



# Commission on Children and Youth Update to City Council



Council Presentation  
April 15, 2014



# Commission on Children & Youth 411

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- Nine Members

  - At- Large (2)

  - DA's Office

  - Education

  - Law Enforcement

  - Legal Profession

  - Health & Human Services

  - Youth & Family Services

  - Youth Member

- Duties

  - Support a comprehensive system of services and advance policies to meet the needs of Corpus Christi's youth and their families

- Regular Meetings

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:30 pm
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room (near City Council Chambers)
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# Data Collection Project



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Collaboration with TAMU-CC Social Science Research Center (SSRC) and Dr. Philip Rhoades

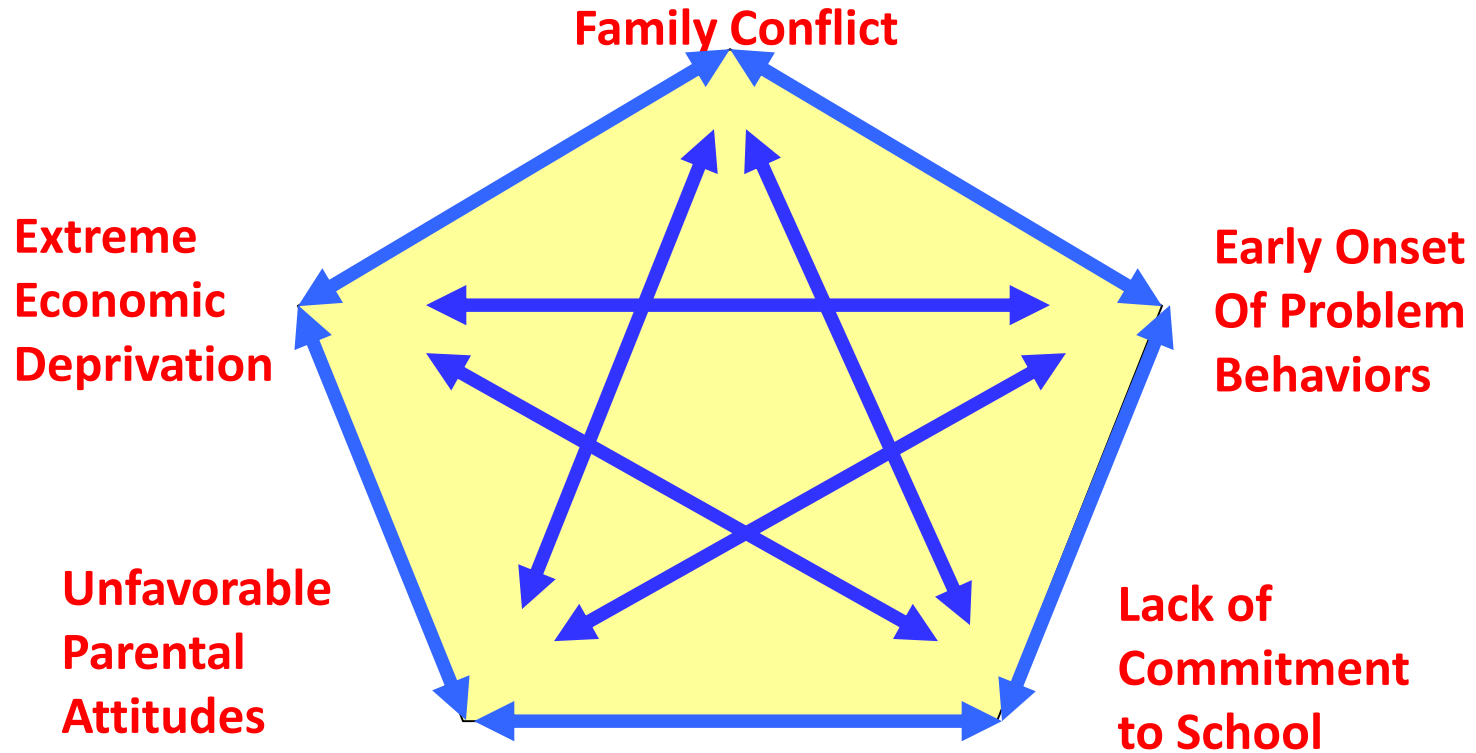
Demographic and statistical information on the risk factors that can impact the health and well being of our community's youth and families.

