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Getting Outside the Hospital Walls to Prevent Violence

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Background

- Chicago has the highest number of homicides in the US – but NOT the highest rate
- High profile violence in fall 2009
- Task force convened by hospital president/CEO
 - Lots of good work, little coordination
 - Can't address “youth violence” in isolation
- Agreed to explore hospital's role in violence prevention



Listening Sessions

- Spring 2011
- Supported by Founders' Board
- Nonprofit, research, foundation, medical, policy sectors
- Lots of good work, little coordination
- Need to improve coordination and communication among organizations
- The hospital can help!
- Findings confirmed by discussions with additional key informants

Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY)

- A “collaborative”
- Convened by Lurie Children's
- Build capacity among public and private stakeholders to connect, collaborate and mobilize
- Focus on policy, systems and environmental change, not service provision
- Connect, connect, connect



Why Lurie Children's?

- Respected advocate – ACCESS
- Family-centered, culturally effective, developmentally appropriate approach to care
- Content expertise
- Well known community institution “where kids come first”
- Neutral convener
- Credibility across sectors



Participants

- 130 individuals from 60 organizations at February 2012 kickoff meeting
- Current participation
 - 4500+ individuals on mailing list
 - 1000+ individuals are “engaged”
 - Representing 300 “engaged” organizations
 - Community-based organizations citywide (and in suburbs)

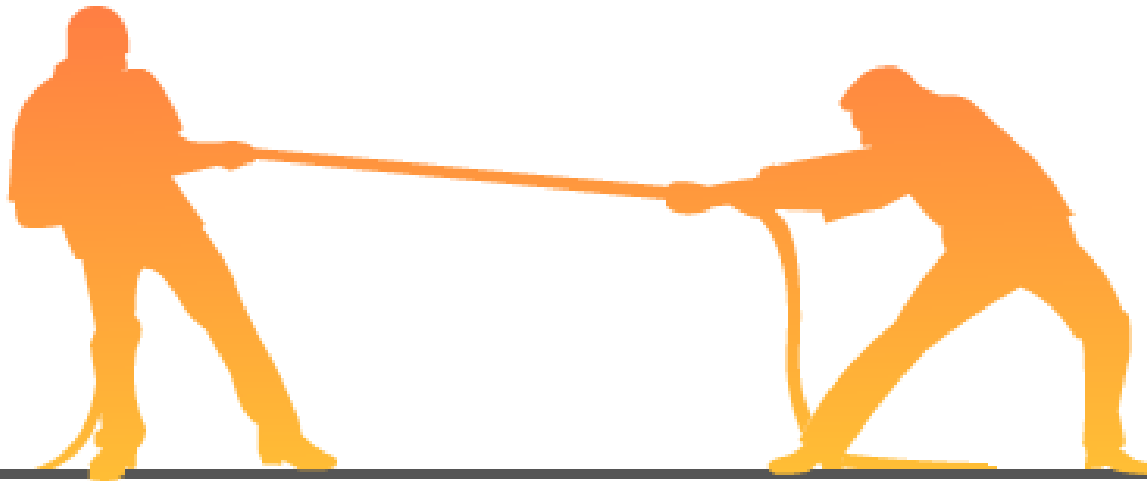


Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention?

