Outreach Workers in Gresham, serving primarily Latino youth age 13-18 (about 90% are gang-affected). Treatment in community settings serves 100 youth a year; education and prevention is provided to an additional 1,000. Services include parent involvement, anti-gang work, activities to enhance a positive cultural identity, and recreation.	Multnomah County Alcohol and Drug Services; <i>Morrison Center</i>
GUNS	
C. Project Safe Neighborhoods funds a public information campaign about the seriousness of gun possession or use of a firearm in connection with a felony which may result in federal prosecution.	US Attorney's Office/Project Safe Neighborhoods
D. Project Safe Neighborhood funds a Deputy DA stationed in Gresham, to investigate and prosecute juvenile gun crimes countywide .	Project Safe Neighborhoods; District Attorney's Office
E. Probation Officers work with District Attorneys and police to warn felons on probation that they can be charged with a federal crime if found in possession of a gun.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice; District Attorney
F. Save Our Youth groups in East County high schools teach conflict resolution skills to youth charged with violence and weapons possession.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice/ Save Our Youth (SOY)

Recommendations:

1. Gresham Police Department is exploring using youth in the Police Explorers program to help with underage alcohol sales stings.
2. Oregon Partnership, a non-profit agency, has submitted a grant with Cleveland, Centennial and Parkrose High Schools for drug and alcohol prevention, through Drug Free Communities funds.
3. El Programa Hispano is applying for a grant to provide culturally specific Alcohol and Drug services for adults, including parents of high-risk youth.
4. Improve availability of culturally specific mental health and alcohol and drug services.

X. Law Enforcement and Prosecution

The number of gang-related cases being prosecuted is increasing. Countywide, adult cases increased 11% last year for crimes committed by gang members, including gun cases, attempted murder, murder, and assault (but not including misdemeanors or domestic violence).

2002: D.A. received 289 cases, issued 234 cases

2003: D.A. received 294 cases, issued 260 cases – an 11% increase

Multiple law enforcement agencies coordinate their efforts to reduce gang violence. All phases of responding to gang-related individuals involved in crimes, from the police response through prosecution, detention and jail are covered below.

Current strategies:

POLICE STRATEGIES	
A. The Gresham Police Department has a Gang Enforcement Team (GET) that investigates possible gang-related violence and homicides. Two full-time officers (3 in the summer) are supported by 5 patrol officers, the patrol sergeant, a detective, and community safety specialist. The Troutdale School Resource Officer will be assigned for the summer to work with the Gresham GET.	Gresham Police Department/ Gang Enforcement Team (GET); Troutdale Police Department
B. The Gang Violence Response Team (GVRT) is comprised of the officers from the GET who are available for call-out to a serious assault, shooting or homicide.	Gresham Police Department/ Gang Enforcement Team (GET)
C. Law enforcement agencies communicate closely and often provide mutual aid , including for policing major events (e.g. Cinco de Mayo in downtown Portland). The Gresham Police Department trains other agencies on Latino gang issues.	Gresham Police Department; Portland Police Bureau, Fairview Police Department, Troutdale Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice/ Adult and Juvenile Gang Units
D. Rockwood Weed & Seed funds pay for a portion of police overtime for the Gang Enforcement Team, Community Policing, Bike Patrol, Community Safety Specialist and Code Enforcement (e.g. curfew sweeps).	Rockwood Weed & Seed; Gresham Police Department
PROSECUTION STRATEGIES	
E. With PSN funds, a Deputy DA stationed in Gresham focuses on juvenile gun crime , increasing the priority of gun prosecution and tracking repeat offenders.	Project Safe Neighborhoods; District Attorney's Office
F. The Gresham Police Department, District Attorney's Office, and Probation and Parole share information about felons in possession of weapons , resulting in federal prosecution and stricter sentencing to the federal system.	Gresham Police Department; District Attorney; Multnomah County Department of Community Justice; Federal Prosecutors

