



Community Safety Realized:

Justice & Equity on the Pathway
to Preventing Violence

National Sexual Assault Conference Prevention Track on AUGUST 4, 2021 from 11:30am-1pm (PT)

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In the chat, share:

**Your name,
organization,
location.**

**What is a critical
need or opportunity
for realizing
community safety in
your community
right now?**

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Objectives

1. Learn about a framework for community safety that addresses the structural roots of violence and involves community, relationship, and individual transformation.
2. Discuss concrete ways to take action on violence prevention strategies rooted in justice and equity.
3. Practice identifying “choice points” for intersectional equity and justice in our programs, practices, and policies to build greater capacity over time.

Why is Advancing Health Equity Critical for Sexual Violence Prevention?

“Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their full health potential and that no one is disadvantaged, excluded, or dismissed from achieving this potential.” - Prevention Institute



“Rape is fundamental to the problems we see in the world. I would put it as the highest priority for us to address because this is where the root of life breaks down and is passed on intergenerationally.” Lyla June, Indigenous environmental scientist, community organizer, and musician of Diné (Navajo), Tsétsêhéstâhese (Cheyenne) and European lineages (Farnsworth, 2019)

Advancing health equity in sexual violence prevention

1. Elevating community leadership and resilience
2. Creating spaces for healing in prevention efforts
3. Facilitating internal organizational change
4. Addressing underlying factors that contribute to violence and safety
5. Partnering across fields and movements.

1. Elevating Community Leadership and Resilience

New Jersey Department of Children and Families: Engaging Groups on the Margins of the Margins

- Related technical package strategies: Promoting social norms that protect against violence; mobilizing men and boys as allies; strengthening leadership and opportunities for girls; addressing community-level risks through environmental approaches

Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault: Ensuring Community Ownership of Prevention Work

- Related technical package strategies:
Promoting social norms that protect against violence




Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault. (n.d.). Participants use various art-based approaches during activity. Reprinted with permission.



Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault. (n.d.). Farmworkers engaging in Teatro Campesino, an interactive theatre presentation. Reprinted with permission.

2. Creating Spaces For Healing In Prevention Efforts



“To foster health equity, it is important to recognize prevention and healing as connected.”

Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition: Rooting a Curriculum in Indigenous Values

- Related technical package strategies: Promoting social norms that protect against violence; teaching skills to prevent sexual violence

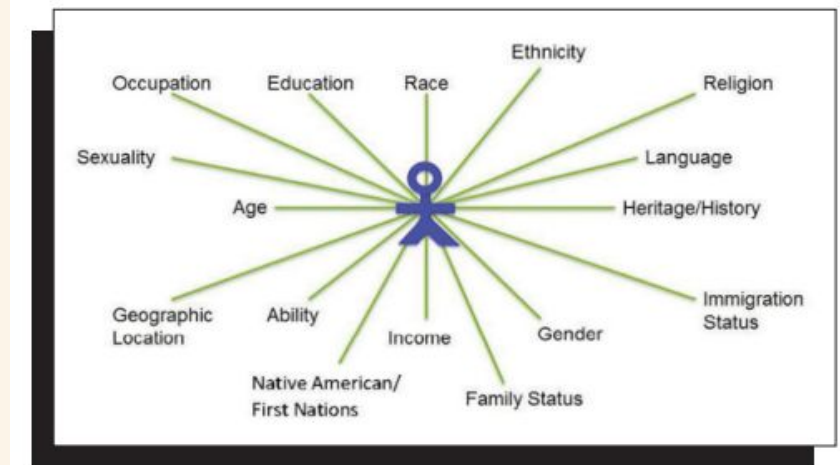
Black Women's Blueprint: Truth-Telling and Reconciliation for Prevention and Healing

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3. Facilitating Internal Organizational Change

Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence: Refining Internal and External Processes to Incorporate Intersectionality

- Related technical package strategies: Promoting social norms that protect against violence; strengthening economic supports for women and families; establishing and consistently applying workplace policies



Michigan Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Organization. (n.d.). *Considerations for Intersectionality Diagram* adapted from the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women. Reprinted with permission.

Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence: Making Space for Liberation in Anti-Oppression Practices

- Related technical package strategies:
Promoting social norms that protect
against violence

4. Addressing Underlying Factors That Contribute to Violence and Safety

Community-level risk factors for intimate partner violence and sexual violence

- Poverty
- Lack of economic opportunities/high unemployment rates
- General tolerance of sexual and intimate partner violence within the community, such as viewing abuse as a private matter
- Weak community sanctions against those who use violence against others

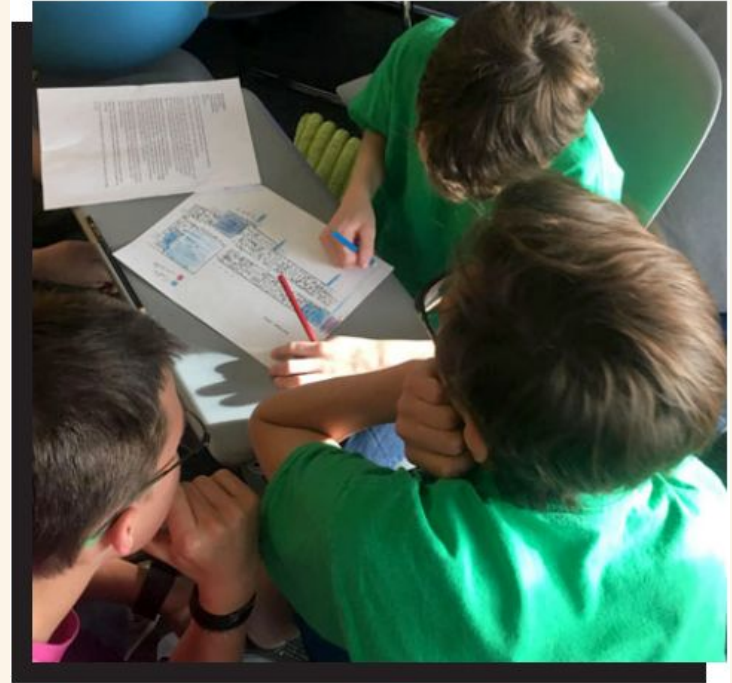
Societal-level risk factors for intimate partner violence and sexual violence

- Societal norms that support sexual violence and intimate partner violence
- Weak laws and policies related to sexual and intimate partner violence and gender equity
- Harmful gender norms around masculinity and femininity

(Dills et al., 2019)

Colorado Department of Public Health: Improving Climates to Prevent Violence

- Related technical package strategies: Addressing community-level risk through environmental approaches; improving safety and monitoring in schools



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. (n.d.). Students map out spaces that they perceive to be safe and unsafe at their school. Reprinted with permission.



“Multiple forms of oppression, like racism, sexism, and ableism, impact the environments where people live, work, and exist.”

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: Eliminating the Gender Wage Gap

- Related technical package strategies: Establishing and consistently applying workplace policies; strengthening economic supports for women and families; strengthening leadership and opportunities for girls (women).



The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. (2018). 9th Anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Reprinted with permission.

