

Community Capacity Development Office

*Building and Sustaining
Safe, Thriving Communities*



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Development Office

Mission

To promote comprehensive strategies
that reduce crime and revitalize
communities



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Three Pronged Approach

- Funding Support through Weed and Seed
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Partnership and Program Development

Weed and Seed

CCDO's Flagship Initiative





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Weed and Seed Strategies

- Prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug-related activity, and gang activity in designated communities
- Are unique in developing long-term, broad-based solutions to systemic problems
- Help cover gaps in services
- Provide the glue that makes other initiatives succeed

Weed and Seed Strategies

Weeding

- The “Weed” portion of the initiative focuses on crime control involving law enforcement (i.e., law enforcement, adjudication, prosecution, probation, parole, and community corrections) and community policing (which is the bridge that links law enforcement to community residents’ needs).

Seeding

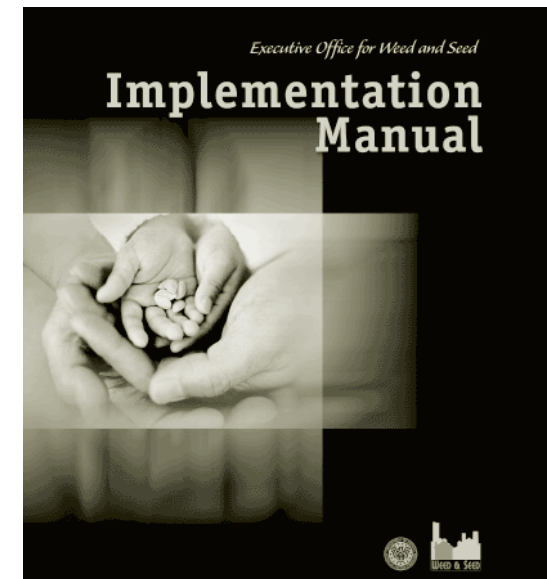
- The “Seed” portion of the initiative focuses on community revitalization involving prevention, intervention, and treatment services and neighborhood restoration.

Legislative Overview

- Mandates that the *U.S. Attorney* and the *DEA Special Agent in Charge* serve as **voting** members of the Steering Committee.
- Total funding for each site is capped at \$1 million.
- Sites may not be funded for more than 5 separate fiscal years based on the availability of funds.
- All Weed and Seed budgets must include a **25% Match**.
- Training & TA limited to 3% of appropriation

Strategic Collaboration

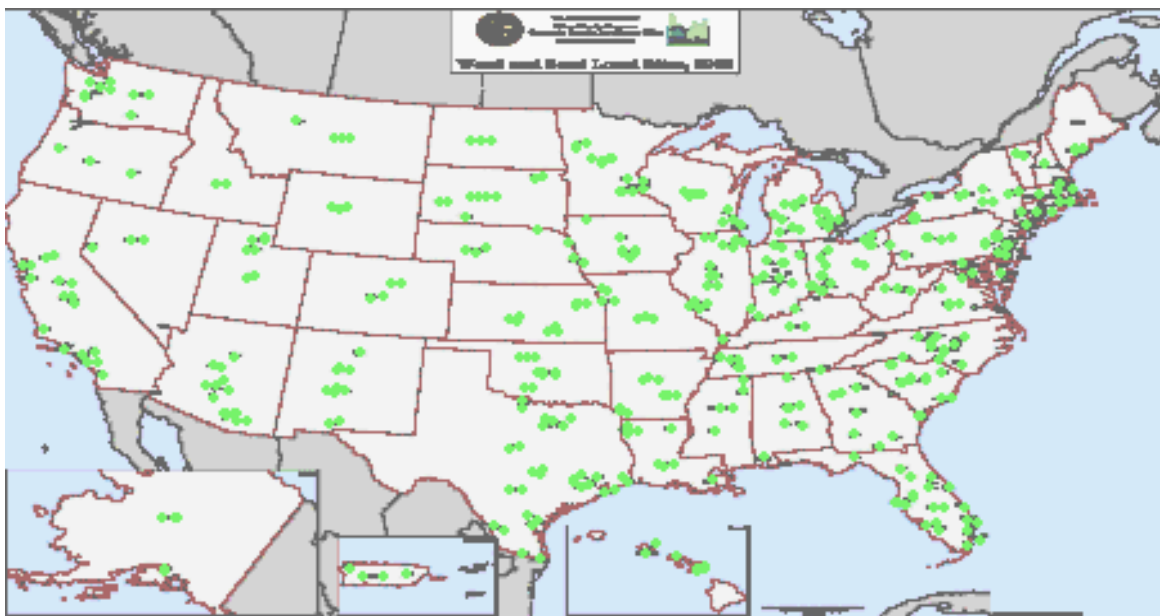
- ❑ A *Weed and Seed Strategic Plan* must include Law Enforcement; Community Policing; Prevention, Intervention and Treatment; and Neighborhood Restoration elements, dedicated resources, and a timeline for implementing its stated goals and meeting identified objectives.
- ❑ The plan must include how the community will *Measure and Evaluate* its success.