G. Rockwood Weed & Seed funds part of the Gresham Community Court's Social Services Case Manager and Community Services Coordinator positions, who do intake interviews and link people referred to the court to needed services.	Rockwood Weed & Seed; Gresham Community Court
DETENTION STRATEGIES	
H. A Community Safety Exemption allows booking if a need is demonstrated for the offender to be held to protect community safety (e.g. car prowls, menacing).	Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Jail
I. The DCJ Juvenile Justice Risk Assessment (RAI) Instrument identifies high-risk youth brought to detention and determines whether to hold or release the youth to community tracking prior to adjudication.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
J. Youth charged with possession of a firearm are held until they appear before a judge. Lower-risk youth are closely monitored by community tracking, house arrest and electronic monitoring until adjudication.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice; <i>Volunteers of America</i>

Recommendations:

1. Gresham Gang Enforcement Team will continue to explore partnering opportunities with the Multnomah County Sheriff, and Troutdale and Fairview Police Departments.
2. Develop an information sharing network on gang issues among Metro area law enforcement agencies.

XI. Effective Supervision and Rehabilitation

Some believe the recent rise in gang violence results partly from offenders sent to prison in the 90s, who are now returning to the community. Therefore, effective supervision and rehabilitation to a non-criminal life for both juvenile and adult offenders with gang ties, is critical to reducing youth gang violence.

Current strategies:

SUPERVISION	
A. An objective risk and needs assessment for youth determines which youth on probation require maximum supervision.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
B. Federal Coming Home grant funds probation/parole and jobs counseling staff to identify gang offenders scheduled for release from prison, connect with offenders before they leave, and provide job search, housing and other supports upon return to the community. About 10 gang offenders return to the county from prison each month.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
C. Detention, community service work crews and day reporting are utilized as interventions with youth who violate the conditions of their probation.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice

D. Department of Community Justice provides intensive probation and parole for gang involved young men (125) and young women (30) on probation	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
E. Department of Community Justice provides a support group in prison and after release to assist long-term African American prisoners to successfully integrate back to the community.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
REHABILITATION	
F. Juvenile Probation staff work with PAL to chaperone seriously gang involved youth at spring break and summer camps in order to decrease conflict and promote safe interaction among youth.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice; <i>Police Activities League</i>
G. Multi-Systemic Family Therapy (MST) is provided to 40 targeted youth offenders and their families. MST intervenes in the home for youth who are identified as involved in drugs or gangs. Staff works with parents to take control of parenting and address multiple problems.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
H. With a federal Byrne grant, DCJ funds long-term foster care for youth of color on probation (4 beds)	MapleStar, Inc.; Multnomah County Department of Community Justice
G. Multnomah County DCJ funds long-term residential treatment for youth sex offenders at Morrison Center, and residential substance abuse treatment for youth on probation or who need stabilization at Kojo House (5 beds); 30-% of participating youth are gang-involved.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice; <i>Morrison Center, Janus Youth Programs /Kojo House.</i>
COMMUNITY REHABILITATION	
H. DCJ funds the Communities of Color coalition to provide culturally specific case planning, mentorship, referral and wrap-around services for high-risk African American and Latino youth on probation who are at risk of commitment to the Oregon Youth Authority.	Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Oregon Youth Authority; <i>Communities of Color Coalition, Self Enhancement Institute (SEI), Latino Network/SOMOS Committee; Los Hermanos "Three Generations Project", Consejo, OCHA, El Programa Hispano</i>

Recommendations:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a residential and case management program for Latino youth who cannot return home, similar to Kojo House for African American Youth (operated by Janus Youth Programs). |
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Appendix I: GANG-RELATED INCIDENTS IN EAST COUNTY JANUARY TO MAY 2004

The following are significant gang-related incidents logged by the Gresham Police Department.

