

African American Lives Matter, All Lives Matter

Reduction of African American Child Deaths Strategic Plan Fact Sheet

Tragically, in Sacramento County African American children die at very disproportional rates, two times the rate of other children. In 2013, following the Blue Ribbon Commission report, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors established the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths (RAACD), a community-driven body, to reduce deaths among African American children by between 10 percent and 20 percent by 2020.

The Blue Ribbon Commission found that these disproportionate deaths were occurring most prevalently due to four causes of death and in six Sacramento communities:

Four Leading Causes of Death:

- Infant sleep related deaths
- Perinatal conditions
- Child abuse and neglect homicides
- Third-party homicide

Targeted Communities:

- Valley Hi/Meadowview
- Arden-Arcade
- North Sacramento/Del Paso Heights
- Oak Park
- North Highlands/Foothill
- Fruitridge/Stockton Boulevard

**Top Six Neighborhoods and Top Four Causes of Child Death with the Greatest Disproportion
Sacramento County Resident Child Deaths 1990 - 2009**

	# AA Third-Party Child Homicide	# AA Infant Sleep-Related Deaths	# AA CAN Homicides	# AA Perinatal Deaths	# Total AA Deaths Among Four Categories	# Total Deaths in All Races Among Four Categories	AA Child Deaths as % of All Child Deaths Among Four Categories	AA Children as % Total Child Population In Each Neighborhood
Meadowview/ Valley Hi	19	32	15	116	182	446	41%	16%
Arden-Arcade	1	6	7	19	33	95	35%	8%
North Sacramento/ Del Paso Heights	9	17	3	34	63	212	30%	16%
Oak Park	1	7	4	11	23	84	27%	9%
North Highlands/ Foothill	5	11	7	22	45	188	24%	9%
Fruitridge/ Stockton Blvd.	4	11	6	25	46	194	24%	8%

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Proposed Strategic Plan

The proposed strategic plan, which was presented during a safety net workshop to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, recommends five interdependent strategies.

Five Interdependent Strategies:

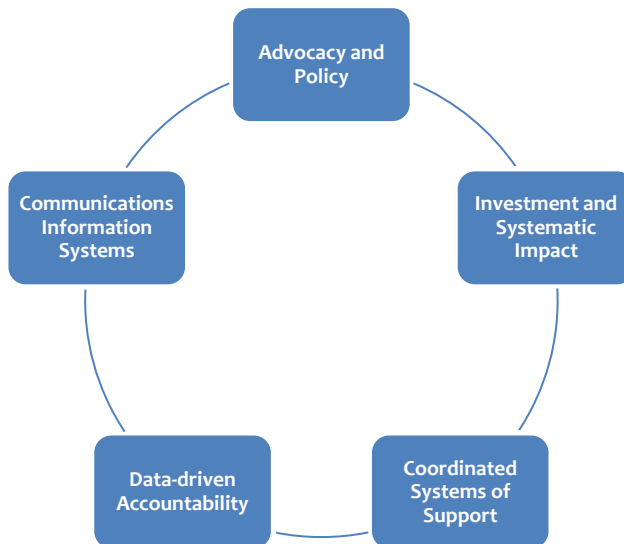
Advocacy and Policy - Form and convene a community-based Leadership Roundtable

Equitable Investment and Systematic Impact - Establish the Sacramento County's Interagency Children's Policy Council (ICPC) as a public partner to the steering committee accountable to the Board of Supervisors.

Coordinated Systems of Support - Launch a Technical Assistance Resource Center (TARC) that is overseen by the Steering Committee and is supportive of Interagency Children's Policy Council (ICPC) strategies and investments.

Data-driven Accountability and Collective Impact - Design a monitoring and reporting system to document and report progress to the community and Board of Supervisors on established benchmarks for reducing African American child deaths.

Communications and Information Systems - Develop a retail communications strategy (grassroots media campaign) focused on the prevention and reduction of African American child deaths.



Next steps:

The RAACD Steering Committee requests the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors commit \$1.75 million per year over five years to support the implementation of the strategic plan.

For more information:

Please visit www.shfcenter.org/raacd

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