BUILDING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

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COPC Neighborhoods

- Oak Hill (Hope VI) (formerly Allequippa Terrace Public Housing)
- Central Oakland
- Hazelwood
- South Oakland
- West Oakland
COPC Principles

- Partnership & Collaboration
- Comprehensive Community Building
- Capacity Building and Empowerment
- Service-Learning
- Applied Research
Community Capacity Building

FOUR THEMES OF COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING
(Chaskin, Venkatish, Brown, Vidal)

- Building Skilled Leadership
- Community Organizing
- Building Stronger Organizations
- Building Alliance, Partnerships and Collaborations
Building Skilled Leadership

- Catalyst for Community Builders – grassroots leadership training at Pitt - COPC
- Leadership Plenty (Pew Partnership for Civic Change) – Westside Leadership Institute University of Utah Neighborhood Partnership
- United Way Neighborhood Leadership and Wellness Project – Hazelwood and Oakland
- Other COPC Models
Community Organizing

- Block Clubs/Watches
- Special Events
- Community Clean-ups
- PhotoVoice with Kids
- Health Outreach
- Community Asset Mapping
Building Stronger Organizations

- **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
  - New Members and Leadership
  - Diversity – Race, Age, Family

- **ORGANIZATIONAL STAFFING**
  - Student Interns and Project Teams
  - AmeriCorps/HealthCorps

- **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - Newspaper
  - Special Events & Materials

- **FUNDING & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**
  - Health Outreach Projects
  - PPND – Community Development
Building Alliances & Partnerships

- Community Health Partnerships – HOP, HI-HOPE
- Keep It Clean, Oakland – students, community, businesses, institutions
- Working Group on Housing
- Neighborhood Database initiative
- Community Leisure Learn Program
- Oakland Task Force, Oakland Business Improvement District
COPC Research Capacity

- Promoted Research Service-Learning
- Produced tangible benefits and applications from scholarship for community partners and others
- Enhanced knowledge/understanding of neighborhoods for all partners.
- Provided documentation and evidence of applied research and artifacts that are disseminated locally and nationally
- Disseminated reports on COPC website

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