

# Trenton Prevention Policy Board

*Evidence-based Community Solutions...*



*to promote positive youth development*

*and reduce juvenile crime.*

## STRUCTURE

The TPPB is organized into six issue-based working groups - Domestic Violence, Education, Employment, Health, Juvenile Crime and Mentoring - along with a Steering Committee. These working groups are the product of a data walk completed by the Board, who chose the issue areas based on learning about risk and protective factors regarding juvenile delinquency

The College of New Jersey supports the TPPB by assigning a staff facilitator from the Bonner Center to each of the six working groups as well as a leading professor from the Bonner Academic Fellows program.

These six working groups meet individually on a monthly basis in between full Board meetings, which are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month in Trenton. The working groups also have two co-chairs who sit on the Steering Committee in order to promote effective communication throughout the Board and maintain the TPPB's focus on its mission to prevent juvenile crime and promote positive development.

## OVERVIEW

The Trenton Prevention Policy Board (TPPB) is a grassroots effort that aims to reduce juvenile crime and promote positive youth development. Local stakeholders gather together to share their knowledge about programs, services, and best practices so they can make informed recommendations to municipal, county and state officials.

Supported by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office of Community Justice and facilitated by The College of New Jersey's Bonner Center for Civic & Community Engagement, the TPPB is part of statewide effort known as the Municipal Crime Prevention Initiative.

Working in partnership with Rutgers University, local boards also operate in Newark, Asbury Park, Atlantic City, Camden and Vineland.

Like the TPPB, these boards recognize that community empowerment and multilevel collaboration are needed to positively address local issues of crime and delinquency.

Board members strive to make policy, program, and practice recommendations.

Their goal is to tap into and mobilize the expertise that exists in the neighborhoods, youth-serving organizations, schools, colleges, and public agencies in the area.

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