

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to organizations and individuals who share our mission statement.

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“Helping Our People Excel”

PROJECT H.O.P.E

Port Arthur, Texas

Asset Based Program For Strengthening The Community



HISTORY

In May 2002, Helping Our People Excel began as a community forum focused on the overrepresentation of African-American Children in foster care within Jefferson County. Juvenile Probation and Community in Schools both stated that they were seeing the same trend within their agencies and wanted to work to reduce the number of children at risk. The statistical findings from these agencies are 77% of Children in foster care are African-American; 68% of children referred to Juvenile Probation are African-American; 86% of children identified as at-risk by Communities In Schools are African-American. In September 2002, a core group of these community leaders convened and would operate by consensus. The project then became known as H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Excel). In July 2003, H.O.P.E. voted to incorporate, installed a board of directors and became known as Port Arthur Helping Our People Excel.

Currently, Port Arthur H.O.P.E. is applying for 501c3 status. Additionally, we are seeking to expand board membership to include a member from each of the critical stakeholders in our mission.

OUR VISION

A healthy, thriving community that recognizes the needs of all of its citizens, and attends to those needs as a precursor to a healthy and safe community.

OUR MISSION

To identify the obstacles that prevent our citizens from reaching their individual potential and to seek ways to help those citizens remove these obstacles, and to realize their potential.

OUR GOAL

To see and experience evidence that persons previously prevented from reaching their individual potential, have overcome obstacles to reaching their potential and now enjoy their life in a healthier and safer community.

PLAN/VISION

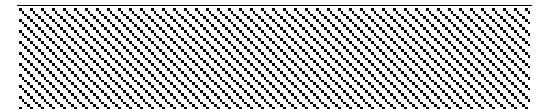
With increased proficiency, the employee works toward career development and advancement. Each plan should include goals of developing personal and financial stability to a level that will make moving out of the supported community a milestone of success.

Families that accomplish their plan for independence and personal financial success shall be acknowledged to the whole community for their accomplishments in an appropriate

ceremony and venue, and this process shall be incorporated into community support and motivation.

A plan or contract with each family, would be required for eligibility for supported housing in this model project community. The plan should include vocational, educational goals, along with long term and parenting training are services that are included in all plans. The plan is developed in cooperation with an assigned community case manager. Agreements exist with the adjacent industry (ies) to hire a community, Educational Services and skills development are an integral part of community life within the model project community, and those services are compatible with increasing workforce efficiency. Childcare is provided as a supplement to employment and educational services.

**Hope Is Everything,
Without It, We Have
Nothing...**



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