

**Sunnyslope Weed & Seed, Phoenix AZ**  
**January 1, 2005 – June 30, 2005**  
**3rd of 5 years of Official Recognition**

**1. Collaborations**

Due to the April 2004 start date and a no-cost extension on 2004-WS-Q4-0038 award funds, many Sunnyslope Weed & Seed contracted partners remained the same during the measurement period; however Las Salas After School has terminated its 2004-2005 contract with us and declined the 2005-2006 funds due to an inability to comply with some requirements. Additional partners were added as a result of the April 2005 launch of 2004-WS-Q4-0148. (See Prevention, Intervention and Treatment section for details.)

The partnership with Maricopa County Adult Probation was formalized during this period and an informal partnership with City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services blossomed. (See Law Enforcement and Neighborhood Restoration sections for details.)

Sunnyslope Weed & Seed currently has four fully operational committees:

- a. Steering Committee, co-chaired by residents April Jones and Polly Martino
- b. Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee, co-chaired by resident Bethany Nader and Angela DeBenedetto
- c. Law Enforcement Subcommittee, co-chaired by resident Donna Wiedoff and Officer Kevin Watts
- d. And Prevention Subcommittee, chaired by Debbie Davis

all of which are open to the public.

During this measurement period, Sunnyslope Weed & Seed exhibits were displayed at a Desert Mission Employee meeting and a Safe Schools/Healthy Students Partner Appreciation breakfast. Also, a presentation was made to the New North Town Block Watch, soliciting involvement.

Currently, the Sunnyslope Weed & Seed Steering Committee consists of 24 voting members, 12 of which are residents. A youth member was voted onto the committee in February. She is bilingual and a resident living in a house built by Sunnyslope Faith & Justice League, a Habitat for Humanity chapter and Sunnyslope Weed & Seed partner. There are 6 open positions on the steering committee; one of which was vacated and is expected to be re-filled by a representative from Washington Elementary School District.

**2. Steering Committee Meetings**

As of November 2004, regular steering committee meetings were to be held the second Wednesday of every other month. The steering committee has met 4 times this period:

- a. January 12, 2005
- b. February 9, 2005
- c. March 9, 2005
- d. May 11, 2005

**3. Award Balances**

The **2004-WS-Q4-0038** balance as of 6/30/05 is **\$21,003.97**

	<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>Amount Used</b>	<b>Amount Left</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$32,905.35	\$32,905.35	\$0.00
<b>Fringe</b>	\$4,569.23	\$3,676.47	\$892.76
<b>Travel</b>	\$7,470.00	\$1,774.27	\$5,695.73
<b>Contracts</b>	\$166,505.25	\$155,720.22	\$10,785.03
<b>Supplies</b>	\$7,946.17	\$4,324.26	\$3,621.91
<b>Equipment</b>	\$5,570.00	\$5,561.46	\$8.54
<b>Other</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$224,966.00	\$203,962.03	\$21,003.97

The **2004-WS-Q4-0148** balance as of 6/30/05 is **\$216,766.01**

	<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>Amount Used</b>	<b>Amount Left</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$34,799.00	\$5,586.45	\$29,212.55
<b>Fringe</b>	\$7,655.76	\$734.14	\$6,921.62
<b>Travel</b>	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
<b>Contracts</b>	\$160,351.00	\$1,889.25	\$158,461.75
<b>Supplies</b>	\$9,120.00	\$24.10	\$9,095.90
<b>Equipment</b>	\$5,574.19	\$0.00	\$5,574.19
<b>Other</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$224,999.95	\$8,233.94	\$216,766.01

All Weed & Seed funds are currently obligated in accordance with the budget included in the funding application.

**4. Sustainability**

The committee voted to change its name from Sunnyslope Weed & Seed to **Sunnyslope W.I.N.S.** in March 2005. W.I.N.S. is an acronym for Where Impacting Neighborhoods Succeeds. The new name is currently being used with the tag line "a Weed & Seed Site" to get the general public familiar with the

name. The name will remain appropriate after the expiration of our official recognition, which is why it was selected.

John C. Lincoln Health Network has been awarded a \$10,000 Community Development Block Grant to help sustain law enforcement efforts currently funded through Weed & Seed. Funds will be available for officer overtime during the months of April and May 2006.

An application for a Drug Free Communities grant was submitted in March; however, no notice of award has been received as of this reporting deadline. If awarded, funds will sustain the initiative for one year with the opportunity to reapply annually through 2009.

## **5. Evaluation**

Findings of the 2004 community needs assessment showed the top 10 community needs/issues to be:

1. Housing
2. Economic Development
3. Homelessness
4. Health Care
5. Cultural and Language Barriers
6. Personal Safety and Sense of Security
7. Mental and Behavioral Health
8. Dental Neglect
9. Pregnancy and Birth Outcomes
10. Child Care Alternatives

Upon review at the February Sunnyslope Youth & Family Partnership (SYFP) meeting, four top priorities were identified resulting in the formation of 4 subcommittees:

- Behavioral & Mental Health
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Overcoming Cultural & Language Barriers

The site coordinator participates in the Overcoming Cultural & Language Barriers committee.

The Sunnyslope Family Service Center has committed to investigate options to address the community's unmet dental needs.

