The Safety Net Works
FACT SHEET

WHO WE ARE:

Safety Net Works is a direct service response initiative with preventive and rehabilitative approaches to addressing youth violence in Illinois.

Safety Net Works coalitions are located in five (5) Illinois cities; Chicago, Cicero, Decatur, Rockford and East St. Louis. We represent fourteen (14) communities, serving youth, ages 10 to 24 years old.

Safety Net Works is Illinois' strategic and compassionate reaction to the overwhelming needs of high-risk youth in some of its most violence plagued areas.

WHAT WE DO:

We *engage and empower young people*, placing them at the forefront of violence prevention through our Youth Leadership Council and working groups at both the state and local level.

We *build strong coalitions* that unite youth, parents, concerned citizens, elected officials, community based organizations, government agencies, and faith based institutions through a common interest in preventing youth violence.

We *collaborate with local elementary and high schools* to reduce current violence levels and prevent future episodes by *offering direct services* that meet students' social-emotional needs.

We provide *community-based services*: case management, mentoring, counseling, conflict resolution, leadership development, life skills training and more *to at-risk youth.*

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN FY 2009:

- SNW provided direct services to over 13,000 high-risk youth across the State in their communities at 1% of the cost of incarceration or institutionalization ($300 vs. $30,000).
- SNW's Youth Council organized a Youth Town Hall attended by over 500 youth from across the state, and allowed us to create the 2009 Youth Data Report that analyzes the intricacies of how Illinois youth are directly impacted by violence in their neighborhoods.
- SNW coalitions have leveraged additional resources for their communities; from State agencies, salaries and stipends for 2,300 youth summer jobs; access to mental health services; programs to address domestic violence, teen dating violence, substance abuse and underage drinking. From other public and private sources, we have received additional funding; in-kind gifts of supplies and merchandise; volunteer and pro-bono assistance.
- SNW has been an indelible factor in the reduced crime and violence rates experienced by nearly all of the host communities.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR IN 2011 (and beyond):

- Continued support of SNW coalitions at $4M for three years. Continued partnering with existing State service agencies.
- Expanded State partnerships for violence prevention services, research and internships that include State universities and institutes of higher learning.
- Replication of the successful Safety Net works model into additional Illinois communities plagued by the high-risk conditions which threaten the safety of youth and families.

FY 10 SAFETY NET WORK AWARDS

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Organization Name	Community	FY 10 Award	STATE Total	ARRA Total
ARK of St. Sabina	Auburn-Gresham	350,000	311,970	38,030
Black United Fund	South Shore	280,000	220,890	59,110
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council	Brighton Park	240,000	124,642	115,358
Children's Home and Aid	Englewood	299,000	252,229	46,771
Community Assistance Programs	Roseland	280,000	280,000	
Corazon Community Services	Cicero	265,000	120,746	144,254
East St. Louis Township	East St. Louis	280,000	174,802	105,198
Little Village CDC	Little Village	280,000	146,638	133,362
Mt. Vernon Church	East Garfield Park	280,000	280,000	
Patriots Gateway	Rockford	250,000	250,000	
Southwest Youth Collaborative	Gage Park/Chicago Lawn	280,000	155,713	124,287
Westside Health Authority	Austin	280,000	221,975	58,025
YMCA of Metro Chicago	Humbolt Park	280,000	174,474	105,526
Youth With a Positive Direction	Decatur	280,000	280,000	
GRANTEE TOTALS		3,924,000	2,994,079	929,921

Violence Prevention
Collaboration

The purpose for this document is to illustrate how Safety Net Works and Cease Fire services compliment one another and both services are needed in the targeted communities to effectively address violence.

A total of **Twelve** communities will have Safety Net Works and Cease Fire operating in the neighborhoods. The following Community Based Organization will receive direct funding from both Safety Net Works and Cease Fire as the lead agencies .

1. East St. Louis Township
2. Little Village Community Development Corporation
3. Alliance of Logan Square/ Humboldt Park
4. South West Organization Party/ Chicago Lawn
5. Target/ Auburn Gresham
6. Corazon
7. Patriots Gateway Community Center/ Rockford

The following communities will have Safety Net Works and Cease Fire operating in the neighborhoods but not through community base organizations that are the lead agency of the Safety Net Works coalition in the respective communities.