- January 9 An officer spotted and arrested a known gang member who had an active WARRANT, and who was found to be in possession of methamphetamine.
- January 12 Officers responded to a SHOTS FIRED call. In front of the apartment, they found 9mm casings; a witness described seeing a Hispanic male run from the scene, and an older car leave at a high rate of speed.
- January 20 Responding to a call from a local entertainment business about three men passing a counterfeit bill, officers arrested one man, who was found to have a loaded Ruger .45 GUN in his waistband. The other two ran into the restroom, where another HANDGUN found. All three are criminal associates of a nationally recognized African American gang.
- February 12 An officer observed a known gang member driving without a license, and made a stop. The butt of an illegal-length SHOTGUN protruded from under his shirt and was seized.
- February 13 An officer assisting at a traffic accident felt a pain in his foot. He found three known gang members hiding nearby under two cars; one had thrown a screwdriver at him, and another had a bat. One was later committed to McLaren Youth Correctional Facility for ASSAULT.
- March 3 Two brothers, known Hispanic gang members, were involved in an argument at a local eatery. The brothers ASSAULTED and STABBED the victim in his chest and arm as he tried to defend himself. The incident was caught on videotape and the brothers indicted.
- March 6 Officers responded to a call about an individual SELLING GUNS at a bus stop. The person ran, but was apprehended; two guns were found under a bush. The person had an outstanding WARRANT and admitted to being a member of a nationally recognized gang.
- March 13 Officers arrested a local Hispanic gang member at a local address; he had an outstanding WARRANT for attempted murder from a SHOOTING in Troutdale in December.
- April 9 A documented local Hispanic gang member called the police about SHOTS to his residence. Officers found shotgun damage to his front window and building.
- April 11 Officers responded to a call about a loud party. At the party, a youth who was listed as a runaway juvenile admitted to having taken a GUN from his father, but said he sold it to the documented Hispanic gang that he has recently joined.
- April 11 Officers responded to a SHOTS FIRED call, involving a gray vehicle, but no one was at the site. In a later stop of a different car, the four listed subjects were found, one with a WARRANT. One was the victim in the April 9 incident above, who said, "payback is a bitch" in reference to his residence having been shot up previously.
- April 17 Officers responded to a juvenile gang disturbance at a MAX stop, and later located the group at Pfeiffer park. A female pulled an object from her sweatshirt and threw it at an officer, striking him with a flashlight, an ASSAULT. Both subjects were taken into custody.
- April 22 After a report about a STOLEN CAR, an officer checked an address where known car thieves live, and saw a car matching the description drive off. The officer followed it; after a brief chase, two subjects hit a parked car and were taken into custody.
- May 1 Officers responded to a SHOTS FIRED call, which led them to an apartment they had often visited. The door opened to a subject holding a garbage can, with his hand inside it and holding a black object covered with a rag. The subject dropped the object; officers found a Browning .22 PISTOL in the can.

- May 1 At Rockwood Central Park, a victim with no apparent gang ties was STABBED twice in a dispute over beer. Officers arrested an individual with numerous gang tattoos, who made reference to his gang affiliation in association with the ASSAULT.
- May 3 The victim, who had played soccer with a gang member, was walking down the street with 3 friends. Two Hispanic teens approached them and confronted the victim. The older claimed his allegiance to a rival local Hispanic gang and STABBED the victim in the back.
- May 8 An officer responded to a SHOTS FIRED call, and found shell casings at the intersection.
- May 8 An officer responded to a SHOT FIRED call. The victim reported a single shot to her living room window, but could provide no subject information.
- May 13 Officers responded to a report of a BURGLARY in progress. Four subjects were taken into custody, one a local Hispanic gang member; all lived in different Metro communities, and had a computer, blank checks and credit card information for numerous victims.