Candee Stanton has been selected as the contracted evaluator for Sunnyslope Weed & Seed. She will:

- Develop a work plan with schedule
- Review the strategic plan and logic models developed related to Weed & Seed Program.

- Develop a matrix of all goals and objectives.
- Identify data and outcome information that is available to indicate progress on meeting goals and objectives. (Progress reports, community data)
- Meet with individual partners to gather information related to outcomes.
- Draft an evaluation report. Solicit input from appropriate individuals, edit based on feedback and finalize for submission by due date.

## **6. Status of Goals and Objectives**

### **Law Enforcement**

*(December 10, 2004 to June 03, 2005)*

The Law Enforcement activities continue to reflect the collaboration of personnel from the Desert Horizon Precinct, Drug Enforcement Bureau, Organized Crime Bureau and members of the Sunnyslope Community and affect the community in the following areas:

- Community Policing
- Neighborhood Restoration
- Crime Prevention, Intervention and Treatment

### **Overview:**

Personnel from the Desert Horizon Precinct's Neighborhood Enforcement Team (61X) of the Phoenix Police Department focused on the goals and objectives for the Sunnyslope Weed & Seed area and conducted the following activities:

- Served 37 Drug related Search Warrants
- Executed 30 Pro-Active Deployments
- Attended no less than 125 separate community events.

These efforts utilized a total of 2269.77 hours of overtime.

The Phoenix Police Department has been using pro-active enforcement in the designated Weed & Seed area within the Sunnyslope community utilizing both marked and undercover units. This has resulted in numerous drug and violent criminal arrests. A Neighborhood Enforcement Team has been dedicated to work in conjunction with other bureaus, prosecutors and other agencies on problems that affect the Sunnyslope community. The Phoenix Police Department, utilizing collaborative problem solving efforts with the community, has developed tactics designed to reduce and suppress crime at the neighborhood level. In a cooperative effort with the community, the Phoenix Police Department has dedicated officers to meet with the community for the purpose of determining criminal issues, development of Law Enforcement strategies and to make recommendations concerning Law Enforcement issues relevant to the Weed & Seed area.

- **Search Warrants**

The Neighborhood Enforcement Team and other Phoenix Police Department officers have executed **41 search warrants** in the Weed & Seed area. The total number of warrants included:

- 37 for illicit drugs,
- 2 for stolen property,
- 2 for forgery.

These warrants resulted in the **arrest of 89 individuals**.

- **Illegal Drug Activity**

The Neighborhood Enforcement Team received **44 drug complaints** that they were able to follow up on during this period.

These narcotic complaints netted the recovery of:

- 3.83 pounds of Methamphetamine for an estimated street value of \$59,078.00 dollars
- 16.6 ounces of Cocaine for an estimated street value of \$13,280.00 dollars
- 25.3 ounces of Marijuana for an estimated street value of \$2,755.00
- 1 pound of heroin for an estimated street value of \$18,000.00
- and 60 prescription pills for an estimated value of \$600.00.

During these efforts **\$27,206.00 dollars were seized** along with **50 firearms** and **7 vehicles** at an estimated value of \$43,000.00 dollars.

- **Prostitution**

**The Neighborhood Enforcement Team arrested 10 individuals for prostitution.** The Neighborhood Enforcement Team will continue its efforts to rid the Sunnyslope community of this blight.

The site coordinator participates in the city of **Phoenix prosecutor's office Prostitution Task Force** which helped to launch a **diversion program for individuals arrested on solicitation charges**. The site coordinator and steering committee members have shared the community perspective of the impact of prostitution through a panel **presentation at 5 monthly diversion program sessions** during this period.

- **Gangs**

The Neighborhood Enforcement Team, Phoenix Police Gang squads and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have conducted several sting operations resulting in the **arrest of no less than 10 individuals**.

The Gangs which have been impacted are:

- North Side 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue,

- Wetback Power 8<sup>th</sup> Street,
- K-13,
- Mexican Brown Pride
- and LCM.

These investigations have directly affected the living conditions of these neighborhoods. The effort to impact gang activity remains a high priority of the officers that work within the Weed & Seed area. The effort of the multi-jurisdictional agencies has been felt by the decrease in calls for service in this area.

- **Additional Crime Suppression at the Neighborhood Level**

During this reporting period the Neighborhood Enforcement Team implemented several crime suppression programs. One of these programs was a **two week auto theft program** which resulted in the arrest in an individual who seemed to be leading a group in the area. Following this program the number of vehicle thefts in the area dropped drastically.

Additionally several liquor permits and establishments have been closely reviewed. (See Neighborhood Restoration section for more information.)

The team also worked in partnership with Immigrations Customs and Enforcement in regards to **Project Safe Neighborhood** over this past reporting period identifying **no less than 18 individuals that qualify** under this program. In an effort to stop the cycle of recidivism of crimes in the Sunnyslope community, the Neighborhood Enforcement Team **utilized the Repeat Offender Program**. The officers apprehended **18 individuals** that fit the criteria of this program resulting in the imprisonment of the individuals for a **total of 85.5 years** within this program.

