

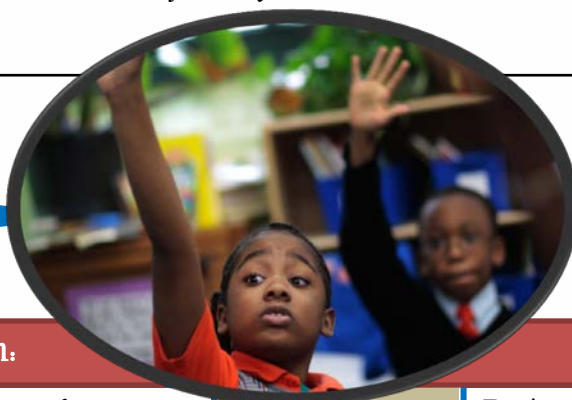
The Coalition Connection

The Hazel Park
Community Coalition
Newsletter

Welcome

Greetings, Families and Community Members!

Welcome to our first issue of the Hazel Park Community Coalition newsletter. The Hazel Park Community Coalition is new and developing! It began as a collaboration between Hazel Park Preparatory Academy and the University of Minnesota. Our goal is to develop a coalition made up of caregivers, teachers, students, and community members to work together for the overall well-being of students at Hazel Park, and we invite you to help build the coalition! We will be working together as a community to actively find ways to support our students on their journey to excellence.



Goals of the Coalition.

The community coalition is a group of individuals that have come together with the hope of improving access to existing programs and developing new programs in the Hazel Park community that will contribute to the success of families, children, and community members.

The Coalition is working together to identify strengths and areas of improvement in the Hazel Park community. The community will work together to develop a community action plan that will include programming that fits the specific needs of youth and their families in the Hazel Park community.

This project is not complete without the help and input of parents, teachers, and community members. It is our goal to make this journey toward the development of an action plan as collaborative and welcoming as possible!

Vision Statement

“Hazel Park. A robust community full of opportunities and possibilities”

Coalition Updates.

During the first board meeting on November 4, 2015, our group of 13 individuals established the goals, mission, and expectations of the community coalition. During the first meeting they had a brainstorming session, listing the strengths and areas that need improvement in the Hazel Park Community. This activity led to a draft of a vision statement for the coalition. The vision statement was shared with community members for feedback. Board members finalized the statement at a second board meeting on December 16. The vision statement will keep the coalition board focused as we work to create a community action plan.

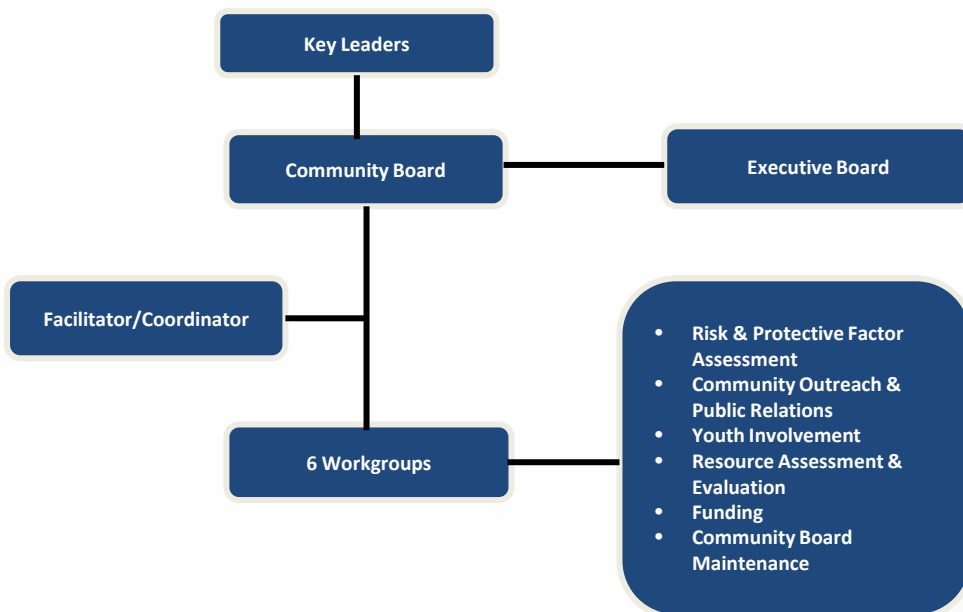
The board will meet every third Wednesday of the month. You are invited!

THE BOARD



1. **Keith Allen**; *Planning Specialist/Criminal Justice Coordinator - Ramsey County Manager's Office*
2. **Dr. Rosilyn Carroll**; *Community Member/Activist/Leader*
3. **Dr. Delores Henderson**; *Principal - Hazel Park Preparatory Academy*
4. **Dr. Darcel Hill**; *Executive Director – CDF Freedom School*
5. **Andrew Jones**; *Branch Director; Boys and Girls Club*
6. **Dr. Fatima Lawson**; *Principal on Special Assignment, Alternative Education Programs - SPPS*
7. **Angela Mack**; *Parent - Hazel Park Preparatory Academy*
8. **William Moore**; *Economic Development Chair - NAACP*
9. **Kristin Morris**; *Parent - Hazel Park Preparatory Academy*
10. **Hope Patterson**; *Program Coordinator - Flipside-Afterschool Program*
11. **Tamiko Ralston**; *Health Disparities Outreach - Ramsey County Department of Public Health*
12. **Lynette Scott**; *Content Coach - Hazel Park Preparatory Academy*
13. **Lisa Theis**; *Community Organizer – District 2 Community Council*

The diagram to the right shows the outline of the community coalition. At the top of the flow chart are the key leaders. These are the people in the community and organizations that are supporting our cause and are giving resources to the community board. The community board is made up of teachers, parents, and community members dedicated to the positive development of the Hazel Park Community. The members that sit on the community board are then given the option of joining subcommittees also known as workgroups. These workgroups help maintain and complete the entire coalition:



- Risk & Protective Factor Assessment
- Community Outreach & Public Relations
- Youth Involvement
- Resource Assessment & Evaluation
- Funding
- Community Board Maintenance

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

The Coalition Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month:

- **Wednesday February 17, 2016**
10:00am-11:00am
- **Wednesday March 16, 2016**
10:00am-12:30pm
- **Wednesday April 20, 2016**
10:00am-12:30pm
- **Wednesday May 18, 2016**
10:00am-12:30pm

Get Involved:

If you are interested in getting involved in the community coalition, we are still looking for parents/guardians and teachers that would be interested in joining the action!

If you are interested or if you would like to find out more information, please contact the community coalition facilitator Capetra Jolly. Phone: 612-443-0200
Email: jolly041@umn.edu

You are welcome to join a workgroup!