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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 (Massachusetts)

Violence Intervention Program (Baltimore)

Wraparound Project (San Francisco)

About the Network

The National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs is a partnership of programs across the country that provide intervention services to individuals being treated for violent injuries. 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 existing programs and help develop similar programs in communities across the country. The National Network works to achieve sustainability of hospital-based violence intervention programs, develop and disseminate evidence-based resources, and inform public policies related to violent youth victimization. (continued on page 2)

Funding Updates

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program (Deadline: 5/20/10)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth through Violence Prevention (UNITY) (Deadline: 06/07/10)

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation:

Research on Violence and Aggression (Deadline: 08/01/10)

National Institutes of Health (NIH):

Research on Emergency Medical Services for Children (R01) (Deadline: 09/15/10)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

National Evaluation of the Community-based Violence Prevention Program (Deadline: 06/18/10)

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Evaluation of Programs to Reduce Gang Membership, Crime, and Violence (Deadline: 06/10/10)

***“This network is a
godsend! I
appreciate the
opportunity to
participate and am
excited about its
potential
accomplishments.”
(Network
member’s feedback
on the 2010
Network
Symposium)***

History of the Network

Youth ALIVE!, a non-profit, public health agency based in Oakland, CA, established one of 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

The March 2010 newsletter for the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), Section of Trauma and Injury Prevention features an [article](#) about the National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs. Thanks to Section Chair, Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, for inviting us to promote the exciting work of the Network.

[Violence Prevention in the Emergency Department: Future Research Priorities](#)

Author(s): Houry D, Cunningham RM, Hankin A, et al.
Source: ACADEMIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE Volume: 16 Issue: 11 Pages: 1089-1095 Published: NOV 2009

[Patterns of Urban Violent Injury: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis](#)

Author(s): Cusimano M, Marshall S, Rinner C, et al.
Source: PLOS ONE Volume: 5 Issue: 1 Article Number: e8669 Published: JAN 13 2010

[A Hospital-Based Violence Prevention Tour: A Collaborative Approach to Empower Youth](#)

Author(s): Kunkel, P Source: JOURNAL OF TRAUMA-INJURY INFECTION AND CRITICAL CARE Volume: 68 Issue: 2 Pages: 289-293 Published: FEB 2010

[Translating Models of Antisocial Behavioral Development Into Efficacious Intervention Policy to Prevent Adolescent Violence](#)

Author(s): Dodge KA, McCourt SN
Source: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY Volume: 52 Issue: 3 Special Issue: Sp. Iss. SI Pages: 277-285 Published: APR 2010

Training Opportunities

June 1-4, 2010

[18th Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research](#) (Denver, CO)

This meeting will present the latest in prevention science from across international regions in the areas of epidemiology, etiology, preventive intervention trials, demonstration projects, policy research, natural experiments, program evaluations, clinical trials, prevention-related basic research, pre-intervention studies, efficacy and effectiveness trials, population trials, and studies of the diffusion/dissemination of science-based prevention. Relevant focus areas will include mental health/mental disorders, family conflict, substance abuse and addiction, violence, delinquency, academic failure, dropping-out of school, and policy-based interventions. The conference will offer more than 300 organized symposia, roundtable discussions/scientific dialogues, and paper presentations.

June 14-16, 2010

[National Institute of Justice Conference 2010](#) (Arlington, VA)

This conference will bring together criminal justice scholars, policy makers, and practitioners at the local, state, and federal levels to share findings from research and technology. The conference will showcase what works, what does not work, and what the research shows as promising, emphasizing the benefits to researchers and practitioners who work together to create effective evidence-based policies and practices. In addition, the conference will feature opportunities for practitioners and presenters to exchange ideas.

August 16-18, 2010

[2010 National Gang Crime Research Center 13th International Gang Specialist Training Conference](#) (Chicago, IL)

This conference will provide trainees with an array of different professional gang training sessions so that they can tailor their training to issues that are most pertinent to them and their jurisdiction. It will allow trainees to network with others in their special area of interest, and it will have the organizational strength of diversity among the trainers. In addition, numerous specialized training tracks will be offered for attendees registering for certification. These tracks will include gang prevention skills, gang problems in K-12 schools, faith-based programs for gang intervention, and gang and violence prevention for school administrators.

September 12-15, 2010

[Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma](#) (San Diego, CA)

This Conference offers a forum for people from all disciplines and philosophies to gather for in-depth exchange of current information on all facets of violence, abuse and trauma prevention, intervention and research. The conference brings together researchers, practitioners, advocates, consumer-survivors, and front-line workers from all disciplines to share information, discuss controversial issues, and have difficult dialogues. Topic tracks span intimate partner violence, child maltreatment, children exposed to violence, youth violence, criminal justice issues, sexual assault, people with disabilities, treatment of victims and offenders, elder abuse, trauma, and more. The vision of the many Conference co-sponsors, collaborating organizations, exhibitors, and participants is to make a significant positive impact on eliminating all forms of abuse everywhere.

“It was great to have everyone come together again, sharing their successes and challenges, and learning from one another. There is already a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and energy around next year’s Symposium and everyone is looking forward to having new and emerging programs represented.”
(Melissa Martin-Mollard, Project Director, Youth ALIVE!)