During this six month reporting period the Neighborhood Enforcement Team's concentrated patrols in the Weed & Seed area resulted in **271 arrests, 44% of which were for illicit drugs** (120). As a result of these arrests:

- an additional 8 stolen vehicles were recovered with an approximate value of \$41,000 dollars,
- 29 Field Interrogations were conducted,
- 108 citations were issued,
- and two stolen weapons were recovered.

The Phoenix Police Department is in the planning stages of developing a community substation bringing the beat officers closer to the neighborhoods they work in.

### **Maricopa County Adult Probation**

The Maricopa County Adult Probation Department did not begin formally working on the program until approximately June 1, 2005. This was due to many

administrative tasks that had to be completed in order for the department to accept the funds and the development and implementation of a means for tracking disbursement to probation officers on an overtime basis. Administration has now implemented a plan and this should not be a problem in the future.

During this reporting period, the Adult Probation Department **supervised approximately 371 defendants who were residing in the Sunnyslope area per month.**

**The Adult Probation Department and the Desert Horizon Precinct Neighborhood Enforcement Team have conducted four search warrants together that were directly tied to Weed and Seed.** Unfortunately, three of these were conducted on the same address due to continued activities at this house. During these searches, multiple weapons, a good amount of methamphetamine, and marijuana were seized from these two residences. **Prior to the grant, our agencies would not have been in contact with each other and probably would have never ended up working together on these properties.**

During the month of June, **probation officers attended two community events:**

- On June 10, 2005, eleven probation officers assisted the Phoenix Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team in volunteering for a benefit to honor Phoenix Police Officer David Uribe, who was unfortunately killed in the line of duty on May 10, 2005.
- On June 21, 2005, five probation officers attended the law enforcement committee for the Weed & Seed Grant, which was held at John C. Lincoln Hospital.

The Adult Probation Department and the Phoenix Police Department have remained in constant contact in regards to problem properties and people within Sunnyslope. We have found that sharing information back and forth between agencies has been very beneficial to all involved, including the community. **When possible, we attempt to work together on any addresses that have probationers involved.** The Phoenix Police Department has been very helpful in sharing any relevant information on any of our probationers that they come in contact with within the community. The Adult Probation Department has also attempted to be available to all community members and the concerns they may share with us. Once we are aware of a problem, we take swift action in investigating the concerns, and acting on them if necessary.

Furthermore, as a result of our partnership, when probation officers lost their donated Sunnyslope office space, Weed & Seed partners were contacted and a **new location for office hours** was secured. Sunnyslope probationers now report to their probation officers at the Sunnyslope Village Revitalization office.

The location is very accessible to probationers and appears to be working out well.

### **Community Policing**

Community Action Officers supported the neighborhood block watch and fight back groups by conducting presentations and attending **94 meetings**. During these presentations concerns that were addressed consisted of problem solving, information and referral assistance along with educational presentations. The educational presentations covered the areas of crime prevention by environmental design, stranger danger, personal safety and victim awareness. Officers assisted neighborhoods in quality of life issues. Neighborhood groups brought forth their concern in regard to their safety and declining property values. Officers conducted enhanced patrols in the areas, met with the community groups, City Attorney's Office and City Zoning to develop an action plan to address the problems. In addition to these community and city groups several clean up and educational programs were implemented. Officers, to help maintain the communities' quality of life, are conducting follow up patrols, in these areas. These patrols utilize marked and unmarked patrol cars, bicycle and foot patrols.

Working in conjunction with several block watch groups, community action **officers arranged for the Graffiti Paint-Out Program on 16 different occasions** to take place in **approximately 23 locations** in the Weed & Seed area. This program is on-going in the community as graffiti is found within the neighborhoods.

Community Action Officers attended several Block Watch programs and have helped to maintain the effectiveness of the program. During this reporting period these Officers continued to support the neighborhood block watch groups. Today **there are 89 block watch groups** in the Weed & Seed area. These Block Watch groups help to bring the neighborhoods and the police together fighting to preserve their community.

### **Special Recognition**

The City of Phoenix Police Department Desert Horizon Precinct Neighborhood Enforcement Team 61X was nominated and awarded the Garcia's Gracias Award. Garcia's Mexican Restaurants and the Arizona Diamondbacks have teamed up with the United Way to salute unsung heroes. The team received two complimentary tickets to a Diamondbacks game and a gift certificate to Garcia's restaurant. Prior to the game they were recognized from the field in front of 40,000 people. The officers were recognized for their efforts in our Weed & Seed strategy and the respect and appreciation the Sunnyslope residents have for their dedication to protecting our community.

### **Prevention, Intervention and Treatment**

Sunnyslope is a Community of Promise and the site coordinator participates on the state's America's Promise committee hosted by Communities in Schools.

Participation offers networking opportunities and idea sharing among local promise keepers.

Sunnyslope Youth & Family Partnership, a coalition of representatives from more than 40 schools, neighborhood organizations, hospital departments, social services and governmental agencies, continues to work on a comprehensive plan to prevent juvenile delinquency and ensure the well-being of children, youth and their families in the Sunnyslope area. Established in 1995, the Partnership is committed to meeting community needs by:

- facilitating partnerships for improved integration of accessible services
- reducing barriers to services such as transportation, language, geographic, economic
- preventing under-utilization and duplication of programs and resources, and
- providing for expansion of services through collaboration.