Appendix II: YOUTH GANG STRATEGIES; PRIMARY PARTNERS

COORDINATION	Purpose/ Partners
Local Public Safety Coordinating Council for Multnomah County (LPSCC)	Diverse individual members representing law enforcement, courts, public safety and related social services throughout Multnomah County.
US Attorney’s Office/ Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)	Plans and funds local projects to reduce gun crime and violence; <i>City of Portland, Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Department of Community Justice, Multnomah County District Attorney, Multnomah County Department of County Human Services/ Domestic Violence, Portland State University, community outreach providers, Crime Victims United, other partners</i>
Rockwood Weed & Seed	Brings partners together to analyze community needs and develop, fund and implement strategies to “weed” out crime and “seed” opportunity for youth (and others) in the challenged Rockwood neighborhood. The Steering Committee and the Subcommittees on law enforcement/ community policing, prevention/ intervention/ treatment, and neighborhood restoration, plan and oversee this work.
Latino Gang Violence Prevention Task Force	Created by Commissioner Serena Cruz. Report: <i>Latino Youth Gang Violence in Multnomah County, April 2004.</i>
LAW ENFORCEMENT	
Gresham Police Department	Police responsibility for City of Gresham.
Gresham Police Department Gang Enforcement Team (GET)	Coordinates gang response with other law enforcement and with outside agencies.
Gresham Police Department Gang Violence Response Team (GVRT)	24-hour response to serious gang violence issues.
School Safety Officers	School Safety/Resource Officers (school police) are stationed at Gresham High School and HB Lee Middle School (Gresham Police Department), Reynolds High and Middle Schools (Troutdale Police Department), Barlow and Corbett High Schools (Multnomah County Sheriff’s deputies). Positions are funded by the school districts or the Sheriff’s Office

Multnomah County Department of Community Justice/ Adult and Juvenile Gang Program	Adult and juvenile probation/ parole for 9700 offenders. Gang Team of 13 officers and counselors provide services to 250 adult and 225 youth gang members.
Juvenile Court/ Gang Resource and Intervention Team (GRIT)	5 juvenile court counselors for entire county; each with a caseload of 20-25 under supervision for person-to-person crimes, drug or gun charges.
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office	Unincorporated area law enforcement; operation of county jails
Multnomah County District Attorney's Office	Prosecution of crime within Multnomah County
Oregon Youth Authority	State level responsibility for youth offenders.
EDUCATION	
School Districts	School districts in East County are: Centennial, Corbett, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds
Alternative Schools (public and private)	East County alternative schools include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha High School • Centennial Learning Center • Helensview High School • Reynolds Learning Academy • Springwater Trail High School
Success in School Partners	Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships
NEIGHBORHOODS	
Government	City of Gresham, Housing Authority of Portland (HAP)
East County Neighborhood Associations	Of 15 designated Neighborhood Associations in the City of Gresham. Rockwood, Centennial, North Gresham and Wilkes East Neighborhood Associations are within the Rockwood Weed & Seed boundaries.
NON-PROFIT AGENCIES	
	Better People Catholic Charities/ El Programa Hispano Centro Mexicano Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF) Eastwind Community Services Human Solutions International Refugee Center (IRCO) Janus Youth Programs Latino Network Lifeworks Northwest Metropolitan Family Services Morrison Center New Approaches to Community Outreach (NACO) Oregon Council on Hispanic Advancement (OCHA) Police Activities League (PAL) Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC) Rockwood Weed & Seed Self Enhancement Institute (SEI) Youth Employment Institute (YEI)
FAITH COMMUNITY	
	Freedom Foursquare Church Portland Lutheran School
BUSINESSES	
	El Hispanic News
RESEARCH	
Project Safe Neighborhoods	Portland State University

Appendix III: NON-TARGETED SERVICES

The following programs are delivered for youth and families in Gresham or are countywide that are also available in East County. These programs may sometimes serve, but are not targeted to, high-risk youth.