A CCDO approved Weed & Seed Designation lasts for 5 consecutive calendar years

National Reach

Today, there are approximately 300 sites across the country implementing the Weed and Seed strategy at some level.



"We got it right with Weed and Seed.

... I think Weed and Seed is a great idea. It is something that we need to support and it is something that we need to expand. It is crime fighting at its best. And, there are a lot of other positive things that flow from it.

... Weed and Seed is a Yes."

-- Attorney General Eric Holder

February 25, 2009

Graduated Site Status

- Continued implementation of Weed & Seed Strategy by expired sites in good standing
- Site must apply annually for approval by CCDO
- No direct CCDO financial support
- Benefits of Graduated Status
 - Support from CCDO and USAO
 - Continued Technical Assistance & Training
 - Continued use of Weed and Seed Emblem and Signs
 - Use of Weed and Seed funds to attend CCDO conferences
 - Participation at Weed and Seed/CCDO Training Institutes
- Submission of GPRA data

Training & Technical Assistance





Training & Technical Assistance

- CCDO sponsors numerous trainings throughout the year. The cost of Technical Assistance is paid through the CCDO Budget and is free to WSC and Graduated Sites.
- Regional trainings on various topics are provided throughout the year
- Additional resources are available through our TA providers



Technical Assistance Topics

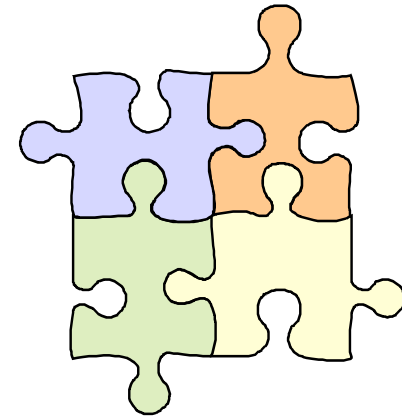
- ❑ Drug Abuse Prevention
- ❑ Prevention of Gang Violence
- ❑ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- ❑ Leadership Development (Site Coordinators, Residents, Youth)
- ❑ Ex-Offender Re-entry
- ❑ Safety in Public Housing
- ❑ Native American Economic Development
- ❑ Community Economic Development
- ❑ Financial Literacy and Asset Development
- ❑ Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
- ❑ Cross-Initiative Collaboration

Partnerships and Program Development



CCDO's Partnership Vision

To dramatically expand the level of public and private partnership models that build and sustain local capacity to create safer, thriving communities.



Current federal partners: IRS, Treasury-CDFI, EPA, HUD, HHS-SAMHSA, HHS-OCS, FDIC, Navy



Program Development

- CCDO works with communities to identify and implement data-driven, promising practices.
- Key component in DOJ's development of effective community-based public safety programs.
- Platform for other Administration priorities
 - Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
 - Ex-offender reentry initiatives
 - Drug control efforts
 - Anti-Gang Initiative
 - Public Housing Safety Initiative
 - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

Proven Success

Performance Measurement and Evaluation



Weed and Seed Works

- Between 2003 and 2006 (after the implementation of Weed & Seed) the proportion of **major crimes within Weed and Seed areas decreased by 2.1% overall.**
- Weed and Seed program contributed to proportional reductions in four out of six of the target crime categories
- In CY 2006 the proportion of:
 - Homicides decreased 2.6%
 - Drug crime decreased 4%
 - Weapons offenses decreased 4.1%
- Preliminary National Outcome Evaluation - available Summer 2009.
- PART rating: Adequate



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