

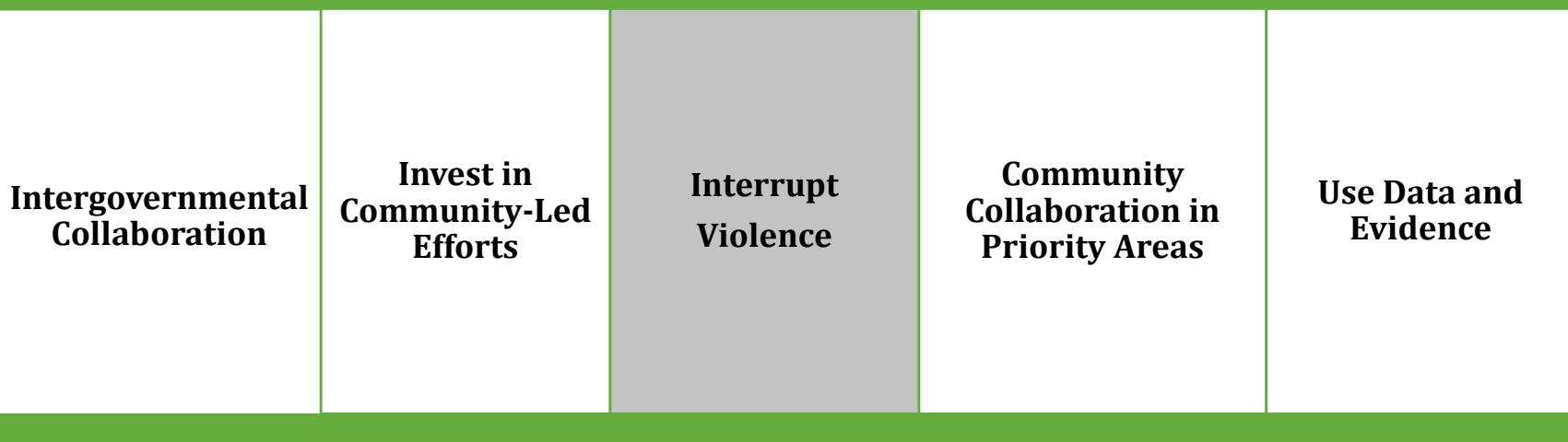


Update: Violence Interruption

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Framework to Address Violence

Purpose: City, County, Partners, and Community work together to reduce violence, increase economic opportunity, and build healthier, more resilient communities.



PROGRAMS

POLICY

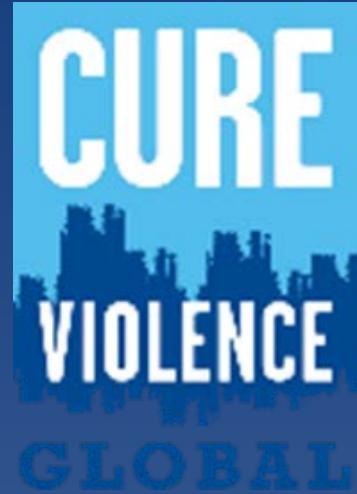
PRACTICE

Interrupt Violence

Street Outreach Violence Interruption

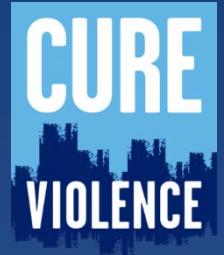
Outreach workers focus on people at highest risk of becoming involved with or victims of violence, and connect individuals with direct support services like conflict mediation, case management, mentoring etc.

- ✓ City has engaged Cure Violence to conduct an assessment of the Beatties Ford and LaSalle priority area
- ✓ Assessment will determine how to best set up a violence interruption program including:
 - Opportunities and challenges to implementation in our local context
 - Partnerships, workers, program structures, and costs for implementation
- ✓ Assessment began in Aug. with a data review, and will continue in Sept. and Oct. with Cure Violence 101 sessions, stakeholder meetings, target area visits, and potential worker meetings
- ✓ This effort will be aligned with a hospital-based violence intervention program, a partnership between the City and Atrium



Treating Violence as a Public Health Issue

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R. Brent Decker



Public Health Approach

1. Violence behaves like a *contagious disease (epidemic)*
2. *Treating* violence like an epidemic gets *results* in communities

VIOLENCE AS A CONTAGION

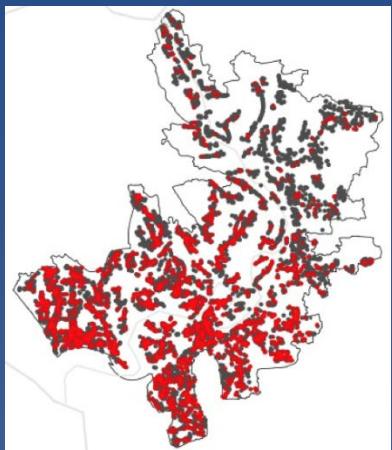
*Population
characteristics*

Clustering
Epidemic waves
Transmission

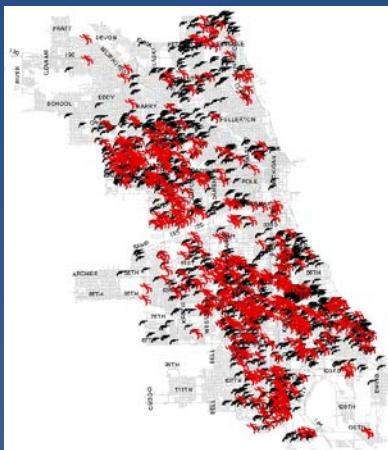
Violence Has Characteristics of Epidemics