In addition to these efforts, Sunnyslope Prevention, Intervention and Treatment initiatives benefit from Weed & Seed through sub-contracted agencies and safe haven programs. This provides an opportunity to have a direct and specified impact.

The following subcontractors are reporting for award **2004-WS-Q4-0038 only**:

- The Orchard
- Las Salas, Inc.
- Sunnyslope Youth Center
- X-Tattoo Program

- **The Orchard**

Computers have been purchased and facility improvements have been made to launch a no-fee computer class for up to 12 students per session beginning April 30, 2005. Classes in Word and Excel will be offered with additional days during the week available for lab work. Instructors and lab assistance will be available and a calendar of classes and labs will be provided to various agencies in the Sunnyslope area.

As of March 31, 2005 four residents have made reservations for the classes.

The Weed & Seed contract expired on March 31, 2005.

Problems/Obstacles: The instructor for the classes has had health issues and assistants were in the process of relocating to Arizona; therefore there were many delays; however classes are scheduled to begin April 30, 2005.

- **Las Salas, Inc.**

Las Salas After School decided to discontinue their Weed & Seed contract due to an inability to comply with contract requirements.

- **Sunnyslope Youth Center**

The Sunnyslope Youth Center continues to offer the Chilitos Bravos dance program, with an average of 32 participants at practice, all of who are Sunnyslope residents. To date, the dance groups have performed several times throughout Phoenix. Their most recent performance was at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Teen Conference at Phoenix College. The group earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish and is ready to compete again on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Sunnyslope Youth Center soccer program has 32 participants and competes in a variety of tournaments and two different leagues. The young men have been actively engaged in a program that is safe and rewarding. Their best finish to date was a third place finish at a City wide tournament of 16 teams.

The Weed & Seed contract expired on March 31, 2005.

In addition to funded programming, the site coordinator supported the WAY employment program by facilitating financial literacy and resume writing sessions for the participants.

- **X-Tattoo Program**

Goal: Provide reduced cost tattoo removal treatment for residents in the Sunnyslope Community.

Objectives: Retain existing Sunnyslope residents in the X-Tattoo Program. Hold tattoo treatments at the Sunnyslope PAL Center for the 2003-2005 grant year.

Recruit residents from the Sunnyslope Community to participate in the X-Tattoo Program.

Foster increased employment opportunities for existing Sunnyslope residents in the X-Tattoo Program.

Provide educational and life skills workshops through X-Tattoo Program.

During the fourth reporting period, the **X-Tattoo staff had contact with 12 current Sunnyslope residents through the program** at three treatments, two orientations, via telephone, mail, and e-mail correspondence. Every X-Tattoo participant received approximately \$1000.00 value of medical service and professional training at a greatly reduced fee. The average cost of tattoo removal service with a licensed plastic surgeon is approximately \$1000.00 per hours, while the average cost to an X-Tattoo Tattoo Removal Program participant is \$55.00.

The treatments were performed by three volunteer plastic surgeons in the X-Tattoo Program. After treatment, four medically trained volunteer nurses and fire fighters immediately administered wound-care to participants. Sixty-two (62) participants were successfully treated and **12 or 19% are residents of the Sunnyslope community.**

Two program orientations were held during the reporting period. **Four Sunnyslope community residents attended orientation on January 21 and two attended at the March 19, 2005 meeting.** The program orientation is an informational session for prospective new applicants seeking to enter the X-TATTOO: Tattoo Removal Program. During a PowerPoint presentation attendees are given an overview of the program including: program history, explanation of the laser and how it works with the body's natural processes to remove tattoos, and program requirements. All attendees of the orientation receive a one-on-one assessment with an X-Tattoo staff member. The meeting is an opportunity for the individual to ask questions and reveal the nature of their tattoos.

Treatments, orientations, and educational workshops are being implemented as scheduled per the 2005 X-Tattoo Treatment Calendar.

EVENTS	RESULT
January 21, 2005	Tattoo removal treatment cancelled due to doctor personal emergency.
January 21, 2005	Program Orientation for prospective new participants. Eighteen (18) participants attended and 4 are Sunnyslope residents.
February 5, 2005	19 participants treated; 4 are Sunnyslope residents
February 12, 2005	27 participants treated; 6 are Sunnyslope residents
March 19, 2005	16 participants treated; 2 are Sunnyslope residents
March 19, 2005	Program Orientation for prospective new participants. Eighteen (1) participants attended and 2 are Sunnyslope residents.

The Weed & Seed contract expired on March 31, 2005.

The following subcontractors are reporting for **2004-WS-Q4-0038 and 2004-WS-Q4-0148 awards:**

- Sunnyslope High School Adult Diploma Program
- Sunnyslope High School Vikingtown
- Central Arizona Shelter Services Inc. (CASS)
- Royal Palm Outreach Project – After School Recreation Program
- Royal Palm Outreach Project – Small Groups
- Royal Palm Mentoring Program

- **Sunnyslope High School Adult Diploma Program**

The Adult Education Program at Sunnyslope High School is in its 3rd year and remains the first and only free diploma program in the state of Arizona that provides a diploma from GUHSD and not simply a GED.

