

Strategies for an age-friendly, multigenerational approach to community policing

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Quick Stat: Emergency response calls From Domestic Violence to Dementia

Police officers are first on scene in
90% of emergency calls

- 70% of older adults with dementia live *at home*
- Opportunity for collaboration
- Reduce # of future emergency calls



What is the collaborative policing model?

- **By definition:** A model that combines collaboration with problem-solving and evidence-based policing – builds community trust, support and cooperation while achieving more effective and long-lasting crime reduction benefits.
- **In Practice:** An approach to policing that bridges the gap between ‘cops and community’

Unlikely partnership





Unlikely (but very productive) Partnerships

A nurse, a scientist and a cop

Generations for Garfield Outreach/Events



THE GARFIELD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER



What is a Community Engagement Center?

- ❖ A unique, first-of-its-kind *third place* where residents can gather to learn, grow, and build community.
- ❖ The impact of this community space is monumental:
 - A *third place* for residents- not home, not work.
 - Increases positive police presence.
 - Demonstrates the commitment of community leaders to make Garfield a place they want to live & spend time.
 - An example for other communities.
 - Reflects Garfield's membership in the *AARP Network of Livable Communities*.
- ❖ A space that reflects what the community valued most in the pop-up wellness events.

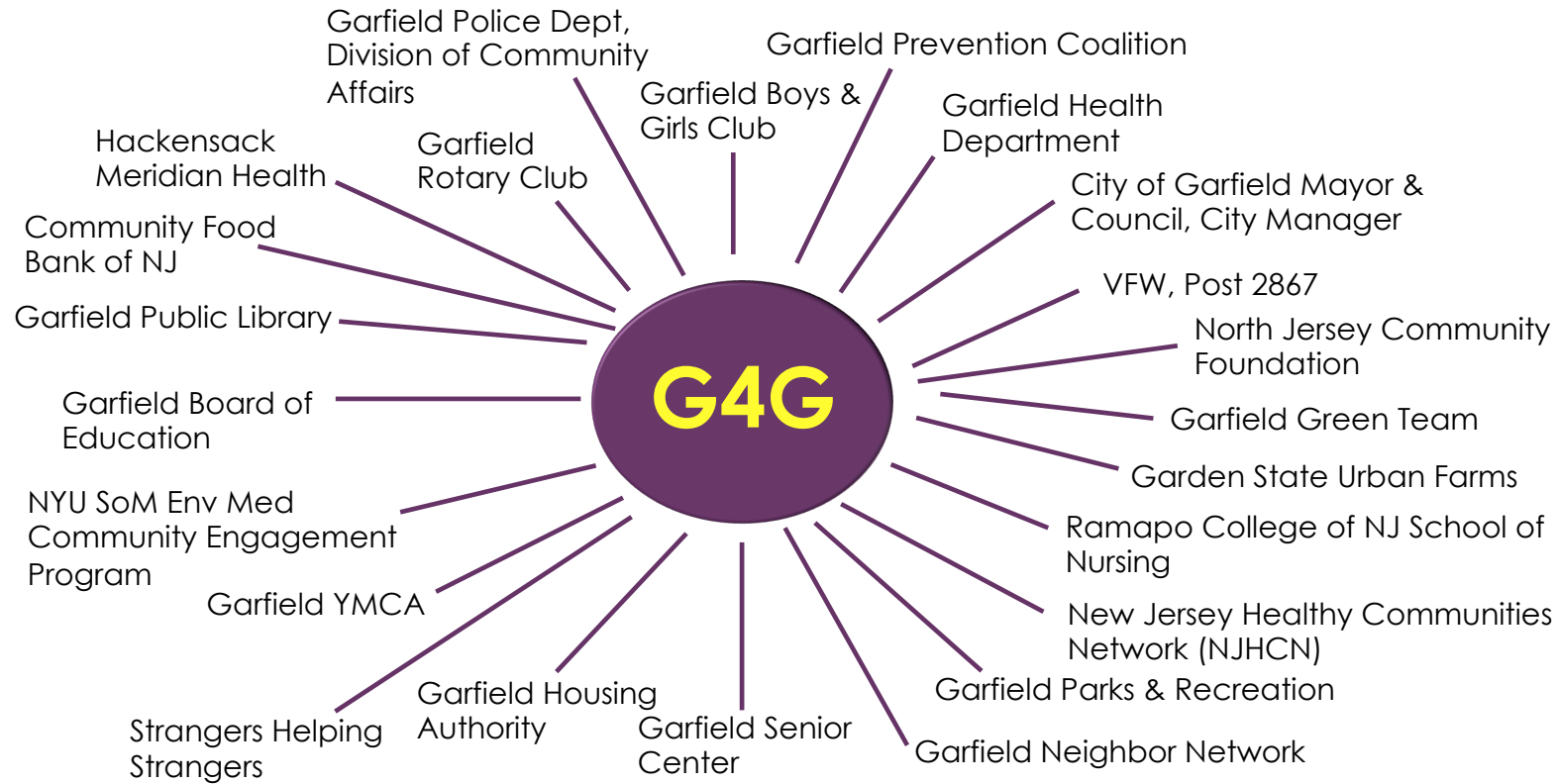


Boilermaker's Brew

Community Partners



A Community for All Ages
An Age-Friendly Initiative



Academic Partnership



Connection

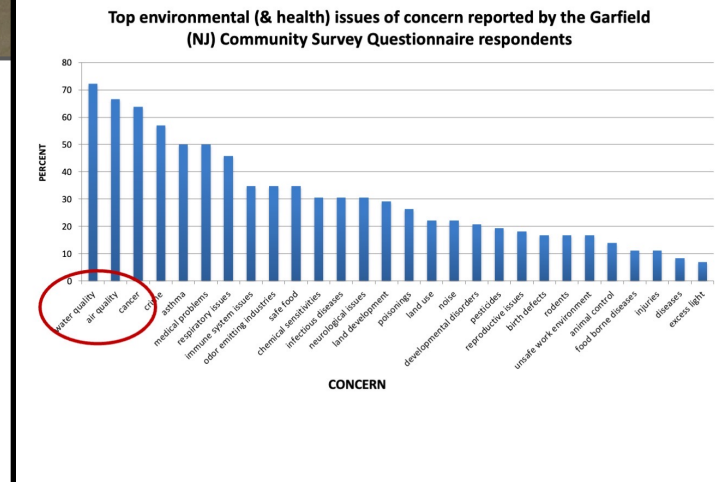
- Partnership usually established for initial need or project

Relationship

- Build on successes
- Create new opportunities
- Long-term commitment: Expand funding/reach to community

Outcomes

- Needs Assessments (Survey) & Data Analysis
- Town Hall Meetings
- Workshops
- Publications



Garfield Funding

- State of NJ (ROID Grant)
- Private Foundations
 - The Henry & Marylin Taub Foundation (5+ years)
 - The Russell Berrie Foundation
- AARP
- The Northern New Jersey Community Foundation
- Center for Alcohol & Drug Resources/Children's Aid and Family Services
 - Grant funding for the Garfield Prevention Coalition

