VIOLENCE PREVENTION UNIT UPDATE

Public Health Madison & Dane County May 24, 2023

Public Health Approach to Violence



Milestones and Achievements



Where we are today

Staffing

- 1 Manager
- 4.5 FTE (3 Full time positions and 3 part time)

Programs

- Violence Intervention
 Program
- Community Safety Intervention Team
- Madison and Dane County Violence Prevention Coalition
- Educational Series (Webinar)
- Community Healing Program

Projects

- Isthmus Safety Initiative
- Data Dissemination
- Community Assessment on Violence
- Developing the Violence Prevention/Intervention Ecosystem

A Closer Look at our Violence Intervention Program

Our approach uses evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community centered initiatives and approach in accordance with best practice. This Includes:



We hope to achieve...

A Reduction in Violence by implementing a comprehensive violence prevention and intervention plan

Improved Systems to support those who may be engaged with systems of violence A Reduction in Racial Disparities in our justice system by providing opportunities for behavior change

Program Goals

- **1. Identify** those at highest risk of experiencing or perpetrating violence by creating systems that help us examine individual and community risk factors.
- **2. Engage** with these individuals utilizing our Outreach and Intervention Specialist who will be supported in completing peer specialist training to best support both them and the individuals we serve.
- **3. Provide** services and support through our network of providers and maintain relationship and connection with the individuals in our program.

Barriers to Success: Staffing



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42% of incidents were **shots** fired.



Barriers to Success: Funding

Current State			Future State (Jan. 2025)		
Annualized Budget	\$10,000	General	Annualized	\$10,000	General
City of Madison Budget	\$215,000	\$200,000 in a contract to Focused Interruption; \$15,000 for staffing	Budget City of Madison	\$215,000	\$200,000 in a contract to Focused Interruption; \$15,000 for staffing
Dane County Budget	\$200,000	Staffing			
City of Madison ARPA	\$1,200,000	Primary funding for Violence Intervention Program, including >\$800,000 out in community contracts			
			Dane County	\$200,000	Staffing
			 Gaps: 1. There is no dedicated funding to support the Violence Intervention Program beyond staffing 2. There are not enough staff to run the program effectively to meet the demand 3. Without sustainable funding, there are limited 		
Dane County ARPA	\$300,000	Community Contracts, staffing			
Total	\$1,925,000				

avenues to support VI program participants needs

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