1. Violence clusters – like a disease

Cholera

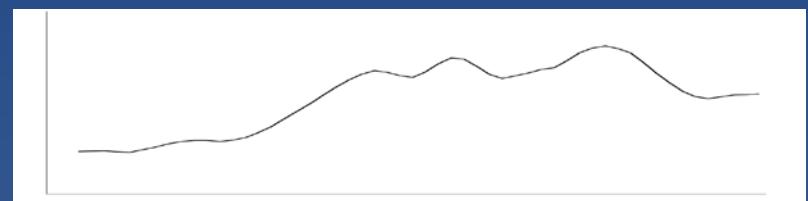


Violence

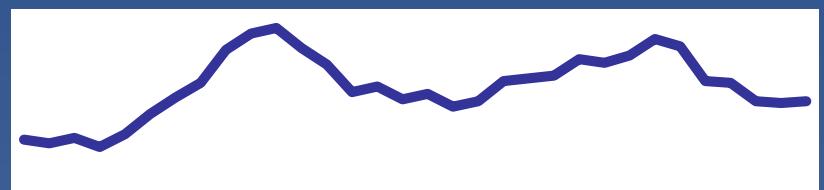


2. Violence spreads – like a disease

Influenza



Violence

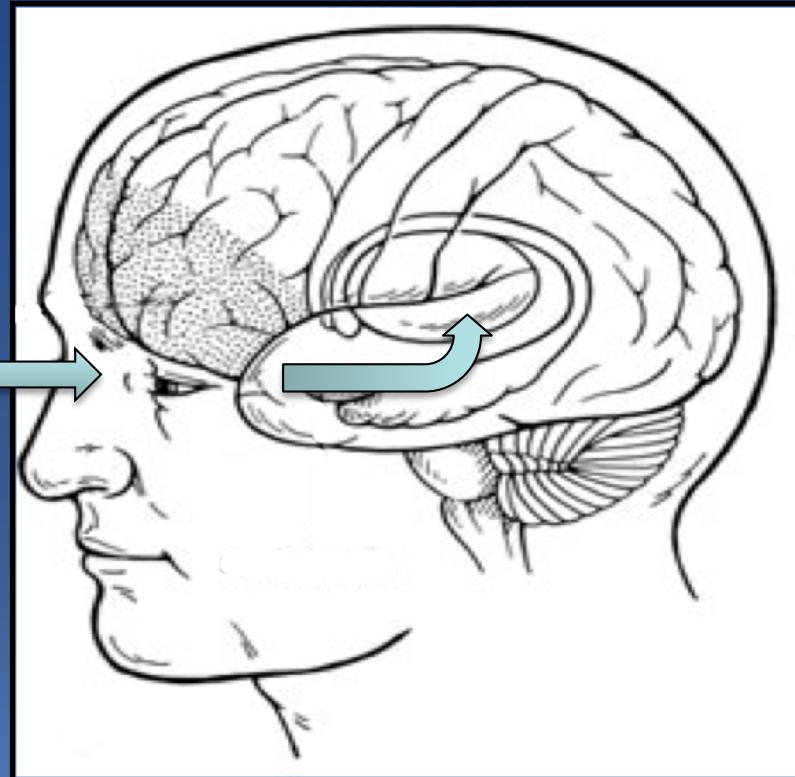


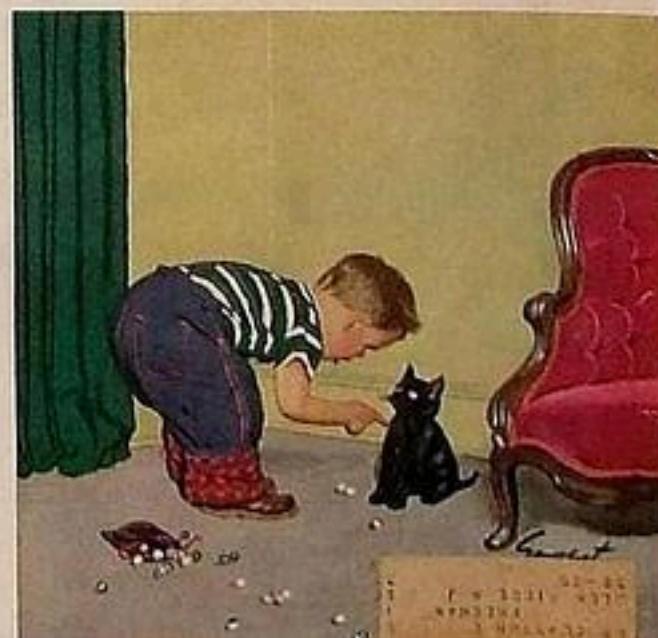
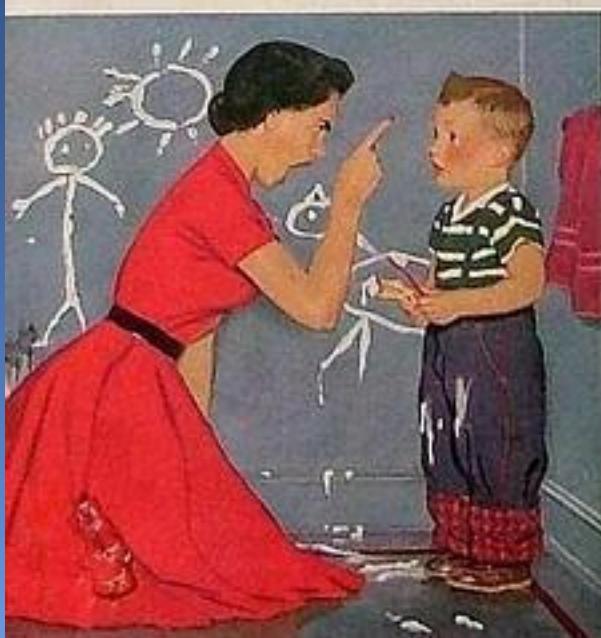
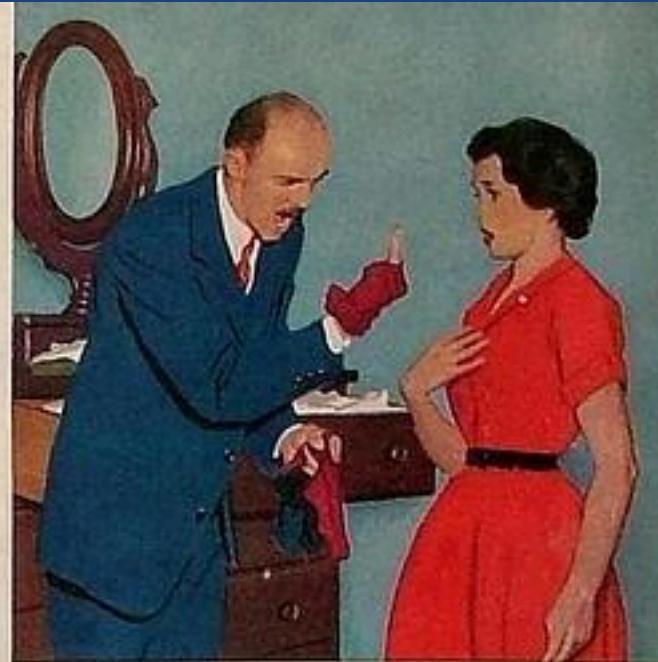
3. Violence is transmitted –
through exposure, modeling,
social learning, and norms.



