
Youth Violence Prevention in Prince George's County

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Goals and Specific Objectives

GOALS:

- To create a set of recommendations for future action with collaboration from our community partner.
- To develop a literature review in collaboration with our community partner, addressing youth violence prevention in the selected communities.

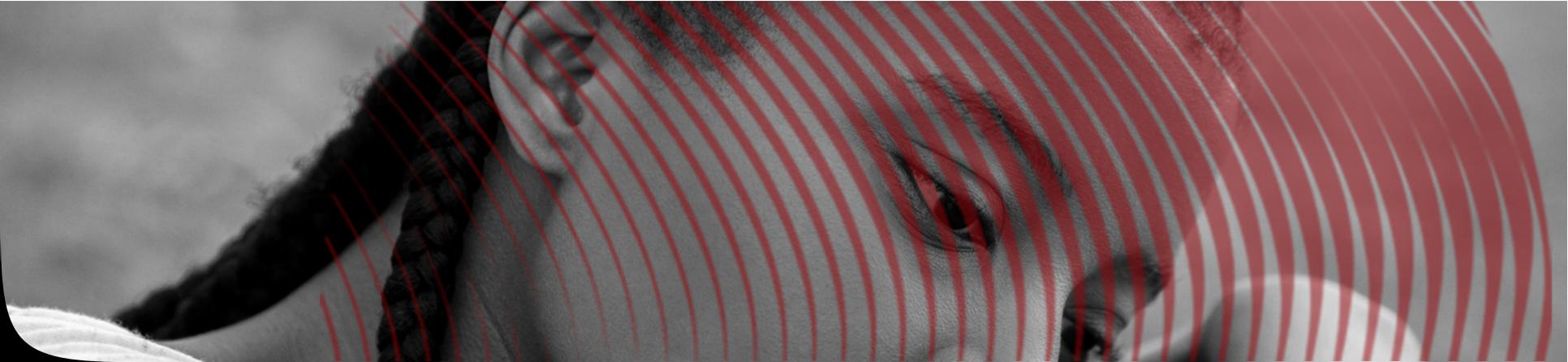
OBJECTIVES:

- Remaining open- minded throughout the literature review process, adapting the format and shifting focus to creating evidence based interventions, insights from existing research, and developing practical recommendations for reducing youth violence in Prince George's County.
 - This literature review will be distributed to the local leaders and organizations, contributing to development and implementation of youth violence prevention programs.
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Literature Review Pt.1

What do the history, data, and research tell us?



✦ Statistics and History



- Homicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for youth ages 10-24
- For African American youth, homicide is the No.1 leading cause of death
- As of 2023, homicide rates and violent crime in general still remain elevated compared to pre-pandemic, 2019 levels
- Gun violence rates in particular has seen a sharp increase since the start of the pandemic
- African-American youth experience the highest rates of community violence exposure and violence-related injuries



Indicators of Violence



Poverty

- Familial/parental unemployment
- Built environment, neighborhood concentrated poverty
- Economic deprivation, lack of social and familial support as an effect



Parental Support

- Strained relationship with caregivers
- Adverse childhood experiences
- Lack of support, impacting school performance
- *Gender



Internal Stressors

- Feelings of distress and perceptions of violence
- Perception of social information as aggressive behavior
- Hypervigilance to violence
- Unable to relax due to survival mode
- Sleep issues → school



Procedure

#1

Involved our community partner from the beginning

#3

Adapted our known definition of a literature review

#2

Began with the typical/accepted format for a traditional literature review

#4

Shifted our focus from the body of literature to evidence-based interventions

Stayed open-minded throughout the entire process to maintain our collaborative relationship***



Process Evaluation

Remaining open-
minded throughout the
literature review
process
Objective 1

Making effective use of
insights from existing
research
Objective 3

*Distribute to local leaders
and organizations,
contributing to
development and
implementation*
Objective 5



Objective 2

Adapting the format and
shifting focus to creating
evidence based
interventions

Objective 4

Developing practical
recommendations for
reducing youth violence in
Prince George's County.





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Literature Review Pt.2

Interventions and Recommendations





Interventions

National Interventions:

Youth violence is an issue throughout the United States among black and brown communities.

- An intervention using an anti-violence approach to addressing the root cause of violence
- A community-based intervention paired children who were treated for peer-related assault injuries with mentors

Interventions in Prince George's County:

- A hospital-based violence intervention that seeks to improve client's health while preventing repeated violent injuries
- A sports-based community intervention that uses basketball to reduce crime





Recommendations

Interventions for youth violence that include both intrapersonal and interpersonal interventions involving the community have shown to be successful at reducing violent behaviors



1. Create supportive and safe environments for children that experience violence that extend beyond the home.

Creating safe second and third spaces and early childhood development programs



2. Community mentorship programs

Seeking mentors that despite experiencing adversity grow up to be successful and not involved in crime or violence



3. Use Trauma-informed approaches

Group exercise, art expression and group therapy



Discussion

Outcomes

Gaps in Scholarly Literature, especially 3rd and 4th generation research and county specific interventions

Steady Decline in Violence within Prince George's County

Provide Next Steps

Challenges

Lack of literature on related Interventions within Prince George's County

Untraditional literature review structure,

Reframe the issue

Benefits

Unique experience in making the literature review

- Humility
- Flexibility
- Open Minded

Strong relationship with Mr.Slade

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Presenting

**Youth Violence Prevention: A Comprehensive
Literature Review**