Public Health



**Law Enforcement
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CDC's STRYVE

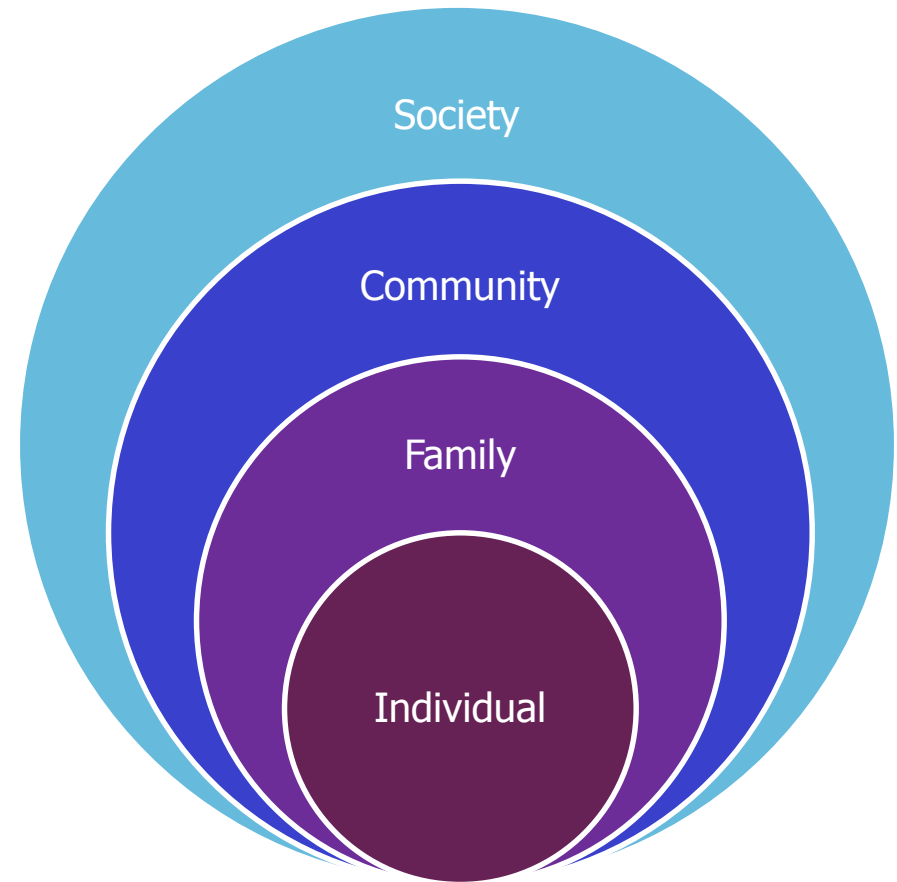
- Consistent messaging about the preventability of violence
- Evidence-based violence prevention strategies
- Multi-sector collaboration

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Public Health Framework

- Developmental approach
- Ecological model
- Prevention continuum
 - Primary (Upfront)
 - Secondary (In The Thick)
 - Tertiary (Aftermath)
- Across different types of violence



Call to Action: “Focus on Five”

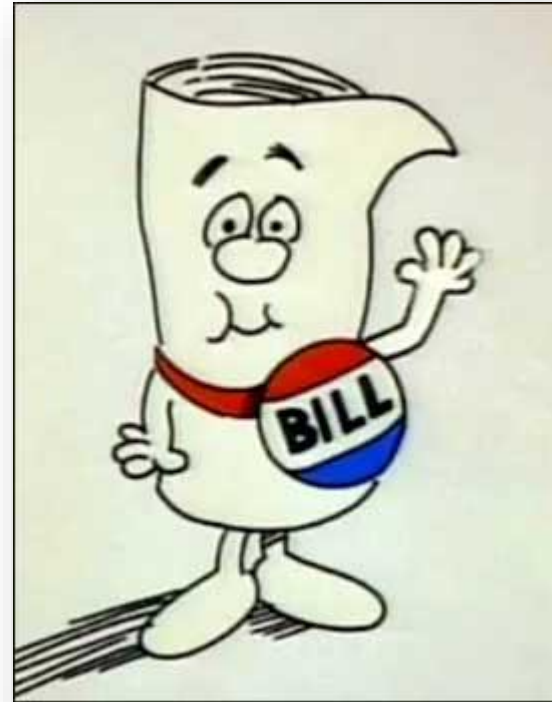
- Sustained investment in children and youth
- Equitable access to high quality mental health services
- Common sense approaches to gun violence prevention
- Juvenile justice system that reflects what we know about adolescent development
- Sustained investment in strong communities

