Hospitals Against Violence

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Getting Outside the Hospital Walls to Prevent Violence

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Background

• Chicago has the highest number of homicides in the US – but NOT the highest rate
• High profile violence in fall 2009
• Task force convened by hospital president/CEO
  – Lots of good work, little coordination
  – Can’t address “youth violence” in isolation
• Agreed to explore hospital’s role in violence prevention
Listening Sessions

• Spring 2011
• Supported by Founders’ Board
• Nonprofit, research, foundation, medical, policy sectors
• Lots of good work, little coordination
• Need to improve coordination and communication among organizations
• The hospital can help!
• Findings confirmed by discussions with additional key informants
Strengthening Chicago’s Youth (SCY)

• A “collaborative”
• Convened by Lurie Children’s
• Build capacity among public and private stakeholders to connect, collaborate and mobilize
• Focus on policy, systems and environmental change, not service provision
• Connect, connect, connect
Why Lurie Children’s?

• Respected advocate – ACCESS
• Family-centered, culturally effective, developmentally appropriate approach to care
• Content expertise
• Well known community institution “where kids come first”
• Neutral convener
• Credibility across sectors
Participants

• 130 individuals from 60 organizations at February 2012 kickoff meeting
• Current participation
  – 4500+ individuals on mailing list
  – 1000+ individuals are “engaged”
  – Representing 300 “engaged” organizations
  – Community-based organizations citywide (and in suburbs)
Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention?
CDC’s STRYVE

• Consistent messaging about the preventability of violence
• Evidence-based violence prevention strategies
• Multi-sector collaboration

vetoviolence.cdc.gov
Public Health Framework

- Developmental approach
- Ecological model
- Prevention continuum
  - Primary (Upfront)
  - Secondary (In The Thick)
  - Tertiary (Aftermath)
- Across different types of violence
Call to Action: “Focus on Five”

• Sustained investment in children and youth
• Equitable access to high quality mental health services
• Common sense approaches to gun violence prevention
• Juvenile justice system that reflects what we know about adolescent development
• Sustained investment in strong communities
Strategies

• Coordinate efforts around the SCY policy agenda
• Facilitate sharing of knowledge among and provide technical assistance and training to community organizations
• Encourage conversations about the preventability of violence and how every individual and organization can play a role
• Foster connections between community organizations and researchers
Policy and Advocacy

• Advocate for policy agenda
• Support partners’ advocacy
• 3-year, $315,000 grant from Langeloth Foundation
  – “SCY will establish itself as the private sector leader in comprehensive violence prevention policy in Chicago.”
Juvenile Justice Collaborative
Knowledge Sharing

• Monthly trainings
  – 492 people at 8 trainings in 2016

• Quarterly meetings
  – 393 attendees in 2016

• Biweekly newsletter, social media, website
  – 685 Facebook likes
  – 806 Twitter followers

• Participate in coalitions and attend events

• Support community organizations’ capacity building
  – Facilitator for $1 million federal grant in South Suburban Cook County
Encourage Conversations About Prevention

- Lurie Children’s CEO: “roll up your sleeves”
- Support improved media coverage of violence
Community-Academic Connections

- NIH grant “Community-Academic Collaboration to Prevent Violence in Chicago”
- Support community partners
  - Facilitate connections with researchers
  - Training and TA
- Violence Data Landscape
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