Goal and Objective: Providing High School level education opportunities for adults, allowing a high school diploma versus a GED which is not sufficient for some work opportunities, including some military posts and nursing programs. Additionally, the No Child Left Behind Law requires all aides employed by public school districts to have a high school diploma; a GED is no longer accepted.

Enrollment: **39 students are currently enrolled** (7 males and 32 females)

**15 students graduated during the 2004-2005 program year.** At least two of the graduates have entered the workforce, two are now eligible for promotion and one is attending Glendale Community College.

Breakdown of credit status:

- a. Seniors: 3
- b. Juniors: 18
- c. Sophomores: 16
- d. Freshman: 2

Sunnyslope resident status:

- a. 36 students have addresses in the Sunnyslope area (92%)

Classes ran from **7pm to 9pm Monday through Thursdays** and concluded Thursday, May 12, 2005. **2005-2006 Registration will be held Tuesday, August 16th and Wednesday August 17, 2005.** Following a summer break, **classes will resume Monday, August 22, 2005.**

Problems/Obstacles: Additional funding was provided by the EDM Utility Specialist Company, a Hispanic-based industry in the state of Arizona.

We are currently applying for grants to make up the difference for the 2005-2006 school year.

- **Sunnyslope High School Vikingtown**

Vikingtown is Sunnyslope High School's camp experience in which individuals learn a greater appreciation of individual and group differences. The camp curriculum is based on the nationally recognized Anytown model, and developed by the National Conference for Community and Justice. **The goal of the camp is to education youth by creating a greater understanding of culture, diversity, gender, and religious differences to fight prejudice and discrimination within the school and within the community.** Vikingtown is a

prevention program necessary to promote multicultural harmony and targets the areas of gangs, campus and community violence, dropout prevention, substance abuse, and teen pregnancies.

**The Vikingtown 2004-2005 camp was held March 3-5, 2005 at the Anytown Camp in Prescott, Arizona.** The program started at camp and follow-up activities will continue throughout the school year. The staff was made up of 1 director from the district, 8 Sunnyslope teachers, 1 Sunnyslope school nurse, and a Phoenix firefighter that is a current teacher in the district and will be teaching the fire science class next year on Sunnyslope's campus. Several juniors and seniors, and 7 recent graduates that are considered leaders on campus and in the community were the cabin counselors and assistants during the program. **A total of 71 students participated in the program,** and returned with the Vikingtown spirit.

Of the 71 students that participated, 12 participated as support staff for the cabin counselors and had been to Vikingtown before. Only new delegates were surveyed to measure success and of the 59 eligible only 48 returned surveys. Of the survey's returned **81% reported that they had changed their minds positively with regards to people of diverse backgrounds.** The delegates were also surveyed each night to determine whether or not they had learned something new each day. **On the second day of camp 89% of the students reported that they had learned something new since participating, by the end of camp 100% of the staff reported the camp to be successful.**

The Vikingtown experience does not end at camp. One of the goals was to have 60% of the students who participated in Vikingtown participate in after Vikingtown activities and continue to bring the learning back to the community. Since returning from camp, the students made plans for a April 13, 2005 reunion lunch. During this lunch the students planned activities on and off campus to continue the learning. Plans are also being made for a Familytown in which delegates and their parents will participate in activities that are similar to what the delegates experienced at camp. The date for this activity has not yet been set.

Problems/Obstacles: Due to increased testing requirements, camp was held much later than in previous years. This leaves a limited amount of days in the school year to provide after camp activities. In fact, the first on-campus activity since returning from camp did not take place until April 13, 2005. Therefore, the final measure of success to determine whether or not 60% of the students participated in follow up activities could not be assessed at this time. Students will however be able to participate in follow up activities that can continue to go on for the following 2005-2006 school year.

- **Central Arizona Shelter Services Inc. (CASS)**  
CASS continues to collaborate with Community Bridges to provide substance abuse relapse prevention groups on-site at the Vista Colina Family Emergency

Family Shelter. Within a few days after acceptance into the shelter, the Community Bridges Recovery Specialist screens clients individually to assess their substance abuse history. Based on the results of this assessment, a recommendation is made to CASS staff if the client needs to participate in substance abuse relapse prevention groups. The CASS case manager then makes attendance part of the client's case plan for those clients who need support. Clients attend two 2-hour classes per week. A rapport is developed between the client and the recovery specialist and issues of sobriety are addressed individually as well due to the full time presence of the specialist on-site. If relapse occurs, the specialist participates in our staffings to determine next steps. This close communication permits Vista Colina to address the needs of the clients while continuing to provide a safe environment for other clients and the community.

The on-site Community Bridges Recovery Specialist, Herb Dean, has enhanced services and support to promote sobriety offered to Vista Colina clients. He has office space at Vista Colina, full time, Tuesday through Friday and is available by phone 24/7, increasing opportunities for clients to receive services. He now offers morning and afternoon groups to accommodate clients' schedules. In addition, all incoming clients are professionally assessed to determine their substance abuse history and related issues. He has recently been promoted but has agreed to train his replacement to ensure a smooth transition.

