

Violence Prevention Working Group

Human Services Youth & Arts
Committee Meeting

April 18, 2016



Background

- Previously, Violence Prevention work was funded at \$400,000 annually via the Human Services Fund
- By a 9-0 vote on 11/13/14, Council directed the Administration to “establish a working group to research the feasibility and develop a proposal, including a potential timeline and costs, to build a citywide collaborative focused on reducing violence. We further move that once additional human services funds become available, the City shall establish the citywide collaborative based on the working group’s recommendations.”



Working Group

- 36+ Participants
 - 19 from the City (Council, CPD, Health Department, Human Relations Commission, Recreation Commission)
 - Plus other stakeholders (United Way ,CPS, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, University of Cincinnati, etc.)
- 4 meetings (October, 2015 – March, 2016)
- 4 Community Listening Sessions
 - 1 with Avondale youth
 - About 45+ community members in total; 24 signed up to “stay connected”





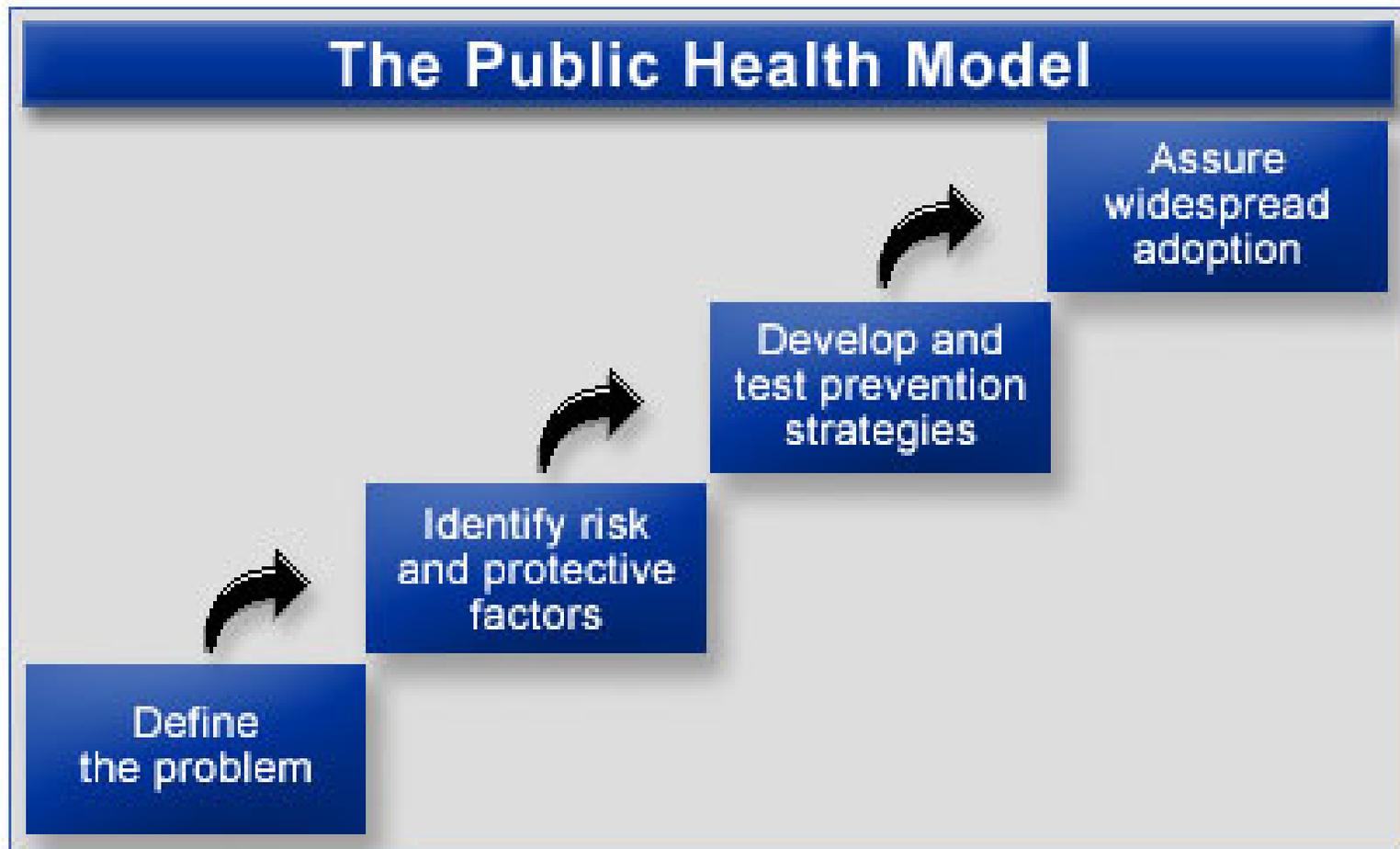


The Public Health Approach

The goal of Violence Prevention is to decrease risk factors and increase protective factors:

- Focuses on early identification of individuals and communities at risk and uses interventions that either prevent the risk from becoming a reality or intervene early to decrease the severity of the problem or illness.
- In order to maximize the effectiveness and sustainability of violence reduction programs, interventions must go beyond typical measures of public safety such as containment and suppression to incorporate components that promote and support increased social cohesion within communities.
- Communities with greater social cohesion can exert greater influence over social norms around acceptable behaviors –especially those related to violence.

Source: *Violence Prevention Brief*, Baltimore City Health Department, Oxiris Barbot, M.D. (January 10, 2013).



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



The Public Health Approach

Based on disease treatment and prevention:

- Treats existing cases of Violence
- Prevents the spread of Violence
- Inoculates future generations against instances of Violence



Other Guiding Research

- Child Trends Study
- Study on understanding and addressing determinants of Youth Violence in the U.S
- Found that there is a cross-section between experiencing violence as a youth and violent behavior later on in life

Child Trends Research Brief: Preventing Violence: Understanding and Addressing Determinants of Youth Violence in the United States
<http://www.childtrends.org/?research-briefs=preventing-violence>



Figure A: Determinants of Youth Violence [Relationship: **X**=Strong evidence, **x**=Moderate evidence, **x**=Weak evidence, Blank=Not Found]

Source: Child Trends		Child Maltreatment	Bullying Perpetration	Delinquency Crime	Gang Violence	Intimate Partner Violence	Sexual Violence	Suicide	Self-harm	General Aggression
Individual	Child/Adolescent Mental Health	x	x	x	x	x	x	X	X	x
	Child/Adolescent Substance Use		x	X		X	x	X	X	X
	Self Control		X	X	x	x		x	x	X
	Hostile Attribution Bias			x	x	x				X
	Dysregulated Sleep							X	X	X
Family	Child Maltreatment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Harsh Parenting	X	x	X	X	x		X		X
	Parent Mental Health	X		X	x	x		x	X	x
	Parent Drug Use	X		X	x	x		x		X
	Domestic Violence/ Intimate Partner Violence	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	X
School/Vocational	Bullying Victimization		x	x				x	x	x
	Bullying Perpetration		X	X	x	X		x		X
	Cyber Violence		x					x	X	
	Anti-social Peers		x	X	X	x	x			
	School Connectedness		x	X	X	x	x	X	X	X
	School Performance			x		x		x	x	
	School Climate		x	x	x	x		x	x	X
Community	Collective Efficacy	x	x	x	X	x	x	X	x	X
	Media							X	x	x
	Gun Availability	x		x	X	X	x	X		

Research Brief
Preventing Violence:
 UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING DETERMINANTS OF YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES



The Working Group's Long Term Proposal

- In light of the complexity of the epidemic of violence, a well coordinated and comprehensive approach is needed.
- Central to a coordinated comprehensive approach is acknowledging scarcity of resources.
- An approach that effectively incorporates citywide initiatives with targeted interventions will be critical.
- This layered approach must work in tandem with geographically focused interventions, as the data clearly indicates disparities in the distribution of violence outcomes.

Vision & Values

Vision

- We are breaking the cycle of violence through healing and prevention; creating strong, safe, healthy, vibrant and connected neighborhoods in Cincinnati.

