

*This e-bulletin is produced as a resource for established and emerging hospital-based violence intervention programs.*

# National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs E-Bulletin

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## Core Network

### Programs

Caught in the Crossfire (Oakland)

CeaseFire (Chicago)

Healing Hurt People (Philadelphia)

Sacramento Violence Intervention Program (Sacramento)

Project Ujima (Milwaukee)

Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (Boston)

Violence Intervention Project (Baltimore)

Wraparound Project (San Francisco)

## About the Network

The National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs addresses the topic area of violence, specifically victims of violent injury. The philosophy of these programs is that violence is preventable and that trauma centers and emergency rooms have a golden moment of opportunity at the hospital bedside to engage with a victim of violence and to stop the cycle of violence. The Network's purpose is to strengthen the existing programs and help develop similar programs in communities across the country. The goal is to continue to strengthen the National Network (a partnership of programs across the country that provide and promote intervention services to prevent further victimization of people being treated for violent injuries) by achieving program sustainability, developing and disseminating more evidence-based resources, and informing public policies related to violent youth victimization. (continued on page 2)

## Funding Updates

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:](#) (New Jersey applicants only)

At-risk Young Men Program (Applications due 01/28/2010)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:](#)

Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence-Related Injury (Applications due 01/22/2010)

[National Institute of Mental Health](#)

Mental Health Consequences of Violence and Trauma (R03) (Applications due 2/16/10 and revolving dates)

*"It's so hard to change your life," said Caught in the Crossfire's [Marla]Becker. "[Our staff] are living proof that, yes, you can change your life, and they'll support you. It's not just handing (victims) a phone number." (Modern Healthcare, 11/30/09)*

### *History of the Network*

Youth ALIVE!, a non-profit, public health agency based in Oakland, CA, established one the first hospital-based violence intervention programs, Caught in the Crossfire in 1994. In March 2009, Youth ALIVE! convened nine hospital-based intervention programs from around the country to discuss common issues and to establish common ground. At this first symposium in Oakland, participating program representatives exchanged ideas, research, and other information about how to strengthen their work and improve their capacity to support similar programs in communities across the country and to assist hospitals interested in initiating programs. They unanimously agreed to form the National Network of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs.

### **News and Research Updates**

In the November 30, 2009 edition of Modern Healthcare, our Network programs were profiled in two articles, "Anti-violent Beginnings" and "The Cost of Murder." The articles are available on Modern Healthcare's [website](#) with a subscription.

[Dicker, RA, Jaeger, S, Knudson, MM, Mackersie, RC, Morabito, DJ, Antezana, J, & Texada, M. \(2009\). Where do we go from here? Interim analysis to forge ahead in violence prevention. Journal of Trauma, 67: 1169-1175.](#)

Rochelle Dicker, Director of the Wraparound Project in San Francisco, and colleagues had an article published in the Journal of Trauma on interim results of their hospital-based violence intervention program.

[Chicago Schools Get New Tool in Fight Against Youth Violence](#) (Christian Science Monitor, November 2009)

This article discusses a counseling and sports program in Chicago that aims to curb gun violence.

[Depression, Peers Top Influences on Youth Violence](#) (Journal of Pediatrics, December, 2009)

This news report discusses results from an article published in the Journal of Pediatrics which found that kids who are depressed and have delinquent friends are more likely to exhibit violent behaviors.

[At-risk Kids: Successful New York Program a Possible Solution for Chicago](#) (Chicago Tribune, December 27, 2009)

This article reports on the Harlem Children's Zone, a comprehensive approach to addressing poverty.

## Training Opportunities

### **FEBRUARY 2010**

#### **February 14-17, 2010**

[22nd Annual At-Risk Youth National Forum](#) (Myrtle Beach, SC)

This forum will enhance the leadership skills of adults who are seeking to strengthen interventions among school, community, and families, especially to assist those in at-risk situations. During the forum, presenters will share ideas in the areas of workforce preparation, literacy, attendance/truancy, afterschool programs, resiliency, and service learning.

#### **February 28-March 3, 2010**

[21st Annual National Youth At-Risk Conference](#) (Savannah, GA)

This conference for teachers, principals and assistant principals, school counselors and psychologists, health and human service counselors and personnel, criminal justice professionals, business and community leaders, and volunteer service providers will offer over 100 training sessions featuring successful programs and practices from across the United States that address risk factors, protective factors, and community conditions needed for the well-being of young people. Conference strands will be academic achievement and school leadership, social and emotional skills, safety and violence prevention, mental and physical health, and family and community.

### **MARCH 2010**

#### **March 11-14, 2010**

[36th National Conference on Juvenile Justice](#) (Orlando, FL)

This conference offers juvenile justice professionals a national perspective on the issues they face in their day-to-day efforts to make a difference in the lives of children and families. The sessions at the conference will highlight effective practice and programs, offer tips and tools, and provide an opportunity for networking. Break-out sessions will focus on a wide variety of topics, including truancy and safe schools, gangs, and substance abuse.

### **APRIL 2010**

#### **April 7-9, 2010**

[Blueprints Conference](#) (San Antonio, TX)

This conference, designed to disseminate science-based information on youth violence, delinquency, and drug prevention programs, will offer continuing education and networking opportunities for community prevention advocates, department heads of agencies responsible for violence and drug prevention efforts, state and local government leaders responsible for prevention funding and initiatives, leaders of criminal justice systems, and program implementers. Attendees will hear from practitioners in the field and be given the opportunity to network with others in the industry. The conference will set a foundation for future collaboration among evidence-based programs.

*"I think the time is right for us to get even more involved as a profession," said Robert Barraco, associate director of trauma at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pa., and chairman of the Injury Control & Violence Prevention Committee of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. "We certainly have an ethical responsibility to participate in prevention efforts through our trauma services, and I look forward to more and more of these programs popping up across the country and becoming successful and producing more data." (Modern Healthcare, 11/30/09)*

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## **Additional Resources**

**National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center**

**Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General (2001)**

**Centers for Disease Control, Youth Violence**

**National Center for Injury Prevention and Control**

**Connecting the Dots to Prevent Youth Violence: A Training and Outreach Guide for Physicians and Other Health Professionals (American Medical Association)**

**Youth Violence: Measuring Violence-Related Attitudes, Behaviors, and Influences Among Youths: A Compendium of Assessment Tools**

**Youth Violence: Best Practices of Youth Violence Prevention — A Sourcebook for Community Action**

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