



Building Partnerships for Local Youth Violence Prevention Efforts

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Why should we care?

- Homicide is the second leading cause of death of young people, with an average of 16 youth murdered every day (CDC, 2007).
- For black youth aged 10-24, homicide is responsible for more deaths than the nine other leading causes *combined* (CDC, 2007).
- Not just a public safety issue:
 - Homicides among young people had a total combined medical and work loss cost of \$7.7 billion in 2005, with another \$6.4 billion in nonfatal medical and work loss costs (CDC, 2007).
 - Violence also decreases property values, disrupts social services, and perpetuates the cycle of poverty as education and employment prospects decline.





What can we do?

- Work together: to be most effective, law enforcement can partner with non-enforcement stakeholders: educators, service providers, faith and community-based leaders, etc.
- Be “smart on crime” and demand results: look to the evidence and data; use what works, discard what doesn't
- Be patient: avoid silver bullets and quick-fixes





“Above all, let us lift up six American cities as examples of what it means to break down traditional barriers and find creative solutions to our most critical problems. Then let us broaden our efforts by sharing the lessons we learn with other communities across the country. Let us remake our nation.”

– Attorney General Eric J. Holder





About the Forum

The Forum is a diverse network of localities, federal agencies and private stakeholders committed to preventing youth violence.

- Six Agencies: WH in lead; DOJ, ED, HHS, HUD, Labor, ONDCP
- Six Cities: Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Memphis, Salinas, San Jose
- Three goals:
 - Elevate youth and gang violence as a national issue
 - Enhance the capacity of participating localities and others to more effectively prevent youth violence
 - Promote systems and policy change by expanding engagement and coordination





How it Works

1. Localities prepare **comprehensive prevention plans** with:

- multi-disciplinary partnerships
- balanced approaches
- data-driven strategies

Note: focus is on better use of current funding, not new funding



2. Federal agencies support plans with:

- information-sharing
- training and technical assistance
- resource coordination

3. Localities implement plans, which will sustainably:

- reduce youth violence
- improve youth outcomes



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The Plans

SALINAS, CALIFORNIA
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Salinas Comprehensive Strategy for
Community-wide Violence Reduction
2010-2012



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Detroitlers Working Together to Help Youth Succeed

City of Boston National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention



Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction
Comprehensive City Plan

April 2011



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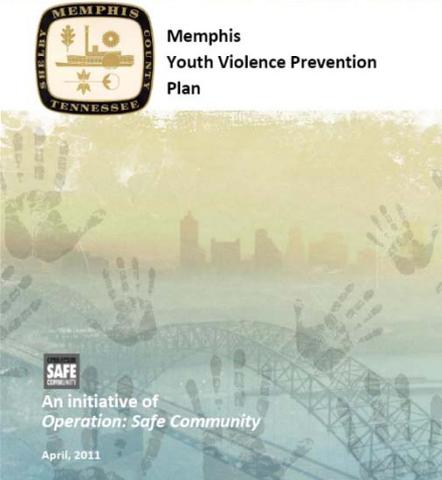
Chicago Initiative for Thriving Youth



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**Memphis
Youth Violence Prevention
Plan**



**SAFE
COMMUNITY**

An initiative of
Operation: Safe Community

April, 2011

**Action Collaboration Transformation
(ACT)**

A plan to break the cycle of youth violence and foster hope

**Mayor's Gang Prevention
Task Force Strategic Work
Plan Update
2011-2013**



*Believe Reclaim Hope
Reconnect Educate Dream
Success awaits*

Working Draft



Working Draft- 3.13.11





Critical Role of Law Enforcement

- Law enforcement often the strongest messenger for effective prevention, intervention, and reentry
- With comprehensive approach, law enforcement doesn't carry entire burden on its own
- Key is coordination of enforcement efforts with other non-enforcement strategies
- Share data to effectively target resources on key times, places, and people





Panel Discussion

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