

**Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence- April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**  
**Policies Forwarded at Summit**

**Anti- Gay and Gender:**

- 1) Schools should review curriculum and work to increase content on the history of the LGBTQ Community and the Women's Rights Movement, as well as share information about the historical targeting of these groups to build awareness and compassion.
- 2) Schools, businesses, and service agencies should learn the consequences of hateful language and advocate for strict enforcement of policies which promote respectful communication.
- 3) Conduct trainings to promote more understanding and acceptance of the LGBTQ people and to stop violence against women.
- 4) Promote suicide prevention and intervention supports, especially in schools, building in peer-to-peer models of intervention.
- 5) All Districts in Multnomah County should ensure that LGBTQ students are named in district anti-discrimination policies and work to protect their rights.
- 6) Break the silence – create a campaign to speak out against Anti-Gay and Gender Violence and share stories of anti-gender violence impacts.
- 7) Maintain and work to expand access to school-based mental health services through Multnomah County Department of County Human Services.
- 8) Continue funding for MYC and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence.

**Cyber-bullying:**

- 1) Adults need support/awareness education of what cyber-bullying is and how to approach youth to talk about it through a campaign to speak out against cyber-bullying.
- 2) Schools should work with youth to develop policies/reporting systems for cyber-bullying.
- 3) Create authentic opportunities to engage parents and students to talk about cyber-bullying, what it is, and how it impacts students.
- 4) Promote suicide prevention and intervention supports, especially in schools, building in peer-to-peer models of intervention (sometimes only other youth know when a youth is being cyber-bullied and considering suicide).
- 5) Break the silence- Create a campaign to speak out against Cyber-Bullying.
- 6) School counselors should be available more often.
- 7) Student Unions should be created across all schools in Multnomah County.
- 8) Continue funding for MYC and 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence.

**Gang:**

- 1) Expand YouthPass program to all youth in Multnomah County so they can access jobs, after school activities and school.
- 2) Sponsor clean ups in the community and work to build pride in distressed neighborhoods. Efforts like the rosewood initiative should be continued and expanded to other neighborhoods that have high crime rates. Community building as prevention of crime.

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- 3) Continue funding for summer youth connect and 9<sup>th</sup> grade counts. Connection to jobs, internships and positive activities can help break the cycle of gang involvement.
- 4) City of Portland Parks and Recreation, Portland Children's Levy and Multnomah County should maintain funding and increase access to SUN schools, especially concentrating services where gang violence is most prevalent.
- 5) Provide free, private counseling for youth involved in gangs.
- 6) Provide more information to youth about programs outside of school that are free.
- 7) Bring in more speakers and reps from programs into the school to educate students about their services.
- 8) Have support for family and significant others of gang members.
- 9) Provide youth of all ages a safe, confidential environment to talk about gang involvement.
- 10) Continue funding for MYC and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence.

### **Home:**

- 1) Publicize and promote the child abuse hotline.
- 2) Promote holistic, family services through school based Mental Health and Health center programs at Multnomah County, Many Families have little access to care. Violence experienced by parent impacts the child.
- 3) Partner with and support domestic violence organization.
- 4) Increase resources for better parenting, parent education
- 5) Support alcohol and drug services for parents. Addiction can be a root cause of home violence.
- 6) Promote respectful ways anyone can intervene when they witness child abuse.
- 7) Ensure strict enforcement of policies to protect the safety of foster kids when being placed out of home. Work to prevent re abuse or traumatization of foster youth.
- 8) Continue funding for MYC and 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence.

### **Police:**

- 1) Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, and Multnomah County Sheriff Department should develop or promote existing anonymous reporting of law enforcement officials who abuse their authority.
- 2) Educate police and work to address racial profiling of young people.
- 3) Promote better police/youth relations.
- 4) Educate young people on what to do when they encounter law enforcement and what their rights are during the encounter.
- 5) Eliminate all no non-mandated school exclusions. Avoid making school discipline issues criminal justice issues.
- 6) When Police violence is reported, respond quickly and seriously to maintain trust of community.
- 7) Continue funding for MYC and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence.

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**School (Bullying/ Discrimination):**

- 1) Speak up, talk about violence. Peers need skills and messages to call out bullies.
- 2) Teachers need to step in when someone uses derogatory language or harasses a student.
- 3) Implement Restorative Justice in all Multnomah County middle and high schools, similar to existing pilots led by Resolutions NW which works with the bully and those being bullied to have honest conversation and repair damage done. Multnomah County should continue funding for Restorative Justice in schools.
- 4) Promote suicide prevention and intervention support building in peer-to-peer models of intervention
- 5) Allow space in schools for youth to anonymously share their stories of being bullied to break down feelings of isolation.
- 6) Continue funding for MYC and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence.

**Sexual/ Dating:**

- 1) Support organizations which provide victim services and resources to survivors of dating violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking, so that survivors have safe and confidential spaces.
- 2) Provide education for youth while also raising public awareness on safe/healthy relationships, and what survivors and bystanders can do when relationship and sexual violence happens.
- 3) Provide support and training for parents on how to talk to their children about sexual and dating violence.
- 4) Increase the number of non-mandatory reporters in organizations that support youth, and allow them to work with youth.
- 5) Continue funding for MYC and 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence

**Restorative Justice:**

- 1) Allow space in schools for youth to anonymously share their stories of being bullied to break down feelings of isolation.
- 2) Implement RJ middle and high schools, similar to existing pilots led by Resolutions NW, which works with the bully and those being bullied to have honest conversation and repair damage done. Multnomah county should continue funding for RJ in schools.
- 3) Eliminate all mandated school exclusions avoid making school discipline issues criminal justice issues.
- 4) Reduce or eliminate exclusions in schools through efforts to support a culture at the school building that productivity addresses conflict and prevents behaviors that could lead to enhanced discipline methods.
- 5) Promote positive activities for youth like SUN to provide connection to caring adults and activities to keep them out of trouble.