



**CASP**



# **“Salinas Comprehensive Strategy for Community-Wide Violence Reduction”**

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# WHO IS CASP?

- ◉ Merger of City of Salinas' Community Safety Alliance and the Violence Prevention Subcommittee of the Monterey County Children's Council.
- ◉ A multidisciplinary team of leaders from 30 organizations formed the CASP Steering Committee in January of 2009.
- ◉ The Steering Committee meets to assess, plan, and implement effective strategies and share resources to build, support and sustain a peaceful community.

# PARTICIPANTS

- City of Salinas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Family & Youth Services
- Avanza Transitional Age Youth Program
- Boys & Girls Club
- California Youth Outreach
- Migrant Education Parent Group
- Monterey County Behavioral Health
- Monterey County Health Dept
- Mo. Co. Alternative Education
- MCOE
- Mo. Co. Probation Dept.
- Monterey Park Neighborhood Assoc.
- Neighbors United
- Parent Control
- Rancho Cielo
- Salinas Adult School
- School Coffee Klatches
- Salinas Union H.S. Dist.
- Silver Star Resource Centers
- Sunrise House
- Sun Street Centers
- United Way Monterey County
- CHISPA
- And keeps expanding...

# STRATEGIC WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ◉ April and May ~ 23 “listening sessions” throughout the City.
- ◉ More than 200 people representing a cross-section of Salinas participated
- ◉ 6 Critical Issues were identified.
- ◉ Continued Community Engagement

# TOP 6 COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED ISSUES

- Social and Economic Conditions
- Unsupervised/Unengaged Children and Youth
- Environmental Design & Urban Planning
- Education and Schools
- Law Enforcement
- Impact of Drugs and Alcohol

# NEXT STEPS

- **Follow-Up Meetings with Community**
  - Identification and Implementation of Strategies
- **Salinas City/ Monterey County delegation to Washington, D.C.**
  - National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention
- **Interagency Joint Governance Review Committee**
  - Create a multidisciplinary leadership structure that coordinates anti-violence efforts and resources
  - City/County/School elected representatives