MEANS OF TRANSMISSION

VIOLENCE
TRANSMISSION
Observing
Witnessing
Trauma





Behaviors are formed and maintained

- **Formed through:**

- Modeling

- Trial and Error

- **Maintained through:**

- Culture

- Social Norms





Copying

Methods of Exposure to Violence

Community

- Group/Gang Violence
- Collective
- Interpersonal Violence
- Civil War
- Riots

Media

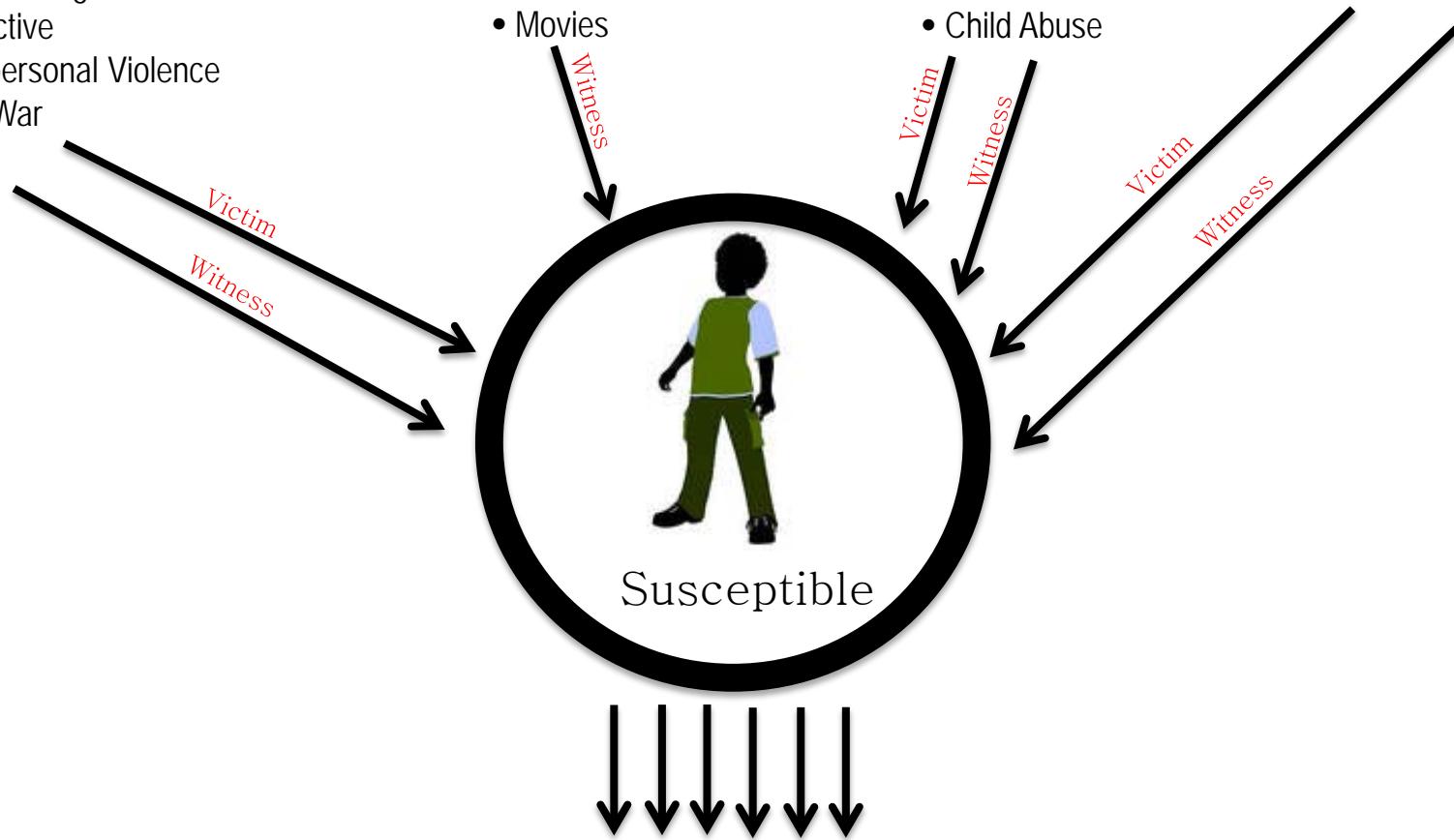
- TV
- Movies

Family

- Parental violence
- Child Abuse

School

- Bullying

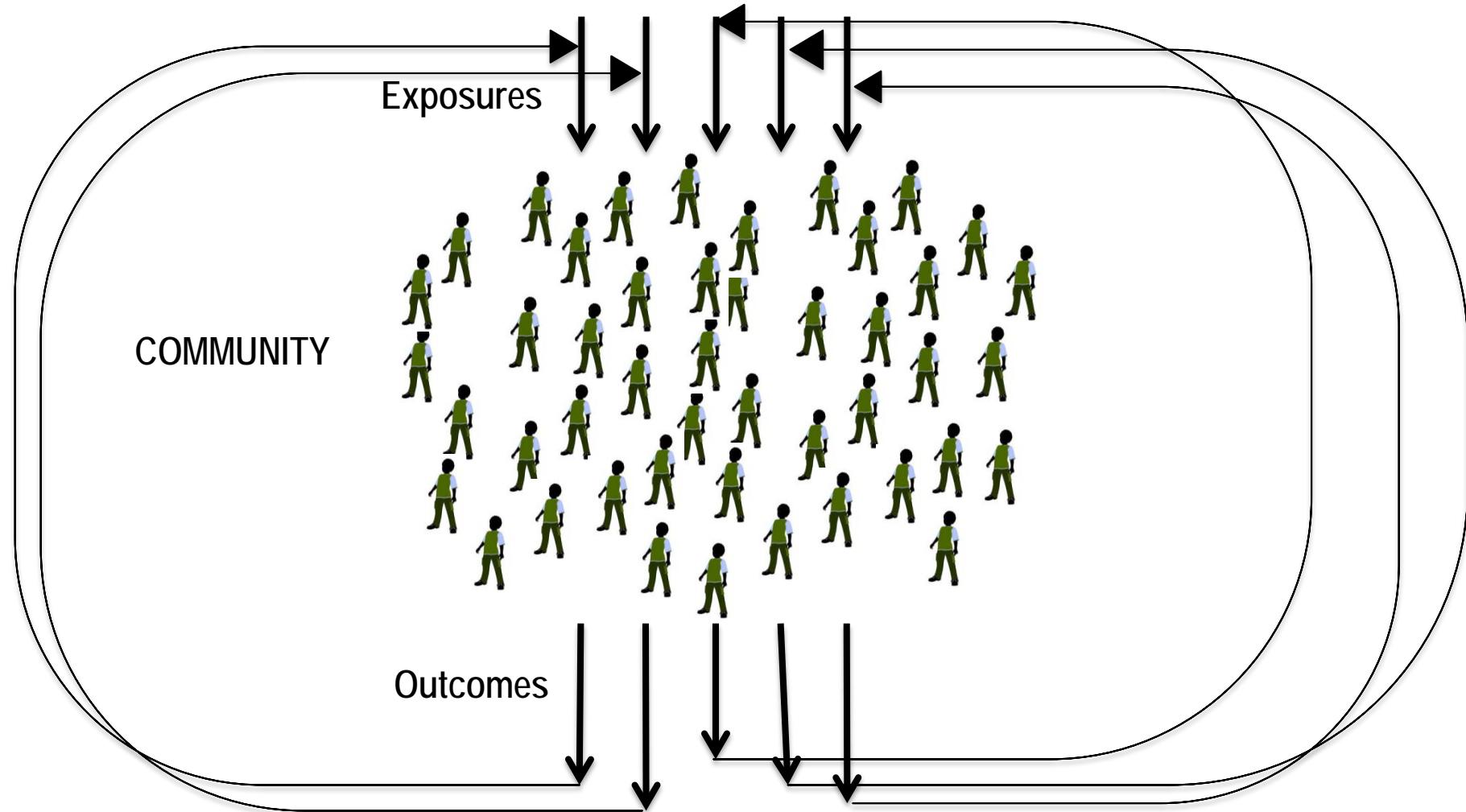


- Perpetuate violence
(violent act, attempted violence, threat of violence)
- Additional victimization