<p>School-Age Policy Framework Services; Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships</p>	<p>Regional Services include: extended-day activities; family engagement; parent organizing for school success; individual, group and family support; community and business involvement, and service integration. East County lead providers: Metropolitan Family Services; <i>partners: Human Solutions, Mount Hood Community College Head Start</i></p>
<p>School-Age Policy Framework Services; Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships</p>	<p>SUN Schools (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) provide school-based delivery of the Regional Services described above, extending the school's hours and services to the community. Schools are selected for low-income population and geographic distribution. There are 10 SUN Schools in East County. East County providers are Metropolitan Family Services, Portland Parks and Recreation and El Programa Hispano.</p>
<p>School-Age Policy Framework Services; Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships</p>	<p>Culturally Specific Services are delivered countywide to 6 groups: African American: SEI, AMA, <i>Albina Head Start</i>; Asian Pacific Islander: IRCO, <i>Boys & Girls Aid, OCHA</i>; African Immigrant: Lutheran Community Services NW, IRCO, <i>African Community Coalition of Oregon</i>; Latino: Catholic Charities, El Programa Hispano, Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement, OCHD, SMG, <i>Desarrollo de la Familia</i>; Native American: Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA); Slavic: IRCO, Portland Impact, <i>OCHA</i></p>
<p>School-Age Policy Framework Services; Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships</p>	<p>County-wide services include: Alcohol, tobacco and other drug services: Lifeworks Northwest (TV Centers); Direct Services for Girls: Girls Alliance, <i>Advocates for Equal Access for Girls</i>; Sexual Minority Youth: Cascadia</p>
<p>School-Age Policy Framework Services; Multnomah County Office of School and Community Partnerships</p>	<p>County Touchstone staff are sited in 8 East County schools (mostly SUN schools) to provide case management, service linkage and screening and linkage for mental health and addiction services.</p>
<p>Multnomah County Human Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services</p>	<p>County Mental Health Consultants are located in some East County schools, and provide outreach services to other schools as needed, and link to contracted providers: Morrison Child and Family Services, Trillium Family Services, and Cascadia Behavioral Services.</p>

Multnomah County Health Department	Eastside Teen Clinic in the “Multnomah County East” building provides health services for youth (no east county schools have school-based health clinics). Nurses visit schools to provide educational programs.
City of Gresham, Parks and Recreation	East Area Special Events for Youth and Families (E.A.S.E.Y.) partner include Mt. Hood Family YMCA, Troutdale Community Services, Sandy Recreation Department and Mt. Hood Community College, offering a variety of events including Teen Arts and Music Festival, Teen Flashlight Egghunt, SkateFest, and March Madness Basketball Tournament. Parks & Rec. is partnering with the Gresham Youth Sports Alliance in to develop a youth sports park, and helps sponsor the Rockwood International Marketplace
City of Gresham Police Department	Explorer Program allows youth to gain police experience (20 youth).
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	
Multnomah County Library; HAP	Neighborhood Networks program: Multnomah County Library works with Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) and NW Labs to provide computer labs at various sites.
SUN Schools, Police Activities League (PAL), Little League	After school activities for youth are delivered at schools and in communities by a wide range of groups.
AmeriCorps	AmeriCorps volunteers at 5 sites operate early literacy labs and after school programming.
EI Programa Hispano	In partnership with Northwest Family Services, provides a youth pregnancy prevention program based on abstinence.
EI Programa Hispano, Human Solutions.	Job skills programs are provided to non-targeted youth by EI Programa Hispano and Human Solutions.
Eastwind	“ Get a Clue ” is an esteem building program for mothers and daughters.
Police Activities League (PAL)	The PAL Youth Center is open to youth ages 8-17 during after school hours, Monday-Friday from 2:30-7pm and during the summer 10am-5pm. Membership is \$50 for the year or \$25 for those who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Activities include arts and crafts, homework club, billiards, basketball, computer lab, ping-pong and field trips. PAL holds a week-long sports camp at an area high school, and the National Youth Sports Program through a day camp at Portland State University from July through early August.
Camp Fire USA (Camp Fire) and Police Activities League of Portland (PAL)	Camp Fire and PAL have received funding from the City of Portland’s Children’s Investment Fund to support Camp Fire PALs , a collaborative after-school youth development and recreation program for 150 4th–8th grade boys and girls in the Centennial School District, (Lynch View and Lynch Wood Elementary Schools, and Centennial Middle School).

