

## May 8, 2008 - Creating a Graduation Generation Breakout Groups - Summary

### Faith Based Community group

1. Why Try? - Curriculum & software on computers in library
2. Mentoring Churches: churches, individually or as groups, adopt a school to help
3. Clearinghouse of resources: purpose to share resources

### Student group

1. Money – Must address student/family economic problems
2. After School programs -- must be linked to attendance

### United Way/Community Foundation group

1. Keep this focus and dialogue alive in the community and expand the effort
2. Mentoring: recruitment of volunteers w/ faith community
3. Attendance/Tuancy Issues: reevaluate local districts suspension policies
4. Promote "World is Flat" reality among students and families
5. Engage at-risk youth and families in problem solving

### Group

1. Identify resources
2. Early (elementary?) identification of possible dropout
3. Must build greater parent involvement

### Group

1. Funding for free summer school
2. Transportation – more \$\$
3. Day Care / Even Start – more \$\$
4. County Wide Outreach/Program
5. Cooperation/coordination between agencies

### Human Services

1. WhyTry? Training county-wide@schools, CMH, Courts (Restorative Justice), parents, FRC's
2. High Schools Dropout Rate?? Community mobilization to address problem
3. PRI – best practice to deal with families as a whole

### Business Group

1. Push WhyTry?
2. Expand Michigan Scholars
3. ONE place to find out about jobs in Muskegon

### Education Group

1. Relationships (between teacher/students) student feeling of winning (7)
2. Implement "Why Try" \*\* & work on parent buy-in (6)
3. Identify students early at risk of dropout (4)