THE RESULT



MULTIPLE EXPOSURES



MULTIPLE EVENTS

We know
HOW TO
STOP
HEALTH
EPIDEMICS



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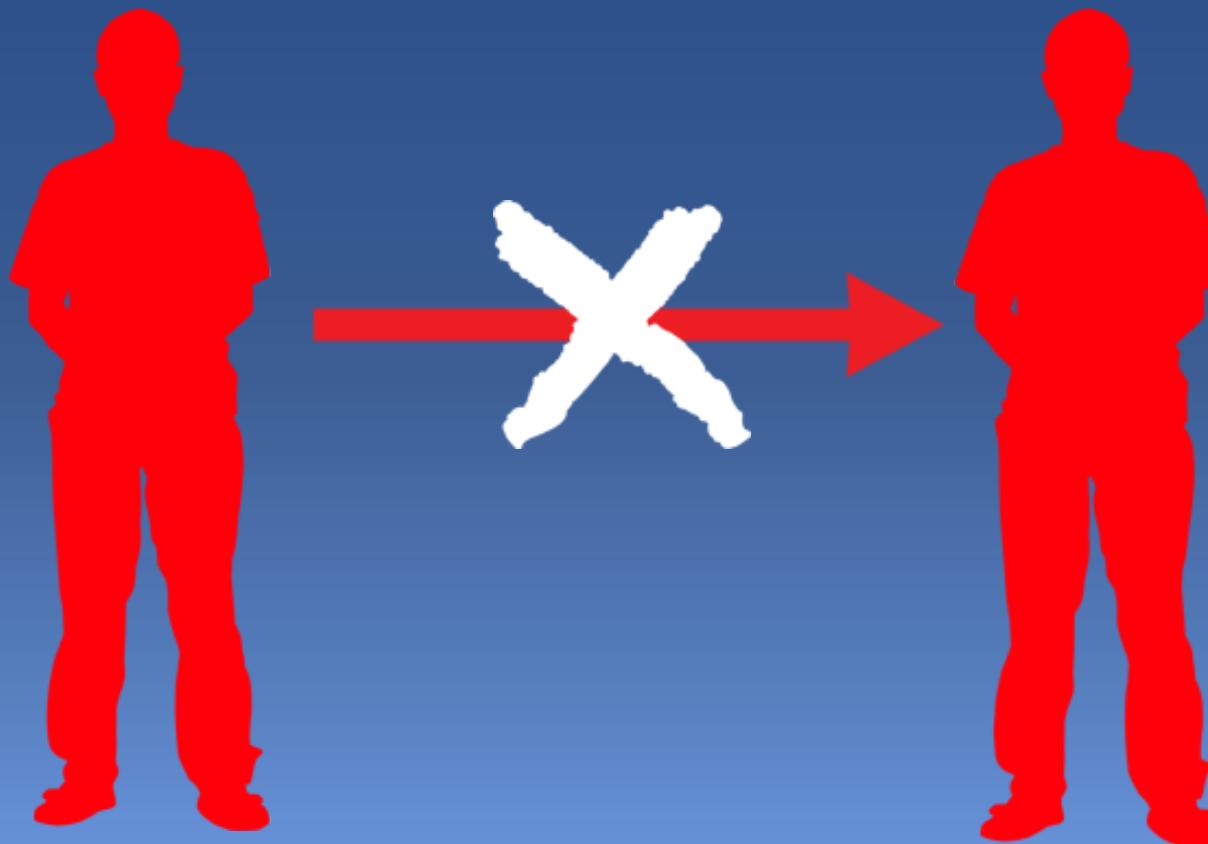
STOPPING EPIDEMICS

1. Interrupt transmission
2. Prevent future spread
3. Change group norms



STOP EPIDEMICS by:

1. Interrupting transmission



IDENTIFY AND CHANGE THE THINKING OF HIGHEST POTENTIAL TRANSMITTERS





CURE
VIOLENCE

DETECTION &
INTERRUPTION



CURE VIOLENCE

Mapping High Risk Zones

STOP EPIDEMICS by:

1. Interrupting transmission

2. Preventing future transmission



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CHANGE BEHAVIOR
of highest risk



CHANGE BEHAVIOR

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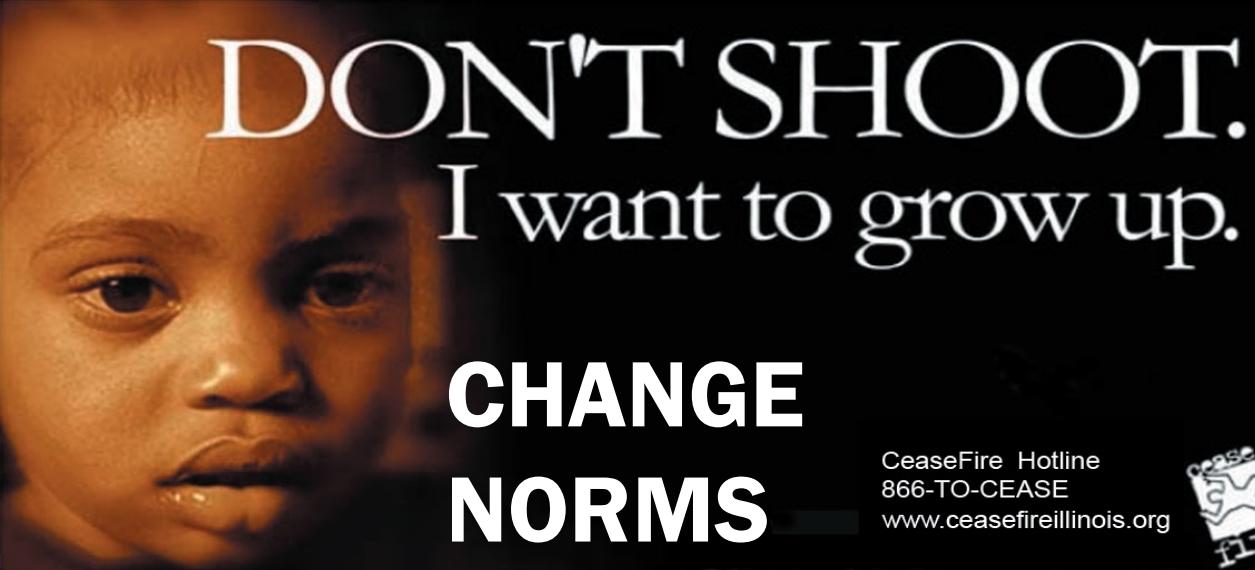


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A large crowd of people marching in a city street, holding signs that read "CHANGE NORMS" and "CURB VIOLENCE". The scene is set in a city with historic buildings in the background.

