

Overview of the Cardiff Model

The Cardiff Model is a unique and enhanced violence surveillance system and intervention that involves data sharing and violence prevention planning among sectors of civil society.

The Model requires:

- a) The initiation of information collection for assaults that present to emergency departments (EDs)
- b) The gathering, linking and mapping of interpersonal violence and assault information from EDs, police, emergency medical services (EMS), public health, and other relevant sources
- c) Using information from the multiple sources, the lead data partners develop user-friendly summaries and trends in violence incidents, violence “hotspots” and other information
- d) The convening of a multidisciplinary stakeholder consortium to discuss and utilize the information, and develop and implement informed violence prevention activities

Why the Cardiff Model Matters

- Many community-based violence prevention strategies are developed based solely on reviewing police assault data.
- Literature shows that for various reasons, a number of assaults and incidents of violence are not reported to the police.
- The Cardiff Model develops a unique violence information system that includes information from police, EDs, EMS and other sources.
- This Model provides a forum for community stakeholders to discuss the enhanced information and develop and enact data-informed violence prevention strategies
- The Model provides community stakeholders additional participation in decision-making related to community safety
- This Model may:
 - facilitate new partnerships between community safety groups and other stakeholders
 - build and increase trust between community safety and stakeholder groups
 - provide additional resources for addressing violence
 - encourage partners to increasingly approach violence as a public health issue.