Childcare and after school activities continue to be provided so that parents can participate in his support groups, assessments and one-on-one sessions. Attendance has been consistent and the numbers of clients participating has remained high. **51 two-hour sessions with an average of 8 participants per session were offered this quarter.**

Because of the increase in demand for emergency shelter, we began placing 2 families – single moms with one small child – in some 2 bedroom apartments thus exceeding the 30 unit occupancy and providing services to 45-55 families per month.

This period, the CASS occupancy rate was:  
105% in January;  
105% in February;  
101% in March  
112% in April  
101% in May  
1001% in June

Problems/Obstacles: Previous staffing challenges have been resolved and consistent staff and volunteers are in place to assure quality services. In fact, approximately 40 volunteers helped at the shelter each month.

- **Royal Palm Outreach Project – After School Recreation Program**

The after school recreation program offers a variety of after school activities to Royal Palm Middle School students including board games, basketball, soccer, flag football, sand volleyball, hip-hop dance, and an art class. The activities alternate throughout the year, running from 3:10pm-4:10pm, and “late” buses are available for transportation. Activities are available to all Royal Palm students at no cost and the program has a “no-cut” policy so that all of the youth that choose to participate will have the opportunity to do so. There is also no limit to the number of activities in which a student can participate.

This period, the after school recreation program offered board games, hip-hop dance, art, girls’ basketball, flag football, sand volleyball, and soccer. Board games has continued meeting twice a week allowing the teacher/coach to divide activities and better manage the large number of participants (approximately 60 plus students). Students are given the opportunity to participate in organized Pokemon, YU-GI-OH, and Hero-Clix tournaments and trading, in addition to playing various board games and computer games. This activity, which allows for socialization and fosters teamwork concluded at the end of the school year.

A hip-hop dance class and an art class, both the product of collaboration with the City of Phoenix Sunnyslope Youth Center, also continued meeting once a week at Royal Palm Middle School. The dance class had a total of 19 students with approximately 15 students participating regularly. A small group of participants, with the help of the instructor competed in the school talent show (4/8/05) and other opportunities for public performances are always welcomed.

The art class continues to have a smaller turn out of 7 total participants with 4 students participating regularly. The low attendance, however, allows the instructor to work closely with each student, one-on-one. The students completed their “form and figure sculpture” project and were each given materials for future projects on their own. Supplies (i.e. sketch pads, sculpting clay, paint) were purchased courtesy of a \$500 grant from Sunnyslope Kiwanis. These classes also concluded at the end of the school year.

Girls’ Basketball met four days a week for approximately 5 weeks concluding 3/1/05. Seventeen students participated in girls’ basketball, however, attendance was sporadic (an average of 8 participants each day). Participants completed anonymous satisfaction surveys, which yielded positive feedback, and an expressed interest in continued participation.

Soccer met four days a week for approximately 6 weeks concluding 3/3/05. There were 49 total participants with approximately 21 students attending each day. Unfortunately, rain and flooding often interfered with play but canceled sessions were rescheduled and the season was not lost. Participants completed anonymous satisfaction surveys, which yielded positive feedback, and an expressed interest in continued participation.

Flag football met four days a week for approximately 6 weeks concluding 4/29/05. Sixty-six students participated in this activity with consistently high attendance. Participants completed anonymous satisfaction surveys at the conclusion of the activity, which yielded positive feedback, and an expressed interest in continued participation.

Sand volleyball also met four days a week for approximately 6 weeks concluding 5/26/05. There were 24 total participants with sporadic attendance due largely to involvement in other after school activities (i.e. school volleyball team/try-outs, softball). Participants completed anonymous satisfaction surveys, which also yielded positive feedback, and an expressed interest in continued participation.

A total of 231 students participated in one or more of the after school recreational activities during the 2004-2005 school year. (See the table for a breakdown by activity.)

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Total # of participants</b>	<b># of Sunnyslope Residents</b>
Art	7	7 (100%)
Boys' Basketball	36	30 (83%)
Girls' Basketball	16	9 (56%)
Soccer	48	47 (98%)
Hip Hop Dance	19	18 (95%)
Board Games	62	58 (94%)
Flag football	66	60 (91%)
Sand Volleyball	24	21 (88%)

\*Bold text indicates activities offered during this measurement period.

130 anonymous satisfaction surveys were completed by students participating in after school recreational activities during this measurement period (38 for board games; 36 for flag football; 20 for sand volleyball 36 for soccer and girls' basketball). The feedback was primarily positive.

Responses to "What did you like best about the intramural?" included:

- "It had cool people and it gave you good exercise."
- "On days when I didn't have anything to do it gave me something to do."
- "That we all played fair and square and we had so much fun."
- "I can have something to do after school so I won't go home and be lazy."
- "That we can mess up and its not a major mess up and we can always fix it."
- "I like having somewhere to be most."
- "It helped with my math."
- "It was fun and safe."
- "That you get to know people friends and not go home."

Responses to “What improvements would you like to see in this intramural?” included:

- “Better equipment.”
- “Better fields and grass.”
- “Better marked soccer field.”
- “For it to keep going until the end of the school year.”
- “Nothing keep it the same.”
- “That it goes till 4:30.”
- “No thieves.”
- “More food.”
- “So we can have a football team.”
- “That more kids come out and play.”

Discipline statistics are still being gathered and will be submitted when available.