Spotlight on the 2nd Annual Symposium of the National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs

On March 2-3, 2009 Youth ALIVE! of Oakland, CA convened the first ever National Symposium of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs with the goal of opening a dialogue on key program components and best practices and beginning to establish a national network of hospital-based programs. Participating programs included Caught in the Crossfire (Oakland, CA), CeaseFire (Chicago, IL), Healing Hurt People (Philadelphia), Out of the Crossfire (Cincinnati, OH), Project Ujima (Milwaukee, WI), the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (Baltimore, MD), the Violence Intervention Program (Massachusetts), and the Wraparound Project (San Francisco, CA) This first Symposium was funded by [Kaiser Permanente's Northern California Community Benefit Programs](#). With continued funding from Kaiser Permanente, as well as the [Office for Victims of Crime \(OVC\)](#), Youth ALIVE! recently convened the 2nd Symposium for the National Network in Oakland, CA. Participation included the aforementioned eight programs, as well as a new program—the Sacramento Violence Intervention Program, a partnership between Kaiser South Sacramento and the City of Sacramento.

The focus of this year's Symposium was on program sustainability, both for individual hospital-based violence intervention and prevention programs, as well as for the National Network. The two-day agenda included program updates, sessions on sustainable funding streams and the link between research and sustainability, and a Funder's Roundtable, which included esteemed representatives from Kaiser Permanente's Community Benefit Program, The California Endowment, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Funder's Roundtable provided an opportunity for the Network to hear about current funding priorities, and for the Network to share information about its programs with the funders, engaging them in a conversation about hospital-based violence prevention and intervention programs.

With continued funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, the Network will be convening its 3rd Annual Symposium on Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs in the Spring of 2011. This Symposium will be opened up to new and emerging programs across the country, and will include interventionists and other line staff as well. Stay tuned for more details about this next exciting Symposium!



Network Working Group Updates

The National Network has four active Working Groups that meet via conference call on a monthly basis: Research and Evaluation, Policy, Workforce Development, and the Network Steering Committee/Sustainability Working Group. These Working Groups had the opportunity to meet on the second day of the Symposium to frame and move forward on their various goals and activities.

Here are summaries of what the Working Groups have been discussing and planning over the past year.

Research and Evaluation Working Group

The Research and Evaluation Working Group has been meeting through monthly conference calls since March 2009. Since that first call, membership has doubled and we now have representatives from former hospital-based programs and other researchers currently unaffiliated with specific programs, but who are interested in the violently-injured population. Participants in this Working Group collectively have an extensive background in research, extramural funding, and publishing in peer-reviewed journal articles. The Working Group started with discussion of common language, methods, measures and concepts as guidance for independent and collaborative research. Initial work contributed to the Academic Emergency Medicine Consensus conference document: *Violence Prevention in the Emergency Department: Future Research Priorities.* More recently, the group has been exploring various possibilities for a collaborative research proposal to submit to funding agencies. Participants have also discussed the possibility of writing a joint proposal to validate an assessment tool designed to more accurately identify those violently-injured patients most at risk of re-injury and retaliation. Finally, Working Group participants have started to think about ways of conducting a joint process evaluation that would capture programmatic information such as rates of engagement by violently-injured youth, length of time in the program, re-injury, and related outcomes.

Workforce Development Working Group

The Workforce Development Working Group has also been meeting most months since March 2009. This group serves as a vehicle for programs to discuss issues around developing and maintaining an effective workforce. Some regular topics discussed include trainings attended by program staff, common challenges related to case management and interventions, and best practices around recruiting, hiring, and training staff. The group specifically discusses emerging programmatic issues, particularly around difficulties related to reimbursement, resources available to clients, and differences between states around resources such as Medicaid and victim compensation. Working Group participants have used this monthly call as a means to update the Network on individual program changes, funding challenges, staffing updates, and related matters. This group will be working with our Curriculum Consultants to provide input on the best practices training curriculum.

Policy and Systems Interface Working Group

The Policy and Systems Interface Working Group has met twice, starting in February 2010. Over these two calls, the group established its mission and goals statement, deciding as a group to work on both macro and micro levels of policy change. This includes working on policies at the hospital level, as well as at a state and national level. The group has discussed working on getting violent injury established as a CPT code so that it is a reimbursable item, similar to the Brief Alcohol Assessment Tool. Finally, participants have discussed writing white papers on policy and violent injury so that a clear policy agenda around hospital response to violent injury is framed.

Network Steering Committee/Sustainability Working Group

The Network Steering Committee convened its first meeting in January 2010 and began discussing topics for the 2010 Symposium on Sustainability. The group determined the structure and content of the agenda, and identified funders to invite for the Funder's Roundtable. The Network Steering Committee also reviewed the paper on sustainable funding sources, written by the Network's sustainability consultant, Bob Bennett, and coordinated a conference call between Mr. Bennett and Network participants. This group will now serve as the governing body for the Network, focusing on program and Network sustainability, and addressing issues related to Network membership, dissemination of Network materials, and funding to maintain Network activities. The Working Group will provide input on the Best Practices curriculum, and serve as the Steering Committee for the 2011 Symposium on Best Practices during Year 2 of the Office of Victims of Crime grant.

While the Working Groups are currently closed to new members, we will have periodic updates on their activities and accomplishments in future e-bulletins.

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Additional Resources

Blueprints for Violence Prevention

Centers for Disease Control, Youth Violence

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

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center

SafetyLit: Injury Prevention Literature Update

Reinjury Prevention for Youth Presenting with Violence-related Injuries: A Training Curriculum for Trauma Centers

Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General

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

Youth Violence: Interventions for Health Care Providers

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

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