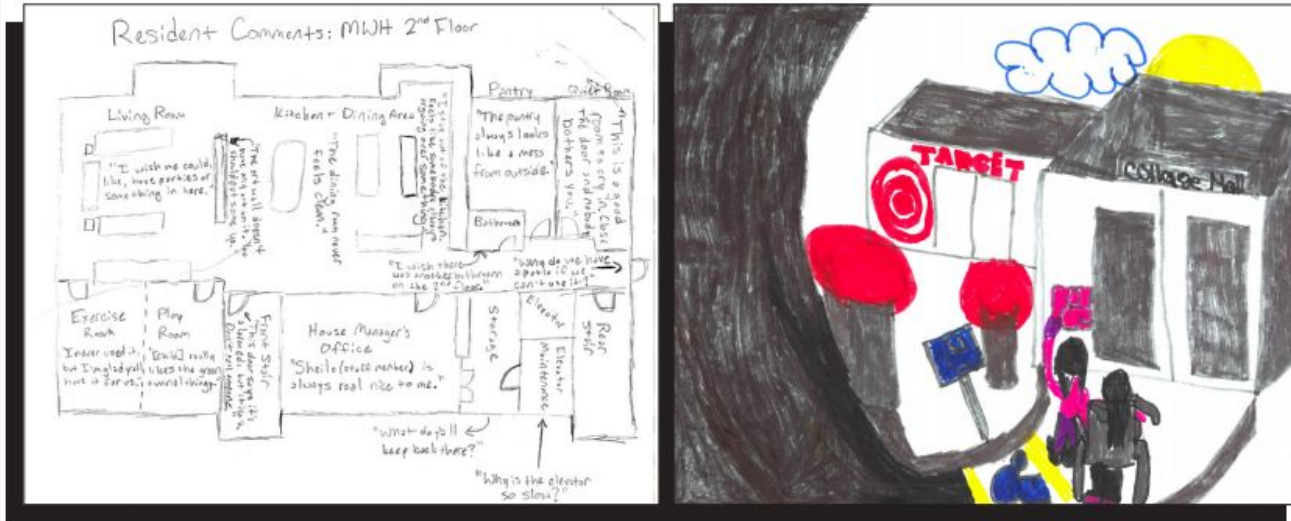


“People from many different fields have roles to play in the movement to prevent sexual harassment, abuse, and assault.”

5. Partnering Across Fields and Movements

Bloomington Inclusion Collaborative in Indiana: Fostering Community Connectedness

- Related technical package strategies: Addressing community-level risk through environmental approaches



(Left) Bloomington Inclusion Collaborative. (n.d.). A map used at a shelter by stakeholders to increase inclusion using participatory mapping. Reprinted with permission. (Right) Bloomington Inclusion Collaborative. (n.d.). An illustration of a Target door that won't open. Reprinted with permission.

One Fair Wage: Elevating the Connection Between Tipped Wages and Sexual Harassment

- Related technical package strategies: Strengthening economic supports for women and families; establishing and consistently applying workplace policies



One Fair Wage. (n.d.) A NYC strike advocating for a One Fair Wage. Reprinted with permission.



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Working Together to Create Equitable, Respectful Communities

Spotlighted Organizations

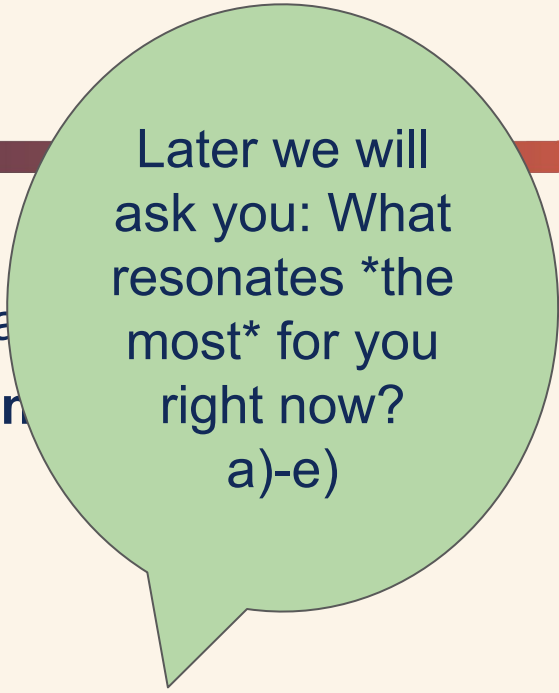
- Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault <https://andvsa.org/>
- Black Women's Blueprint <http://www.blackwomensblueprint.org/>
- Bloomington Inclusion Collaborative <https://icadvinc.org/sidewalks/>
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/prevention-and-wellness/sexual-violence-prevention>
- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence <https://icadvinc.org/>
- Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence <https://mcedsv.org/>
- Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault <https://www.asec.purdue.edu/mesa/>
- New Jersey Department of Children and Families' Division on Women <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/women/>
- One Fair Wage <https://onefairwage.site/>
- Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence <https://www.ocadsv.org/>
- Visioning B.E.A.R. (Balance, Equality, and Respect) Circle Intertribal Coalition <https://visioningbear.org/>

Agenda

- Background
- Four defining features of a public health approach
 - a) Truth, racial healing & transformation**
 - b) Community leadership & power**
 - c) Data & evidence driven**
 - d) Collaborative action**
- Public health pathways to preventing violence and **e) a portfolio of strategies along the pathway to safety**
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Later we will ask you: What resonates *the most* for you right now?
a)-e)

