SSHS Activities Involving Law Enforcement and Juvenile Justice

Activities Selected from FY '05 Cohort of Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grantees

Activities Grouped by Safe Schools/Healthy Students Elements (May 4, 2007, Rosiak)

Element 1—Safe Environment

- Police provide staff education on safe school environments
- SROs conduct security audits and CPTED training
- Sheriff's Office assists with first responder emergency training
- Law enforcement officers assists in developing emergency plans for schools
- SROs engage in problem-solving, and safety patrols of routes to and from school, and hot spots where students gather before and after school
- SROs conduct drug and alcohol checks
- School police deliver security monitor and Watchful Eye training
- Schools use school security officers/door greeters
- Schools select and offer SRO courses
- Projects establish a liaison between juvenile court and the school district and provide ongoing services to juvenile offenders as part of a reentry program
- SROs provide training to administrative school level staff on discipline-related police referrals and Student Assistance Program

Element 2—Early Intervention/Prevention

- SROs/Juvenile Court staff are trained in Second Step, Olweus Bulllying Prevention, and Project Northland programs
- SROs engage in mediation, consultation with teachers/students/parents and presentations to staff
- Juvenile court staff help schools define appropriate discipline categories and referrals
- Juvenile court mediators address discipline problems
- Police, including SROs, are equipped with a truancy system tracking system

Element 3—Mental Health Services

- SROs refer students to mental health providers
- Officers accompany social workers on home visits of truant students
- Sheriff's office provides transportation services for students needing mental health services
- Juvenile court staff assists students as part of wraparound services

Element 4—Early Childhood Education

• SROs do visitation lessons in PK and K classes to expose children to the officers as community helpers

Element 5—School/Community Connections

- Probation staff (along with school and others) provide services to expelled students
- Law enforcement (along with school and other staff members) are trained in research-based health and safety for children and youth
- Juvenile court implements truancy court in high schools
- Juvenile court program provides services to arrested students

Element 6—Safe Schools Policies

- Police and Sheriff's Departments develop MOUs with schools to actively support SSHS initiatives
- SROs are oriented to safe school policies and procedures
- Police department and juvenile court staff review current policies and plans related to school safety, student behavior and discipline, and positive school climate
- Law enforcement officers review safety procedures and crisis management plans
- Districts provide trainings for staff, students, parents/guardians, and community members to increase awareness of established safe and drug-free school policies and procedures
- Law enforcement officers help schools develop a reintegration policy for adjudicated youth to get them successfully back into school

Partnerships

- Sheriff's offices, police departments, and juvenile courts participate regularly in community partnership steering committee meetings to participate in strategic planning, guide, evaluate, and ensure implementation of all SSHS elements
- Partnership creates youth commission and community policy forum
- Juvenile court participates in reentry program for students in trouble with the juvenile justice system
- Police department participates in cross training on research-based prevention strategies