

Promising Partnerships



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Joint Home Contacts

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There is no greater example of collaboration among public safety officials than the joint home contact. For those few minutes when a supervising official and a law enforcement officer stand together at the door of an offender, they are sending a message to everyone that public safety officials are working together to reduce crime and recidivism.

Joint contacts just make sense. Two sets of well-trained eyes are always better than one. In fact, some teams even find it worthwhile to conduct home contacts as a complete team with the Parole and Probation Agent, Juvenile Services Case Management Specialist and law enforcement represented.

Joint contacts are not limited to just CSAFE partners. Last fall, when we were training a new CSAFE team, we found that the DPP agent was on a first name basis with most of the local police officers. She and the officers had often exchanged information about offenders, ridden together and conducted joint home contacts. Also, police

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officers who are charged with monitoring sexual offender registrations are teaming up with Parole and Probation agents. They have found that they can be more effective through collaboration

Despite the obvious benefits, this type of networking is new. It was only a decade ago that Maryland officials punched through the "stove pipe" walls separating public safety agencies.

So the next time you are in the field with your HEAT Team, remember that you are spearheading a new initiative. On behalf of the citizens of Maryland, thank you.



Gary D. Maynard, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services gave the keynote address at the CSAFE Academy

CSAFE Academy

By Julie Tucker, Case Management Specialist Supervisor, Department of Juvenile Services

May 1, 2, and 3, 2007 were certainly busy and productive days for CSAFE personnel. The Advanced and Specialized Training Unit presented a CSAFE Academy to new members of HEAT teams. Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary Gary D. Maynard

opened the Academy, voicing his support of CSAFE and acknowledging the important roles all participants play.

Over 75 attendees participated in the training which included lessons on crime analysis, collaboration among agencies, and an overview of the three core agencies involved with CSAFE (Division of Parole and Probation, Department of Juvenile Services, and law enforcement). Training also stressed communication, and stages of change as teams develop. Officer Joan Logan from the Montgomery County Police Department presented a segment on team safety which followed a presentation about home contacts with police and DPP/DJS agents. Mary Harvin, Community Coordinator for EMBARC, gave an energetic presentation on collaboration and Dr. James Holwager, Chief Psychologist at North Branch Correctional Institution, closed out the three day academy with a practical and entertaining presentation on stress management for professionals.

All in all, participants expressed an appreciation of the training. Many felt that they were better equipped to continue working on achieving the goals of CSAFE through cooperative supervision of offenders, as well as collaboration among public safety agencies in Maryland.

CSAFE 2007 Summit Date

The annual CSAFE Summit will be held on October 18th. The location is pending but will be in the central part of the State. All HEAT Team members and first line supervisors will receive additional information in September.

Gang Identification and Awareness on the Lower Shore

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On May 30, 2007, approximately 50 participants from various criminal justice and public service agencies on the lower shore attended a two-hour

gang presentation hosted by the Advanced and Specialized Training Unit (AST).

Maryland State Police Trooper Greg Kies presented information about the importance of collaboration and information sharing in gang identification/recognition and safety awareness. The event was well attended and provided a wealth of information to law enforcement, school personnel, corrections professionals, members of the State's Attorney's Office and counselors from associated health fields located in the Princess Anne and Crisfield areas.



During their visit to Annapolis, Destini Bowman, TeVaughn Hicks, Keiv Anderson, and Justair Carter met Lt. Governor Brown.

CSAFE Youth Visit Annapolis

*By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison
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On April 27, 2007, Pen Lucy CSAFE youth and the Waverly Youth Council visited Annapolis. Delegate Maggie McIntosh and her Chief of Staff Bevin Ann Buchheister helped to organize a tour of the State House and explained the legislative process. The youth had an opportunity to learn the history of Maryland, and visit the Thurgood Marshall Statue and the Alex Haley Memorial. Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown met the delegation consisting of CSAFE Community Coordinator Destini Bowman, TeVaughn Hicks, Keiv Anderson, and Justair Carter and commemorated the event with a joint photograph.