Values

- Community-centric and Collaborative
- Re-apply what works AND selectively innovate
- Leverage communities' assets



Where

- Place based; in conjunction with CPD data and PIVOT strategy

Identifying PIVOT Project Areas: Analysis Parameters

Shootings
(fatal and
nonfatal)
Aggravated
Robbery
Other
Firearm/Gun
Offenses
Weapon-
Related CFS
Illicit
Goods Markets

4 Data Sets

365-day
(1 yr)
1095-day (3
yr)
1825-day (5
yr)

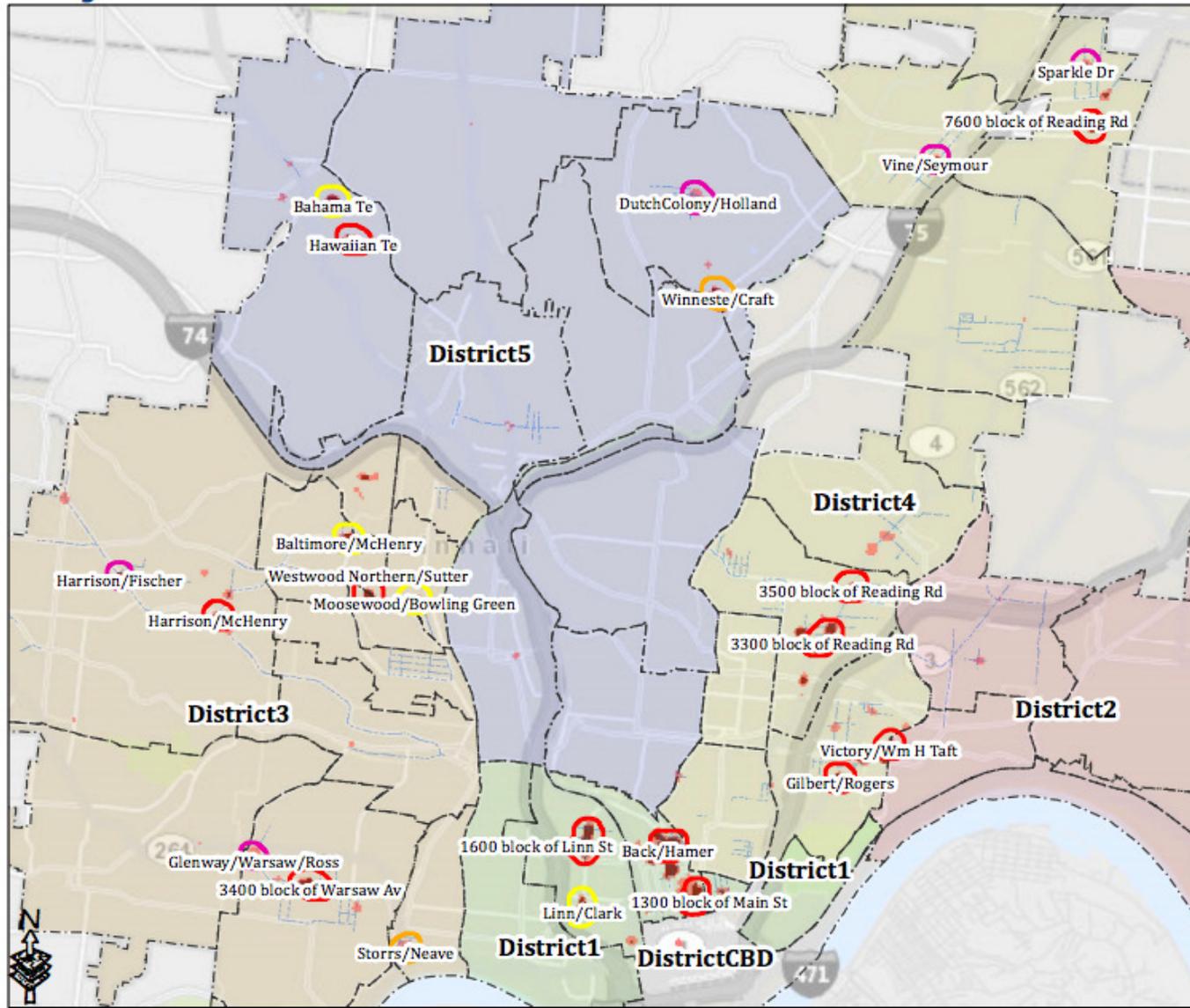
3 Time Frames

Points
aggregated to a
100-by-100 ft.
grid across the
City of
Cincinnati with
a
400 ft. search
radius

Scale

20 locations were selected. These locations have the highest concentrations of violent crime indicators across all three time periods in Cincinnati.

Citywide Violence Scores



Legend

- Neighborhoods
- CIRV Territory

Potential Problem Solving Locations

Violent Hot Spots by Violence Score

- Core Score = 12 (12 locations)
- Core Score \geq 11 (2 locations)
- Core Score \geq 10 (9 locations)
- Core Score \geq 9 (5 locations)

Combined Violence Score

< 3
3-5
6-8
9-12

There are 23 clusters of 8 or more contiguous cells (100x100 ft) with violence scores of 10+. A 400 foot buffer (~1 block radius) is drawn around each of these clusters.

