The Real Alternatives Program Collaborative (RAP Collaborative) is a partnership of Mission-based organizations, both nonprofit and public, whose purpose is to provide comprehensive services for Mission youth. Member agencies of the RAP Collaborative are Horizons Unlimited, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Mission Accomplish, Mission Neighborhood Centers, RAP, Inc, TAPP, Yo! SF Mission, Castro Mission Health Center, Mission Family Services, the RAP High School, and the Hilltop School. The RAP Collaborative serves high-risk youth in San Francisco, primarily in the Mission District, with a special focus on youth accessing services at the Sunshine School. The RAP Collaborative promotes self-determination and leadership for youth that ultimately promotes their health and well-being and that of their families and the communities in which they live.

2003 Traffic Safety Project

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RAP Collaborative taught Drivers’ Education to adolescent students at the RAP Collaborative. In addition, RAP Collaborative hired youth peer educators to coordinate, design, and deliver a peer education presentation addressing traffic safety dangers, possibly including driving without a license, motor vehicle theft, and safe driving practices for adolescents. RAP Collaborative also produced one video and one public service announcement (PSA) in a culturally- and age-specific format addressing dangers from driving without a license, motor vehicle theft, and safe driving practices for adolescents.

2004 DUI Prevention Project

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RAP Collaborative, in conjunction with Mission Neighborhood Center, will collect data to determine local DUI issues in the Mission District. RAP Collaborative will involve youth in creating a video, which will then be used in conducting presentations at local high schools and neighborhood agencies.

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