CSAFE and PCS: Positively Changing Offender Outcomes

*By Pam Skelding, CSAFE Coordinator,
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Building stronger partnerships between criminal justice agencies and community services has been shown, through evidence-based practices in other states, that positively changing offender behavior is possible. In Maryland, the union of CSAFE and Proactive Community Supervision (PCS) is a step towards creating safer communities by merging two effective approaches to offender management in order to create a comprehensive model of containment and rehabilitation.

The rehabilitative strengths of PCS combined with the already strong law enforcement partnerships of CSAFE ensures that not only will offenders be caught if they re-offend, but they will receive substantive risk assessment and case planning that will help them become productive members of the community. The goals and objectives of PCS and CSAFE are very similar and complementary.

PCS calls for agents to be in the community developing contacts and resources that can best serve the offenders. This dovetails with CSAFE's logic model in which the Neighborhood Safety Team (NST) creates resources for offenders already under supervision or about to return to local communities from incarceration.

In keeping with the evidenced-based practices, both PCS and CSAFE focus on high-risk offenders. The Division of Parole and Probation is using the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R), an assessment tool, to assess the risks and needs of offenders. The agent uses that

“We simply must work together as public safety professionals in collaboration with our community partners. This is the most effective strategy to reduce crime, protect our communities and make our neighborhoods safer places to live, work and raise families.”

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information to develop a comprehensive case plan. By placing strong emphasis on the identification of criminogenic needs and intensive case planning, teams will move offenders toward positive pro-social relationships.

PCS holds offenders accountable, helps to change the way they think, and leads them toward more socially acceptable behaviors. This parallels CSAFE's goals of reducing crime, reducing recidivism, and improving the quality of life in our communities.

Salisbury Mayor's Office Hosts CSAFE Question and Answer Event

*By Robert Ertter, Field Supervisor I
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On June 25, 2007, Mayor Barrie P. Tilghman hosted a CSAFE question and answer discussion with community stakeholders. Kristen M. Mahoney, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, along with Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Services, Steven W. Devore, discussed the merits of collaboration and information sharing between law enforcement and public service agencies in reducing crime in the Salisbury area. The CSAFE initiative has been active in the Salisbury area for more than seven years.

It's Your Life, Take Charge of It

*By Susan Vandegrift, Field Supervisor I
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On May 18, 2007, the Restoration Community Development Corporation sponsored a “Mother – Daughter Intergeneration Dinner” at the Country Inn and Suites in Annapolis, Maryland. Individuals from throughout the Annapolis area attended, including several residents from the Parole CSAFE area. Division of Parole and Probation Agent Marcia Naylor provided transportation for and accompanied three of her offenders to the event. Dinner was served by individuals enrolled in the Anne Arundel County Workforce Development Program

Keynote speaker Jinlene Chan, M.D., MPH, of the Anne Arundel County Office of Minority Health, gave an interesting and informative address on healthy pregnancies; care for yourself (mind, body and soul); stress management; and seeking support from family, friends, church, and community. Door prizes were awarded and participants described the event as enjoyable, educational, and supportive.

38th Street Pre-Mother's Day Event

*By Karen Fortune, Community Liaison
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On Saturday, May 12, 2007 a pre-Mother's Day block event was held on 38th Street in Baltimore to encourage neighbors to come out and meet one another. Complaints of gang activity and other violent crime on the block were motivating factors for the event.

Crayons, markers, flower pots, and money were donated by residents. Twenty young people gathered to decorate and then plant flowers in the pots that they would later present to their mothers. As the event progressed, 20 additional residents came out to join the activities. Many participated in making Mother's Day cards and had their faces painted. Hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, and snacks were enjoyed by all. This event let neighbor meet neighbor and, above all, gave the children who often witness violence in their neighborhood the opportunity to witness something positive taking place on their own block.

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Do you have a promising practice or notable accomplishment that you would like to share? You may email your comments to Susan Vandegrift at svandegrift@dpscs.state.md.us

CSAFE On the Job Training, & Key Indicator/Warrant Tracking Training

The above training will be held the following dates at the Public Safety Education & Training Center (PSETC) in Sykesville, MD

- Warrant Tracking & Key Indicator Training: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- On the Job Training: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

DATES:

July 27, 2007
August 24, 2007
September 28, 2007

In the event of inclement weather, any decision to reschedule a class will be made by 6:00 a.m. on the day of the class. Updated information is available by calling (410) 875-3783.



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