CHANGE NORMS

CURB VIOLENCE



DON'T SHOOT.
I want to grow up.

**CHANGE
NORMS**

CeaseFire Hotline
866-TO-CEASE
www.ceasefireillinois.org



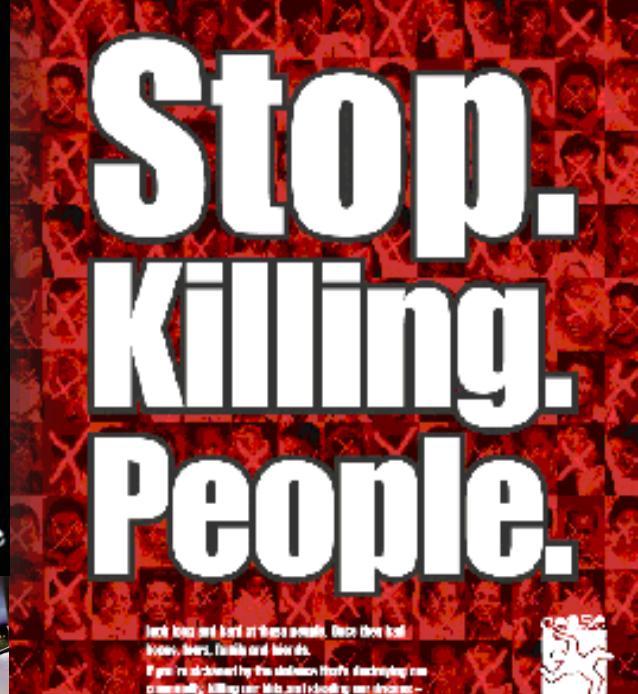
Be Your Only Choices

Don't Shoot!

S.O.S.

Save Our Streets
Crown Heights

For information: 347.401.1595



Re-Understanding Violence

Reduces current inequity and promotes understanding

Moralism
(not helpful)

Bad Choice

Bad People

**Adverse
Circumstances**
(contribute)

SCIENCE

TRANSMISSION
(exposure)



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Organization**

CURE VIOLENCE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



● ADAPTATION PARTNERS

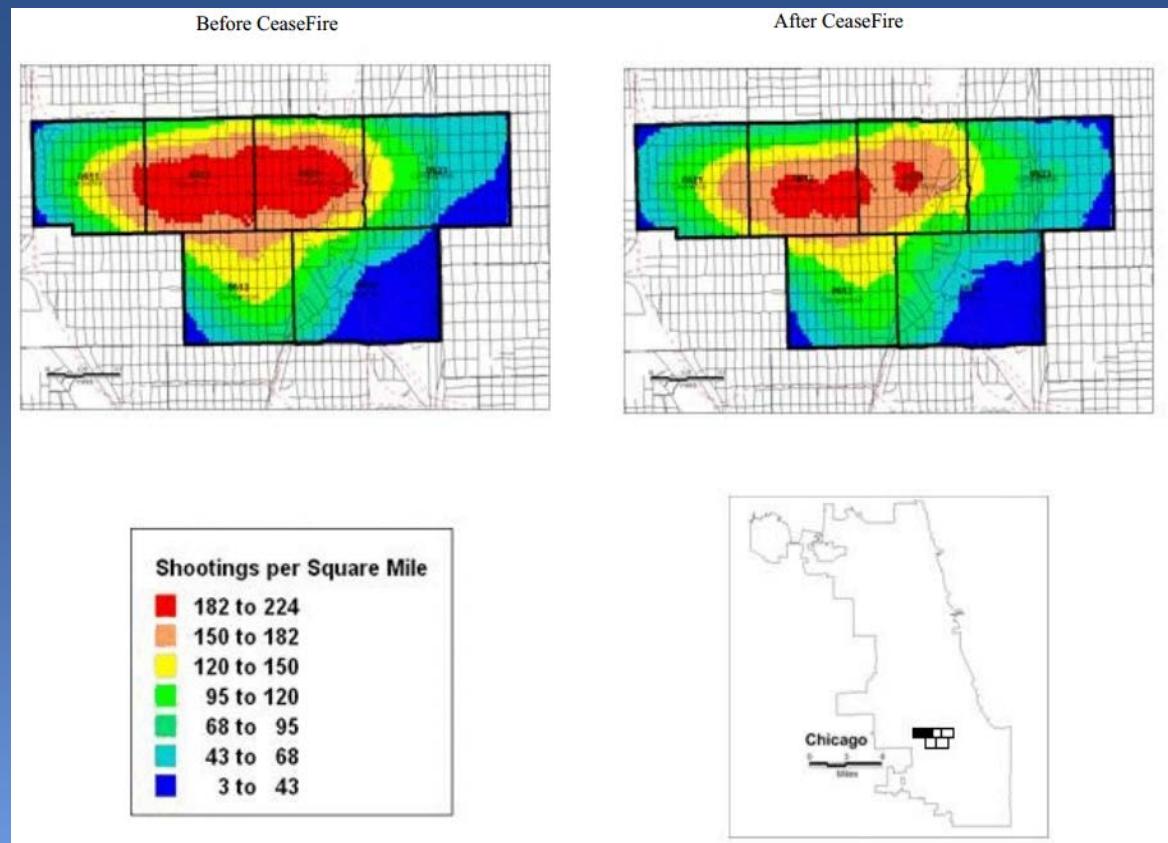
● EXPLORING PARTNERSHIPS

● PAST PROGRAMS

INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS

Success in Chicago (Northwestern)

In Auburn Gresham, 28.4% of the area was a hot spot, with 261 to 322 shootings per square mile. After CeaseFire, 13.5% of the area was a hot spot (52.5% reduction)



Success in Chicago (Northwestern)

Sites: Auburn-Gresham, Englewood, Logan Square, Rogers Park, Southwest, West Garfield Park, West Humboldt Park, East Garfield Park
Implementation period: 2003 to 2006

	Shootings	Hot spots	Reciprocal murders
Auburn-Gresham	-17%	-15%	-100%
Englewood	-34%		-100%
Logan Square	-22%		-100%
Rogers Park		-40%	
Southwest	-24/-27%		0%
West Garfield Park	-24/-23%	-24%	-46%
West Humboldt Park	-16%	-17%	-50%
East Garfield Park	Not evaluated	Not evaluated	-100%

Success in Baltimore (Johns Hopkins)

Sites: Elwood Park, Madison-Eastend, Cherry Hill

Implementation period: 2007 to 2015

Safe Streets had a larger effect on reducing nonfatal shootings—a 25% reduction—than any of the comparator law enforcement activities.

