THE TRUE REASONS I GRABBED THE GUN EVOLVED FROM RISKS PROJECT SEEKS COMPASSION FROM THOSE WHO DO NOT EXPERIENCE EVERYDAY GUN VIOLENCE.

A COMBINATION OF INDIVIDUAL, RELATIONSHIP, COMMUNITY, AND SOCIETAL FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO THE RISK OF YOUTH VIOLENCE.



INDIVIDUAL RISK FACTORS

History of violent victimization; Attention deficits, hyperactivity, or learning disorders; History of early aggressive behavior; Involvement with drugs, alcohol, or tobacco; Low IQ; Poor behavioral control; Deficits in social cognitive or information-processing abilities; High emotional distress; History of treatment for emotional problems; Antisocial beliefs and attitudes; Exposure to violence and conflict in the family



FAMILY RISK FACTORS

Authoritarian child-rearing attitudes; Harsh,
lax, or inconsistent disciplinary practices;
Low parental involvement; Low emotional
attachment to parents or caregivers; Low
parental education and income;
Parental substance abuse or criminality; Poor
family functioning; Poor monitoring and
supervision of children





SOCIAL RISK FACTORS

Association with delinquent peers;
Involvement in gangs or neighborhoods;
Social rejection by peers;
Lack of involvement in
conventional activities;
Poor academic performance;
Low commitment to school
and school failure



Diminished economic opportunities;
High concentrations of poor residents;
High level of transiency;
High level of family disruption;
Low levels of community participation;
Socially disorganized neighborhoods