- **Royal Palm Outreach Project – Small Groups**

Small Groups (six Positive Action, one Grief and Loss) also continued meeting once a week for approximately one-hour and attendance has been high with active participation.

A total of sixty-six students participated in small groups this quarter; forty-seven in Positive Action, ten in Grief and Loss, and nine in Gang Awareness and Prevention. Fifty-seven of students participating in a small group reside in the Sunnyslope community (86%).

The Positive Action group(s) utilized a curriculum that has been recognized as a model, exemplary or promising violence prevention program by many entities including U.S. Department of Education, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Title V Model Program Guide, National crime Prevention Strategies and more. This program is made up of 6 units whose topics include: Self-Concept; Physical and Intellectual Positive Actions; Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Managing Yourself Responsibly; Social/Emotional Positive Actions – Being Honest with Yourself and Others (Mental Health) and Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Improving Yourself Continually. The Grief and Loss group followed a curriculum created by Eloise Cole, bereavement specialist, which provided students a safe and structured environment to process their individual losses.

Consistent with the evidence that life skills training is more effective if it occurs over a longer term, groups continued meeting through the end of May with additional life skills training opportunities offered to bolster and reinforce the six unit Positive Action curriculum. Students participating in the Grief and Loss group were also invited to join existing Positive Action groups in an effort to provide these students with additional support. The new group series, Positive Support, utilized group discussions, videos, and guest speakers to address a variety of

topics including: stress and coping skills, suicide and depression, grief and loss, dating violence, substance abuse, appreciating diversity, and gun violence and bystander responsibility.

A Gang Awareness and Prevention group, created in response to an expressed need, began meeting weekly on 2/10/05. The curriculum for this group focused on the history of gangs, the reasons people may join a gang, the risks/repercussions associated with gang involvement, the development of problem solving/decision-making skills, and alternatives to gang involvement/activity. Students participated in a variety of discussion/activities, watched videos, and heard guest speakers share their experience/knowledge. All of which were followed by group discussions during which group members were given the opportunity and encouraged to process the information they had seen and/or heard and share their reactions.

At the conclusion of the groups, students completed post-tests and anonymous satisfaction surveys which yielded positive feedback, and an expressed interest in continued participation. Parent/teacher surveys were also completed regarding changes in students' behavior. Results are being assessed to determine service impact.

Over 80 anonymous Satisfaction surveys were completed by small group participants who yielded positive feedback, and an expressed interest in continued participation.

Responses to "What did you like best about this group?" included:

- "I got to talk to people with the same kind of problems as me."
- "How we could be ourselves and express things."
- "I liked how comfortable sharing my feelings in group was."
- "The way they listen to me and how they participate."
- "Being able to control my feelings without hurting someone."
- "I liked being able to learn more things from speakers about life."
- "You can see if other kids are going through the same thing as you."
- "I can talk about stuff without being made fun of."
- "The best thing I liked about group was being able to discuss my feelings without having to argue with someone."
- "Finding answers to problems that happen at home or in school or anywhere."

Responses to "What do you think is the most important thing you learned from this group?" included:

- "How to handle life problems and not doing drugs or suicide because they are not the answer."
- "How to relax and control my anger by not hitting things and just doing stuff I like."
- "That gangs are not good for you or other people."

- “Drugs and alcohol can harm you and affect other people.”
- “That we should not smoke and why we shouldn’t and that there are people that have the same problems as us but could also have worse problems than us.”
- “How to deal with stress and everyday problems that happen in life.”
- “How to express myself.”
- “The consequences of bullying, gangs, and drinking, and taking drugs.”
- “Some people have more worst problems than me.”
- “I learned about some people I thought were bullies”
- “Learning that I’m not the only child that lost someone special to me.”
- “How to talk to other people.”

Responses to “What would have made the group more helpful?” included:

- “I don’t know because everything we talked about was pretty interesting should have grouped more than once a week.”
- “More guest speakers about gangs.”
- “That we can have boy and girl group split apart separate.”
- “If we had more hands-on things.”
- “Longer group time so we can learn more about other issues and other people.”

Discipline statistics are still being gathered and will be submitted when available.

- **Royal Palm Mentoring Program**

The program goals and objectives are to provide a caring adult for each child who needs or desires one, increase academic achievement, reduce absenteeism and reduce the number of discipline referrals.

The Mentoring Program provided a positive activity for the students in the Sunnyslope area. It provided a safe environment and positive experience to all participants. The program started with 2 students and 2 mentors and has grown to 7 students and 6 mentors on Wednesday evenings. Meals were provided each Wednesday.

Beverages and treats were provided for the students in the Leadership Rap group of 21 students.

A total of 64 students are served through all Royal Palm Mentoring programs. 32 Sunnyslope residents participated in Weed & Seed sponsored mentor activities at Royal Palm.

A satisfaction survey revealed that 90% of respondents were Totally Satisfied and 15% had Average Satisfaction. The average grade point for participants in Royal Palm Mentoring programs is 2.63. 50% of students being mentored demonstrated an increase in attendance since being paired with a mentor.

The end of the year celebration took place in May.

Providing services to the students went smoothly. The ability to access funds was somewhat difficult because of district policy. As we used the system it became easier to use funds in a timely manner. Future goals involve further stream-lining the process.