Appendix IV

RESOURCE GUIDE 6/04 Gresham Police Department 503.618.2320

AAA road conditions	503.222.6721	OLCC, complaints	503.872.5070
Abandoned vehicle hotline, Gresham	503.618.3081	Oregon Fish & Wildlife	503.872.5268
Adventist Medical Center, ER	503.251.6155	Oregon Health & Sciences Univ.	503.494.8311
Aging/Disability Hotline	503.988.3646	Oregon Health Plan	800.359.9517
AIDS hotline	800.777.2437	PAL (Police Activities League)	503.256.3479
American Red Cross	503.284.1234	Parents Anonymous helpline	800.345.5044
Animal Control, Mult. County	503.988.7387	Parks & Recreation (Gresham)	503.618.2626
ATT language line	800.643.2255	Passport information	503.618.2619
BOEC	503.823.0911	PGE	503.228.6322
Building permits, Gresham	503.618.2832	Poison Control Center	800.222.1222
Bradley Angle House (dv assistance)	503.281.2442	Police Records, Gresham	503.618.2318
Chemical exposure/spills	503.494.8616	Providence Hospital	503.215.1111
Child Abuse Hotline	503.731.3100	Rape Victims Advocate	503.988.3222
Children's Services (DSF)	800.275.8777	Restraining orders (Mult. County)	503.988.3943
Circuit Court, Mult. County	503.988.3659	Risk Management, Gresham	503.618.2451
Citizen Involvement, Gresham	503.618.2537	River patrol (Mult.County/Columbia)	503.288.6788
Civil Court (Mult. County small claims)	503.988.3022	Safe Return (bracelets for Alzheimer's)	888.572.8566
Code Enforcement, Gresham	503.618.2463	Salvation Army, Gresham	503.661.2704
COMET (state motor assistance)	503.283.5859	Senior Helpline	503.988.3646
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	503.618.2567	Sex offender registry, Or. State Police	503.378.3720
Critter Gitter (for a fee)	503.253.5584	Sidewalks, driveways, curbs, Gresham	503.618.2630
Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital	503.262.7194	Snow-Cap	503.674.8785
Eastwind Center (services for children)	503.491.3300	Sunshine Division	503.823.2102
El Programa Hispano	503.669.8350	Street closure, parade permits, Gresham	503.618.2638
Emanuel Hospital	503.413.2200	Street lighting, new requests, Gresham	503.618.2907
Family Court Services (free counseling for families)	503.988.3189	Street lighting, light maintenance PGE	503.228.6322
Gang/graffiti tip line	503.666.1844	Street maintenance, Gresham	503.618.2626
GateKeeper's Program (services to elders, etc.)	503.988.3646	Street signals, Mult. County	503.988.5161
Gresham Chamber of Commerce	503.665.1131	Street signals, Gresham	503.618.2626
Harry's Mother, teen crisis and support	503.233.8111	Traffic signs, Gresham	503.618.2626
Hazardous materials, Gresham	503.618.2351	Vector & nuisance control, Mult. County	503.988.3464
Human Solutions	503.988.5201	Victims Assistance, Mult. County D.A.	503.988.3222
Juvenile Detention Home	503.988.3475	Women's Crisis Line	503.235.5333
Legal Aid, public benefits hotline	503.241.4111	Youth Gang Outreach	503.823.4112
Legacy - Mt. Hood Medical Center	503.674.1122		
Mediation services, Gresham	503.618.3247		
Mental Health hotline	503.988.4888		
Multnomah County Crisis Line	503.988.4888		
Neighborhood Watch for Gresham	503.618.2546		
Northwest Natural Gas	503.226.4211		

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