Coalition building creates stronger communities



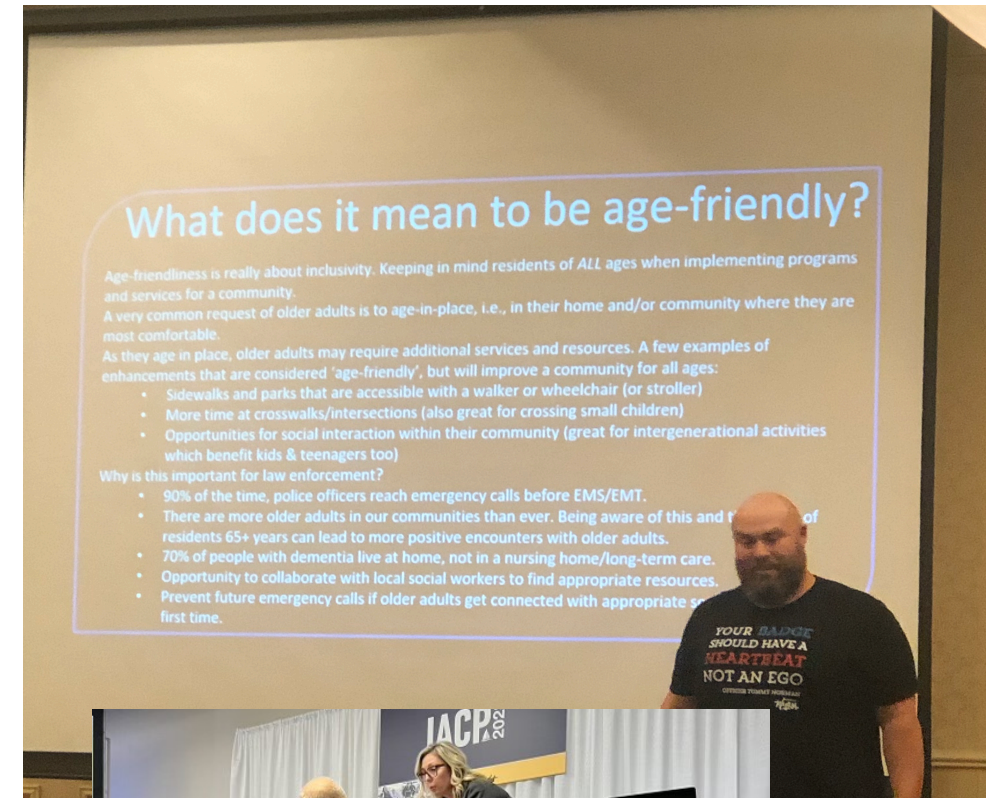
New Partnerships = New Relationships



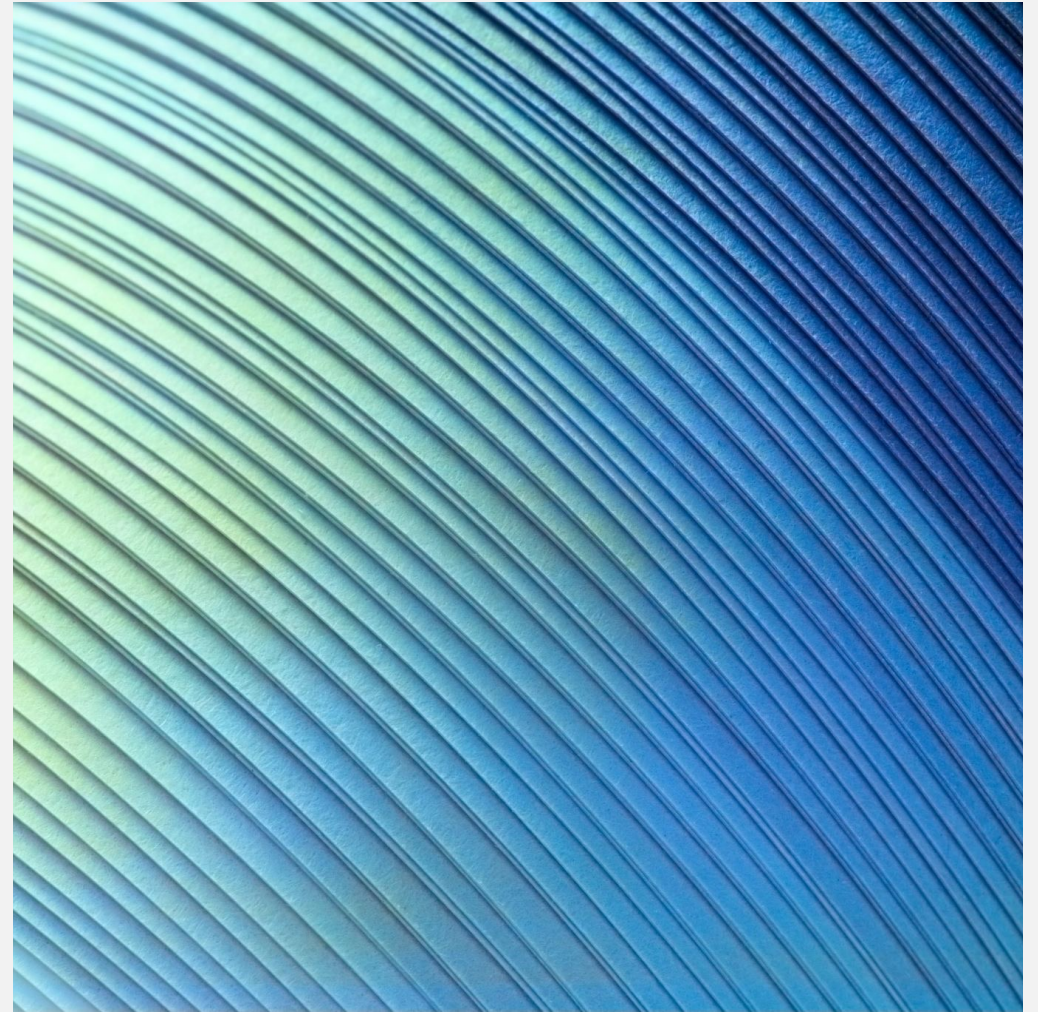
