The Institute for Community Peace (ICP) is a national nonprofit organization that promotes community-based solutions for preventing violence. ICP is dedicated to developing and implementing public health approaches to violence prevention. Its approach is comprehensive and seamless; and the Violence Prevention Collaborative (VPC) which focused its attention on the primary prevention of family violence through collaborative efforts with the health community in Rockford.

The VPC, under the guidance of ICP’s Director of Community Engagement, draws on the experience of the local partners of the Institute for Community Peace (ICP) — particularly Colfax-Cureka County Collaborative (Newark, Tenn.) and the Violence Prevention Collaborative (Rockford, Ill.) — as their efforts to create preventive and promoting public health messages to alter individual attitudes, skills and behaviors; outreach workers, and primary care physicians can convey consistent messages and prevent violence (focusing on at-risk individuals) and finally moving to tertiary prevention (treating identified victims), toward secondary prevention (focusing on at-risk individuals) and finally moving to tertiary prevention (treating identified victims)

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NG THE HEALTH COMMUNITY IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The health community is a diverse group, which represents a mix of practitioners, non-profit organizations. Be sure that workers are equipped with the names and phone numbers of the local partners of the Institute for Community Peace (ICP) — particularly Colfax-Cureka County Collaborative (Newark, Tenn.) and the Violence Prevention Collaborative (Rockford, Ill.) — as their efforts to create preventive and promoting public health messages to alter individual attitudes, skills and behaviors; outreach workers, and primary care physicians can convey consistent messages and prevent violence.

Assist healthcare workers to understand their role in violence prevention. While they may readily acknowledge violence as a public health concern, individual healthcare providers may not be aware of their unique relationship with patients to provide violence prevention education, resources and referrals. Their access to populations more related cases. Your initiative should include strategies for ongoing follow-up and feedback this information back to the collaborative. Healthcare workers can provide an accurate reflection of violence-related incidents. Your initiative should include strategies for ongoing follow-up and feedback this information back to the collaborative.

Connect healthcare workers with community resources. Healthcare workers need to understand that there are various resources to support them in their efforts. Partnering with local organizations (PVS), which function in accordance with the curricula of area medical and nursing schools. It is important to start early when providing violence prevention training and when establishing the Violence Prevention Collaborative.

Other continuous violence prevention training and education are necessary to promote ongoing public health messages.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

A lack of coordination among systems may lead to fragmentation in services. Healthcare workers need specific information and training. This information should include topics such as risk factors, and other violence prevention strategies to prevent violence. The information provided should be comprehensive and relevant.

Connect healthcare workers with the communities they serve. Engaging the health community can strengthen your violence prevention collaborative by: - raising public awareness about the severity and nature of a community's violence problems; - improving the health status of the public healthcare system (as a diagnostic and preventive tool) to community-based violence prevention; - working in partnership with other community members to ensure a focused on primary prevention at the individual and community level that is comprehensive and seamless; and - missing the health community’s response to collaborative away from violence prevention.
Rockford Violence Prevention Collaborative (RVPC)

In 1993, the local department of health convened a multi-disciplinary group to develop a public health approach to reducing the high level of gun, family violence and gang-related violence in the Rockford area. RVPC has worked to develop a collaborative approach through public awareness and education, promotion of best practice, coordination of services and monitoring the work of local collaboratives.

RVPC is comprised of local health providers, hospitals, community agencies and residents who are all committed to reducing violence and promoting health and safety. RVPC is associated with the National Council for Violence Prevention in Health Care (NCVPHC). The Institute for Community Peace (ICP) has provided technical assistance and funding support. RVPC has access to a variety of experts in community violence prevention, primarily via the NCVPHC membership. Local health providers, training, promotion of best practice, coordination of services and monitoring the work of local collaboratives.

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Cocke County Collaborative (formerly CONTACT Council)

In response to growing environmental and community violence in rural Tennessee, a group of community volunteers responded to the East Tennessee Community Foundation’s invitation to collaborate to find creative ways to address the needs of the community and to become involved in the CONTACT (Community Neighborhood Teams for the Arts, Environment, and Technology) Council, which later became the Cocke County Collaboration. The Cocke County Collaborative has addressed family and community violence through public awareness and education, education, conflict resolution, and training, promotion of best practice, coordination of services and monitoring the work of local collaboratives.

The Cocke County Collaborative’s accomplishments include promoting a public health approach to reducing the high levels of alcohol, drug use, family violence and gang-related violence in the Cocke County area.

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Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH)

The Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) is committed to improving the health of the people of the United States and around the world through learning, discovery, and communication. The overarching mission of the Harvard School of Public Health is to advance the public’s health through strong partnerships. HSPH serves as the nation’s leader in the fields of public health and health services, and is dedicated to enhancing health decisions and promoting health policies worldwide.

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THE ICP MISSION

The Institute for Community Peace promotes a safe, healthy, and peaceful community by working with community members and leadership. We engage in strategies that emphasize crime prevention and crime attention to the range of factors that contributed to and prevent violence and promote peace.