

Child & Youth Exposure to Violence: DCI/Safe & Thriving Communities Overview

Defending Childhood Initiative

DCI was a significant federal investment during the Obama Administration. **Goal:** Help systems & communities better recognize, respond to and prevent multiple forms of childhood exposure to violence (CEV).

We were awarded \$2.2 million over 3 awards and 6 years.

2016

Safe & Thriving Communities

STC was another federal investment from prior administration (\$500k), a build on DCI. **Goals:** Develop community informed violence prevention policies to increase public safety (LPSCC) and pass funds though to CBOs to engage in primary prevention strategies and develop a shared multi-sector violence prevention & intervention framework rooted in equity.

Sustainability & Integration

Integrate this body of work & lessons learned in to county efforts to intervene on & prevent violence - through public health approaches.

- VPCT policy recs to LPSCC
- Recs to Commissioner Stegmann on cross-departmental framework to address multiple forms of violence

2019



2011

Convened from September 2017 -February 19.

SECTORS & ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE VPCT:

NAYA

POIC

LPSCC

Mult Co Health Department

Mult Co Department of Community Justice

Mult Co District Attorney's

Office

Mult Co Youth Commission

East County School Districts

City of Portland

City of Gresham

Cascadia Behavioral Health

El Programa Hispano Católico

Urban League

Raphael House of Portland

Latino Network

Non affiliated community

members



Coordination Team

Who are we, where are we going, and what are we doing?

The VPCT is a collaborative group coming together to develop holistic violence prevention strategies in Multnomah County. We are primarily focused on preventing violence that impacts children and youth. We are learning together while we develop approaches founded on the following core



Racial justice can prevent other types of violence and promote healing

Communities most impacted by violence hold the solutions to preventing it

All children and youth should have the right to thrive









Resources Developed



Our Process



Members of the VPCT+, including community members, porthers, procettioners, community organises and health welfairs participated in an activity to help us determine the controvises of visitione that impacts our children and youth- and make importantly, how to health visitioned at the insect of visitioners of the insect of visitioners of the insect of visitioners of the insect o

Youth & Gang Violence



Indifference/ ApathyGenerational gang violence BullyingInstitutional Racism White Supremacy Charging youth as adults Stereotyping by Adults Police Violence Police Violence: Punishment is not transformative justice Standardized Testing Lack of after school programs and employment for youth Not funding enough staff and paying for the right staff Lack of mental health counseling



Feeling like you belong to a group and are laved Mentoring Peer Support Peer Support
Connected neighborhood's where
you know epch other's names
Quality State
Opportunities to Engage
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More resources
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Child Abuse



Intergenerational Trauma Lack of communication Volatile/unstable housing collateral consequences of incarceration



Healthy Family Support More funding for positive family and community support for the children Parent Mentaring Family Mentaring Home Visiting Programs for Dads Quality Faster Placements when Quality Foster Placements when needed Universal Pre-school Universal High Quality Pre-school Restorative justice coupled with primary prevention Developing a child abuse prevention office that briggs best practices on primary 8 risk floculed prevention that are interned by community

Teen Dating Violence & Sexual Accoult



Toxic Masculinity Unhealthy Gender norms Rope culture exismBarriers to reporting Shaming
(Shaming)
(Wattim shaming)
(BullyingUnder-informative sex education)
(Lack of resources and support around)



Self-esteem building Modeling Healing BehaviorUniversal Pre-school Educate Broader Education and awareness

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Children & Youth Witnessing Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault



**Historical Trauma/Poverty/Pain
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**FeanNot feeling safe to call for help
**Lack of services for support of parents/laxic
**Missculinity
**Partitional coercion and manipulation
**Permission (cultural norms) of gender-based
wilelening* violence

Objectifying (celebrating) violence through media



Universal Pre-school School training to see signs of abuse in the household in the household Counseling! I herapy Community I training Awareness More resources for men in the community Education! Nenter the Health of the training the training September 1 to the training training the training training the training training the training t

Sex Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children



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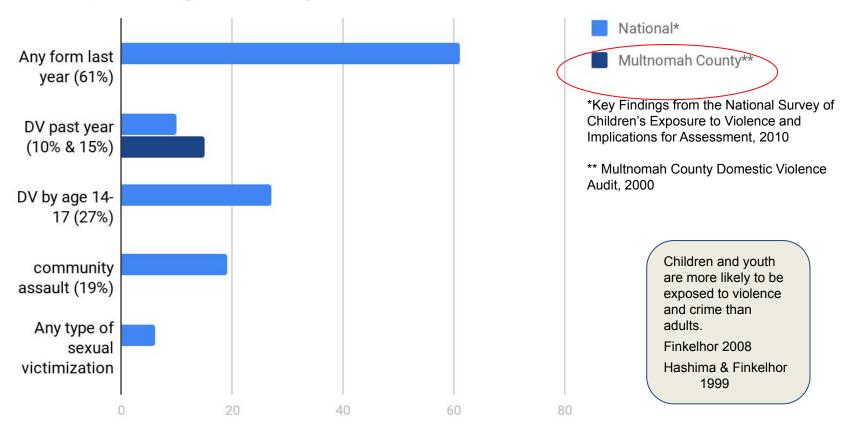
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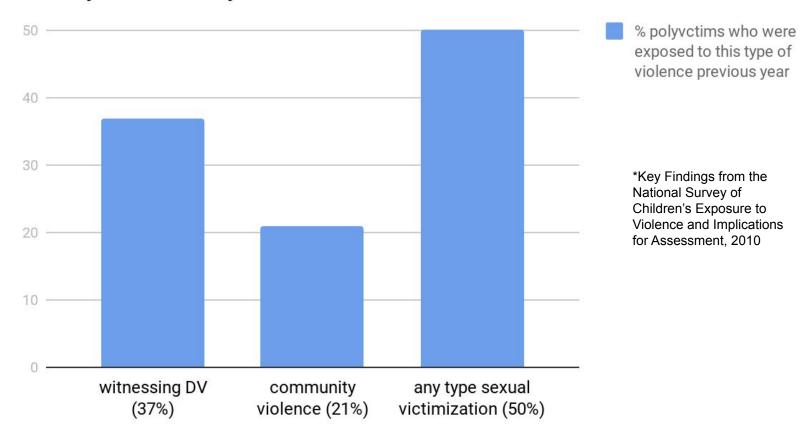


