

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FORUM



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Treating Violence as a Public Health Issue

- What are we doing right?
 - ✓ Sharing knowledge by peers and those with direct experience.
- What are the obstacles in our way?
 - ✓ Disjointed systems
- What's our plan for improvements?
 - ✓ Prevention
 - ✓ Fewer silos

Strengthening Family Safety Nets

- What are we doing right?
 - ✓ Providing strong front-end preventative services and early intervention; working together
- What are the obstacles in our way?
 - ✓ Negative messages from social media regarding violence
- What's our plan for improvements?
 - ✓ Community and educational campaign (collective voice)
 - ✓ Engaging and empowering youth and families

Improving Community Partnerships

- What are we doing right?
- ✓ Coalitions
- What are the obstacles in our way?
- ✓ Competition for grants; fighting for the dollar
- What's our plan for improvements?
- ✓ Continue to build coalition groups and expand coalitions
- ✓ Diversity when creating policy and programs

Building Safer Learning Environments in Schools

- What are we doing right?
 - ✓ Collaborations and community partnerships including community policing models and universal school models; e.g. PBIS
- What are the obstacles in our way?
 - ✓ Exclusion as a remedy, e.g. out of school suspensions and lack of resources/participation of at-risk populations
- What's our plan for improvements?
 - ✓ Build on school-community-parent partnerships
 - ✓ Equalize school resources
 - ✓ Responsible dialogue re: media



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