Desert View Elementary School is reporting for award 2004-WS-Q4-0148 only: Due to Washington Elementary School District purchasing requirements, Desert View Elementary School is in the process of establishing if the vendor previously identified is a sole vendor; otherwise, bids for the poster maker will be solicited prior to purchase.

### **Neighborhood Restoration**

During this period the Neighborhood Restoration committee met with representatives from the Public Works department, solid waste to get departmental perspective on trash issues in the Sunnyslope community.

The committee also established criteria to oppose liquor license applications. An establishment that sells drug paraphernalia, is a package liquor store only, is near a school or opposed by other reliable sources will be opposed by the committee.

The committee opposed one liquor license during this period; however, the liquor license was awarded.

At least three properties were on the Maricopa County Slumlord Task Force "Dirty Dozen" list during this period.

In Cooperation with the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department and the community, the Phoenix Police Department has created an abatement program to identify and coordinate efforts to hold property owners accountable for the criminal activity on their property. As a result, several properties in the Sunnyslope community have been identified by utilizing the resources of community members, City of Phoenix Zoning and the direct criminal enforcement conducted by the Phoenix Police Department. The following is a list of those properties identified and the action taken through the abatement program to hold the property owners accountable.

**9411 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue (23 units)**

This property was **voted onto the Maricopa County Attorney's Slumlord task Force list on 4/7/2004, and remains on their list.** This property has zoning violations and crime issues. There have been numerous search warrants served at these apartments for illegal drug activity in the past. Enforcement efforts continue to monitor the progress of this property.

03/01/04 to 06/09/04 1-Arrests 0-Field Interrogations 1-Reports (No Drug Related Reports)	06/09/04 to 12/20/04 0 - Arrests 3 - Reports ( No Drug Reports)	12/09/04to 06/03/05 1 - Arrests 0 - Field Interrogations 7 - Reports (1 Drug Related Reports)
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**10305 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

This property was **voted onto the Maricopa County Attorney's Slumlord task Force list on 11/10/2004. This property remains on the task force list.** This property has zoning violations and crime issues. There have been numerous search warrants served at this apartment complex for illegal drug activity. Enforcement efforts have been stepped up.

12/20/04 – 06/03/05 1- Arrest 0 - Field Interrogations 6 - Reports	06/01/04 to 12/20/04 10 - Arrests 2 - Field Interrogations 21- Reports (of the 21 reports -15 are drug related, 1 shooting, 1 Aggravated Assault, and some property crime reports)
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**1712 W. Vogel Ave Apartment Complex (6 units)**

This property was **voted onto the Maricopa County Attorney's Slumlord task Force list and remains on the list.** Several drug related search warrants have been served at this property. Contact was made with property owner to clean up property. The property is vacant and is currently under renovation.

12/20/04 – 06/03/05 0- Arrest 2 - Field Interrogations 4 – Reports (2 for Drugs)
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**9431 N. Cave Creek (70 Units)**

The Mountain Ridge Apartments (formerly known as Canyon Club Apartments) came into compliance and has become a certified Crime Free Multi-Housing property. Property management working closely with officers to maintain their property.

06/9/04 to 12/20/04 10-Arrests 3-Field Interrogations 16-Reports (1 homicide)	12/4/03 to 06/09/04 0-Arrests 0-Field Interrogations 4-Reports	12/20/04 – 06/03/05 6- Arrest 2 - Field Interrogations 13 – Reports (1 for Drugs)
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**816 E. Orchid**

Property owner has been contacted. The owner is in the process of bringing the property into compliance. This property continues to be monitored.

12/20/04 – 06/03/05 4- Arrest 0 - Field Interrogations 1 – Reports (Drug Related)
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**1420 W. Peoria Ave**

The owner ended up going through foreclosure and the City of Phoenix purchased the property and renovated the property. Dunlap & Magee are currently managing the property on behalf of the city.

06/09/04 to 12/20/04 0 Arrests 2- Field Interrogations 2- Reports	12/20/04 – 06/03/05 0- Arrest 3 - Field Interrogations 9 – Reports (0 of for Drugs)
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**1520 W. Peoria Ave**

The owner ended up going through foreclosure and the City of Phoenix purchased the property and renovated the property. Dunlap & Magee are currently managing the property.

06/09/04 to 12/20/04 3- Arrests 0- Field Interrogations 9- Reports	12/20/04 – 06/03/05 5 - Arrest 3 - Field Interrogations 18 – Reports (1 Report for Drugs)
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**Crime Free Multi-Housing**

The Phoenix Police Department has dedicated an officer within each precinct to meet with property owners, inspect and qualify multi-housing properties within the Crime Free Multi Housing program. The Crime Free Multi-Housing Officer

has aggressively contacted property owners and conducted numerous meetings with multi-housing properties within the Weed & Seed area.

During this reporting period a new database has been implemented to verify all properties that are participating in the Crime Free Multi-Housing program. **There are 54 properties that are currently in the process or have been certified in the Crime Free Multi-Housing program. These properties represent a total of 2,826 rental units involved in the program.** The Crime Free Multi-Housing Officer is in constant contact with both the properties and the patrol officers to ensure the quality of life within the Sunnyslope community.