Children/Youth ages 0-17 Exposed to Violence



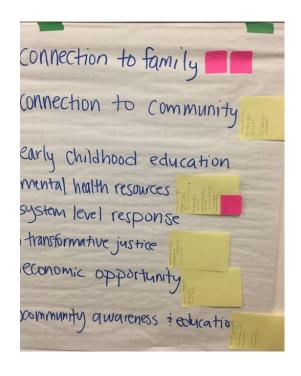


Polyvictimization: exposed to 10 or more unique types of violence directly or indirectly





Policy Theme Areas Prioritized by VPCT





#1 System Level Responses
#2 Connection to Family
#3 Early Childhood & Education
Economic Opportunity
Mental Health Resources
Restorative, Transformative Justice
Connection to Community
Community Awareness & Education



Policy Crosswalk

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[Process: Tree Activity at Quarterly VPCT, led to VPCT priority themes, which are cross-walked here with local and national violence prevention work}	Connection to Family [VPCT Voted Priority #2]	Connection to Community	Early Childhood & Education [VPCT Voted Priority #3]	Mental Health Resources	System Level Responses (includes school systems K-12, Juvenile Justice, City & County governance) (VPCT Voted Priority #1]	Restorative Transformative Justice	Economic Opportunity	Community Awareness & Education
VPCT								
MYC Policy Recs	Home & Family Violence: Policy #2, 4			Home/Family Policy #2/ Action Steps #1-4, 7, 8				Home/Family Policy #4/ Action Steps #1 & #11
				Cyber-bullying Policy #4/ Action Items #1, 2, 3, 5, 6	Cyber-Bullying Policy #1-7/ Action Steps #1-8			
	TDV/ SA Policy #3/ Action Step #3							
		Police Policy Action Step #5		Police Policy Action Step #1				Police Policy #4
				Anti-Gay and Gender Violence #7	Anti-Gay & Gender School Policies #1-7/ Action Steps #1-8			
		Gang Policy #2			Gang Policy/ Action Steps #9-10		Gang Policy/ Action Steps #2-4	Gang Policy/ Action Steps #9-10
						Restorative Justice Policy/ Action Items #1-7		
YBORAP (Youth Bill of Rights Action Plan) [From Top 10 Outcomes Priorities in document]	#6 All youth have access to safe and supportive place to sleep	#6 All youth have access to safe and supportive place to sleep			#1 Student councils have authentic voice in decisions at their schools		#1 Free Public Transport	
	#8 Youth don't experience verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse at home or at school				#2 Voting position implemented for city & county boards & commissions			
					#4 Students Safe and Comfortable at School			
					#6 School based health clinics provide needed services & youth perceive clinics positively			
					#8 All youth have access to safe and supportive place to sleep			
					#8 Youth don't experience verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse at home or at school		#7 Youth have access to bank/credit union accounts and taught financial management	



The following criteria were considered in identifying recommended strategies:

- ABILITY TO LEVERAGE EXISTING RESOURCES AND CAPACITY;
- 2 BUILDS UPON EXISTING POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY WILL;
- GREATEST POTENTIAL TO REDUCE, RATHER THAN EXACERBATE, INEQUITIES IN RATES OF VIOLENCE;
- 4 CLEARLY ADDRESSES IDENTIFIED RISK AND RESILIENCE FACTORS;
- 5 PREVENTION FOCUSED;
- 6 ADVANCES INDIVIDUAL OR COMMUNITY ASSETS;
- 7 ROOTED IN RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICE; AND,
- 8 COMPLEMENTS OR INTEGRATES WITH OTHER LOCAL INTERVENTIONS.



Policy Development



- Policy without financial resources
- Big "P" policy and small "p" policy
- Weighing local policy with legislative policy
- Scope of control



- Big legislative win!
- Aligned with legislature
- Learning & growth edges
- Poised to shape future policy for collective impact
- Wisdom of community & lived experience



VPCT Policy Recommendations to LPSCC

1. With the passage of Senate Bill 1008, the Juvenile Justice System will experience some significant changes. As such, the DCJ Juvenile Services Division and their collaborative partners and stakeholders shall form a time limited work group to identify effective supervision practices to enhance services for the youth population previously sentenced in the adult system that are grounded in adolescent brain development, positive youth development, and culturally relevant trauma informed practices in alignment with the critical rationale that our state legislature supported with the passage of SB 1008. With JSD and all partners in alignment, public safety and positive outcomes for youth will be increased.

System Level Responses

2. Because a growing body of evidence shows that men are less likely to abuse their children and partners when they are supported to be engaged, nurturing fathers with accurate child development knowledge, any entity that serves parents & families should ensure that their services, policies, and programs offer culturally relevant parenting support specifically to fathers. When seeking new investments, programs should assess the effectiveness of programming for fathers, and engage fathers as experts in developing new programs and policies.

Connection to Family

