



FROM POVERTY TO WHOLENESS. ONE LIFE AT A TIME.™

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Innovate – Empower – Transform

42 years

Open Table History: Ernie's Story



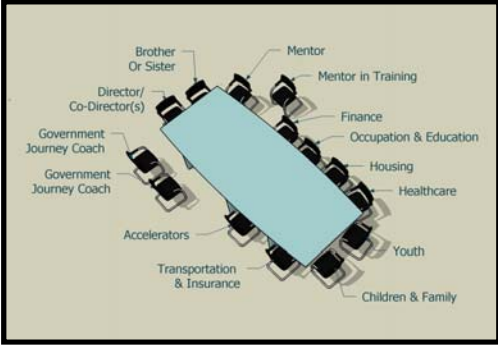
The Open Table Model

Collaboration Partners

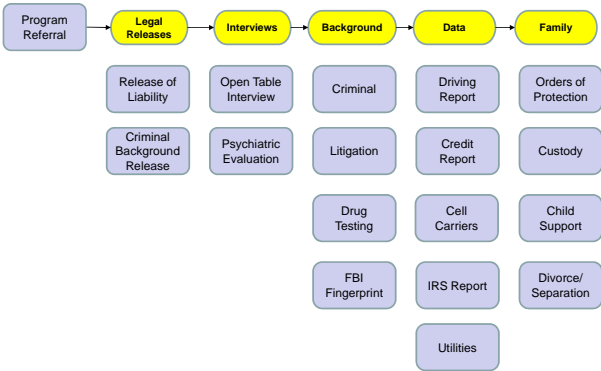
City of Phoenix

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

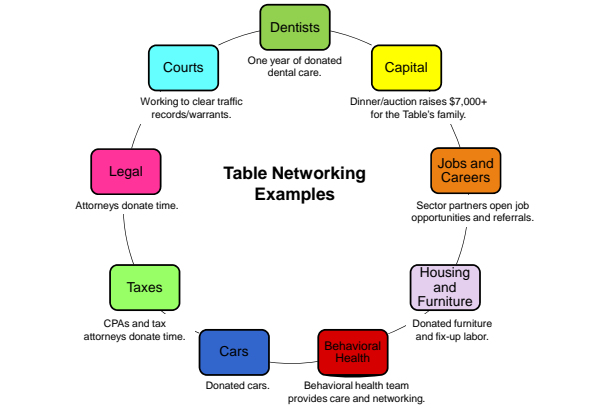
City of Phoenix Workforce Development
Maricopa County Workforce Development
Sector Partners



Candidate Process




Open Table Networking Model



Open Table Facts

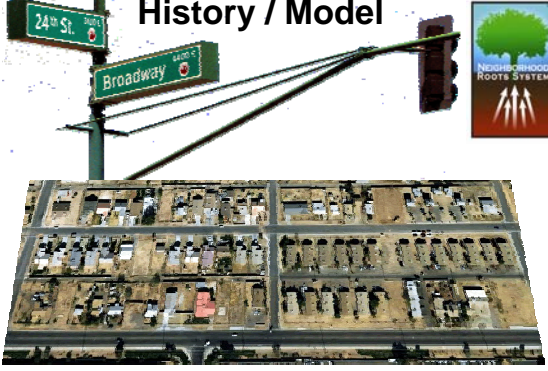
- Incubation Partners**
- City of Phoenix Department of Human Services
 - City of Phoenix Department of Economic Development
 - AZ Department of Economic Security
- Table Partners**
- Faith Communities – 10 Denominations
 - Schools – Brophy College Preparatory
 - Universities - ASU
 - Corporations – MSI Corporation
- Best-Practice Transitional Program**
- Partners**
- House of Refuge East
 - House of Refuge Sunnyslope
 - UMOM
 - Florence Crittenton
 - Maricopa County Probation
 - Welcome to America
- Research Partners**
- ASU School of Family and Social Dynamics
 - Baylor University Poverty Initiative

- A 501 c3 organization –
Founded in Phoenix in 2007**
- > The Open Table model transforms homelessness and poverty into stability and wholeness, one life at a time.
- Operations:**
- > Arizona
 - > Kansas
 - > Texas
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- Tables:**
- >2008: 9
 - >2009: 20
 - >2010: 50 (projected)
- Open Table equips and mentors:**
- > Faith-based communities
 - > Corporations
 - > Universities and schools




**OPEN TABLE
AND
NEIGHBORHOOD ROOTS SYSTEM (NRS)**


History / Model



Zip Code 85040




Below Poverty Line	12.4%	15.8%	27.0%
Less than High School	17.7%	22.4%	44.5%



“In South Phoenix...
...renewal is
beyond a law enforcement
problem.”

**City of Phoenix
Neighborhood Renewal Task Force
2007**



“Faith communities
contribute to lower
levels of poverty,
reduction in dependence
on welfare, higher rates
of education and higher
income levels in their
neighborhoods.”

Bureau of Economic Research, 2005



- Faith Communities
- Law Enforcement
- Department of Economic Security
- City of Phoenix Human Services Department
- Business Sector Partners
- Community Based Agencies
- Department of Corrections
- Adult Probation



Probation Collaboration



Process

- Referrals and Recommendations from Probation Department
 - ALPHA Program (females)
 - Adult males exiting county jail
- Standard Open Table Assessment Process
 - Application, Interviews, Psych eval, background check, urinalysis



Case Study #1

- 40 + y/o white male; divorced but still residing with ex-wife; primary bread winner for household that included 2 disabled children; sentenced to approx 1 year; employed (work furlough); had a vehicle; family lived in renovated garage with 3 large dogs as pets.
- Successful
 - Application, 2 interviews, urinalysis
- Unsuccessful
 - Psych evaluation process



Case Study #2

- 28 y/o African-American female; single mother of 5 (5 mos – 8 y/o); sentenced to approx one year; returning to live with mother, sister and 8 children in household; no vehicle, no employment; probation and drug classes.
- Successful
 - Strong application
 - Great interviews with OT and church
- Unsuccessful
 - Missed 3 out of 5 appointments to launch



Case Study #3

- 42 y/o African-American single father; 2 y/o daughter with Cerebral Palsy (requiring 24 hr care); incarcerated for more than 10 years; on probation; household income of \$964/month (disability/DES); household expenses totaling approx. \$1200/month; no vehicle
- Successful Table launch
 - Celebrate one-year anniversary in August



Lessons

- Collaboration is Key!
- Sensitivity to candidate needs
- Relationships prior to release (Mentors)
- Longer start-up process (STABILIZATION)
- Synergy between congregation and candidate
- Unconventional resources required

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Questions/Comments?