A violent score of 12 means that each violent indicator (shootings, agg robbery, firearm/gun offenses and weapon-related calls for service) is in the top 1% of the city across all 3-time periods of interest, 1 yr, 3 yr, 5 yr.



Systemically Violent Locations Examples

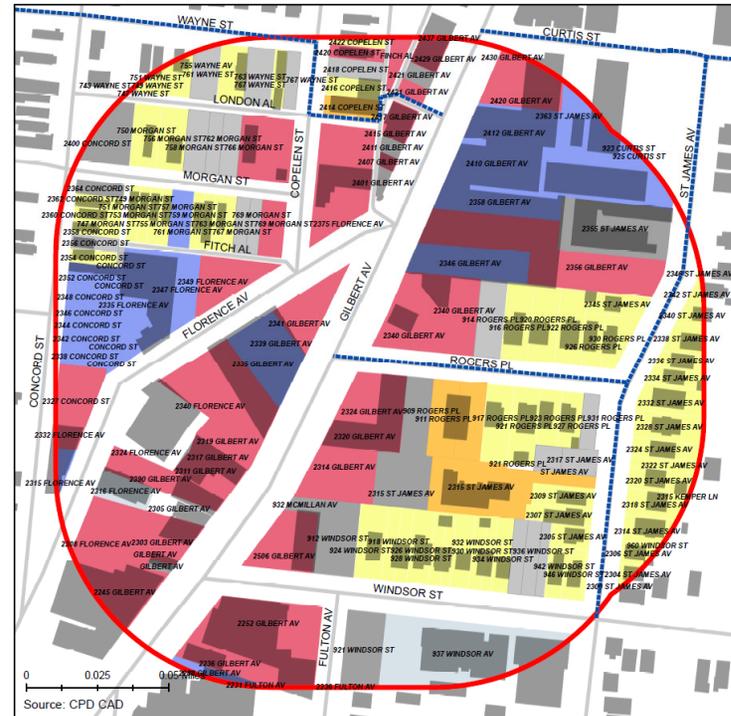


Glenway Av,
Warsaw Av,
& Ross Av

- CIRV Group Territory
- Streets
- Buildings
- Land Use**
- Commercial
- High Density Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Hotel/Motel
- Government / Exempt
- Industrial
- Railroad / Utility
- Agriculture
- Vacant-Commercial
- Vacant-Residential



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Gilbert Av
&
Rogers Pl

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Primary Address: **3749**
Glenway Av
Name: **BP**
% of Violent Crime
Over 5 Year: **19.1%**

Primary Address: **2340 Gilbert**
Av
Name: **Marathon**
% of Violent Crime
Over 5 Year: **21.5%**



Who

- Young people and the parents, families, and other community members who interact with them and help shape their futures.

What

Public health and human service programs to support young people in and around high-violence places

- A. **In- and out-of-school programs to help K12 youth learn and practice positive social behaviors and interactions. Programs that prepare young people for successful futures.**
- B. **Proactive support for the most troubled youth, especially ages 17-24, who have engaged in violence. Support these young people to reset the trajectories to their futures with coaching / mentoring, education, and life & employment skills training.**
- C. **Programs that nurture safe communities and provide engaging, fun activities. Could include summer-time evening activities, special activities for youth, participation by police & businesses, and be hosted in parks and recreation centers.**

What (Cont.)

Public health and human service programs to support young people in and around high-violence places

- D. Training and resources to help community members prevent and respond to violence. Could include social media and a communications clearing house, specific approaches for handling violent events, ways to engage people new to a neighborhood, etc.
- E. Training, coaching, and resources for parents and families. Could include how-to's for ensuring safe and engaging environments, promoting learning, using appropriate discipline and maintaining reasonable expectations, and taking care of oneself as a parent.



Themes Guiding Our Proposed Strategies

1. Trauma informed
2. Data-Driven
3. Collective Impact



Recommendations

- Fund Violence Prevention at \$500,000
 - Taskforce is engaging private partners to leverage city investment of \$250,000
- Appoint a representative from the Cincinnati Police Department to the Human Services Advisory Council
- Support the appointment of a backbone organization (more fully empower an existing organization or create a new one, if necessary)



Questions?