



Violence Prevention Portfolio

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OVPBH Ultimate Goal

The Office of Violence Prevention and Behavioral Health (OVPBH) seeks to... **prevent and reduce** violence, injury, and substance abuse in Chicago through **effective programming, strategic partnerships and advocacy,** and coordinated **mobilization** of providers and residents.

Violence Prevention Program Overview



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Program
Management

Program Management – Child/Youth

Mental Health Support for Child Sexual Assault Victims (CSA)

- Goal: Provide mental health services for child and adolescent victims of sexual assault.
- Serves 75 children (and their families)/yr
- Services:
 - Trauma-informed Individual and Family Therapy;
 - Expands Spanish language service capacity
- 2015: 106 Children/80 families received therapy
- 2016: 62 Children/53 families

Program Management – Child/Youth

Teen Dating Violence

- Goal: Address Teen Dating Violence through prevention programming aimed at youth, parents and educators
- Serves + 1,100 teens annually
- Services:
 - In-class student instruction and peer led activities
 - Parent education
 - Faculty instruction (online)
- 2015: 1,367 Youth/39 Parents/104 Educators
- 2016: 671 Youth/28 Adults

Program Management – Child/Youth

Restorative Practices

- Goal: Prevent youth violence and support reengagement
- Serves 1,500 (students, parents, school faculty)
- Services:
 - Peer Jury
 - Peace Circle
 - Restorative conversations/conferencing (*debriefing*)
 - Training/Coaching Parents and Faculty
 - Community demonstrations
- 2015: 3,098 Youth/1,605 Adults (School Staff, parents, and community members)
- 2016: 1,211 Youth/323 Adults

Program Management – Adults

Mental Health Support for Police Involved ER Transports

- Goal: CIT Officers transport MI; increase jail diversion & safety
- Serves 180 persons annually
- Services:
 - Emergency Room triage
 - Inpatient facilitation (as needed)
 - Discharge support
 - Aftercare engagement (via ongoing service or community referral)
 - Community outreach
 - 2015: 179 transported to ER, screened and linked for svcs
 - 2016: 102 transports, screened and linked

Program Management – Youth and Adult

Crisis Response and Recovery (CRR) Program

Post Homicide – Crisis Support to Surviving Families

- Goal: Provide support to families and victims of homicides
- Serves youth and adults; expanding citywide
- Services: 4-hour response window post notification of a homicide
- Crisis support (for initial 48 hours) and Recovery support (for up to 6 months post incident)
- Retaliation and PTSD assessment; Psychological First Aid; assistance with the Crime Victim's Application, funeral support, and case management
- 2015: 234 Incidents /170 families (Approx. 595 people)
- 2016: 157 Incidents

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Convene
Provider
Networks

Convene Provider Networks

Chicago Safe Start

(Childhood Exposure to Violence)

Chicago Dating Matters Initiative

(Teen Dating Violence)

- 28 providers, citywide

Bullying Prevention Network

- 12 providers, citywide

Health & Healing – Mayor’s Safer Commission

Violence Reduction Action Team – Healthy Chicago 2.0

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Provide Health
Education

Health Education Topics

Topics*

** Training may be delivered by OVPBH staff or partners*

Early Childhood Development and Bullying Prevention

Bullying and Cyber Bullying Prevention

Impact of Childhood Exposure to Violence and Trauma

Psychological First Aid for Communities

Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness and Response

Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences

Understanding Restorative Practices

Teen Dating Violence Prevention

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Policy and
Advocacy

Policy and Advocacy Leadership

Healthy Chicago 2.0

- Violence & Injury Prevention
- Behavioral Health
- Education

Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago/Mayor's Office

- Health and Healing Committee
- Creating Restorative School Communities Committee
- National Forum for Youth Violence Prevention
- National UNITY network of cities

Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition

- Workforce Development Committee
- Community Violence Committee

Other Notable Affiliations

- Chicago Domestic Violence Advisory Committee
- Illinois Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Response Collaborative
- Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership
- CPD's Force for Good (Community Capacity Building Project)
- Asian Health Coalition
- Prevention Partnership, Austin Community

Behavioral Health Capacity Assessment Project

- *In partnership with the CDPH Mental Health Capacity Assessment (Epi project); OVPBH added a citywide capacity assessment of Violence Prevention and Substance Abuse providers*
 - *Identify service gaps and provider concerns*
 - *Increase coordination and partners access for training and other supports*

Trauma Informed Practice Project

- *In partnership with the CDPH Planning team, OVPBH co-leads a quality planning effort to encourage Trauma Informed practices at CDPH; also working to develop a citywide trauma informed effort*
 - *Meeting with public health departments – Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia*

Expansion Efforts – recent grantsmanship

- *In collaboration with other CDPH programs (Policy and Planning, Healthy Chicago and Safer Commission partners – CPS, CPD, etc.)*
- *Teen Dating Violence expansion grant (Davis) – CDC*
- *Trauma informed practices – citywide (Dircksen) – SAMHSA*

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Health
Promotion

Promotion Campaigns

Awareness Campaigns:

- Engage content partners, educate consumers, and encourage action
- Includes the use of posters, fliers, and social media resources

Campaign	Details
Teen Dating Violence Awareness	February; linked to CDC efforts
Childhood Exposure to Violence Prevention Week	April; linked to the DOJ's Defending Childhood Initiative
Youth Prevention Week	May; Includes substance and suicide prevention; SAMHSA endorsed
Elder Abuse	June
National Recovery Month and Walk; Suicide Prevention Week	September; SAMHSA endorsed
Violence, Bullying and Domestic Violence Awareness month	October; nationally recognized
Homicide Victim's Month	November/December; nationally recognized
CTA Anti-Harassment Campaign	October 2015



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