Community Safety Realized

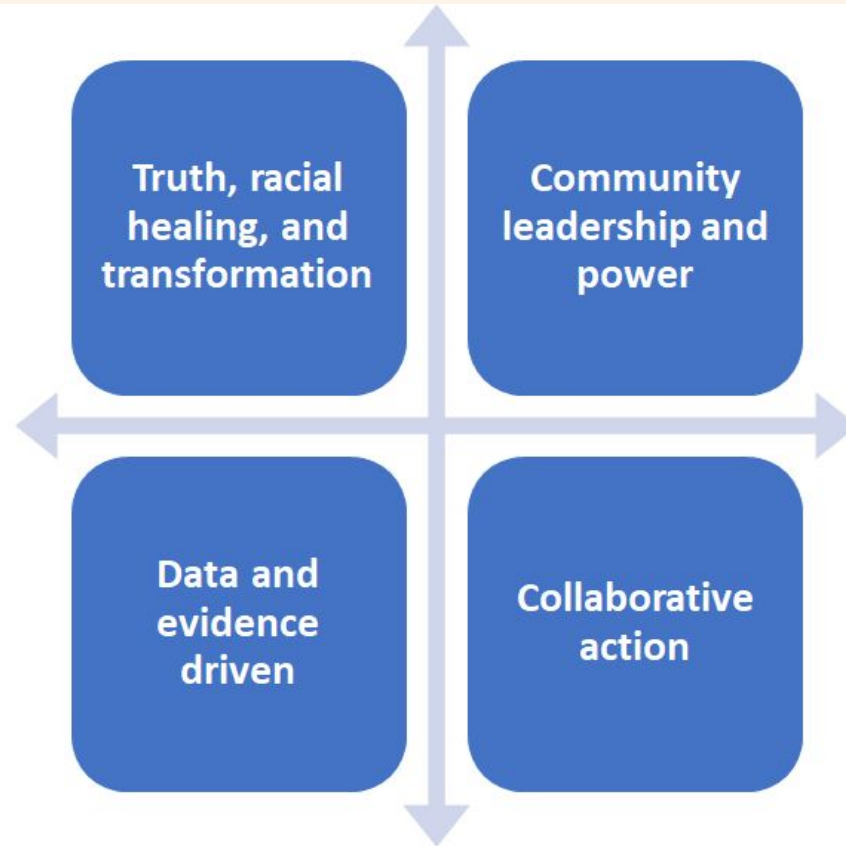
- Violence prevention has been a priority for BCHC members for the last several years -- this is one of many steps in working with them to build safer communities.
- Report and framework was developed with Prevention Institute with input from member health departments and other leaders across the country.
- Purpose is to (1) expand collective understanding of community violence prevention and the role public health can/must play and (2) invite multisector collaboration to move the needle on preventing/reducing violence.

Prevention Institute

- Prevention Institute (PI) is a national nonprofit that promotes health, safety, and wellbeing through thriving, equitable communities.
- Since 2005, PI has supported many large U.S. cities in developing strategies and plans to prevent violence and worked nationally to define, advance, and evolve a public health approach to community safety.



Four defining features of a public health approach



Pathway to Violence



Legacies of
structural racism
and other inequities
from the country's
founding through
today

Pathway to Violence



Redlining and
inequitable government
investment in racially
and economically
segregated
neighborhoods

Pathway to Violence



Concentrated
disadvantage
and
underfunded
schools

Pathway to Violence



Economic
stress, low
educational
achievement

Pathway to Violence



Community violence and racial inequities in injury, trauma, and death

Pathway to Safety

Start
here



Dismantling the legacies
of structural racism from
the country's founding
through today and
building structural,
distributional, and
procedural racial equity

Pathway to Safety



Equitable investment
by financial institutions
and government in
neighborhoods, with
anti-displacement
protections

Pathway to Safety



Equitable economic
opportunity, residential
stability,
government-community
trust

Pathway to Safety



Economic
security,
social capital

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Increased safety and healing and
decreased racial inequities in
injury, trauma, and death