Point estimates for site-specific effects show reductions in each of the sites, the largest being in Cherry Hill (-43%).

Point estimates for program effects by site show positive outcomes in three sites (Cherry Hill at -42%, McElderry Part at -33%, Lower Park Heights at -47%).

Success in New York City (John Jay)

Sites: East New York (Brooklyn) and South Bronx

Implementation period: 2014 to 2016

Gun Violence Trends Before and After the Opening of Two Cure Violence Programs

S.O.S. South Bronx

Gun injuries down 37%*

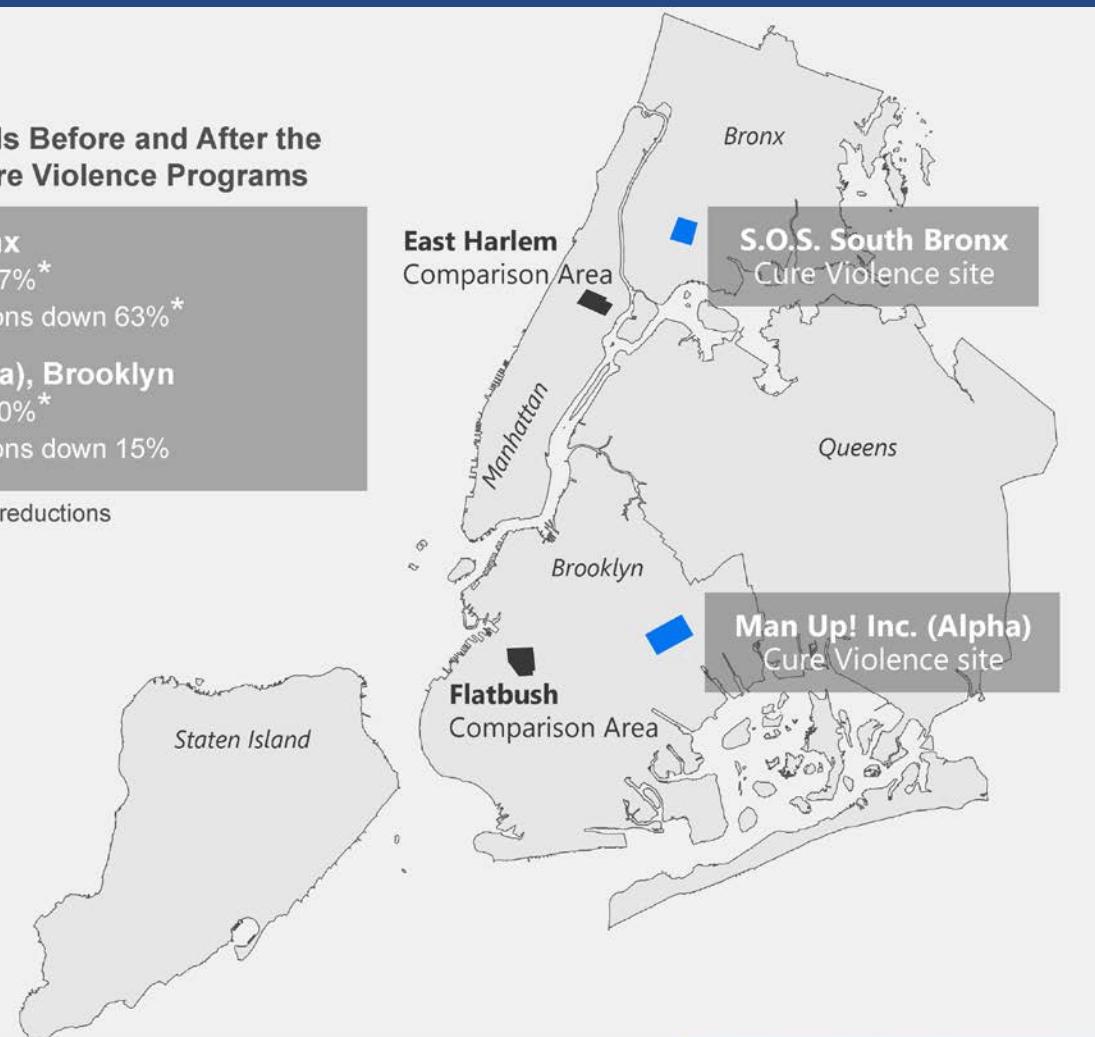
Shooting victimizations down 63%*

