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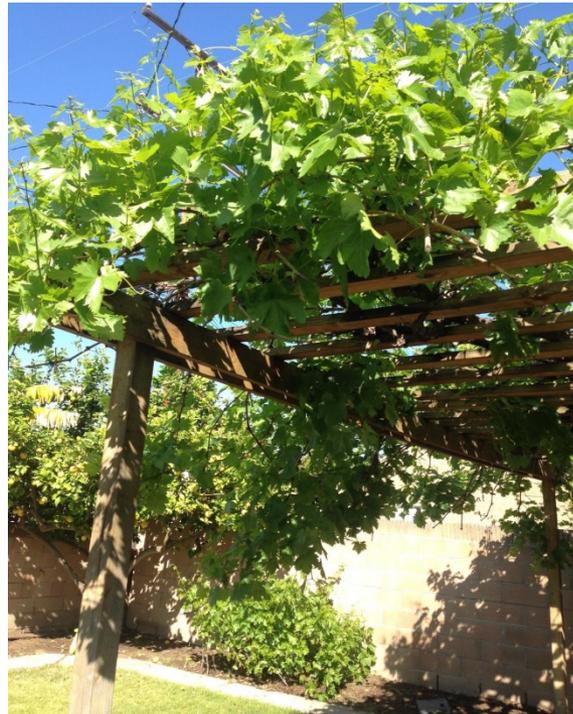


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A framework used to support growing
vines or plants
(efforts to impact your city)



A Little History in Costa Mesa

as it pertains to homelessness

- **A number of churches were doing things to TRY to help the homeless.**
 - “Toxic Charity” not really helping, feedings, handouts at parks ...
 - Completely uncoordinated, not talking with each other ...
- **Complaints to city hall and the issue reaching a high point “again”.**
 - City challenged the churches and invited them to be part of the solution.
 - Formation of “The Churches Consortium” with a representative at the City’s task force on Homelessness.
- **Meanwhile, from a group of church leaders, agency and business leaders who were praying together for 15 years, emerged this idea of TRELIS.**
 - The Churches Consortium morphed into the Homeless Initiative of TRELIS.
 - Churches started talking with each other to try to figure out how to work better together and with the City.
 - Volunteers and people involved from our churches started getting educated , informed and plugged in more effectively.

Some tangible results

- **There are now weekly meetings:** Cases are being talked through and tangible next steps are being coordinated.
- **More than 90 people have gotten off the streets:** Due to the collective efforts of the City, Churches, and Agencies working together.
- **16 Churches working together to run a Check In Center:** This allows enforcement to take place more effectively regarding people's property.
- **48 people have been trained by "Fresh Beginnings" as Life Support Mentors:** These are people who engage relationally with the homeless developing trust and helping empower them to take next steps.
- **Service Providers agreed on "Service Standards" :** To be enforced across the network.

Framework to Facilitate Unity

- **Framework:**

- Focus

- On God's love impacting the community through people
- On the cities greatest challenges (City needs, Future, Most people, Neighborhoods)
- On strategies for how to address them, and measure progress

- Organization

- Cross domain leadership teams (Church, Business, City, Non-profits/agencies)
- Multi church gatherings / campaigns
- Initiative Teams to address each challenge made up of leaders from multiple churches (homelessness, education, cultural integration, neighborhoods)

- Communication

- About strategies being used
- About opportunities to engage
- About progress being made

These are the core competencies needed to help a team function well together.

Support

TRELLIS doesn't "run" programs, we provide support for them!

- **Support:**
 - Helping connect them to a bigger strategy
 - Example – Lighthouse Church & Church of Christ w/homeless
 - Example – Starbucks “Community Resource Exchange” w/homelessness
 - Helping to resource them with more volunteers
 - Helping establishing them through the local church when a gap exists
 - Example – “Check In Center”
 - Example - Work First Program “LOTS Community Impact Team”
 - Example - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Exposing them to more of the community

Principles to help the faith community work better together

- **Identify where they're already trying to come together.**
 - Prayer gatherings
 - Pastors meetings
- **Challenge and encourage them to be part of the solution.**
 - Invite them to meetings
 - Expose them to learning opportunities
- **Understand and leverage what you both care about.**
 - Impacting the community
 - Growing their people
- **Connect them to others who are doing similar things in other cities.**
 - Trellis
 - City Net
- **Help them establish Focus, Organization and Communication.**
 - Clarity on what the greatest challenges are, data, stats ...
 - Ask the right questions in positive ways.