



CITY OF INGLEWOOD

Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department



INGLEWOOD COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT (I-CARE) PROJECT

PROJECT SUMMARY

The City of Inglewood has been awarded a \$1.5 million CalGRIP (California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention) grant by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to provide gang intervention, prevention and suppression services for three years, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. I-CARE embraces a regional approach by establishing a service region encompassing both Inglewood and adjacent unincorporated communities and by incorporating services of multiple justice systems, workforce, counseling and community agencies in the delivery of services. Utilizing the Communities That Care community engagement model, I-CARE will draw together existing disparate community assets and resources into a unified approach to gang reduction, utilizing evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies and programs that reduce risk factors and gang-related, pro-criminal behaviors in youth. The goal of I-CARE is to *reduce the risk-factors that contribute to gang-related crime and violence through a regional approach that coordinates multi-jurisdictional law-enforcement efforts with the evidence-based programs and services of city, school and community partners*. I-CARE Project Partners include:

Coordination and Advisory Committee	I-CARE Community Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Inglewood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Police Department ○ Parks, Recreation and Library Services • Inglewood Unified School District • Los Angeles District Attorney • Los Angeles County Office of Education • Los Angeles County Probation • Los Angeles County Sheriff • South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc. • Centinela Youth Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) • Inglewood Teen Center • South Bay One-Stop/AJC • Centinela Youth Services Inc. (CYS) • Inglewood Unified School District • CCEO Youth Build • AADAP • Inglewood Chamber of Commerce • Inglewood Rotary Club • Family First Charter School • Faithful Central Bible Church • Shields for Families • Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services

Project implementation will be led by the City of Inglewood’s Director of Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department, Sabrina Barnes. The City will work in collaboration with its two lead CBO partners: South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and Centinela Youth Services (CYS) and other community partners to achieve the Project’s 3-year measurable objectives for 600 youth, ages 11 through 17 as follows:

1. At least 65% of youth will complete assigned services;
2. At least 70% of youth who complete assigned services will reduce at least one risk factor that contributes to gang-related crime and violence;
3. At least 65% of youth who are cited for a juvenile offense will not be re-cited within one year;
4. At least 60% of participants in Job Club will attain industry-recognized work readiness certification;
5. At least 75% of parent-child relations will improve through family mediation; and
6. The community engagement process will result in the establishment of an Inglewood Youth Commission by Year 1 and adoption of a Youth Action Plan by Year 2.

Project oversight will be led by Inglewood's Police Chief and the Project's Coordinating and Advisory Council (Advisory Council) who will review project design and priorities. In addition, the Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department Director, as project lead, will organize the monthly I-CARE Partners meetings (comprised of managers and direct services staff) to assist in operationalizing the project and ongoing implementation.

To increase effectiveness of gang suppression efforts, funds will be used to support a half-time DISARM (Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management) Officer who will be out-stationed by Los Angeles County Probation to assist in gang suppression, and referral some of the most serious violent and drug offenders.

Specific evidenced-based (EB) strategies and programs will be delivered through two tiers of service from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. Tier 1 will provide prevention services to at-risk youth who are status offenders (referred from School Attendance Review Board (SARB), school police and other agencies/mechanisms) based on school discipline problems, underage drinking, truancy, curfew violations, defiance, and other risk-associated behaviors. EB strategies in Tier 1 will focus on regular attendance (2-3 times per week) in quality after-school program activities provided primarily through City of Inglewood Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department, and the SBWIB's Inglewood Teen Center and South Bay One-Stop Center/Inglewood.

Tier 2 will consist of diversion interventions that address specific behaviors and attitudes of high-risk youth attached to the juvenile justice system (e.g. cited/arrested for misdemeanor and/or felony offenses). Interventions will be provided through CBO partner CYS' Everychild Restorative Justice Center (ERJC) and a referral network of County-approved mental health and social service. Central to the effectiveness of I-CARE is a focus on restorative justice, which addresses the needs of the victims and the offenders, as well as the larger community.

I-CARE builds upon the community engagement model to involve a broad cross-section of community and business leaders, youth advocates, educators, anti-gang specialists, parents and youth in decision making. The community engagement process will result in the establishment of an Inglewood Youth Commission in Year 1 of the grant and adoption of a Youth Action Plan by the Inglewood City Council in Year 2.

To maintain and support key features of I-CARE following grant completion, the City and our CBO partners will implement a six-part strategy during the life of the grant and following its end date. This includes: 1) utilize data collected to inform decisions about elements that should be sustained; 2) prepare to refine the target group so funds are directed where most needed; 3) develop detailed descriptions of specific services and functions planned for sustainability; 4) develop a plan to manage and deliver the sustained services, including opportunities for merging activities with other services or providers.