Man Up Inc! (Alpha), Brooklyn

Gun injuries down 50%*

Shooting victimizations down 15%

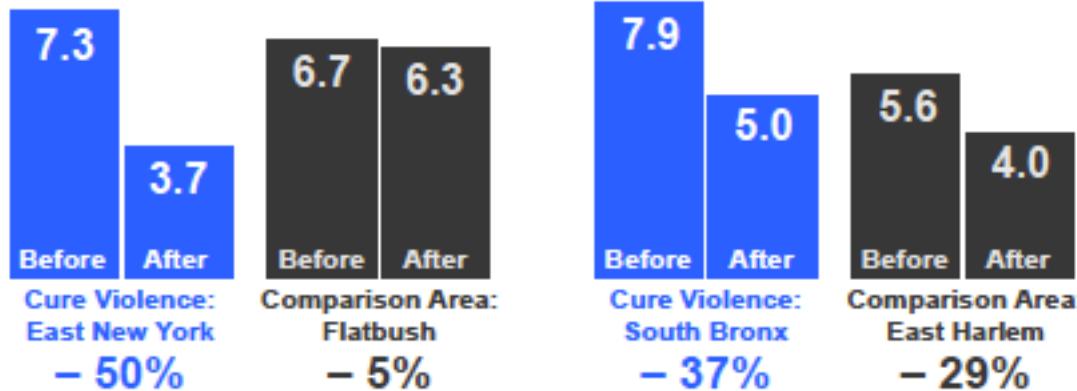
* Statistically significant reductions



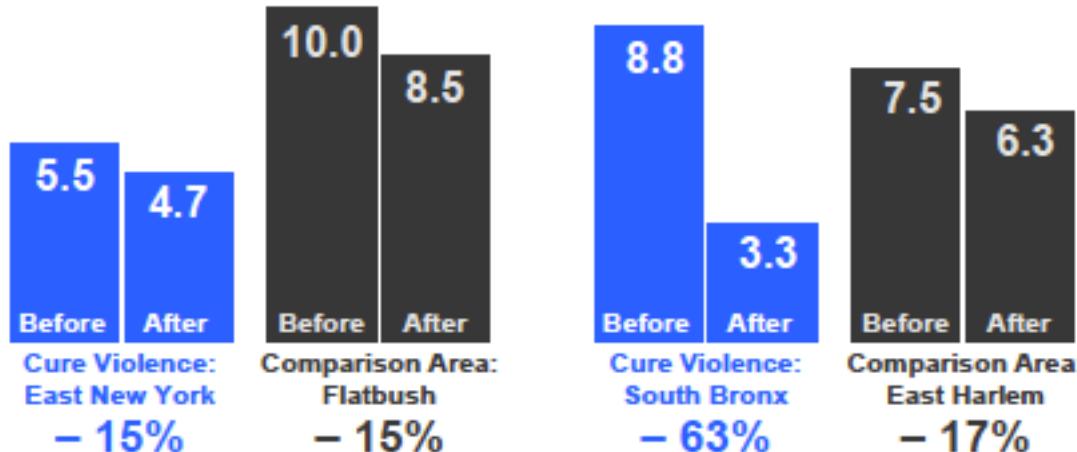
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3 Changes in Gun Injuries and Shooting Victimization Before and After the Opening of Cure Violence Programs

Gun Injuries per Year ¹

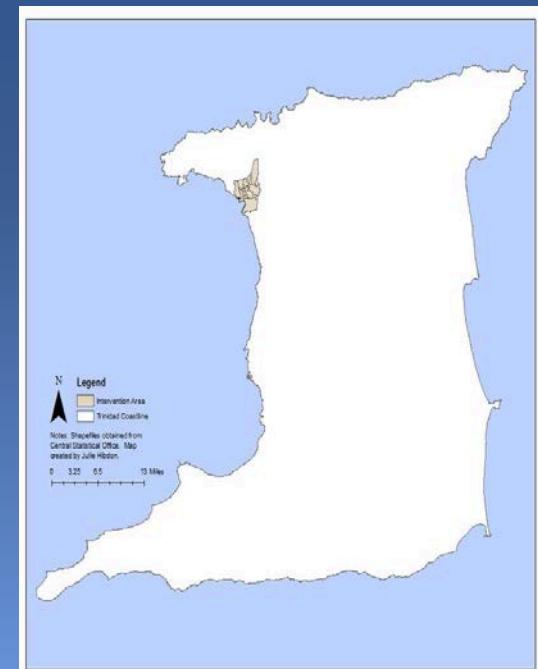
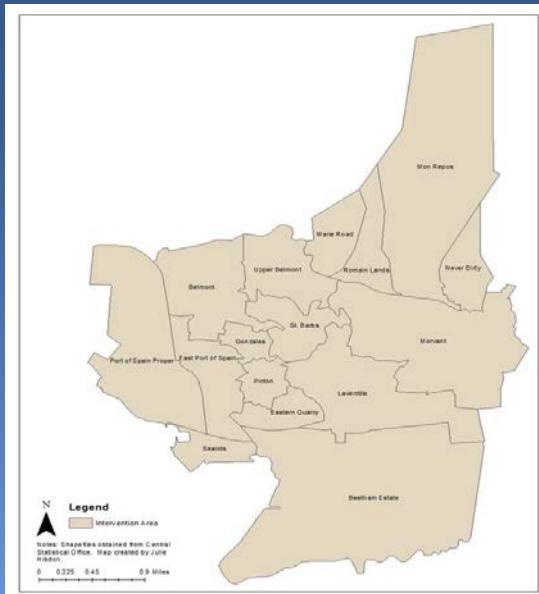


Shooting Victimization per Year ²

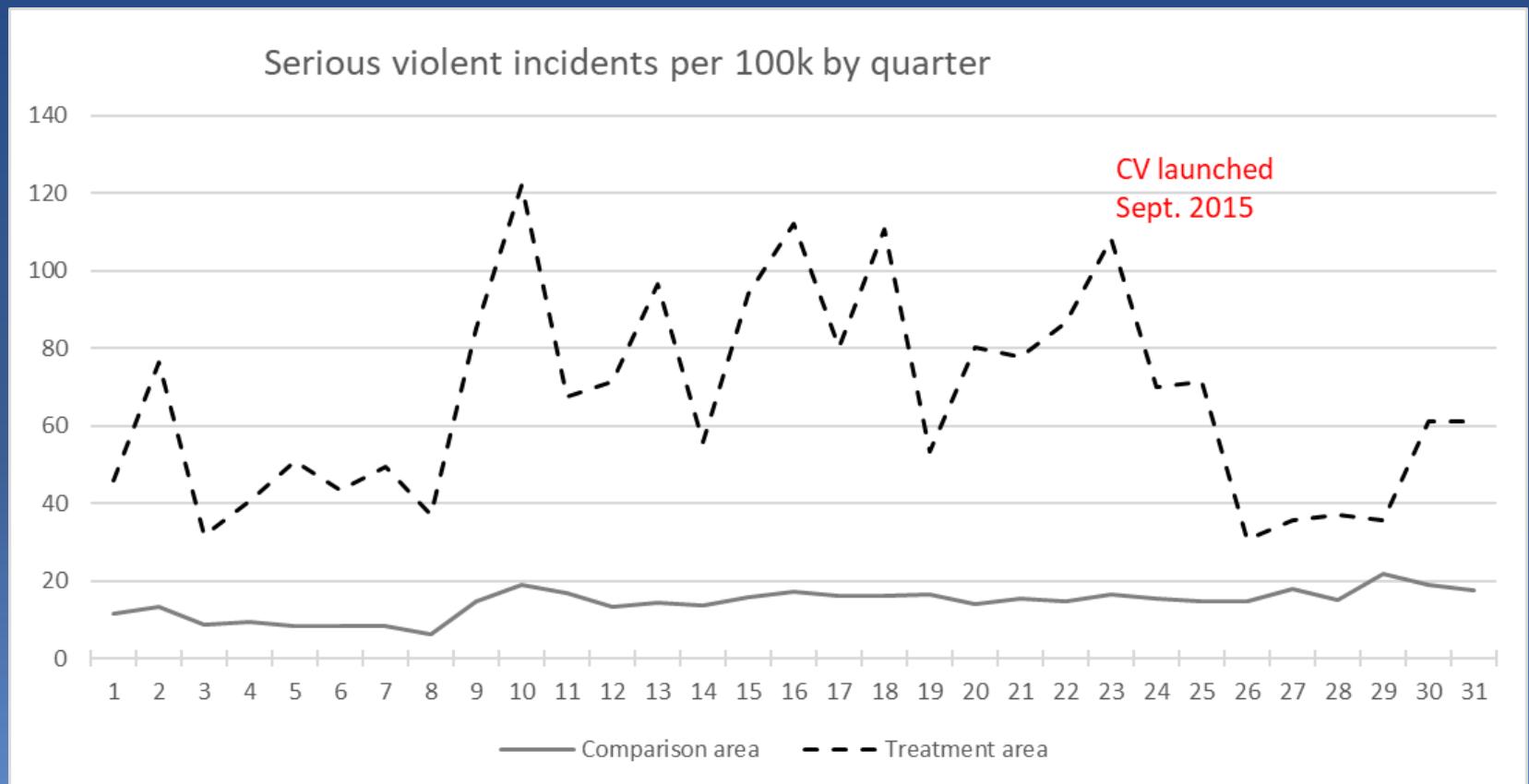


Success in Trinidad (Arizona State Univserty)

