

# Minneapolis Youth Violence Prevention Strategies

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# The Public Health Approach to Youth Violence Prevention

**A public health approach should include:**

- **Identifying the issue using epidemiologic methods**
- **Defining risk and protective factors**
- **Developing interventions**
- **Implementing interventions**
- **Evaluating interventions**

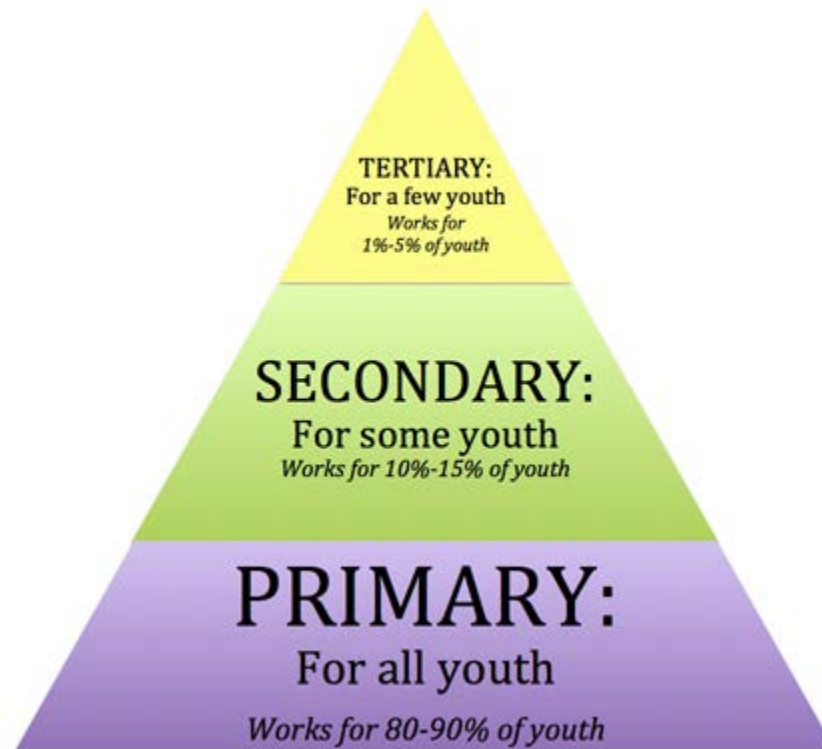
**Interventions should be multi-tiered, but ultimately have a population or community based impact.**

# The Public Health Approach to Youth Violence Prevention

When addressing violence, a combination of the following strategies should be considered:

- changing cultural norms regarding the acceptability of violence
- decreasing access to firearms
- affording job and educational opportunities to disadvantaged communities often most impacted by violence
- addressing underlying issues with cyclical relationships with violence, including poverty, health, economic insecurity, trauma, and others
- Direct action and advocacy are needed to make a difference, this is done through program development

# The Public Health Approach to Youth Violence Prevention/The Prevention Pyramid



# The Public Health Approach to Youth Violence Prevention /The Spectrum of Prevention





## Origins of the Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence

**The Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence (The Blueprint) was commissioned by City Council in 2008.**

**The Minneapolis Health Department's Adolescent Health Division leads and coordinates citywide efforts to implement the Blueprint using a public health approach to reduce and prevent youth violence.**



# Five Blueprint Goal Areas

**The Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence Operates with Five goal areas:**

- 1. Foster violence-free social environments**
- 2. Promote positive opportunities and connections to trusted adults for all youth**
- 3. Intervene with youth and families at the first sign of risk**
- 4. Restore youth who have gone down the wrong path**
- 5. Protect children and youth from violence in the community**

# Foster violence-free social environments

## Pop up Parks



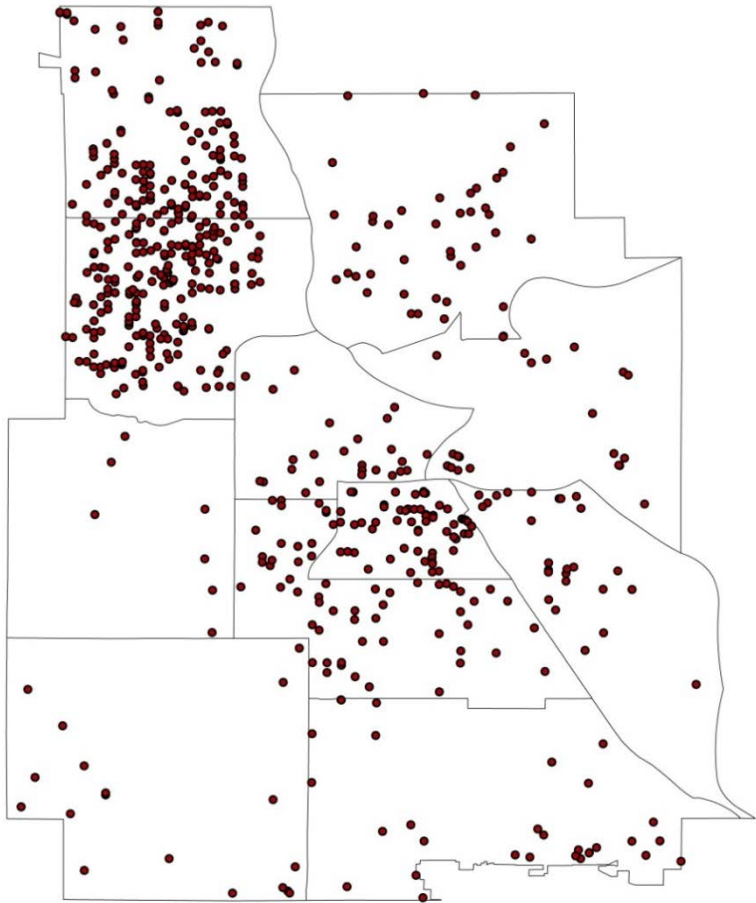


# Promote positive opportunities and connections to trusted adults for all youth Police and Youth Dialogues



Intervene w/ youth & families at the first sign of risk

## Minneapolis Juvenile Supervision Center



Over the past 5 years, 72% Minneapolis residents of JSC visitors have been

Referring Precinct/Agency	%
MPD Precinct 1	19%
MPD Precinct 2	10%
MPD Precinct 3	13%
MPD Precinct 4	26%
MPD Precinct 5	7%
Metro Transit Police	3%
Suburban/Other Police Departments	20%
MPD Juvenile Investigations	3%

Protect children and youth from violence in the  
community

## Group Violence Intervention/Project Life

**GVI is a best practice recognized as an effective violence reduction strategies by the Department of Justice.**

**Focuses on:**

- **Identifying the groups ( gangs) causing the violence**
- **Working with the community and socials service to offer identified individuals an alternative to violence**
- **swift legal consequences for those who choose to not take the alternative to violence**

# Questions

THANK YOU