## Risk Factors Analyzed:

- Socio-economic status of families
  - Family management stressers
  - Health, education and housing statistics
  - Adult and Youth alcohol/drug abuse
  - Early onset of delinquency
  - Reported cases of teen pregnancy and STDs
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# Integrated Cluster of Causes





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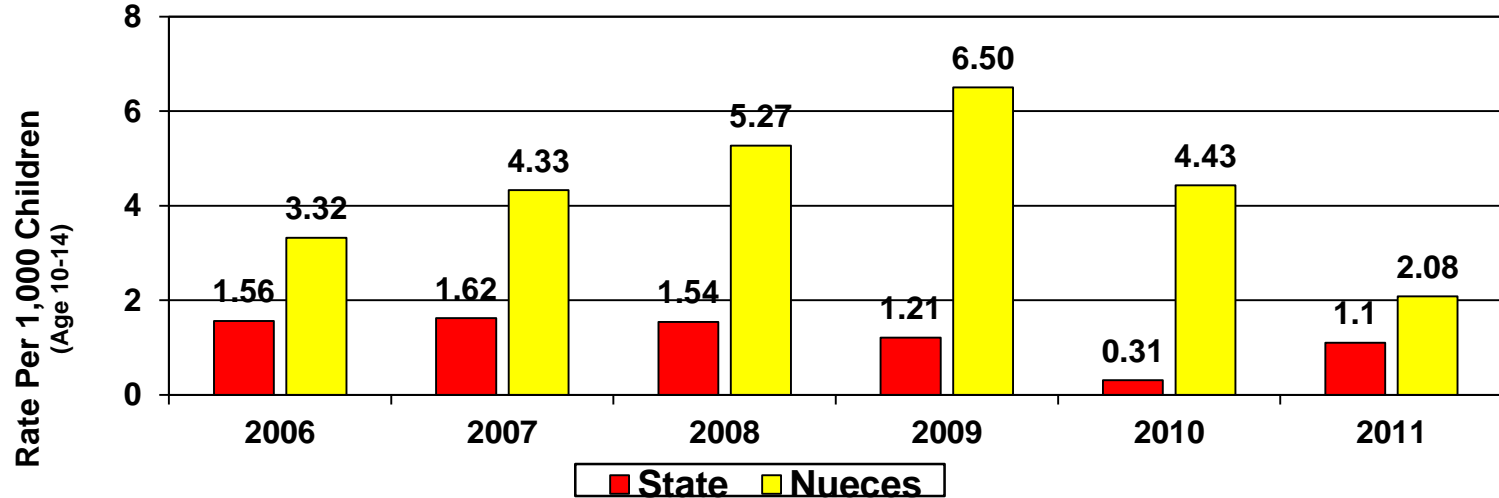


- Packet Includes
  - Raw data sets
  - Risk Factor Information Sheets
  - Data and Trend Analysis
- Uses of the Information
  - Strategic and program planning
  - Policy analysis and creation
  - Grant writing efforts
- Study Available
  - [www.ccparkandrec.com](http://www.ccparkandrec.com) – click on “Register Online”



# Sample Fact Sheet

## Juvenile Drug Abuse Arrests



From 2009 to 2011, the rate of juvenile (10 -14 years old) drug-abuse violation arrests per 1,000 children in Nueces County have fallen to 2.09, which is still two times as high as the State and National rates. From 2009 to 2011, the rate remained around 1 per 1,000 children in the State; similar to the National rates. Nueces County shows the highest rates compared to State and National rates. The County rate has decreased by 68.0% from 2009 to 2011. While the 2009 rate was one of the highest from 1998 to the present, the 2011 rate is the lowest.



# CCY Action Plan



- Trend analysis
  - State rates vs. Nueces County Rates (all factors)
  - Improved resources for abuse and child abuse victims
  - Income gap – median household
  - Families/children living in poverty
  - Adult alcohol and violent crime arrests
  - Increasing youth violent/property crime & drug arrests
- Promote strategies to address specific risk factors
  - Suggest specific policies
  - Champion and support of existing programs
  - Facilitate and encourage public private partnerships
  - Promote strategic use of resources



# CCY Action Plan



- Address Risk Factors
  - Family management and conflict
    - Strategies
      - Champion United Way's Success by Six program
      - Promote free/low cost recreation opportunities
  - Extreme economic deprivation
    - Strategies
      - Promote/recruit a diversified economic base
        - FAA program (high skill, high paying jobs)
      - Facilitate programs for an educated and trained workforce





# CCY Action Plan continued



- Address Risk Factors cont.
  - Drug and Alcohol Abuse
    - Strategies
      - Support programs that provide prevention & intervention services to adults, youth & families
        - Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation – Project Hope
        - Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
        - Palmer Drug Abuse Program
      - Champion Out of School time activities
        - Recreation centers
        - Libraries
        - Pools



# Future Actions



- Promote distribution/use of DCP
- Community Connections Forum
  - August 2014
  - Featuring
    - Formal presentation of data, trends
    - Panel discussion on solutions
    - Call to action, collaboration and commitment
  - Target audience
    - Service providers | Private Industry | Leadership



# Future Actions cont.



- Mini Sessions and Workshops
  - Grant writing
  - Specific risk factors and associated stakeholders
  - Youth development initiatives
- Policy Recommendations
- Follow up study on use of the information
  - Future studies and funding



## Questions?