

Investing In Girls
Data and Information

AREA: DATA and INFORMATION							
<i>Develop one online resource for girls, families, providers and researchers/evaluators. The front page of the website will be geared to girls but there will be tabs for users. This will facilitate keeping the resource fresh. We propose close collaboration with the Youth Opportunities Office, Research Bureau, local colleges and youth organizations.</i>							
Challenge/ Gap	Goal	Measurement	Strategy	Actions Year 1	Who	When	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of timely, accessible data on girls that can be shared; • Lack of consistent data on girls. • Lack of information on girls programming available to girls, parents, and providers 	Timely, consistent accessible, shared data	Fresh, consistent, accessible, available. relevant	Create a girl-friendly multi lingual website that also can accommodate other users- families, providers, researchers and evaluators	Convene a group of girls to help design the front page and think through content	Facilitator		
				Continue to involve girls through action research to keep the site fresh	Facilitator		
					Develop website for program inventory and research which is multi lingual can handle hard copy (discussed in next strategy)	Website developer	
					Coordinate with existing or to be Developed inventories of formal programs for girls in the greater Worcester area	Youth Opportunity office , Data administrator	
					Develop a Standard format for data: program, services, mission, audience served, outcomes-establish consistent definitions	Data Administrator	
					Collect existing inventories of programs	Data Administrator	

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				Develop an inventory of “other things for girls to do”, including, community events, and other community resources and/or a set of links to other inventories of community programs, such as Social Web	Data Administrator	
				Develop criteria for inclusion in the inventory		
	Timely consistent data for and from research	Timely Consistent Data	Set up a data repository online(part of the web site	Establish criteria for research to be part of repository	Research Group of IIG	
				Review existing locally collected data (Common Pathways, WEP, Worcesterresources.org, etc.	Research Group of IIG	
				Identify existing online data resources to link to the repository—both statistics (e.g. DPH, DOE), as well as best practices (e.g. Harvard Family Research Project)	Research Group of IIG	
				Develop a clearinghouse of research done on local youth by the colleges and consultants working in the community	Research Group of IIG Consortium	
	Consistent set of benchmarks, best practices and evaluation criteria that are tracked regularly	timely benchmarks and best practices made available	Develop standards for tracking the progress toward achievement of agenda goals community wide gender specific youth development outcomes	Review best practice literature for common outcome measures that are appropriate to initiatives	Research Group of IIG	

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				Include data collection tools providers could use to track progress toward common outcomes on the website		
				Develop way to collect common outcome data on website		
				Collaborate with YouthNet on new grant- has new software and TQ on measuring common outcomes		