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| **NEWHALLVILLE GRASSROOTS ACTION PLAN** | |
| **Objective:** To organize a collaborative grassroots effort in Newhallville to address community problems. | |
| **Stakeholders:**  Community Members, School Leaders, Business Leaders, Church Leaders, Political Leaders and other Advocates who identify with the neighborhood. | |
| **GOALS** | **ACTION ITEMS** |
| **RESOURCES** | 1. **Identify existing community resources** that support change in Newhallville |
| **SAFETY**   * Decrease Crime and Improve Personal Safety | 1. Partner with the NHPD to **increase** **police presence** in crime prone areas 2. Install **more** **oscillating video cameras** in strategic neighborhood locations 3. **Identify the location of guns and remove them** from the community 4. **Install** **speed bumps and fix street lights** in high traffic areas (i.e. schools, parks) 5. Partner with Street Outreach Workers to **support at-risk young adults** 6. Organize and/or support initiatives that **promote black cultural pride and a** **respect for life** (ex. Kiyama Movement, etc…) |
| **JOBS**   * Increase Employment and Economic Opportunities | 1. Identify programs and resources established to **support new and/or existing small businesses** that create neighborhood jobs 2. Expose unemployed residents (particularly young adults) to job training programs or technical schoolsthat will help them **gain highly marketable skills** 3. Partner with business leaders to organize workshops that **provide** **information about economic development and black empowerment** (credit, business ownership, real estate, etc…) |
| **EDUCATION**   * Increase Support for Neighborhood Schools and Improve Student Achievement | 1. **Support** **Early Childhood Education** Initiatives to give children a strong start 2. Create and **promote a** **community culture that highly values education** above athletics and other forms of entertainment 3. Partner with school and church leaders to **promote academic excellence** (ex. celebrate the achievements of neighborhood students in reading and math) 4. Partner with school leaders to **increase parent participation** at school events (BOE Meetings, Report Card Nights, Meet-the-Teacher Night, etc…) 5. **Adopt-A-Classroom** by providing donations or other resources that enhance the educational experience of neighborhood students 6. Partner with schools to **teach conflict resolution and positive use of social media**. |
| **YOUTH**   * Increase Youth Activities and Support for Students Highly “At-Risk” | 1. Partner with city, school and church leaders to **create more safe and constructive afterschool/weekend activities** for youth 2. **Identify and Increase awareness of existing programs** that support youth by posting info. in highly visible locations (on-line, barbershops, churches, etc…) 3. **Volunteer as a mentor/advisor** for at-risk students that have been identified by schools to improve attendance, behavior and/or academics 4. **Partner with the Youth-At-Work program** to recruit more businesses and agencies that can serve as a host for internships and job skill development 5. **Partner with schools and local health agencies to provide free services** for youth in need of support with drugs, pregnancy, depression, trauma, etc… 6. **Promote sexual responsibility and respect for womanhood** initiatives |
| **COMMUNITY BUILDING**   * Create a Stronger Sense of Community and Pride | 1. Create a “Newhallville” **Facebook page** to share important information amongst parents and community leaders 2. Support community leaders with **Neighborhood Beautification Projects** 3. Organize and/or support **Neighborhood** **Block Parties** 4. **Support organizations, businesses and churches** that host annual events (i.e. Voter Registration Drive, Fish Fry, Basketball Tournament, etc…) 5. Partner with churches to **organize or support diaper, food and clothing drives** 6. Organize and/or support initiatives that **promote a** **commitment to fatherhood** |