PUBLIC HEALTH PATHWAYS TO PREVENTING VIOLENCE

PATHWAYS TO VIOLENCE OR SAFETY

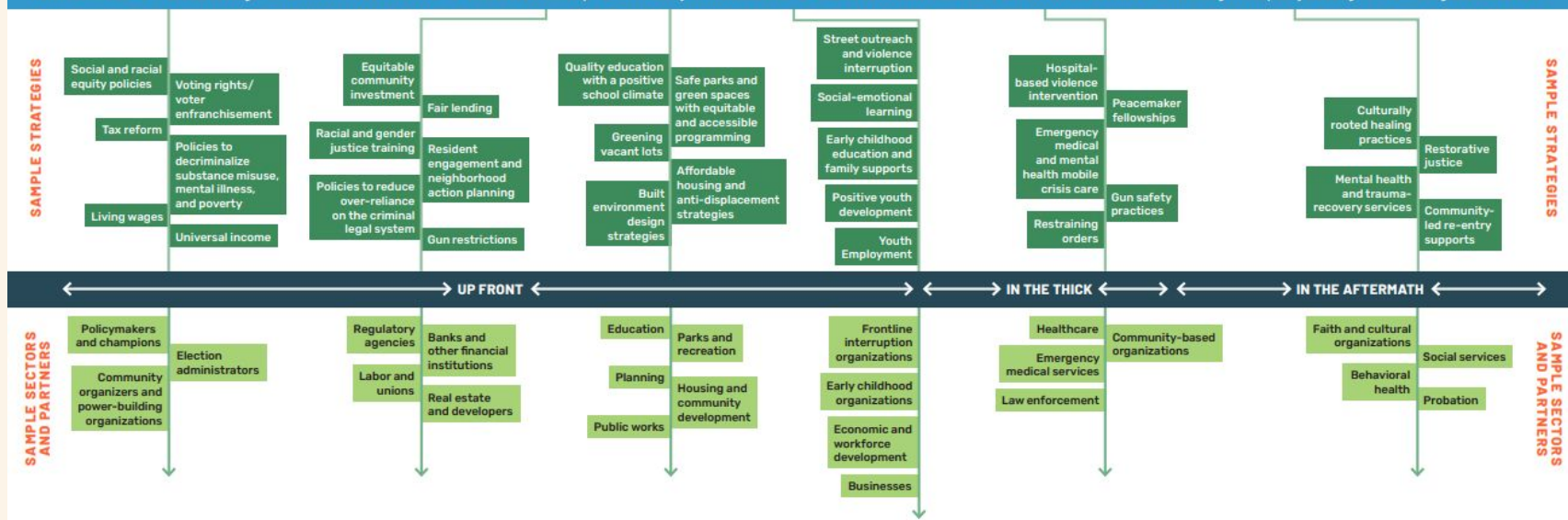
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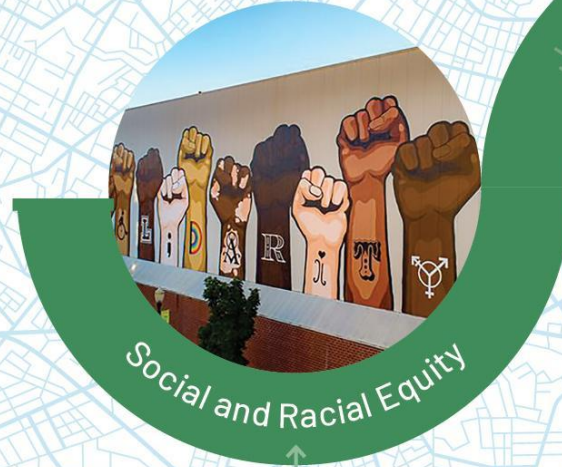
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Moral Conviction + Political Courage + Government Commitment + Resident Leadership + Community-driven Solutions + Shared Values and Vision + Multi-sector Collaboration + Training and Capacity Building + Monitoring and Evaluation



