



# Community Alliance for Safety and Peace

CASP, the Community Alliance for Safety and Peace, is a cross sector collaboration forged to reduce youth violence and to change the pervasive culture of violence that currently harms the families, neighborhoods and communities of Salinas and Monterey County as a whole. CASP is part professional networking organization, professional learning community and policy advisory group. The over 60 member agencies do the heavy lifting of the daily violence prevention, intervention, enforcement and re-entry work.

## How and when did CASP get started?

CASP represents the merger of two like-minded organizations: the City of Salinas' Community Safety Alliance and the Violence Prevention Subcommittee of the Monterey County Children's Council. Through the leadership of Mayor Dennis Donohue and Monterey County Juvenile Court Judge Jonathan Price, a multidisciplinary team of leaders from 30 organizations was formed in January of 2009 as the CASP Steering Committee. The Steering Committee meets twice monthly to assess, plan, and implement effective strategies and share resources to build, support and sustain a peaceful community. The CASP Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from:

- Schools and Education
- Youth Employment
- Community Based Organizations
- Youth Serving Agencies
- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution
- Judiciary
- Probation and Parole
- Social and Employment Services
- Public Housing
- Public Health
- Mental Health
- Drug and Alcohol Services
- Local Government
- Faith Community
- Business Community
- Foundations/Charitable Organizations
- Youth

## CASP Form and Function

CASP has an 11 person Board of Directors and co-chaired by the Mayor of the City of Salinas and a county Supervisor determined by the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County. CASP contributing organizations have agreed to coordinate the use of labor and resources toward the implementation of a comprehensive Strategic Plan on Violence Reduction. The first plan was in 2010 for two years and followed up by a 5-year plan completed in 2013 set to expire in 2018.

The CASP General Assembly meets the first and third Wednesday of every month. Meetings are at 7:00 AM at the Salinas City Elementary School District Office. In addition to the General Assembly CASP has five active sub-committees that work on the implementation of the strategic plan.

## CASP Backbone Agency

The City of Salinas is the backbone Agency for CASP. Project management, fiscal responsibility and personnel issues are the responsibility of the Community Safety Administrator, (831) 758-7396.