



Power of Partnership Initiative

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What is the Power of Partnership Initiative (POPI)?

- ◆ The Power of Partnership Initiative (POPI) is a collaborative effort to create community-driven and expert assisted 10-year Goals, Outcomes, and Strategies designed to increase the well-being of children, seniors, and their families in our south coast community.
- ◆ The Power of Partnership Initiative has become the largest community engagement effort in the history of the tri-counties.
- ◆ More than 5,000 community members, from all backgrounds, have come together to share their hopes and dreams for the future. More than 200 community organizations and over 150 community leaders and experts have participated to clarify our community's vision and goals.

Why POPI?

- ◆ POPI was born out of the recognition that the entire community needed a better way to work together to create long-lasting improvements in the lives of those who are most vulnerable – our children, seniors, and the families that support them.

POPI Results to Date

The initial phases of POPI have resulted in Vision Statements, Goals, Outcomes, and Strategies for children, seniors, and their families and a plan for pilot programs.

Community Consensus- POPI Goals

Health: Our children, seniors, and their families are physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually healthy and are engaged in wellness activities. Access to physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healthcare is available to all children, seniors, and their families.

Education: Our children, seniors, and their families are actively involved with life-long learning activities. Every child and youth has the education necessary to pursue their chosen life path.

Safety: For our children, seniors, and their families, our neighborhoods, schools, homes, and meeting places are safe havens and places of healthy nurturing.

Stability: Our children, seniors, and their families contribute to their community. Children and seniors feel safe, loved, and valued. Seniors live in their homes as long as possible.

POPI in Action

- ◆ Pilot projects, modeled on research of best practices, are scheduled to begin in selected neighborhoods in south coast communities in 2009-2010.
- ◆ **Carpinteria United for Children:** will provide a continuum of existing and new collaborative resources and services where neighborhoods and community schools will partner to rally around the child and family to ensure optimal education, health, safety, and stability. Children will be equipped with the tools to pursue their chosen life path after high-school, college or career. Modeled after best practices from Harlem Children's Zone (New York, NY), Lennox Safe School Alliance (Los Angeles, CA), Schools of Hope (Madison, WI), Community Partnership for Student Success (Lehigh Valley, PA), and other Santa Barbara County best practices.
- ◆ **Seniors Neighborhood Project:** will keep seniors healthy, happy, and independent, beginning with services focusing on the whole person. The project will integrate resources in order to give seniors better access to wellness activities and transportation, and to social, cultural, and special events. Coordinated programs will provide assistance with household tasks and services, grocery shopping, and meal preparation. Modeled after best practices from Beacon Hill Village (Boston, MA), Neighbors Care Alliance (Tucson, AZ), and other Santa Barbara County best practices.

Fast Facts:

- ◆ Over 5,000 community participants
- ◆ More than 150 community leaders and experts
- ◆ Over 200 community organizations
- ◆ POPI is the largest community engagement effort ever in Tri-Counties
- ◆ Has achieved an unprecedented level of agreement on 10-year goals