- Based on a series of quasi-experimental designs using three independent data sets maintained and updated by different entities, we examined the impact of Project REASON on several indicators of violence...found that the Cure Violence intervention was associated with significant and substantial reductions in violence
- 16 Intervention Communities



Success in Trinidad (ASU)



Six Blocks, 96 Buildings, Zero Shootings: New Recipe at the Queensbridge Houses

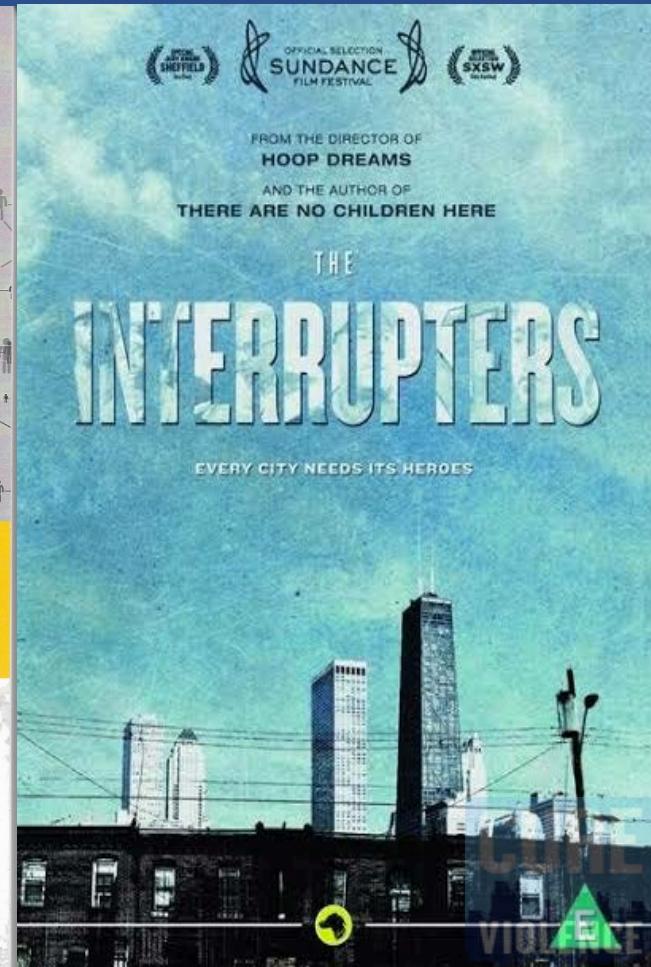
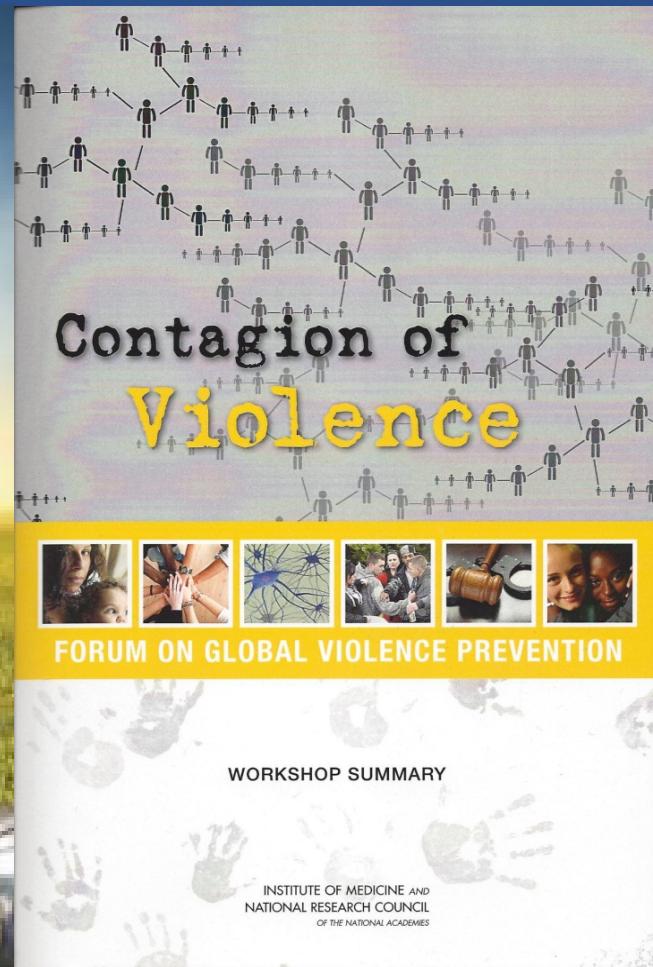
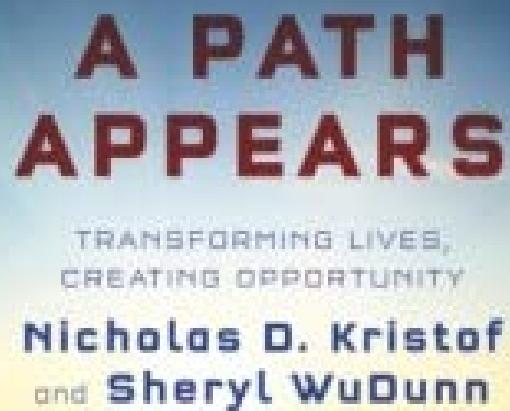
About New York

By JIM DWYER JAN. 19, 2017



“Cure Violence....the approach that will come to prominence.”

- *The Economist*



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Thank you!

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For More Information Visit:
www.cvg.org



The screenshot shows the Cure Violence website homepage. The header features the organization's name in large, bold, white letters against a dark blue background. Below the header is a large, grainy black and white photograph of two individuals in a dark, urban street at night, with a white van and a car visible. The text "One of the Top 100 NGOs Worldwide." is displayed above the image. The main content area has a dark blue background with white text. It features the headline "The magnitude of the gun violence problem." followed by a paragraph about urban neighborhoods being plagued by a persistent cycle of shootings and homicides. A "LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROBLEM >>" link is provided. To the right, there are sections titled "THE PROBLEM", "THE APPROACH", "THE STORIES", and "THE RESULTS". A prominent orange "DONATE TODAY" button is located in the bottom right corner. The footer contains links for "News & Announcements", "MORE NEWS >>", "See Our Results >", "Learn More About Cure Violence Local Sites >", and "October 2010, 2010 Latin America looks to Cure Violence".