PATHWAY TO SAFETY



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SAMPLE STRATEGIES

Social and racial equity policies

Voting rights/voter enfranchisement

Tax reform

Policies to decriminalize substance misuse, mental illness, and poverty

Living wages

Universal income

PATHWAY TO SAFETY



SAMPLE STRATEGIES

Equitable community investment

Fair lending

Racial and gender justice training

Resident engagement and neighborhood action planning

Policies to reduce over-reliance on the criminal legal system

Gun restrictions

PATHWAY TO SAFETY



SAMPLE STRATEGIES

Quality education with a positive school climate

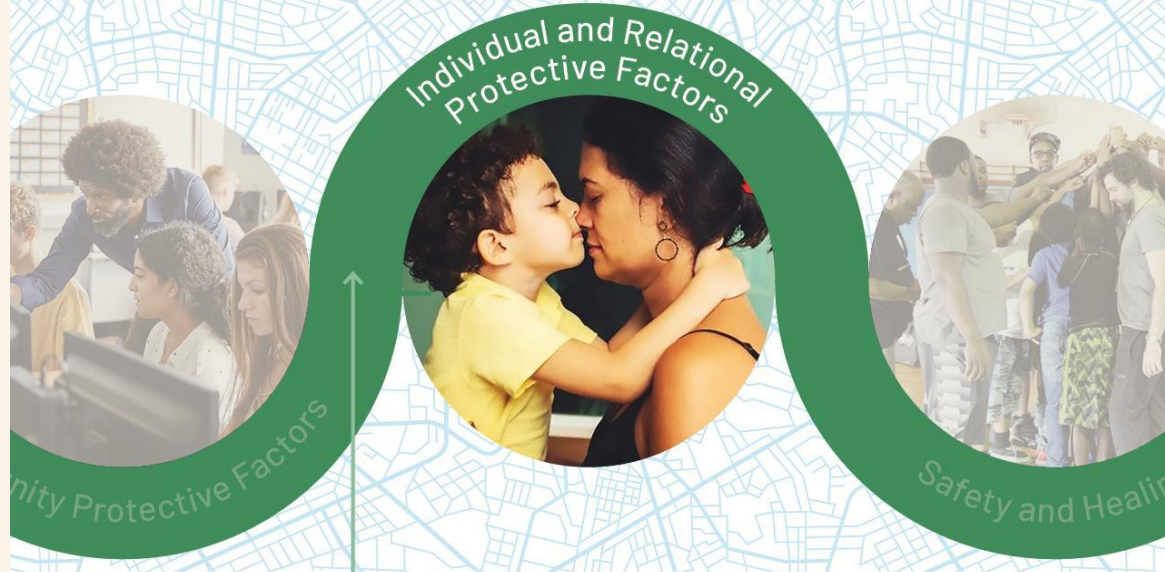
Safe parks and green spaces with equitable and accessible programming

Greening vacant lots

Affordable housing and anti-displacement strategies

Built environment design strategies

PATHWAY TO SAFETY



SAMPLE STRATEGIES

Street outreach and violence interruption

Social-emotional learning

Early childhood education and family supports

Positive youth development

Youth Employment

PATHWAY TO SAFETY

Individual and Relational
Protective Factors



Safety and Healing

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SAMPLE STRATEGIES

Hospital-based violence intervention

Peacemaker fellowships

Emergency medical and mental health mobile crisis care

Gun safety practices

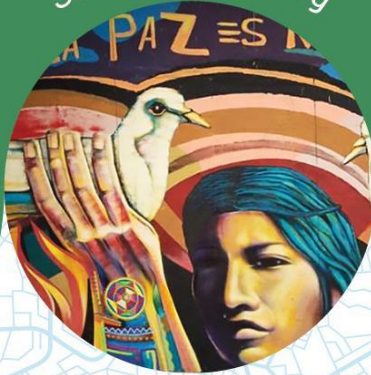
Restraining orders

PATHWAY TO SAFETY



Safety and Healing

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SAMPLE STRATEGIES

Culturally rooted healing practices

Restorative justice

Mental health and trauma-recovery services

Community-led re-entry supports

Poll: What aspect of the Community Safety Realized framework resonates *the most* for you right now?

Four defining features:

- a. **Truth, racial healing & transformation**
- b. **Community leadership & power**
- c. **Data & evidence driven**
- d. **Collaborative action**

- e. a **Portfolio** of strategies along the pathway to safety

CORE ELEMENTS

+ Moral conviction

+ Political courage

+ Government Commitment

+ Resident Leadership

+ Community-driven
Solutions

+ Shared Values and Vision

+ Multi-sector Collaboration

+ Training and Capacity
Building

+ Monitoring and Evaluation

TRUTH, HEALING, AND TRANSFORMATION:

Addressing structural racism and building multiracial solidarity to prevent sexual and domestic violence.



Recording of June 2nd webinar available at:
www.preventconnect.org

Additional resources

www.preventioninstitute.org/communitysafetyrealized

- [Minneapolis: Taking on Youth Violence](#)
- [Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention](#)
- [Minneapolis City Council declares racism as a public health emergency](#)
- [Kansas City Blueprint for Violence Prevention and a Safe and Healthy Community](#)
- [Growing list of cities, including KCMO, declare racism a public health crisis](#)

Additional resources

www.preventioninstitute.org/communitysafetyrealized

- Prevention Institute's [Safety Focus Area](#) page highlights our many projects, resources, and tools.
- Prevention Institute's [Tailored Guidance to Cities and Counties](#) page highlights examples of our consultation and coaching services for cities and states and how to request support.
- Prevention Institute's [Moving Upstream Podcast](#) has many episodes where we look closely at violence prevention issues in the news to understand how we got here and to find a healthier, more equitable way forward.



Thank you!