Strategies

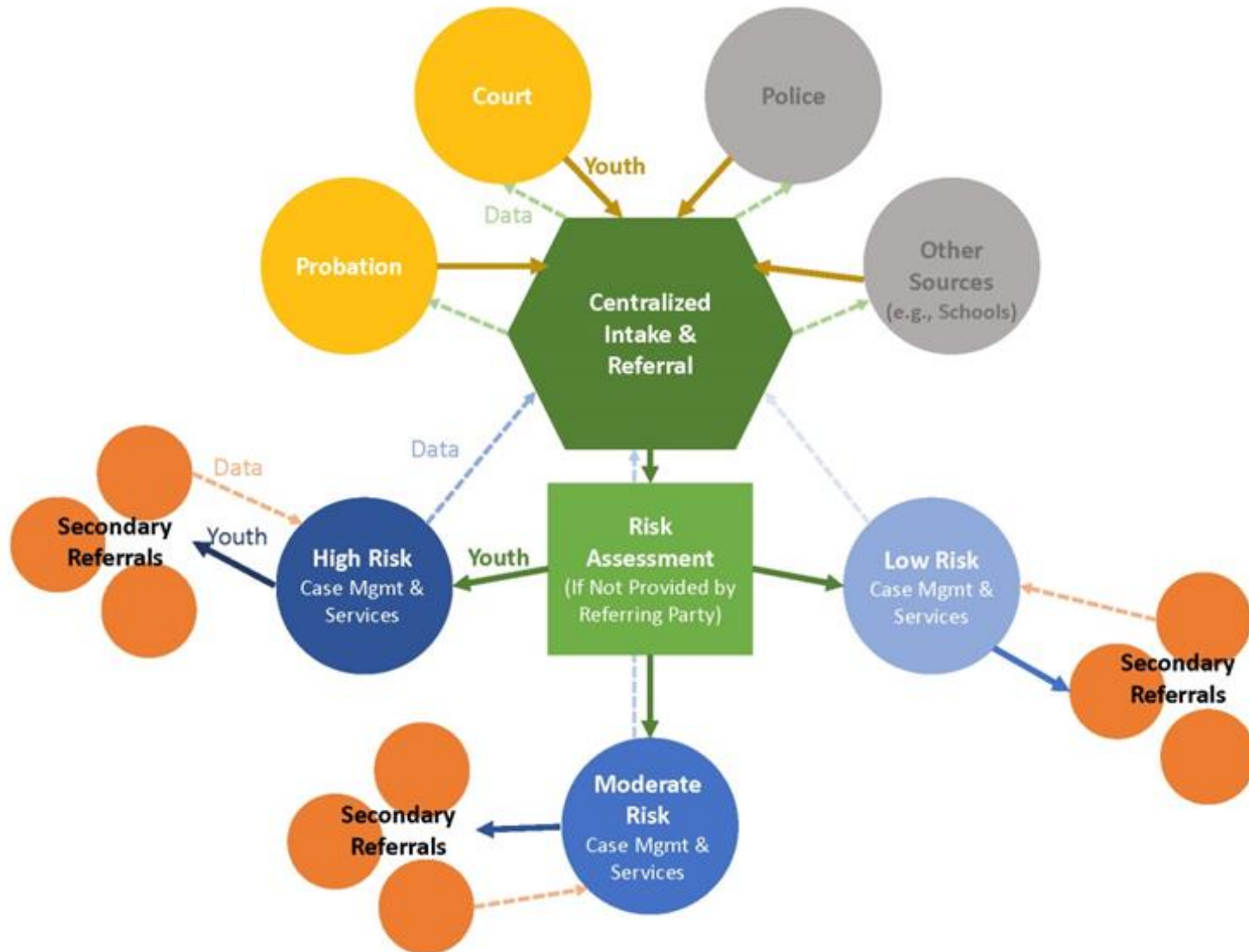
- Coordinate efforts around the SCY policy agenda
- Facilitate sharing of knowledge among and provide technical assistance and training to community organizations
- Encourage conversations about the preventability of violence and how every individual and organization can play a role
- Foster connections between community organizations and researchers

Policy and Advocacy

- Advocate for policy agenda
- Support partners' advocacy
- 3-year, \$315,000 grant from Langeloth Foundation
 - “SCY will establish itself as the private sector leader in comprehensive violence prevention policy in Chicago.”



Juvenile Justice Collaborative



Knowledge Sharing

- Monthly trainings
 - 492 people at 8 trainings in 2016
- Quarterly meetings
 - 393 attendees in 2016
- Biweekly newsletter, social media, website
 - 685 Facebook likes
 - 806 Twitter followers
- Participate in coalitions and attend events
- Support community organizations' capacity building
 - Facilitator for \$1 million federal grant in South Suburban Cook County

Encourage Conversations About Prevention

- Lurie Children's CEO: "roll up your sleeves"
- Support improved media coverage of violence



Community-Academic Connections

- NIH grant “Community-Academic Collaboration to Prevent Violence in Chicago”
- Support community partners
 - Facilitate connections with researchers
 - Training and TA
- Violence Data Landscape

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