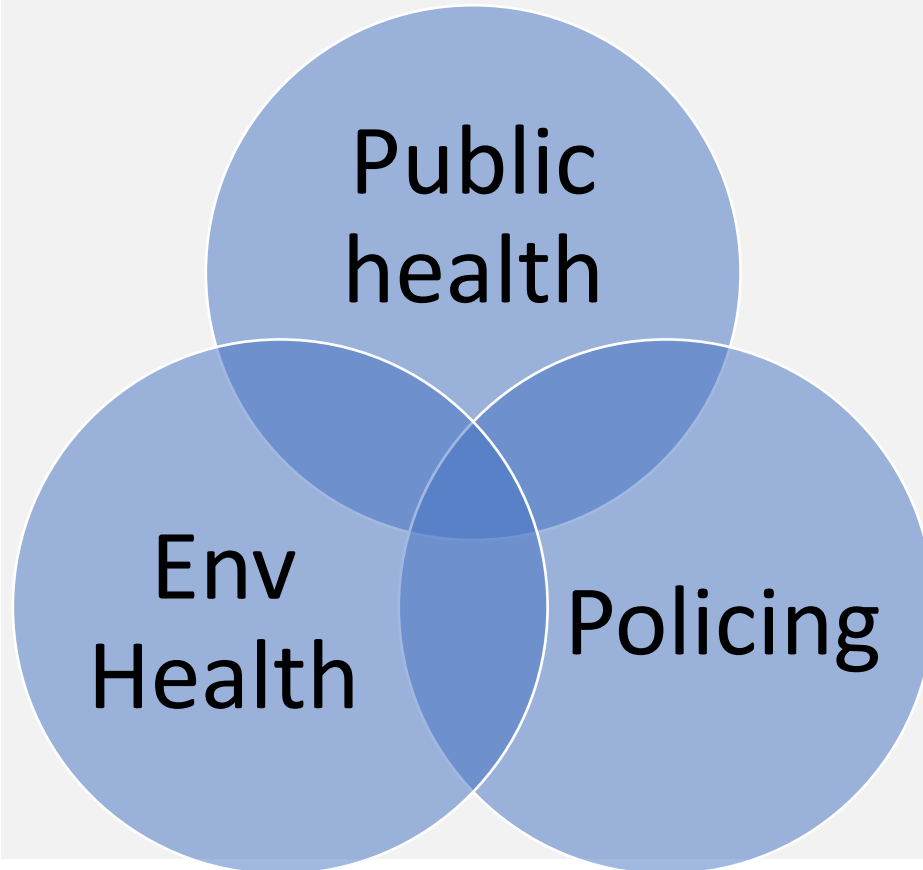
Resources



Engage more people → More positive encounters → Build safer communities



Where is your collaboration?



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