1. Englewood
2. Roseland
3. East Garfield
4. Brighton Park
5. Decatur

The core components of Safety Net Works

1. Coalition Building
2. Community Specific Design
3. Youth Leadership Development
4. Networks
5. School –Based Violence Prevention
6. Public Education
7. Social Enterprise

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The core components of Cease Fire

1. Outreach
2. Public Education
3. Clergy
4. Community Mobilization
5. Law Enforcement

Suggested areas of collaboration between Safety Net Works and Cease Fire.

1. Accountability of community based organizations by requiring full time staff fulfill educational hiring standards to enhance quality of services provided to the target populations. Implement a 180 day part-time 900 hour employment contract which stipulates full time employment status will not be approved without the obtainment of a GED or High school diploma .

2. Establish performance based contracts or Memorandum of Agreements with the community based organizations and coalitions which distributes quarterly payment based upon completion of work plan and contractual benchmarks.

3. Interagency trainings in the areas of
   - Violence Prevention #101
   - Conflict Resolution
   - Anger Management
   - Community Asset Mapping
   - Psychological first aid trainings
   - Statewide Provider database
   - Reporting and documentation
   - Case Management
   - Outreach
   - Youth Leadership Development

4. Coordination of work hours to provide a continuum of services to these communities.

(example) Safety Net Works will be operating in the certain schools and community centers between the hours of (11:00 AM to 6:00PM)

Cease Fire hours of operation (2:00 – 10:00 PM Tues thrus)
(4:00 PM to 1:00 PM Fri thru Sat))

5. Establish Violence Prevention Coalitions comprised of different agencies currently doing the work in violence prevention to further develop and expand effective service networks.

6. Develop research and data on how these targeted communities are impacted by exposure to different types of violence.

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How Safety Net Works and Cease Fire compliments one another and are both needed in the communities to effectively address Youth Violence Prevention

1. **The funding sources of Safety Net Works and Cease Fire are separate**
   Safety Net Works receive funding from the Following state agencies
   a) Illinois Department of Public health
   b) Illinois Department of Human Services
   c) Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
   d) Department of Children and Family Services.

   The Cease Fire funding Sources
   a) Illinois Department of Correction
   b) Foundation
   c) Corporate donors
   d) Private funding

2. **Who receives funding in the targeted communities**
   a) Safety Net Works funds coalitions which are comprised of different community based organizations, schools, faith based community, law enforcement, youth, community residents and local service providers.
   b) Cease Fire funds community based organizations

3. **Amount of funding allocated to communities**
   a) Safety Net Works ***$288,000 per coalition*** and each sub-contractor within the coalition receives a set amount for particularly services which will be provided.

   b) Cease Fire awards ***$250,00 per community to the CBO*** in a particular community.

4. **Hours of operation**

Safety Net Works	11;00 AM to 6:00 PM M Mon thru Fri.
Cease Fire	2:00 PM to 11:00 PM tues. thru Thur. 4:00 PM to 1: 00 PM Fri and Sat.

5. **Workforce skills set**
   Safety Net Works
   a) **Coordinator** Bachelors degree requirement and experience in the social service field.
   b) **Youth organizer** between the ages of 16 to 21 that has been actively involved with the youth leadership aspect of Safety Net Works in a respective community during the previous year. The Youth Organizer position serves as a reward acknowledging youth that has exhibited commitment, and leadership ability within the community youth councils.

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Cease Fire

Coordinator position requires a associate degree and at least two years Managerial experience.

Supervisor at least two years managerial experience in the field of violence prevention

3 outreach workers from the community, and a former gang member.

6. **Services provided**

Safety Net Works	Coalition Building
	Community capacity building
	Case Management
	School base social services
	School Based violence prevention
	Parent Patrol
	Tutoring
	Youth Leadership development Training
	Job Readiness
	Employment placement
	Structure recreational activities

Cease Fire	Outreach
	Case Management
	Mediation
	Service Referrals
	Community marches
	Public Education

7. **Target population service**

Safety Net Works	10 to 24 year old
Cease Fire	16 to 34 year olds

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