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Joint Meeting of the Denton City Council and the Denton Independent School District

Community Needs Update & Collective Impact Initiatives
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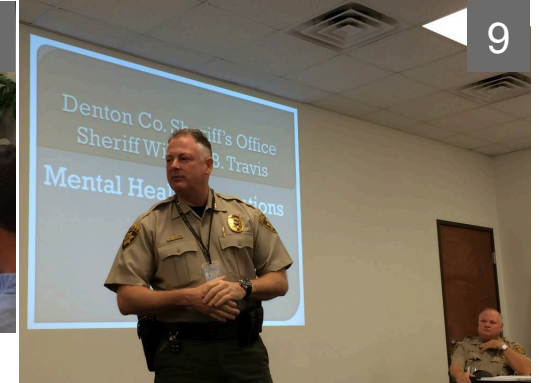
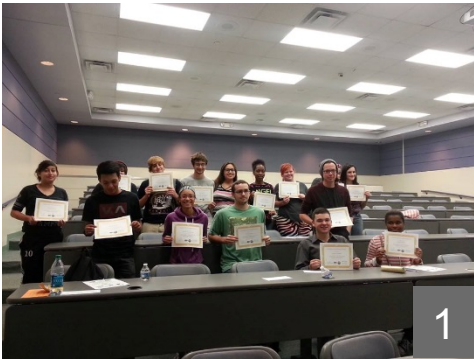
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Our mission is to improve lives in Denton County.

Our vision is that every individual be able to work and earn at a level that is self sustaining.



Needs Assessment

Top Findings

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Needs Assessments tell us:

- 39,217 (1 in 3) Denton County children **at-risk** and/or **economically disadvantaged**. Increased 3,680 (10%) since 2011. (TEA PEIMS Reports)
- In 2011, 4,562 (or 15%) of adults 25+ years living in Denton have **no high school diploma**, impact employee hiring.
- In 2010, 10.4% of Denton households are in **poverty**; 51% of those are **single female** with 1 or more children under 5.
- In 2012, Denton County was one of the lowest **mental health services** funded counties in Texas (\$11.11 per person, 31.6% below the state average of \$16.25). Estimates indicate that over 60,000 Denton County residents may have one or more mental illnesses. Nearly 40,000 veterans reside in Denton County.

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Our Collective Impact efforts:

Pre-K Coalition increases kindergarten readiness and promotes lifelong learning and success to individuals in poverty. **Focus on advocacy for full-day pre-k in upcoming legislative session.**

Mentor Denton matches adults with at-risk/economically disadvantaged students one hour per week to increase the probability of high school graduation and preparation for college or career. **Although volunteers readily available, staff required to background check, training and match nearing capacity.**

School-based Community Centers leverages the neighborhood school to eliminate barriers to community resources and help. **Will continue to grow this concept with interns and volunteers.**

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Denton County Works is a private/public partnership that provides training for students that will immediately enter the work force after graduation with job search, interview preparation and interviewing skills to increase their access to a living wage job. **Will continue at Denton HS and expand with to Ryan HS with interns and volunteers.**

Bank On Denton County Coalition increases financial capabilities for individuals in poverty through education and access to mainstream financial services at over 20 area institutions. **TWU Management Capstone Class evaluating community lending center concept.**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free tax preparation services to low income (below \$50,000 in total household income) to maximize tax refund dollars returning to Denton County. **Additional seasonal PT site coordinators, would increase capacity.**

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Denton County Citizens' Council on Mental Health with goals to increase mental health access, services, and cohesive and complete treatments in Denton County. **We will continue to partner with the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute to form a county-wide Mental (Behavioral) Health Coordination body, move forward with the DCCCMH and develop "community-wide mental health case management".**

School-based Community Centers provides the opportunity for TWU Health Studies interns, area hospitals and the Denton County Health Department to deliver programs and services based on targeted needs in the community. **NEP Grant enables the basic supplies and materials for start-up; spring semester will continue Evers Park ES center, open N. Rayzor ES center.**

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Key Questions and Next Steps

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1. *Do these needs and collective impact efforts align to your strategic plans?*
2. *How can the City of Denton, Denton ISD & United Way of Denton County increase resources for these initiatives so we can meet more needs?*

Next Steps

- ❖ United Way of Denton County is committed to continuing to partner and serve as a backbone organization to collective impact initiatives that target critical needs through:
 - ✓ Mobilizing community resources
 - ✓ Developing collaborative proposals that introduce new funds into the community
 - ✓ Serving as a catalyst that creates collaborative partners that share vision, goals, metrics and results for our community
- ❖ What are the next steps for the City of Denton & Denton ISD?